

The Congregation of Grace United Methodist Church

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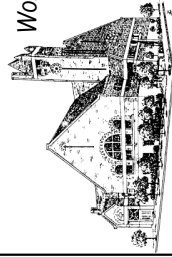
Randy Manning, Director of Music
Barbara Hobbs, Pianist/Organist
Jacque Hunt, Chamber Ensemble Director
Cindy Lovegrove, Office Manager
Debbra Long, Volunteer Parish Nurse
Phill Montgomery, Counselor
Tina Browning, Childcare Provider
Carisa Durham, Childcare Provider
Brandy Dodd, Childcare Provider
Chuck Hefley, Church Administrator
T J Knowland, Youth Director

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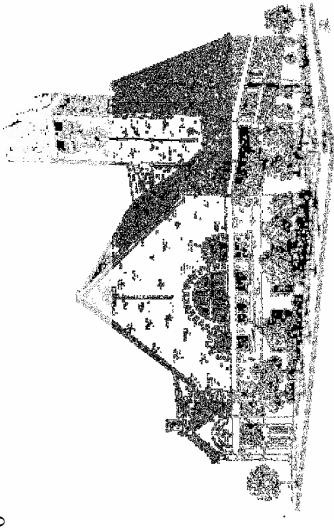
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For it is by grace you have been saved through faith - and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Jesus Christ to do good works, which God prepared in advance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

Ephesians 2:8-10

Grace Notes

JUNE 2009



Join us for a week in Rome!

This summer the children of the Kokomo community can travel back into Bible times—right here at Grace United Methodist Church. The Roman Empire will be created in our lower level so kids can learn what it was like to be one of the first Christians. Each day they will explore the Marketplace shops, visit the Apostle Paul, sneak into a cave where the Underground

Church meets, take part in games, dance and sing lively Bible songs, meet new friends, and so much more.

Invite your children, grandchildren (and your co-workers') and kids in your neighborhood.

Everyone will want to join us for an exciting Bible-times adventure with Paul and the Underground Church. **Register today!**

ROMA
Paul and the Underground Church
June 14-18
June 6 - 8 PM

**KOKOMO CLUSTER VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
GRACE, MAIN STREET AND ST. LUKE'S UMCS
CALL 457-5329 TO REGISTER OR VOLUNTEER**

YOUTH ACTIVITY

SUMMER



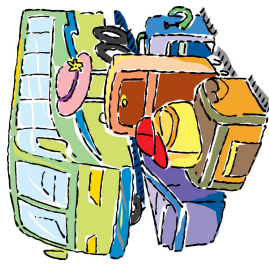
Summer is here and we are ready to rock it out! Make sure you mark your calendars so that you don't miss a beat. Invite a friend and lets have a great summer!

- June 3 "Mid-week" 6:30 pm-8:00 pm
- June 10 "Mid-week" 6:30 pm-8:00 pm
- June 17 - 21 Alive Music Festival in Ohio
- June 24 "Mid-week" 6:30 pm-8:00 pm

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Added Grace Trips

Conner Prairie 4th of July Celebration July 2, 2009

(Please note originally scheduled for July 3)

Conner Prairie 4th of July Celebration – July 2, 2009 – This trip is open to anyone in the congregation that would like to attend. The trip will cost \$40/person and this includes the bus, box dinner and entry to the grounds. The bus will leave the church at 5:30 PM and return about 10:30 PM. We would like to have all reservations in by June 15. If you haven't already made a reservation please call Hazel Hodge at 453-2794.

Creation Museum and Lexington, Kentucky September 14 - 15

The plan is to leave Kokomo early on Monday, September 14 and drive to the Creation Museum. We stay there through lunch and then leave for Lexington, KY where we will visit the Kentucky Horse Farm before checking into our motel. In the evening we'll go to the "Red Mile" for a buffet dinner and the opportunity to watch some trotting races before returning to the motel. On Tuesday morning we'll drive out to the Shaker Village to tour the facilities before having lunch. Following lunch, we'll leave for home with a short stop in Frankfort, KY to see the very ornate capital building. We'll stop at a fast food restaurant for a rest stop and dinner on your own before arriving home. The cost of the trip will be \$225/ person double occupancy. If you are interested in going with us please call Hazel Hodge at 453-2794 to make a reservation.



MEN LEARN SAMARITAN CAREGIVERS

Jamey Henderson, Executive Director of Samaritan Caregivers, will be the speaker at the June 22nd United Methodist Men.

