

August 30, 2007

# GRAND AVENEWS

## Staff

George E. Rook  
Pastor

Chuck Law  
Director of  
Music Ministries

Wanda Mayfield  
Organist

Heather Sanders  
Secretary

## Sunday Schedule

9:00am  
Sunday School\*

9:45am  
Fellowship

10:00am  
Worship\*

\*Child Care Provided

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## 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!

## TODDLERS AND TWOS

Even the youngest children at GAUMC are offered an opportunity to begin their formal faith education in a classroom designed for little ones just learning to play and interact with others. The "Toddlers and Twos" class is open to children 24 months to three years at the start of the 2007-08 school year. The classroom is adjacent to the upstairs nursery class and is taught by Jana Coleman.

The toddlers and two-year-olds learn about Jesus, understand that God loves them, and know that church is a special place where they are loved. Each month the class learns a new Faith Word. The word for September is *church* and the children will learn *church is a happy place to be*. We will discover the sounds we hear in church, identify items found in a church, build block churches, enjoy art projects and participate in dramatic play where we will dress-up and pretend to go to church. We will also play our musical instruments while we sing our favorite songs from last year!

## FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY

Friendship Sunday is September 9 and will include a potluck luncheon in the Fellowship Hall immediately after worship. Please return your FRAN cards. You are encouraged to invite friends, relatives, associates, and neighbors to join us on this special Sunday. They will, of course, be our guests at the luncheon. You can find additional FRAN cards in the classrooms and outside the old Church Office.

## UMW NOTES

Circle 2 will meet in the Fellowship Hall Monday, Sept. 10 at 10:30am.

The next general meeting is Monday, Sept. 10, beginning at 11:30am with a salad potluck and **book reviews**/meeting at 12:00pm.

Flowers for September - Circle 2

The 2008 budget is being planned. If your work area requires funding in 2008, please file your request with the Church Office by Tuesday, September 11.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Grand Avenue College Students:

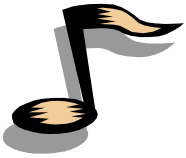
Please remember to provide the Church Office with your mailing addresses (also your e-mail) when your autumn enrollment has been completed. This will allow us to send you care packages and to place you on the newsletter mailing list. Thank you!

## WOULD YOU SERVE?

The Nominations and Personnel Committee will be meeting soon to prepare the 2008 list of officers. If you want to be removed from your current position or would like to be considered for a position (provided it is open), please contact the Church Office by noon on Tuesday, September 11. Thank you!

**Reminder: When leaving the church buildings, please check to make sure all doors are secure and locked. Thank you!**

## GAUMC Music Department Notes



Some exciting changes are going to take place this fall with our music program. Mr. Chuck will be working with Pre K thru 2nd grade on Sunday mornings starting September 16th. Wednesdays will be reserved for Grand Avenue students grades 3-5 only and they will meet after school from 3:45pm to 5:00pm starting September 12. It is hoped that this will provide more time for everyone and help with attendance specifically for the younger students when sharing their talents in church. Please contact Mr. Chuck if you have any questions at 673-6317.



**Autumn Bible Study at Grand Avenue:** "Invitation To The New Testament," which is a short-term Disciple Bible Study of eight sessions (one hour each), will be led by the Pastor in two separate classes that will begin Wednesday, September 26 at 10:30am (continuing Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; Nov. 7, 14) and Sunday, September 30 at 9:00am (continuing Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28; Nov. 4, 11, 18). **THERE WILL BE AN ORIENTATION SESSION ONE WEEK BEFORE THE CLASSES BEGIN.** The orientation sessions are Wednesday, September 19 at 10:30am and Sunday, September 23 at 9:00am. Student Books will be distributed and the format of the program (student participation instead of lecture) reviewed during these orientation sessions. Both Wednesday and Sunday classes will be held in the Fellowship Hall near the stage. You may register for either the Sunday or Wednesday Class with the understanding you are free to alternate your attendance between the two classes. These intergenerational classes are open for adults and for youth in or above the seventh grade. You may enroll for either class by calling the Church Office (673-6317). The suggested donation (not required) for each student book is nine dollars.

## THANK YOU FROM THE GAUMC YOUTH

The Youth had such a good time at the River Retreat. Nine youth members attended the overnight event. A big thanks to David Jacobs for hosting the group, Melinda Hopson and Lisa Mooney for chaperoning and to all the parents who sent food and more food.



## THE PASSION PLAY - OCTOBER 6-7

GAUMYouth will be traveling to the Passion Play in Eureka Springs on October 6/7. If your child plans to attend please let Shelley know no later than September 7. Hotel accommodations and meals will be provided for attending youth. Hotel reservations and Passion Play tickets must be made in advance to insure everyone has a room and will be seated together at the play. If you have any questions contact Shelley at 673-4184.

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**Check out the new flooring in the upstairs nursery and kindergarten rooms!**

It is time for a new member directory and we need your help! There are several options in which to provide us your current information: Call us at 673-6317 or email us at [gaumc@centurytel.net](mailto:gaumc@centurytel.net) or turn the provided form into the Church Office. We appreciate your help!

