

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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
	4:00 p.m.	"Magnificat" Performance - South Bend
	6:00 p.m.	Sr. High UMYF
Mon., Dec 18	6:00 p.m.	UMM Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Family Ministries, Missions Ministries
Tues., Dec 19	8:00 a.m.	Grace Prayer Group
	9:30 a.m.	Exercise
	7:00 p.m.	Rebecca Circle - Linn Home
	1:30 p.m.	Staff Meeting
Wed., Dec 20	3:00 p.m.	CAM Christmas Party
	6:00 p.m.	TOPS
	7:00 p.m.	Altar Choir
	9:00 a.m.	Exercise
Thurs., Dec 21	6:00 p.m.	Youth Choir
	7:00 p.m.	The Longest Night Service, Disciple I, Vesper Handbell

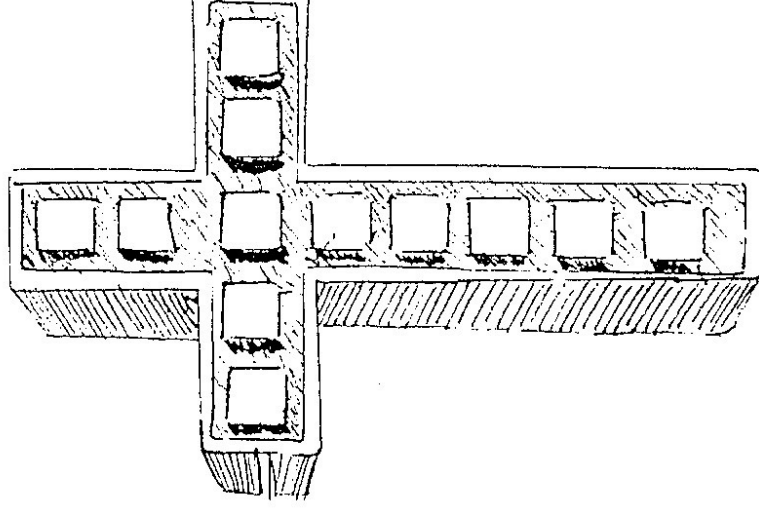
*If you are in need of a pastor outside office hours the week of December 17-23, please call Pastor Steve Beutler at 765-455-0515 or 765-432-1088.*



# United Methodist Church

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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.

**WELCOME** to worship at Grace United Methodist Church. We are happy that you are worshipping 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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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.

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

**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](http://www.kokomograce.org). Thank you for your faithfulness and generous response to our most generous Lord and Savior!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** - Due to the holiday schedule, there will be no Sunday School on Sun., December 24th or Sun., December 31st.

**ALTAR FLOWERS FOR 2007** - You may sign up for altar flowers for 2007 today in Fellowship Hall. Please see Angela Stamper. The cost is **\$35.00**.

**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. Please 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!

**ALPHA BEGINS** Wednesday, January 10, 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Each week a FREE meal, a video, and an opportunity for discussion in small groups...a way to grow and learn more from our questions, Jesus, the Bible, others...an evening out with enjoyable fellowship...and childcare. It's a way to draw closer to the Lord, meet friends, and share His love by brining family or friends to a program developed to meet people where they are. **SIGN-UP NOW - BEFORE MONDAY, JANUARY 8**, in Fellowship Hall or by call the Church Office at 457-5329. Questions! Call the Brownfields at 455-1764.

**A LIFE WORTH LIVING**, a Bible study of Philippians, will begin Wednesday, January 10, at 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. All past Alpha participants and anyone else is welcome to this weekly meal, video, and discussion. Bring a friend and SIGN UP NOW - BEFORE MONDAY, JANUARY 8-in Fellowship Hall or by calling the Church Office at 457-5329.