

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



Growing in Christ

I heard from those who are in professional advertising that in order for someone to really understand a statement you have to say the same message at least three different ways. Often messages do not sink in the first time, so leaders within growing companies have to consciously repeat themselves. Therefore, in order for everyone to be on board it's recommended that every so often you revisit your main focus.

For instance, when I came to Grace Church I laid out an overarching three fold vision I believe God has for our church in these coming years.

- 1. We are to be Grounded to Christ.***
- 2. We are to be Growing in Christ.***
- 3. We are to be Going with Christ.***

Last year our focus began with being Grounded to Christ. This is about having a personal relationship with Jesus as our Lord and Saviour. It's crucial to begin here. This is our foundation for faith.

This year our overall focus is on Growing in Christ. As we enter into that relationship with Jesus, we are called into a deeper discipleship. This entails becoming more faithful followers of Jesus. This is the building up phase.

How can we grow in Christ then?

We know physically for anything to grow it needs nourishment, it needs food and water. Well, the same is true for our spiritual lives. The food we need to 'Grow in Christ' is the daily Word of God. Simply put we need to be both individually and in groups studying God's Word. Therefore, I want to encourage everyone to be in at least some kind of small group this year. This is where we daily learn what it means to practically follow Jesus.

For example in September we will begin a 10 week study based on a DVD called H2O a journey of faith. During this series the sermons will focus on the image of water. In addition, in conjunction with the weekly sermons, there will also be an Adult Sunday School offered and the college Sunday School class which will get more in depth with the video lesson.

This is just one opportunity of many that we will have in the coming year. For on September 12 as we begin our fall schedule (note the time change below), during the Sunday School time we will have a listing and sign up for the many opportunities we can grow in Christ this coming fall. I look forward to seeing you there as we seek to become more faithful disciples of Jesus.

Note: Beginning September 12 there is a time change for our Sunday morning worship

9:15am Connections Café

9:30 Praise Guitars

10::00 worship service

11:15-noon Sunday School

Pastor David Goudie

Summer Mission Activity Successful

Over 60 people from as far away as Harrisburg, PA, downstate Royal Oak, and Poynette, WI and as close as Houghton joined with the Amazing Grace Ministries mission team to work to improve the homes and lives of Copper Country residents. These teams worked one week each, but seemed to do the work of several weeks in that time.

The Wisconsin Volunteers in Mission team headed by Pastor Sharon and husband Ron Smith joined us in June. While here, which was their second mission trip to the area, they worked on a ramp in Elo, installed drywall and painted at the Liberty Street Project, and began the Fifth Street Project. Also during that week members of the team primed and painted a home in Coburntown. Several of the members of the team gave their attention and care to our Memorial garden.

We were joined by the Royal Oak First United Methodist Church team in July. Led by Mike Yarmy, This high spirited group began siding a home in Calumet, continued work in the Liberty Street Project and really dug in at the Fifth Street Project beginning complete renovations in the the bathroom and the dinning room. Several of the members of this team also found the time to stain the woodwork in the garden and also to volunteer at the local Life Outreach Center.

At the end of this week we were joined by Carol Little, Bob Erva, Dan Crowl and Craig Anderson and members of Hope Fellowship Church to begin work on the Hurontown Project. Work continues on that site and there will be opportunities to volunteer to help here in September.

Our last week of mission took place in August. We were joined by the Trinity United Methodist Church mission team from Jonestown, PA which is near Harrisburg. This energetic team, led by Dan Seaman, completed the siding project, did some work on the Fifth Street Project and helped an elderly woman. At her home they were able to install a front entrance porch platform and steps where none existed before and install a back porch and stairs with railing replacing the existing and rotted structure. Some team members also measured for and prepared parts of a ramp to be intalled this fall at homes in the area to aid mobility challenged residents.

But the weeks were not all about work. Each day we spent time together at snacks and lunches as well as some of the evening meals. On the last work day we joined together in a Celebration Worship Service with communion followed by a Bar-B-Que and Ice Cream Social. Several of the groups ventured up to Bumbletown Hill with Mike Moore to enjoy the sunset during their prayer and devotions at the end of their work week.

What a blessing this summer of mission has been. I want to give thanks to the following folks from Grace UMC who worked with us: Kevin Kelley, Dylan Whittaker, Ron Winsor, Bob Erva, and Carol Little. I want to give special thanks to Katelyn Kelley and Craig Anderson who served during the mission weeks as mission assistants helping a a variety of ways to make sure the weeks operated efficiently and without a hitch. Also thank you Pastor David Goudie and Lousia Wills for presiding at our worship services and Gary and Dianne Hansen and others who provided food, especially Jan Mukavetz, command center hostess and director.

