

**Welcome To Grace United Methodist Church
We are glad you are here!**

9:30 A.M. Worship

10:45 A.M. Sunday School

January 3, 2010

Invitation And Gathering

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

Choral Call to Worship 328

Surely the Presence of the Lord

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn 220**

Angels From the Realms of Glory

Children's Moment

Proclamation And Response

Prayer of Confession

God of starlight, shine your love into the darkness of our lives. Preoccupied with ourselves, we forget the needs of others; we participate in systems that oppress; we accept violence as a way of life; we fail to respond to the cry of others. May your love fall upon us like rain on the mown grass.

May your love wash away our indifference and water the tender shoots of our care and compassion. Nourished in the sunlight of your love, may we grow into people who live in righteousness and who work for justice for all your children. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12

Bill Norris, Reader

Witness to the Word

Pastor Mike Fender

Response to the Word

We have seen your star, O God, shining brightly over us and all the peoples of the earth. Teach us to trust your light. Help us take risks, that we might step out in faith into the unknown. Guide us to the place where you abide, that we may be overwhelmed with joy like the magi before us. Guide us to the stable of your love, that we may offer you the gifts of our lives. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Prayer Hymn: 349

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Thanksgiving And Communion

Invitation to the Offering

Offering Prayer

Invitation to Communion

Great Thanksgiving 13

Sending Forth

Benediction

***Choral Benediction 245**

The First Noel

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayers of Thanksgiving: for all the wonderful blessings we have received in 2009.

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

Prayers For Upcoming Events and Our Community: Seek comfort for newly laid-off workers in the area .

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.

WINTER LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS 2010

Leadership training for all United Methodists in the LaMoine River District will be Sunday, January 24 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Winchester UMC in Winchester, IL. A pamphlet outlining the speakers and their subjects and the registration form can be found in the church office.

COMMUNION

We are planning to serve communion to anyone in our church family that is currently unable to attend services. Our plans are to serve it on the first Sunday of the month, in the afternoon, but if not then, the following Monday. If you know of someone who would like to take communion, please let the office know. If any member would like to assist with this ministry, please let the office know that, too.

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP

On January 6th & 13th Food & Fellowship will meet at Perkins at 11:30 am for our Wednesday meal. If you have any questions please call the church office 245-9521.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

Blood Pressure Checks

9:00 a.m. Fellowship

9:30 a.m. Worship

10:45 p.m. Sunday School

11:00 p.m. Deaf Ministry

1:00 p.m. Deaf Youth Group

4:00 p.m. Junior High Youth

5:30 p.m. Senior High Youth

MONDAY, JANUARY 4

7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5

7:00 p.m. Deaf Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

9:30 a.m. Fox Trust Fund Committee

11:30 a.m. Food & Fellowship @ Perkins

6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts