

## 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
		Office Closed
	8:00 a.m.	Grace Prayer Group
	9:30 a.m.	Exercise
	11:30 a.m.	Added Grace
	1:30 p.m.	Staff Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Christian Education Team, Marriage Enrichment Session
	7:00 p.m.	UMW Board Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	TOPS, Vesper Handbell Choir
	7:00 p.m.	Altar Choir
	9:30 a.m.	Exercise
	7:00 p.m.	The Bible in 90 Days, Men's Bible Study, Christian Believer
	9:00 a.m.	Caring & Calling
Mon., Sept. 1		
Tues., Sept. 2		
Wed., Sept. 3		
Thurs., Sept. 4		
Fri., Sept. 5		



**Hey Ladies...are your prayers as incense of pure praise unto the Lord?....** You may wish to come to the Ladies Bible Study that meets on Tuesday mornings from 9-11:00 or Thursday nights from 6:30-8:30. We will be studying together "The Power of a Praying Woman" by Stormie Ormertian. This course is designed to meet for 10 weeks beginning Tuesday September 9th or Thursday September 11th. There will be daily workbook study, lectures, round-table discussions, refreshments, and of course PRAYER! Babysitting will be provided.

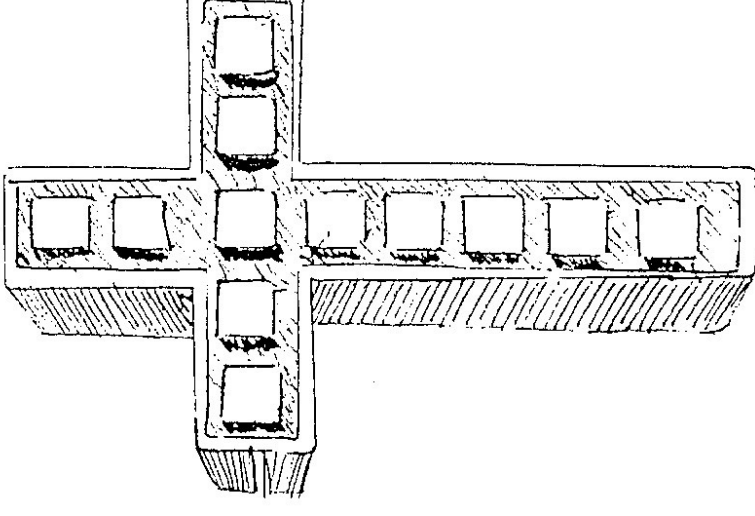
**If you are in need of a pastor outside office hours the week of August 30- September 6, please call Pastor Chris Roberts at 765-457-2841 or 765-480-8393.**



# United Methodist Church

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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

*"We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Thessalonians 1:3*



This year's Grace Harvest Bazaar will incorporate a Country Fair-like element into its lineup. Grace UMW is asking the various church groups (Ministries, Task Forces, Committees, Bible Studies, Sunday School Classes, etc.) to commit to setting up a booth in Fellowship Hall as a means to raise money for the local charity of their choice.

Many hands make the work lighter and more joyful. "Labor prompted by love" lends fulfillment to the endeavor, but truthfully speaking this project is going to be more fun than work. All you have to do is choose a charity, choose a way to make money at your booth, and choose a representative to attend 1 or 2 meetings of the steering committee. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nancy Hefley or any member of the UMW Executive Board.

You won't want to miss out on this opportunity to enjoy the fun and fellowship of our annual Bazaar, and serve the community as well. **See Adriene Riggle in Fellowship Hall after church and register for a booth.**

**AUGUST 31--TODAY...or "THE GOOD OLD DAYS"?** Were "the good old days" the best days of our lives? How can we live our present days to the fullest? Meet at 11 a.m. today in the Growing Christians Room off the NW balcony for a video and discussion. All are welcome.

**YES YOU CAN!** Bring your can food items to Support the Kokomo Rescue Mission can food drive. Place cans by the Piano in the Parlor. The Youth will be collecting every Sunday until the final collection date of Sunday, September 14.

**NOTE TO CHURCH LEADERS:** Please see Adriene Riggle in Fellowship Hall today after the service and register for a booth for the October 18th Country Fair. See insert for more information.

**THE FINANCE COUNTING COMMITTEE** is in need of Members to help the Counting Committee after worship to count money collected during the service. If interested, please contact the Church Office.

**MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT SESSIONS AT THE MARKETPLACE** in Downtown Kokomo, Tuesdays in September at 6:30 pm. Whether you are single, happily married, or wanting to improve your relationship, these lessons and real-life stories will give you Biblical and practical tips to help you cultivate a healthy and happy marriage. Save these dates now and tell others. Lead by Pastor Chris and Renee Roberts. Childcare provided at Grace UMC.

**YELLOW BAG UPDATE** - The donated items being brought every Sunday for CAM, Nesting Doves, KUO and Open Arms has slowed down a bit. With Kokomo's economy being a bit down, please consider helping out these local mission organizations by picking up a yellow bag in the parlor or Mulberry St. entrance. The Mission Ministry Team appreciates you "Shopping With Joy for Missions!"

**ADDED GRACE** will meet on Tuesday, September 2, 2008 in Fellowship Hall at 11:30AM. Gil and Eileen Thomas will prepare the lunch and Jim Williams is responsible for the program which will be a presentation by T J Knowland on his mission trip to Togo, Africa and on the Youth Program. This program should be outstanding so make your reservations early. The price of the meal will be \$5.00. Please make your reservations with Peggy Hobbs on Sunday August 24 or 31, 2008 or by telephone at 452-4394.

**MUSIC ENSEMBLE REHEARSALS:** With summer coming to a close, the music ensembles will begin rehearsing again. The Altar Choir will start on Wednesday August 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Music Room. The Vesper Handbell Choir will begin rehearsals on Wednesday September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00pm. Basic and Advanced Youth Handbells will begin rehearsals on Sunday September 7, 2008 at 5:00 pm. Additional information regarding Graceful Arts Children, Chamber Ensemble and GUMBY rehearsals will follow.

**FALL FELLOWSHIP POT LUCK DINNER** to be held on Sunday, September 14 at 12:00 noon. The Church will provide the meat and drinks. If you have the last name beginning with the following letters, please plan on bringing the listed item to share: A-H Salad, I-P Vegetable, Q-Z Desert. Please plan on attending for the fun, food, games and to watch Pastor Steve "walk the plank" in a dunk tank.

**THE GRACE/PARR MASTER TEACHER TUTORING CENTER** will begin it's 2008-2009 sessions on Tuesday, September 9th. Tutors, Substitute tutors, Snack providers and Story Readers are needed for each session. Sign up at the Welcome Center.