

March 11, 2009

GRAND AVENEWS

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Sunday Schedule

9:00am
Sunday School*

9:45am
Fellowship

10:00am
Worship

*Child Care Provided

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Grand Avenue's Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Donald R. Beverly, and especially to his sister, Mildred Beverly, upon his death March 4th in Allen Morgan Nursing Home in Memphis Tennessee. Donald joined Grand Avenue as a youth and he and his family were active members of Grand Avenue until moving to Clarksdale, Mississippi in 1964.

Grand Avenue welcomes Graylie Sloane Lawless who was born March 5 at St. Vincent Hospital. Graylie Sloane weighed 7lbs 5oz and was 19.5" long. Graylie Sloane is welcomed by her big brothers Holden and Forest Lawless, her parents, Megan and Skylar Lawless; grandparents Kandy and Kenny Gray; great-grandparents Betty and Rhett Oliphant. Welcome!

Next Sunday is Youth Sunday! Rod Hocott with the Conference Ministry Staff in the area of Youth and Young Adults Ministries will be our guest speaker. The youth of Grand Avenue will serve as worship leaders.



The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be received Sunday, March 22. This is a major offering that supports The United Methodist Committee on Relief. Your generosity is strongly encouraged and appreciated.



March

Wrana Harriman
Whitney Tull

April

Alaina Hiryak
Madeline Hopson

Because of your generosity, \$105 was received for Catch the Vision. Thank you!

✓ You are invited to a wedding shower honoring Taylor Hoskyn and Sarah Earnheart in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, March 29 from 1pm to 2:30pm. ✓



Spring Bake Sale

The UMW annual Spring Bake Sale is scheduled for Saturday, April 4. Everyone is encouraged to bake, preserve and freeze for this event. In addition, we will have a Rummage Sale. So clean out those closets, drawers and storage areas so we will have a good variety of items. This may include books, pictures, vases, furniture, dishes, jewelry, linens, etc. You may price your items if you wish. **NO CLOTHING ACCEPTED.** We also encourage you to dig in your garden and bring plants and/or cuttings. You may bring your items to the church on Thursday afternoon and all day Friday, April 2 and 3 for the rummage sale.

This annual event is one of the two major fund raisers each year. The money raised helps in Mission Giving, i.e. - Pledge to Mission, Girls State, ICCM, Home Members Gifts, Heifer Project International, Aldersgate, UMCOR, funding our own programs and local church activities. YOUR participation in giving and buying enables the UMW to continue to be a vital link at Grand Avenue and we appreciate your active support.

Important dates:

Youth Sunday - 3/15
Singles Lunch - 3/15
Trustees - 7pm - Office - 3/16
Finance - 7pm - Library - 3/17
Ad. Council - 7:30pm - FH - 3/17
ICCM - 3/29



Kitchen
Accessories
Needed

If you have ever thought of some things our Church Kitchen might need or could use updating or anything, we now have a list located in the kitchen and on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Please don't hesitate to add your suggestions and ideas!

HOLY COMMUNION:

United Methodists put this sacrament in the center of the life of the community of faith. And why not? This is more than just recalling what Jesus did "back then"; in this bread and cup is the Real Presence of our Lord. That is what Jesus declared when he said, "This is my body. This is my Blood." Jesus' presence is spiritual. (The bread remains bread; the juice remains juice). But the presence is read and United Methodists are called to come constantly to the Lord's Table. It is a means of grace.

-The Unofficial United Methodist Handbook, p. 201
(Available from Cokesbury at \$16)

{Note: Holy Communion increases our union with Christ and with his Church. It increases our love for God and for others, and preserves and renews the life of grace}.



We are getting ready for Vacation Church School at Grand Avenue! This year's theme is **CAMP E.D.G.E.**, which is an action-packed, adrenaline-filled expedition that teaches kids their strength and might come from God. Through rockin' contemporary music, larger-than-life recreation games, mind-boggling science activities, extreme sports videos, and cool, challenging crafts, you'll show your kids how to live on the E.D.G.E. in their faith.

