

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



New Year, New Opportunities, New Members

With the New Year upon us, often we view this time to have a fresh start. We make plans to start off the year right with a clean slate. Well for 2011 as we begin this New Year, (if you haven't already done so) why not make plans to become a new member of the church.

There will be a new membership class beginning Sunday January 9 after church during Sunday school.

Also for the youth of the congregation who are sixth grade and up we will be offering a confirmation class beginning in January. The plan is that starting January 23rd we will have Confirmation on Sunday nights the second and fourth Sundays of the month. On the Sundays when confirmation is not meeting we will be planning on having a full youth group time.

Both confirmation and the adult new member class is an opportunity for us to consider what it means to follow Christ more fully. So what does membership entail? The word membership can sometimes bring to mind images of joining some social club. We think of membership fees and becoming like others. And while there are a number of good social and charitable clubs you can join, I would like us to think of church membership in a different way.

When the scriptures talk about being a member, the word is often used in the context of being a part of the body. We often refer to hands and feet as members of the body. For as St. Paul says in 1 Corinthians 12:12- 14 "Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many."

Membership means more than just joining some group then. The fact is the Church is to be more like a living organism than an organization. We are to be a connected body of believers. Membership is about committing to living out our faith in a local church. It is about committing to building up and encouraging the body of Christ. And most of all it is about committing ourselves to submit to Lordship of our head which is Jesus Christ.

So I invite you to come discover what it means to be a member of Grace church. If you or your children have questions about becoming a member, please contact me at the church office (482-2780).

Let's begin the New Year right by taking advantage of the new opportunities God sets before us!

Sincerely,

Pastor David Goudie

Grace News You Can Use

Vision Team Meeting December 8, 2010

Present: Brandon Veale, Judy Lell, Pastor David, Jackie

Absent: Pete Larsen (Admin), Louisa Wills (Missions), Joyce Winsor (ACE)

Advertising: In the paper: Pastor David will handle this w/ The Gazette
Pass out cards 'Get hooked by the Spirit this Christmas Eve'
On Dec. 19 I Grace United Methodist
201 Isle Royale St., Houghton, MI
Services @ 7:00 p.m. and 11 p.m.
(Nursery provided for 7 p.m. service)
houghtongraceumc.org 906-482-2780

Nursery: Sarah Anderson is leaving her post and we need a replacement, the sooner the better for her schedule.

Advent Families: Pastor David will try to find a family for us to sponsor by calling the Salvation Army. Will try to have the info for Sunday.

College Students: Brandon will use funds to prepare 'Study snacks' for our students for Exam Week.

Prayer Partners: Pastor David would like to have people sign up to pray for youth as well as college students. He is going to check into that. There will be a list.

Also: Looking for leaders for youth. Mike and Laura Moore have expressed some interest. Pastor David would like to have a team of people who would be willing to do things with them.

Confirmation Class: Beginning in January. For youth 6 grade and up who have not yet been confirmed. Judy asked Pastor David to go to the high school class to see if there are interested students.

Sunday School will begin again on January 9th.

Adult offerings: Three classes: Prodigal God/Video; Mike Moore, the study of Acts; Lynn Watson, Christian Clowning.

Stewardship Campaign: 1. Pastor David will begin prepping in January with Philippians
2. Looking at 'Enough' a series based on simplicity, generosity, joy. (Church of the Resurrection UMC)
This is not only to prepare people to make their pledges, but also to help them with their personal finances, so they can live using Biblical principles.

Christmas Eve: Paula is gone. She is checking with her sister.

Dec. 26: Pastor David is gone and he is thinking of having a carol service to cover that Sunday. Jackie mentioned that she doesn't think there should be a potluck; however she had no suggestion. Soup was mentioned. We need to

February 9: All groups will meet @ 7 p.m. In place of Vision Team.
For each team: What is the focus of your year?
We should have a schedule planned up through August.

Judy Lell closed us in prayer.



Meetings and Deadlines

The January Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Mon. the 17th; All meetings are at 5 p.m. at the offices of Bruce Rukkila in downtown Houghton. The January Vision Team meeting will be Wed., the January the 12th at 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the church. Unless otherwise notified.

