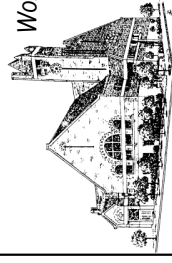


## Our Mission Statement

United Methodist Church is a Christ-centered fellowship called to offer the best we can possibly give to God, as we care for our community and world through...

- ...worshipping, glorifying, and honoring God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- ...inviting all to grow in the knowledge of the Lord.
- ...living a Spirit-filled life through our actions and words.
- ...offering the love of Christ to everyone.

- G – Growth through making disciples of Jesus
- R – Reaching our community and world
- A – A family where all people can belong
- C – Christ-centered worship and learning
- E – Excellence for God's glory



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### Ministers

The Congregation of Grace United Methodist Church

### Pastors

Stephen A. Beutler      Chris Roberts  
Larry Newberg, Visitation Pastor

### Our Missionaries

Oscar Ramos, Hispanic Ministry of North Indiana Conference  
Jeff Newton, Kokomo Urban Outreach Ministries  
Dr. Robert Marke, Medical Missionary, Kissy, Sierra Leone

### Specialized Ministries

Randy Manning, Director of Music  
Barbara Hobbs, Pianist/Organist  
Jacque Hunt, Ensemble Director  
Debbra Long, Volunteer Parish Nurse  
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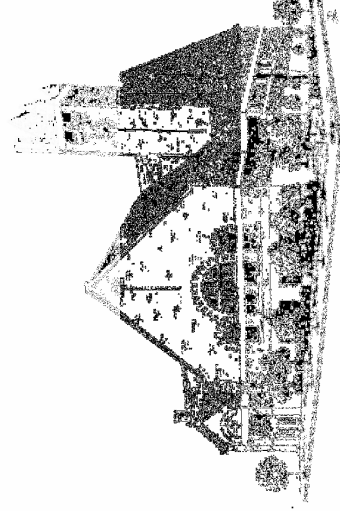


MIRACLE SUNDAY  
SUNDAY, APRIL 15

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For it is by grace you have been saved through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Jesus Christ to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

Ephesians 2:8-10



# Grace Notes

APRIL 2007

## THIS IS A MIRACLE THAT HAPPENS AT GRACE EVERY DAY

Jesus' forgiveness was accomplished at Calvary. It is a done deal. Our salvation is provided for us all. However, Max Lucado reminds us in his book, "Experiencing the Heart of Jesus" that "Calvary's trio" of the crosses reminds us that we must personally accept that gift of salvation and embrace this gift in our individual lives.

Ever wonder why there were two crosses next to our Lord? Why not more? Ever wonder why Jesus was between the two crosses? Why not on the right side or the left side? Could it be that the two crosses on Calvary symbolize one of God's greatest gifts? The gift of choice.

The two criminals have so much in common. They were both convicted by the same system. They were both condemned to the same death. They were both surrounded by the same crowd. The were both hanging on a cross close to the same Jesus. In fact, they begin with the same sarcasm: "The two criminals also said cruel things to Jesus."

But one changed. One of the criminals on a cross began to shout insults at Jesus: "Aren't you the Christ? Then save yourself and us!" But the other criminal stopped him and said, "You should fear God! You are getting the same punishment Jesus is. We are punished justly, getting what we deserve for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus said to him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."

Much has been said about the prayer of that penitent thief, and it certainly warrants our admiration. But while we rejoice at the thief who repented, we dare not forget the one who did not. What about him? Wouldn't a word of persuasion have been appropriate at that time?

There are times when God sends trials to stir us up. There are times when God sends blessings to draw us to Himself. But there are times when God sends nothing but silence as God honors us with the freedom to choose whether to accept His gift or not.

