

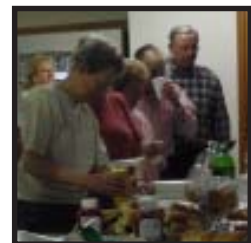
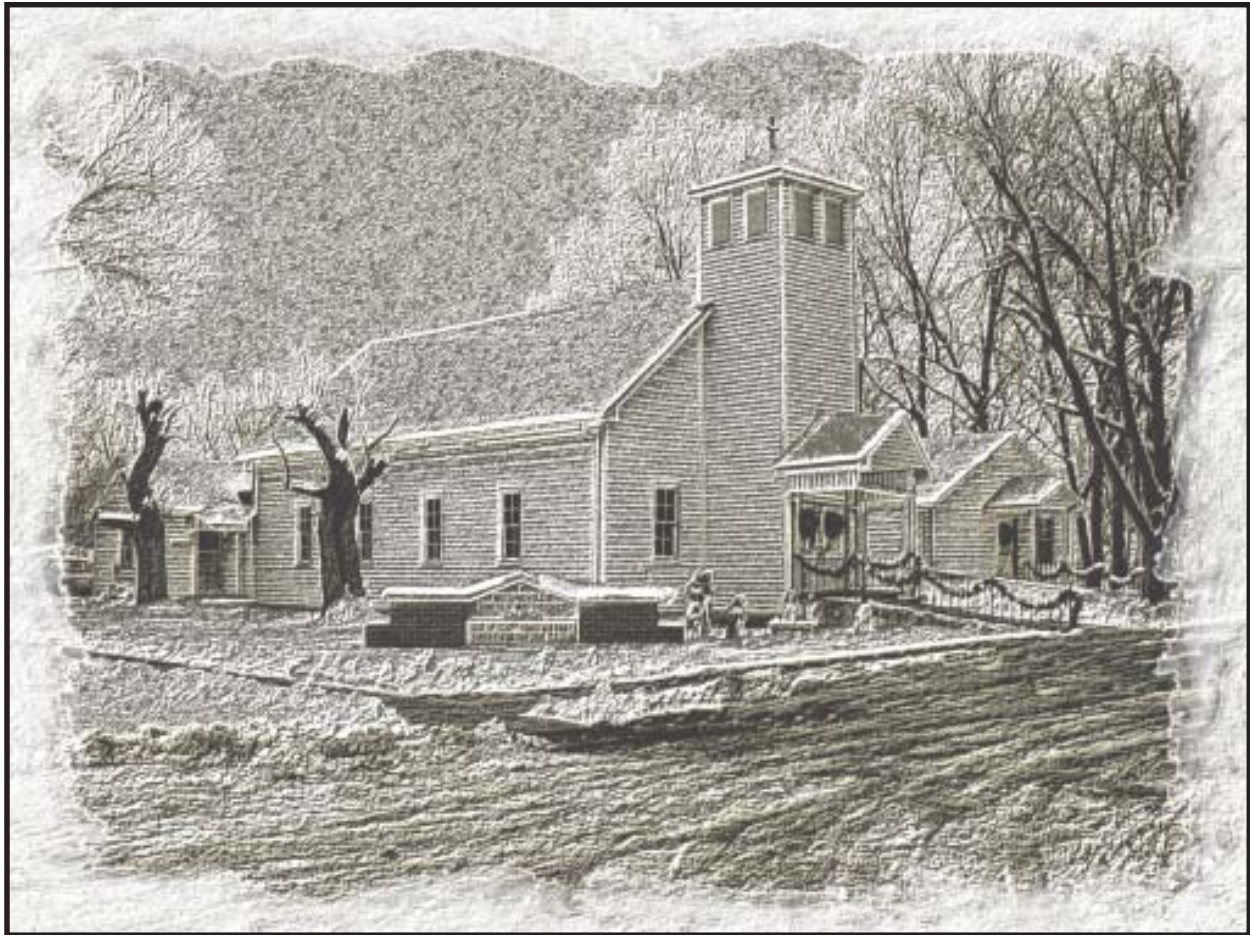


