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GRAND AVENEWS

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Sunday Schedule

9:00am
Sunday School*

9:45am
Fellowship

10:00am
Worship

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Epiphany Sunday is January 3. Epiphany, which means “manifestation” or “appearance,” begins on January 6 and commemorates the appearance of God to men and women in the human form of his Son, Jesus Christ. The account of the visit of the Wise Men or Magi who followed the star seeking the promised Messiah has traditionally been associated with this day. It also marks the disclosure of Christ to the Gentile people (Christian Word Book, p. 94).

The United Methodist Men will meet Thursday, January 7, at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall to finalize plans on the 2010 Valentine Banquet, which will be Thursday, February 11 at 7pm. The suggested donation (not required) for the catered dinner is \$5 with those attending for the first time being considered guests of the Grand Avenue UMM. All men are invited to attend!

The Age Level Coordinators will have their annual orientation meeting in the Church Library after Morning Worship on Sunday, January 17. Watch your mail box for a packet of preparation materials!

Confirmation Class 2010: A Confirmation Class is being organized for youth in or above the sixth grade. You are encouraged to pre-register before Tuesday, January 19 by calling the Church Office (673-6317). An organizational meeting for the class will take place in the Church Library after Morning Worship on Sunday, January 24.

UMW SUNDAY IS JANUARY 24 - Look for more information in upcoming bulletins and the next issue of Grand Avenews.



Poinsettias placed in the church may be taken home by their donors.

The 2010 Flower Calendar is posted on the wall across from the literature rack at the side entrance of the sanctuary.

The January/February issue of “The Upper Room,” regular and large print, is available free of charge in the narthex and from the literature racks at the back of the sanctuary and at the side entrance to the sanctuary.

Thank you to all the leaders and helpers and musicians who made our Advent and Christmas programs beautiful memories for everyone. You were gracious in sharing your time, inspiration and talent with all of us and it is appreciated!

Thank you! Our 2009 apportionments have been paid in full and funds are available to begin the new year because of your generous support of Grand Avenue.

Happy New Year!

Christian Education - Every Sunday at 9am

ADULT CLASSES

Young Adults	“Genesis”
Challengers Class	“Faith Is The Answer, But What Are the Questions”
Pathfinders Class	“Celebrate The New Born Jesus”
Crusaders Class	“Irresistible Invitation”

BIBLE BOOT CAMP

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path”
Psalm 119:105

Be a part of God’s Army
Saturday, January 23 from 10:00 – 12:00
Wear your fatigues and camo

CHILDREN’S CLASSES

PreK3- 4th Grade
Rock Solid – Building A Heart of Faith

January 3	The Greatest Gift
January 10	Mary and Martha
January 17	The Woman at the Well
January 24	The Rich Young Man
January 31	St. Peter’s Declaration

BE ALL YOU CAN BE

Recruits in 3rd – 6th grade will have training exercises in learning the books of the bible, chapters, verse and specific bible verses through games and activities. Drill Sergeants are needed, please contact Shelley if you can help.



DECEMBER PERFECT ATTENDANCE

<i>Scout Griffin</i>	<i>Regan Tull</i>
<i>Benjamin Griffin</i>	<i>Jack Griffin</i>
<i>Whitney Tull</i>	<i>Wrana Tull</i>
<i>Bethany Crum</i>	<i>Jess Crum</i>
<i>Matthew Linn</i>	

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

5	Elaina Erwin
7	Laura Burkett
15	D J Walker
27	Mark Dewberry

RECYCLE HERE

Please place your Sunday Bulletin in the Recycle Basket in the Narthex on your way out on Sunday Morning.

NOTES FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

A BIG THANK YOU.....to everyone that helped with the Adult Cantata and the Youth Program. Allot of hard work goes into those and without YOUR help it would not be possible. Great Job to Our own Grand Avenue Choir Members and a special thank you goes out to Joyce Roth and Bill Brothers for their hard work with the Adult Cantata.

Time to Start Back....The Adult Choir and Hand Bells will resume rehearsals January 6th. Please mark your calendar.

The Sunday Youth Program will resume back January 10th. We will start at 4:30.

Hands For Him will resume back January 13th with the students being picked up and starting at 3:30..

A Special Note From Mr. Chuck

This has been a very rich and rewarding year for our music program at Grand Avenue. Our programs are strong and growing because of everyone’s commitment and dedication. Plans for the spring are underway and I hope that if you are not participating in one of our groups you will think about it. We always have room for "one more".

Have a great Year

FROM THE PASTOR

In this Christmas season (remember Advent is the season preceding Christmas), I would like to share with you several scriptures lessons in this space reserved for the Pastor's article and simply let these scriptures speak for themselves quietly and gently to your hearts. May the joy and hope of this Christmas season be with you and those you love!

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined. For a small child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.
Isaiah 9:2,6-7

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying. 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Galatians 4:4-7

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word.

Hebrews 1:1-3a

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life - this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us - we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.

John 1:1-3

-George E. Rook

PRAYER LIST

Norma Mattison; Jessie Cheek; Ruby Self; Billy Self; Clarence South; Louie McKissack; Vivian Howie; Hazel Riley; John Jackson; Ray Holsted; Harriet Boyd; Janita Hoskyn; Melvin Tipton; Michael Acklin; Cletus Carlock; Floyd Brothers; Lauren Lisko; 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.