

April 11, 2007

GRAND AVENEWS

George E. Rook
Pastor

Chuck Law
Director of
Music Ministries

Sarah Alt
Youth Director

Wanda Mayfield
Organist

Heather Sanders
Secretary



Sympathy is extended to the family of Nelson White on the recent death of his stepfather, John Fauerbach.

Sympathy is also extended to the family of Essie Thompson. At the age of 105, Essie was the oldest living member of GAUMC when she died Wednesday, April 4.



April 22 - Native American Ministries Sunday

Your offering on Native American Ministries Sunday, the third Sunday of Easter, nurtures outreach with persons of all ages and provides scholarships for United Methodist Native American seminarians. Please give generously! Your gift makes a difference! Thank you!

www.umcgiving.org

“Hear, O God, and be gracious to me! O God, be my helper!...O Sovereign my God, I will give thanks to you for ever.” Psalm 30:10, 12b

Sunday Schedule

9:00am
Sunday School*

9:45am
Fellowship

10:00am
Worship*

*Child Care Provided

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THREE TO BE CONFIRMED SUNDAY, APRIL 15

During Morning Worship, Matthew Bardwell and Olivia Coleman will be received into Professing Membership by Confirmation while Addison Melson will be received into Professing Membership by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism with the Laying on of Hands, which is her confirmation. Welcome!

Member Change of Address

Ellen Southall
3300 Alcoa Road
Room 111
Benton, Arkansas 72015

Thank you to the
UMW Circles for the
food you bring us.
God bless you all.

Betty & Rhett
Oliphant



The Grand Avenue Seniors who will be graduating from Stuttgart High School this year and will be honored Sunday, May 6 during the annual Senior Recognition Potluck are Chris Mooney and Amanda Hawes. Congratulations!



Mother's Day - May 13 Pancake Breakfast

The men are inviting all families of GAUMC to a pancake breakfast beginning at 8:00am. This breakfast is given to honor all mothers. We hope you can attend.



Please join us for VBS
June 15-19 from 5:30-8:00pm. All children PreK 4yrs - 6th grade are welcome! "Lift Off" is our theme this year.



The Grand Avenue Youth continue to meet on Sundays from 6pm to 7pm. All youth grade 7 through 12 are invited to join us! We are currently planning our summer activities and need your input. If you have any questions please contact Sarah Alt at 501-450-2984.

Where do my Special Sunday offerings go?

- ◆ **Human Relations Day** strengthens United Methodist outreach to communities in the United States and Puerto Rico, maybe in your hometown!
- ◆ **One Great Hour of Sharing** enables your gifts to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) to be distributed at 100 percent to benefit ministries of food, shelter, health and peace in the United States and around the world.
- ◆ **Peace with Justice Sunday** allows The United Methodist Church to advocate for peace and justice through diverse U.S.-based and global programs.
- ◆ **World Communion Sunday** provides scholarships for U.S. (racial - and ethnic-minority) and international students. Your pastor or someone in your congregation may be a recipient.
- ◆ **Native American Ministries Sunday** nurtures mission with and funds seminary scholarships for United Methodist Native Americans across the United States.
- ◆ **United Methodist Student Day** furnishes scholarships and loans for students — perhaps from your local church — who attend United Methodist and other accredited schools.

For more information, go to www.umciving.org

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.



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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.