Have we been given any greater privilege than that of choice? Not only does this privilege offset any injustice, the gift of free will can offset any mistakes. Think about the thief who asked for forgiveness. Though we know little about him, we do know this: He made some bad mistakes in life. He chose the wrong crowd, the wrong morals, the wrong behavior. But would you consider his life a waste because of all the bad choices he made? No, just the opposite. He is enjoying the fruit of one good choice he made. In the end all his poor choices were redeemed by a solitary good one.

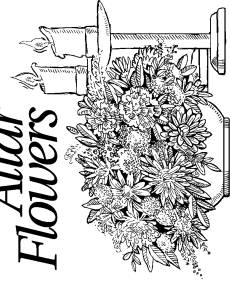
No matter how many bad choices you have made in the past, they are redeemed by one good choice—to follow Jesus. Will you make that choice this Easter season? Jesus says, "*Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in....*"

Why don't you start with your bad moments, those bad habits? Leave them at the cross. Your selfish moods and white lies. Give them to God. Your binges and bigotries. God wants them all. Every flop, every failure. He wants every single one. Why? Because God has already covered them with Jesus' blood at the cross. Yet God loves us enough to let us choose Him for ourselves. God knows we won't have true joy in life until we choose Him. The greatest miracle that can occur at Grace is for YOU to choose to accept this free gift of salvation for yourself.



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## Altar Flowers



**Altar Flowers  
are needed for  
April 22 , 29 and  
May 6,13, 27.**

**Please contact the  
church office to schedule your  
opportunity.**

### LAY LEADERSHIP

We celebrate and recognize those persons from Grace United Methodist Church who have responded to a call to serve by becoming local church lay speakers and certified lay speakers. A lay speaker is a member of a local church who is ready and desirous to serve the Church; who is well informed on the Scriptures and on the doctrine, heritage, organization, and life of the United Methodist Church; and who has received specific training to develop skills in witnessing to the Christian faith through spoken communication, church and community leadership, and care giving ministries. The Kokomo District Lay Speaking Academy that took place last month. We are pleased that the following members of our congregation participated in this year's academy:

Ralph Cory – Basic Course  
Shirley Hoy – Basic Course  
Gail Estes – Leading in Prayer  
Leanna Zimmerman – Leading in Prayer  
Paul Zimmerman – Teaching Adults

We are also pleased to announce that our own Karen Zimmerman is the new Kokomo District Lay Speaking Ministries Coordinator for next year. Karen served as the instructor for the advanced class titled "Teaching Adults" this past year. We encourage all of our lay leadership, Sunday school teachers, and other persons interested in serving the church through Lay Speaking to mark your calendars for September 23 through October 21, Sunday afternoons for the next Lay Speaking Academy that will be conducted at our church.

### ADDED GRACE MEETINGS

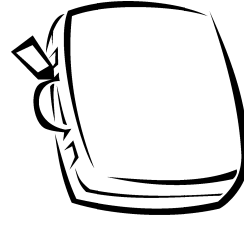
#### Added Grace April Meeting

Added Grace will meet at 11:30 AM on Tuesday April 3, at Grace Church in Fellowship Hall. Pat Disalvo will be our host for the meeting and our speaker will be Jean McGroarty, Director of the Kokomo Humane Society. The cost of the meal will be \$5.00. Reservations can be made with Peggy Hobbs on Sunday March 25 or April 1 or by telephone at 452-4394.

#### Added Grace May Meeting

Added Grace will meet at 11:30 AM on Tuesday May 1, at Grace Church in Fellowship Hall. Suzanne Davis will be our host for the meeting and our speaker will be Karen Altergott with Family Services of Kokomo. Her talk will be entitled "Domestic Violence and What We Can Do About It". The cost of the meal will be \$5.00. Reservations can be made with Peggy Hobbs on Sunday April 22 or 29 or by telephone at 452-4394.

