



The Messenger
Nelson Memorial United Methodist Church
407 East Spring Street, Boonville, MO 65233
June 2023



“All work and no play ...”

When the apostles returned, they reported to Jesus what they had done. Then he took them with him and they withdrew by themselves to a town called Bethsaida. Luke 9:10

It is almost my favorite time of the year – time to take the roof and doors off my Jeep and to drive all over town in my oversized golfcart. I remember when we first got the Jeep and the first time we put it in “summer mode.” We went out for a drive to get some ice-cream (frozen custard to be exact). As much as we enjoyed our treats from Andy’s, I think we enjoyed the feeling of freedom and the fun the Jeep provided. Each year when I put the Jeep into “summer mode” I am reminded that even running errands can be fun.

Sometimes, we just need to have a little fun! We get mired down in our day-to-day lives – the meetings, the ballgames, the emails, paying bills, fixing this or that around the house, deciding what to make for dinner every night, etc – that we forget what it feels like to just have fun. Finding time to have fun is important, especially those times when life feels like one endless to-do list.

Jesus knew this. In Scripture we see Jesus modeling the idea of needing to have fun once in a while. The Luke passage quoted above takes place after Jesus has sent out the 12 disciples (apostles) to go from “village to village, proclaiming the good news and healing people everywhere.” They report back to Jesus the work they have done and he rewards them with a vacation. That is why they went to Bethsaida, for a break. Bethsaida was an ancient resort area – it had hot springs, ample fishing, streams where they could relax and was in a peaceful secluded setting. Jesus wanted to help his friends take a break from their work and just have a little fun. He knew they needed to recharge their batteries and get away from their day-to-day lives for a bit. He knew they needed some fun. So away they went.

With summer upon us, I hope you have some time set aside to have fun. Fun is important. Play is important. Without those times of fun and play, we have nothing but the mundane to look forward to. So, the question I have for you is, when was the last time you had fun? I don’t mean playing a board game or something like that. I mean really let go and did something that truly brought you joy. Something where when you finished, you thought or said, “I needed that!” I hope you will take some time in the coming days, and have fun!

It is an honor to be your pastor and be in ministry alongside you to God who wants us to have a little fun.

Blessings,
Chris

Christian Movie Night



Our next movie night will be held on Sunday, June 4th in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 6:30 pm. We will have a Comedian Night. If you have any suggestions or recommendations, please text (660) 888-5408 and also let us know if you own it. Childcare will be provided if you need it, please let us know. Come join us for popcorn and a movie, and bring your own soda.

Sagrada Bible Camp



Camp Sagrada has reached out to us requesting our help with transportation of campers. This is a ministry we did in the past. The camp's mission is to reach children with the gospel, whose parents are incarcerated. Campers experience the love of Jesus, and that of camp staff/counselors, in a fun filled natural environment, perhaps rendering them more receptive to the gospel. The camp experience is so important for these children who are burdened by the absence or stigma of an incarcerated parent. We are looking for help on the following dates: June 19 and 23.

Heritage Days

On June 24th as part of Heritage Days the Outreach Committee will be spreading the love of God and inviting families to our church.



Yard Games: NMUMC will set up some yard games at the church so families can gather and relax, and maybe have a face painting booth. If you have yard games you'd be willing to let us borrow (corn hole, horseshoes, etc. please bring to the church by June 22.

Cooling Station: We'll also set up a cooling station in the church yard with tents, fans, and cool drinks. If you'd like to volunteer during the day, please let Sara Snyder know.

HVAC Update: Each month we will provide you an update on our progress toward paying off the HVAC loan.

Loan Amount	Amount Pledged	Amount Received To Date
\$115, 217.00	\$116,200.00	\$40, 475.00

When writing a check please remember to write in the memo line how much you would like to go towards the HVAC. Thank you for your generous support of Nelson Memorial, UMC.

Summer 2023 Vacation Bible School - July 5th-7th, 9am - 11:30 am



Theme: Ready, Set, Move! Follow Jesus Here, There, and Everywhere. The education committee is busy creating a hands-on, memorable experience that will allow children in our community to grow their faith as they understand how they can follow Jesus here, there, and everywhere. The program will inspire kids to: Do what He says, Believe who He is, Love who He loves, Share what He did, and Go where He leads. If you would like to lend a helping hand, please contact Risa Venable (573-881-7788). Together we can create a summer experience full of energy, movement, and lots of God's Word!!

Save The Date:

- Sunday, July 16, 2023 - Ice Cream Freeze Off
- Thursday, August 10, 2023 - S'mores Night
- Sunday, August 20, 2023 - Church Picnic
- Monday, August 28, 2023 - Red Cross Blood Drive


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June Birthdays

2 Karla Boehm, Victoria Paalhar
 3 Lanie Venable ☺, Henry Brownfield, Nick Campbell
 4 Stephen Snyder
 5 Arliss Caldwell, Austin Caldwell, Jackson Durham, Sara Kay Farris
 9 Katy Giroux, Nancy Schler, Garrett Snyder
 10 Missy Homer
 11 Dennis Edwards
 16 Margaret Hopkins, Debi Huff



18 Virginia Brownfield, Mason McGruder
 19 Jonathon VonEngeln, Chris Martin
 21 Emalyn Brownfield
 22 Patty Mangels, Phil Homer
 24 Kim Haller
 25 Brian Jackson
 27 Laura Wax

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
J	U	N	E	1	2 Fellowship Hall Reserved	3 Fellowship Hall Reserved
4 6:30 pm - Christian Movie Night	5 9:00 a.m., TOPS, Lounge 8:00 pm – Al Anon Meeting, F.H.	6	7 10:15 am – Women’s Bible Study, Lounge 12:00 Noon – Al Anon Meeting, F.H.	8 1:00 - 3:00 pm Baby Grace Size & Sort, Annex 6:00 pm - Praise Band Practice	9 MO Annual Conference	10 8:30 am - UMM Meeting MO Annual Conference
11 MO Annual Conference	12 9:00 a.m., TOPS, Lounge 8:00 pm - Al Anon Meeting, F.H.	13	14 10:15 am – Women’s Bible Study, Lounge 12:00 Noon – Al Anon Meeting, F.H.	15 5:00 - 7:00 pm Cook Out for Baby Grace Families, Annex	16	17
18 Father’s Day 	19 9:00 a.m., TOPS, Lounge 6:00 pm - Leadership Development Meeting, Lounge 8:00 pm - Al-Anon Meeting, F.H.	20 6:00 pm Administrative Board Meeting	21 10:15 am – Women’s Bible Study, Lounge 12:00 Noon – Al Anon Meeting, F.H.	22 6:00 pm - Praise Band Practice	23	24
25	26	27	28 10:15 am – Women’s Bible Study, Lounge 12:00 Noon – Al Anon Meeting, F.H.	29	30	

