

Grand AveNews

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Join us for “The Wesley Challenge” August 14 – September 4

Our worship this month will center around 21 questions that John Wesley used among the small groups he led in the beginning of the Methodist movement. The questions will help us focus on our spiritual growth in relationship to God, to others, and to ourselves. Between Sundays we invite you individually, with a partner, or in small groups to work through the twenty-one questions one day at a time to help renew your passion and discover a deeper commitment to God and others—one that is more authentic, vulnerable, and soul-shaping. Beginning August 14 Karla Hefty will lead a group on Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:30 in Fellowship Hall. An evening group will also be offered on Monday evenings at 6:30 beginning August 15. The first session will provide orientation and materials for daily use at home (Bible reading, devotional, and an activity). Subsequent sessions will focus on three relationships and 21 questions that John Wesley used in the small groups he led. To order a book (\$11) for individual use or to sign up for the class, call the church office.

Relationship with God: an Upward Focus

- Is Jesus real to me?
- Am I enjoying prayer?
- Do I insist upon doing something about which my conscience is uneasy?
- Did the Bible live in me today?
- Did I disobey God in anything?
- Do I pray about the money I spend?
- Do I give time for the Bible to speak to me every day?

Relationship with Self: an Inward Focus

- Am I proud?
- Am I defeated in any part of my life?
- Do I go to bed on time and get up on time?
- Do I grumble or complain constantly?
- Am I a slave to dress, friends, work, or habits?
- How do I spend my spare time?
- Am I self-conscious, self-pitying, or self-justifying?

Relationship with Others: an Outward Focus

- Do I thank God that I am not like others?
- Am I consciously or unconsciously creating the impression that I am better than am? In other words, am I a hypocrite?
- Do I confidentially pass on to others what was told to me in confidence?
- Am I jealous, impure, critical, irritable, touchy, or distrustful?
- Am I honest in all my actions and words, or do I exaggerate?
- Is there anyone whom I fear, dislike, disown, criticize, hold resentment toward, or disregard?
- When did I last speak to someone about my faith?



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Flower Calendar Available Dates



Chris Headley reports that there are several dates still available for September and October to place flowers in the sanctuary in honor or memory of a loved one. The cost of the flowers is \$49.29. Call Chris in the church office (501.623.5626) to reserve one of the available dates.

September 11, 18, and 25

October 9, 16, 23, and 30

Endowment Fund Update



Even though we are still suffering through 100 plus degree days, the summer is starting its wind down phase. Schools will be starting the last weeks of August and soon we will be back in our old routines. We all hope that covid-19 will

dissipate and we can return to what we remember as normal again. One of the things I hope we remember is our Church Endowment Fund. The stock market has not been especially kind to investors this summer. However, on the other side of that coin is the opportunity to acquire investments at more advantageous values. This will be great for our endowment in the future. This is the essence of dollar cost averaging, so I hope everyone is remembering our endowment during these "end of summer times." Let's all strive to make our contributions on a regular basis. This is a great time to contribute to our endowment.

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Memorials & Honorariums

In memory of...