Already we are preparing for next summer's mission weeks with two teams from downstate committed to join us in our work. Please keep our team in prayer as we continue work on the Hurontown Project, the Fifth Street Project and install several handicapped accessible ramps for those in need during the fall months.

Julie Crowl and Mike Moore



Deadlines

The September Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Mon. the 20th; All meetings are at 5 p.m. at the offices of Bruce Rukkila in downtown Houghton. The September Vision Team meeting will be Wed., the 8th at 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the church.

The deadline for the October Newsletter will Be Wednesday, September 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

- Sept. 12, Worship Time moves to 10 a.m. at Grace; Sunday School Kick-off
- Sept. 15, Basement Ladies and A Guy Bible Study starts for the year
- Sept. 13-15, Seasoned Citizen's Retreat, Michigamme
- Sept. 17-19, Deans' Retreat, Camp Michigamme
- Sept. 21, Learning Fair, District Office
- Sept. 27-30, Fall Youth Retreat, Camp Michigamme
- Oct. 2, District UMC Annual Confere, Menominee UMC
- Oct. 9 -13 District Mission Celebration, throughout the district
- Oct. 18-19, School of The North, Gaylord
- Nov. 7, Daylight Savings Ends
- Nov. 25th, Thanksgiving
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Connections and Evangelism

I asked Pastor David if I could change the focus of my service at Grace from Worship to Evangelism. I felt confident that Brandon Veale would be a strong leader for the Worship Team along with Mark Plichta, Sally Santeford, Lynn Watson, and Pastor David. While I enjoyed my time on the Worship Team, I have felt called to minister more to the unchurched in the past year or so. I am not sure where this will take me and those who wish to serve on this team; however, when one is open to new ideas and people and spiritual growth, there isn't anything to worry about. Julie Crowl was amazing as the Connections and Evangelism Team Leader. I'm quite sure that I will not duplicate her awesome record of service. (The more she works in God's name, it seems, the more strength He gives her!) I see my role going in a slightly different focus with more emphasis on Evangelism and a bit less on Connections. Pastor David, Julie, and I are meeting on the 23rd to discuss this team. Please call me if you have ideas and/or would like to serve here--teens, university students, and everyone who has an interest.

Jackie Manchester

Save The Date: Fall Bazar

Featuring Creche Display

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. Registration forms will be available soon at the church office.



Ruth Circle News

The Ruth Circle will begin meeting once again on Monday, September 13 at 9:30 a.m. All women who attend Grace UMC are invited to attend. The program will be a round table discussion by women United Methodist Pastors.

There will be a business meeting where the group will discuss the upcoming Fall Bazaar and Creche Display. They will also conduct general business and discuss future Circle presentations and calendar, including the Christmas Dinner held in early December.

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Winter 2010 Class Offerings

Sundays at 11:15 a.m. unless noted otherwise

New Testament Study

Mike More, Leader

H2O A Journey of Faith DVD

Adult Study Group

Joyce Winsor, Laura Moore
& Pastor David, Leaders

H2O A Journey of Faith DVD

College Students Study Group

Brandon Veale, Leader

Sunday Night Bible Study

At the Reynolds home 6:30 p.m.

Basement Ladies & A Guy

Wednesdays 9:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Hymn Sing 9:30 to 10 a.m.
The Miracles of Jesus

Coming Soon:

EPIC Study

Dave Poplawski, Leader

Disciple 1 Class for Young Adults

Begins end of September

Mark & Carol Plichta, Leaders

GRACE UMC STAFF

PASTOR.....David Goudie

FINANCIAL SECRETARY.....Carol Little

TREASURER.....Deb Bradford

BUILDING SUPERVISOR.....Gerald Smith

SECRETARY.....Linda Reynolds

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

4	..... Scott MacInnes
	..... Jennifer Wuthrich
5	..... Jerry Smith
6	..... Bradley Niemi
8	..... Chuck Cadwell
9	..... Matthew Buss
	..... Jason Ackerman
10	..... Dianne Hansen
12	..... Shirley Bradford
	..... Meghan Trehwella
17	..... Michelle Laux
	..... Jazmin Ravotas
18	..... Ryan Aper
	..... Brenda Cadwell
19	..... Michael Lubinski
20	..... Diana Hocking
	..... Christopher Nottke
	..... Randy Nottke
21	..... Tom Martens
22	..... Tim Klooster
23	..... David Chard
24	..... Avis Trathen
	..... Emma Binkley
	..... Cheryl Roberts
26	..... Lauren Richards
	..... James Fricke
28	..... Michael Moore
29	..... Kreg Kelley
	..... Audrey Hunter
30	..... Justin Plichta

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

Grace UMC News You Can Use

Basement Ladies & A Guy To Begin Studies Sept. 15th

The popular mid-week Basement Ladies and A Guy bible study is returning this September 15th. All are welcome as we begin another year in the word and in fellowship.