The Men have been involved helping Samaritan Caregivers for many years, largely due to the involvement by our own Chuck Hefley, an early SCG board member. Men have been involved as volunteers, and assisting with the FUN Fund-raiser, the Duck Derby. For more information, go to www.samaritancaregivers.gov.

Women are always welcome to attend Men's Group meetings. Reservations are needed only for the meal. Cost of the meal is now \$7.50. Reservations for the Monday, June 22 6:00 p.m. catered meal may be given to Val Harris at 453-6952.

RELAY FOR LIFE June 19 - 20

Relay For Life is a community gathering where everyone can participate in the fight against cancer. Teams of people 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, up to 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.

Sign up for Grace's team, "The Graceful Walkers", by contacting Mel or Barb Hobbs, 452-3159. We will be in Fellowship Hall after church each Sunday through June to sign you up or take donations.

We promise to uphold our church by our presence

- April 26**
250
- May 3**
282
- May 10**
294
- May 17**
271
- May 24**
223

Giving As
God
Has Given

- April 26**
\$8,471.59
- May 3**
\$20,397.06
- May 10**
\$14,285.48
- May 17**
\$6,090.91
- May 24**
\$15,777.77

DEAR FRIENDS AT GRACE UMC:

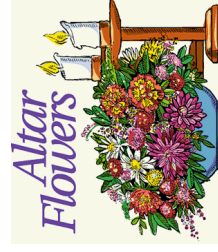
One last time I want to say "Goodbye." I am forever grateful for all of your love, prayers, and support during my short time in ministry in Kokomo. I will miss all of you so very much. Perhaps God will call me back this way sometime in the future (I would be open to that). I do look forward to staying in touch with my friends here. Our new address is:

9832 Hidden Hills Lane
Indianapolis, IN 46234

Our e-mail addresses will remain the same and you can look for us on facebook and twitter. I will also continue to update my blog with pictures and commentary at www.pastorchristoberts.blogspot.com.

My prayer for you is that you continue to grow in your faith, grow as you love one another, and grow as you serve the community and world around you. Do it all in Jesus' name and for God's glory!

In Christ's Peace and Service,
Pastor Chris



Altar Flowers Needed

**June 14, 28 and
July 12, 19, 26**



June Anniversaries

1st	Galen & Hazel Hodge Mel & Barb Hobbs	51 yrs 7 yrs
2nd	Tom & Dianne Trauring Doug & Sharon Borders Bill & Frances Simpson Larry & Phyllis Grant	36 yrs 19 yrs 31 yrs 50 yrs
4th	Dave & Lynn Osburn	40 yrs
6th	Ryan & Erin Packard	6 yrs
7th	Lee & Patty Smith	31 yrs
8th	Greg & Jan Wall	37 yrs
10th	Randal & Lynda Smith	48 yrs
11th	Ron & Janet Burkhalter	44 yrs
12th	Jim & Linda Henry	43 yrs
13th	Tom & Dorothy Wachob Don & Julia Mills	13 yrs 22 yrs
18th	Don & Joni Sanders	29 yrs
19th	John & Daine Auzins	49 yrs
21st	Rev Larry & Marleta Newberg Tom & Pam Prather	49 yrs 34 yrs
22nd	Ron & Liz Harper Jerry & Joyce Hodges Paul & Karen Zimmerman	6 yrs 49 yrs 24 yrs
24th	Patrick & Noel Younce	7 yrs
26th	Justin & Natalie Raney	3 yrs
27th	Jeff & Bobbie Egloff Lloyd & Dorothy Johnson	27 yrs 56 yrs
28th	Jim & Myrna Tappan	56 yrs
29th	Gene & Cay Kelley Steve & Marcia Lear Mike & Carol Rakestraw Bart & Renee' Miller	65 yrs 41 yrs 24 yrs 7 yrs



June Birthdays

1-Sarah Cunningham	11-Tim Miller
2-Mel Hobbs	Joanne Kelly
5-Lenny Latinen	12-Estella Lucas
Kathryn Thompson	Tammy Parrish
Jacob Bradshaw	13-Lee Flasche
6-Bonnie Fretz	Kylie Miller
Virginia Fennimore	14-Theima Eichholz
Tom Trauring	Steven Vande Lune
Marcia Lear	15-Jason Kelly
Haleigh Parrish	Matthew Spalding
8-Valeria Boon	17-David Maupin
Jeffrey Kingseed	18-Lillian Elliott
9-Elizabeth Borders	Everett Packard
10-Darwin Hunkler	Edward Burkhalter
Steve Hart	19-Greg McCauley
Karen Foust	20-Madeline McCauley
Lisa Hemmeger	Alethea Shumaker

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IS A VERB, NOT A NOUN

Our Annual Conference this year has as its theme "RETHINK CHURCH". It is part of a new advertising campaign that seeks to offer the church not as a building but as a movement of people empowered by Jesus Christ to transform the world.

