

Spring Banquet



Calling all ladies, The United Methodist Women would like to invite you to our Spring Banquet

Date: Tuesday, May 13, 2008

Time: 6 PM

Where: Grace United Methodist Church

What to Bring: Covered Dish

Pastor Steve Williams along with members of the Mission Team will be sharing photos and stories from the 2008 mission trip to Juarez, Mexico. Please join us for an evening filled with fellowship, laughter and learning. Bring your mothers, daughters, friends and neighbors to our spring dinner. You do not need to be a member of the UMW to attend. Please join us!

Methodists In Action

Jesus said "Come Unto Me". Are you coming? Here are those who did. Where were you?

Mar 30 - 113 persons attended both services.

April 6 - A beautiful Sunday morning. Only 98 attended these services.

April 12 - Sat. First Bar-B-Q. Cold, windy and rainy, not a good day. Attendance was low - our work force put in a full day. We could have used your help.

April 13 - Volunteers in mission returned from Mexico. They had great stories to tell and pictures to show. 111 worshipers were there for both services.

April 20 - Sat. Second Bar-B-Q. Rainy and cool. Still not a good day. Served 179 meals. Workers put in a full day. If you can help, please do!

April 21 - Sunday - A beautiful day. The temperature went up. Church attendance went down, 25 at the early service. 59 at the late service.

April 27 - Another Bar-B-Q. We're hoping this Sat. is clear, warm, and sunny. Next one will be on May 3rd.

Greeters and Ushers: May, 2008

The following schedule is coordinated with liturgists, electronic media, communion/choir members, and nursery workers. Let me know as soon as possible if you cannot serve on a designated Sunday. I do want to be involved in changes! If you make that decision on Sunday let Don Rodgers (head usher) know at GUMC (468-6010). Grace is fortunate to have you serving as helpful participants in her worship experiences. The worship team appreciates your faithfulness!



Marje Bandy, Coordinator

8:15 Service

Helen Neeley and Keith Oberbeck will serve and share this responsibility. Brenda and Mike Archambo will serve when needed.

10:45 Service

May 4

Jeff Counts - Greeter and Usher
Stacy Counts - Greeter and Usher
Elizabeth Hall - Usher
Jo Palmateer - Usher

May 11 (Mother's Day)

Barb Sullivan - Greeter and Usher
Ron Sullivan - Greeter and Usher
Joyce Adams - Usher
Donna McKellips - Usher

May 18

Ginny Gilhaus - Greeter
Judy Benage - Greeter
Brenda Dace - Usher
Elizabeth Neff - Usher
Judy Studdard - Usher
Becky Woodcock - Usher

May 25

Bennie Wilsey - Greeter
Ida Mae Wilsey - Greeter
Chris Beckett - Usher
Jane Rohrer - Usher
Don Montee - Usher
Peggy Montee - Usher

Trustees' Corner

May 31 will be our second annual Clean-up/Spruce up Day here at Grace. We'll be painting, sweeping, and cleaning everything we can find to do. We will be shining brass, replacing tiles, and fixing lights. Outside we'll be spreading mulch, raking leaves, and working on the playground among other things we'll surely find to do.

The parsonage needs as much or more of our time this year as the church. There is much yard work to do, and donations of plants, flowers and such are needed to beautify the yard and house so we can remain the good neighbors we are over on George Street.

Mathew Kramm, son of Terry and Debi Kramm, is working on his Eagle Scout badge. His project is the prayer path in the wood behind the church. He's proposed putting a path through the trees, with a picnic area, and prayer circle. We'll be spreading mulch, pruning bushes and trees, doing additional plantings, and building a fire pit, table(s), and building a cross at the prayer circle.

We have so much to do! Everyone can contribute regardless of his or her abilities! There are things to do inside and out, and we need lots of people, so please come to church on Saturday, May 31 and contribute.

As a final note, I need to thank special people who've donated time and items to improve our church. Keith and Trudy Oberbeck donated a setback thermostat to be installed in the Fellowship Hall. This will allow us to better control the two furnaces that heat and cool a large part of the church and save us money! Marvin and Donna Tayloe took the register box from the wall by the Sanctuary door, and refinished it! I finally reinstalled it last week, with newly shined brass light and fittings (sorry it took so long), and it really looks good!

Leonard L. Butts,
Chair, Trustees

United Methodist Women Invite You To Burn A Candle

Every year on the Memorial Day weekend the congregation is invited to participate in the UMW candle burning event. Did you know that women all over the USA pledge to support missions? This year \$36.80 per minute will be spent around the world to help women, children and youth through United Methodist Women. You can honor a loved one or give in memory of a loved one by making a check to UMW and designating it "candle burning". When we count up all the money, we will know how many minutes have been supported. You can give any amount. Then come on Sunday, May 25 and hear your loved ones' name(s) read and see how many minutes we burn the candle. Grace United Methodist Women thank you for participating in missions in this unique way.

Vacation Bible School



Summer vacations are just around the corner, with thoughts of summer camp, swimming, and heading for the beach. With gas prices what they are, however, getting to the beach might be a bit too costly, unless you enroll in VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL. That's right, VBS is going to the beach where the SON always shines!

Mark the dates on your calendar. VBS is scheduled for July 21 through July 25. This year we will begin with a huge beach party on Sunday evening, July 20th.

Keep watching the newsletter for craft items we will be collecting, and stand by your phone for opportunities to help with snacks, teaching, and life guarding.

Invite your friends and neighbors, sign up your children, and have your grandkids visit for a week. VBS week will be one of the most exciting weeks of the summer as we surf through God's word, sing songs, play games, swim, and even do science experiments. SURF'S UP! SEE YOU THERE, DUDE!

Remember to Remember

One Memorial Day, some children were asked what the holiday meant to them. "That's the day the swimming pool opens!" answered one eager boy. What he didn't realize or appreciate was that he can freely go to the pool because more than one million people have put their lives on the line to preserve America's democracy. Many of them have died so citizens of other countries might also enjoy the privileges of political, social and economic freedom. Memorial Day is our opportunity to pause and remember the sacrifices of many of America's best citizens. They made the supreme sacrifice on our behalf, so please remember to honor these heroes on May 26.



Nevaeh?

Ever know anyone named Nevaeh? This increasingly popular name is "Heaven" spelled backward. Nevaeh is a recent invention, appearing suddenly in 1999. That year, there were eight baby Nevaehs born in the United States. The next year, there were 86. Now the name is in the top 50 most popular baby girl names. Parents select Nevaeh because it has meaning, uniqueness and star-connection. Names during biblical times carried not just meaning but a hoped-for destiny. While the name "Jesus" was as common in that day as Michael, John or David are today, its meaning was entirely uncommon for him. Jesus literally means "salvation" or "the Lord saves". No matter your given name, take pride in your label as a Christian. That name shows your true meaning and destiny.

Newsletternewsletter

A Flood of Gifts!

Obrigado! (That's Portuguese for "Thank You!") We had hoped to collect \$300 to send to our sister church in Nova Mambone. Your offerings, along with a \$100 donation from the Endowment Fund, totals close to \$500! Thank you for your giving and your compassion - because of you, the people of Nova Mambone will know a little better the love of God!