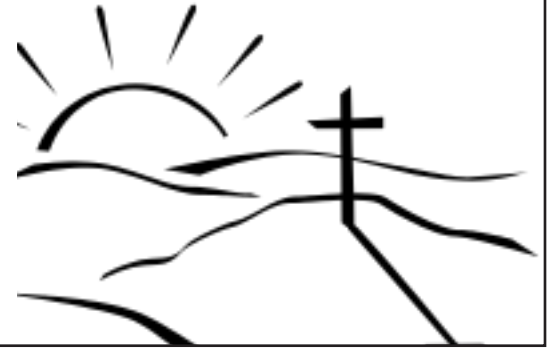


Grace United Methodist Church --
*Built of the Rock;
in the Rock and
on the Rock.*



Celebration of Ministry May 15th

May 15th will be a big day of celebration. First of all we will be recognizing Linda's many years of service as she retires. Although we know that Linda would rather be in the background (and not showcased). We want to take a special time to thank her for all the ways she has blessed us as a congregation. Mark the date and look for more information to follow as the time gets closer.

May 15th is also a special day because it will be Confirmation Sunday. Those who have been in the confirmation class will make a commitment of faith to Jesus Christ. They commit to serve Christ and uphold the ministries of Grace church with their prayers, their presence, their gifts, their service and their witness. We as a congregation also commit to continue to uphold them in their walk of faith.

May 15th will also be an added special day because we will also be receiving new members from the adult class. Along with those in the confirmation class we will be having those in the adult new membership class join.

This is exciting because it is affirmation of what God has been and is doing in Grace Church. It responds to the good news we heard on Easter. And it reminds us of our mission at Grace church to "invite all people to encounter and develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, all for the glory of God". And it affirms our focus for this year as we are 'Growing in Christ'. This is exactly what we celebrate this May 15th. Come and join us for this time of celebration.

On another related note; after the 15th Pastor David and Matt Buss (our lay member) will be heading down to Annual Conference. I mention this because annual conference connects very much with membership. When we join in membership we not only come into the local church but we are also welcomed into the larger connected United Methodist Church. We commit to pray for the church worldwide. I encourage you to pray for the conference and the larger United Methodist church, especially this year. This 2011 conference we will be voting on petitions and delegates for next year's General Conference (a worldwide United Methodist Conference). The General Conference Delegates will make important decisions about what the church's stances are on issues and what our overall focus of ministry and mission will be for the greater United Methodist Church.

Therefore let us be in prayer seeking the Lord's leading as we respond to and celebrate God's calling.

Pastor David Goudie

Grace News You Can Use

Covenant Mission Offering for Haiti and Liberia Sunday May 8

Each year at annual conference, a special offering is taken to go towards a mission or outreach project as determined by the conference Board of Global Ministries.

For Christians, a covenant is seen as an instrument by which we are bound to God and to each other. We are called to maintain our covenants, as the covenant of God is maintained with us. As the Detroit Conference of The United Methodist Church, our covenants with the Methodist Church of Haiti and with The United Methodist Church of Liberia call us to support each other with our prayers, our presences, and our continuing financial support.

The Detroit Conference and other conferences across the nation provide a hot lunch for nearly 20,000 children attending Methodist-supported schools in Haiti. For many, this is their only food for the entire day. Lunch costs continue to rise due to the cost of rice, transportation, and charcoal for the cooking fires. An average cost is now 50 cents (U.S.) each. Children attend school 180 days. **We will again support this effort by sending one-half of this year's offering through The Advance to the Haiti District of the Methodist Church of the Caribbean and the Americas.**

As a conference, we also have a covenant with The United Methodist Church of Liberia. One major focus of support over the years has been the Bishop Judith Craig Children's Village. This institution provides a safe and nurturing haven for children who have been orphaned by war, abandonment, death of parents due to HIV/AIDS, or extreme economic difficulties. **We will continue to support our Liberian brothers and sisters by sending one-half of this year's offering through The Advance to The United Methodist Church of Liberia for this worthwhile purpose.**

It is desired that each congregation in the Detroit Annual Conference become more informed about the people of Haiti and Liberia: what they experienced through their history; how the church has been part of that history; where God is directing the church today; and how each of us can be supportive. We pray that as we learn more about our sisters and brothers, God's Spirit will sensitize us, guide us, and empower us to fulfill Christ's command to "feed my lambs."

