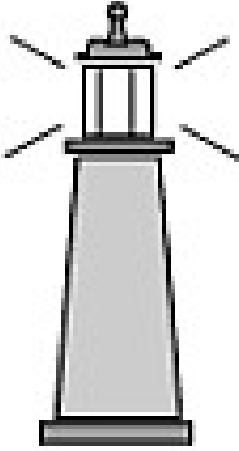


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*"For all the saints, who from their labors rest, who thee
by faith before the world confessed, they name, O Jesus,
be forever blest, Alleluia, Alleluia."*

So begins the hymn we traditionally sing each year as we celebrate All Saint's Day. For the Saint's that have gone before us and those who continue to walk along side us on our journey of faith.

All Saint's Day was started to remember those who were martyred, literally killed because of their faith. I believe we take our faith for granted in the United States. We live in a land where we are free to gather for worship, we are free to wear our crosses around our necks and have a Bible on our bed stands. Some countries we would be arrested for any of those activities.

This All Saint's Day I remember my father-in-law, Frank Zundel, my father, Dick Hardt, and my grandmother, Mae Hardt. All three went on to glory in this past year. While both my father-in-law and my father suffered before going on, all three faced death with a faith that will stand as their witness to me and to my family.

As I went through my father's things, his amazing photographs he took, the books he cherished, the music he listened to, I kept thinking to myself, what am I leaving behind for my children? What will remain when I am gone?

Recently, I posted on Facebook the question of how I would be remembered, what would my legacy be? It was quite interesting to see what others thought of me, and how I had touched lives in ways that even I was not aware of. Who are you a saint to? What is your legacy going to be?

Some thoughts for you to ponder. As we move into Thanksgiving, who do you give thanks for? And who gives thanks for you?

See you in Church!

Pastor Jill

The Lighthouse

You are the light of the world...Matthew 5:14



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

November Birthday Blessings

Nov. 01	Mary Rzeppa Rick Vollen
Nov. 03	Denise Lauland Melissa Kerr Salk
Nov. 05	JoAnn Dombrowski Dan McGuire Jodi Vollen
Nov. 06	Gloria Whittlesey
Nov. 08	Rich Miiller
Nov. 09	John Rose
Nov. 10	Len Perkins Ellen Pach
Nov. 11	Wayne Potter
Nov. 12	Charlotte Jolly John Lanman
Nov. 14	Allison Perkins
Nov. 15	Lynn Gottberg Deb Root Jared Davis
Nov. 16	Allegra Lanni
Nov. 17	Jean Elliott Ty Loiselle Jefferey TenEyck II
Nov. 22	Ella Potter
Nov. 23	Su Sealey
Nov. 24	Laura Thomas Ken Voog
Nov. 26	Rev. Dr. Jill Zundel
Nov. 27	Allison Shepperly
Nov. 29	Megan Sapp



Nov. 3	Mike and Lynn Stocker
Nov. 9	Derek & Sara Arena
Nov. 25	Brent & Kristyn Cubitt Brett & Stacy Weiler

If your birthday, anniversary or other significant life event has been overlooked, we apologize. Please contact the church office, 586-725-1054 or drop a note in the offering plate so we can update our records. Also, if you have a new address (mailing or email), phone number, etc. please let us know.

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

*Frances Moe, Eileen Rogers,
Joyce McKenzie, Priscilla Burch,
Dorothy Jacobs, Bror Hanson*



Thank You

Thanks so much to the people who helped with the blood drive on October 21st. 76 good units of blood were donated helping 228 folks in need of this life giving gift. Thanks to those who put up posters, donated food, help facilitate the drive or gave the gift of life. Your generosity and hospitality shows others that Grace cares!

