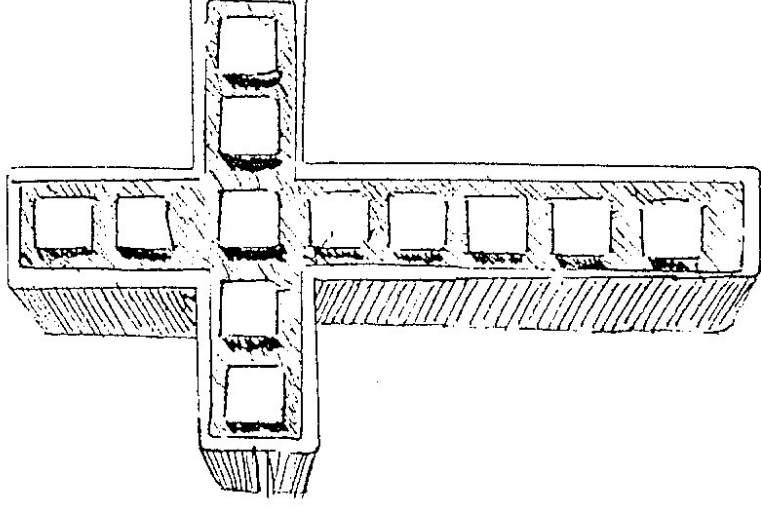


CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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
	5:00 p.m.	Basic/Advanced Youth Handbells
	6:00 p.m.	Jr./Sr. High UMYF
Mon., Jan 7	7:00 a.m.	Mayoral Prayer Breakfast
Tues., Jan 8	9:30 a.m.	Exercise
	11:30 a.m.	Added Grace
	4:45 p.m.	Master Teacher Tutoring
	6:00 p.m.	General James Cox Chapter, DAR
	7:00 p.m.	Evangelism Ministry Team
		Christian Education Team
Wed., Jan 9	9:00 a.m.	Caring & Calling
	1:30 p.m.	Staff Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	TOPS
		Vesper Handbell Choir
	7:00 p.m.	Altar Choir
		Trustees
Thurs., Jan 10	9:30 a.m.	Exercise
	7:00 p.m.	Disciple 5
Fri., Jan 11	12:00 p.m.	Fourth Day Luncheon
Sat., Jan 12	9:00 a.m.	Leadership Planning/Goal Retreat



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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.

*If you are in need of a pastor outside office hours the week of Jan 6-Jan 12
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 DONUTS 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

SHOPPING FOR MISSIONS : A container for collection of the following items will be in the Mulberry St. entrance Your support of these local ministries is greatly appreciated.

- 1. Open Arms** - Currently needing feminine products and condiments (such as ketchup, mustard, and mayo.)
- 2. Kokomo Urban Outreach (Jeff Newton)** - Currently needing jars of Peanut Butter.
- 3. Nesting Doves** - Currently needing newborn diapers and grocery cards.
- 4. CAM** - Currently needing toothpaste, TP, shampoo and deodorant.

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!

JANUARY AND FEBRUARY ALTAR FLOWERS NEEDED - You may sign up for altar flowers for 2008 today in Fellowship Hall. Please see Angela Stamper or you may call her at 457-6716. The cost is \$35.00.

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!

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.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - There will be a new Bible study for women entitled "Having a **Mary Heart** in a **Martha World**". Because of the great interest in the Bible study, this particular study will be offered at two different times: Tuesday mornings from 9:00-10:30 for those women interested in a **morning Bible Study**; it will also meet on Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:30 for women who prefer an **evening** time. This Bible study will last 12 weeks beginning the week of January 15th. This fresh approach to the familiar Bible Story, the author, Joanna Weaver, shows how all of us – Marys and Marthas alike - can draw closer to our Lord; deepening our devotion, strengthening our service and doing both with less stress and more joy! If you would like to join one of these studies, please call the church office 459-5329 or Jayna Beutler 455-0515 to reserve a place and a book for you!

ADDED GRACE on Tuesday January 8 in Fellowship Hall. Hazel will prepare lunch with a price of \$5 for us. The program will be a discussion of the programs and trips planned for 2008. Please come and let us know your wishes for the next year of activities. Reservations can be made with Peggy Hobbs before or after services today or by telephone at 452-4394.

SPUD LUNCH: January 13th, the Youth will be having a "Spud Lunch" to help raise money for the Ski Trip. This is a **free will** donation event and will follow Sunday School on the 13th. See you there!!

HITTING THE SLOPES!!! The Sr. High will be going on a Ski Trip January 18th-20th. We will be leaving the church Friday the 18th from the Church and heading to LaserX Laser Tag Arena before heading to the cottage. We will arrive back at the church Sunday the 20th at 12 Noon. The cost is \$45 for Grace UMYF and \$55 for friends. This includes: transportation, food for entire weekend, ski lift ticket, ski rental, and 2 games of Laser Tag at LaserX in Fort Wayne. **All money must be turned in by today.** Any questions, please call T.J.

MON., JANUARY 28, UNITED METHODIST MEN. Tim Garner and the September Henderson Settlement Work Camp Team will show pictures and describe their construction activities. 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 @ 453-6952.

LEADERSHIP RETREAT - A Leadership Retreat, to set our goals for the next 5 years is scheduled for Sat., January 12 at Grace United Methodist Church. National Church Consultant, Dr. Doug Anderson, who was with us 5 years ago, will return to lead us. The Leaders of our Church - Members of the Administrative Council and those members who wish to participate - are invited to join us for this important event. Please call the Church office and make your reservation.

"YOU ASKED FOR IT" SERMON SERIES - After the Lenton season, your Pastors have agreed to offer a series of sermons we are calling "You Asked For It". If you have a passage of scripture, or a particular topic you wish your Pastors to address from the pulpit, please make your wishes known by placing your request in the box located at the Welcome Center. Your Pastors will select those topics which generate the most interest and requests.