# 125 Years of Services and Service 1883-2008



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**The Moundville United Methodist Church in 2008** – The congregation of the Moundville United Methodist Church continues adapting to changes within the local community while attempting to address the needs of its members and those in its neighborhood. The congregation’s mission, however, remains ever the same – **making disciples for Jesus Christ while serving the community** – Moundville and all of Vernon County – **with worship, education, missions and social life.**

Sunday **WORSHIP** and other events at the church attract individuals and families who value an opportunity to worship in a close, caring congregation and share individual gifts and talents. The Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship Service finds members serving as greeters, ushers and readers, helping with Children’s Church or performing in choir, solo or ensemble performances. The children enjoy turns serving as candle lighters and ringing the steeple bell prior to worship. To make worship easier for families with young children, and help those children feel more involved in Sunday events, a Children’s Church for those not yet having completed the second grade is offered in the Fellowship Hall during the sermon. The Reverend Lynn Quist began her appointment to the three-point charge, which includes the Moundville, Bronaugh and Sheldon United Methodist Churches, in June 2008.



**EDUCATION** and enrichment opportunities, including Sunday School and weekly group studies, remain a vital part of church life. As during its early years, the church continues to have a large percentage of its congregation involved in Sunday School. Currently, the church holds Nursery, Primary, Junior and two adult Sunday School Classes that start assembling at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday. While transitioning from worship to the beginning of classes, adults sing hymns in the Sanctuary, and youth sing their favorite songs in the Fellowship Hall. Programs for the youth are essential in any vibrant congregation and provide additional avenues for outreach. The church has for many years sponsored a popular summer Vacation Bible School for children, and that tradition continues.

In February of 2004, the Moundville United Methodists began Pioneer Clubs, a weekly club program packed with great activities and Bible-based learning. The program grew such that there are now Youth Groups for Junior and High School Students.

Involvement in **MISSIONS** at the Moundville United Methodist Church takes many forms, and is more diverse now than ever. Individual members volunteer their time and gifts to support the church and its ministries. Members attempt to deliver welcome baskets to any new area residents, and special efforts are taken to announce upcoming events via newspaper, postal mailers and internet listings. The congregation funds mission projects on local, national and world levels, in addition to providing pastoral support for Mozambique and paying its full apportionments for projects designated by the United Methodist Church. The church maintains a special needs fund at the Bronaugh R-7 School, assists those in the community facing crises, and contributes to organizations which include Habitat for Humanity, Vernon County United Way, Christian Children’s Fund, Salvation Army, and Festival of Sharing. Additional hands-on projects include pie-baking for Habitat Luncheons, volunteering at a monthly nursing



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home Song & Scripture Service, delivering holiday fruit baskets and collecting gifts for Operation Christmas Child.

The congregation continues to relish opportunities for **SOCIAL LIFE** at worship and other church events. Each month members gather in the Fellowship Hall for 8:30 a.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday continental breakfasts. In months that have a fifth Sunday, the church family meets at 12:30 p.m. for a Fifth Sunday Dinner. Each year the church hosts the Lord's Acre Dinner on the second Saturday in November, the Hanging of the Greens Worship Service on the first Sunday of Advent, a pizza and Christmas Caroling Party in mid December, an Evening Christmas Program on the Sunday prior to Christmas, Easter services and an egg hunt for children in the spring, and congregational milestone celebrations such as marriages, birthdays and anniversaries.

In June 2008, the Moundville United Methodist Church was recognized for the sixth year by United Methodist Communications as a Certified Welcoming Congregation. **If you are looking for a church home or wish to participate in any of our events or activities, we welcome you to visit anytime or contact the pastor or any member for more information.**

**A History of the Moundville United Methodist Church, the first 125 years** – The town of Moundville was laid out in 1860. By the 1880's, the village had recovered from the destruction of the Civil War and had grown so that the need for a dedicated church building was apparent. Until this time, Methodists had held their worship services in homes and the one-room school building.

Early in the year of 1883, the young congregation's pastor, the Reverend Wesley Lattin, and Methodist church members started working to obtain a church building. Land for the site of the building, located on the northwest corner of what became the intersection of Church and 3<sup>rd</sup> Streets, was donated by Nathaniel Kellogg and, due to donations of money and labor, the actual building was soon begun. The dedication service of this Methodist Episcopal Church North was held December 30, 1883. A balance of \$300 was needed to free the church from debt and pledges to cover the entire amount were received during the dedication ceremony. Brother Grolier of Ft. Scott, Kansas, gave the dedication address.

