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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 Gene Fletcher on the recent death of his brother, Jeffie Fletcher of Gillett.

Congratulations to Jane Ferguson for "Teacher of the Year." Way to go! Jane has been a member of Grand Avenue since 1971.



Opening of Church School is Sunday, September 12. Bibles will be presented during Morning Worship to those children entering third grade.



The 2011 budget is now being planned. If your work area requires funding in 2011, please file your request with the Church Office.



It is that time of year when the nomination of officers begins. If you want to change your position or be considered for a particular position in 2011, please let the Church Office know.

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

"More Than A Movie" for the kids..... Did you realize the many biblical implications and lessons which may be presented through cinema? Friday night, Aug. 27 we will watch "Mulan" which displays using our gifts to serve others.

Friday, August 27, 2010

6:00 – 9:00

Ages 4 – 5th grade (entering)

Parents may drop off their children at 6:00 for an evening to themselves with pick up by 9:00. The limit is 15 children, so please make reservations by August 25th with the church office or sign up on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Pizza will be served. Helpers are needed. If you can help, contact Shelley at 673-4184 or bardwell_alan@yahoo.com

Grand Avenue College Students: Please remember to provide the Church Office with your mailing addresses, email address and phone number when your autumn enrollment has been completed. You can go to www.gaumc.com or email us at gaumc@centurytel.net to provide us this information. This will allow us to send you care packages and to place you on the newsletter mailing list. Thank you!

MUSIC NEWS

Our music program at Grand Avenue is alive and thriving thanks to the Christian dedication and stewardship of our adults, youth and congregation. There are many changes that occur in the music “world” every year. New titles, new arrangements and techniques of teaching and performing are introduced every month. The one thing that does not change is God’s love and dedication to worship. Everyone has something to offer in the church and the fellowship and active response can be felt and seen at Grand Avenue.

We always have openings for new bell ringers and choir members in our adult programs. With the help of dedicated volunteers and helpers our youth and music program is solid and is providing a graduated foundation of learning and offering our youth to experience worship through song and instrumental praise.

Every year seems to go by a little faster than the previous one and every year seems to get a little busier. Please take the time to give yourself a break from the schedule of life and enjoy fellowship and sharing at Grand Avenue United Methodist. I am looking forward to this Fall and seeing everyone back.

Mr. Chuck

SCHEDULE

September 1: Adult Bells start 6pm in the Music Room; Chancel Choir start 7pm in the Choir Loft.

September 19: Hands for Him - all parents and youth that are participating in music -
PreK 3 through 8th Grade - start 11:10 in the Fellowship Hall.

There will be a very short meeting to present the fall schedule and announce the changes that will be occurring this year. All parents of children that are active and new students are encouraged to attend. Volunteers are needed to help with classes and there will be opportunities to assist for everyone involved. All youth music programs will be on Sunday this year. I want to thank everyone that is involved with this ministry for their dedication and help.

Dear Grand Avenue Church Family,

Thank you so much for praying for my granddaughter, Lindsey, when she had her scoliosis surgery and during her recovery. She had a set-back, and it was so comforting to see her name on the prayer list after the set-back. It was also comforting to know that you were praying for her because I knew some of you remember her from when I took her to church with me.

*Sincerely,
Lou Neighbors*

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Concepts "Methodism"	1 st floor across from Library
Disciple Sunday School Class "Crazy Love – Overwhelmed By A Relentless God". DVD	2 nd floor
Challengers "Noah Built His Ark in the Sunshine"	2 nd floor across from Nursery
Pathfinders "Faith is the Answer, But What are the Questions?"	Church Office
Crusaders "Irresistible Invitation"	Library

CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3rd GRADE BIBLES

The following children entering into the 3rd Grade will receive their bibles during morning worship on Promotion Sunday, September 12.

Emla Caroline Holsted
Regan Makena Tull

Nicolas George James
Connor Ennis White

GRAND AVENUE SUMMER READING PROGRAM COMING TO AN END

Time is running out for the GA Summer Reading Program. Turn your signed reading log sheets in to your teacher by August 29. If you have finished a book, please return it to the library so these stories can be enjoyed by others. Prizes will be awarded.

SUPER SEPTEMBER SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are going to start Sunday School off this year with the following Theme September Sundays. Please post this list on your calendar.