Our Covenant Mission Offering will be collected on Sunday May 8 9 to be taken to Annual Conference. Prayerfully support the children of our covenant partners who have been greatly affected by war, conflict, and disasters and the poverty that those produce.

DEADLINES

The May Finance Team meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 9th. The May Vision Team meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 11th.

The deadline for the May Newsletter will Be Wednesday, May the 18th in the morning. The deadline for Sunday's order of worship and to insert an announcement in the bulletin is each Wednesday morning.



Financial Team: Latest Report

God is good, All the Time! Below you will see the most recent information for our church finances through March 2011.

Giving	\$49,578.00	21.4% of budget
Expenses	\$49,311.00	21.3% of budget
Apportionments	\$ 3,000.00	14.8% (this is part of the expense total above)

Mortgage Balance \$356,000.00 (this is approximate – will have exact figure next month)

Our giving still lags a bit behind since we are through 25% through our calendar year, however, we are keeping our expenses inline. Praise God! We have placed a wish list on our website at http://www.houghtongraceumc.org/content/resources/church_wish_list. As a result we have received several items and we are grateful for the gifts to support our ministries. Please check regularly as there are updates often. We can always use office supply items like paper and postage stamps, as well as cleaning supplies. Please contact the church office, Pastor David, or use the link above to see our ongoing needs.

Please continue to pray about the financial needs of our church and our mission. As always, the finance team welcomes thoughtful ideas to reduce our fixed expenses while meeting the needs of our people, property, and community.

Gods Peace, *Tim Jenkins*

RELAY FOR LIFE NEWS

Want to help save a life? Then join our Relay for Life Team "Saved By Grace" as we fight to raise money for cancer research and recovery through the American Cancer Society. We are looking for team members, monetary donations or donations of time and resources. For more info go to <http://main.acsevents.org/goto/saved-bygrace> or email Andee Goudie at savedbygracerelay@yahoo.com. Together we can find a cure!!

Welcome Home Adom!!!!

Adom's Welcome Home Baby Shower will be at the church on Saturday May 7 @ 1pm. All are welcome to attend and welcome Adom Ebanyenle (along with Esther and Emmanuel) into our church family. Cake is provided but please bring a dessert to pass. If there are any questions please contact Andee Goudie.

The following is a list of needs for Adom:

- Diapers (10+ pnds and up)
- Diaper Genie
- Laundry Soap (Dreft or the equivalent)
- Diaper Bag
- Umbrella Stroller
- Bottles and Latex Nipples
- Wipes
- A "Boppy" feeding pillow
- Clothes
- Children's Books for Adom's Library

Grace United Methodist Church

News Notes...

-- **The Prayer Shawl Ministry** Continues on meeting bi-monthly. We will meet on April 28th, May 12th and 26th. Thanks to Jan Henkel who knit a beautiful Prayer Shawl which was prayed over by The Basement Ladies and a Guy and given to Helen Spence's sister Eva. Julie Crawl completed a pink prayer shawl for her great-niece Jordyn and it was prayed over by the prayer shawl group. If you know of someone who would benefit from a shawl or if you know of a male who might benefit from a lap-ghan, please let us know. Contact Julie Crawl@482-7144.

-- **New Ruth Circle Officers for the coming year ...**

- Chair Person - Judy Lell**
- Secretary - Connie Smith**
- Treasurer - Barb Koski**
- Correspondence - Vi Hedin**
- Phone Calls - Helen Spence & Dee Little**

-- **More Ruth Circle News ...** May meeting with be a dinner at the Monastery in Eagle River after Vespers.