Reverend Lattin recorded the 1883 dedication ceremony as follows: "Our beautiful little church in Moundville was dedicated last Sabbath, the 30<sup>th</sup>. The weather that had been so springlike and balmy suddenly became most unpleasant and the ground slippery with ice, the wind cold and piercing and the whole appearance most discouraging."

Those using the sanctuary in those early winters depended on two large, cast-iron, coal-burning stoves. One sat about midway on both the north and south sides of the sanctuary. Each had a long length of stove pipe which met in the center of the ceiling before exiting up and through a central masonry chimney. To the dismay of many a janitor, one or both pipes occasionally fell at the most inopportune time.

The original building contained a large sanctuary with an entry vestibule on the east. A stage with altar was located on the west end of the building. Wainscot covered the lower interior walls and the plaster surfaces above were painted and later papered. A pressed tin ceiling later covered the sloped side and center flat ceiling. Lighting was provided



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by cast iron chandeliers which contained holders for kerosene lamps. Long metal ties crossed the interior space to transfer the thrust of the roof down the high walls. Now covered by the lowered ceilings, the brackets are still visible on the building's exterior. Pointed windows and arched transoms typical of most early Methodist structures were original features of the building, and the transoms remain. Based on early photos



showing the front of the building, it is evident that the original vestibule was later extended upward to form a belfry.

The Moundville Methodist construction project was soon followed by those of other denominations in town. By 1884, the Moundville Christian Church had been built and by the turn of the century, a Moundville Methodist Episcopal Church South had been built or moved in just one block away from the ME Church North.



The separate North and South congregations were remnants of the divisions within the Methodist Denomination preceding the Civil War. By 1911, the Moundville Lutheran Church had also been completed.

In 1919, the Methodist Episcopal Churches North and South joined together and Moundville Methodist services continued in the 1883 sanctuary of the ME Church North. By the 1940's, the Moundville Lutheran Church had disbanded and some of its members joined the Methodist congregation. In the late 1960's the Moundville Christian Church voted to disband, and some of its members also started attending worship at the Moundville Methodist Church, which continues to benefit from the talents and traditions brought by the former members of the Lutheran and Christian congregations.

The national United Brethren and Methodist denominations merged in 1968 and the Moundville Methodist Church became known as the Moundville United Methodist Church. The congregation's mission, however, remains ever the same – making disciples for Jesus Christ while serving the community – Moundville and all of Vernon County – with worship, education, missional involvement and social life.

Upon completion of the one room sanctuary in 1883, the Methodist Ladies' Aid Society held fund raising socials to finance furnishing the new building. Through the years, the ladies' organization changed names and formats a number of



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times. The Ladies' Aid Society was reorganized in 1922 as the Golden Circle by Pauline Ashbaugh. This group later became the Women's Society of Christian Service before finally reorganizing as the United Methodist Women. A few of the many ladies who dedicated countless hours of work to the ministries of the church include Leona Landon Donaldson, Elsie Caton Selim, Cleora Butterfield Ashbaugh, Audra Whitworth McFarland and Ruby Reed O'Toole. The women of the church now devote their time and gifts to all organizations within the church, such as the Administrative Council, and Board of Trustees to name only a few.

During the earliest years of the congregation, Sunday

School and Sunday Worship Services were held in the morning, as they continue to be held to this day. Sunday School classes staked out portions of the sanctuary in which to conduct their simultaneous meetings. Special services, such as temperance lectures, might be held during the afternoon. Youth meetings, such as Epworth League or Methodist Youth Fellowship were followed by regular evening worship.

Early Sunday School groups also met in the home of "Aunt Mary Reams" and "Aunt Sarah Turpening," who lived in a house on the lot north and adjacent to the church. The same small house had also served as the first parsonage. Later, the house on the corner lot southeast of the church was purchased and used as a parsonage. This parsonage was sold in 1945 when the Moundville Methodist and Bronaugh Methodist Churches became a two-point charge and shared a minister who resided in the Bronaugh Parsonage. When the Moundville, Bronaugh and Sheldon Methodist Churches became a three-point charge, the charge sold the Bronaugh Parsonage and assumed joint ownership of the Sheldon Parsonage.