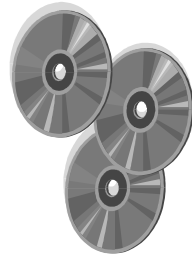
### ADDED GRACE TRIP IN MAY



On May 16 and 17, Added Grace will be sponsoring a trip to Southern Indiana and Northern Kentucky. We'll visit a doll factory, the historic hotels in French Lick, Bardstown, KY, My Old Kentucky Home, Lincoln's birthplace, Churchill Downs, a glass factory and Huber's winery and restaurant. Trip cost is \$170/person and includes everything except 1 lunch. Complete details can be obtained from the Church Office or Hazel Hodge after church or at 453-2794.

**CD's or tapes are available for  
each Sunday Worship Service.**

**Contact the  
church office for  
more information.**



# Summer Institute



Have a blast at a week of camp with your friends along with 300 other high school students at Epworth Forest. Find an answer to that question your heart has been asking. Spend a week hanging out with a cabin full of other senior highers, doing all of the things you love to do.

- Incredible worship with the band "Abandon"
- Moving drama
- Dynamic speaker
- Discover your faith
- Build your relationship with Jesus Christ
- Share in small groups
- Jump into the challenging new obstacle course
- Amazing water sports including tubing, speed boating, kayaking and swimming
- Exciting activities including basketball, sand volleyball, dodgeball, ultimate frisbee, softball, soccer, crafts, carpet ball, board and card games and lots more
- All meals and lodging included in cost.

**June 24-30**

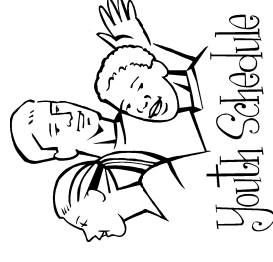
**Cost: \$135** (The total cost is \$275 and Grace UMC picks up half that cost)  
**Total cost due by May 24 so get  
your fee in now**

**Jump in and find your space  
at InSTITUTE.**

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## UMYF Schedule

**For April 2007**



Youth Schedule

April 15	5:00 p.m. Morrison Bells 6:00 p.m. Meals 6:30 p.m. UMYF
April 22	5:00 p.m. Morrison Bells 6:00 p.m. Meals 6:30 p.m. UMYF
April 29	5:00 p.m. Morrison Bells 6:00 p.m. Meals 6:30 p.m. UMYF

### A HEART TO CHANGE THE WORLD

The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade class put on a puppet presentation during Grace Night Out entitled A Heart to Change the World. They presented their message on March 25<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all the **children** who participated: Briana Afseth, Grant Afseth, Jacob Bradshaw, Christopher Hartzog, Kyle Hartzog, Deanna Hedges, Megan Hedges, Matthew McKinney, Chelsea Maupin, David Maupin, Patrick May, Garrett Miller, Courtney Mitts, Christopher Pinto, Bethany Roberts, Zachary Rodgers, Brock Spencer, Abram Stamper.

We also want to thank all of the **adults** who invested 10 weeks in these kids:

**Music Directors:** Arlene Buell and Lee Ann Hughes  
**Craft Directors:** Karen Foust and Beth Juliot  
**Lesson Directors:** Mary Hedges, Julie Maupin, Janet Schick

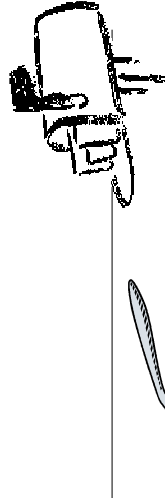
**Choreographers:** Ann and Lilli Elliott

**Puppet Directors:** Ann Bradshaw, Jayna Beutler, Jerry Hodges, Jayne Miller

**ALL CHILDREN NEEDED:**

**Palm Sunday (April 1) for the  
Procession of Palms**

We promise to uphold our church by our presence



**NOODLES OF NOODLES**

Thanks to the efforts of the following people, we will again be offering our famous Grace Church noodles for sale just in time for Easter dinner. As usual, the noodle crew had fun while cranking out an amazing 56 pounds of noodles!! Thank you to all who donned rain gear and waded through major puddles to help our mission projects!!

