

**September 26,
2007**

GRAND AVENEWS

Staff

George E. Rook
Pastor

Chuck Law
Director of
Music Ministries

Wanda Mayfield
Organist

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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 Pastor and Mrs. Victor Green on the death of their daughter, Kimberly Leigh McNabb of Jonesboro. Kimberly died Wednesday, September 12. Her parents may be contacted at: 1122 River Oaks Dr., Benton, AR 72019 (501-778-4565).



The Arts Council in celebration of the 51st Grand Prairie Festival of the Arts will host their annual turkey and dressing lunch from 11:00am to 1:00pm Sunday, September 30 at the Stuttgart Junior High Gym. Tickets will be available at the door.



The Grand Avenue Mission Team will have an organizational meeting in the Church Library after the morning service on Sunday, Sept. 30. This will be a short meeting for anyone who is interested in going on the mission trip to the UMCOR depot Feb. 3-8, 2008. If you cannot attend this meeting but are interested in the mission trip, call Tom or Joyce Roth at 673-3398 for more information.

MEETINGS THIS MONTH - The Worship Committee will meet Tuesday, Oct. 2 at 6:30pm in the Church Office to make plans for All Saints Sunday, Thanksgiving Sunday, Advent and Christmas. The Endowment Committee will meet Sunday, Oct. 7 in the Church Library after Morning Worship to prepare their Annual Report for Charge Conference. The Youth Council will meet after Morning Worship Sunday, Oct. 14 in the Fellowship Hall.

Trustees will meet Monday, Oct. 15 at 7:00pm in the Church Office; Finance Committee will meet Tuesday, Oct. 16 at 7:00pm in the Library; Administrative Council will meet Tuesday, Oct. 16 at 7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

DEDICATION OF HISTORICAL MARKER

October 7 is the tentative date for dedicating a historical marker at Grand Avenue during the closing moments of Morning Worship. We will publicize the final date in upcoming worship bulletins. The date is based on when the donors can be in attendance.



THE PASSION PLAY - OCTOBER 6-7

GAUMYouth will be traveling to the Passion Play in Eureka Springs on October 6/7. Please meet in the church parking lot at 11:00am Saturday. If you have any questions contact Shelley at 673-4184.



You are invited to a baby shower honoring Abigail Kate Madsen, daughter of Kim and Michael Madsen, October 6 from 10am till noon at 1000 South Henderson in Stuttgart. Abigail Kate is registered at Babies R Us, Target, Too Cute and Sisters Treasures. Regrets only - 870-946-1291

World Communion Sunday

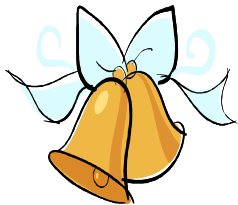
October 7 is World Communion Sunday. A special offering will be received for Crusade Scholarships, which offer students worldwide opportunities for graduate education to fill places of service - teaching, medicine, agriculture, preaching - all areas of need in this country and around the world.



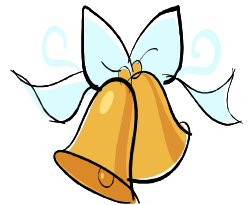
October 21st 2007 - 7:00PM

Grand Avenue Chancel Choir celebrates Charles Wesley

The combined choirs of First United Methodist and Grand Avenue will join with other choirs and full orchestra to present "Testament of Praise". This evening service starting at 7:00 will celebrate 300 years of Methodist tradition and music. Please mark your calendars to attend this special service.



YOU ARE INVITED
to a bridal shower for Lauren Mashburn, bride-elect of Brian Reynolds. The shower will be in the Fellowship Hall on October 21 from 2-4pm.



SINGLES NEWS

Singles will take a trip to go on the fall color cruise on Saturday, October 27, on the Arkansas Queen. Cost is \$35.00

The Scouts are in need of standard size shoe boxes (lids included). If you have any please bring them to the Church Office or leave them in the Fellowship Hall.

Thank you!

AMERICAN FLAG AND CITATION PRESENTED TO GRAND AVENUE

Bethany Jackson, who recently returned home for deployment in Iraq, presented the Grand Avenue Church with an American Flag that had flown above Iraq with an accompanying citation. The presentation was made during Morning Worship on Sunday, September 16 and was received on behalf of the church by her mother, Agnes Jackson, who is Chairperson of the Administrative Council.

Sept 11, 2007

Dear Members of Grand Ave UMC,
Camp Sarako would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous contribution and support for children and youth participating in our camping program.
Your gifts are important in this ministry as we continue to build disciples for Jesus Christ.
Sincerely,
Jerry Everett, Camp Sarako Director

Grand Avenue Trivia

Did you know?

In 1964 the property across the street was purchased to build a new parsonage. Rev. Holland was the first pastor to live there. The old two-story parsonage was moved to a lot across the street from the city park and is still there!

UMCOR KITS Reminder

Church members are encouraged to prepare one or more of the following kits to be sent to UMCOR this fall during the Ingathering. UMCOR requests that no religious, political or patriotic notes or emblems be on any items in the kits. If you buy toothpaste, check the date. It needs to be dated a year or more from the Ingathering, November 2008 or later if possible.

It is important that the items included in the kits are the same as specified on the lists. Donated kits may be placed in the old church office. Money may be donated to complete items for the kits, or to buy blankets (\$5.00 each).