For a number of years, the Moundville Methodists held a lease on the second floor hall in Moundville's IOOF (International Order of the Odd Fellows) Building. The congregation held many social functions there, in addition to dinners and money-raising functions sponsored by the ladies' groups. During remodeling projects on the church building, even worship services were held in what became to be known as the "Church Hall."

The annual revival was a highlight of the church year for many early members. These events were usually held in the summertime before many had even heard of air-conditioning. Paper fans, usually left in the building by the local funeral homes, received much use during those inspiring evangelistic services. Countless numbers of persons made their first commitment to our Lord Jesus Christ at the altar.

The Sanctuary has been, and continues to be, a venue for holiday and other special programs. Christmas, Easter, Children's Day and Promotion Day were cause for programs with the usual amount of recitations, songs, drills, skits and depictions of scenes presented from the Bible. The Christmas Program and Summer Vacation Bible School remain favorite special events. Elsie Selim directed and costumed many of the productions, duties that have often been shared during the past thirty years by Ruth McFarland Gordon, Jean Whitworth and Julie Bott Wood.



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Music has been an essential element of worship since the formation of the congregation. The church has always enjoyed the service of its choir and other special music offerings. The congregation also maintained an orchestra during the early 1900's. During the 1980's, the congregation often enjoyed instrumental music provided by its youth under the direction of Betty Jo Laffen. Some of the hymnals used by the congregation include:



Gospel Hymns, Searchlight Song Book, Favorite Hymns, Songs of Hope, and Worship and Service Hymnal. In 1967, the members and church groups raised funds to purchase *The Methodist Hymnal*, which was used until 1993 when the congregation purchased *The United Methodist Hymnal*. The congregation also utilizes Hymns of Faith during Sunday School. Our faithful pianist, Iva Louise McFarland Reed, has played from the majority of these hymnals.

Sometime around 1940, the congregation purchased a vacant lot north of Ashbaugh Grocery to be used for summer social events and fund raising projects. The first Lord's Acre Sale was held on this lot in the fall of 1956 under the direction of the Reverend Dorothy Burningham. Members of the congregation donated an acre of crops, various livestock, produce or other items to be auctioned with proceeds going to the church. The practice of a Lord's Acre Sale was changed to the Lord's Acre Dinner by the early 1970's. This free-will offering turkey dinner is held each year on the second Saturday of November. The funds generated by the dinner are used for missions projects, helping those in need and for general building maintenance.



By 1951, four Sunday School rooms were added to the west end of the original building, original clapboard siding had been covered and a gas heating system was installed. New hardwood floors were laid that same year and the congregation still has members who remember the calluses resulting from the many hours spent finishing those floors. The rooms were formally dedicated at a special service on Sunday evening, September 30<sup>th</sup> with the address delivered by the Dr. J. M. Shockley, superintendent of the then Nevada Methodist District. The Reverend Mercer

A. Thomas presided, and soloist Marion Shrimplin sang "Bless This House." Sunday School Superintendent Edward Selim presented the rooms for dedication. The only individual present who had also attended the dedication of the original church structure was Leona Landon Donaldson, a member of the congregation for 67 years. At this time in 1951, the church had a membership of 101 and a Sunday School enrollment of 121.

In 1961, two more Sunday School rooms and the Fellowship Hall containing kitchen and restroom facilities were completed to the north of the sanctuary. The building project was organized under the leadership of the Reverend Brooks Shook and again depended upon the congregation's donations of funds and labor.

By 1968 the congregation had completed a major remodeling of the sanctuary, a project which included new windows, wiring, lowered ceilings, all new finishes and furnishings. Most of the work was completed by members of the congregation and even included labor donated by members of the Moundville Christian Church. The communion table was constructed under the direction of Ira Shaw by the woodshop of the State Hospital in Nevada. In the early 1970's, the church used funds from a memorial to Jerry Ricketts and added central heat and air in the sanctuary wing.

