

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

9:30 A.M. Worship

10:45 A.M. Sunday School

March 7, 2010

Invitation and Gathering

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

Call to Worship

O God, you are our God; we seek you, we thirst for you in our souls;

Our flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

Your steadfast love is better than life; our lips will praise you.

We will bless you as long as we live; We will lift up our hands and call on your name.

Opening Prayer

*** Opening Hymn UM127**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Proclamation and Response

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we are so thirsty! Yet when offered refreshment from the waters of life, we rely on our own means and end up drinking sand. Heal our hardness of heart and help us seek you while you may be found that we may abide in your steadfast love, now and forevermore. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Children's Moment

Gospel Reading

Luke 13:1-9

Elizabeth Ahlquist, Reader

Witness to the Word

Pastor Mike Fender

Response to the Word

Prayers of the People

Prayer Hymn: UMH 349

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Offering, Offertory, and Doxology

Mr. Andrew Salyer

The Great Thanksgiving UMH 13

Sending Forth

Benediction

***Choral Benediction UMH 381**

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayers of Thanksgiving: for all those that volunteered and participated at the Men of Grace Trivia Night.

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

Prayers For Upcoming Events and Our Community: Lenten 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.

ADORING THE ALTAR

The Altar flowers are given by Ron Henderson in celebration of Karla's birthday.

MISSION TO SEDALIA

On March 20th and 21st, members of Grace UMC have the opportunity to go to First United Methodist Church of Sedalia, MO, to experience and learn more about their ministry and outreach. If you have a desire to go on this trip **Today is the last day to sign up.**

Everyone is welcome, and contributions to the cost of the trip are encouraged. For more information about the trip please talk to Pastor Mike.

ADULT HELP NEEDED

Charlotte is continuing to search for volunteers on Sunday evenings so we can have all ages of our youth meeting simultaneously. This should be a huge help to families and possibly give some parents the opportunity to serve our youth in some capacity. We will need, at the minimum, one lead teacher for the school age children, and some helpers.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The United Methodist Women (UMW) will be collecting the following items for the Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House and the Cunningham Children's Home to take to their Spring District Meeting at Pittsfield United Methodist Church on Thursday, April 15 from 9-2:00 pm.

Items needed for the Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House: feminine hygiene products, soap, hand towels.

Items needed for Cunningham Children's Home: hair GEL (any brand/NOT hair spray), quilts, gift cards for Wal-Mart, Subway and McDonalds, box tops for education.

There will be a place set up in the Parlor to leave your donated items. Thanks for your help! If you are interested in attending the district meeting on April 15th, contact Pat Pennell for information.

Easter Trays – The UMW will meet in the church basement at 9:30 am on THURSDAY, APRIL 1st to assemble and deliver Easter Trays to our homebound members. Donations of cookies (small, preferable home-made) and fruit (small apples, oranges, bananas and small bunches of grapes) are needed. Please wash the grapes at home and cut into small bunches (they are then dry and ready to place on the trays). Food donations can be left in the kitchen at your convenience the last week of March OR better yet, bring them on the morning of April 1st and stay and help us assemble and deliver. We need as many as can to help. Mark your calendar now. See you April 1st.

ABOUT THE CENSUS

During the month of March, more than 130 million addresses across the nation will receive a 2010 Census form. The U.S. Constitution requires a national census once every 10 years for the purpose of reapportioning the U.S. House of Representatives. Every person living in the United States must be counted. This includes people of all ages, races, ethnic groups, citizens and noncitizens. Additionally, census data directly affect how more than \$400 billion per year in federal funding is distributed to state, local and tribal governments. Please complete and mail back your form and encourage your family, friends and neighbors to do the same. For more information visit 2010census.gov.

SUNDAY, MARCH 7

Communion Sunday
Blood Pressure Check
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
4-7 p.m. Junior & Senior High Youth Group
4:00 p.m. Holy Spokes Lenten Bible Study @ Centenary
6:00 p.m. Lenten Service @ Centenary UMC

MONDAY, MARCH 8

5:30 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting

TUESDAY, MARCH 9

1:30 p.m. Handwork Group
6:00 p.m. Men of Grace
7:00 p.m. Deaf Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

5:30 p.m. Covenant Group
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

THURSDAY, MARCH 11

11:00 a.m. Grace's Lenten Bible Study

SATURDAY, MARCH 13

7:00 p.m. Junior & Senior High Girls Retreat