The Salad Luncheon will be June 2, 2011 - \$7.00 donation, tickets being sold by Dee Little & Florance Burich.

GRACE UMC STAFF

- PASTOR.....David Goudie
- FINANCIAL SECRETARY.....Carol Little
- TREASURER.....Deb Bradford
- BUILDING SUPERVISOR.....Gerald Smith
- SECRETARY..... Linda Reynolds

MAY BIRTHDAYS



- 1 Nancy Seely
- 2 Darin Goke
- 3 Ruth Miller
- 4 Helen Richards
- 6 Marilynn Hamar
- Emma Aho
- 8 Carol Geiger
- Ayla Miller
- 9 Amy Erva
- Gary Hansen
- Ryne Hocking
- 13 Jackie Manchester
- 15 Sidney Polakowski
- 16 Gil Lewis
- Evelyn Goke
- 20 Tate Evans
- 21 Christina Arceci
- Brad Van Tassel
- 23 Keith Kelley
- 26 Kathy Duncan
- 29 Alexis Aho

(Don't see your birthday listed? Contact the office @ 482-2780 and let us know when you celebrate your special day.)

May 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	7
9:15 Connections Café 9:30 Praise Music 10:00 Worship 11:15 New Member Class 11:30 Sunday School 6:00 UMYF 6:30 Bible Study 1209 E. 7 th Ave.	Noon Men's 4 th Day @ Franklin Sq. Inn	7:00 Women's Study @ Poplawski's	9:30 Hymn Sing 10:00 Bible Study 6:00 Worship Team 7:00 Guitar	Noon Women's 4 th Day @ Bradford's 6:30 Prayer at The Bluffs		8:00 Women's 4 th Day @ Perkins 1:00 Shower for Baby Adom	
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2011 Mission Season Coming Soon



2010 Team To GCCP

Team finishes up week by standing in front of one of the projects they worked on during their week in mission on the Eastern end of the U.P.



Ross Michaels runs a power tool as the team works to prepare a site for the addition of siding on 2010 trip.

Youth Show Excitement for 2011 WI Mission Trip

A recent visit with our youth group shows that there are 15 of our students who want to go on the mission trip. Your support in many ways is needed to make this opportunity a reality.

Currently there are three and possible five adults who will be traveling with us to work alongside with the students and ensure their safety as well as provide transportation. One or two more adults would be a wonderful addition to the leadership team.

Another need is help with fund raising for the team. Each team member adult or youth needs to provide \$125 to the projects that we will be working on. Additionally, our hosts are so excited that we will be joining them in their community that we will not need to provide money for food each day because they will be feeding us except for snacks at where we are housed, food during travel and during our break day. Plus they have worked out a wonderful price for our housing -- at \$80 per person for the week. This includes in room showers.

But we won't be all work and no play. It looks like we will be taking Tuesday afternoon to have fun at the Wisconsin Dells.

Members of Grace, and friends and family members can help in several ways. You can sign the sponsor sheet and pay a price to sponsor a youth or several during the week. You can provide a scholarship or scholarships for students. Another way to help the students fund raise is to "hire them" to do yard work, some home repairs such as painting and the like. Your payment for their efforts would then be paid into the individuals fund for the trip.

Would you please pray how you can be part of this special experience for your youth and then please step up and participate in your own very special way.

To learn more, to volunteer to help out or for more information please contact Julie Crawl at jcrawl@mac.com or 482-7144 or Mike Moore at mdaisy@up.net or 906-369-1952.

...Three teams now scheduled to work in the Copper Country this Summer; one more may also come on mission here in Keweenaw...