Marilynda Bennett, Betty Corn, Debbie Mitts, Betty Fields, Darlene Kommans, Beverly Snodgrass, Jan Wall, Dianne Waggaman, Elinor McClure, Beverly Mason, Nancy Monticue, Grace Kingseed, Barbara Shearer, Pat Ampe, Charlotte Young, Eleanor Harris, Ron King, Anne Weber, Ruth Ellen Fisher, Lois Hunkler, Kathy Rebber, Pam Prather and Valerie Cunningham.

The Noodle Ladies,  
Jo Trauring & Dianne Trauring

*I would like to thank the Grace Family for all your prayers, encouraging words, and beautiful cards that I received during my recent hospital stays. It really meant a lot to me to know that so many individuals were praying for my recovery. I still have a way to go but each day I see some more progress towards a complete recovery.*

Sincerely,  
**Galen Hodge**

My Mom (Rowena "Betty" Stouse) was always one of the church women who lovingly prepared delicious church dinners for families after funerals at Beamer Church. Darlene Donaghy and Eleanor Harris are probably the only two cooks who knew my lovely mother. I am especially touched that the women - and man - who didn't know Mom willingly came out on that cold, snowy day to prepare a delicious meal for us.

Susan Stouse

- Feb 18**  
**242**
- Feb 25**  
**148**
- Mar 4**  
**259**
- Mar 11**  
**254**
- Mar 18**  
**327**

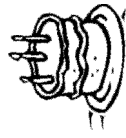
*Giving As God Has Given*

- Feb 18**  
**\$8,559.08**
- Feb 25**  
**\$8,434.03**
- Mar 4**  
**\$13,684.71**
- Mar 11**  
**\$10,984.81**
- Mar 18**  
**\$14,072.37**

*April Anniversaries*



- 7th Doyle & June Beck 46 yrs
- 11th Tom & Gail Jones 53 yrs
- 14th Doc & Lois Hunkler 45 yrs
- 16th Rick & Beth Emry 2 yrs
- 20th Gerry & Lori Good 11 yrs
- 21st Chris & Mary Hedges 17 yrs
- 25th Mark & Pam Brown 37 yrs
- 26th Jon & Camella Rodgers 10 yrs
- 27th Jack & Karen Fell 19 yrs
- Jim & Debbie White 11 yrs



*April Birthdays*

- 1-Eldon Conner 20-Robert Hill
- Michael Van Horn 21-Kathryn Conner
- 2-Hazel Barber Ruth Kamanja
- Mary Lou Snead 22-Darlene Moss
- 3-Kari Trueblood Joey McGowan
- 4-Gary Forbes 24-Judy Williams-Roe
- Charles Conkle IV 25-Marilyn Wall
- 7-Susan Garner Wesley Roberts
- 10-Katherine Hoshaw 26-John Sanders
- Vicki Smith 27-Amy Auzins
- Billy Cox Kevin Hart
- 11-Ann McGee 28-Dianne Waggaman
- Lois Gill

- 12-Vivian Gunther Betty Corn
- Darcy Burthay
- 13-Briana Afseth Ann Bourff
- 15-Grace Kingseed
- 16-Janet Burkhalter Landon Egloff
- Joey McConnell
- 17-Charlotte Young Paul Sandy
- Phyllis Grant
- 18-Pauline Weida
- 19-Sidney Golightly Tom Scherschel
- Michelle Trueblood



**YOUTH TO ENTERTAIN FOR UM MEN LADIES' NIGHT**

Youth Singers from Grace Church have agreed to bring the special music program for Ladies' Night, Monday April 23. While women are always welcome to attend UM Men meetings, on this night, the men will be giving ladies special honor. Advance reservations are needed only for the 6:00 pm catered meal. Reservations may be given to Val Harris at 453-6952.