Addressing the question, "What has God called our Church to be in the 21st Century?" the nearly 12-million member, world-wide church is launching this new emphasis over the next four years to convey the message that church is a verb, not a noun. "The campaign goal is sweeping and ambitious – to invite the church and those unchurched who seek spiritual fulfillment, to become more outwardly focused and engaged in the world" as we offer Jesus Christ and the power of His salvation to the entire world – beginning in our local communities.

Questions such as "What if church could bring people together in love through Jesus Christ?" and "What if church could shape the events not only of our personal lives but also of our community and world?" and illustrations of how we as a church are making a difference in the world and our local communities will be offered.

The Rethink Church campaign is a call for those outside the church to envision a church that is not a static institution. Rather, we aim to help people reassess what it means to be people of faith. We want to offer Jesus Christ in a dynamic, powerful, life-changing way that attracts people to what we offer. "What if the church was not just a building, but thousands of doors, each of them opening up to a different experience of church – a journey that could change our world. Would you come?"

We want to stress that "Rethink Church" is not a call to find a new theology but rather a call to refocus our understanding of the church as a community of faith that practices the "one another's" of the body of Christ and to see Church in a way that is more aligned to Scripture. We want to be more faithful to the tradition of John Wesley who believed that the world was his parish.

More than 40 UM bishops from around the world will launch the Rethink Church campaign, that began on May 5th, during our Annual Conference sessions this year. Please pray for the FIRST Annual Conference of the newly formed Indiana Conference of the United Methodist Church as we meet on June 25 through 28 at Ball State University. Also, pray for our representatives: Dale Kingseed, Larry Murrell, Dave Brownfield, Steve and Jayna Beutler, Chris and Renee Roberts, and Larry Newberg.

Pastor Steve Beutler

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Several Scholarships will again be available for college-bound students and adults. Complete application packets will be available at the Church office beginning Monday, May 11. The applications will also be available on-line at the Grace website (www.kokomograce.org). Applications are due at the Church office no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, June 12.

Scholarship opportunities include:

- **Grace Academic Scholarship** - available to members or constituents who are pursuing advanced education.
- **Mary Ann Buell Education Scholarships** - available to Grace members or constituents or a graduate from Kokomo High School who is preparing for a career in the education field.
- **Dr. Kenneth Dutton Scholarship** - available to members or constituents who are preparing for a career in a health-related occupation.
- **Marguerite Widner/Voorhis Family Music Scholarship** - available to a Howard County resident who is enrolled in an academic program leading to a career in music with preference given to a person whose study emphasizes piano and/or keyboard performance.
- **Walter Mayer Ministerial Education Scholarship** - available to any applicant who is attending or planning to attend a seminary which is accepted by the North Indiana Conference Board of Ordained Ministry.
- **Bruce Clark General Academic Scholarship** - available to members who shall be attending college in a degree program.

For more information, contact the church office at 765-457-5329.

GRACE UMW NEWS

GRACE COMMUNITY BENEFIT BREAKFAST

On June 27th we're joining forces again to provide a pancake breakfast for the community during the Haynes Apperson Festival which will benefit CAM, Kokomo Rescue Mission and Kokomo Urban Outreach. We'll be serving pancakes, sausage, coffee and juice. We're going to need:

- Cooks
- Servers
- Greeters
- Parking Lot Attendants
- Cleaner-Uppers

We want to make our guests feel welcome and well-fed. If you would like to help with the **Grace Community Benefit Breakfast** please contact Donna Brownfield at 455-1764, Ann Winger at 457-7369, Jan Wall at 459-9255 or Ralph Cory at 574-699-7312. We'll have a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

June 27, 2009	Haynes Apperson Community Benefit Breakfast 8:00 – 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall Sponsored by Grace UMW and Grace UMM
July 8 – 11, 2009	School of Christian Mission Manchester College
July 8, 2009	School of Christian Mission Drive-In Day

KROGER GIFT CARD USE OF THE MONTH:

Kokomo Urban Outreach can always use food and other miscellaneous items that can be purchased at Krogers.