Candy Daily

Excerpt from the *Bay Voice* Newspaper Grace United Methodist Church Continues Blood Drive Program

"For five years, the church has worked in cooperation with the American Red Cross to provide facilities for a blood drive. Over 4,000 persons have benefited from just the work of this church. Four times each year, Candy Daily and her staff of volunteers welcome donors. A salute from Our Town to Grace United Methodist Church for your kindness toward helping others in need. Great work, Candy and your great staff."

A Bit of Humor

Afterlife

On dying three friends go to Heaven for orientation. They are all asked the same question, "When you're lying in your casket, and friends and family are mourning over you, what would you like to hear them say about you?"

The first guy immediately responds, "I would like to hear them say that I was one of the great doctors of my time, and a great family man."

The second guy says, "I would like to hear that I was a wonderful husband and school teacher who made a huge difference in the children of tomorrow."

The last guy thinks for a moment, and then replies, "I guess I'd like to hear them say, 'Look, he's moving!'"



Bulletin Board



OWLS

(Older and Wiser in the Lord's Service)

We will gather at 12 noon on November 10 in the fellowship hall to continue their work on ba-

zaar projects. A light lunch will be served. Call Linda McDonald at 586-498-8558 for more information.

Blanket Drive

For the 4th year, Grace will be collecting blankets for distribution to the homeless, shelters and for emergency needs in Southeast Michigan. Blankets should be new and twin size. They may be dropped off during office hours or in the box outside of the main door. Blankets will be collected from November 1 through December 31. For information, call Candy Daily at 949-1023.

Clothing Swap

The L'anse Creuse school district is sponsoring a clothing swap event in November. If you know anyone in need or anyone who would like to donate clothes, please pass this along. Information is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Lessons Learned From Noah's Ark

One: Don't miss the boat

Two: Remember that we are all in the same boat

Three: Plan Ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.

Four: Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.

Five: Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.

Six: Build your future on high ground.

Seven:: For safety's sake, travel in pairs.

Eight: Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.

Nine: When you stressed, float for a while.

Ten:: Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.

Eleven:: No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.





Trick or Treating for UNICEF

Did you make October count for children around the world this year? Bring in your orange boxes and we will send in your collection? We will let you know how much has been collected. There

will be a basket in the Narthex to collect your orange boxes until November 7.

Notes from Nomads – Chuck and Judy Sullivan – Steve and Gloria Whittlesey

The projects here @ Hinton Rural Life Center in North Carolina, are really going smooth. The first week started off great weather-wise with sun and mild temperatures, but the second week has been mostly rainy and cool. So the projects have changed to indoor ones. Some of the things we have been doing are: Building a room in the tool shed for paint supplies; just about a complete rebuilding of a house trailer off the Hinton site; power washing decks/chairs/stairs/air conditioners filters; cleaning all room air conditioner filters (about 30); Erecting new big Hinton Center sign; landscaping front of Johnson Retreat Center; cleaning/painting entire Staff Cottage. There are 6 nomad couples here. We have had a potluck dinner already, and many game nights. All went to the John C. Campbell folk Festival & Georgia Mt. Fall Festival (State Fiddler & Bluegrass competition).

The colors are just turning now, so we are getting a nice slow show of the beauty that God gives us each fall. The mountains and lake surrounding Hinton are the Smokey Mts. It is a great magnificent picture. Steve & Gloria are really enjoying the Nomad experience. Steve was digging the holes for the sign this afternoon in between the rain, he had a big smile, and as I asked how his back was holding up, his reply was that he never felt so great!! I think I see God at work with him.

Chuck Sullivan

Soup Kitchen

Pete Pach will be leading a Saturday Lunch project to Cass Community Church. A date is yet to be selected. This worthwhile project feeds 200 plus on Saturdays in Detroit. The Cass Avenue Soup Kitchen was one of the first Mission projects of Grace Church.

UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY – NOVEMBER 29

THE LAST CHURCHWIDE SPECIAL SUNDAY WITH AN OFFERING IS UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY. THE OFFERING AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS AND LOANS TO PEOPLE ACROSS THE UNITED STATES – MAYBE EVEN SOMEONE YOU KNOW.

