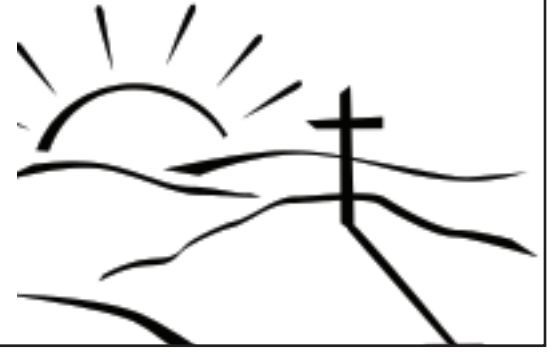


**Grace United Methodist Church --
Built of the Rock;
in the Rock and
on the Rock.**



Growing in Christ-- Goals For This Year

A couple weeks ago our Staff Parish committee was preparing for our upcoming church conference on Thursday November 4. For those who may not be aware, a church conference is where we invite all those in the church to gather and reflect upon the church's ministry for the past year. In addition, we look forward to where God is leading us in this upcoming year. We consider God's overall vision for our church and in light of that vision what are the ministries and goals to which God is calling us.

So what are our goals for this year and following years? Well as we discussed it in light of this year's focus to be Growing in Christ here are some of the main goals we mentioned.

- 1) Small Groups: In order to grow in our faith and discipleship we encourage all to be a part of a small group. Our goal is to increase the number of small group Bible Studies offered this year.
- 2) Youth: Developing a strong ministry for our youth by offering more opportunities for them to fellowship and serve in areas of ministry within Grace church. For instance we will begin having the youth take a larger leadership role in Sunday morning worship and Connections Café.
- 3) College ministry: In addition to continuing to offer studies and some activities for the college students, we will look for ways to help equip them in their ministry and witness on campus. Also, in the next few years we will be examining how Grace church can help revive an on campus ministry. The makeup of this ministry will need time, thoughtful consideration and much prayer.
- 4) Increase in attendance and membership: As a church body will look to reconnect with people who have not been attending regularly. In love and care we will reach out to them and encourage them to once again become active. In addition, we will also begin reaching out to newcomers and evaluating how the church can be more inviting to visitors.
- 5) Financially Sound – In order to grow in the ministries that are offered we also need to foster good financial stewardship, both as individuals with the church and Grace church itself. With the pressing need to replace the shingles of the church roof (\$88,000-\$100,000) and our existing mortgage from the previous church addition and parsonage (\$360,000), we will work at paying off our loan.

These are some lofty goals. It will take time and commitment to reach these goals. Yet God is faithful and powerful to work. So as we hold up these goals, trusting in Christ's grace to provide, we look forward to the upcoming year. And we each are invited to pray for Grace Church and to consider how we can actively participate in the ministry and vision God has given us.

Pastor David Goudie

Grace News You Can Use

Grace Church Will Need a New Roof

It's come to the forefront of our attention that the shingles on the roof of Grace church will need to be replaced. In preparation the trustees of Grace church have been working at getting bids from roofing companies. We received a number of bids and the cost of replacing the shingles of the entire roof is estimated at around \$88,000. We are looking at ways we can finance this so that the roof can be renovated before this winter.

First I ask for your prayers in asking for God's provision. And for you to also prayerfully consider how God is leading you to respond to this need. More specific information about how we can respond to this need will be following.

As a whole church we give thanks for the blessings God has given us in the people and the building of Grace UMC and will continue to look for God's leading as we seek to minister to our community and glorify God.

Vocal Choir Starting Up Again

Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods. (Psalm 95: 1-3)

Come sing with us as we praise the Lord. This fall the Church choir has begun practicing. The choir plans to meet on Mondays at 6pm. MTU students John Diets is our director and Ashbey Gleichman is accompanying.

All those who are interested in singing are welcome.

Copper Country Tour

The Annual Copper Country Tour especially geared for the university students is scheduled for Sunday October 10th after Sunday School. With that weekend being parent's weekend at MTU let your parents know they are welcome to come along too. And please feel free to invite a friend along as well. We will enjoy some fellowship, food and take in the beauty of God's creation in the Copper Country. For more information contact the church office.

Grace Church's Charge Conference Now scheduled -- 6:30p.m., Thursday, November 4.

This meeting is open to all at Grace church. We will celebrate the past year's ministry. We will approve recommendations for who will serve on each ministry committee. We will also report on financial items for next year. Mark your calendars now so that you can come celebrate and help plan for Grace church's ministry



October Deadlines

The October Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Mon. the 18th; All meetings are at 5 p.m. at the offices of Bruce Rukkila in downtown Houghton. The October Vision Team meeting will be Wed., the the 13th at 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the church.

