

Greetings in Christ's name!



I want to thank all of you who have been so supportive of Grace church with your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness to the world! We have had a great Lenten and Easter Season, and though I know holidays and vacations are going to start happening, I pray you will each do your very best to keep Christ and His Church in the center of your heart, life and concern.

Special thanks to all you who have been helping, donating, running errands and being the hands and feet of Jesus in helping the folks in Vilonia who were devastated by the recent tornados. Let us remember them and our more distant neighbors who are struggling after all the bad weather.

I also want to celebrate with you that our United Methodist Committee on Relief sent \$10,000 for immediate help in the Vilonia area. This International relief organization structure is funded through our regular offering, but the money they are able to distribute nationally and internationally comes from our once a year Special offering, "One Great Hour of Sharing."

We have a lot of dedicated and hard working folks who make that extra effort to help out around the church. I offer the following funny to help us think about our level and style of commitment and involvement in Christ's church.

Some people never seem motivated to participate, but are just content to watch while others do the work. They are called "Speck Taters."

Some people never do anything to help, but are gifted at finding fault with the way others do the work. They are called "Comment Taters."

Some people are very bossy and like to tell others what to do, but don't want to soil their own hands. They are called "Dick Taters."

Some people are always looking to cause problems by asking others to agree with them. It is too hot or too cold, too sour or too sweet. They are called "Agie Taters."

There are those who say they will help, but somehow just never get around to actually doing the promised help. They are called "Hezzie Taters."

Growing Grace



Annual Conference 2011

Annual Conference is scheduled to meet **June 5-8, 2011** at the Hot Springs Convention Center.

Grace UMC delegates are Kerry Strickland, Bill Patterson (Primary) and Chuck Carter (Alternate). Conference agenda items are not known at this time. However, two work groups have been in action for over a year. They are *Call to Action* at the national level and *Imagine Ministries* at the Arkansas Conference level. Activities and matters of interest to these two groups as well as the UMC General Board of Church and Society are readily available and may provide some idea of matters to be taken up at our Annual Conference. Declining relevance of the church in today's society and what to do about it is the central theme, but issues range from "lack of inclusiveness" to "how we do church". Decreasing the number of districts in the Arkansas conference to how pastors are appointed are also tentative agenda items.

Information can be found online at www.UMC.org and www.arumc.org and in the monthly issues of the Arkansas Methodist Newspaper. You can participate in Imagine Ministries discussions on Facebook. You are encouraged to be a part of these pivotal discussions as they may well affect general influences in Grace UMC as part of our connectional system.

(Continued from Bro. David)

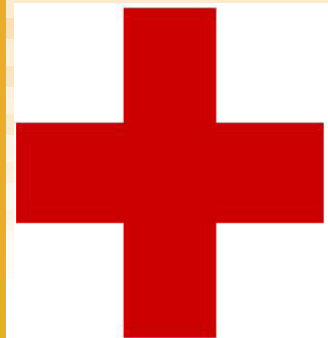
Some people can put up a front and pretend to be someone they are not. They are called "Emma Taters."

Then there are those who love others and do what they say they will. They are always prepared to stop whatever they are doing and lend a helping hand. They bring real sunshine into the lives of others. They are called "Sweet Taters."

What kind of tater are you? What kind of tater goes God want you to become?

See you in worship!
Bro. David Hawkins
Senior Pastor

Changing Lives



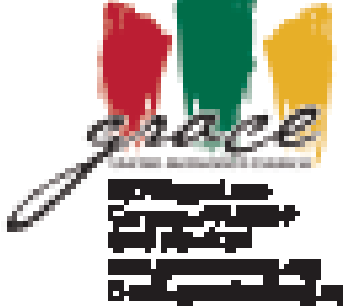
Tornado Relief- Vilonia Needs

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| 1. Children's Tylenol | 7. Charcoal |
| 2. Antibiotic Ointment | 8. D-cell batteries |
| 3. Duct Tape | 9. Extension cords |
| 4. Detergent | 10. Tarps |
| 5. Bibles | 11. Large Rubbermaid containers |
| 6. Aluminum foil | |

Things that are **NOT** needed at this time:
1. Clothes
2. Water- there is plenty available

If you wish to contribute any of these items, please drop them by the church and they will be taken to Vilonia. Please do NOT try to take them yourself. We will keep you advised as needs are voiced.

June 2011



Who is Grace Church?

We exist to help you develop into a spiritually mature follower of Jesus Christ. An faith you can grow in your understanding of the Christian faith, experience the power of God through worship and small groups, and become the hands and feet of Jesus as God reaches people in our community and around the world through you.

Reaching People

Growing Faith



Changing Lives

"Our mission is to develop spiritually mature disciples of Jesus Christ (around the corner and around the world)."





Dwayne McCoy and Morris Troglin unloading flood buckets. The team integrated also by Scott Maple, Scott & Pam Markham, Luke Naylor and Cheryl Daniels & the Caring Cats helped unload Conference Mission Supplies on May 6 at Beryl Baptist Church in Vilonia.
Thank you all for being the hands and feet of Jesus!