Bob and Jane Patterson – Mission Team

Volunteer Opportunity – Oakville, Iowa

Oakville, Iowa has decided to rebuild after devastating flooding. They are buying homes, rehabbing them and selling them back to flood survivors who want to come back to Oakville. They desperately need volunteers! They are looking for groups of 10, two of them skilled and eight willing to learn. They have accommodations and lunch is served weekdays at the "community center". They are trying very hard to get 11 families in homes by Christmas!

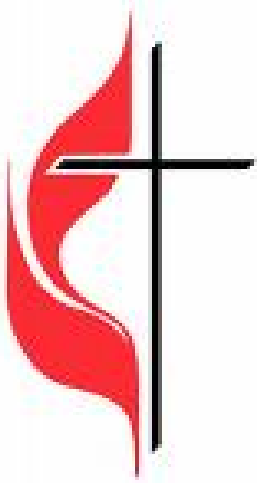
Cedar Rapids needs volunteers too! They are currently working on 32 homes. Some of them are minor repairs, but most of them are major rehabbing. To volunteer, call 1-877-393-1607 or go to www.iaumc.org/volunteer.

Volunteer Opportunity – Frakes, Ky.

SOWER is an UMVIM outreach project of the West Ohio Conference UMC that constructs new housing as part of the Henderson Settlement work camp program. Henderson Settlement in Frakes, Ky., is a component of the Red Bird Missionary Conference, which provides a multitude of services to the southern Bell and Whitley counties in Kentucky and parts of two counties in Tennessee. The Work Camp Program is one of the services provided which repairs existing housing and builds new houses (26 to date) to raise the quality of life for the owner families in the local area.

In 2009 the SOWER VIM project completed an 18' by 30' house addition for a single mother with five boys. The addition expanded the house to five bedrooms and two baths. This represented the 10th home completed by SOWER teams. The SOWER VIM Team is in the planning stages for constructing the 11th home for a family in 2010.

To learn more or to join one of these camps contact Ralph & Carolyn Brandon, SOWER VIM Team Leaders. 231 McMillen Dr., Newark, Oh 43055, 740-344-5581, SOWER@wocumc.org.



Being United Methodist

Each month we will include an article or information dedicated to help educate and inform you what being a United Methodist is all about. From theology, church discipline, and thoughts of John Wesley, to our service, commitment and connection to the worldwide church. If you have questions about United Methodism or suggestions for subject matter, please submit them to the office or to Pastor Jill.

A Brief Look at John Wesley

John Wesley was the founder of Arminian Methodist movement. A brilliant organizer, he formed societies throughout England, Scotland, Wales, and Ireland. One of the best works of Wesley was when he appointed itinerant, un-ordained preachers to evangelize and care for people in the societies. This way, he brought more people to the church, apart from spreading salvation. Wesley wanted every Christian to attain the status of perfect love, wherein the love of God and neighbor would reign in the hearts of people. For about half decade, Wesley preached in the fields, halls, cottages, chapels and in churches that would allow him entry.



Doctrines and Theology

For John Wesley, the Holy Bible was the only foundation of theological or doctrinal development. Tradition was the second-most important aspect of the theology. Wesley lectured on the doctrine of personal salvation by faith and the witness of God's Spirit, with the belief that a person was a child of God. Much unlike the Calvinists, Wesley did not believe in pre-destination. For him, all persons were capable of being saved by faith in Christ. Wesley believed that this doctrine should be constantly preached, especially among the people called Methodists. He aspired to make Christians perfect in love i.e. they should be guided by a deep desire to please God and that they should have regards for other's welfare. He believed that by following this principle, a person will never be able to commit intentional or willful sin. Love for God, together with the love for neighbor, would lead a man to the fulfillment of the law of Christ.

