

“Today – Tomorrow – Together”

I’m writing this Sunday afternoon after a great day of praise and worship, and I’m getting used to our increased average attendance (123 so far this year, up from 109 last year) and the wonderful Spirit of God in our midst. While there are so many great things going on in the life of NMUMC, I also want to update you on the results (thus far) of our “Today – Tomorrow – Together” Campaign to pay off the debt for our new HVAC equipment.

For the past month or more I have been encouraging you to consider how you might participate in our effort to make these necessary updates to our building. Our Board took on just over \$115,000 in debt to pay for the new HVAC systems. The equipment and installation of the new equipment totaled just under \$100,000, and the additional money was borrowed to cover the electrical work required to operate these new units (this is in addition to the electrical work we had done in February after our electrical fire). We have been on the lookout for grants and rebates available through a variety of sources and anticipate at least \$3,000 from that.

Earlier this week I asked our Administrative Board to submit their pledges or gifts ahead of time, and they led the way for our congregation. 9 pledges or gifts were received from our leadership (that’s everyone involved on the Board) totaling approximately \$40,000. Today the rest of the congregation made their commitments, and wow - another \$52,000 was pledged or given! I have already heard from several who were unable to be in worship today or were unable to submit their commitment today, but who also plan to participate in this effort. This leaves me very optimistic that not only will we achieve our goal of getting debt free (again) by the end of 2024, but that we might receive additional funds to help with some of the other deferred maintenance projects to continue the preservation of our beautiful and historic building! **(Update:** As of noon May 1, we have broken the \$100,000 barrier!)

On behalf of the Administrative Board, I want to say THANK YOU for your generosity and support of the mission and ministries of Nelson Memorial UMC! As a friend of mine who works with lots of churches working to make a difference in their community likes to say – “The best is yet to come!” God has some important work ahead for us, and I can’t wait to get to it. Thank you for all that you do as part of the Body of Christ.

Blessings,

Chris

Entering the Church Triumphant



Jan DeGraffenreid entered the Church Triumphant on Friday, April 14, 2023, at University Hospital in Columbia. Visitation was held on Thursday, April 20, 2023, from 10:00 to 11:30 am, followed by a funeral service beginning at 11:30 am. She was buried at Walnut Grove Cemetery.

Breakfast Anyone



The United Methodist Men will host their annual Breakfast Fundraiser this coming Sunday, May 7 between services and following the 10:20 service. Come hungry because the guys know how to cook a breakfast! There is no charge, but offerings are appreciated and will go to the ministries of the United Methodist Men.

Christian Movie Night



Our next movie night will be held on Sunday, May 7th in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 6:30 pm. Our movie that evening will be The Shack. On May 21st we will view Sight & Sound's Noah. 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.

Baby Grace



We could use your help on Thursday, May 11th from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm. If you would like to help out with sorting and sizing, please contact Barbara Wooldridge. Thank you.

Recognizing Our Graduates on May 21st



We are putting together our list of graduates from high school and college for our recognition Sunday during the worship services May 21st. Our working list includes: High School – Trent Maxwell, and Hayden Jenks. College - Austin Krohn, Emily Lloyd and Noah Rogers. Please let us know who else we need to add to the list by emailing the church office at BoonvilleMethodist@gmail.com. Thank you.

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!!

Giving Through Venmo

We can be found on Venmo at @NelsonMemorialUMC. If you don't know what Venmo is and would like to learn more, information about giving through Venmo can be found on our webpage at <https://nelsonmemorialumc.org/give/venmo/>.

MAY 2023 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9:00 a.m., TOPS, Lounge 8:00 pm – Al Anon Meeting, F.H.	2 7:00 pm - Congregational Care Team Meeting, Lounge	3 12:00 Noon – Al Anon Meeting, F.H	4 7:00 pm - Choir Practice	5 12:00 Noon – Al Anon Meeting, F.H.	6
7 UMM Breakfast Fundraiser 6:30 pm -- Christian Movie Night	8 9:00 a.m., TOPS, Lounge 8:00 pm – Al Anon Meeting, F.H.	9	10 10:15 am – Women’s Bible Study, Lounge 12:00 Noon – Al Anon Meeting, F.H.	11 6:00 pm - Praise Band Practice 5:00 - 7:00 pm Baby Grace Size & Sort, Annex	12 12:00 Noon – Al Anon Meeting, F.H.	13 8:30 am - UMM Meeting 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm Fellowship Hall Reserved
14 Mother’s Day	15 9:00 a.m., TOPS, Lounge 6:00 pm - Leadership Development Meeting, Lounge 8:00 pm - Al Anon Meeting, F.H.	16	17 10:15 am – Women’s Bible Study, Lounge 12:00 Noon – Al Anon Meeting, F.H.	18 5:00 - 7:00 pm Baby Grace Distribution, Annex 7:00 pm - Choir Practice	19 12:00 Noon – Al Anon Meeting, F.H.	20
21 6:30 pm - Christian Movie Night	22 9:00 a.m., TOPS, Lounge 8:00 pm - Al-Anon Meeting, F.H.	23 6:00 pm Administrative Board Meeting	24 10:15 am – Women’s Bible Study, Lounge 12:00 Noon – Al Anon Meeting, F.H	25 6:00 pm - Praise Band Practice	26 12:00 Noon – Al Anon Meeting, F.H.	27
28	29 Memorial Day (Office Closed)	30	31 10:15 am – Women’s Bible Study, Lounge 12:00 Noon – Al Anon Meeting, F.H.			

May Birthdays

05 Adam Gumbel,
Maryellen McVicker,
Julie Schupp
06 Allison Taylor
07 Eme Beach
09 Bailey Durham
11 Ted Litton
13 Ross Hofstetter
15 Leona Schmidt
16 Travis Fredrich, Rita Wolfe



17 Paisley Seeley
19 Alan Rohrbough
21 Zoe Tucker
23 Jerry Riley
24 Kim Haller
25 Maddox Beach, Brian Jackson
27 Ricky Powell
29 Tim VonEngeln,
Khaden Litton
30 David DeGraffenreid