We begin each session at 9:30 a.m. with a hymn sing and the study portion of the day begins at 10 a.m. Child care is available (thank you, Carol Plichta) making it possible for those with young children to attend.

This fall we begin with a look at the Miracles of Jesus. By teacher Matt Williams, it features lessons that provides a deeper, more thorough knowledge of the historical background, text, and daily application of Scripture surrounding the miraculous events.

Conference scheduled for Sept. 16th Navigating Toward Prosperity

Members of Grace UMC are invited to attend this special conference to fight poverty on Thurs., Sept. 16th at the Rosza Center at MTU from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The conference will feature Dr. Donna M. Beegle, a highly experienced national speaker and author of "See Poverty ... Be The Difference," a resource book for professionals who work with people in poverty. After growing up in poverty and overcoming many obstacles, she has worked for 17 years to write articles that provide insight and strategies for communicating more effectively across race, class, gender and generational barriers.

There is no cost to attend, but pre-registration is required. Lunch will be provided and seating is limited.

Contact Louisa D. Wills at 906.482.0500 or at willsl@michigan.gov to register today. Learn how to be the difference in our community today.

Grace UMC Web Site!

Wondering what's happening at Grace UMC? There are lots of new things to check out on our Website. We've updated it with a monthly calendar of events, pictures of the staff, sermon manuscripts, links to special events and much more.

You can still get there with the same web address houghtongraceumc.org. Check it out.

Sunday School Starts Sept. 12th

Childrens Education Team would like to thank all those who have volunteered to teach our children during Sunday School. They are Sally Orr, Jean Burich, Melanie Walls, Andee Goudie, Anna Walls, Lynn Manchester, Autum Knudsen, and Judy Haatja.

The Fall Topic for the youth is "Building a Heart of Faith". They will be learning about Deborah, Hannah, Samuel, King Saul, David, and Solomon, Ruth, Josiah, Nehemiah and Micah's Prince of Peace. Our teachers are preparing wonderful lessons and activities for our children and much more.

The team also has some surprises for the congregation coming your way beginning the first Sunday in November and continuing through December, so be watchful for more hints and where its happening. Also, be on the lookout for our High School class in the sanctuary this fall.

A BIG THANK YOU !

It has been a wonderful summer and our children have enjoyed many stories and activities during Childrens Church, thanks to the following people: Lynn Watson, Melanie Walls, Angela & Jeremiah Manchester, Alexandra & Pete Larson, Karen Arceci, and Lynn & Jacob Manchester. Childrens Church was a big success because of God's grace and guidance and these individuals. We look forward to continuing CC next summer.

REMINDER: September 12th is our kick-off time for signing up for SS. Please join us in the fellowship hall for Crafts and Coffee Hour. ALL adults and children are welcome.

September 2010

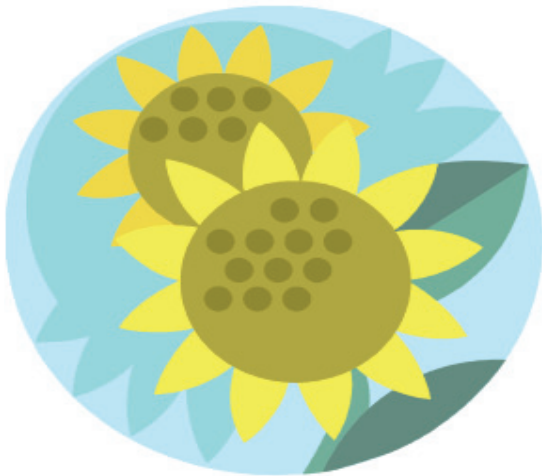
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			6:00 Worship Team & Guitar	Noon Men's 4 th Day @ REHI 316		8:00 Women's 4 th Day @ Perkins
5 Salvation Army Day 9:00 Connections Café 9:15 Praise Singing 9:30 Worship	6 Labor Day	7 Noon Women's 4 th Day @ Bradford's	Bulletin Deadline 6:00 Vision Team 7:00 Guitar	6:30 Prayer at The Bluffs Noon Men's 4 th Day @ REHI 316	10	8:00 Women's 4 th Day @ Perkins
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Message Themes for Septmeber

<u>Date</u>	<u>Scripture</u>	<u>Message Title</u>
Sept. 5th	Jeremiah 18:1-11	A Potter, A Jar and Starting Over
Sept. 12th	Luke 15:1-10	The Journey Begins
Sept. 19th	John 7:37- 39 & Luke 15: 8-10	What Are You Thirsty For
Sept. 26th	Galatians 3:19-29 & Luke 15:1-7	Polluting The Waters



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SUNDAY SCHEDULE AS OF 9/12

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