

December 2008
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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
 5:00 p.m. Youth Handbells
 6:00 p.m. Jr/Sr UMYF
 6:00 p.m. UMM Meeting
 8:00 a.m. Grace Prayer Group
 9:30 a.m. Exercise
 10:00 a.m. Newcomers
 12:00 p.m. Faith Circle
 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
 4:45 p.m. Master Teacher Tutoring
 6:30 p.m. Rebecca Circle, Eleanor Harris' home
 6:00 p.m. TOPS, Vesper Handbell
 6:30 p.m. "Mid-Week"
 7:00 p.m. Altar Choir
 9:30 a.m. Exercise
 3:00 p.m. CAM Christmas Party
 7:00 p.m. Christian Believer, Men's Bible Study
 7:00 p.m. Andrew Peterson "Behold the Lamb of God"
 8:00 a.m. UMW prepare Cinnamon Rolls
 1:00 p.m. Grace UMC Christmas Eve Rehearsal

Mon., Dec 15
 Tues., Dec 16

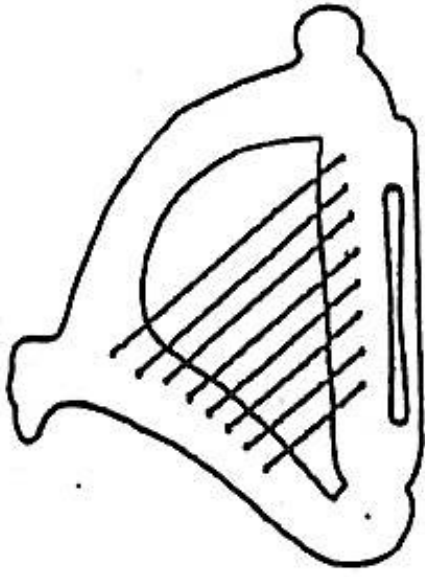
Wed., Dec 17

Thurs., Dec 18

Fri., Dec 19

Sat., Dec 20

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK



The harp was the favorite instrument of King David. In 1 Chronicles 13:8 it is recorded: "And David and all Israel played before God with all their might, and with singing, and with harps". Harps are also mentioned by John in his description of the music of heaven. (Revelation 5:8, 14:2, 15:2) For Christians, the harp symbolizes all music which is sung or played to the glory of God.



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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...

- ...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.

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 **90.5 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 14 - Dec 20, please call Pastor Steve Beutler at 765-455-0515 or 765-432-1088.

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.

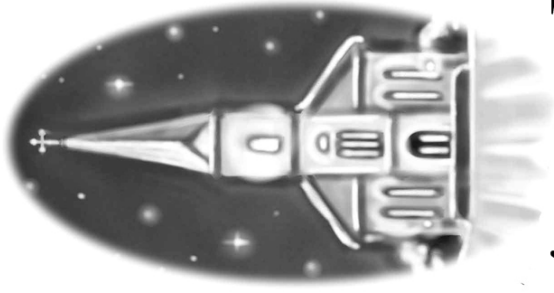
CHILDREN'S CHURCH, for children preschool through Grade 2, is a time for worshipping the Lord in a more relaxed and interactive manner. We ask that parents please come and pick up your child(ren) from the Multi-Purpose Room at the conclusion of the service. There is no Children's Church the first Sunday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

Join us Christmas Eve

Wed., December 24

Grace United Methodist Church

5:00 pm Pre-Service Music

5:30 pm Service

11:00 pm Candlelight

Communion Service

MEMBERS, PICK UP YOUR 2009 TITHE ENVELOPES in the Parlor today.

SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING on Sunday, January 4th at 11:00 am in the Sr. High Room to discuss the 2009 budget. For questions or if unable to attend, please contact the church office.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A "GLADIATOR?" The youth are in search of volunteers to help with their lock-in on New Years Eve (Dec. 31st). If you would like to help with the games please contact TJ and he can let you know more about it. The youth are also in need of volunteers to help chaperone this event. It will be held at Upper Deer Creek Church. If you are interested see T.J.

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!

DIDN'T GET A "CHRISMONS" BOOKLET FOR ADVENT? If you have not received a Chrismon Advent Booklet identifying a special Chrismon, for each day between now and Christmas, please pick up your own personal copy at the Welcome Center. Ask an usher for assistance if you are unable to locate a Chrismons booklet. Don't miss out on this fun for the family informational booklet.

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.

SNOW BIRDS, BEFORE YOU FLY OFF... Please make sure the church office has your winter address, phone and dates you plan to be gone. You may call the office at (765) 457-5329; mail the info to 212 W. Walnut, Kokomo, IN 46901; or e-mail us at: kokomograce@kokomograce.org