

WELCOME to worship at Grace United Methodist Church. We are happy that you are worshiping with us today and invite you to become a part of our fellowship. This is a holy place for worship, prayer, and celebration of what Jesus Christ is doing in our lives.

CHILDREN are always welcome in our worship services. Ask an usher for a special children's activity worksheet. First-time guests under age 12 are invited to inquire at the Welcome Center for a special gift. As a courtesy to parents, childcare (nursery thru 4 years) is available across from the sanctuary in Rooms 201 & 203.

WORSHIPERS WHO ARE HEARING-IMPAIRED, are encouraged to ask an usher for an individual sound receiver to assist in hearing the worship service.

WORSHIPERS WHO ARE VISUALLY IMPAIRED, are welcome to ask an usher for a large print worship bulletin.

COFFEE AND DONUTS is a social time offered following our 9:25 worship service. We invite everyone to go to our Fellowship Hall on the lower level for refreshments and conversation. Your contributions to the coffee fund are appreciated.

PLEASE PASS THE RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP PADS— Guests and members are requested to fill out the attendance pads found in the pews. Please take time to read the names as the pads are passed back so you may become familiar with the names of those around you.

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...

- ...worshiping, 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.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today	8:15 a.m.	Worship and Communion
	9:25 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Coffee & Christmas Cookies
	10:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Stock Holders/Mississippi Mission Dinner
Mon., Dec 11	6:00 p.m.	UMM Officers Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Staff/Parish Relations Committee
Tues., Dec 12	8:00 a.m.	Grace Prayer Group
	9:30 a.m.	Exercise
	10:00 a.m.	Newcomers
	4:30 p.m.	Master Teacher Tutoring (Parr UMC)
	7:00 p.m.	Lay Leadership Development Committee
Wed., Dec 13	8:00 a.m.	Morning Musicales
	9:00 a.m.	Caring & Calling
	12:00 p.m.	Huddle
	1:30 p.m.	Staff Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	TOPS, Gospelaire, Girl Scout Troop 4408
Thurs., Dec 14	7:00 p.m.	Altar Choir, Trustees
	9:00 a.m.	Exercise
	6:30 p.m.	Altar Choir Rehearsal (South Bend)
Sat., Dec 16	7:00 p.m.	Disciple I, Property Committee
	7:00 a.m.	Classical Cultural Event " <i>Magnificat</i> "

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

If you are in need of a pastor outside office hours the week of December 10-16, please call Pastor Steve Beutler at 765-455-0515 or 765-432-1088.

LAST OPPORTUNITY FOR PATTI HOST - Do you remember when Grace Church had 2 bell towers? One was sacrificed for the building of the educational wing in the late 50's. Earlier this year, with the help of Joy Loop, Patti Host gathered photos of the church prior to its renovation and created drawings from which the miniature was modeled. Joy will take orders for the last time today in Fellowship Hall!

ATTENTION!: - If you have forgotten to bring your ESTIMATE OF GIVING "coin", please see the ushers. You may also get a copy from the office Monday thru Friday or you can download it from our website at www.kokomograce.org. Thank you for your faithfulness and generous response to

our most generous Lord and Savior!

SPECIAL ADVENT SERVICE on December 21 at 7:00 pm: Grace UMC will offer "**The Longest Night Service**", which is a worship experience geared for those who have lost loved ones/family members and find themselves alone during the Holidays. This service will assist you in finding comfort and peace in your aloneness and loss.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES: We will be offering two services on Christmas Eve this year. Our traditional Christmas Eve Service will begin with pre-festival music at 5:00 pm, and then at 11:00 pm our Midnight Candlelight Service will bring in Christmas with Communion.

THANK YOU TO OUR ADVENT DECORATORS!The church looks beautiful! Steve Beutler, Lee Flasche, Grace Kingseed, Kurt Kingseed, Angela, Alexis, and Abram Stamper, Joni Sanders, and Sally Tate. Please let our decorators know that you appreciate their hard work! Holiday Blessings from Lisa Kingseed and the Altar Guild.

NEED INDIVIDUALS who would like to help with the snow blowing Sunday mornings. Please Contact Jeff Egloff or the Church office.

A HOLIDAY CONCERT you won't want to miss! **The Magnificat** featuring Magnificat settings by Bach, Vivaldi and Mozart. Saturday December 16th at 7:00 pm. Your very own Altar Choir will be performing in conjunction with the Vesper Chamber Orchestra. Our guests will be Wishart Bell, the guest conductor, and the Vesper Chorale from South Bend Indiana.

HURRY! HURRY! HURRY! LAST CHANCE! Today is your last chance to order poinsettias for the church altar. The cost this year is \$15.00. You may place your order by filling out the envelope in the church bulletin and placing it in the offering place. Order your poinsettias TODAY!

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR 2007 - You may sign up for altar flowers for 2007 today in Fellowship Hall. Please see Angela Stamper. The cost is \$30.00.

FAMILY DEVOTIONAL BOOKS for members of our church have arrived for 2007. They are the narthex you to take after the service. It is hope of the Family Ministries Team you will use book 2007. They are free to take one per family. If you like to donate, may leave donation in the plate beside the books or in the offering.

YOUTH SHAREHOLDERS and CHURCH MEMBERS: Come one, come all to a mission dinner on December 10th at 5:00 pm for all church members to celebrate and hear about Grace Church in Mission. Following the meal and program, there will be caroling.

GRACE UM MEN INVITE ALL to attend their December meeting, which will feature Grace member and Kokomo Common Council At-Large Member, Greg Goodnight. Greg is employed at Haynes International, and will tell about his work with our city government and will take questions. Women are always welcome to attend UM Men meetings. Advance reservations are needed only for the meal. Reservations for the 6:00 p.m. catered meal may be given to Val Harris @ 453-6952.

*There is a box by the Mission tree to collect CAM presents. bring back the gift with the tag on top by **Sunday, December 17.**

*The Mission tree is shining brighter this week because gold balls are beginning to cover the tree.

Please consider donating \$20 to a local organization, putting the ball on the tree and

then dropping the envelop into the collection plate. Your generosity around the holidays is much appreciated!