



October 7, 2009

# GRAND AVENEWS

## Staff

George E. Rook  
Pastor

Chuck Law  
Director of  
Music Ministries

Austin Hayes  
Director of Children,  
Tweens & Youth Ministries

Wanda Mayfield  
Organist

Heather Sanders  
Secretary

## Sunday Schedule

9:00am  
Sunday School\*

9:45am  
Fellowship

10:00am  
Worship

\*Child Care Provided

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Endowment Committee Meeting - This Sunday after Morning Worship in the Library.

Worship Committee Meeting - Tuesday, October 13 at 7pm in the Church Office.

Trustees Meeting - Monday, October 19 at 7pm in the Church Office.

Finance Committee Meeting - Tuesday, October 19 at 7pm in the Library.

Administrative Council Meeting - Tuesday, October 19 at 7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.



Laity Sunday is October 18: Jennifer White, who is a college student from Stuttgart, will be our guest speaker. Please make plans to attend this special service celebrating the ministry of all Christians!



Pastor Rook will be out of the office from 10/27 to 10/30 for a General Board of Pensions meeting in Minneapolis. Have a safe trip!

## **UMW FUNDRAISER**

Grand Avenue United Methodist Women

**Blue Polo Shirt (short-sleeved)  
with Grand Avenue logo \$25.00**

**Blue Denim Button-up (long-sleeved)  
with Grand Avenue logo \$32.00**

**Youth Sizes  
S - XL**

**Adult Sizes  
S - XXL**

**Orders can be placed  
through any UMW member  
or through the Church Office.**



## **Gloriae Dei Cantores at Christ Church**



Gloriae Dei Cantores, a sacred choir, will be in concert on Thursday, October 15 at 7:30pm at Christ Church, Little Rock. There will be a pre-concert lecture at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students. For more information, call Christ Church's office at (501) 375-2342.

For more information about Gloriae Dei Cantores and to hear samples of their music, visit the group's website at [www.gdcchoir.org](http://www.gdcchoir.org).

Christ Church is located at 509 Scott St. in Little Rock.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

GA Sunday School Classes are currently studying:

Young Adults –

(meets on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor in the old “cookery” room)

Challengers Class - “What Do Other Faiths Believe?”

(meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

Pathfinders Class - “When You’re A Christian The Whole World Is From Missouri”

(meets at the church office)

Crusaders Class - “Rich In The Things That Mean The Most”

(meets in the library)



## CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL

PreK3 - 4th Grade - October Lesson - “Moses”

October 11 - Moses and The Burning Bush

October 18 - Let My People Go

October 25 - Escape from Egypt

## SEPTEMBER PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Whitney Tull

Wrana Tull

Regan Tull

Bethany Crum

Bentley Carlock

Jess Crum

Caroline Hoskyn

Matthew Hoskyn

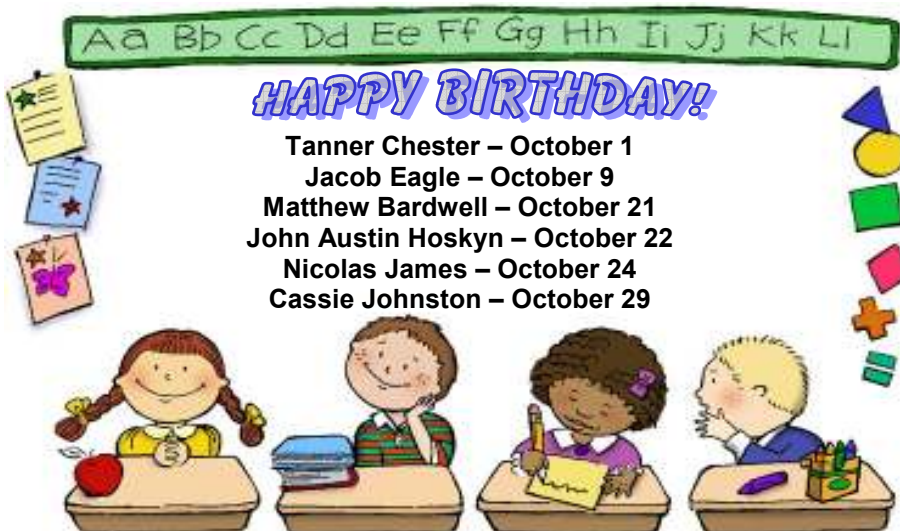
John Austin Hoskyn

A gift in honor of Peggy Gingrich's birthday has been given to the Children's Library by Jim Gingrich. Thank you!

## CONGRATULATIONS

Addison Melson received 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in Drawing for 7th thru 12th grade and 1st in Decorative Art in her age group.

Will Garrison received 1st and 2nd place in Children's Painting.



### Help Needed!!!!

The Grand Avenue Youth program is in need of a female youth volunteer on Sunday nights. This person is needed to help with the Junior High youth program to fulfill Safe Sanctuary policy. Anyone who feels like God is calling them to help in this vital ministry please contact Austin at the church office.

