

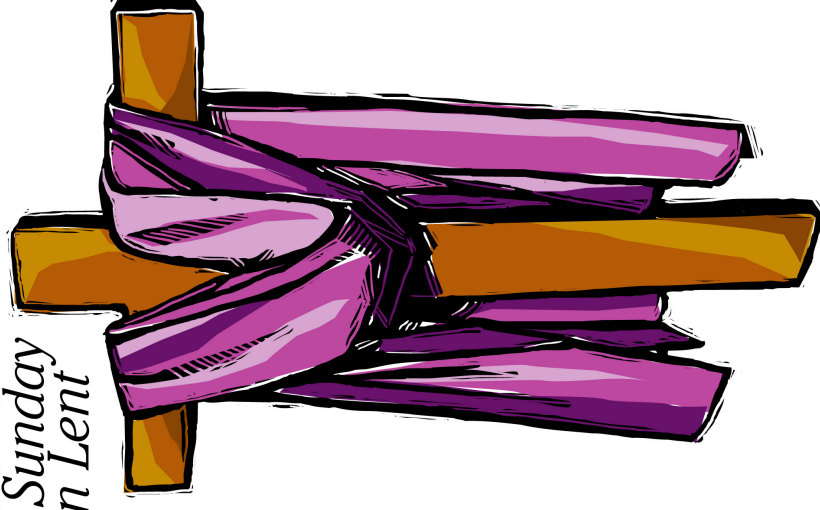
CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

March 2009
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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, Confirmation Class, New Member Orientation
	3:00 p.m.	Kokomo Children's Choir
	4:15 p.m.	GUMBY
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Handbells
	6:00 p.m.	Jr./Sr. High UMYF
	6:30 p.m.	Grace Night Out
Mon., March 23	6:00 p.m.	UMM Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Children's Ministry Task Force
Tues., March 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
	6:30 p.m.	Sunday School Meeting
Wed., March 25	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	TOPS, Vesper Handbell Choir
	6:30 p.m.	Mid-Week
	7:00 p.m.	Altar Choir
Thurs., March 26	9:30 a.m.	Exercise
	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Christian Believer, Men's Bible Study
Sat., March 28	8:00 a.m.	UMM Lenten Breakfast-Kokomo Faith UMC
	1:00 p.m.	Kokomo Morning Musicals

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**Fourth
Sunday
in Lent**



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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 March 22 - March 28, 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

GRACE UMW will be having a Spring Mini-Bazaar after Sunday service on March 29th. You'll find sweet treats and craft items to buy. We'll also be selling Lois Hunkler's yummy sweet rolls. If you have items to donate, please let Donna Brownfield or Ann Winger know. You may bring your items to the church on the 28th or early on the 29th.

YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS The Church-wide Seder meal that will take place on April 4th at 6:00 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall. Come and experience the Passover meal with Jesus' words as he instituted the Lord's Supper. You will hear Douglas Carmel proclaim that JESUS IS LORD in a distinctly biblical way as we learn about the Jewish Passover traditions and we discover the Gospel of Jesus Christ from a Messianic Jewish perspective. This is a wonderful opportunity to understand our Holy Communion within the Passover Meal as Jesus shared it that first time in the Upper Room just before his crucifixion. So an appropriate amount of food will be prepared, please make your reservation to attend at the church office (457-5329). This is an event for the whole family, however child care will be provided for the very young or restless children if needed.

ALTAR FLOWERS NEEDED for April 12, 19, 26 and May 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31st. Contact the Church office to schedule.

"HELPING HANDS" - Please take note of the colorful little hands in the pews. The Mission Ministry Team is encouraging Grace members to show the love of Christ with your "Helping Hands." As you give a hand to someone in need, to your neighbors, at CAM, at Kokomo Urban Outreach, at the Rescue Mission, at Samaritan Caregivers, etc... All you need to do is record your name(s) and the place where you served on the little hand and then drop your gift of love into the offering plate. We will find a place to display these hands so everyone can see the love Grace is sharing with the Kokomo Community. Children and adults- ages are encouraged to lend a "Helping Hand" to someone in need!

EASTER FLOWERS - It's time again to order Easter Flowers 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. Order your Easter Flowers TODAY!

EASTER EGG HUNT - On Palm Sunday, we will once again be having an Easter Egg Hunt for the children. But, we have a problem...right now all the eggs are empty! So, we are asking for your help. We need candy, stickers, and whatever other little 'prizes' you can think of to put inside the eggs. There will be a box by the Welcome Center to collect your donations. Thank you so much for your help!

UNITED METHODIST MEN MONTHLY MEETING - "How Pornography Affects Men, Their Wives, Our Society and the Church" will be the topic of the March 23 meeting of the United Methodist Men. The pervasive temptation and addiction to pornography has been named a priority concern by the UMC's Commission on United Methodist Men. Rev. Bob Lawson, a Pastoral Counselor working out of Faith Presbyterian Church, will be a special guest at this meeting. While most meetings of UMM are open to women, due to the nature of this month's topic, we ask that only men attend. Reservations for the catered meal may be given to Val Harris at 765-453-6952.

NEW MEMBERS ORIENTATION - Today, we are offering a New Member Orientation class during the Sunday School hour. Persons who have transferred their membership recently to our church and attendees who may be considering becoming a part of the Body Of Christ here at Grace UMC are invited to come join us in the class. We will be meeting in the Walnut St. Conference Room in the office building.

BIRDS ARE BACK! A breaking news release just informed us that flamingos will be flocking back to Kokomo and the surrounding areas for a youth fundraiser. They will be flocking to people's yards and will not be able to move until their "keepers" are notified. Be on the look-out for information coming in order to protect yourself. The flamingos will begin flocking on April 1st and end their flocking on April 30th. Watch out!! Sign-ups will be **TODAY** in Fellowship Hall after Sunday service.

"GRACE NIGHT OUT" continues another evening. It begins at 6:30 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. Also plan on attending the Special Seder Meal on Sat., April 4. Sign up at the Church Office or call 457-5329. Join us at this Great Event!

LENTEN BREAKFAST SERIES - "IN MISSION WITH CHRIST" will be held Sat., March 28 at Kokomo Faith United Methodist Church. Guest speaker will be Shirley Dominick. 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 Kokomo Faith UMC at 457-3030.