A BIG THANK YOU! The ladies of Grace and their guests would like to thank David DiSalvo for the delicious dinner that we enjoyed at the Mother – Daughter Banquet, and we'd also like

to thank the United Methodist Men who did a terrific job serving the meal. Last but not least, we can't forget to give kudos to "The Grace-tones" who entertained us with Broadway tunes. They gave us a great show!

NEEDED: The Bereavement Dinner Committee has put out the call for cooks to help with funeral dinners. If you'd like to be a part of this ministry, please contact Phyllis Grant at 455-6999.

ADDED GRACE MEETINGS

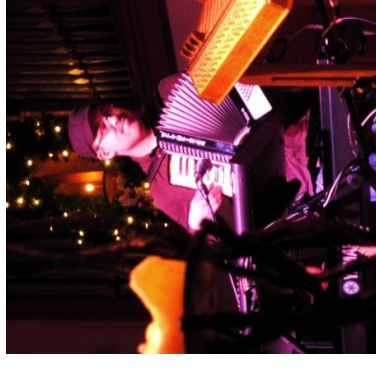
June Meeting: Tuesday, June 2

Added Grace will meet at Primrose on Tuesday June 2 at 11:30 AM and our hosts will be John and Mary Lou Snead. We will have lunch there and tour the facilities. This is a very new facility and Ruth Golightly now calls this home. Please make your reservations with Joy Loop on Sunday, May 24 or 31 or by telephone at 457-2703.

July Meeting: Tuesday, June 2

There will not be a regular meeting in July. The trip to Conner Prairie will be our meeting.

BEN SHIVE LEADS WORSHIP JUNE 14



Singer, songwriter, and producer Ben Shive will lead us in worship Sunday, June 14, during the 9:25 am worship service. Ben's debut CD, *The Ill-Tempered Klavier*, was rated as one of the top 10 CDs of 2008 and given a 5-

star review by *Christianity Today*. Ben played piano and other instruments with Andrew Peterson for *Behold the Lamb of God* this past December. Ben has also helped produce recordings for Chris Tomlin, Steve Curtis Chapman, and Amy Grant. Join us as we praise God through the powerful music of Ben Shive.



CHURCHES BRIDGING SCHOOLS

Grace Church is supporting school children through Master Teacher Tutoring on Tuesday evenings. Now Bridges Outreach has come to Grace asking for our help with elementary students during the school day. Do you have 30 minutes a week to give to a child who needs some mentoring? The purpose of Church Bridging Schools is to provide elementary schools with adult volunteers who mentor and tutor children who have academic needs. Michelle Chad-dock works with Travis Tafinger and Casey Cline to help coordinate church volunteers who are interested in going in to the Kokomo School and tutoring children. Travis has told me that many of the schools have hundreds of students on waiting lists.

Michelle will be at Grace Church on June 21 to speak with interested members about getting involved with Churches Bridging Schools. She will have a PowerPoint presentation to make in Fellowship Hall that day and talk to anyone interested. You will need training and a background check if you are considering working with children in the Kokomo Schools. The training is scheduled for August 4 at three different times- 7:30-8:30 AM, 12-1 PM and 5:30-6:30 PM.

Please consider making an valuable impact on a child's life in Kokomo. So many children are in need of someone who cares about them and their education. You may be asked to read with a child, help them with their math, talk to them about a problem they are having, etc... You can make such a difference in a child's life.

One of my friends, Steve Collins, is a mentor to a student at Elwood Haynes. He has shared with me that it is literally the highlight of his week. He says it is 30 minutes well spent and that he can see the remarkable progress his student has made over this past year's time. Educators will tell you that working one-on-one with a student is ideal, and teachers get frustrated in the classroom because they cannot provide every thing that every student needs. The earlier in life that we can reach these children the better!

Do you have 30 minutes a week to give a child? Come on June 21 and learn how you might be a bright spot for some student in need. If you cannot met with Michelle on June 21, then Susan Garner will have some literature and more information for you.

