

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Today	8:00 a.m.	Prayer Group
	8:15 a.m.	Worship and Communion
	9:15 a.m.	Prayer Group
	9:25 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Coffee & Donuts
	10:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	2:00 p.m.	Lay Speaking
	4:15 p.m.	GUMBY Youth Ensemble Rehearsal
	5:00 p.m.	Basic/Advanced Youth Handbells
	6:00 p.m.	Jr./Sr. High UMYF, Graceful Arts Children
Mon., April 28	6:00 p.m.	UMM Meeting
Tues., April 29	8:00 a.m.	Grace Prayer Group
	9:30 a.m.	Exercise
	1:30 p.m.	Staff Meeting
	4:45 p.m.	Master Teacher Tutoring
	7:00 p.m.	UMW Community Cluster
Wed., April 30	9:00 a.m.	Caring & Calling
	12:00 p.m.	Huddle
	6:00 p.m.	TOPS, Vesper Handbell Choir
	7:00 p.m.	Altar Choir
	9:30 a.m.	Exercise
Thurs., May 1	4:00 p.m.	National Day of Prayer
	7:00 p.m.	Disciple 5, Women's Bible Study

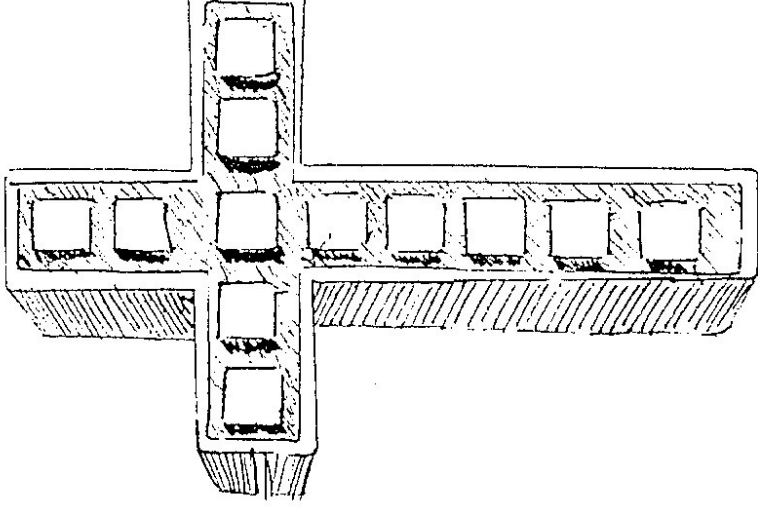
If you are in need of a pastor outside office hours the week of April 26 - May 3 please call Pastor Steve Beutler at 765-455-0515 or 765-432-1088.



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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...

- ...worshiping, 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

KOKOMO UNITED METHODIST CLUSTER VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

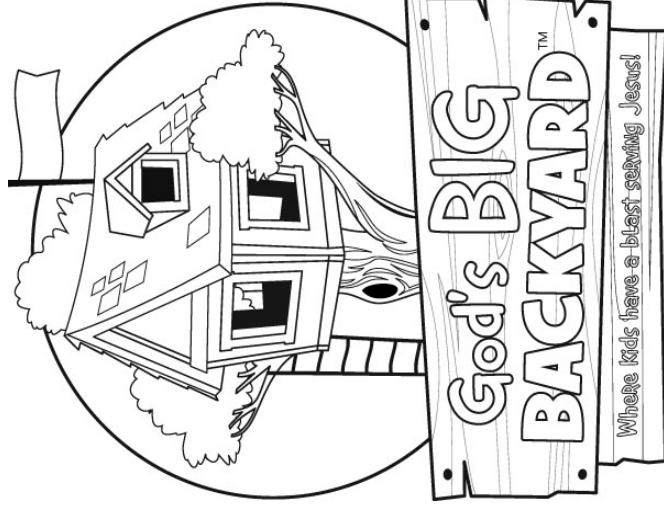
JUNE 22-26, 5:30 TO 8 AT Main Street UMC

The Kokomo United Methodist Cluster (Grace, Alto, Main Street, St. Lukes and Trinity Churches) are working together this summer to welcome your children and others in our community into *God's Big Backyard*.

