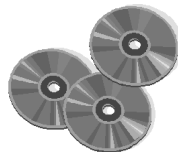


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## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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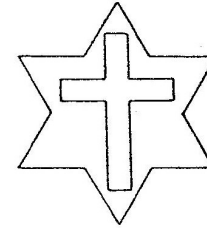
Today	8:15 a.m.	Worship and Communion
	9:25 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Coffee & Fellowship, UMW Mini-Bazaar & Bake Sale
	10:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	5:00 p.m.	Graceful Arts, Sunday at the GCC
	6:30 p.m.	Jr./Sr. High UMYF
Mon., Dec. 13	6:00 p.m.	UMM Meeting
Tues., Dec 14	9:30 a.m.	Exercise
	5:00 p.m.	Trustees/ Handley Endowment
	7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee
Wed., Dec.15	12:00 p.m.	Huddle
	1:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	TOPS, Vesper Handbell
	7:00 p.m.	Altar Choir
Thurs., Dec. 16	9:30 a.m.	Exercise
	7:00 p.m.	Disciple 3, Men's Bible Study
Fri., Dec. 17	9:30 a.m.	Caring & Calling
	5:30 p.m.	Vesper Handbells Pizza & Rehearsal
Sat., Dec 18	10:30 a.m.	Vesper Handbell at Markland Mall



CD's are available for today's Worship Service. Contact the church office for more information (457-5329).

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

## THE STAR AND THE CROSS



The origin of the six-pointed Star of David is not clear but it has been representative of the Jewish people for centuries. With the cross of Christ at its center, the star symbolizes the statement of Jesus found in Revelation 22:16: "*I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star*".



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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.

**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

**SHOPPING WITH JOY** - The Mission Ministry Team continues with the "Yellow Bag Collection". The items that are requested by organizations in the community are on a list inside the bag, so it will help you remember what donations are needed. Please bring your donated items to the parlor area, so that the Mission Ministry Team can distribute the items to the different organizations. Grace Church has always responded so generously when asked to extend our love and care to the Kokomo Community. We know you will continue to embrace this collection method with the same enthusiasm.

**DONKEY FOR OUR CHILDREN**—It was a donkey that carried a very pregnant Mary from Nazareth to Bethlehem. It was a donkey that carried Jesus into Jerusalem on that triumphant Palm Sunday. It is a donkey that the Children have decided to buy! A donkey is a wonderful gift for a struggling family. They can be used to transport goods to sell at market, carry a sick child to a far-off clinic, pull farm equipment, and so much more! They are reliable, hardworking, and can live for 30 years or more! A donkey costs \$225 through Heifer International – and the kids have already collected nearly \$200! So if you have some spare change – just look for a child or our 'cow' bottle, to donate it for our donkey! Thanks to all of you for your support!

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

**WINTER MINI-BAZAAR AND SWEET ROLL SALE:** Today is the day of our Winter Mini-Bazaar and Sweet Roll Sale after worship in Fellowship Hall.

**ALTAR FLOWERS FOR 2011** — You may sign up for altar flowers for 2011 beginning this Sunday in Fellowship Hall. Please see Angela Stamper or you may call her at 457-6716. The cost is \$35.00.

**UMW ARE IN NEED** of a person to serve in the area of Communications to publicize events for the group. Computer skills would be helpful. Contact Nancy Hefley at 452-3038.

**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!

**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 (765) 457-5329, mail the information to 212 W. Walnut or email us at kokomograce@kokomograce.org.

**JOIN THE UMM** for the KUO Trinity Children's Christmas Party. We'll give stockings to the kids, offer pizza with side dishes, and most importantly a dessert. It's a fun evening, and a good way to get into the spirit of Christmas. Join us on Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. Call the office at 457-5329 for reservations.

**"CAROLING, CAROLING THROUGH THE SNOW,"** or rain, or maybe even nice weather! Come join us as we spread some Christmas cheer to our homebound members. We will be meeting Sunday, December 19 at 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall. Graceful Arts WILL be meeting at 5pm – the Joy Singers will rehearse briefly and then the kids (along with at least 1 parent/guardian) are invited to join in the caroling fun; cocoa will be served to all when we're done! Please contact the church office if you plan to join us for this fun evening, or if you know someone who would like to have some carolers stop by their home!



*Join us Christmas Eve  
Friday., December 24*

*5:00 pm Pre-Service Music  
5:30 pm Family Candlelight Service*

*11:00 pm Candlelight  
Communion Service*