

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Today	8:15 a.m.	Worship and Communion
	9:25 a.m.	Worship - Christmas Cantata "Emmanuel Has Come"
	10:30 a.m.	Coffee & Donuts, UMW Mini-Bazaar
	10:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	1:00 p.m.	Kokomo Children's Choir
	2:00 p.m.	District Youth Council
	4:15 p.m.	GUMBY Rehearsal
	5:00 p.m.	Basic/Advanced Youth Handbells
	6:00 p.m.	Jr./Sr. High UMYF
Mon., Dec 3	7:00 p.m.	Administrative Council
Tues., Dec 4	8:00 a.m.	Grace Prayer Group
	9:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	9:30 a.m.	Exercise
	4:45 p.m.	Master Teacher Tutoring
	6:00 p.m.	UMW Salad Carry-In Dinner
	7:00 p.m.	Communication Committee
	7:30 p.m.	Kokomo Symphony Rehearsal
Wed., Dec 5	12:00 p.m.	Huddle
	1:30 p.m.	Staff Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	TOPS, Vesper Handbell Choir, Gospelaire
	7:00 p.m.	Altar Choir
Thurs., Dec 6	9:00 a.m.	Morning Musicale Practice
	9:30 a.m.	Exercise
	4:15 p.m.	GUMBY Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Disciple 5, Disciple 1, Web Team
Sat., Dec 8	10:00 a.m.	Kokomo Symphony - Full Rehearsal
	2:00 p.m.	Choir - Cantata Rehearsal

Our Greeters today are Larry & Phyllis Grant and Roberta Nicholson.

The Acolyte is Deanna Hedges.

The White Rose is given to the glory of God in memory and honor of June Hill.

If you are in need of a pastor outside office hours the week of Dec 2 - Dec 8, 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 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.

The Family of June Ellen Hill thanks the Grace United Methodist Women and the men who helped prepare and serve the warm and delicious meal after June's graveside service Tuesday. Memories of our wife's and mother's years of church service are enriched by the kind and loving presence of like-minded Christian friends.

Pastor Steve Beutler, Jayna Beutler and Visitation Pastor Larry Newberg visited and prayed for June Ellen Hill and helped her while she prepared to leave for heaven. For this kindness her family - Robert E. Hill, children and grandchildren - are eternally grateful.

A heartfelt thank-you goes to all of the women in the Grace United Methodist Women's Circles and to all other church members for the visits, cards, and gifts for June Ellen Hill this last year before she passed on Thanksgiving.

Thanks go to Barbara Lenon, piano and organ, Hope Oakes, bagpipes, Cyndy Russell, vocalist, who music gave hope and dignity to the memorial and graveside services for June Ellen Hill.

Sincerely,
Robert E. Hill, children and grandchildren.

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

GRACE'S UM MEN'S - Tribune Columnist, Ed Vasicek, is to speak at UM Men Mon, December 17. Rev. Ed Vasicek has pastored the Highland Park Church on West Sycamore since 1983. Since 1999, Ed has authored a weekly editorial, which appears on the "Opinion Page" of the *Kokomo Tribune* and is mostly secular in nature. Women are always welcome to attend Grace's UM Men's meetings. Reservations are needed only for the meal. Reservations for the 6:00 p.m. catered meal may be given to Val Harris at 453-6952.

HURRY! HURRY! POINSETTIAS! It's time again 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 plate. You may order a poinsettia or make a memorial contribution in memory or honor of someone. Order your poinsettias TODAY!

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. Thank you for your faithfulness and generous response to our most generous Lord and Savior!

NESTING DOVES - The Fund-Raising Open House for Nesting Doves is today, Sunday, Dec. 2, from 1-4. Please join us to meet the Board of Directors and share wassail and cookies with us. If you have not made your end-of-year donation, you may make it at the open house. See you there.

THE MISSION TREE - The Mission Tree is sitting empty on the Mulberry Street landing. Grace's Mission Ministry Team would like to challenge the congregation to fill the empty 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 our 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!

GRACE UMC BASKETBALL TEAM - If you might be interested in joining a church b-ball team please contact Pastor Chris. This is a co-ed team for high school age to adults and the 7 Saturday games start in January. It will be a ball!

NEED A NIGHT OUT? If you want to go get some Christmas shopping done, a night out, or just to relax the youth will be offering childcare for any adult that would like to bring their children to the church on **December 15th from 1-4 pm and 6-9 pm**. This is a free will donation event.

WHAT ARE THEY TALKING ABOUT? The youth's culture is rapidly changing! December 16th from 6:30-8pm TJ will be having "**Youth Culture Sessions**" to help inform people on culture topics that are huge in today's world for the youth. The topic for December will be "The World of Facebook." These sessions will continue in the New Year and will be on every **4th Sunday** from 6:30-8pm. This is a time where you can also bring people from outside the Grace community. See you there!