Bulk items may be donated also. These items will be used at UMCOR to make the kits. Any of the items listed in the kits may be donated in bulk as long as they are as specified on the lists.

TOP TEN BULK ITEMS NEEDED

1. Terry Cloth Hand Towels
2. Toothpaste
3. Metal Nail Files or Clippers
4. Children's Blunt Scissors
5. Pencil Sharpeners
6. Baby Sweaters
7. Cloth Baby Diapers
8. Ruled Paper
9. Baby Gowns or Sleepers
10. School Bags (as specified on list)

*NOTE: Extra UMCOR lists are available in the Church Office, Sanctuary and Vestibule.

FROM THE PASTOR / PRAYER LIST

"Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." We know these words by heart. These words are from the Lord's Prayer we offer each Sunday in worship and in our devotions at home. We have a fairly good understanding about God's will and know it is our obligation as Christians that God's will be done in our lives so we might advance his will being done in the world.

But what is going on at Jena, Louisiana? I don't know all the details, but I must ask as a Christian, "Is God's will being done on earth as it is in heaven?" Are the Christian people of Jena living up to Jesus' expectations of them as his people? Is God's will being done in Jena the way Jesus taught us to pray? What do you think?

But then, the "Arkansas Democrat-Gazette" has reported there are tensions in our community; therefore, Grand Avenue should have something to say about this as we ask, "Is God's will being done in Stuttgart?" What can we say? First, we grieve with those who mourn the tragic death of a family member. Such a death is a tremendous burden - a life sentence. May God strengthen and comfort those who mourn with his presence and his promise of everlasting life! Secondly, we recognize our justice system is feeble in comparison with a greater Judge than here, but our American court system is what we have. Thirdly, serving on a jury carries a tremendous personal weight that lasts a lifetime. One's decision as a juror is also a life sentence! After the trial is over, can the juror live with his or her conscience? The thought of serving on a jury in a murder case is overwhelming; therefore, what should we expect of jury members? Do we want the members to truly vote their conscience? What do we have a right to expect? Remember, you may also be summoned to one day serve at such a trial!

"Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." The members of Grand Avenue can work toward the realization of this petition by serving as builders of peace and understanding, by seeking to comfort all who mourn with the promise of everlasting life, by recognizing the tremendous burden placed on our jurors and by reaching out in prayer and kindness to those who serve or have served on juries.

Jesus once said his followers are the light of the world. He also said he was the light of the world, which means he places us right up there next to himself. I hope and pray each member of Grand Avenue will radiate the light of Christ in our community and so dispel any darkness that the "Arkansas Democrat-Gazette" has reported being here.

-George E. Rook

PRAYER LIST

John Jackson; Joyce Roth; Claudia Roebbecke; Roland Endres; Holdyn Hoskyn; Charlie Acklin; Sherry Tuminello; Carolyn Bull Galloway; Susan Freeze; Phaedra Farar; Brayden Black; Tammy Wilson; Willa Lambert; Ray Holsted; Beth Ragan Adams; Clarence Thomason; Tim Walton; Fred McCuistion; Brenda Crum; Linda Fisher; Joni Thomas; Steve Tranna; Loma Essex; Kelly Williams; Karen Aureli; Regina Earlywine; Bailey Simpson; Bethany Jackson; The family of Kimberly Leigh McNabb, especially for Victor and Mary; Cathie 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.



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USHERS FOR OCTOBER

Gene Fletcher*
 Brian Reynolds
 Joe Griffin
 Ronny Hoskyn

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1 UMW Sack Lunch 11:30am FH	2 Exercise 9:30am Worship Meeting 6:30pm Church Office	3 Pastor's Bible Study -FH 10:30am Kids Choir 3:45-5pm Handbells 6pm Choir 7pm	4 Exercise 10am UMM 7pm	5	6 Youth Trip Passion Play Heber Springs
7 Pastor's Bible Study - FH 9:00am Endowment Meeting Library after MW	8 Circle 2 10:30am FH Circle 3 7:30pm	9 Exercise 9:30am	10 Pastor's Bible Study -FH 10:30am Kid's Choir 3:45 - 5pm Circle 1 FH 5:30pm Handbells & Choir 6 / 7pm	11 Exercise 10am Grand Needlers 6pm FH	12	13 UMW District Meeting FH & Sanctuary Reserved
14 Pastor's Bible Study - FH 9:00am Youth Council Meeting - MW FH Singles Luncheon	15 Trustees 7pm Church Office	16 Exercise 9:30am Finance 7pm Library Admin Co. 7:30pm FH	17 Pastor's Bible Study - FH 10:30am Kid's Choir 3:45 - 5pm Hanbells - 6pm Choir - 7pm	18 Exercise 10am	19	20
21 Pastor's Bible Study - FH 9:00am Mashburn Shower 2-4pm - FH Wesley Hymn Festival 7pm Singles Luncheon	22	23 Exercise 9:30am	24 Pastor's Bible Study -FH 10:30am Kid's Choir 3:45-5pm Handbells - 6pm Choir - 7pm	25 Exercise 10am Long-Range Planning Comm. Meeting - Church Office - 6:30pm	26	27 Fall Color Cruise Arkansas Queen Singles Trip
28 Pastor's Bible Study #1 9:00am - FH ICCM	29	30	31 Pastor's Bible Study -FH 10:30am Kid's Choir 3:45-5pm Handbells - 6pm Choir - 7pm			

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