**MEMBER DIRECTORY UPDATE FORM**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PH# \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

# ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRAYER LIST

## LAY SPEAKER TRAINING - STUTTGART FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

\*\*\*Saturday, September 8, 2007 and Saturday, September 15, 2007\*\*\*  
Registration begins at 9:30am - Stuttgart FUMC

All Certified Lay Speakers must be Re-Certified (10 hours) at least every three years!  
\*\*\*Also Minimum 4 hrs. training for "Local Church Lay Speakers Only" Every 3 years.\*\*\*  
\*\*Basic Class before Advanced Class required\*\*  
Classes Begin - 10:00am & Classes End - 3:00pm.....Meal each day at 12:00pm  
Enrollment Fee - \$20.00 for Cost of Materials/Meals  
Please Register by August 31, 2007 (more info and forms located in Church Office)

### \*\*\*\*\*COURSE SCHEDULES\*\*\*\*\*

#### THE BASIC COURSE

Attending this 10 hour class will prepare you to be a "Local Lay Speaker"  
Course Time: 5 hours on 9/8/07 and 5 hours on 9/15/07  
Instructor - Thomas "Ab" Pevey / Mt. Pleasant "Campground" UMC

#### NEW COURSES

Youth Basic Class: 5 hours on 9/8/07 and 5 hours on 9/15/07  
Rev. Larry Kelso, Dewitt/St. Charles, assisted by Jennifer White, CLS

Local Lay Speaker: 4 hours on 9/8/07 by Bro. Jim Bacon, Wesley UMC, Pine Bluff

#### 2 ADVANCED COURSES (For those who are Certified or have only had previous Basic Course)

Course 1: Sermon Preparation Class  
Course Time: 5 hours on 9/8/07 and 5 hours on 9/15/07  
Instructor: Southeast District Superintendent - Rev. Dennis Spence

Course 2: Restoring Methodism  
Course Time: 5 hours on 9/8/07 and 5 hours on 9/15/07  
Instructor: Nan Nelson, Stuttgart FUMC and Donna Hamilton, Redfield UMC

### PRAYER LIST

*Claudia Roebbeke; Roland Endres; Holdyn Hoskyn; Carl Madsen; Carolyn Moore; Rollie Rich; Sherry Tuminello; Phaedra Farar; Brayden Black; Tammy Wilson; Willa Lambert; Ray Holsted; Beth Ragan Adams; Clarence Thomason; Tim Walton; Fred McCuiston; Brenda Crum; John Robert Graves; Linda Fisher; Joni Thomas; Clifford Burdett; Steve Tranna; Susan Blake; Loma Essex; Kelly Williams; Karen Aureli; Regina Earlywine; Bailey Simpson; Bethany Jackson; The Family of Robert Lisko; Cathie Jones; Casey Jones; Ellen Southall; Sylvia Mills; Clio Clary; 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.*

***In memory of Mary Bledsoe  
given by:***

*Ron and Lyn Rhein  
Mr. & Mrs. Rhett Oliphant  
Mr. & Mrs. John A. Grabbe  
Dr. & Mrs. Randy Cress  
Mrs. Vernon Simpson  
Patricia Jane Ferguson*

***In memory of Fern Bock  
given by:***

*Dr. & Mrs. Randy Cress*

***In memory of Elmer L. Grant  
given by:***

*Ron and Lyn Rhein  
Mr. & Mrs. C. W. Stewart  
Mary Alice Acklin  
Eunice Montgomery  
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Jacobs  
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Roth  
Mr. & Mrs. James Prislowsky  
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Clark Roth  
Mr. & Mrs. John W. Jackson  
Mr. & Mrs. William L. Erstine  
Ann Prislowsky  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert K. Lucke  
Norma Oliver  
Mr. & Mrs. Eddy Hord*

***In memory of Elmer L. Grant as a  
gift to the Music Ministries Fund  
given by:***

*Mr. & Mrs. David L. Feilke*

***In memory of Vernon R. Simpson  
given by:***

*Juanita L. Pierce  
Ron and Lyn Rhein  
Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie Krisell  
Mr. & Mrs. Dale Tull  
Mr. & Mrs. Don E. Hanson  
Judy Baser  
Mr. & Mrs. Edwin E. Doepel  
Alice M. Powell  
Patricia Jane Ferguson  
Gerald and Phyllis Snider  
Mr. & Mrs. Charles J. Sampson  
Mr. & Mrs. Keith Holsted  
Col. & Mrs. Bobby Wilson  
Patricia G. Howey  
Mr. & Mrs. Bob Pittman  
Robert Meins  
Nicky and Rosella Hargrove  
Barbara S. Layher  
Mr. & Mrs. Ryan Eagle  
Mr. & Mrs. Clark Roth  
Ann Prislowsky  
Mr. & Mrs. Brad Whitley  
Patricia Pruett  
Mark, Elaine, Marcie & Jeff Simpson  
Jessie Cheek  
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Rabeneck  
Jennifer Hopson  
Glinda Ellen Joslin*

***In memory of Vernon R. Simpson as a  
gift to the Kitchen Fund  
given by:***

*Mr. & Mrs. Steve Currie  
Mr. & Mrs. William Erstine*