

March 28, 2007

GRAND AVENEWS

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*Sympathy is extended to the family of Jim Rogers,
especially to Jane, Maggie and Ford.*



UMW Bake Sale
Saturday March 31st
9:00-10:30am
FELLOWSHIP HALL



The United Methodist Women are ready to fill your pantry and freezer with homemade treats like cakes, cookies, pies, candies, casseroles and much more. If you have ever attended one of our Church's potlucks, you know what good cooks we have at Grand Avenue. Please join us for a cup of coffee and a cookie and don't forget to bring your checkbook.

Sunday Schedule

9:00am
Sunday School*

9:45am
Fellowship

10:00am
Worship*

*Child Care Provided

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UNITED METHODIST MEN MEETING TIME CHANGE

The UMM will meet Tuesday, April 3 at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. \$5.00 is the suggested (not required) donation for dinner. This change is due to the Maundy Thursday worship service at 7pm in the Church.

Because of your generosity, \$845 was collected Sunday March 18, for "One Great Hour of Sharing," which supports the United Methodist Committee on Relief. Thank you!



DIGITAL PHOTOS NEEDED

The church office needs digital photos to display on our church website. Exterior and interior photos as well as any "outings," anything church related will do. In addition to email, we will also accept photos on disks or memory cards. gaumc@centurytel.net
Check out our progress as we work! www.gaumc.com



Holy Week Schedule

April 1 is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week. Palm Sunday will be observed with appropriate hymns and traditions. Children are invited to participate in the processional by gathering at the front door prior to the 10:00am service. Palm crosses will be blessed during the service and distributed after worship.



Maundy Thursday, April 5: There will be two services with Holy Communion and a brief homily. The 5:15pm service will be a spoken service while the 7:00pm service will also include two hymns. This service commemorates the institution of the Sacrament of Holy Communion at the last supper Jesus shared with his disciples. Casual or business dress is appropriate.

The Church Office will be closed April 6 in observance of Good Friday.

The schedule for Easter Sunday



- 9:00am - Sunday School
- 9:30am - Easter Egg Hunt
- 9:45am - Fellowship Time
- 10:00am - Morning Worship

Those who gave Easter Lilies may take them home after the service.

CAMP TANAKO 2007

Camps and Events

CAMPS	DATES	GRADES
Fishing Camp	June 8 - 10	3, 4, 5, 6, 7
Younger Elementary Extravaganza (Y.E.E.!)	June 18 - 20	1, 2
Golf Camp	June 18 - 20	7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
Music Camp	June 20 - 23	3, 4, 5, 6
Senior High	June 25 - 29	9, 10, 11, 12
Middle Elementary I	June 29 - July 2	3, 4
Junior High I	July 9 - 13	7, 8, 9
Older Elementary I	July 16 - 20	5, 6
Middle Elementary II	July 20 - 22	3, 4
Junior High II	July 23 - 27	7, 8, 9
Older Elementary II	July 30 - August 3	5, 6

Choose the camp according to the school grade the camper will be entering in the Fall of 2007.



**CAMP TANAKO
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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 3, which is the deadline to submit a scholarship request. **PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN YOUR CAMP TANAKO REGISTRATION FORM TO THE CHURCH OFFICE.** You will be contacted after the May 3 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.

FROM THE PASTOR / PRAYER LIST

For the last six weeks, the worldwide Christian community has been on a very special journey. Our journey began on Ash Wednesday as we heard the Church's invitation to the observance of a holy Lent: "I invite you . . . in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word." Lenten devotional booklets, along with "The Upper Room," were provided by Grand Avenue to help you in your journey. There have also been Bible studies and even special programs for spiritual formation offered as part of ongoing meetings. The scriptures, hymns and sermons at worship have all invited your participation on this great journey.

You have been encouraged to fast, pray and give alms, and to let them become a part of your continuing lifestyle as a Christian. It is quite a challenge to maintain all of this after Lent. There has to be a willingness to grow in faith and in discipleship - a willingness to study, to pray, to meditate, to live lives that are spiritually exemplary. Some individuals have been more intentional than others in their observance of Lent and will remain more intentional after Lent about their continuing spiritual formation and faithful discipleship.

We all know that parents grow into being good parents by learning how to be good parents and by exchanging unhealthy character traits for positive ones. They want to be good parents and good role models! Teachers also grow in being good teachers. They attend workshops, learn and perfect new skills, undergo constant evaluations and seek to improve. What is true for parents and for teachers is also true for the Christian.

Lent is a time for serious, intentional growth as a Christian disciple. How have you observed Lent this year? May you continue to grow more and more into the person Jesus would have you be as you continue to grow more and more in his very likeness!

- George E. Rook



PRAYER LIST

Roland Endres; Joyce Roth; Rita Cress; Rollic Rich; Essie Thompson; Mary Bledsoe; Becki Wilson; Tammy Wilson; Willa Lambert; Sherry Tuminello; Gene Smith; Elizabeth Richardson; Ray Holsted; Beth Ragan Adams; Fern Bock; Clarence Thomason; Tim Walton; Michael Acklin; Fred McCuistion; Joey Hillis; Brenda Crum; Robert Lisko; John Fauerbach; Linda Fischer; John Robert Graves; Joni Thomas; Clifford Burdett; Jackson Carmean; Bailey Simpson; Bethany Jackson; Cathie Jones; Casey Jones; Ellen Southall; Sylvia Mills; Clio Clary; All our sick and shut-in; President George Bush; 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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