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Issue I

GRAND AVENEWS

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Sunday Schedule

9:00am
Sunday School*

9:45am
Fellowship

10:00am
Worship

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Sympathy is extended to the family of Bea Ratekin on the occasion of her death on Easter Sunday.

Sympathy is also extended to Kay White on the recent death of her uncle, Joe Wilson of Heber Springs.

On Sunday, March 25, the Grand Avenue Church welcomed Wrana Harriman-Tull, Whitney Tull and Regan Tull into Holy Baptism.

On Easter Sunday, the Grand Avenue Church welcomed Loren Bohanan, Jess Crum, Jack Griffin, Jessi Shelton and Wrana Harriman-Tull into Professing Membership by Confirmation and Abby Bean, Will Garrison and Matthew Lin into Professing Membership by Holy Baptism with the Laying on of Hands, which is their Confirmation.

Best wishes are extended to Jason and Kati Reynolds on the occasion of their marriage from the sanctuary of The Grand Avenue Church on Tuesday, March 30.

Sunday, April 18, is Native American Ministries Sunday. Your gift will go to support seminary scholarships for United Methodist Native Americans and projects that improve the quality of Native American lives and help them to achieve economic self-sufficiency. An offering envelope with explanatory leaflet will be included with your worship folder.

D A T E S T O R E M E M B E R

The 2010 Annual Conference is June 6 - 9 (Sunday - Wednesday) at The Hot Springs Convention Center.

- Sunday, June 27: The last Sunday for Pastor George E. Rook to be with us.
- Tuesday, June 29: Moving Day for all clergy being reassigned in the Arkansas Annual Conference.
- Sunday, July 4: The first Sunday for new and reassigned pastors to preach at their Churches.

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 6. **PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN YOUR CAMP TANAKO REGISTRATION FORM TO THE CHURCH OFFICE.** You will be contacted after the May 6 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 available in the Church Office.

Don't Forget!

GRAND AVENUE PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Pictures are being taken by Olan Mills from 2:00 to 9:45 p.m this week and from 9:30 to 5:30pm on Saturday the 10th.



Youth News

The youth will also be preparing for Senior Recognition Sunday on May 2nd. Volunteers are needed to help in the kitchen and for set up and clean up that day. Please contact Austin to sign up.

Bike and Build will be back with us at Grand Avenue on Tuesday June 15th into Wednesday June 16th. Bike and Build is a nation wide project that raises money for Habitat for Humanity. The Youth will host a Taco Bar on June 13th after morning worship to raise money for the Bike and Build riders.

The GAMUC Youth will be going to an Arkansas Travelers game on May 16th. Tickets will include the game and an All-you-can-eat hotdog buffet. Deadline to reserve your spot will be April 30th. Tickets will be \$12.50 per person. Individuals will pay \$5.00 and the Youth will cover the remaining \$7.50. ALL youth and their families in the church are invited to attend! There is a group discount if we get 20 tickets. Please contact Austin through the Church office to RSVP.

Lastly the Summer Float Trip will be July 16th through 18th to the Spring River. ALL Youth entering the 7th grade through the outgoing Seniors are invited to attend. More information will come as we approach the trip.

Help Needed!!! The youth need volunteers to sign up to prepare the Sunday night meals. This involves having a meal for 15 to 20 youth, being at the church from 6:00 to 7:00 and getting to know the Grand Avenue Youth. The Calendar is on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up and support the Grand Avenue Youth!!!
Austin Hayes

MUSIC NEWS

Youth Music on Sundays

Help is still needed for snacks. Please let Mr. Chuck know if you can help out. We meet every Sunday from 4:30 to 6:00.

*Choir Festival *

This years Children's Choir Festival will be the week after Easter. We will be taking the largest group since returning to the festival three years ago. Help is needed with chaperone's. We will leave that Friday and spend the night in Little Rock and participate Saturday. This years festival will be over Saturday afternoon with the closing service. More information to follow.....

TOUR OF GRAND AVENUE BOOKLET

(reprinted)

“A Tour of The Grand Avenue United Methodist Church,” an informational booklet about the symbolism and significant features found in our sanctuary, has been reprinted after the initial printing from a year ago was depleted. Copies are available free of charge from the literature rack at the side entrance of the sanctuary. The booklet is based on the “Talking Points” covered by the current pastor in his annual Confirmation Class tour of the sanctuary and contains supplementary information. The booklet was written by Pastor George E. Rook and “is dedicated to those faithful ones of past, present and future generations who have made Grand Avenue into the congregation I will always cherish.” Out of town readers may order copies from the Church Office: 803 S. Grand Avenue, Stuttgart, AR 72160.

Christian Education - Every Sunday at 9am

Join your friends and attend a Sunday School class next Sunday morning at 9:00.