**THE YOUTH GROUP NEEDS YOUR HELP**

**PLEASE PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER JOINING THE TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS WHO HELP WITH SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP, SUNDAY SCHOOL, OR WITH SUMMER YOUTH EVENTS. CONTACT ERIK AUZINS OR PASTOR CHRIS.**

**BE AN ANGEL! BUY AN ANGEL!**

Angel Walk 2007  
Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
5:30pm  
Indiana University Kokomo Alumni Hall  
Benefits Family Services Association Domestic Violence Shelter

We need:

1. Walkers
2. Sponsors for Walkers
3. Those willing to buy an angel for \$1.00

There will be a table in Fellowship Hall where you may pick up your walker's packet, offer to sponsor a walker, or buy an angel. See Jan Wall there or contact her at 459-9255.



"The Story of Your Life" is the theme for our April 14, 2007 Retreat. The agenda for the day is:

- 8:30 - 9:00 Light Breakfast
- 9:15 - 10:00 Self-Defense expert Eddie Bethea on Life Enhancement
- 10:13 - 11:00 Richard Ferguson on the History of Howard County
- 11:00 - 11:45 Art as a Lifetime Hobby with Peggy Mugg
- 12:00 - 12:45 Lunch
- 12:45 - 1:15 Cooking Demo with Amy Black of Meal Thyme Solutions
- 1:30 - 2:30 Genealogy Expert Marcia Ford will present "Memories of the Heart"

The cost is \$10.00 per person. You may register in Fellowship Hall after the 9:30 service or call Jan Wall at 459-9255. Payment may be sent to the office at 212 W. Walnut St., Kokomo, IN 46901. The deadline for registration is April 9. This is a retreat that the guys should enjoy too, and don't forget to bring a friend!

**Mother-Daughter Banquet: "Once Upon a Time"**

Grace UMW invites you to come to Fellowship Hall on May 15th and "tie one on" ...an apron that is. Kay Stough's Senior Center Kitchen Band will entertain us, and Jean Simpson of the Greentown Historical Society will enlighten us on the history of aprons. The men of Grace UMM will feed us. Bring your mother, daughter, grandmother, aunt, next-door neighbor, friend, or someone you know who would enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship. Tickets are \$7.00 for big girls and \$3.00 for little girls. Ticket sales start Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> in Fellowship Hall. Don't forget to wear your favorite apron for the apron parade!

**Praise:** The people of Grace Church donated over 300 wash cloths to Church Women United to be used for Church World Service. Thanks!

**Note:** Please check the UMW book shelves in the Parlor for the 2007 book list.



## “NOW YOU CAN SHOP WITH JOY IN YOUR HEART”

During the month of April, Grace's Mission Ministry Team would like to start collecting items for several local organizations. Until a better place is found, the collection point will be the shopping cart located in Fellowship Hall. Instead of the normal Fifth Sunday Collections, we will be asking for these items all year long. We are hoping to simplify what is needed, so as you shop you can just pick up an extra item or two for which-ever organization you would like to support. What a great way to show your love to those in need. We are called to be “the hands and feet of Christ,” so let's all shop with eagerness and joy!

### 1. Open Arms

\* Currently needing feminine products and condiments (such as ketchup, mustard, and mayo) are needed.

### 2. Kokomo Urban Outreach (Jeff Newton)

\* Currently needing jars of Peanut Butter.

### 3. Nesting Doves

\* Currently needing newborn diapers and grocery cards.

### 4. CAM

\* Currently needing toothpaste, TP, shampoo and deodorant.

A member of Grace will gladly take these items periodically to each organization. Your support of these Local Ministries is greatly appreciated.

### April Preaching Schedule

April 1	Chris Roberts
April 8	Steve Beutler
April 15	Chris Roberts
April 22	Steve Beutler
April 29	Steve Beutler



## MISSION WORK CAMP SEPTEMBER 9 THRU 15, 2007

Bill White is in contact with Henderson Settlement concerning jobs for a September work camp. Now we need people to check their calendars and mark the dates. We are hoping to have several persons who have gone before as well as several new participants. If you have never been on a work camp, you are missing a great time of work and companionship. If you are interested in going with the group, talk to Bill or Chuck Hefley to get signed up. Hope there are several women and men who will be interested in participating in the mission project.

