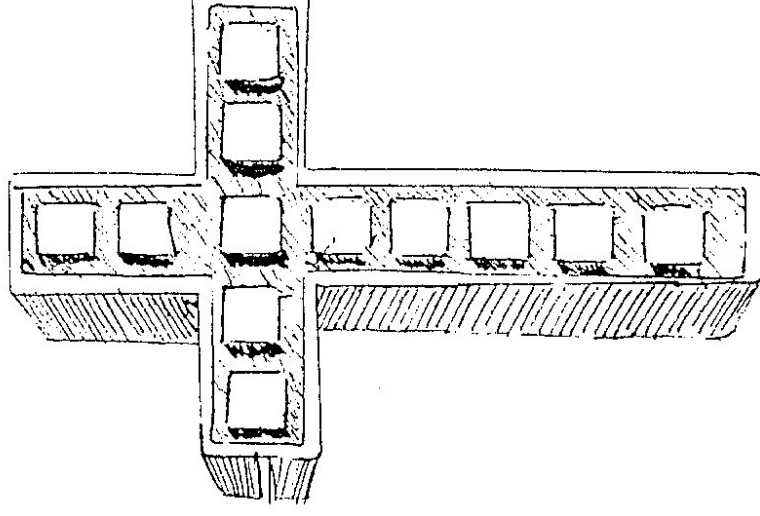


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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

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. High UMYF
	6:30 p.m.	Grace Night Out
Mon., Feb 23	6:00 p.m.	UMM Meeting
Tues., Feb 24	9:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	9:30 a.m.	Exercise
	10:00 a.m.	Newcomers
	4:45 p.m.	Master Teacher Tutoring
	5:00 p.m.	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner
	7:00 p.m.	Nursery/Toddler Task Force
Wed., Feb 25	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service
	9:30 a.m.	Exercise
Thurs., Feb 26	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Christian Believer, Men's Bible Study
Sat., Feb 28	8:00 a.m.	UMM Lenten Breakfast - Grace UMC



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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.

If you are in need of a pastor outside office hours the week of Feb 22 - Feb 28, 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.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE will be Wednesday, February 25 at 7 PM. Everyone is welcome as we begin our Lenten journey. Childcare will be provided.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER Tuesday, February 24, from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm, the Grace UMC Youth will serve a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. Your donations will assist the youth with their activities. We hope everyone will fill Grace's Fellowship Hall and eat up all the yummy pancakes. It is the last chance to fatten up before Lent begins. Tell your friends to come too!

ADDED GRACE will meet in Fellowship Hall on March 3, 2009 and our hosts will be John and Diane Auzins. Our speakers will be Kelly Karickhoff and Stew Lauterbach from the Howard County Historical Society. Their topic will be "Development and Implementation of a Program to Collect Items for the Museum". Please make your reservations with Peggy Hobbs on Sunday, February 22 or March 1, 2009 or by telephone at 452-4394.

YOUTH SNOW SHOVELING: If you need your driveway or sidewalk shoveled, call for a JR. High or SR. High youth to help - 883-5018. No charge!

GIVE TO MIDDLE EAST EMERGENCY, UMCOR Advance #601740 to support UMCOR'S efforts to bring humanitarian assistance to Gaza. You can place money for this mission into the collection plate today or mail to the church office. Please be sure and make checks out to Grace United Methodist Church or put in the memo section the UMCOR Advance #601740.

JOIN THE EVANGELISM COMMITTEE tonight as they host another night of "Grace Night Out". It begins at 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. This is a study for the whole family. The Graceful Arts program will teach the children about communion as they do crafts, play games and sing songs.

ECONOMY DISCUSSION AT UM MEN - The February 23 United Methodist Men meeting will feature Bill Bersbach from Liberty Financial Advisors. Bill is a former banker who is quite in touch with our local business community. He will be giving his understanding of the current economic environment and seek to answer questions. Advance registrations are needed only for the 6:00 p.m. catered meal. Women are welcome to attend UM Men meetings. Reservations may be given to Val Harris at 453-6952.

LENTEN BREAKFAST SERIES - "IN MISSION WITH CHRIST" will be held Sat., February 28 at Grace United Methodist Church. Guest speaker will be Jan Hinkle. Breakfast will be at 8:00 a.m. and a freewill offering will be taken with the proceeds to be divided equally among CAM, Crisis Center, KUO, Rescue Mission, Salvation Army, and Samaritan Care Givers. Please make reservations by 4:00 pm Thursday, prior to the Saturday breakfast by calling Grace UMC at 457-5329.

CONFIRMATION CLASS TO START IN MARCH with the Bishop's Confirmation Rally on Saturday March 7. We will leave at 10:30 AM. The class, for all youth who have not been confirmed, will meet during the Sunday School hour starting March 8 through May 20. See Pastor Chris for more information.

Newfire leads us as we praise God this morning

The band Newfire will be with us today during the 9:25 service to lead us in worship. Allison and Jonathan Firey lead the group. They play a blend of Bluegrass, Folk, and Contemporary music. Today they will lead us in some favorites and set our hearts in praise as they sing some of their own music.

A free-will offering will be collected and CDs will be available in the Fellowship Hall following the service.

May God be glorified by our worship.



Jake Allen, a reviewer says about their recent album "Almost Home is softly acoustic, its lush instrumentation is simply lovely, and the Scripture saturated lyrics soar over some sweet fiddle-cello interplay. Each of these artists possess an abundance of abilities; and their particular blend of tones and talents is more than easy to listen to..."