

# CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

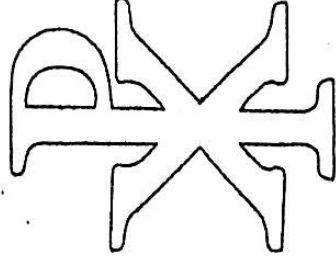
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Today	8:00 a.m.	Prayer Group
	8:15 a.m.	Worship and Communion
	9:25 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Coffee & Cookies, UMW Mini Bazaar
	10:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	5:30 p.m.	Jr./Sr. High UMYF
	5:45 p.m.	Graceful Arts, Children's Choir
Mon., Dec 7	7:00 p.m.	Ad Council, UMM Officers Mtg
Tues., Dec 8	9:30 a.m.	Exercise
	10:00 a.m.	Newcomers
	6:30 p.m.	Letters from Dad
	7:00 p.m.	Evangelism Ministry Team
Wed., Dec 9	12:00 p.m.	Huddle
	1:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	TOPS, Vesper Handbell, "Mid-Week"
	7:00 p.m.	Altar Choir, Trustees
Thurs., Dec 10	7:00 p.m.	Disciple 1, Men's Bible Study
Fri., Dec 11	9:00 a.m.	Caring & Calling
	11:30 a.m.	Added Grace leave for Symphony
	4:30 p.m.	Young Adult Sunday School - Murat



**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!

*If you are in need of a pastor outside office hours please call Pastor Steve Beutler at 765-455-0515 or 765-432-1088.*



*In the original Greek, the word "Christ" was written ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ. The letters Chi (Χ) and Rho (Ρ or ϱ) were combined into one of the earliest known Christian Symbols. It is found inscribed on the walls of the Roman catacombs as early as the 2nd century. This Christmon reminds us that Jesus was the Christ. In Hebrew, the word "Christ" is translated "Messiah," which means "the anointed one." Jesus is the Messiah; God's chosen and anointed king.*



# United Methodist Church

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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...

- ...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.

**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.

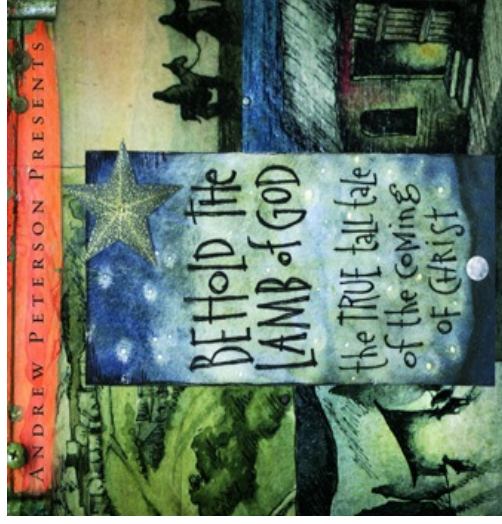
**CHILDREN'S CHURCH** (for children 4 yrs. through Grade 2)... The kids are invited to have a worship experience of their very own in the Chapel each week. It is a great opportunity for the kids to hear the same Scripture and lesson as the grown-ups—but at their own level—and with plenty of chances to get up and 'get the wiggles out!' Parents can meet their children in the Fellowship Hall for donuts following the service. Children will be dismissed to Children's Church every week, but the first Sunday of each month they will return to their parents/caregivers in the Sanctuary before Communion is served.

**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 **Andrew Peterson**,  
**Brandon Heath**, and **Jill Phillips**

Tickets \$12

**NOTE TO "EXPERIENCE GRACE THIS WEEK" SUBSCRIBERS** who have Comcast email accounts: The EGTW Team has noted a problem with Comcast subscribers not receiving their EGTW email newsletters or receiving them late. We have contacted Comcast and it's apparent that those of you who are having trouble will need to contact Comcast on an individual basis. They will walk you through the process of re-setting your account information to allow your EGTW emails to come through. We are sorry for the inconvenience and don't want you to miss a single EGTW. Thanks!

**THE CAM CHRISTMAS PARTY** is at Grace on December 17. If you could help buy a gift for CAM this year, please see Susan Garner after the worship service on December 5 or December 12. The gifts can then be placed under the Mission Tree on the Mulberry St. Landing. Thanks for you generosity!

**ADVENT BOOKLET** - Be sure you have your Advent Booklet. The booklet, available from an usher, highlights a different Christmon for each day of Advent. Use it as a daily devotional or just to learn more about the Christian monogram.

**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!

**THERE IS STILL TIME** - If you have forgotten to bring your "ENOUGH - Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity" Commitment Card, please see the ushers. You may also get a copy from the church office.

**HELP FOR NEEDY FAMILIES** . . . There are a number of families within the wider Grace UMC community who would benefit from your assistance this Christmas. If you are interested in helping any of these families, please contact Pastor Steve, Pastor Stacey or the Church Office.

**ADDED GRACE** - If you are going to the Indianapolis Symphony don't forget that we will leave at **11:30 AM** from the Church on December 11, 2009.

**UM MEN HOST CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION** for Kokomo Urban Outreach Monday, December 14, 6:00 p.m. at Trinity UMC. Contact Craig Williams at 453-4055 to sign up for the event preparation. Ladies are encouraged to bake pies, and should also notify Craig. To make reservations for the meal and evening celebration, call Val Harris at 453-6952 by Friday, Dec. 11.

**WINTER MINI-BAZAAR** - Following today's service, there will be the UMW Winter Mini-Bazaar with your Christmas shopping convenience in mind. There will also be plenty of sweet treats to eat. If you'd like to contribute items to the Bazaar please bring them in that morning before service.

**CINNAMON AND PECAN ROLLS** - On Sunday December 22 (just in time for Christmas) we will be selling Cinnamon and Pecan Rolls in Fellowship Hall after the service.

**CUB SCOUT UNIFORM DRIVE** – Pack 3508 is having a uniform drive to assist boys who are new to Scouts. In these tough financial times, some families may not be able to afford the uniform. If you have a Class A (blue shirt) uniform, neckerchief or slide from any level of Scouting, (Tigers, Wolf, Bears, Webelos) please contact Katrin Pinto at 453-6353. Thank you!

*"...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**