Laura Beth White

by Debbie & Larry Hatfield
by David Fleming & Karla Hefty
by Becky Lacy



Dorothy Johnson

by Debbie & Larry Hatfield
by Strivers Class

Jennifer Smith

by Jim Morrissey

Tracy Crabtree

by Vicki and Lynn Fuller

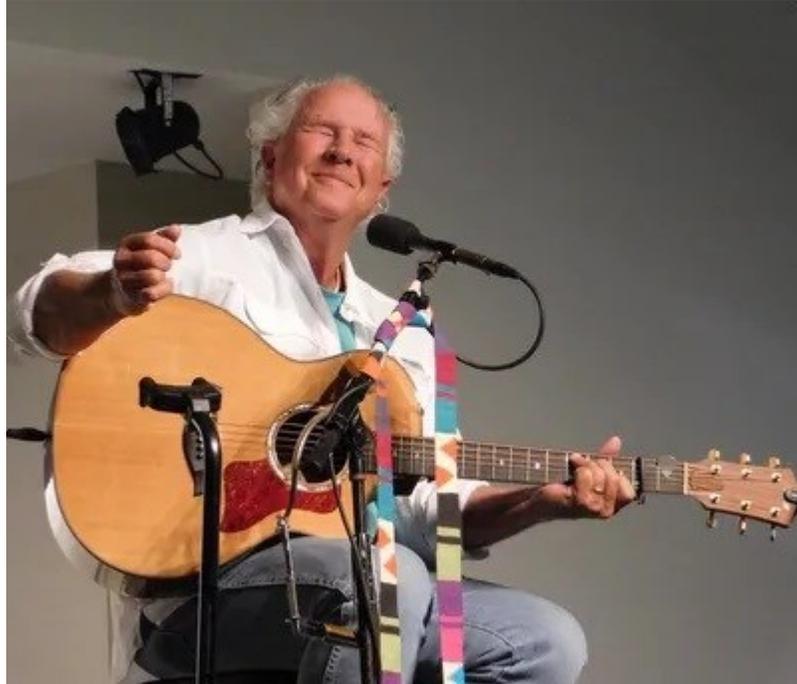
Richard Riley

by Mary and Bill Kratz
by Jim Morrissey
by Strivers Class
by Jennie Peck
by Lori and David Bryan
by Best Little Book Club
by Norma and Harry Galusha
by Sallie and Leif Lorenz
by Mary Newton
by Jeanie and Greg Burton
by Elizabeth and Jay Leak
by Mary and Stephen Smith
by Larry Williams

Outreach is collecting peanut butter, jelly, and sandwich bread during the month of August.

Ed Kilbourne

is coming to Grand Avenue United Methodist Church



Join us as we welcome Ed Kilbourne - storyteller, musician, humorist, and folk-theologian - for these events:

Sunday, September 18, 2022

Worship at 8:30 and 10:45 am

Free Concert at 6:30 pm

Monday thru Wednesday, September 19-21, 2022

Sr. Adult Vacation Bible School

Coffee, snacks, and fellowship at 9:30 am

VBS Sessions 10:00 - 12:00 noon

Light lunch to follow on Wednesday, September 21

Call the church office to register

In 2015, Ed Kilbourne was one of the designers of a new experience in the church, a Vacation Bible School for senior adults. The format was such a success that over the last four years, Ed has led over 50 of these events for more than 2500 participants all over the country, and on September 19-21, he will be bringing his VBS to Grand Avenue United Methodist Church.

Vacation Bible School was a part of the annual rhythm of the church when we were young. Off we'd go, dropped off by our parents (sometimes at different churches for multiple weeks!) for what we later learned was not a vacation for us. It was a vacation for them! But it was always a fun and memorable way to be introduced to the stories of the Bible.

Building on that fun, Ed has taken his nationally recognized gifts of music, storytelling and humor, combined them with the wisdom and knowledge of his years as a folk-theologian, and put them in a 3-day Vacation Bible School program for the senior saints and sages of the church.

Sign up after church or through the church office. You're not going to want to miss this!

Grand Avenue United Methodist Church

Senior Adult Vacation Bible School

Monday thru Wednesday mornings

September 19-21

Coffee, snacks, and fellowship at 9:30

VBS Sessions 10:00-12:00

Light Lunch on Wednesday, September 21

Registration Form for Adult Vacation Bible School
(return to the church office)

Name: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

_____ Registration Fee \$15 (this includes VBS snacks, lunch on Wednesday, September 21). Scholarships are available.



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (Formerly United Methodist Women)

We will be celebrating United Women in Faith Sunday on
August 28 at 8:30 and 10:45

Our Guest Speaker will be Rev. Sam Meadors who was formerly in charge of “200,000 More Reasons,” the Arkansas Conference project that assists school age children to be better readers by offering Summer reading programs and distributing age-appropriate books to children in our communities.

All are invited to bring children’s books, new or gently used, to donate to this cause. Books will be added to the hundreds of backpacks we distribute to our local schools. And children who attend Table of Grace will be invited to choose a book to take home with them.

Please plan to come and hear Rev. Meadors speak and bring some kid’s books to share with children in our community. Stop by Fellowship Hall between services for coffee, juice and muffins.

Dear Grand Avenue UMC Family,

I cannot thank everyone enough for the calls, visits & food during my recovery after surgery.

Grand Avenue UMC indeed fulfills its mission to “Build Faith, Bring Hope & Reach out in Love.” I feel incredibly blessed to be a part of such an awesome family. Thank you!

Blessings to all,

Jennifer Evans



Grand Avenue Family,

You have helped me make it through another surgery. Your prayers, cards, food (to keep Joe nourished), calls, and texts were so appreciated. My heart is filled with gratitude for you.

Love to all,

Carol Peters



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**It was written in the STARS
for these boys to be ours.**



Join us for a shower
celebrating the adoption
of

Bishop & Bennett
Sons of Jordan Coleman

Saturday, August 13, 2:00 pm
Grand Avenue UMC, 841 Quapaw Avenue

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