

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Today	8:15 a.m.	Worship and Communion
	9:25 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Coffee & Donuts
	10:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	4:15 p.m.	GUMBY Youth Ensemble Rehearsal
	5:00 p.m.	Basic/Advanced Youth Handbells
	6:00 p.m.	Jr./Sr. High UMYF
	6:30 p.m.	Grace Night Out
	7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee, Cultural Events Committee
Mon., March 10	8:00 a.m.	Grace Prayer Group
Tues., March 11	9:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	9:30 a.m.	Exercise
	10:00 a.m.	Newcomers
	10:30 a.m.	UMW - A Call to Prayer and Self-denial
	1:30 p.m.	Staff Meeting
	4:45 p.m.	Master Teacher Tutoring
	7:00 p.m.	Evangelism Ministry Team
	9:00 a.m.	Caring & Calling
Wed., March 12	12:00 p.m.	Huddle
	6:00 p.m.	TOPS, Vesper Handbell Choir
	7:00 p.m.	Altar Choir, Trustees
	9:30 a.m.	Exercise
Thurs., March 13	7:00 p.m.	Disciple 5, Men's Bible Study, Women's Bible Study
	12:00 p.m.	Fourth Day Luncheon
	4:00 p.m.	Leave for Sr. High Youth Rally
	8:00 a.m.	UMM Lenten Breakfast - Grace UMC (457-5329)
Sat., March 15	10:00 a.m.	UMW - Preparing rolls, Altar Choir Practice
	2:00 p.m.	Kokomo Morning Musical Competition

If you are in need of a pastor outside office hours the week of March 9- March 15, please call Pastor Chris Roberts at 765-457-2841 or 765-480-8393.

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Fifth Sunday in



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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.

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

"SHOP FOR JOY FOR MISSIONS!" Wow, Grace Church is really "Shopping For Joy" for Local mission organizations! Here is an update on the Yellow Bag Collection for the last two Sundays. Items given in-kind values are: KURO-\$40, CAM-\$120, Open Arms-\$45 and Nesting Doves -\$75. If you need a new Yellow Bag, pick one up in the Parlor or Mulberry St. entrance area.

LENTEN BREAKFAST SERIES - "WALKING IN SERVICE FOR CHRIST" will be held Sat., March 15 at Grace United Methodist Church. Guest speaker will be Rev. Bud Probasco. Breakfast will be at 8:00 am and a freewill offering will be taken with the proceeds to be divided equally between Operation Classroom and Kokomo Urban Ministries. Please make reservations by 4:00 pm Thursday, prior to the Saturday breakfast, by calling Grace United Methodist Church at 457-5329.

SWEET ROLLS FOR PALM SUNDAY - Lois Hunkler will be making sweet rolls on Saturday, March 15th. They will be sold on Palm Sunday, March 16th. If you would like to join the roll-making team, please contact Lois. Donations of ingredients such as flour, sugar and butter are also needed. For more information, please call Lois at 865-9163.

ALTAR CHOIR CANTATA - The Altar Choir will sing "EMMANUEL HAS COME" PART II on Palm Sunday March 16, 2008 during the 9:25am service. The program will be narrated by Steve Beutler. Solos will be sung by Dan Stout, Ron Harper, Gloria Everett, Liz Harper and Linda White.

GET TICKETS FOR CAEDMON'S CALL TODAY - Caedmon's Call, popular Christian band, is in concert at Grace United Methodist Church Friday, April 18 at 7 PM. Caedmon's Call presently has one of the top CDs playing and has sold over 14 million records to date. Tickets are \$12 and the first 200 tickets come with a free copy of their latest CD (one per family please). Purchase tickets after worship at the Welcome Center.

GRACE NIGHT OUT - Tonight at 6:30 p.m., we will be offering our **GRACE NIGHT OUT** Bible Study. Pastor Chris and Pastor Steve will alternate leading a Bible Study on the various sections of the Apostles Creed. The study will be "Forgiveness of Sins" and open to all persons and will gather together in Fellowship Hall.

ENTRY ACCESS TO CHURCH - If individuals need to come into the church after the office is closed for meetings or special events, please come to the office for the code to open the interior doors.

LAST OPPORTUNITY FOR EASTER FLOWERS - Please use the envelope found in the bulletin to order Easter Flowers. The price will be \$18.00

NAILS FOR SALE - Recently the rain has fallen and it has greatly impacted many people in Northern IN. You can help by pounding a nail in the cross for \$5 after church today in Fellowship Hall. This special Lenten Offering goes to help the Flood Victims in Northern Indiana.

TOOTHBRUSH AND TOOTHPASTE DRIVE! This Sunday, the youth will begin a drive to collect toothbrushes and tubes of toothpaste for Kokomo Urban Outreach. These will be given to the kids on Easter. They are in need of toothbrushes for youth and children. Our goal is to get over 200 toothbrushes and over 200 tubes of toothpaste. We will collect on Sunday the 9th, 16th, and 23rd. You can place them at the Welcome Center outside the Sanctuary.

THANKS SO MUCH from the Junior and Senior High Youth Groups for your support. We want to share the amounts that we earned for our fund raisers. We raised \$593.50 for the Spud luncheon, \$362.00 for Shrove Tuesday pancake supper and \$240.75 for our Valentine Cookie sale. We are so thankful for such a wonderful congregation. You are the best!!!

KOKOMO RESCUE MISSION'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, Van Taylor, will be the UM Men speaker on Monday, March 24. He will tell us about the mission's work, including the recent, successful Walk a Mile fundraiser for Open Arms Women's Shelter. 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.

ELIZABETH CIRCLE will meet on Tues., March 18th at 1:30 pm. We will meet at the home of Joy Loop.

A NEW FLEX TIME PROGRAM has been established for anyone with a musical background at GRACE UMC. Along with the full time ensemble members, we are inviting anyone with a musical talent to join us in April and May. If you would like to be involved on a limited basis, please consider joining us for six weeks of rehearsals starting in April.

THE OLD SNOW BLOWER is currently available for sale at \$150.00. It has provisions for an electric start. If you have any questions, please contact the office at 457-5329.

THE DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION is putting out the call to local church groups to help them pot flowers to be planted in the downtown area and along Sycamore Street this Spring. The work will be done in a local greenhouse on Friday, March 28th and Saturday, March 29th. We'll be working for 2-3 hours in assembly-line style along with other groups from the city. If you'd like to help with this effort, please contact Jan Wall at 459-9255. Let's help make our downtown area beautiful!