The **deadline for the October Newsletter will Be Wednesday, October 20th in the morning.** The deadline for Sunday's order of worship and to insert an announcement in the bulletin is each Wednesday morning.

Dates to Check Out

- Oct. 2, District UMC Annual Confere, Menominee UMC
- Oct. 7, Chid Protection Training Newberry UMC
- Oct. 9 -13 District Mission Celebration, throughout the district
- Oct. 18-19, School of The North, Gaylord
- Oct. 22, Deadline Creche Display Application
- October 23 & 30, Basic Lay Speaking Course, On-away Methodist Church
- Oct. 24, Potluck dinner after 10 a.m. service
- Nov. 4, Charge Conference
- Nov. 6, Grace UMC Fall Bazaar & Creche Display
- Nov. 6, District Double Header, lay member at large district representative to annual conference
- Nov. 7, Daylight Savings Ends
- Nov. 25th, Thanksgiving
- Dec., 25th, Christmas

Connections and Evangelism

Carol P., Carol Little, and I met recently to discuss the Cafe and the potlucks both of which Carol P. will be heading up, with Carol L. taking a very active roll as well. We are assessing the effectiveness of the Cafe as it stands now, the fellowship that goes on before church, in between church and Sunday school, and after church. We are asking what should be available? Who is actually using the service? Who is supporting it? Where is the financing coming from? Should the Narthex Adult Sunday School class co-opt the fellowship of those who stay but don't want to go to Sunday School? How can both groups feel important and loved. Lots of questions that we hope to discuss and answer.

I have been moving slowing since changing from the Worship Team to the CC/E Team leadership. I want to ask interested people to come on board to help with our connections and evangelism efforts. Contact me or leave a note with Linda in the church office.

Jackie Manchester

Save The Date: Fall Bazar

Creche Displays Of Our Families

Mark your calendars for Saturday, Nov. 6th and come to our Celebrate The Creche display taking place during the Fall Bazaar. There will be Nativity Scenes from all over our local community, a live nativity scene and a storybook time about the Nativity for toddlers and elementary students.

If you have a Creche you can get ready by placing it in a convenient location. Think about when the scene was purchased or given to your family and write up a short history to share with others. A registration form is included with this newsletter or available at the church office.



Poynette, WI the week of June 12th

Announcing 2011 Mission Trip

Announcing the 2011 AGMK Mission trip the week of June 12th to Poynette, WI. Adults and teens 13 years of age and older are welcome to be part of the team.

The Poynette-Inch UMC church will be our hosts and we will be working alongside their team on general construction projects still to be determined. The Wisconsin team has visited and worked on AGMK mission sites in the Keweenaw in 2009 and 2010.

Pastor Sharon Smith and her husband Ron are the Wisconsin site leaders. Their warm spirit and care for others is apparent. They have indicated that in addition to the construction work, there will be a concert scheduled where the musicians of the Amazing Grace Praise Band will sing and share.

Plan to be part of this outreach experience. Contact Julie Crowl at 482-7144 or jcrowl@mac.com to learn more and to indicate your interest in the mission trip.

Grace United Methodist Church

Introducing: Love Inc.

A new ministry is in our midst, Love INC, or Love in the Name of Christ. It is in the developmental stages, but do not make a mistake. Love in the Name of Christ will soon be up and running in Houghton County. It will not be available in the Laird or Duncan communities for now. However, Love INC consists of a network of local churches who will partner with organizations and volunteers to maximize resources and assistance to those in need. It will also greatly reduce duplication of services by consolidating services and/or goods in one source in this community. Local efforts to organize the Love INC process began some months ago, but an overview and training took place on Friday, September 17 and 18 to share the purpose and process Love INC.

Seven local churches have committed to being founding members of the network. Grace United Methodist Church is included in that number. A board is being formed. An executive director will also oversee daily operations. The director will also be responsible for expanding the church network, securing other organizational partners and volunteers. Love INC will be a vital link in our community to secure goods, services, provide a safety net for the lost and an evangelism tool for the Body of Christ. Love is good and God is good. All in the Name of Christ.

