

Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church
We are glad you are here!

9:30 A.M. Worship

10:45 A.M. Sunday School

February 14, 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: Radiant Lord, you shine with purity, power, and truth. Your mercy reflects your compassion, your care, and your love. Transform us into your image as we seek to follow you. Use us to make your presence known throughout the world. In your strong name we pray. Amen.

* **Opening Hymn 509**

Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

Proclamation and Response

Prayer of Confession: Lord, you call us to draw near, yet we fail to hear your voice. We sleepwalk through life, ignoring the needs of people all around us and worrying about our own desires. Forgive us: when we shut out the call to climb into your presence; when we make excuses to put off that journey. Have mercy on us, O Lord, as we silently open our hearts and confess our sins: *(Time of silence)* hear our pleas, O God, and lift us to newness of life. Amen.

Words of Assurance: We worship a forgiving God, whose mercy is never ending, whose heart abounds in steadfast love. Because of the love of Jesus Christ, nothing can separate us from the love of God. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 34:29-35

Andrew Holtschlag, Reader

Hymn 472

Near to the Heart of God

Gospel Reading

Matthew 17:1-8

Elizabeth Ahlquist, Reader

Witness to the Word

From the Mountain to the Valley

Mr. Eddie Carpenter

Response to the Word

Hymn: FWS 2086:

Open Our Eyes

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offertory and Doxology

Matt Luth

Offering Prayer

Sending Forth

Benediction

***Choral Benediction 369**

Blessed Assurance

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayers of Thanksgiving: for all those that gave to the Youth Tea Party Project.

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

Prayers For Upcoming Events and Our Community: Lent Bible Studies and Special Services.

Prayers for: Our Home Bound and Nursing Home Members; All Christian 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 Connie Ford in celebration of her Birthday.

YOUTH VALENTINE'S DINNER

Our Jr. and Sr. High Youth are again sponsoring and serving a Family Valentine's Day Dinner this evening. Proceeds will go into our Summer Mission Trip Fund. This will be a sit-down dinner and you will be served. There will be a choice of a meatloaf or pork tenderloin entrée, potatoes, salad, rolls and dessert. Please make a reservation so we can plan and we will know how many entrees to prepare. Serving times will start at 5:30 p.m. with the last reservation time being 6:45. Please bring your family and friends, relax and enjoy "fine" dining. Adults: \$10.00, Children 10 and under \$5.00.

OLDER ADULTS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Janet McCarty, Missionary, will be giving a program February, 17th in conjunction with our Older Adult Ministry. We will combine some of the activities for the day because it will be **Ash Wednesday**, the beginning of Lent. A **Lenten Service** will be held in the chapel at 11:00 a.m. Following that will be a meal served and Janet's program will be at 1:00 p.m.

GRACE'S BIBLE STUDY

The Discipleship area is offering a Bible Study to be facilitated by Ruth McClintock. The study will begin on Thursday, February 18th at 11:00 am. There will be discussing the book, "The Life You've Always Wanted" by John Ortberg. Please register in the church office where you can purchase a copy of the book for \$2.00. If this works with your schedule, please join us. If these hours are not convenient for you, consider facilitating a group at a different time. Contact Pat Pennell with any questions or concerns.

HOLY SPOKES LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

If you plan to attend the Lenten Bible study sponsored by the Holy Spokes Cluster, please be sure to get a copy of the daily readings as soon as possible. These optional daily readings will help you prepare for the weekly session. Copies are available in the church office. You may also request a copy as an e-mail attachment by contacting Beth Fender at bfender@igrc.org. If you need more information, please refer to the article in this month's Newsletter.

BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

The Pregnancy Resource Center is a local organization whose purpose is to save the lives of the unborn and to bring their mothers to Christ. The Baby Bottle Drive is their fundraiser to help accomplish their goals. We have baby bottles in the Parlor and are asking you to take a bottle or more with you when you leave. Take them home, fill them with change (or bills) and bring them back to church before February 28th. Any checks you may write should be written to the Pregnancy Resource Center. Thank you for your support.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

FOOD BANK SUNDAY

- 9:00 a.m. Fellowship
- 9:30 a.m. Worship
- 10:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Deaf Ministry
- 1:00 p.m. Deaf Youth Group
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Valentine's Dinner

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15

- 8:00 p.m. Depart for Midwest Distribution Center
- 6:00 p.m. Committee on Discipleship
- 6:30 p.m. Committee on Missions
- 7:30 p.m. Administrative Council

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

- 7:00 p.m. Deaf Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

- 11:00 a.m. Lenten Worship Service
- 12:00 p.m. Food and Fellowship
- 1:00 p.m. Older Adult Program – Janet McCarty
- 5:30 p.m. Covenant Group
- 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

- 11:00 a.m. Lenten Bible Study

The Kiwanis Club of Jacksonville will be having their Pancake & Sausage Day on March 8th from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Tickets are available in the Church Office.