Personality & Personal Life

John Wesley was continuously on the move, stopping only to preach two or three times a day. In his lifetime, John had done a number of things, like forming societies, constructing chapels, examining and commissioning preachers, administering aid charities, prescribing medicine for the sick, helping to pioneer the use of electric shock for the treatment of illness and supervising schools and orphanages. Despite his wishes, Wesley married at the age of forty-eight to a widow, Mary Vazeille. The couple had no children. After fifteen years of marriage, Vazeille left him for the heaven abode.

Honors

John Wesley is considered as the primary theological interpreter for Methodists even today. Some of the largest Wesleyan bodies include the United Methodist Church, the Methodist Church of Great Britain, the African Methodist Episcopal Church and the Wesleyan Church. His teachings were used during the Holiness movement. John Wesley's heritage has been preserved in Kingswood School, to educate the growing number of Methodist preachers. Along with his brother Charles, John Wesley was honored in the Calendar of Saints of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. He also features in some calendars of churches of the Anglican Communion. A house in St Marylebone Church of England School, London is also named after him. In BBC's list of 100 Greatest Britons, John Wesley has been listed in the 50th position.

Country Christmas Bazaar 2009

*Saturday, November 21
9:00 am to 3:00 pm*

This is the final count down to the Bazaar. Thank you to all who have helped with crafts, supplies, price tags and jar toppers. Here is the final count down to Bazaar Day.

Final Bazaar Team Meeting – Sunday, November 1, at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall. Join me in putting the final touches in planning for the Bazaar. We will be discussing use of space, final set up and pricing. Jane Patterson (749-0058:e-mail rjpatter97@aol.com)



Apple Pie – This year instead of the pie cart at the Bazaar we will be taking orders ahead of time for the frozen, ready to bake, Crumb Top Apple Pies. They will need to be ordered by November 11, and can be picked up the day of the Bazaar.

The Gourmet Workshops - November 7 and 14, from 9am to 12 noon. There will be work stations for each project with instructions and ingredients. Each team will complete the work with label and price tags too. See Martha Powers for any questions and to confirm a spot on a team. (725-7915 or e-mail rdpowers@comcast.net) Any left over time can be used for pricing for those who want to stay and help.

Cookie Baking Week starts on Monday through Thursday evening, November 16 – 19 from 6pm to 8pm. We will also be baking from 10 am to 12 noon on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. On Friday we will start at 10 am with breads, pies, and Martha's famous Chocolate Chip cookies.

10,000 Villages items will also be sold at this year's Bazaar. This will not add to our Bazaar profits, but help those crafters from around the world and spread this project to our community.

Bazaar Day – Starting on November 1, I will have the sign up board for ready for you to fill in where you want to help work the day of the Bazaar. Each shop area will need help. I will also need some help during the week of the Bazaar to help with shop set up and displays.

I'm excited to see how God is going to bring all this together. Thanks for your support and prayers.

Jane Patterson, 2009, Bazaar Chair

Grace Youth Ministry



Sign up now for "Rake a Difference"

The youth will be doing a service project on November 8th. We will come to your house and rake your leaves and bag them up for you. Do you know someone who could use this ministry? See the youth sign up table and let us know how we can help you out this fall.

Reminder: Queens Mission Trip 2010

For those who are signed up to go on this year's mission trip, your second payment of \$100 is due on January 31. Please plan now on how you will pay it. Perhaps ask for part of the payment as a Christmas gift. We MUST have that payment in by February 1.

Fall Rally – November 14 at Flint: Calvary UMC

S.P.L.A.S.H – Saving Peoples Lives and Spreading Hope;

Christian Band "Beyond Us"

Cost \$5 for preregistration by November 4th and \$8 at the door. See Pastor Jill for permission slips.
We do need parents to drive!

November 15th: No Youth

November 21: Volunteers needed to help at the Christmas Bazaar

November 22: Pastor Jill Leads at the Ward's House

November 29: No Youth