CAMP E.D.G.E. VBS 2009 Daily E.D.G.E. Pledges:

God is with me. I will stay close to God.
God guides me. I will follow.
God teaches me. I will learn.
God loves me. I will love God and others.
God sends me. I will go.

**FRIDAY, JULY 31 ~ 5:30 to 8:00PM and
SATURDAY, AUGUST 1 ~ 9:00am-3:00pm**
(Enrollment forms will be available soon)

Right now, we are asking for volunteers to help in any way they can, if you are interested in helping make another Vacation Church School a huge success, please call the Church Office to sign up at 870-673-

**6317 or email the office at
The LORD is my strength
and my might. Psalm 118:14a
gaumc@centurytel.net**

THIRD WEDNESDAY PROGRAM ~ March 18, 2009 ~ 5:30pm ~ Fellowship Hall

This month's Third Wednesday Program will be hosted by the Grand Avenue Youth. The youth will be providing a breakfast supper and will also put on a very entertaining program as well! The cost is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children and seniors with a \$10 maximum for larger families). Please come join the fellowship even if you are going to be late. We will serve until around 6:45pm and take outs will be available until the food runs out for the same prices. Please sign up in the fellowship hall or call the church office or email us at gaumc@centurytel.net. April still needs a hosting party, if you are interested, please contact Abby Cress, Mikah Eagle, CeCe Blackwell, Jennifer Payton or Elizabeth Hoskyn to sign up. See you there!

Memorials

In memory of Clio Clary
given by
Patricia Jane Ferguson
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Clark Roth
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Scafidel
Mattie Thach Rose
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Jacobs
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Burkett
Mildred Beverly
Mrs. Eunice Montgomery
Pastor George E. Rook

In memory of Donna Hansen
given by
Patricia Jane Ferguson
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Krisell
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Jacobs

In memory of Ellen Southall
given by
Mary G. Smith

In memory of Donald Beverly
given by
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Jacobs
Fredda Voumard
Mr. & Mrs. James P. Mayfield

In memory of Catherine Linton
given by
Mr. & Mrs. Roland Roth

In memory of Lila Bormann
given by
Mr. & Mrs. Roland Roth

In memory of Beth Ragan Adams
given by
Sherry Tuminello
Pat Howey
Patricia Jane Ferguson
Mr. & Mrs. Bud McCollum
Mr. & Mrs. Carl Gunter
Mr. & Mrs. William Erstine
Mrs. Claudia Roebbeke

In memory of Kevin Harvill
given by
Ruth Crum Simpson

In memory of Hazel Bryant
given by
Mr. & Mrs. William Erstine
Patricia Jane Ferguson

In memory of Carl Raper
given by
Patricia Jane Ferguson

In memory of Frances Bowman Burress
given by
Patricia Jane Ferguson

In memory of Donald Ray Parker
given by
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Krisell

In memory of Jo Ann Ridgway Miles
given by
Pastor George E. Rook

PRAYER LIST

Betty Oliphant; Tommy Jackson; Dot Renner; Paul Blackwell; Billy Self; Velma Patterson; Jessie Cheek; Claudia Roebbeke; Louie McKissack; Vivian Howie; Stan Wilson; Hazel Riley; John Jackson; Joe Painter; Ray Holsted; Shelby Churchwell; Gertie Sanders; Tim Walton; Stacey Fink; Harriet Boyd; Janita Hoskyn; Eleanor Suttle; Sherley Black; Hollie Blake; Ralph Ligon; Terry Newton; Dan Loudermilk; Elizabeth Richardson; April Rodgers; Mildred Beverly on the death of her brother, Donald Beverly; Cathie Jones; Sylvia Mills; Pete Shirkey; 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.

FROM THE PASTOR

Do you remember how Jesus once compared the people of his generation to unresponsive children? He said, "But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn'" (Mt. 11:16, 17). Jesus saw the people behaving like children playing in the marketplaces. One group would say, "Let's play wedding," and the other group replied, "We don't feel like being happy." The first group then said, "Fine, let's play funeral," and the other group responded, "We don't feel like being sad." No matter what was suggested, the second group did not want to go along. They found fault with everything being offered!

