

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

9:30 A.M. Worship

10:45 A.M. Sunday School

March 21, 2010

Invitation and Gathering

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

Call to Worship

Rev. Bill Werner, Liturgist

God is about to do a new thing! Do you not see it?

Where should we look?

Now it springs forth. Do you not sense it?

There is water in the desert. There are roads in the wilderness.

God is doing something new.

God is doing something wonderful.

We are God's people.

We rejoice in our God.

Opening Prayer

*** Opening Hymn #203**

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Proclamation and Response

Prayer of Confession

Steadfast God, throughout the ages you have cared for your people. You lead us through the wilderness of despair into a land flowing with joy and hope. You transform our tears into laughter, our sorrow into joy. Yet we fail to trust you—our fears overwhelm us, our tears drown our hope.

Afraid of the future, we cling to memories of the past. Forgive us, O God—when we criticize others, when we are afraid of tomorrow, when we lose hope in your goodness. Give us generous spirits, that we may anticipate tomorrow with trust in your goodness and your steadfast love. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Children's Moment

Gospel Reading

John 12:1-8

Witness to the Word

Pastor Evaristo Rodregous

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 #175**

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayers of Thanksgiving: for the Older Adult luncheon and program.

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.

BAKERS NEEDED

The Boys and Girls Club have asked us to help with baked goods for their fund raiser on March 27th. If you like to bake, please sign up in the parlor **TODAY**. Your baked goods need to be brought to the parlor kitchen in a disposable pan on Friday, March 27th.

COMPLETING THE FORM

By now, most of you have probably received your 2010 Census form. One of the shortest census forms in history, the 2010 Census form asks 10 questions and takes about 10 minutes to complete. It's easy, important and safe, and your participation is vital. By law, the U.S. Census Bureau cannot share an individual's personal information with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities. Please complete and mail back your census form and encourage you 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.

SUNDAY, MARCH 21

- 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 @ MacMurray
- 6:00 p.m. Lenten Service @ MacMurray College

MONDAY, MARCH 22

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Grace Notes Deadline
- 1:00 p.m. Crafty Ladies in the Friendly Mixer's Room
- 4:00 p.m. Older Adult Ministries Council Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Pastor Staff Meeting

TUESDAY, MARCH 23

- 6:00 p.m. Chick Flick
- 7:00 p.m. Deaf Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 25

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