FAITH

Some to choose from are:

LOVE LOVE

ADULTS

Young Adults

"Crazy Love - Overwhelmed By A Relentless God"

Challengers

"Easter From The Backside"

Pathfinders

"Troublesome Bible Passages"

Crusaders

"Irresistible Invitation"

GRACE



Forgiveness

CHILDREN

PreK 3 – 4th Grade

Rock Solid Building A Heart of Faith

Remembering Jesus

April 11 Peter & John Heal
April 18 Philip and the Ethiopian
April 25 Peter and Cornelius

5th – 6th Grade

Books of the Bible

Jr. High

Does God Love Me No Matter What?

Sr. High

Good God Theater – DVD Series



Hurray
for our
Sunday
School
Teachers!

PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR MARCH

Kailyn Domrase
Scout Griffin
Whitney Tull
Bethany Crum
Matthew Linn

Bentley Carlock
Regan Tull
Benjamin Griffin
Wrana Tull
Jess Crum



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

12 John William Holsted 30 Madeline Hopson

MEMORIALS

In memory of John Walton Jackson Sr.
given by

Mr. & Mrs. Gene Smith
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Goacher
Ms. Mildred Beverly
Ronald L. Bauman Farms
Katherine Heien
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Brothers
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Jacobs
Mrs. Claudia Roebbeke
Mr. & Mrs. Donald McCauley
Howard Black
Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Engstrom
Mr. & Mrs. David Leech
Mr. & Mrs. John Cover
Mrs. Vernon Simpson
Mr. & Mrs. Clark Roth
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Currie
Mr. & Mrs. Fletcher Bracewell
Mrs. Eunice Montgomery
The Crusaders Sunday School Class

In memory of Billie Lou Pazdera
given by

Mrs. Eugene Acklin
Mrs. Eunice Montgomery
The Crusaders Sunday School Class
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Roth
Mr. & Mrs. Clark Roth

In memory of Eva Sue Norris
given by

Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie Krisell

In memory of
Geraldine "Jerri" Bowen Cox
given by
Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie Krisell

In memory of Carlos Gene Kestner
given by

Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie Krisell

In memory of
Yvonne Amonette Armstrong
given by

Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie Krisell

In memory of Carl Horace Stokes
given by

Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie Krisell

In memory of Pauline Curton Myrick
as a gift to the Acolyte Robe Fund
given by

Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie Krisell

In memory of John Walton Jackson, Sr.
as a gift to the Music Fund
given by

Mrs. Eugene Acklin

In memory of James Howard Borchert
as a gift to the Acolyte Robe Fund
given by

Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie Krisell

In memory of Thomas Edward Hayley
given by

Patricia Jane Ferguson

In memory of Doris Saul
given by

Patricia Jane Ferguson

In memory of Anna Blohm Dilday
given by

Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie Krisell

Mr. & Mrs. Jack Coker

FROM THE PASTOR

Alleluia. The Lord is risen! The joy of our Christian faith was evident on Easter Sunday in a church overflowing with faithful worshippers. The scriptures that were read, the hymns and anthems that were sung, the sermon that was preached, the floral decorations and service music that adorned our worship, and the inclusion of Confirmation and the Sacrament of Holy Baptism that were part of the service all pointed to the resurrected Christ. This was truly a mountain-top day at Grand Avenue. Yes, the Lord is risen indeed!

Now that Easter Sunday 2010 has passed, what are you going to do with Jesus? I am hopeful the reality of the resurrected Christ will inspire you to live as his faithful disciples and to share him with others, inviting them to embrace Jesus as their Lord and Savior and to live out their discipleship among us at Grand Avenue. Being a Christian means so much more than just knowing about Jesus, it involves knowing him and living with him; therefore, I invite you to embrace Jesus and enjoy all the benefits his lordship can give you for time and eternity.

Thank you to everyone who helped in various ways to prepare and assist our Easter worship, and thank you to all those who celebrated the Lord's resurrection by placing an Easter Lily in my honor.

-George E. Rook

PRAYER LIST

Jim Gingerich; Clarence South; Norma Mattison; Ruby Self; Louie McKissack; Vivian Howie; Ray Holsted; Harriet Boyd; Janita Hoskyn; Melvin Tipton; Michael Acklin; Cletus Carlock; Jaunita Pierce; Denise Black; Joy Buerkle Rush; Bobbie Green; Elois Stock; Darrell Gray; Tony Sherrod; The family of Joe Wilson (esp. for Kay White); The family of Bea Ratekin; Jason and Katie Reynolds on the occasion of their marriage; The people of Haiti and Chile; 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.

Monsignor Jack Harris and Members of Holy Rosary Parish

Request the pleasure of your company at the Dedication of Their Organ

*Sunday, the eighteenth of April, Two thousand ten
Four o'clock in the afternoon*

*Holy Rosary Catholic Church
1815 South Prairie Street
Stuttgart, Arkansas*

Grand Avenue United Methodist Church
803 S. Grand Ave.
Stuttgart, AR 72160

Non-Profit Org.
Standard Rate Paid
Stuttgart, AR 72160
Address Service
requested
Permit No. 42

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 PreK-5 meet at 3:30pm. Contact Chuck Law (673-6317) or Elizabeth Hoskyn (673-0079).

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.