The deadline for the February Newsletter will Be Wednesday, January the 19th in the morning. The deadline for Sunday's order of worship and to insert an announcement in the bulletin is each Wednesday morning.

January Finance Notes

As the year draws to a close, we praise God for His faithfulness and for your continued faithful support of the ministries of Grace United Methodist Church. As you are aware, the Finance Team has been closely monitoring the budget during this year to ensure we are being good stewards of the resources entrusted to the church. As of the writing of this newsletter, total income (giving) for the year is slightly below what we anticipated in the 2010 budget. While the vast majority of the church's expenses are fixed (heat, electricity, salaries, etc.), we have been able to keep the budget on track by minimizing all "discretionary" spending-- things like Sunday School curriculum, missions events, etc. We praise God that we have been able to manage the cash flow throughout the year in this way to remain "in the black." However, as the year draws to a close, we ask that each of us (members and friends of Grace UMC, ourselves included) consider what our part is in the financial ministry of the church as we consider our own membership vows to support the church through our prayers, presence, gifts, and service. The major item remaining unpaid in our budget for the year is our apportionments. Apportionments represent the basic missionary giving of the church and support important ministries of the wider church. Will you help us end the year with all our bills paid, including 100% of our apportionments?

As you hopefully are already aware through the Christmas letter, the Finance team has decided to have the Christmas offering go towards paying off the balance of the roof replacement. Also, if there are any additional funds collected, above the cost of the balance needed for the roof, those funds will be used to pay down the principle of our mortgage. If you have not yet give to the Christmas offering you can still do so.

As always, current financial statements are available for your review in the church office, or by approaching any member of the finance team. In addition, we'd like to thank Kellie Buss for her faithful service as Finance Chair over the last several years. She will be rotating off the committee in January and will be replaced by the new chair, Tim Jenkins. Blessings to everyone at Grace UMC during this holiday season.

~Your Finance Team

GUMC 2011 Budget

2011 Budget

Total budget \$231,566.00

Expense

41000 · WORSHIP 14,600.00
42000 · MISSIONS & SERVICE 1,232.00
44000 · CONNECTION/EVANGELISM 4,927.00
45000 · CHILDREN AND YOUTH 3,695.00
47000 · ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCAT... 1,232.00

50000 · CHURCH MINISTRY

50100 · Pastor salary 45,168.00
50200 · Travel 1,000.00
50300 · Continuing Education 1,000.00
50400 · Annual conference expenses 600.00
50500 · Health Insurance 18,888.00
Total 50000 · CHURCH MINISTRY 66,656.00

60000 · ADMINISTRATION

60200 · Records and envelopes 350.00
60400 · Financial Secretary salary 2,700.00
60500 · Treasurer (updates/supplies) 300.00
Total 60000 · ADMINISTRATION 3,350.00

65000 · CHURCH

65100 · Secretary salary 14,420.00
65150 · Custodian salary 14,040.00
65200 · Office supplies 2,000.00
65300 · Postage 1,000.00
65350 · Payroll Expenses 3,600.00
65450 · Church maintenance/supplies 4,000.00
65500 · Insurance 6,000.00
65550 · Gas 8,000.00
65600 · Electricity 6,336.00
65650 · Telephone 2,604.00
65700 · Water/Sewer/Landfill 1,500.00
65800 · Capital Outlay 4,400.00
65901 · Church mortgage payment 29,000.00
Total 65000 · CHURCH 96,900.00

75000 · PARSONAGE EXPENSES

75450 · Repairs & maintenance 1,000.00
75550 · Gas 1,300.00
75600 · Electricity 2,088.00
75650 · Telephone 420.00
75700 · Water/Sewer/Landfill 850.00
Total 75000 · PARSONAGE EXPENSES 5,658.00

90000 · PENSION/APPORTIONMENTS

90200 · Apportionments (100%) 20,275.00
90800 · Pension 8,200.00
91000 · District Apportionments 4,841.00
Total 90000 · PENSION/APPORTION... 33,316.00

Total 2011 Budget 231,566.00

Grace United Methodist Church

Notable Notes...