September 5 – **God's light is so bright, we've gotta wear shades** – Wear sunglasses to SS (remove in the sanctuary when worship begins)

September 12 – **Sock it to me Jesus! Teach us how to be strong Christians!** – Wear wild and funky socks.

September 19 – **We're WILD about Grand Avenue UMC!** – Wear animal prints, animal ears or noses or t-shirts with wild animal designs.

September 26 – **Hats off to Jesus!** – Wear a hat to SS (will want to remove them in the sanctuary to be respectful, but you may carry them with you).

FROM THE PASTOR

It has been said that a true sign of aging is that time seems to pass by much more quickly than when we were children...you probably remember how painful it was to wait and how two days could be like an eternity. Summer may not officially be over, but with children, teachers and administrators back in school, we might as well admit that summer has come and gone and now we're looking forward to FOOTBALL! I am really getting ahead of myself because I wanted to ask about your summer, whether or not you were able to take a vacation or go to the lake. How many cookouts did you attend or host? I would almost guarantee if you had couples over for a cook-out, the men huddled around the grill. If it's spearing meat over flames with oversized forks, guys are on it! There was actually only one cook, but the others made contributions.

Then SHAZAM! One relaxing evening you notice a TV commercial reminding you that it is time to buy paper and pens, backpacks, and new clothes, and before you can say, "Make my steak medium rare," you realize fall has arrived. Schools gear up, kids gear up, even church programming gears up, and our lives get wound up. We're out the door, running through our day. In all this running around, two missteps can occur.

One, we decide to skip gearing up at church because we're busy elsewhere. Or two, we gear up so much at church, doing every activity possible, that **busyness** becomes an end to itself. While it is difficult to balance, both missteps occur when we substitute other things for true worship of and service to God. Jesus says when the things that matter to Him become the things that matter to us, and we pray about everything, our anxiety will be replaced with His peace, perspective, and provision (Matthew 6:25-34).

So, how can we achieve a spiritual mindset in the midst of all the things we have to do? Paul says start each day by giving God access to all we are and everything we do, allowing His Word to infiltrate and change our patterns of thinking (Romans 12:1-2). The choice is ours: gear up in our own strength and wear out from worry, or gear up by focusing on God's agenda and His strength in us.

Bro. Ed Wyers



Hospitalizations:

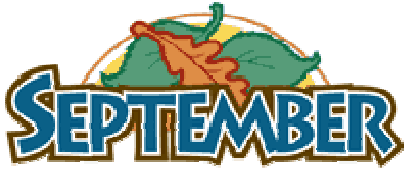
If you know of anyone who needs a visit from Pastor Ed who has been admitted to a nearby hospital, please provide the Church Office with their name, room number and any other information you wish to provide.

Prayer List:

Please provide the Church Office with the names you wish to have included in our prayer list. If you see a name that should be removed, please let the Secretary know as well.

PRAYER LIST

Hollie Blake; Billy Tom Fletcher; Johnny Ruff; Claudia Roebbeke; Arva Ideker; Dale Tull; Ruby Self; Louie McKissack; Ray Holsted; Harriet Boyd; Melvin Tipton; Michael Acklin; Cletus Carlock; Juanita Pierce; Joy Buerkle Rush; Tony Sherrod; Jack Coker; Myrna Peters; Holly Dabbs Whitcomb; The family of Jeffie Fletcher especially Gene; 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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USHERS FOR September
 Ronnie Krisell—Cpt.
 Richard Bean
 Paul Blackwell
 Marty Jones

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		Exercise 10am	1	2 Exercise 10am UMM 7pm FH	3	4
5	6 OFFICE CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY	7 Exercise 10am	8 Circle 1 5:30p FH	9 Exercise 10am	10	11
12 Opening of Church School	13	14 Exercise 10am	15	16 Exercise 10am	17	18
19 Singles Luncheon	20 Trustees 7pm Church Office	21 Exercise 10am Finance 7pm Library Admin Co, 7:30pm Fellowship Hall	22	23 Exercise 10am	24	25
26 ICCM	27	28 Exercise 10am	29	30		

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The Sr. High Sunday School class is in need of a teacher for the upcoming year. **Full time or monthly commitments are preferred.** One of our greatest gifts to our church is our willingness to serve and our heartfelt dedication to God. Prayerfully consider your call to help build the faith journey for our children. Materials will be provided. Please contact Shelley or Austin.