

May 9, 2007

GRAND AVENEWS

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Pastor

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Sunday Schedule

9:00am
Sunday School*

9:45am
Fellowship

10:00am
Worship*

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TANAKO SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

The Grand Avenue United Methodist Men meeting on Thursday, May 3 awarded eight full scholarships to Camp Tanako for children and youth (member and non-member) associated with Grand Avenue. The eight scholarships totaled \$2,510. These scholarships, along with T-shirts for Vacation Church School and postage for the Care Packages mailed to our college students, are possible only because of the strong support given to the UMM Hamburger Supper by our members and guests.

YOUTH MINISTRY AT GRAND AVENUE

Are You Called To Youth Ministry? An energetic, inspiring individual who will serve as a Christian role model and be the director of our youth program beginning this September is invited to visit with the Pastor to share his or her vision of youth ministry. Please call the Church Office to schedule an appointment: 673-6317. Perhaps you know someone you might encourage to enter this important ministry!



Mother's Day - Pancake Breakfast

A Church Wide Pancake Breakfast honoring all mothers will be May 13. The men are inviting all families of Grand Avenue to a pancake breakfast beginning at 8am. This breakfast is given to honor all mothers. We hope you can attend.

YOUTH NEWS

A new team teaching approach to the UMY will begin Sunday, May 13. Our own Grand Avenue members will be consulting with the youth in developing this innovative program that will address social, recreational, spiritual and educational areas of interest.

The youth and adult members of the Youth Council will meet in the Fellowship Hall after worship on May 20 to complete summer (early autumn?) planning.

STAFF PARISH TO MEET THURSDAY, MAY 17

The Staff Parish will meet Thursday, May 17 at 6:00pm in the Church Office to review observations and requests from the recent meeting of the Youth Council regarding the youth program at Grand Avenue.

The Fisher Folk will be having a re-organizational meeting in the Chapel after Morning Worship on Sunday, May 20. Would you like to join this hospitality ministry that makes Sunday afternoon doorstep visits to those who worship with us the day you are on duty? Part of each visit includes a gift of homemade cookies or bread, a statement of appreciation for their attendance and a friendly invitation to return.

MEETINGS THIS MONTH

Trustees

5-21 @ 7pm - Church Office

Finance Committee

5-22 @ 7pm - Library

Administrative Council

5-22 @ 7:30pm - FH

The Singles Trip to the Arkansas Queen, May 21 is canceled.



The Administrative Council of the Grand Avenue United Methodist Church is sponsoring a fish fry from 5pm to 7pm on Thursday, May 24 with all proceeds going toward the general budget in an effort to help fund the programs of our church.

King Kat out of Carlisle will be furnishing and preparing the food for us, but we will be asking for volunteers to help with the serving line and carry outs.

All members are being asked to help by selling the tickets. Tickets to sell have been distributed to every church family. If you sell the five tickets and are able to sell more, please call the Church Office for additional tickets. We will need to have a count of sold tickets by Monday, May 21. Please call the Church Office (673-6317) or Judy Jacobs (673-2555) to report the amount of tickets you have sold.

If you do not wish to sell tickets, please return them to the Church Office or hand them to an usher on Sunday morning. Please know you are not obligated or under any pressure to sell these tickets.

Thank you for helping the Administrative Council make this a successful project!

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND: Morning Worship on Sunday, May 27 will include a special remembrance of those who have died on behalf of our nation. It seems the true meaning of Memorial Day has been forgotten. Grand Avenue will not forget. If you or a family member has served in the Armed Forces, won't you plan on attending worship that day?

The office will be closed May 28 for Memorial Day.



Please join us for VBS June 25-29 from 5:30-8:00pm. All children PreK 4yrs - 6th grade are welcome! "Lift Off" is our theme this year.

PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY—JUNE 3, 2007

Peace with Justice supports ministries through the General Board of Church and Society and the annual conference. An offering envelope will be placed in Sunday's bulletin.

The Church Picnic is June 3 at the John Cain Park immediately after Morning Worship. Dress casually that day. Shorts and sandals are appropriate.



ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Arkansas Conference will be meeting June 10 - 13 (Sunday - Wednesday) in Russellville.



Exercise is back on for the month of June!

A GIFT FOR MOM

The three young children told their mother that she wasn't to lift a finger on Mother's Day. They were going to do all the cooking. So, they got out three pots, two frying pans, six measuring spoons, three mixing bowls, a double boiler, a chopping board and eight serving dishes. Mom said it was the best Jell-O she had ever tasted!

-Newsletter Newsletter, 2004 ed.



Memorial Day Prayer

We remember, O Lord, all those men and women who have made the supreme sacrifice for our country. Do not let us breathe the air of freedom or claim the right to justice or enjoy the privilege of worship without remembering with great gratitude those who gave the last full measure of devotion - their very lives - for our benefit. May they now know the peace of eternity and the joy of your presence. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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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 the Church Office at 673-6317).
- 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).

At their recent meeting, the Grand Avenue United Methodist Men enjoyed an informative program presented by Rolfe Bryant and David Gealy. I wish you could have been there! In addition to a program, each meeting has a devotional presented by a member of the group, oftentimes by the Pastor.

The devotional for May was based on Deuteronomy 6:1-9 with a special focus on verses 6 and 7: "Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise." Grand Avenue is blessed with families where farming has been the occupation of choice spanning several generations. How did this happen? How was the knowledge and love of farming passed down so effectively? I don't believe this happened by chance! Instead, the love of and the desire to engage in farming was taught by word and example, by training and by practice.

Just as farming has been passed down to subsequent generations, we are to likewise be just as diligent in passing along our spiritual heritage to our children and grandchildren. The text from Deuteronomy commands us to take every opportunity to teach God's word - to teach the faith - to the next generation. The knowledge of farming didn't just happen in the lives of the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of our farm families. It was taught. Can we do any less in passing along our religious heritage?

-George E. Rook

PRAYER LIST

Roland Endres; Joyce Roth; Rita Cress; Rollie Rich; Brayden Black; Tammy Wilson; Willa Lambert; Gene Smith; Ray Holsted; Beth Ragan Adams; Fern Bock; Clarence Thomason; Tim Walton; Fred McCuistion; Joey Hillis; Brenda Crum; John Robert Graves; Robert Lisko; Linda Fisher; Joni Thomas; Clifford Burdett; Steve Tranna; Johnny McCullom; Susan Blake; Loma Essex; Sam Scales; Bailey Simpson; Bethany Jackson; Cathie Jones; Casey Jones; Ellen Southall; Sylvia Mills; Clio Clary; The Family of Vicki Evans; 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.