

June 3, 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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Sympathy is extended to Randy Cress on the death of his mother, Donna Cress of Beebe. Donna died Thursday, May 28.

It is a pleasure to welcome Onita Kimes as our newest member. Onita united with Grand Avenue this past Wednesday by transfer from West Helena UMC.



You are invited to join in celebrating the marriage of Sarah Elizabeth Earnheart and Michael Taylor Hoskyn on Saturday, June 6, at 6pm in the Grand Avenue Sanctuary. The reception will follow at Events, Etc. Sarah is the daughter of Dan and Debbie Earnheart of Jonesboro and Taylor is the son of Jimmy Hoskyn of Ulm and Mendy Hoskyn of Stuttgart.



Trinity Sunday is June 7. The First Sunday after Pentecost and the only day in the church year that commemorates a doctrine—the Trinity—rather than a person or an event.

-John N. Wall, [A Dictionary for Episcopalians](#)

THE NINE PROPOSITIONS FOR THE DOCTRINE OF THE HOLY TRINITY

- A. There is one God. (St. Mark 12:29; etc.)
- B. The Father is God. (St. John 6:27; etc.)
- C. The Son is God. (St. John 1:1; etc.)
- D. The Holy Spirit is God. (St. Mark 3:29; etc.)
- E. The Three are separate from each other. (II Thess. 3:5; St. John 3:16)
- F. The Father is personal. (St. John 15:9; etc.)
- G. The Son is personal. (St. Mark 16:62; etc.)
- H. The Holy Spirit is personal. (Rom. 8:26; etc.)
- I. The Three are One. (St. Matt. 29:19; etc.)

A.C. Headlam, [Christian Theology](#), p. 430

Note: By “personal,” we mean capable of having a meaningful relationship with people.

**PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY
JUNE 7, 2009**

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.



PICNIC UPDATE: Our 2009 Church Picnic scheduled for Sunday, June 7, at the City Park immediately after Morning Worship has changed locations due to the storm damage the park received. We will now meet outside on the church parking lot and other facilities. We're still set to have a great time with fun, fellowship and games for the kids! Dress casually that day. Shorts and sandals are appropriate.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Arkansas Conference will be meeting June 14-17 (Sunday - Wednesday) at Hammons Conv. Ctr. and Central UMC in Rogers.



The Tweens will be having a pool party at the John Cain Aquatic Center on June 19. All of the Tweens are invited to come and have a great time!! For more information call Ms. Lainie at 659-0089 or Mr. Austin at 673-6317 or email gaumc.youth@centurytel.net.

Thank you to everyone who helped with last Sunday's Potato Bar Luncheon which will support Bike and Build, a bike group of about thirty members on a cross-country ride to raise funds for Habitat for Humanity. This group will be spending the night in our Fellowship Hall on Monday, June 15!

2009 UMM HAMBURGER SUPPER



Thursday, July 9

5pm to 7pm

\$8.00 each



The United Methodist Men are hosting a dine-in or carry-out hamburger supper. Because the UMM are actively supporting programs in our congregation, ticket sales need to be brisk in order to fund these projects in the coming year. More information to come!



FATHER'S DAY IS JUNE 21

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

FRIDAY, JULY 31 ~ 5:30 to 8:00PM and SATURDAY, AUGUST 1 ~ 9:00am-3:00pm



SUMMER READING PROGRAM

School is out and you will soon be hearing "I'm bored".

So...have the kids check out some books in the children's library on the 2nd floor and be a part of the summer reading program at GAUMC. Books may be checked out during Sunday morning or anytime the church is open. Children may select any book on their reading level. Parents are then to initial on the reading log when the child has completed the book. The child returns the log to any children's Sunday School teacher and the book to the children's library. Reading logs can be picked up at the church office or in the children's library. At the end of the summer prizes will be awarded.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ROTATION

The month of May brought the 10 Commandments to life for Rotation Sunday School. We learned the meaning of each commandment and the children were encouraged to learn all ten. Can you name all 10?

Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything.

Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy GOD in vain.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

Honor thy father and thy mother.

Thou shalt not kill.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Thou shalt not steal.

Thou shalt not bear false witness.

Thou shalt not covet.

June will Teach Us How To Pray. We will be learning the Lord's Prayer and it's meaning, what to say when we pray, who to pray for and where to pray. The children will learn that prayer is talking with God.

One of his disciples said to him (Jesus), "Lord, teach us to pray."

Luke 11:1

Thank you's

Dear Grand Avenue Church Family,

Thank you for all the wonderful care packages during finals, these past four years. It is always great to know that your church family is thinking of you. Thank you all again, and God Bless.

Love, Jordan Krisell

Dear UMW,

Thank you so much for the gift basket during finals. It made studying a lot easier. Thank you again for your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,

Michael Bardwell

Dear Grand Avenue Church,

Thank you for my college finals care package. My roommate and I enjoyed snacking late at night when we were studying. I appreciate you thinking of me while I'm away.

Rachel Erwin

Thank you to all who helped with the fish fry. Thanks to all who sold tickets; thanks to all who bought tickets; thanks to all the members who came to help. We had men, women, children, youth - young and old working together to serve 890 people. This was truly a wonderful example of an entire church working together. We should make approximately \$2,700. Since we are about \$6,000 down in income for the year, this is much needed income. Thank s to everyone who helped.

Judy Jacobs

FROM THE PASTOR

Summer has begun! School is out and vacations are underway while our farmers are working hard in their fields. Everyone needs a break in order to be refreshed, and I am hopeful our members are able to enjoy some personal time that is both refreshing and energizing.

Church life does not stop with the beginning of summer. You may open your summer newsletters to read about the various activities taking place at Grand Avenue while you are “out-of-town.” Perhaps when you are in town you will even find there are some programs that interest you and which you can schedule into your busy summer calendar. Let me take a moment to say “thank you” to all our volunteers who are making these special summer programs happen. Bless you! While summer programs are in progress at Grand Avenue, you might find it interesting to know our United Methodist Men supplied full scholarships for eleven of our children and youth to attend Camp Tanako this summer.

Summer is also a time when vacationers may drop by to worship with us at Grand Avenue. They are either passing through town or visiting family and friends. There may even be visitors who have just moved to our community during these slower weeks of summer. Churches, like people, can only make one “first impression” and I am confident the impression we give will be a good one. Let me invite you to look around for the guests worshiping with us and to extend a warm Grand Avenue welcome to them.

A final thought: church life continues while you are on vacation; therefore, please keep in mind our continuing financial needs at Grand Avenue. We still have programs to fund and utilities, insurance, supplies and salaries to pay. Our offerings through envelopes and pledges are running \$7,913.98 behind last year as of the end of April. I am optimistic the generosity of our members will soften this gap in the weeks lying ahead.

Have a good, safe vacation with memories to cherish a lifetime!

- George E. Rook

PRAYER LIST

Ruth Simpson; Amanda Cress; Ruby Self; Madeline Lucke; Donald Painter; Johnny Ruff; Dot Renner; Velma Patterson; Louie McKissack; Vivian Howie; Stan Wilson; Hazel Riley; John Jackson; Ray Holsted; Gertie Sanders; Harriet Boyd; Janita Hoskyn; Sherley Black; Hollie Blake; Ralph Ligon; Terry Newton; Carolyn Larkin; Charles King; Jim Kyne; Lisa Holcombe; the family of Donna Cress (especially for Randy); 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.

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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 10:30am in the FH.

Other groups meet weekly and/or monthly. Please check the calendar for meeting times and dates.