MEMORIALS

*In memory of Mr. Paul Blackwell, Sr.
given by:*

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Burkett & Family

*In memory of Mrs. C.V. McCauley
given by:*

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Jackson

Mr. and Mrs. Jon Aaron Jackson

*In memory of Jim Rogers
given by:*

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Kurtzweg

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gingerich

Mrs. Eugene Acklin

Patricia Jane Ferguson

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Jackson

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Keller

Mabel B. Moseley

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Burkett & Family

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Currie

Mr. and Mrs. Walt Krisell

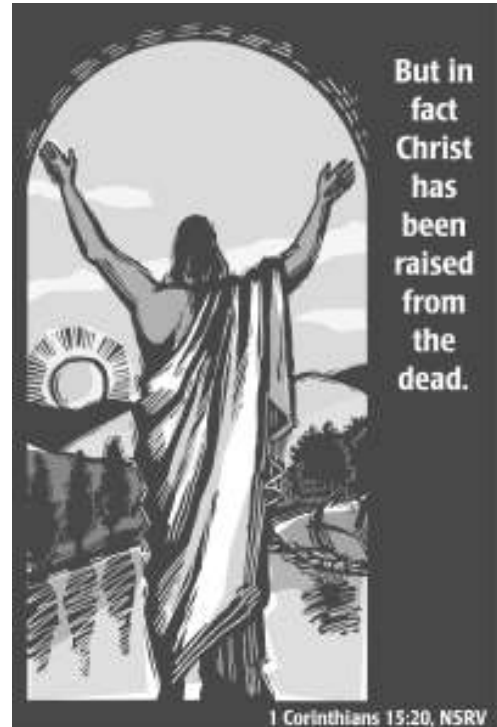
Mr. and Mrs. Robert K. Lucke

*In memory of Essie Thompson
given by:*

Patricia Jane Ferguson

Pastor George E. Rook

Mrs. Eugene Acklin



PRAYER LIST

Roland Endres; Joyce Roth; Rita Cress; Rollie Rich; Tammy Wilson; Willa Lambert; Gene Smith; Ray Holsted; Beth Ragan Adams; Fern Bock; Clarence Thomason; Tim Walton; Fred McCuiston; Joey Hillis; Brenda Crum; John Robert Graves; Robert Lisko; Linda Fisher; Joni Thomas; Clifford Burdett; Steve Tranna; Jackson Carmean; Bailey Simpson; Bethany Jackson; Cathie Jones; Casey Jones; Ellen Southall; Sylvia Mills; Clio Clary; All our sick and shut-in; The family of Essie Thompson; The family of John Fauerbach; 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

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GROUPS & GATHERINGS

YOUTH: The Youth Music Group (grades 5-12) meets each Sunday from 5pm to 6pm. in the Choir Room (contact Chuck Law at 673-6317 or 672-2019);
The United Methodist Youth (grades 7-12) meets each Sunday at 6pm to 7pm in the second floor Youth Wing (contact Sarah Carmean at 501-450-2984{cell}).

TWEENS: The “Tweens” group (grades 5-6) meets in their room every Sunday at 6pm (contact Lainie Hoskyn at 659-0089).

CHILDREN: The Children’s Music Group (grades K-4) meets each Wednesday from 3:30pm to 5pm in the Choir Room (contact Chuck Law at 673-6317 or 672-2019).

The Lord is risen indeed! There could be no doubt about the Lord's resurrection in the minds of those worshipping at Grand Avenue on Easter Sunday. The entire service was befitting the occasion. Our chancel and handbell choirs, accompanied by the organ and six instrumentalists, provided the service with grand and glorious music highlighting our Easter celebration. Yes, a large congregation was in attendance affirming how after all these centuries the people of God still remember and believe in the Lord's resurrection, along with affirming his presence abides with his people forever. The entire service was a beautiful offering of praise and thanksgiving to our Lord Jesus Christ.

I do want to thank everyone who helped in various ways with the service and with other activities of the morning. Heather Sanders, our Church Secretary, typed and printed the worship folders while Gwen Reynolds beautifully decorated the church. Dora Lou Hoskyn, Worship Chairperson, arranged for the paraments and pew torches to be placed. Everyone who helped with placing the paraments and torches is appreciated. Jesse Townsend and David Jacobs operated the sound system and recorded the service while Chuck Law, Director of Music Ministries, carefully selected the anthem and service music and arranged for the instrumentalists who accompanied Wanda Mayfield, our very accomplished organist. Lainie Hoskyn remained focused as she presented the Children's Sermon and Derek Bohanan capably served as Lector. Members of the chancel and handbell choirs are also appreciated for attending rehearsals and rising to the occasion with a quality of music that awed our worshipers. Cindy Crum, who is our Children's Coordinator, arranged the children's activities preceding the service and was helped by the youth and members of the Christian Education program. I am sure there are others who helped this past Sunday in a variety of ways and I apologize for not giving an appropriate thank you in words. In my heart, I thank you all!

Let these words of the Apostle Paul inspire our continuing Easter celebration: "Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you - unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, that he appeared to Cephas (Peter), then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. . . . Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? . . . But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead. . . . Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:1-6a, 7, 8, 12, 20, 58).

- George E. Rook