East Nelson CHURCH
CONNECTIONS

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Updates and Moving Forward



As you know, we currently do not have a pastor. The District Superintendent has said it is possible we will not have one until July when the annual assignments start. We will most likely be having a different pastor/speaker each week. So you may also see service order change a bit off and on. We will be having outside pastors as well.

After conversation with Admin Board and some members it was decided to change our service time to 10AM. We had been at 9:15 for Pastor Michelle to be able to do the Cedar Service. Discussion about time included, seasonal weather, ease of getting to church, visitor comments about the service being too early, and the time volunteers need to arrive to get the service ready and underway.

Another decision to be made is the time for our Christmas Eve service. We have done this on our own and in team with another church. This year it's a bit late in the season to join with another church. Not everyone can attend the Christmas Eve service because of family gather commitments.

We'd like your help in selecting a time for the Christmas Eve service. There will be card on the backs of the chairs with 3 time options. Please check the time(s) that you would be able to attend. We will use this info to pick the time for our service. The cards can then be dropped in the collection plate.

Cards will be out this Sunday, November 1 and next, November 8. We will announce the time for the service on the 15th. You can also call the church office with you choice of times.

Important Contacts:

Pastor Chuck Smith is on call for pastoral care for the time being.

Please leave a message and Pastor Chuck will return your call.

(616-970-6269)

Sarah Zachow

(616-481-3228)

George Bradley – SPRC Chair

(616)-856-6382

Words From Gloria Cole

I once had someone from this church, Ask me , How do you have such Peace?

First of all- I have Love- love for my Heavenly Father, who is Love, then understanding what God desires for me and patience for everything to be alright

And do not judge others, Let God be the ruler and fix situations, people, life. Then feel the calmness in your heart.

Strengthen me to listen. Speak well. Give it all to God

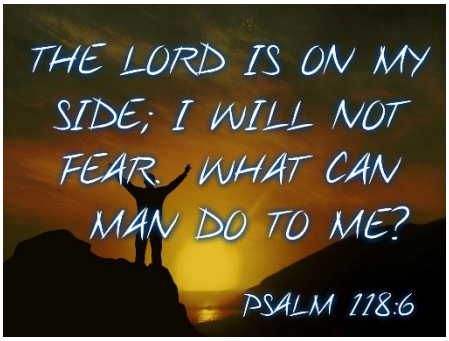
Always ask for Forgiveness, it opens the door to Freedom and Peace

Whatever lies ahead, you can move forward, knowing you are supported, guided and loved.

It will be there, Peace is Beautiful Psalm 118:6

The Lord is with me, I will not be afraid.

Gloria



November Missions

November 29th is designated United Methodist Student Sunday.

- Monies donated for this offering will go to aid in the spiritual growth and financial support of United Methodist students in undergraduate programs.

Hand2Hand

- Please remember Hand2Hand as you do your grocery shopping. They are sending food to about 150 students' homes on each Friday for weekend meals. We will be having our 3rd "Fill The Altar," Sunday before Thanksgiving.

Advent

- It is that wonderful time of year where we get to celebrate the birth of Jesus. This year's mission for Advent is to continue to sponsor the needs of Sleep in Heavenly Peace.

  If you are able to make a contribution, we are asking for the following donations to complete the Build the Bed Project we worked on in September.

  Items needed include:
- Twin size mattress protectors
- Twin size sheets
- Twin size blankets
- Pillows
- Stuffed animals

  On behalf of all the children in need, we sincerely thank you.
  - The ENUMC Mission Team

- **Sarah Zachow, Mission Chairperson**

East Nelson CHURCH

SHP SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE | NO KID SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR IN OUR TOWN!

hand2hand

Church Leadership Roster 2027

- A special thank you to everyone that has stepped up and agreed to use their skills and talents to serve East Nelson in 2027. On October 4 at our annual Charge Conference, we voted on an uncomplete Leadership Rooster. I have already agreed to fill the position of Administration Board Chairperson that was open.

1. We still need someone willing to serve as Vice chair of the Administration Board. This person could also fill the role of Lay Leader and Lay Member to Annual conference but does not have to.
2. Another open position is that of Lay Leader. This person could also be Vice Chairperson of the Administration Board and Lay Member to Annual Conference.
3. The position of Lay Member to the Annual Conference is also open.

All three of these positions are important to the future of our Church and can be filled by the same person or three different individuals. Please consider if any of these positions are a place God is calling you to serve, pray about it and then let me know.