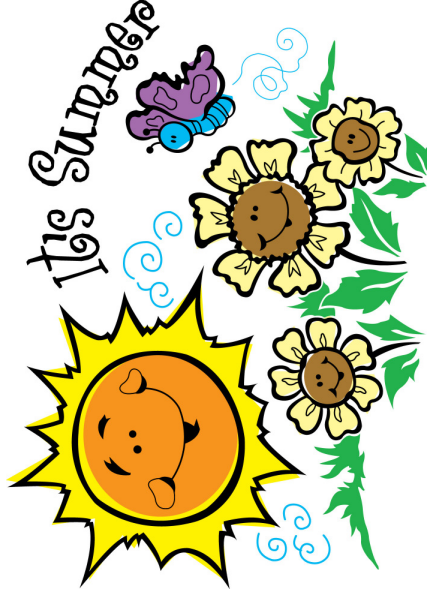
Thanks,
Susan Garner
and Grace's Mission Ministry Team

LENDING A "HELPING HAND" TO THOSE IN NEED

We hope you have noticed the little colorful hands in the sanctuary pews and have already shared your gift of love by writing it down on the little hands. The Mission Ministry Team is encouraging Grace Church members to show the love of Christ with your "Helping Hands"-not just once, but weekly! Maybe you have a friend who needs your help, or you have served at Samaritan Caregivers. Are you showing Christ's love to a neighbor or a family member? Are you serving at Kokomo Urban Outreach, or CAM? Are you showing others the love of Christ through your actions? No matter how large or small your gift may feel to you--if Christ has laid that need on your heart, then please share it. By putting your "Helping Hands" into the offering plate every Sunday, you will be encouraging others to continue God's work by putting His love into action.

We are displaying the little hands downstairs on a bulletin board so everyone can see how others are helping sharing love with someone else. You can be that one encouraging bright spot for someone this week! All you need to do is go out and offer a "helping hand" to someone, then record the place where you served on the little hands. What a privilege to be Christ's hands and feet to someone in Grace's Family or some place in our community! What you think may be simple thing can be such a huge thing for someone else!

We would love to read how you have loved someone this week!!
Grace's Mission Ministry Team



RELAX & JOIN US FOR SOME SUMMER FUN!

Sat., June 20

Relay for Life: Pancake & Sausage breakfast, free will donation.

All proceeds to Relay for Life.

6:00 am - 9:30 am

Sat., June 27

Haynes Festival Breakfast:

Pancakes & Sausage, free will offering.

All profits to CAM, Kokomo Urban Outreach and the Rescue Mission

8:00 am - 11:30 am

Sat., August 1

Gracie's Garage Sale:

All proceeds to charity.

8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Thurs., August 13

Disciple I: Step back in time,

walk in the shoes of the characters you read about. See how the Testaments complement...

learn through questions & discussion...

Life Changing, 34 weeks.

7:00 pm - 9:30 pm

Sun., August 16

Back To School Church & Neighborhood

Ice Cream Festival... Hot dogs, chips, lemonade, water

12:00 noon - 3:00 pm

Sat., August 29

Grace's Fish Fry:

All profits go to charity

4:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Mark your calendars now... see you there!

GRACE UMC MUSIC

SUNDAY SCHOOL KIDS

A special thank you goes out to the Sunday School kids and their parents for providing special pre-service music on Pentecost Sunday. Their help in the celebration of the church during the processional is also greatly appreciated.



SUMMER MUSIC

As summer approaches we are still looking for individuals or small groups to provide music for our Worship Service. If you or someone you know would like to provide special music, please contact Randy Manning at 868-0705. Or by e-mail at randymanning@kokomograce.org.

GUMBY AND CHAMBER ENSEMBLE CONTINUE REHEARSALS DURING SUMMER MONTHS

If you play a musical instrument, you are invited to join **GUMBY** (5th- 8th grade) or **Chamber Ensemble** (adult and high school). **Grace United Methodist Band-Youth** rehearses on Sunday afternoons from 5:15-6:00. **Chamber Ensemble** rehearses on Sunday nights from 8:00-9:00 usually the week before the group plays for a worship service. Both groups play a variety of music and can accommodate a variety of instruments. For more information and to sign up, please contact Jacque Hunt, Director.

E-mail: jacquekok@comcast.net

Phone: 459-5241

June Preaching Schedule



June 7	Pastor Steve Beutler
June 14	Pastor Chris Roberts
June 21	Pastor Steve Beutler
June 28	T.J. Knowland