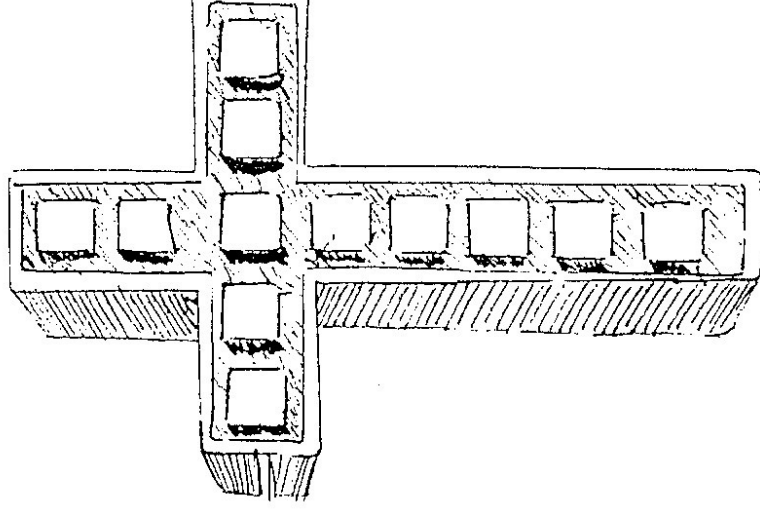


## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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, TJ's Open House
	10:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	4:15 p.m.	GUMBY
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Handbells
	6:00 p.m.	Jr./Sr. High UMYF
	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
	4:45 p.m.	Master Teacher Tutoring
	6:30 p.m.	Marriage Enrichment Session, UMW Planning Mtg
	6:00 p.m.	TOPS, Vesper Handbell Choir
Wed., Oct 1	6:30 p.m.	Youth - Mid Week Planning Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Altar Choir
	9:30 a.m.	Exercise
	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	The Bible in 90 Days, Christian Believer
Fri., Oct 3	9:00 a.m.	Caring & Calling
Sat., Oct 4	8:00 a.m.	UMW Wesley Manor



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Experience the

## *American Boychoir*

with the *Kokomo Children's Choir*  
at Grace United Methodist Church  
Sunday, October 19 at 4 PM

Tickets (\$5 adults, \$2 students) on sale at the  
church office



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.

*If you are in need of a pastor outside office hours the week of Sept. 28 - Oct 4, please call Pastor Chris Roberts at 765-457-2841 or 765-480-8393.*

**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

**SPAGHETTI FOR SHIRLEY:** Please come to the free will offering lunch in Fellowship Hall after Sunday School on Sunday, Oct 12<sup>th</sup>. Shirley Hoy will be using the proceeds to support her mission return trip to Africa. The Junior High Youth will be preparing, serving, and cleaning up.

**IMAGINE INDIANA ... COMING TOGETHER:** Indiana Area Bishop Mike Coyner has called a Special Called Session of both Indiana Annual Conferences to meet on Saturday, Oct. 4 from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Toyota Blue Ribbon Pavilion at the State Fairgrounds, 1202 East 38th Street at Fall Creek Parkway in Indianapolis. Indiana State Fairground parking will cost \$3 per car or bus. There will not be a special lunch time, however concession stands will open with a variety of foods for purchase beginning at 11 a.m. For more information or to register, contact the church office.

**ALL CHILDREN GRADES 2 THROUGH 5** are invited to become an acolyte. If you are not already an acolyte, parents and children should please plan to attend a short acolyte training following Sunday School on Sunday, October 19. Contact Pastor Chris or Angela Stamper for more information.

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

**OPEN HOUSE** - TJ would like to invite everyone to visit his apartment at 216 W. Walnut during and after Fellowship time following the service **TODAY**. Grab coffee and a doughnut and go next door.

**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO A BABY SHOWER** for Mercedes Lahr on Sun., October 5 at 2:00 pm. Let's help Mercedes celebrate this wonderful event. Call Molly at 480-3867 for more information.

**THE PURPOSE DRIVEN LIFE -- BEGINNING SEPT. 14** for 6 weeks. Ever wonder, "What on earth am I here for? What's my purpose in life?" Rick Warren, widely known author, pastor, and spiritual leader, will guide us as we explore this topic using videos. Come and bring a friend. Meet at 11 a.m. in the Growing Christians Room off the NW balcony. All are invited.

**ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4TH, GRACE UMW WILL BE MAKING A TRIP TO WESLEY MANOR FOR THEIR ANNUAL APPLE FEST.** We'll leave the church at 8:00am. We'll be carpooling so that everyone will have more money to spend on the luscious apple pies, apple dumpings, and apple cider. There will also be craft booths as well as a farmer's market selling noodles, breads, cinnamon rolls, etc. Lunch is \$7.00. We'll be home by 2:00pm. Men are invited to go too! Please sign up in Fellowship Hall after the 9:25 service so that we'll know how many will be going and so that we can organize our transportation. Please see Nancy Hefley for a complete schedule for the day.

**GRACE NIGHT OUT / GRACEFUL ARTS CHILDREN COMING SOON** — the Evangelism Committee and the Music Department will kick off a 6 week study for adults and an art and music program for the children. Starting Sunday, October 5, Susan Garner will focus on *The Home is a Spiritual Filling Station*. The children will have a story telling time, arts and crafts and music lessons. The evenings programs will start at 6:30 pm.

**ITALIAN DINNER FOR CHEERFUL GIVERS**—Mark your calendars now for the Fall Stewardship Dinner on Saturday, November 15. After a delicious dinner, comedian Craig Tornquist will get us laughing. It will truly be a cheerful evening. God loves a cheerful giver! Tickets will be coming soon.

**WORLD WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY – OCTOBER 5** - Six times throughout the year, United Methodist congregations celebrate Special Sundays with offerings. Your support is critical to the survival of these important ministries and for sharing God's gifts around the world. In his letter to the church at Philippi, the apostle Paul wrote: "I press toward the goal for...the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus." The World Communion Sunday offering provides Scholarships for undergraduate students, Crusade Scholarship for international and U.S. graduate students, and scholarships for persons seeking second careers in church-related vocations. Our World Communion Sunday gifts enable persons to "press on toward the goal" of serving God in life-changing ministries. Please give generously on World Communion Sunday, the first Sunday in October. Your gift makes a world of difference!

**BUTTONS, BUTTONS, WHO HAS THE BUTTONS?** Shirley Hoy is taking donations of new or used Brown or White buttons (1/2" -3/4") for Bright Star School Student Uniforms in Nairobi Kenya - [www.brightstarchool.net](http://www.brightstarchool.net). To make donations, call Shirley at 628-2954.

**EQUAL EXCHANGE COFFEE AND TEA** - We'll be selling **Equal Exchange Coffee and Tea** in Fellowship Hall today. We have both Decaf and Regular, Whole Bean and Ground. We also have 3 kinds of Tea and Chocolate too! See Karin Pinto and Rose Russell in Fellowship Hall after the service.