VBS can't happen without you. There are "volunteer registration forms" at the Welcome Center. We need help in every area: snacks, teachers, leaders, games, set up, decorations, etc.

Children's Registration Forms are also available at the Welcome Center so sign up your kids today.

Return all forms to Amanda Kelly or the Church Office as soon as possible.



YOU ASKED FOR IT...POT LUCK DINNER FELLOWSHIP FEAST: On Sunday, May 4 at 12:00 noon (after Sunday School), the Tuesday Morning Bible Study Group will host a Pot Luck. The Bible Study Group will provide meat casserole. If you have the last name beginning with the following letters, please plan on bringing the listed item to share: A-H Desert; I-P Salad and Q-Z Vegetables. Please plan on attending for the fun and fellowship. The food doesn't hurt either!

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER is May 1, 2008. On May 1, Thursday, there will be a Community prayer time on the eastside of the Howard County Courthouse from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm.

IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE this year, please contact TJ Knowland **as soon as possible**.

PLEASE BE AWARE that there will be remodeling of six bathrooms starting April 21st. The two on the third floor and two on the Sanctuary level will be started first. The two across from the Chapel will be last. The Committee thanks you for your patience during this time.

ADDED GRACE will meet on May 6, 2008 and our program will be presented by our own Marieta Newberg. She will entertain us with Broadway Hits. Hazel will be our cook and the price of the meal will be \$5.00.

Please make your reservations with Peggy Hobbs on Sunday April 27 or May 4, 2008 or by telephone at 452-4394.

"SHOP FOR JOY FOR MISSIONS!" The Yellow Bag Collection donated to Missions brought in the following on Spring Break Sundays: CAM-\$100, Open Arms-\$70, KUO- \$25 and Nesting Doves \$80. Pick up another yellow bag and "Shop with Joy for Missions!"

UM MEN HOLD LADIES NIGHT. Pastor Steve and Jayna Beutler will be presenting the Ladies Night program Monday, April 28. The Beutlers will be sharing more of their renewal experiences in Europe last Summer. Reservations are needed only for the meal. Reservations for the 6:00 pm catered meal may be given to Val Harris at 453-6952.

KNOW WHAT'S COOKIN GOOD LOOKIN? The Mother/Daughter Banquet, daddy-o! On May 13th at 6:30pm Fellowship Hall will be rockin to the beat of the Gracetones and feasting on a blue plate special like we used to do at the Soda Shop. Tickets are \$7.00 and \$3.00 and they'll be on sale starting April 27th. Dig out your poodle skirts and bobby sox and let's go "Rockin With Mom". Be there or be square!

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE in the growth of our Music Programs at GRACE. The Flex Time Program lets you participate in one or more of our music groups for an eight week period in April and May. If you would like to be a part of this growth, please contact Randy Manning. Flex Time Altar Choir rehearsals will be every Wednesday for eight weeks at 7:00 pm. See you then.

GRACEFUL ARTS CHILDREN - A new Children's Ensemble has started rehearsals on Sunday Evenings at 6:00pm. A special song is planned to honor the Families of the church on Mother's Day May 11, 2008 during the 9:25am service. Children ages 4-6 will have an opportunity to sing this special song. Children 7-11 will accompany the singing choir with handbells, chimes and percussion instruments. If you would like your children to participate, please plan to have them at rehearsals Sunday evenings at 6:00pm.

CHANGE OF AVAILABILITY FOR the Crisis Childcare Center located at Grace UMC. Beginning May 5th, Crisis Childcare Center will no longer be open on Mondays. The new hours will be Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 8:00 am to noon and Thursday afternoons, 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. If you have any questions or wish to volunteer, please contact Lisa Sawyer at 765-883-3500.