### Upcoming Youth Events:

October 9<sup>th</sup>: Friday night Hangout with FUMC in youth room 7:30-10pm.

October 11<sup>th</sup>: Pinnacle Mountain hike. Leave GAUMC at 1pm.

October 16<sup>th</sup>: Tailgating Ned Mosley Stadium 5 to 6:45 pm.

October 17<sup>th</sup>: Party in the Park 3 to 6:30 pm.

October 31<sup>st</sup>: Church Fall Carnival times TBA

**Thank you!!!! Your generosity helped the Grand Avenue Youth raise \$490.00 during their Potato Bar Luncheon on Sunday, October 4. Thank you again!**

## Missionaries to visit Grand Avenue October 11, 2009

This Sunday, October 11, John and Diana Lubeck, Missionaries and Bible translators, from Guatemala will be at Grand Avenue during the Sunday School time. All classes are invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall to meet them and hear their presentation. Nomie Gingerich Frazier and her family have known and worked with the Lubecks for many years. Jim and Peggy Gingerich and Tom Roth have also been to their home in Guatemala. They have dedicated their lives to serving the Chorti Indians and translating the Bible into their language. They will be staying with the Gingerich's while in town.

After studying linguistics and attending Spanish language school the Lubecks went to Guatemala as translators with Wycliffe Bible Translators in 1973. They lived in a remote Indian village for four years to learn the language of the Chorti people to whom they felt called. After having learned the language, they established an alphabet, analyzed the grammar, and then completed the translation of the Chorti New Testament in 1997.

Feeling that their work was not finished among the Chorti people after having completed the goals set for them by WBT, the Lubecks joined another mission, Evangel Bible Translators, to continue translation of the Old Testament. At that time they began ministering in the mountain village of Pelillo Negro (peh-LEE-oh NEGG-roh) where they held a weekly Bible school in Chorti for four years, trained leaders, taught music and had a choir, and wrote

Sunday School lessons in Chorti and trained SS teachers. They also sponsored the construction of a new, larger church with SS rooms that is nearly completed.

Then in 2004 they felt led of the Lord to begin working full time on the translation of the Old Testament. Since they were already in their 60's and at the suggestion of their former WBT supervisor, they hired and trained some intelligent, called of God, Chorti young people to help them do the translation of the OT. This has functioned very well, and they now have about 96% of the OT first draft translation.

So the Lord has entrusted to the Lubecks the responsibility of completing the translation of the entire Bible in the Chorti language. In doing so, they are trusting the Lord for wisdom, longevity, energy, and the finances to complete the life-long project. These are their biggest prayer needs.

In 2008, John was invited to teach the Bible in Chorti on the local bi-lingual Christian radio station. He began teaching in the book of John and has recorded 68 thirty minute programs since then.

The Lubecks are fully aware of the part that prayer plays in this life-long project. Your prayers are urgently requested and could very well make the difference of their completing this holy task.



### MUSEUM DISPLAY RECOGNIZES METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Museum of the Arkansas Grand Prairie's current lobby display is "School Days of Old." According to a published report in the "Stuttgart Daily Leader," The Methodist Episcopal Church directed The Stuttgart Training School, which was in operation from 1896 to 1914 and was located between 15th and College Streets ("Stuttgart Daily Leader," Monday, October 4, 2009, p.1). What makes this article of special interest to us at Grand Avenue is that prior to the merger of three Methodist denominations in 1939 our congregation was The Grand Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, which was the original Methodist denomination for The United States. Subjects taught at the school were "Greek, Latin, German and French Languages, Shakespeare, Chemistry, Bible and athletics" (ibid.). The training center became part of Stuttgart High School, which opened in 1912.

## INGATHERING—UMCOR MISSION OPPORTUNITY

The United Methodist Committee On Relief is in need of supplies. Relief items in bulk quantities are at the top of the needs list. The annual Arkansas Area Ingathering is in November.

You are invited to contribute items in bulk quantities that are listed in the UMCOR kits. The supplies may be placed in the old church office or in the box in the fellowship hall.

Also, monetary gifts may be donated to help purchase items that are included in the kits. Checks may be written to GAUMC with a memo for UMCOR supplies.

### **School Kit** Value \$11 per kit

- 1 pair blunt scissors (rounded tip)
- 3 pads (or loose-leaf) or 8.5"x 11" ruled paper
- 1 30cm ruler
- 1 hand-held pencil sharpener
- 6 unsharpened pencils with erasers
- 1 eraser, 2.5"
- 1 box of 24 crayons (only 24)

### **Health Kit** Value \$12 per kit

- 1 hand towel (15"x25" up to 17"x 27")
- 1 washcloth
- 1 comb (large & sturdy, not pocket-sized)
- 1 nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)
- 1 bath-size bar of soap (3oz & up)
- 1 toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper, No child-sized)
- \$1.00 to purchase toothpaste (UMCOR Sager Brown is now purchasing toothpaste in bulk to be added to health kits before shipping to ensure the product does not expire).

