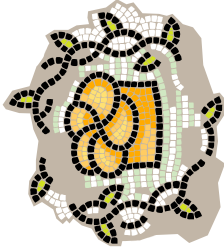


CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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
	2:00 p.m.	Kokomo Morning Musical Competition
	5:00 p.m.	Basic/Advanced Youth Handbells
	6:00 p.m.	Jr./Sr. High UMYF
	6:30 p.m.	Grace Night Out
Mon., March 17	7:00 p.m.	UMM Officers Meeting, Missions Committee, Youth Council
Tues., March 18	8:00 a.m.	Grace Prayer Group
	9:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	9:30 a.m.	Exercise
	1:30 p.m.	Staff Meeting, Elizabeth Circle
	4:45 p.m.	Master Teacher Tutoring
	7:00 p.m.	Rebecca Circle
Wed., March 19	9:00 a.m.	Caring & Calling
	12:00 p.m.	Huddle
	6:00 p.m.	TOPS, Vesper Handbell Choir
Thurs., March 20	7:00 p.m.	Altar Choir
	9:30 a.m.	Exercise
	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Communion Service
Fri., March 21	12:00 p.m.	Good Friday Community Service - Grace UMC
	7:00 p.m.	Good Friday United Methodist Community Service - St. Luke's UMC
Sat., March 22	1:00 p.m.	Altar Choir Practice



CINNAMON ROLLS and PECAN ROLLS will be sold in Fellowship Hall after today's service. A plate of 6 cinnamon rolls is \$6.00 and a plate of 6 pecan rolls is \$7.00. When you purchase these pastry treats you automatically make a donation to local missions. How sweet is that? See you downstairs!

If you are in need of a pastor outside office hours the week of March 16 - March 22 please call Pastor Steve Beutler at 765-455-0515 or 765-432-1088.



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...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.

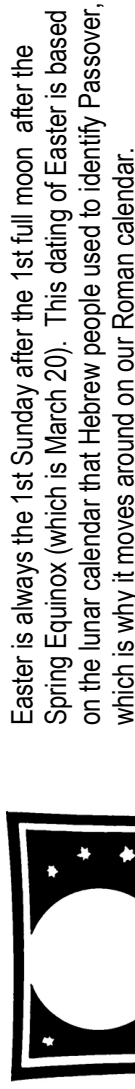
WORSHIPERS WHO ARE HEARING-IMPAIRED, are encouraged to ask an usher for an individual sound receiver to assist in hearing the worship service.

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



Easter is always the 1st Sunday after the 1st full moon after the Spring Equinox (which is March 20). This dating of Easter is based on the lunar calendar that Hebrew people used to identify Passover, which is why it moves around on our Roman calendar.

Here's the interesting info. This year is the earliest Easter any of us will ever see the rest of our lives! And only the most elderly of our population have ever seen it this early (95 years old or above!) And none of us have ever, or will ever, see it a day earlier! Here's the facts:

1. The next time Easter will be this early (March 23) will be the year 2228 (220 years from now). The last time it was this early was 1913 (so if you're 95 or older, you are the only ones that were around for that!).
2. The next time it will be a day earlier, March 22, will be in the year 2285 (277 years from now). The last time it was on March 22 was 1818. So, no one alive today has or will ever see it any earlier than this year!

EASTER

“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: KUO-\$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.

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 "Resurrection of the Body and life everlasting" 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.

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 continue 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 also collect on Sunday the 23rd. You can place them at the Welcome Center outside the Sanctuary.

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 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!

THE ANNUAL GUIDE BOOK DIRECTORY update is beginning. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out how to advertise in the Grace United Methodist Directory, please contact Scott Olson at sao2102@yahoo.com or 317-716-7236. Deadline is March 21.