Thank you,

- Sarah Zachow

Community Dinner – Thursday, December 3

Mark your calendars for our annual community dinner! Many people in our community look forward to this annual meal.
We will be handing out Advent Calendars again this year. They have been a real hit the last couple years.
The dinner will be 5:30PM – 7:00PM.
We will have a **brief planning meeting on Sunday November 15** right after church to discuss the menu, and see who can help in which areas.

Advent Bible Study

We will be doing an advent Bible study this year. It's a 4 week study that has short daily devotionals and 1 Bible passage for additional discussion.
We will meet on Tuesday afternoons from 1:30PM - 2:30PM on the dates of: November 24, December 1, December 8 and December 15.
We will be using the book Name Above All Names, which will be available at church on November 8. There will be a signup sheet by the books. Please take a book sign the sheet so we know how many people to expect. This is an "open" Bible study so if you'd like to invite a friend or family member please do!

New Member Classes

New member classes after service Sunday, November 22nd.
Please see Caroline Bartlette if interested in knowing more about East Nelson and becoming a member.

Update Contact Information

Please update contact information with Kae-Leigh (ENUMC office administrative assistant)
As we come into the winter months, there may be church closings, and we want to ensure we have a good way to contact you. You can call the church office, email us (eastnelsonumc@gmail.com), send a message through Facebook, etc. We will also have printed contact sheets available for you to update your information by the sanctuary doors.

Information on Church Closings

Church closings due to weather or power outages will be finalized the evening prior to the Sunday service.
Local new outlets whom will be notified;

- Wood TV
- Channel 17 Fox TV WXMI
- Channel 3 Kalamazoo WWMT
- WZZM 13

A email will be sent to the congregation.
A text message will be sent to the congregation.
A notification on the church Facebook page will be posted.

Word Search

(*Answer key on last page*)

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SAMSON: THE WEAK STRONG MAN

Samson is mentioned among many other heroes of faith in Hebrews 11. The boldface words in the following biographical sketch are hidden in the puzzle. All of the references are from the Book of Judges.

Son of **Manoah** (13:2).
Of the **tribe** of **Dan** (13:2).
His **birth** was foretold by an **angel** (13:3).
Was a **Nazarite** unto **God** (13:5).
Might **not** have his **hair** cut (13:5).
Married a **Philistine** wife (14:1-3).
Killed a **lion** with his bare hands (14:5-6).
Told a **riddle** to the Philistines (14:12-14).
Killed **thirty** Philistines (14:19).
His **wife** was given to another (14:20).
Caught three hundred **foxes** (15:4).
Destroyed the **crops** of the Philistines (15:5).
Slew a thousand Philistines with a **jawbone** (15:15).
Carried the **gates** of Gaza to the top of a **hill** (16:3).
Delilah tried to find the source of his strength (16:6).
Was **bound** with green **withs** (16:7).
Was bound with new **ropes** (16:11).
His hair was **woven** in a **web** and beam (16:13-15).
His hair was **cut** off (16:19).
The Philistines put out his **eyes** (16:21).
Was made to **grind** in the **prison** house (16:21).
Was brought to the Philistine **feast** (16:23-25).
Died when he pulled down the **pillars** (16:30).
Judged Israel for **twenty** years (16:31).

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SAMSON: THE WEAK STRONG MAN

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NOVEMBER 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Terry & Judy Gage Anniversary	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 George Bradley Birthday
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 Milt Weeks Birthday	28
29	30					



11/14: George Bradley



11/1 : Terry & Judy Gage





Praise Team Practice
Wednesdays at 4:30pm
Unless otherwise announced

(AA)
Saturdays at 10:00am
All are welcome

Remember our shut-ins:

Sharon Nielson Barb Schermerhorn Doris Tindall Richard Hardenburgh

Prayer List:

Janet Armstrong
Vernon Baker
David Bartlette
Rick Barrett
Jennifer Eastman
Lisa Hansen
Rebecca Kolka
Dale Lubahn
Judy Murray
Harvey Schestag
Doug Sherd
Mark Steinacker
Jerry Stuber
Kathy Stuber
Bryan Whittemore
Linda Whittemore
Adam Zachow



* Prayer chain contact Caroline Bartlette at deadend7501@sbcglobal.net *

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Kae-Leigh is here every Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9:00am – 2:00pm

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