## RELAY FOR LIFE

**JUNE 15-16,**

**3:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

## KOKOMO HIGH SCHOOL TRACK

Relay for Life is a community gathering where everyone can participate in the fight against cancer. Teams camp out at Kokomo High School and take turns walking or running around the track. Each team is asked to have a representative on the track at all times during the event - because cancer never sleeps. Relays are an overnight event, 24 hours in length.

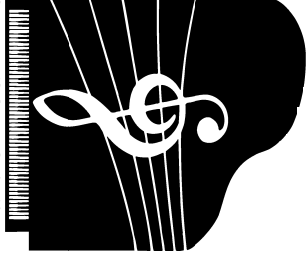
Relay for Life brings together millions of people to raise money to help prevent cancer, save lives, and diminish suffering from the disease. While you're raising much needed funds, you'll also be raising awareness of cancer prevention, early detection, treatment, and patient support. Relay brings people together from all walks of life with the common goal of eliminating cancer.

GUMC will again have a team this year, "Graceful Walkers." You can sign up for the team or contribute in the fellowship hall during April and May, on line at [www.acsevents.org/relay/in/howard](http://www.acsevents.org/relay/in/howard) or by calling Mel and Barb Hobbs, 452-3159.

We are also looking for team members that would be willing to help with a fund raising project. If you're willing to help, give us a call, we'll brainstorm and see what we can do!

Mel and Barb Hobbs

Make Music a Part of Your Life



Music is an important part of Holy Week this year.

The Gospelaires and Altar Choir will sing on Palm Sunday. Maundy Thursday will include a special in song and the Vesper Handbell Choir. Good Friday will also include a special in song and the Altar Choir will sing an arrangement of "Lamb of God".

Easter Sunday will include a number of arrangements including organ, brass, timpani, cymbal, Altar Choir and the congregation.

Special thanks goes to Anne Elliott for accompanying the Gospelaires and to Andrea Blazier for playing in the March 18th service.

Summer is rapidly approaching and we are looking for special music during these services. If you or someone you know would like to participate, please contact Randy Manning or one of the office staff.



*In the photo are Shawn, Betsy, and Kipsoi, the manager of the Il Ng'wesi Lodge. He is a Maasai who has done university study and has returned to help his community manage its project to bring income into the community.*

## GRACE CHURCH FAMILY IN KENYA

Shawn and Betsy Brownfield, David and Donna Brownfield's son and daughter-in-law, are currently in Kenya in eastern Africa. Betsy, a senior veterinary student at Purdue, is doing her 6-week externship working on a project that ultimately seeks to both promote wildlife conservation and improve the quality of life among pastoralist Maasai communities. Betsy is conducting a survey comparing the growth and health of the Il Ng'wesi Maasai community's cattle to those raised on Ol Pejeta Ranch. The ranch has been part of a pilot program to purchase and market Maasai cattle at prices above those the Il Ng'wesi community was able to previously negotiate. The intent is to provide a lucrative sales outlet for the cattle of those community members who agree to take steps to conserve wildlife. Shawn is working on setting up a computer database to track community membership and livestock.

After completing their time in Kenya, Shawn and Betsy will visit a couple of families with whom they're acquainted in India for a week before continuing on to Thailand April 2, where Betsy will complete a 5-week veterinary experience in agricultural development and veterinary missions, and Shawn will help with the development group's computer questions. They plan to return to Indiana May 8. Your prayers for them in their travel and time overseas is appreciated.

To read more about their time overseas, check out their blog at:

<http://habibislog.wordpress.com>. Click on the photos included with their writings, and you will usually see additional photos.

