

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
	3:00 p.m.	Brass/Handbells/Altar Choir Rehearsal
	5:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Service
Mon., Dec 25	11:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Communion Service
Wed., Dec 27	9:00 a.m.	Office Closed
	1:30 p.m.	Caring & Calling
	6:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting
	9:30 a.m.	TOPS
	6:00 p.m.	Exercise
Thurs., Dec 28	7:00 p.m.	Youth Choir
		Disciple 1, Vesper Handbell

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL - Due to the holiday schedule, there will be no Sunday School today 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**.

A LIFE WORTH LIVING, a Bible study of Philipians, will begin Wednesday, January 10, at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Anyone, including past Alpha participants, are 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.

A WAY TO DRAW CLOSER TO THE LORD, way to draw closer to the Lord, meet friends, and share His love—Alpha begins Wednesday, January 10, 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Each week—a FREE meal, a video, and an opportunity for discussion in small groups—a way for you or others to grow and learn more through the videos, your questions, fellowship, and the Bible. Childcare is available. Bring family or friends to a program that meets people where they are. Share God's love and experience the joy! **SIGN UP NOW—BEFORE MONDAY, JANUARY 8**, in Fellowship Hall, or by calling the Church Office at 457-5329. Questions? Call the Brownfields at 455-1764.

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!

A NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will begin January 9th at 9:00 a.m. entitled: **"Life Principles from the Women of the Bible"**. Do you take the path of bitterness or the path of brokenness when faced with distress? Have you learned that you cannot alter the past, but you can put your past on the altar? If you want to be serious in Bible Study, then this study is for you. We will meet for 12 weeks and discuss: Eve, Sarah, Miriam, Rahab, Deborah, Ruth, Hannah, Esther, Mary, Martha, Mary, Mother of Jesus and The Bride of Christ! See you on the 9th at 9:00 a.m.!

Prayer request cards are located in the pew pockets in the sanctuary and at the information station in the Narthex. Please fill one out and drop it in the offering plate. Prayer requests may also be directed through the church office to our Prayer Chain ministry throughout the week.

Should you have prayer requests needing pastoral care, call the church office at 765.457.5329. Please note that due to the HIPPA laws, the pastoral care office is not sent information from or allowed access to information from hospitals. Therefore, it is necessary to directly inform the pastoral offices with information so that we can care for you.

If you are in need of a pastor outside office hours the week of December 24-30, please call Pastor Steve Beutler at 765-455-0515 or 765-432-1088.

The 'Chapel of the Cross' is open daily for quiet prayer.

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.

Grace United Methodist Church

Ministers

The Congregation of Grace United Methodist Church

Pastors

Stephen A. Beutler Larry Newberg, Visitation Pastor

Our Missionaries

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

Specialized Ministries

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
Chuck Hefley, Church Administrator

Lighting the Advent Candles today are Dan & Lana Afseth, Broc, Tiffany, Briana, and Grant.

Our Ask Me Greeters are Jack & Teresa Amos.

Our Greeters today are Jim & Betty Edwards-Pencek.

Children's Worship is led by Angela & Abram Stamper.

Our nursery volunteer is Lois Hunkler.

Prayer Requests

December 24, 2006

Praises to God and answered prayers:

- Appointment of new Associate Pastor and his family, Pastor Chris Roberts. (If you wish to write a note of welcome, you may write to 2694 W. County Rd. 150 N, Logansport IN 46947)
- Celebration of a wonderful Christmas "Magnificat" concert by the Altar Choir, Vesper Choir and all who assisted.
- Ad Council unanimously approved moving forward on the remodeling project of the lower level beginning this spring.
- Celebrate that Evelyn Danley has returned to worship with us after a lengthy illness.

Health and Healing:

- Linda Becker; friend of Linda Henry; healing from cancer.
- Elsworth Biesecker, Thelma Hufford's brother; healing and strength from open heart surgery.
- Kris Bourff; renewed healing and prayer while dealing with cancer.
- Suzie Bromley, sister of Jackie Plank; healing and comfort.
- Harriet Cassingham, mother of Cindy Lovegrove; continued healing and strength from surgery.
- Connie Chapel; rehabilitation at Waterford Place.
- Serena Coon; healing and strength from cancer.
- Jim Cunningham; peace and comfort as he is being cared for at his home by family, church, and Hospice.
- Evelyn Day, 10 years old; in need of liver transplant.
- Mary Engleman, Cheryl Curren's mother; health issues.
- Rex & Mary Ellen Gibreath; healing and strength during dialysis.
- June Hill; healing and strength as she recovers from surgery this week.
- Sue Harrison; healing and strength during radiation treatments.
- Jennifer Hitts, David & Donna Brownfield's niece; healing of infection in the knee and a blood clot in the calf following surgery.
- Darlene Hostetter, Matthew Brown's Mother-in-law; healing for cancer.
- Bev Howell; health and healing following numerous hospital visits.
- Sandy Markus; healing and comfort.
- Rev. Walt Mayer; comfort and healing as he recovers back in Kokomo.
- Casey Franklin Matczak, friend of Linda Henry's; healing and strength from cancer.
- Judy Peters; peace and comfort as she deals with final stages of cancer.
- Julio Pinto; healing and strength.
- Pastor Jeff Russell; stage 4 cancer.
- Dick Scoggins; peace and comfort as he deals with cancer.
- Robert Simons; health and healing.
- Lee Smith; healing and strength.
- Karen Spikes, Gloria Everett's daughter; healing from up coming hip replacement (January 3rd).
- Ann Sturgeon; healing and strength during cancer treatment.
- Stephen Vas, 15 year old friend of Landon Egloff; health and healing from bone cancer.
- Gail & Beatrice Weedman, healing and comfort.
- Belinda Wells; health & healing.
- Nita Wright; pray for God's healing.
- Wade Zimmerman; health and healing.

Other:

- North/South Conference Merger Task Force.
- The hostilities in the entire Middle East region.
- Unspoken prayer requests from our congregation for family, health and personal needs.

Sympathy:

- The Family of Carolyn Rammell.
- Bill and Judy Brown in the passing of his mother.
- Chuck Showalter in the passing of his father.

Military Updates:

- Iraq: Brian Loop, Grandson of Joy Loop
- Germany: Nicholas Klein