

Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church
We are glad you are here!
3rd Sunday of Easter

9:30 A.M. Worship

10:45 A.M. Sunday School

April 18, 2010

Invitation and Gathering

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

Gathering Words

Invocation

Eternal Lord, we seek your blessing upon us as we come from the busy world that we live in to this holy house of prayer. Let our hearts be open to the music and the Word of God and the words of God's servant. May our minds be open to what you have for us in this special time. Amen.

*** Hymn: FWS 2137 vs. 1, 2 and 4**

Would I Have Answered When You Called

Proclamation and Response

Children's Moment

Charlotte Cave

Recognition of Our Volunteers

Special Music

Lord, I Want To Be A Christian

Chancel Choir

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

Scripture Reading

Genesis 22:1-8, 15-18

Edna Anderson, Reader

Witness to the Word

Pastor Mike Fender

Sending Forth

Benediction

***Choral Benediction UMH 436**

The Voice Of God Is Calling

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayers of Thanksgiving: for the blessings of God

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

Prayers For Upcoming Events and Our Community: for the Wednesday night prayer service, for the all church meeting.

Prayers for: Our Home Bound and Nursing Home Members; the Kingdom of God to be realized in Jacksonville; Our Bishop; Our District Superintendent; Our Church; Its Ministry; and Its Stewardship and please pray for your Pastor.

ADORNING THE ALTAR

The flowers on the Altar this morning are in celebration of all our wonderful and faithful volunteers.

STATE OF THE CHURCH MEETING

The State of the Church Meeting will be this morning following the worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to assess the current status of our church and to begin discussions concerning our future. The time has come for all of our members and friends to join in an organized discussion as to the future of our church. Nursery and Youth activities will be provided.

OLDER ADULT MINISTRIES PROGRAM

The Older Adult Ministries Program will be April 21st with Jennifer Reif coming from the Boys and Girls Club. We want to give Jennifer a CARE PACKAGE to take back with her. Please bring something she could use. Suggested items are crayons, washable markers, construction paper, pencils, stickers, spiral notebooks, glue sticks and Kleenex.

“OPEN DOOR” TO STUDY PAUL’S LETTERS

We would love to have you join the “Open Door” Bible Class on Sunday mornings as we begin a study of Paul’s letters. Paul wrote to the churches he helped establish to keep in touch and to encourage and instruct these new churches. Interestingly, many of the problems facing the new churches then, are some of the same problems we face today. Galatians, written to the church at Galatia, is believed to be the first letter Paul wrote. Here is where our class will start its study. We will then go on to 1st and 2nd Thessalonians, the second and third letters. We will also study letters Paul wrote while in prison (Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians and Philemon) and what are known as the Pastoral Letters (1st and 2nd Timothy and Titus). If you have any questions, contact Jane Masters or Richard Ommen. As our name “Open Door” implies, anyone is welcome anytime – the door is always open. Hope to see you Sunday mornings.

MEN’S GROUP

The Men’s Group, along with men from Brooklyn UMC, Centenary UMC, and Wesley Chapel UMC will have a joint meeting April 20th. They first will enjoy a BBQ dinner at 6:00 p.m., then will hear from Mark Freeman, the warehouse manager at Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Chatham. Mark will share information concerning the role the MMDC plays in the distribution of supplies to Haiti, countries in Africa, and here in the United States. All men are welcome, and are asked to bring a new or used hand tool which will then be sent to Haiti to help in the construction of buildings there.

MOTHER’S DAY FAMILY DINNER ON MAY 9th – SPONSORED BY THE JR. AND SR. HIGH YOUTH

Please make your reservations early. We want to make the day a pleasant experience for our families on a day that is so busy in the restaurants. Reservations are being taken from 11:45 am until 1:00 pm and may be made in the church parlor or in the office. The main course of the menu will be baked pork tenderloins or meatloaf. The price will be \$12.50 for those age 10 and above and \$6.00 for those under 10 years of age.

DONATIONS NEED FOR GREENERY IN THE SANCTUARY

Worship Arts is raising \$800 to purchase a number of silk ferns and greenery for the chancel area. These arrangements can be used in different worship setting and add even more warmth to our sanctuary. If you would like to help purchase a silk plant for the sanctuary please make a donation in the name of the church earmarked for "silk plants".

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

9:00 a.m. Fellowship
9:30 a.m. Worship
10:45 a.m. **NO** Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Deaf Ministry
1:00 p.m. Deaf Youth Group
4:30-6:00 p.m. Jr. and Sr. High Youth Group

MONDAY, APRIL 19

8:00 a.m. Depart for Midwest Dist. Center
1:00 p.m. Crafty Ladies @ Chris Willhite
6:00 p.m. Committee on Discipleship
6:30 p.m. Committee on Missions
7:30 p.m. Administrative Council

TUESDAY, APRIL 20

6:00 p.m. Men of Grace
7:00 p.m. Acts Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Deaf Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

11:30 a.m. Worship Time
12:00 p.m. Food & Fellowship
1:00 p.m. Older Adult Program
6:30 p.m. Prayer Service in the Chapel
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

THURSDAY, APRIL 22

11:00 a.m. Bible Study