### **Flood Bucket** Value \$45 per

- bucket
- 5-gallon bucket with resealable lid
- Bleach—two 1 quart or one 82oz bottle (Do not include bleach if you are shipping the bucket through the US Postal Service, UPS or FedEx).
- 5 scouring pads
- Sponges, 7 pack, assorted sizes
- 1 Scrub brush
- 18 cleaning towels (reusable wipes)
- Liquid Laundry detergent—two 25oz or one 50oz bottle
- 1 household cleaner, 12-16oz bottle
- Disinfectant dish soap, 12-28oz bottle
- 50 clothes pins
- Clothes line—two 50ft or one 100ft
- 5 dust masks
- 2 pair latex gloves
- 1 park work gloves

### **Bedding Pack** Value \$50 per

- pack
- 2 flat double-bed sheets

### **Sewing Kit** Value \$18 per kit

- 3 yards of cotton or cotton-blend, solid color or print fabric (must be 3 yards of uncut fabric)
- 1 pair sewing scissors

### **Layette Kit** Value \$35 per kit

- 6 cloth diapers
- 2 shirts or 2 one-piece body suits
- 2 gowns or sleepers
- 2 diaper pins

## FROM THE PASTOR

### NEEDY FAMILY FUND

Members and nonmembers alike have benefitted from the Grand Avenue Needy Family Fund. This fund rarely - rarely - furnishes gas, food and lodging for people passing through Stuttgart. Funding these services too often becomes a misuse of funds based on manipulation and fraud. Instead, our funds address needs arising from within our own church family, from case workers with The Department of Human Services, from responsible organizations (such as schools) and from church members requesting help for someone not affiliated with our congregation.

Members of the Cora Essex Sunday School Class were the primary benefactors of both the Needy Family Fund and the ICCM (the local food bank). Contributions to both these areas diminished when this class was disbanded some years ago. While the ICCM has support throughout our congregation, though not as much as from the Cora Essex Sunday School Class, the Needy Family Fund was by and large dependent on the members of this one class.

The Needy Family Fund is now in need of your support if this program is to remain a vital part of our church's ministry, which I think it should be. Some of the individuals and families who have benefitted from this fund are not even aware the contributions came from Grand Avenue because our gifts are made anonymously when the Department of Human Services requests our help.

Won't you help us continue this important ministry? Please make your contributions to GAUMC and mark the memo corner "Needy Family Fund."

- George E. Rook



### PRAYER LIST

Ruby Self; Clarence South; Dot Renner; Louie McKissack; Vivian Howie; Hazel Riley; John Jackson; Ray Holsted; Harriet Boyd; Janita Hoskyn; Ralph Ligon; Terry Newton; Carolyn Larkin; Charles King; Jim Kyne; Lisa Holcombe; Suzanne Stroh; Melvin Tipton; Brenda Shaw; Trevor Gress; Michael Acklin; Jessie Cheek; Elizabeth Richardson; Cletus Carlock; Megan Mannis; Linda Sampson; Geraldine Urbani; Evy Lamb; All our sick and shut-in; President Barack Obama; Congress and our Leaders; The Leaders of our Allies; Members of the US, UK and Coalition Armed Forces and their Families; The families of those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

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### GROUPS & GATHERINGS

**YOUTH:** The United Methodist Junior High Youth (grades 7-8) meets each Sunday at 6pm to 7:30pm in the second floor Youth Wing, the Senior High Youth (grades 9-12) meets each Sunday at 6:45pm to 8:15pm. (contact Austin Hayes 673-6317).

**TWEENS:** The "Tweens" group (grades 5-6) meets in the Fellowship Hall, every Wednesday at 6pm. (contact Lainie Hoskyn at 659-0089).

**CHILDREN'S HANDBELLS:** Grades 5-7 meet in the choir room every Sunday at 5pm. (Chuck Law 673-6317)

**HANDS FOR HIM:** Wednesday Music Program for Children: Grades K-5 meet at 3:30pm and Pre-K will meet at 5pm. Contact Chuck Law (673-6317) or Lainie Hoskyn (659-0089).

**THE 3rd WEDNESDAY:** Adults \$3 - Children \$2 - Seniors \$2 - Fun, food & fellowship every third  
*Seasonal Meeting Times* Wednesday. Program starts at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. RSVP - 673-6317

**HANDBELL CHOIR:** Meets every Wednesday at 6pm. (Chuck Law 673-6317).

**ADULT CHOIR:** Meets every Wednesday at 7pm. (Chuck Law 673-6317).

**EXERSICE:** Meets every Tuesday at 10am in the FH; and every Thursday at 10am in the FH.

**Other groups meet weekly and/or monthly. Please check the calendar for meeting times and dates.**