The point Jesus was making is that some people are unteachable. People can easily find an excuse for not listening if they are stubbornly determined to be unresponsive. It doesn't matter what the message is or who the messenger is. Yes, people can be like spoiled children who refuse to play no matter what game is offered. Was Jesus disappointed? Yes, he was very disappointed! Is Jesus disappointed with the same behavior today? Of course he is!

Lent is a period of intensified spiritual growth and preparation so we may be better prepared to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord on Easter Sunday. How is your Lent going? Are you teachable? Devotional materials have been provided, a special Bible study is underway, worship services are being offered and sermons are being planned. To paraphrase our scripture: "We are playing the flute for you, but are you dancing?"

The eleventh chapter of Matthew closes with this invitation from Jesus: "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Mt. 11:28-30). Being teachable does have benefits!

-George E. Rook

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF CHILDRENS, TWEENS AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

March has been and will continue to be busy for the Youth here at GAUMC. We are teaching rotation Sunday school, doing Youth Sunday, and preparing for the Third Wednesday program.

The Rotation Sunday school is going very well. The Youth are not only enjoying the opportunity to teach, but are learning with the children.

The Youth Sunday speaker will be Rod Hocott with the Arkansas Conference Ministry Staff. He is the Director of Youth and Young Adults Ministry. Rod has over thirty years experience in Youth ministry and was one of the instructors at PSYM Foundations classes in Dallas.

The Third Wednesday program will be interesting to say the least. The meal will be Breakfast for Supper, so be sure and attend to see what will no doubt be an unforgettable event.

Also the Youth have begun a Bible Study on Wednesday nights. We have been studying Romans. We meet at 7:00 and hope that more will decide to join us.

One thought for us to think about during this time of uncertainty, God is never surprised. He always knows what is happening and what will happen. Also God has promised to answer his children when they call upon Him. **"Because he loves me," says the Lord, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. He will call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. With long life will I satisfy him and show him my salvation."** Psalm 91: 14-16.

~Austin Hayes

CAMP TANAKO 2009

Camps and Events

Choose the camp according to the school grade the camper will be entering in the Fall of 2009.

<u>CAMPS</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>GRADES</u>
Family Camp	April 17 - 18	(For children ages 4-10 and their parents)
Fishing Camp	June 5 - 7	3, 4, 5, 6, 7
Middle Elementary I	June 15 - 18	3, 4
Younger Elementary Extravaganza (Y.E.E.!)	June 22 - 24	1, 2
Golf Camp	June 22 - 24	7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
Senior High	June 29 - July 3	9, 10, 11, 12
Junior High I	July 6 - 10	7, 8, 9
Older Elementary I	July 13 - 17	5, 6
Middle Elementary II	July 17 - 19	3, 4
Junior High II	July 20 - 24	7, 8, 9
Older Elementary II	July 27 - 31	5, 6

Camp 2009
TANAKO



CAMP TANAKO
4301 HWY 290
HOT SPRINGS, AR 71913
(501) 262-2600
info@tanako.org

The United Methodist Men will once again provide Camp Tanako Scholarships to the children and youth who attend or visit Grand Avenue (member or non-member). The scholarship amounts (partial or full) will be determined based on the number of requests and will be awarded after the UMM meeting on Thursday, May 7. PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN YOUR CAMP TANAKO REGISTRATION FORM TO THE CHURCH OFFICE. You will be contacted after the May 7 meeting if you will need to include a check with the forms that will be mailed by the Church Office to Camp Tanako. Registration forms are currently available in the Church Office.

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Stuttgart, AR 72160

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GROUPS & GATHERINGS

YOUTH: The United Methodist Youth (grades 7-12) meets each Sunday at 6pm to 7pm in the second floor Youth Wing. (contact Austin Hayes 673-6317).

TWEENS: The "Tweens" group (grades 5-6) meets in their room on the 3rd floor, every Sunday 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-6 meet at 4:30pm and Pre-K will meet at 5pm. Contact Chuck Law (673-6317) or Elizabeth Hoskyn (673-0079).

THE 3rd WEDNESDAY: Adults \$3 - Children \$2 - Seniors \$2 - Fun, food & fellowship every third 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 9:30am 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.