

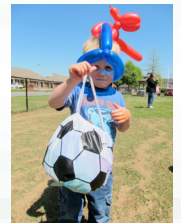
Thank You!!

Dear Friends,
I wanted to let you all know how much I appreciated your time on Saturday, April 16th for our annual **Easter Celebration**. You have taken time from the "busy-ness"



of your own schedule to participate in this mission opportunity at Grace UMC. While the church has greatly benefited from your service, please understand that God Himself sees and rewards those who diligently work for Him with little or no regard for earthly recognition.

At times it may seem that much of the work is "behind the scenes", and no one really cares. I must encourage you and remind you that in reality it is God that we are working for, and all glory and honor should go directly to Him. Our lives of service can have a tremendous impact on the wondering world around us.



Thank you so much for your gifts, presence, thoughts and actions for the children of Grace UMC.

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."
Matthew 5:16

In His Love,
Christy Lemmer
Children's Minister



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.

May Friendship Day

"Living Our Friendship,
Passing on the Key"

Friday, May 6th

at Four Winds Church at 9:30 am.

Sponsored by Church Women United.



Scholarships for the Congo

Grace is building God's kingdom in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, a nation emerging from years of devastating civil war.



In 2008 Grace committed to providing four year scholarships to four women who attend the ISP - a college in the city of Kamina. Through these scholarships, Grace is changing the lives not only of these women, but of the people in the communities where they will teach. The scholarship provides tuition, room, and board, at a cost of \$500 per year for each recipient. These four women will begin their

senior year this fall, and after they graduate, they will become teachers and spread hope to the children of the Congo who desperately need access to education.

If you are interested in contributing to these scholarships, please give now and mark your donation for the ISP Scholarship.

Changing Lives



May 2011

MEMBERSHIP 600,
L.L. FUNDING
1000
PROPERTY VAL. 400
COUNSELING 200 PER WK

Who is Grace Church?

We exist to help you develop into a spiritually mature follower of Jesus Christ. As a result you can grow in your understanding of the Christian faith, experience the presence of God through worship and small groups, and become the hands and feet of Jesus as God-empowered 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)."

Thank you so much to our Children's Minister, **Christy Lemmer**, and all who worked hard to make our **Family Easter Celebration** a success.



Congratulations to **Ty Maple** on his graduation from the 2011 Class of the Faulkner County Youth Leadership Institute. And, sincere thanks for the hard work you put into heading the building of the Cubbies for the Grace Unit of the Boys & Girls Club.

Special thanks to **Morris Troglin** and **Bill Buchanan** for providing blueprints and carpentry support for the youth. We are very proud of you!



- MAY 1ST - "The Meal of Forgiveness" Acts 13:38-41
- MAY 8TH - "The Promise is for You" Acts 2:14a,36-42
- MAY 15TH - "Forever" 1 Peter 1:17-23
- MAY 22ND - "Are We People of the Way Or People in the Way" John 14:1-14
- MAY 29TH - "A Haven for Troubled Hearts" John 14:1-14

Stewardship our prayers presence gifts witness service

April Giving and Attendance		
Date	Attendance	Giving
04/03/11	247	\$ 8,443.50
04/10/11	281	\$ 10,929.00
04/15/11 ACH	-	\$ 3,600.00
04/17/11	348	\$ 8,802.64
April Avg.	292	\$ 10,591.71
YTD Funds Received	\$ 158,772.70	
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:

"Give thanks to the God of Heaven. His love endures forever."
 - Psalm 136:26

Take time this month to focus on the 'Good'. It is so easy to get distracted by the bad things out there. Gripping about the difficult and whining about what we don't have does not show others about God's Awesomeness. Make this a month of positive thinking and acting. Set an example. Stand out! Be Happy and Praise God for all the wonderful things He does for us. We are blessed!

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:

- *May 1: Sr. Breakfast / 8 - 9am for all of our 2011 Seniors and families.
- *May 21: Conway High School Graduation / Verizon Arena

School is winding down this month so continue to work hard and stay committed. We are proud of all of you and look forward to the coming summer months!

Congratulations 2011 Seniors for making it to such a wonderful milestone! We look forward to seeing what God has in store for each 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

Thanks to all our Mentors!

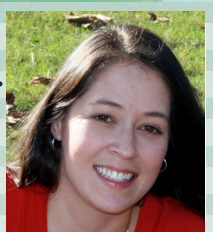
- Mike Bonds
- Lynn Braden
- Bro.Greg Comer
- John Murphy
- Dennis Peacock
- Carey Sharp
- Bonnie Sutton
- Morris Troglin
- Susan Wilson
- Charles Yarbro
- Heath Zimmerman

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, May 6th
 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 Night Kingdom Kids will meet in May to complete our "Three Simple Rules" Study. May dates that we will meet are **May 1, May 15 and May 22 at 5:00 - 6:30 pm.**



SAVE THE DATE!
 VBS July 10-14
VBS Meeting
Sunday, May 15th at 3:30 pm
 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!!



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.



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

Bob & Fran, Sidney Mitchum
 Joined on April 2011
 by Transfer of membership
 16 Red Oak Dr.
 Conway, AR 72034
 (501) 329-1516



Chris & Shannon Riedmueller
 Joined on April 03, 2011



Andy & Christal, Zeppelin Tharp
 Joined on March 27, 2011
 9 Redbud Drive
 Conway, AR 72034
 (479) 200-5382

A Big Thank You to the **United Methodist Men** for the BBQ Chicken Fundraiser, to the **United Methodist Women** for their delicious desserts and to all who supported this activity to benefit High School Senior Scholarships.

Special Thanks to **Jonathan Peoples** for all the time and creativity he spent on putting our new website together. We love you, Jonathan!



SAVE with Coupon Training

Sunday, May 1st at 4:30 pm
 Want to know how to save money on your grocery shopping? or Where to find good coupons online?
 Monica Crocker will be sharing the places and secrets she has found. Don't miss it!



Wesley Foundation BBQ Dinner Fundraiser

Cost: \$10.00
 BBQ Pork (Boston Butt), potato salad, baked beans, Texas toast & drink
Sunday, May 1st at 5:30 pm
 at the Wesley Foundation
 (Bruce St., Across UCA Lewis Center)

To benefit Peru Mission Trip. Dine-in or get it To go. If you don't wish to eat, you can donate. Any donations are greatly welcome!! For tickets contact Lali Palmer or Rev. John Palmer at 327-7173 or wesfound@conwaycorp.net.

Saturday, May 14th at 8:00 a.m.

A hot breakfast will be served for \$4.00. Join us for food, fun and fellowship. All men are invited!