WORD
Upcoming Sermons

JUNE 5TH - "What's Your Choice?"
Genesis 43:3-17. Bro. Greg Comer

JUNE 12TH - "The Birthday Gift"
Acts 2:1-12

JUNE 19TH - "To The Thousand Generation" Exodus 20:5b-6

JUNE 26TH - "The World Is Our Parish" Matthew 28:16-20

Stewardship *our* prayers presence gifts witness service

May Giving and Attendance		
Date	Attendance	Giving
05/01/11	227	\$ 8,081.00
05/08/11	272	\$ 7,365.51
05/15/11	225	\$ 11,836.00
05/22/11	252	\$ 8,486.00
May Avg.	244	\$ 8,942.13
YTD Funds Received	\$ 234,660.40	
Needed Weekly Giving	\$11,065.00	
Budget Needs for 2011	\$ 575,357.00	

Grace United Methodist Church Service Times

Worship Services Sunday: 8:30 AM (Traditional), 9:45 (Contemporary), & 11:00 AM (Blended)

Sunday School. 9:45 AM & 11:00 AM

Childcare provided.

The Youth Corner!

A Challenge from Mr. David:
"Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable-if anything is excellent or praiseworthy-think about such things." - Philippians 4:8

Last month our challenge was to think about the 'good'. We are upping the challenge this month. You see the list above. This is what we are asked to do. Just imagine what life will be like when we follow these words? The old saying 'Garbage in, Garbage out' can work the opposite way. 'Good in, good out'. May these words change your work life, your family life, your school life, your faith life! Don't you love a Good Challenge?
Mr. David

Weekly Schedule:

- *Sunday: Club 56 and Jr.High @ 4:30 - 6pm
Sr. High @ 5:30 - 7pm
- *Wednesday: All Grace Youth @ 6pm / Hangout
7pm / Lessons

Upcoming Events:

- *June 5: Water day at Grace UMC / Come and enjoy kicking summer off! Lots of food and fun!
- *June 12 - 18: Sr. High OMP/Bear Creek Marianna Camp.
- *June 26 - 30: Canoe Camp 2011 @ Wayland Springs United Methodist Camp/Spring River

Be looking for Summer Hours @ Grace Youth! We are going to have a terrific summer full of mission, studies, fun, and fellowship! Look forward to spending a lot of time with all of you!

Mr. David

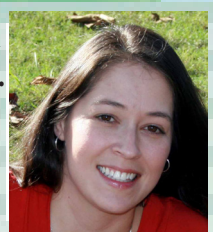
Congratulations to our Confirmands 2011!

5th & 6th Grade
Joshua Michael Eckles,
Harrison Dante Hite, Reagan Michael Kraft, Jonathan Andrew Thomas, Davis Navae Zimmerman

7th Grade-Up
Collin Hasty Cahill, Brandon Anthony George, Brittany Nichole George, Sidney-Grace Mitchum, Jacob Alan Mooningham, Paden William Sharp, David Michael Wynn, Jonathan Perry Wynn



PARENTS NIGHT OUT
Friday, June 3rd
6:00 - 10:00 p.m.
Sign-up in the Children's Wing.
\$15 for one child
\$25.00 for two children
\$35.00 for three children
MUST PAY IN ADVANCE so that we are staffed appropriately.



Sunday School Promotion
for all children
Sunday, June 5th and Bible Presentation for entering 3rd graders (2011-2012 school year) at the 11:00 am service.

SUMMER KICK-OFF
Sunday, June 5th
from 12:00 - 3:00
We will have lunch and water fun.



SAVE THE DATE!
VBS July 10-14
VBS Meeting
Sunday, June 12th @ 3:30pm
All who are volunteering for VBS are asked to attend.



KIDS with a MISSION
We are partnering with the youth and taking an offering to purchase an ark for Heifer International. This mission project will continue until we have met our goal of **\$5,000**. Currently we have raised **\$4,132.14**. Encourage your children to bring an offering each week to Sunday School!!



Baby Shower
Honoring John and Lali Palmer
Sunday, June 26th at 2 pm
Everyone is invited!



Grace is exploring entering into partnership with **Angel Food Ministries**. If you need more information or are interested in participating on this ministry, please, contact Deb Ross at 450-5104. You can also find out more at www.angelfoodministry.com



Grace Welcomes our New Members

Michael & Holly John, Reagan Kraft
Joined on April 17, 2011
4 Summerfield Dr.
Conway, AR 72034

Michael Parrish
Joined by Profession of Faith on April 17, 2011

Coupons for Christ
Sunday, June 5th at 4:30 pm in Room 119
Would like to save more on your grocery shopping? or Contribute to the Bethlehem House?
Join Monica Crocker the first Sunday of every month for fellowship, to collect and share coupons. If you have coupons that won't be used, please, drop them off in the respective box in the lobby. Part of their use will be to shop for groceries for the Bethlehem House.
For more info, contact Monica at 501-499-2628.



Annual Conference
June 5-8
Hot Springs Convention Center

UMCOR
United Methodist Committee On Relief
Our District, the North Central District, has received \$10,000 for Vilonia Relief from the United Methodist Committee On Relief (UMCOR). UMCOR is able to distribute funds through our contributions to One Great Hour of Sharing. Thank you for giving!

GENESIS CIRCLE UMW
Thursday, June 23rd at 9:30 am at Grace.
All women are welcome!

Hill-Toppers Join Hill-toppers for Lunch on the 3rd Thursday of every month at 11:30am. For more info, call Maurine Cooley at 329-0343. The group is open to anyone 50 years or older.