In June we will welcome a team of about 15 folks from Bath, MI UMC which is nearing Lansing. This team will be staying at the Calumet UMC and a private home. They will work on The Fifth Street Project and at a local project to frame in an addition. In July we will welcome a team of 30 people from Covenant Lutheran of Stoughton, WI. They will stay at our Church and will continue work on the aforementioned projects. We are We are excited to report that we will be joined at the end of August by a Team from Gladstone UMC to come to work at sites in the Copper Country. Please being to pray for all these mission teams and efforts. Please remember that you are always welcome to join us any of the mission weeks. God Bless.

Children, Youth, & VBS At Grace

RE-NEW: THE GREEN VBS

FOR KIDS

Place: Grace United Methodist

Dates: June 13-17, 2011

Time: 9:00 to 12 noon

ReNew VBS invites kids to learn about Jesus, help build our community, and grow as they become stewards of God's creation.

Kids will:

Explore God's work through Jesus' Parable of the Sower

Learn about God's creation and what we can do to care for it.

Make new friends and have a great time!

Plant flowers in the community and church.

We are calling all kids from pre-school age through 6th grade who want to ReNew! Let's grow in faith, have fun, and change the world!

Registration will begin May 22nd thru May 31st at Grace. For more information you may contact Judy Lell at judylell@yahoo.com or phone 281-4949.

We all look forward to having a wonderful VBS to honor and glorify our Lord.

ATTENTION ADULTS

Date: June 13-17th

Place: Grace United Methodist

Time: 9:00 to 12 noon

We are planning on having an adult ReNew: The Green VBS. We are inviting any and all adults interested in exploring God's work through Jesus' Parable of the Mustard Seed, which will be lead by Carol Plichta and Alexandra Larsen.

We will also have our own master gardener, Lynn Watson, who will work with the adults on various projects around our church. You will also learn gardening hints, planting of your own gardens and caring for same. Also, feel free to bring gardening problems/questions for Lynn. She is always willing and able to help any of us to enjoy our gardens more!

Come join us, grow in faith, have fun, make new friends and change the world, one plant at a time.

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Upcoming Confirmation Schedule:

May 8 Lesson 6

May 22 Confirmation Sunday

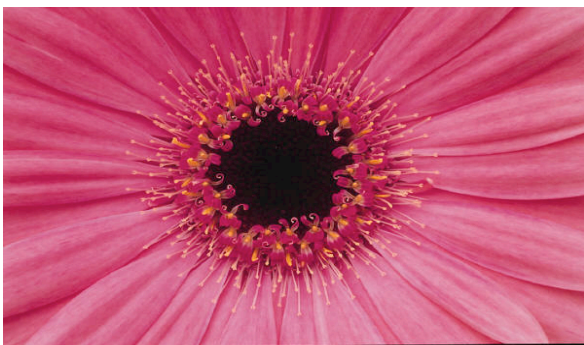
~ May 2011 Prayer Calendar ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Louisa Wills	Karen Arceci		Shirley Bradford	Connie Smith		Tim Jenkins
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Helen Spence	Pete Larsen	Carol Little	Alexandra Larsen		Judy Leil
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Lorraine Konosky	Lynn Watson	Jim Olson	Florence Burich			Rudy Bianchi
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Jackie Manchester	Vi Hedin	Julie Crowl	Laura Moore	Kathy Duncan	Lynn Manchester	
29	30	31	Notes:			
Marge Olson	Dee Little	Deb Bradford				

Message Themes for May

<i>Date</i>	<i>Scriptures</i>	<i>Theme/Title</i>	
May 1	Acts 2:14a; 22-36	“Outlive Your LIfe”	Kick-off of Sermon Series
May 8	Acts 2:14a; 36-41	“A Mother’s Legacy”	Mother’s Day
May 15	Acts 2:42-47	“In One Accord”	Celebration Sunday
May 22	Acts 7:55-60	“A Costly Kind of Love”	Pastor at Annual Conference Julie Crowl will preach
May 29th	Acts 17:22-34	“The Unknown Becomes Known.”	Louisa Wills

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:15 Cafe Open
9:30 Praise Music in Sanctuary
10:00 Call to Worship
11:00 Fellowship
11:15 - Noon Sunday School