-- **A new study for adults, college-age students and young adults.** Join Lynn Watson and learn Christian Clowning. Lynn has appeared during our services and with the Amazing Grace Praise Band as many personas all sharing God's Love and word. Look for the class in a room in the downstairs area of the church and learn the joy of our faith.

-- **Mark the date -- June 12th -- for our annual U.S. mission trip.** This year we will be traveling to Poynette, WI. This area saw flooding last fall from the Wisconsin River. We will be joining with our WI-VIM friends in mission being the hands, feet and heart of our Lord Jesus. If you have finished the seventh grade, are in high school or college or an interested adult contact Julie Crowl or Mike Moore to learn more about this upcoming opportunity.

-- **The Basement Ladies and A Guy return to their song and studies Wed., January 12th at 9:30 a.m.** All are welcome for the hymn sing at 9:30 - 10 a.m. followed by a study. We are looking at the parables of Jesus through video, book and discussion.

GRACE UMC STAFF

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

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



1	Carol Karppinen
	Meg Lawrence
	David Goudie
4	Andrea Johnson
7	Benjamin Manchester
10	Bruce Seely
14	Jan Henkel
15	Terry Reynolds
16	Stephanie Booth
20	Laura Moore
21	Liza Orwin
22	Tim Strack
	Mary Carol Friedrich
24	Jacob Manchester
25	Peggy Sorvisto
26	Roseanne Poisson
	Marty Toth
27	Tom Michaels
28	Don Kahler
29	Sierra Greenley
31	Lillian Karinen

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

January 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 Salvation Army Day 9:15 Connections Café 9:30 Praise Music 10:00 Worship 11:30 Sunday School 6:30 Bible Study/1209 E. 7 th Ave.	3 Noon Men's 4 th Day @ Franklin Sq. Inn 6:00 Choir	4 Noon Women's 4 th Day @ Bradford's	5 9:30 Hymn Sing 10:00 Bible Study 6:00 Worship Team 7:00 Guitar Bulletin Deadline	6:30 Prayer at The Bluffs	7	8:00 Women's 4 th Day @ Perkins 10 8:00 Women's 4 th Day @ Perkins 9:00-11:00 Men's Breakfast
9 9:15 Connections Café 9:30 Praise Music 10:00 Worship 11:30 Sunday School 6:30 Bible Study/1209 E. 7 th Ave.	10 Noon Men's 4 th Day @ Franklin Sq. Inn 6:00 Choir	11 Noon Women's 4 th Day @ Bradford's	12 9:30 Hymn Sing 10:00 Bible Study 6:00 Vision Team 7:00 Guitar Bulletin Deadline	6:30 Prayer at The Bluffs	14	15 8:00 Women's 4 th Day @ Perkins
16 9:15 Connections Cafe 9:30 Praise Music 10:00 Worship 11:15 Sunday School 6:30 Bible Study/1209 E. 7 th Ave.	17 Noon Men's 4 th Day @ Franklin Sq. Inn 5:30 Finance @ Rukkias	18 Noon Women's 4 th Day @ Bradford's	19 9:30 Hymn Sing 10:00 Bible Study 6:00 Worship Team 7:00 Guitar Newsletter & Bulletin Deadline		21	22
23 9:15 Connections Cafe 9:30 Praise Music 10:00 Worship 11:15 Sunday School 6:30 Bible Study/1209 E. 7 th Ave.	24 Noon Men's 4 th Day @ Franklin Sq. Inn	25 Noon Women's 4 th Day @ Bradford's	26 9:30 Hymn Sing 10:00 Bible Study 6:00 Worship Team 7:00 Guitar Bulletin Deadline		28	29
30 9:15 Connections Cafe 9:30 Praise Music 10:00 Worship Potluck 6:30 Bible Study/1209 E. 7 th Ave.	31					

Message Themes for January

<u>Date</u>	<u>Scripture</u>	<u>Message Theme</u>
January 2	Matthew 2: 1-12	Guest Preacher
January 9	Philippians 1	A Prisoner of Joy
January 16	Philippians 2	Looking out for Number One?
January 23	Philippians 3	Pressing on in Faith
January 30	Philippians 4	These are a few of my favorite things.



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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