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Today

Prayer Group	8:00 a.m.	
Worship and Communion	8:15 a.m.	
Prayer Group	9:15 a.m.	
Worship	9:25 a.m.	
Coffee & Donuts	10:30 a.m.	
Sunday School	10:45 a.m.	
Youth Handbells	5:00 p.m.	
Jr/Sr UMYF	6:00 p.m.	
Chamber Ensemble Rehearsal	8:00 p.m.	
Staff/Parish, UMM Officers Mtg	7:00 p.m.	Mon., Dec 8
Grace Prayer Group	8:00 a.m.	Tues., Dec 9
Exercise	9:30 a.m.	
Newcomers	10:00 a.m.	
Staff Meeting	1:30 p.m.	
Master Teacher Tutoring	4:45 p.m.	
Evangelism Ministry Team	7:00 p.m.	
TOPS, Vesper Handbell	6:00 p.m.	Wed., Dec 10
"Mid-Week"	6:30 p.m.	
Altar Choir, Trustees	7:00 p.m.	
Exercise	9:30 a.m.	Thurs., Dec 11
Youth Council	6:30 p.m.	
Christian Believer, Men's Bible Study	7:00 p.m.	
Music Ensemble Christmas Party	7:00 p.m.	Fri., Dec 12
Added Grace - Purdue, Kokomo	10:00 a.m.	Sat., Dec 13
Children's Choir Rehearsal,		
Grace UMC Christmas Eve Rehearsal	1:00 p.m.	

# CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK



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*The symbol of an Angel Blowing a Trumpet reminds us of the angels who heralded the birth of the Messiah. Luke 2:8-15 says: "And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord."*



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.

### DAILY FROM 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM UNTIL CHRISTMAS

Grace UMC will be presenting the "Christmas Story" in animated Christmas Lights. Cars should park in the parking lot across the street, turn their radios to 90.3 fm and enjoy this new way of communicating the gospel to our world today. Please plan on viewing this ministry to tell the world about this Christ Child that came to save the world.

*If you are in need of a pastor outside office hours the week of Dec 7 - Dec 13, 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.

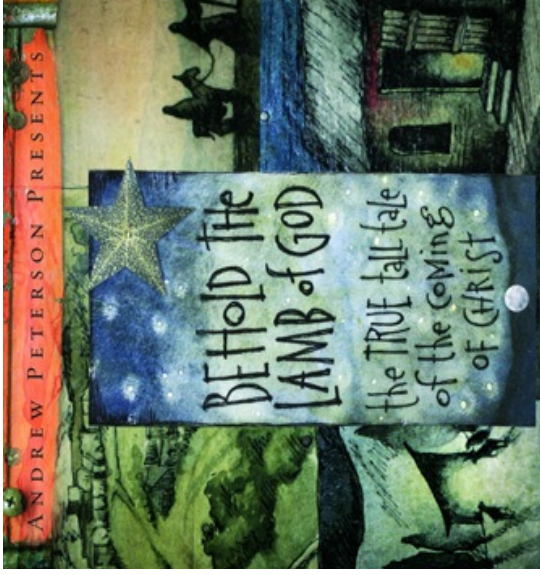
**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**, for children preschool through Grade 2, is a time for worshipping the Lord in a more relaxed and interactive manner. We ask that parents please come and pick up your child(ren) from the Multi-Purpose Room at the conclusion of the service. There is no Children's Church the first 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.



Christmas Concert with Bebo Norman,  
Andrew Osenga, Jiff Phillips and more  
Tickets \$10

**ADDED GRACE** - For those that are going with Added Grace to Purdue on Saturday, December 13, don't forget that the bus will leave from our parking lot at 10:00AM to attend the Noon Performance. You might want to bring a snack or sack lunch to eat on the bus as we will not eat at the Church until about 4:30 - 5:00PM.

**MONDAY, DEC 15, 6:00 P.M. JOE PENCEK TO SPEAK TO MEN** about Howard County Council issues. Joe, is a member of Grace Church, and was recently re-elected for his second term on the County Council. Women are always welcome to attend Men's Group meetings. Reservations are needed only for the meal. Cost of the meal is now \$7.50. Reservations for the 6:00 p.m. catered meal may be given to Val Harris at 453-6952.

**THE MISSION TREE** - The Mission Tree is sitting empty on the Mulberry Street landing. Grace's Mission Ministry Team would like to challenge the congregation to fill the empty tree with a lot of Christmas cheer. Last year, Grace Church graciously gave almost \$1300 to local missions and our missionaries. What a wonderful way to celebrate the giving spirit of Christmas! As you purchase a gold ball for \$20, you can hang it on our Mission's Christmas tree. Special envelopes are available by the tree to donate money as a gift to Mission organizations. You can put the envelopes in the offering plate or make sure Cindy, our church secretary, gets it in the office. Let's fill the Mission Tree and turn an empty tree into a beautifully decorated golden tree shining with Grace's love and compassion for others!

**THERE IS STILL TIME** - If you have forgotten to bring your "God Loves A Cheerful Giver" Commitment Card, please see the ushers. You may also get a copy from the church office. Thank you for your faithfulness and generous response to our most generous Lord and Savior!

**HURRY! HURRY! POINSETTIAS!** It's time again to order poinsettias for the church altar. The cost this year is \$15.00. You may place your order by filling out the envelope in the church bulletin and placing it in the offering plate. You may order a poinsettia or make a memorial contribution in memory or honor of someone. Order your poinsettias TODAY!

**ALTAR FLOWERS FOR 2009** - You may sign up for altar flowers for 2009 today in Fellowship Hall. Please see Angela Stamper or you may call her at 457-6716. The cost is \$35.00.

**MINI-BAZAAR DATES** - On December 7, the ladies of Grace UMW will be offering homemade goodies and handmade crafts downstairs in Fellowship Hall after the 9:25 service. On **December 21** we'll be selling **Cinnamon and Pecan Rolls** in Fellowship Hall after church. Come and take a plate of sweet rolls home for Sunday dinner, and as you know, nothing goes better with sweet rolls than a good cup of tea or coffee. Don't forget that **Equal Exchange Products** will be sold that day as well. All proceeds go to local Missions.

**KOKOMO URBAN OUTREACH (KUO)** is sponsoring a new program called Project EAT (Everyone Ate Today!) Grace's Mission Team has agreed to help 5 children at \$90/year. Please consider helping children eat in the Kokomo Area. An information pamphlet is available at the Welcome Center.

**FLEX TIME PROGRAM** - We want to invite everyone and anyone who has been a part of the music program in the past to consider participating in our Flex Time Program. If you would like to be a part of the Christmas Eve Service, now is the time to join one of our ensembles. Please give prayerful consideration to this request. God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the ones he calls. Please contact Randy Manning for more information regarding ensemble needs and rehearsal schedules.

*"...What I wrote is a concert that tells a story. There's no speaking-only songs, some of which are intimate, some epic, some humorous, all with a purpose, which is to convey the true tall tale of the coming of God into the world. What makes this bunch of songs unique is that I wanted to remind (or teach) the audience that the story of Christmas doesn't begin with the birth of Jesus. Many people tend to forget or have never even learned that the entire Bible is about Jesus, not just the New Testament."*

- **Andrew Peterson**