

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Today	8:15 a.m.	Worship and Communion
	9:25 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Coffee & Holiday Cookies
	10:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Advanced Youth Handbells
Mon., Dec 24	5:00 p.m.	Pre-Service Christmas Music
	5:30 p.m.	Christmas Eve Service
	11:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Communion Service
Tues., Dec 25		Office Closed
Wed., Dec 26		Office Closed
Thurs., Dec 27	9:30 a.m.	Exercise

*If you are in need of a pastor outside office hours the week of Dec 23 - Dec 29, please call Pastor Steve Beutler at 765-455-0515 or 765-432-1088.*

**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.

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**, for children preschool through Grade 2, is a time for worshipping the Lord in a more relaxed and interactive manner. We ask that parents please come and pick up your child(ren) from the Multi-Purpose Room at the conclusion of the service. There is no Children's Church the first Sunday of each month.

**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 HOLIDAY COOKIES** is a social time offered following our 9:25 worship service. We invite everyone to go to the Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation.

**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

**SNOW BIRDS, BEFORE YOU FLY OFF...**Please make sure the church office has your winter address, phone and dates you plan to be gone. You may call the office at (765) 457-5329; mail the info to 212 W. Walnut, Kokomo, IN 46901; or e-mail us at: kokomograce@kokomograce.org

**THERE IS STILL TIME** - If you have forgotten to bring your "Bountiful Blessings" Commitment Card, 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!

**FOR YOUR SAFETY!** Last year during an early service at St. Luke's UMC cars were broken into. Please remember during the holiday season, especially during our special Christmas Services, not to leave purses, holiday packages or any other valuables in your vehicles.

**2007 CONTRIBUTIONS** - For contributions to be counted as a gift in 2007, it must either be in the church office by December 31st or it must be mailed to the church with a **postmark of December 31st** or before. There is no "grace period" on this with the IRS!

**ALTAR FLOWERS FOR 2007** - You may sign up for altar flowers for 2008 today in Fellowship Hall. Please see Angela Stampler or you may call her at 457-6716. The cost is \$35.00.

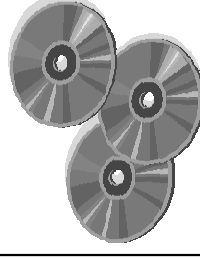
**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES:** We will be offering two services on Christmas Eve this year. Our traditional Christmas Eve Service will begin with pre-festival music at 5:00 pm, and then at 11:00 pm our Candlelight Service will bring in Christmas with Communion.

**LAST OPPORTUNITY FOR THE MISSION TREE** - The Mission Tree is sitting next to the Mulberry Street door. Grace's Mission Ministry Team would like to challenge the congregation to fill the tree with a lot of Christmas cheer. Last year, Grace Church graciously gave almost \$1300 to local missions and our missionaries. What a wonderful way to celebrate the giving spirit of Christmas! As you purchase a gold ball for \$20, you can hang it on our Mission's Christmas tree. Special envelopes are available by the tree to donate money as a gift to Mission organizations. You can put the envelopes in the offering plate or make sure Cindy, church secretary gets it in the office. Let's fill the Mission Tree and turn an empty tree into a beautifully decorated golden tree shining with Grace's love and compassion for others!

**DO YOU LIKE BEING LOCKED IN?** TJ Is looking for volunteers to help out with the Jr./Sr. High Lock-in on New Years Eve. It will start at 7pm on December 31st and end at 8am on January 1st. If you are interested in any shifts please contact TJ. If you can not catch him after church you can reach him at the church office or at (765)210-5517. Thanks!

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** - A Men's Bible Study will begin Thurs., January 17, at 7:00 pm at the home of Stan Reber. We will be studying the book "3:16" by Max Lucado. If you are interested in joining us, please contact the Church Office at (765) 457-5329.

**CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS AND CHILDREN ARE A NATURAL FIT.** Unfortunately, many children here at home in Indiana and around the world can't celebrate the specialness of this holiday. But we can make a difference in their lives through our gifts. Therefore, as has been the tradition, there again will be a special Bishop's Christmas Offering. Today, you may give to the Bishop's Christmas Offering by making a check out to Grace UMC and placing it in the envelope provided. Thank you for making a difference.



CD's or tapes are available for today's Sunday Worship Service. Contact the church office for more information (457-5329).