GRACE UMC STAFF

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

October BIRTHDAYS

2 Olivia Whitting
 4 Stcey Michaels
 6 Jeff Binkley
 Robert Simmer
 7 Robert Richards
 9 Robert Sunstrom
 10 Jan Killmar
 Shirley McKee
 12 Levi Moore
 Kevin Goke
 14 Lela Walls
 Kristen Kelley
 16 Matthew Bird
 17 Angela Pickett
 20 Nina Cox
 21 Ted Frederickson
 Nancy Chartier
 Teresa Trehwella
 22 Cyndee Engel
 Katherine Olson
 Laura MacInnes
 23 Trent Lawrence
 25 Michael Seely
 26 Alexia Ahola
 27 Alan Larsen
 30 Ashley Laux
 31 Jamie Verran

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



Crèche Registration Form

Deadline to return this form to church office: October 22, 2010

Grace United Methodist Church

Fall Bazaar & Crèche Display

201 Isle Royale St., Houghton MI 39931

www.Houghtongraceumc.org 906-482-2780

Name _____

Address _____

Home phone _____ cell _____

Email address _____

I agree to have my crèche on display Saturday Nov. 6, 2010 (Signature Here):

A photo of the scene is enclosed. _____ I do not have a photo of the scene _____

I understand that I will bring in my crèche on **Friday, November 5th** between 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Note: Together with church members I will inventory the pieces in my display.

Describe your crèche: _____

The total number of pieces: _____ Names of pieces in Crèche (Check & number all that apply):

Mary ____ Joseph ____, Jesus ____, Shepherds (#) ____, angels (#) ____, wise men (#) ____,

List animals: _____

The size of my Creche is: length _____ width _____ height _____

It needs electricity. Yes _____ no _____

A brief history of my Creche (use back of sheet if you need more space):

I will pick up my crèche on Saturday Nov. 6 between 3 and 6 p.m. Ruth Circle is not liable for crèches left behind.

Office use:

Caretaker's name _____

Condition of pieces (Circle one): Excellent Good Fair Poor Other _____

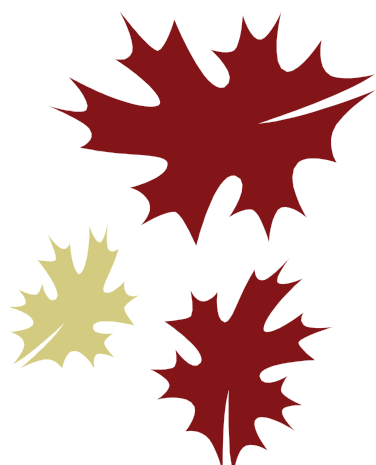
Pieces are as described above (Circle one): Yes No

Photo taken and attached (Circle one): Yes No

Display number assigned to this Creche: _____

I, _____, verify that my crèche is in the same condition

as when I registered it. All pieces are returned. Date _____



*2010 Annual
Fall Bazaar*

Saturday

November 6th

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

*Seasonal gifts & Ornaments
Homemade crafts & Home-baked goodies
Sloppy Joe Luncheon for \$6*

Featuring Crèche Display

**Crèches from Families
of the Copper Country**

\$5 admission

Live Nativity Scene & Story Time

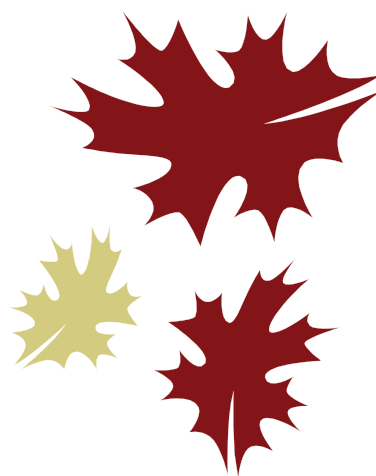
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October 2010

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<p>9:15 Connections Café 9:30 Praise Worship 10:00 Formal Worship 11:15 Sunday School 1:30 CROP WALK</p> <p>6:30 Bible Study @ 1209 E. 7th Ave.</p>	<p>9:30 Ruth Circle/Lobby</p> <p>Noon Men's 4th Day Franklin Sq. Inn</p>	<p>Noon Women's 4th Day/Bradford's</p>	<p>9:30 Hymn Sing/F.H. 10:00 Bible Study/F.H. 6:00 Worship Team 7:00 Guitar practice 7:00 Trustees meet</p> <p>Bulletin Deadline</p>	<p>6:30 Prayer Meeting at The Bluffs</p>		<p>8:00 AM Women's 4th Day @ Perkins</p>
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Message Themes for October

<u>Date</u>	<u>Scripture</u>	<u>Message Title</u>
Oct 3	Galatians 4:4-7 & 1 John 3:1-3	<i>The Source of Love</i>
Oct 10	John 4	<i>A Purified Well</i>
Oct 17	Ecc 2:1-11 & Romans 8	<i>Deadly Mirages</i>
Oct 24	Mark 10:45	<i>Drowning</i>
Oct 31	Romans 6:19-23	<i>Drinking in Life</i>



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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