In the mid 1970's, the church purchased an adjacent lot to the west of the original property and razed an old house to create a parking lot. The church later acquired two lots to the north, which



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members have developed and landscaped to provide picnic and play areas for the congregation. The acquisition of these three additional lots now leaves the church with an entire town block for its use during cookouts, Easter Egg Hunts and other events.

The Moundville United Methodist Church celebrated its Centennial during a special service in October 1983. The Reverend Bobby Hopkins presided, and Marion Shrimplin directed music with accompaniment by Iva Louise McFarland Reed. Former pastors, past members of the congregation and others from the community joined for a time of worship and celebration.

In 1987, new restrooms, storage and a classroom area were added to the front of the Fellowship Hall, and a central heating and air system was installed to service this wing of the building. Ramps to make the sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall more accessible were also part of the project

In 1993 under the appointment of the Reverend Mike Will, the church purchased pew cushions, installed new exterior cladding and rebuilt the belfry, which had assumed a slight tilt. During this effort, some of the original cast iron chandeliers, which had been stored in the attic, were refurbished, electrified and installed in the rebuilt vestibule by George and Peggy Kuhlman. The couple also utilized portions of the chandeliers to create sconces which now hold kerosene lamps on each side of the sanctuary doors. An original transom was also uncovered during the project and retrofitted with a new stained glass window donated by LaVon Shaw Fryer, in memory of her son, David Reed.

By 2000, the Moundville United Methodist Church had entered the electronic age thanks to a website developed by the Reverend John Harrison. Additional promotion of the church and its ministries took the form of new welcome signs placed on the church property and at the four entries into town, as well as distribution of postal patron mailers announcing special and regularly scheduled church events, including Disciple Bible Studies. These efforts and others by the congregation resulted in its recognition by United Methodist Communications as a 2003 Certified Welcoming Congregation, the first congregation certified in the Southwest District and only the ninth to be certified in the entire Missouri Conference of the United Methodist Church.



During the United Methodist Denomination's 2006 celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Full Clergy Rights for Women in the Methodist Tradition, the congregation had extra reasons to celebrate. Its first woman pastor, the Reverend Dorothy Burningham, had been appointed to the congregation in 1956 and was instrumental in the organization of Moundville's Lord's Acre. To remember and celebrate, the congregation sponsored a special research project about the Reverend Burningham and women in clergy. Cottey College student Portia Hurney accepted the challenge and worked under the direction of Dr. Angela Firkus to produce a booklet and present at a special service during the 50<sup>th</sup> Lord's Acre. Participants in the service included the Reverend Sandy Nenadal, the Southwest District UMC Superintendent; the Reverend Elizabeth Hadler, Coordinator of Spiritual Life at Cottey College; the Reverend Mimi Savidge, rector of All Saints' Episcopal Church; the Reverend Jo Hastings, who had been baptized into the Bronaugh Methodist Church by Burningham; and the Reverend John Swatosh, Moundville's pastor in 2006. Fifty years after the 1958 departure of the Reverend Burningham, the congregation is being served by its second woman pastor, the Reverend Lynn Quist.

In November 2007, the congregation was recognized by the Missouri School of Religion as a Missouri Rural Church of the Year. Sharing the designation with the Moundville congregation was the St. Thomas a'Becket Episcopal Church in Cassville. These two churches represented rural congregations from eight Protestant denominations and the Roman Catholic Church located throughout Missouri.

This December of 2008, one hundred and twenty five years after its dedication, the sanctuary continues to provide shelter as a community worships and celebrates the Christmas Season. May we all build upon the foundations of those who went before so that others may know and serve God.

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## *Our Ministers, Early Members and Volunteers*

### **Ministers**

Wesley Lattin  
C. Bruner  
S. Barber  
E. E. Sparks  
L. H. Sweetland  
J. L. Lowee  
F. W. Camp  
J. L. Allsbury  
G. M. Foster  
Otis F. Smith  
W. S. Taylor  
W. A. Gray  
W. R. Wendt  
C. O. Crockett  
W. Borhardt  
C. A. Waters  
George Fenn  
Clinton Chasteen  
C. C. Van Zant  
H. C. Green  
O. B. Randall  
S. B. Leatherman  
Carl Stevenson  
  
