

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

9:30 A.M. Worship

10:45 A.M. Sunday School

March 14, 2010

Invitation and Gathering

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

Call to Worship

The old has passed away. Our yesterdays are past and gone.

Today is alive with fresh possibilities. The present is vibrant with new opportunities.

In Christ, we are offered newness of life.

In Christ, we are offered renewal of hope.

In Christ, we are given forgiveness and grace.

In Christ, we live in celebration and joy.

Opening Prayer

*** Opening Hymn UMH 140**

Great Is thy Faithfulness

Proclamation and Response

Prayer of Confession

God of grace and love, forgive us when we wander away from your promises; forgive us when we withhold from others the forgiveness we seek for ourselves. Welcome us into your loving embrace. Warm us with your grace that we may reach out with loving arms to a world in need of your compassion, a world in need of your love. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Special Music

I Will Arise and Go To Jesus

Chancel Choir

Children's Moment

Gospel Reading

Luke 15:1-3:11b-32

Mark Luth, 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

Sending Forth

Benediction

***Choral Benediction FWS 2149**

Living For Jesus

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayers of Thanksgiving: For the beautiful Spring days we have had this past week.

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 of Jacksonville; Our Bishop; Our District Superintendent; Our Pastor; Our Church; Its Ministry; and Its Stewardship.

EASTER LILIES

Once again we will be decorating the Sanctuary with Easter lilies. The cost is \$16 per plant and they must be ordered by **tomorrow**. Orders forms are available in the office or in today's bulletin.

BENEFITS OF THE CENSUS

As members of this faith-based community and the communities in which we live and work, we have a lot at stake going into the 2010 Census. Every year, the federal government distributes more than \$400 billion to state, local and tribal governments based on census data. Our organization can use the information to apply for grants and determine locations for new facilities. By completing and returning your census form, you also help guide funding decisions for our schools, hospitals and child-care centers, as well as affect our voice in Congress. The data collected are used to determine voting districts for all levels of city, state and nationally elected offices. Play a role in important decisions that government leaders will make in the next 10 years. Please complete and mail back your form and encourage your family, friends, and neighbors to do the same.

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.

THE OLDER ADULT MINISTRIES PROGRAM

The Older Adult Ministries Program will be March 17th with Jan Fellhauer, Director of Volunteers and Lifeline for Passavant Area Hospital. We will again have a short service in the chapel at 11:30, lunch at 12:00 and Jan will speak at 1:00. If you are coming to eat, would you please let the office know so Patsy Moy and her team can make their plans for serving lunch.

SUNDAY, MARCH 14

Food Bank Sunday
One Great Hour of Sharing
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
4:00 p.m. Holy Spokes Lenten Bible Study @ Asbury
6:00 p.m. Lenten Service @ Asbury UMC

MONDAY, MARCH 15

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
1:00 p.m. Crafty Ladies
6:00 p.m. Discipleship Committee
6:30 p.m. Mission Committee
7:30 p.m. Administrative Council

TUESDAY, MARCH 16

7:00 p.m. Sedalia informational Meeting
7:00 p.m. Deaf Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 18

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