

Welcome To Grace United Methodist Church

We are glad you are here!

9:30 A.M. Worship

10:45 A.M. Sunday School

November 15, 2009

The Gathering

Gathering music, fellowship, sharing with family and friends, announcements.

Call to Worship (1 Samuel 2, Mark 13)

Let our hearts rejoice in the God of hope and faithfulness.

Our strength is in the maker of heaven and earth.

Our foundation is the cornerstone that never fails.

The rock of ages is a foundation like no other.

Hope arises, as the tools of war are broken and the weak are given strength.

Hope lives when the hungry are fed and the poor are lifted up.

God comes bringing judgment to the ends of the earth, calling us to hope and faithfulness.

Come, rock of ages, come quickly now.

Opening Prayer (1 Samuel 1): God of possibilities, fill us with your hope and faithfulness. Listen to us as we pour out our souls before you. Grant us the grace to be your people and to live your teachings. Live in us that we may arise with hope and walk in love. In the name of Christ our rock, we pray. Amen.

Opening Hymn: UMH #117

O God, Help in Ages Past (vs. 1-4)

Children's Moment

Prayer of Confession (1 Samuel 1): Merciful God, look upon us, your servants gathered here, with grace and compassion. Hear our every need. Speak to our fearful hearts that we may pour out our confessions and admit our wrongdoings. (Silent prayer) Loving God, you have heard our anxieties, our vexations, our worries, our hopes, our dreams. Breathe in us the spirit of forgiveness, that we may receive your grace, and may walk in freedom and glorious hope. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

The Renewal

Words of Assurance (Hebrews 10): Hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for our God, the God of all ages, the one who has promised forgiveness, is faithful! In the name of Christ, you are forgiven!

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The Word

Invitation to the Word (Isaiah 25, John 11): O God, you speak to us in scripture. You call us out of darkness and invite us to feed at the banquet of life, a smorgasbord of good things.

As you have with the saints of every age, prepare our ears and hearts, that our ears may hear your word and our hearts may respond with love.

Give us ears to hear and hearts to receive. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Mark 13:1-8

Mark Luth, Reader

Witness to the Word

Pastor Mike Fender

The Response

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering, Offertory and Doxology

Mr. Andrew Salyer

The Sending Forth

Benediction (Hebrews 10, Mark 13): Go in peace, encouraging one another in love, and looking with hope for the kingdom of God.

*Choral Benediction: UMH #362

Nothing but the Blood

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayers of Thanksgiving: for all those that attended the Veterans' Day Breakfast

Prayers for our Active Duty Military Personnel: Tom Alexander and Jamie Perry.

Prayers For Upcoming Events and Our Community: Advent Season

Prayers for: Our Home Bound and Nursing Home Members; All Congregations in Jacksonville;

Our Bishop; Our District Superintendent; Our Pastor; Our Church; Its Ministry; and Its

Stewardship.

ADORNING THE ALTAR

The Altar flowers are given by Richard & Wanda Ommen in celebration of God's Blessing.

TURKEY BASH

It's "Turkey" time and we need your votes for "Turkey of the Year". The winner will be announced at our TURKEY BASH, today at noon. Voting is VERY IMPORTANT, so please step into the parlor, find the money cans and vote. You are allowed to vote as much as you want. Votes are a penny for each vote !!!

JD GROUP

The JD group will meet Nov. 17th at the home of Lois Herbst on 3 Shiloh Ct. We will be finishing the plans for the Christmas Brunch on December 12th for all women of the church. We will also be making small simple Christmas gifts to sell at the Brunch. Please call Lois, 245-6202, or Ruth Norris, 243-6219 with regrets. All women of the church are welcome.

OLDER ADULT PROGRAM

The November Older Adults Program will be about Christmas Quilts. It will be held on Wednesday, November 18th at 1:00 pm. Stacia Paxton, a very experienced seamstress who has been attending Grace Church with her husband will be giving the program. She also plans to donate a table runner for the holidays. Watch for the runner to be displayed in the parlor – it could possibly grace your Christmas table this year.

MISSION EMPHASIS

Our Mission Emphasis for November is the Giving Tree. The Tree will be in the Parlor and will have "ornaments" for Chaddock School and Cunningham Home. Please take a heart or two, buy the suggestion on the heart and bring it back, unwrapped. Delivery will take place the week of Thanksgiving.

ADVENT SERVICE

The Holy Spokes Cluster is sponsoring an Advent Service on Sunday November 29, 2009, in the Sanctuary of Grace United Methodist Church, at 6:00 pm. The speaker for the evening will be Janet McCarty, a United Methodist missionary, who serves in the Philippines. Everyone is invited to this special service. Following the service there will be time for fellowship and light refreshments. Bring donations of vegetables or chili beans to the kitchen by November 22nd, so we can make stone soup and chili.

WALK THROUGH BETHLEHEM

Our annual Christmas gift to the community, "Walk Through Bethlehem" will be held December 5th and 6th, from 2 pm to 6 pm. Many volunteers are needed, so please make time to help us one or both days. You will find signup sheets in the Parlor. This is truly a wonderful outreach to our community and has become a family tradition, not only for us, but our guests as well.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Turkey Bash
9:00 a.m. Fellowship - Parlor
9:30 a.m. Worship
10:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship – Deaf Faith Community
1:00 p.m. Deaf Youth Ministry
No Jr. or Sr. High Youth

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16

8:00 a.m. Depart for Midwest Distribution Center
1:00 p.m. Crafty Ladies @ Mary Adams'
6:00 p.m. Discipleship Committee
6:30 p.m. Missions Committee
No Worship Committee
7:30 p.m. Administrative Council

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

4:30 p.m. Lay Leadership
7:00 p.m. Deaf Bible Study
7:00 p.m. JD Group – Herbst's #3 Shiloh

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

11:30 a.m. Worship
12:00 p.m. Food & Fellowship
1:00 p.m. Older Adult Program
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

6:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
8:00 a.m. Depart for UMW Shopping Trip