M. A. Thomas  
W. F. Hudson  
Cliff Kruse  
Leslie K. Pullen  
E. C. Sitts  
Henry Gregory  
Dorothy Burningham  
Brooks Shook  
Von Dell Mooney  
  
Eldon C. Daniel  
John Van Middlesworth  
Larry Kennard  
Arthur Daugherty  
Rob Noland  
Douglas Pope  
Sidney Dillinger  
Bobby Hopkins  
Darrell McFarland  
Mike Will  
Bob Kelly  
Lester Thornton  
John R. Harrison  
John M. Swatosh  
Lynn M. Quist

### **Appointments**

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1998-2003  
2004-2008  
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### **Founders & Early Church Members**

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Artz  
Dr. and Mrs. F. L. Ashbaugh  
Mr. and Mrs. John M. Ashbaugh  
Mr. and Mrs. James Bailey  
Mr. and Mrs. John A. Chester  
Mr. and Mrs. Isaac M. Coffman  
Mr. and Mrs. William H. Cooper  
Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Davenport  
Mr. and Mrs. William Donaldson  
Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Hubbs  
Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Kellogg  
Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Landon  
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lescalett  
Mr. and Mrs. Johnny McDonald  
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Phillips  
Mr. and Mrs. Meredith Pointer  
Mr. and Mrs. Peter E. Turpening  
Mr. and Mrs. John Ward  
Mr. and Mrs. William Ward  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Williams

### **Orchestra Members**

Belle Hope  
Boyd Hope  
Ben Saathoff  
Grace Janes Saathoff  
Otto Saathoff  
Helen and Herbert Folk  
Earnest Bollinger

### **Pianists**

Erma Williams  
Ada Myers Hobson  
Mae Fitzpatrick Folk  
Mrs. J.P. Bailey  
Martha Williams  
Cleora Butterfield Ashbaugh  
Iva Louise McFarland Reed

### **1951 Church Trustees**

Cleora Ashbaugh  
Henry Gordon, Building Improvement Chair  
Leland Haverstic  
Bill Hensley  
Carroll Reed  
Edward Selim, Sunday School Superintendent  
Fred Willers

### **1951 Stewards**

Cleora Ashbaugh  
Robert Gordon  
Opal Hensley  
Edward and Elsie Selim  
Donald Willers

### **1951 Communion Stewards**

Clara Gordon  
Lana Stolz

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## Our Activities

### Weekly

Sunday, 9:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary; Children's Church (thru Grade 2)  
Sunday, 9:50 a.m. Songs for Children in the Fellowship Hall  
Sunday, 10:10 a.m. Sunday School in Classrooms (Toddler thru Adult)  
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs & Youth Groups, PK thru 12 (Sept.- April)  
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Bible Study in Fellowship Hall (Fall & Winter Sessions)

### Monthly

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Communion during Worship in the Sanctuary  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 2:00 p.m. Song & Scripture Service at Nevada Medicalodge  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday 12:30 p.m. Church Dinner in the Fellowship Hall  
2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, even mnths 7:00 p.m. (7:30 p.m. DST) Administrative Council

### Annual

November, 2nd Saturday Lord's Acre Turkey Dinner  
December Hanging of the Greens Sunday Worship Service  
Christmas Tree-Trimming Party and Caroling  
Evening Christmas Program  
Spring Easter Service and Easter Egg Hunt; Pioneer Clubs Cookout  
Summer Vacation Bible School

## Our Projects and Missions

### Congregation

Camp Galilee Church Camp Scholarships  
Flower and Card Ministry for the Hospitalized  
Holiday Fruit Baskets for Local Seniors and Shut-ins  
Meals for Grieving Families  
Milestone Celebrations (e.g. wedding & baby showers; anniversaries)  
Scholarships for graduating High School Seniors  
Special Needs Fund for Bronaugh R-7 School District  
Sunday Worship Choir or Special Music

### Local Community

Disaster Relief Fund Families in Crisis  
Habitat for Humanity Nevada Ministerial Alliance  
Vernon County United Way Welcome Baskets for New Residents

### Beyond the Local Community

Annual Conference Apportioned Projects Christian Children's Fund  
Central Methodist University Epworth Children's Home  
Festival of Sharing Salvation Army  
Mozambique Initiative and Congregational Covenant

## Our Contact Information

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