



Pulpit & Pew

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Grace at a Glance

What's happening this month...?

- **October 2, 11 AM. World Communion Sunday Celebration. See page 2 for communion rail offering details.**
- **October 2 - 30. Peace Pals International Arts Exhibition, Fellowship Hall.**
- **October 4, 11, 18, 25, Disciple III Bible Study Classes. Tuesdays, 7 PM, Church Library.**
- **October 9, 11 AM. Children's Sabbath worship. See article on page 3.**
- **October 9, 12:30. Lay Leadership Team meeting, Conference Room.**
- **October 13, 5-7 AM. Breakfast for the Homeless. Grace UMC volunteers prepare and serve breakfast at First UMC Family Life Center.**
- **October 14, 3 PM. Pumpkins arrive! Join the unloading party. Refreshments provided. See page 2 for more details.**
- **October 15 - 31, 4- ??PM. Pumpkin Patch is selling pumpkins! See page 2 for more details.**
- **October 16, 2 PM. AIDS Walk. See page 3 for more details.**
- **October 22, 29. Bake Sales in the Pumpkin Patch. See page 2 for more details.**
- **October 30, following worship. 5th Sunday Covered Dish Luncheon, Fellowship Hall.**

Please check the church calendar regularly for new or updated activities. Navigate to <http://www.gracemethodistaustin.org> and click on the Grace Events Calendar link under Resources.



CALLING ALL HANDS! THE PUMPKINS ARE HERE!

The pumpkins will be here Friday, October 14th. Pumpkin unloading will begin sometime after 3pm and your help will be greatly anticipated and greatly appreciated! This is our big fundraiser to support the Navajos who grow the pumpkins, and the outreach ministry of The United Methodist Church. Please come by to help with the unloading and enjoying of fellowship and snacks. While you're here, sign up to work a couple of shifts selling the pumpkins in the patch. Patch shifts are as follows:

October 15-31 (or until we sell out)
Monday – Friday: 4:00pm – 7:00pm
Saturday: 10:00am – 7:00pm
Sunday: 12:00pm – 7:00pm

Sign-up sheets are available at the church just inside the front door of the Education Building. Elaine Chaney and Tom Calnan will be coordinating this event.



Bakers of Grace

On your mark ... get set ... bake! Bake all things pumpkin, or your favorite fall somethin'-from-the-oven, or whatever you like to bake! We'll have bake sales on the Saturdays of Pumpkin Patch - October 22 and October 29. Please contact Nancy Lindsay (442-5321) for instructions for delivery of baked goods, or bring them on the mornings of the sale days. Grace baked goods are always well welcomed by the community, and will soon be sold and enjoyed!

October Birthdays

Rosa Gunnell, 5th Vanessa De La Rosa, 12th
Donna Murray, 14th Celia Browning, 23rd
Laura Eiben, 26th Anthony Peterman, 29th
Brian Peterman, 29th



PRAYER CORNER

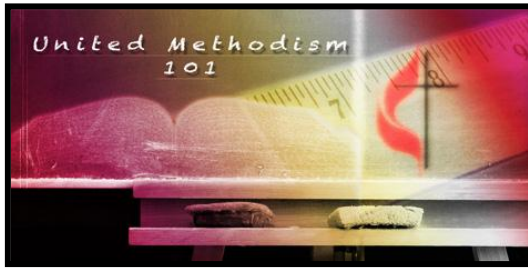
Dale Estrada Theresa Jenkins
Gloria Jimenez Judy Jordan
Joe Rychoff Bill Stone & Ella Stone

All those who are hungry, displaced, sick or in poverty because of the wildfires, tornadoes, floods, hurricane and for the workers who minister to them.



COMMUNION OFFERING

World Communion Sunday is a time to be in communion with Christians all over the world and to enable us to "press on toward the goal" of serving God in life-changing ministries. Our special communion offering on this Sunday goes to the Reconciling Ministries Network. The Reconciling Ministries Network mobilizes United Methodists of all sexual orientations and gender identities to transform our Church and world into the full expression of Christ's inclusive love. Reconciling Ministries Network envisions a renewed and vibrant Wesleyan movement that is biblically and theologically centered in the full inclusion of God's children. Reconciling Ministries Network is committed to making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by living out the Gospel's teaching of justice and inclusion.



Learn About United Methodism

If you are a newcomer to United Methodism, or a long-time member who has questions about the “how’s and why’s” of Methodism, we have a free online class for you! United Methodism 101 is a free online course with four modules containing interactive features. You should register for this online course before October 5th. Linda recently sent out an email about this course. You can also find more information by visiting <http://www.umcom.org> and clicking on the Training & Services tab near the top. On the Training & Services webpage, look for the image above and click on it.



AIDS Walk - A Grace team has been formed for the annual AIDS Services of Austin AIDS Walk to be held at 2pm on Sunday, October 16th. We invite you to join the team and walk with us and/or give a donation to this wonderful cause. You may either donate in person or by visiting our team website online at http://www.asaustin.org/site/TR/Events/Walk?team_id=9121&pg=team&fr_id=1110. If you join the team and have a Facebook account, you can add a donation link for visitors to your Facebook page. For more information on the AIDS Walk, please feel free to visit http://www.asaustin.org/site/PageNavigator/Walk/walk_home.html. This year, Greg Louganis, Olympic gold medal swimmer, is the honorary chair and will lead the walk!



10-Fold

Mark your calendar and spread the word! From October 10th through the 19th, there will be a 10-day online event inviting us to stand up and be counted for causes we believe in - you will have a front-row seat! Called 10-Fold, each day will feature a different mission project of the General Board of Global Ministries supported through The Advance, the designated giving arm of The United

Methodist Church. Through live webcasts, streaming video, online chats, and other media, you will learn about these amazing ministries that are changing people's lives.

And by visiting 10-Fold.org daily and registering your interest, you will be helping to secure tangible support for each project. \$1.00 will be donated for every person that signs up as an advocate for a 10-Fold project, up to \$10,000 per project. The donation will be made --- on behalf of you. Just show up and be counted! For more information, visit <http://www.10-fold.org/>. You can also text “10Fold” to 30644 to get the most current monthly 10-Fold event information on your cell phone.



Children’s Sabbath

Grace UMC will celebrate Children’s Sabbath during worship on **Sunday, October 9th**. The National Observance of Children’s Sabbaths is a way for faith communities to celebrate children as sacred gifts of the Divine. Children’s Sabbath provides an opportunity for houses of worship to renew and live out their moral responsibility to care, protect and advocate for all children.



During the month of October, Grace Church will display the 2011 Peace Pals International Ambassador of Peace Tour in our Fellowship Hall. Since 1997, it features the artwork of children and youth ages 5-16 who have submitted their creations to the Peace Pals Art Awards from every continent. Each piece celebrates the Vision of Peace within the heart of the child or youth and highlights the message, May Peace Prevail on Earth.

The Peace Pals program fosters understanding and respect for the diversity and oneness of the human family and the natural world through its various and creative activities. By nurturing inner peace and global awareness in the leaders of tomorrow, Peace Pals will help create a future in which peace and harmony become a way of life.

For more information, see Peace Pals International: www.wppspeacepals.org.

Make sure to take a look in the Fellowship Hall at these beautiful, creative pieces of art!



From Your New Director of Music ~ Janey Hall

First, let me just say that I am SO excited to be a part of the Grace Family! If you might be curious about me, I give you the Cliff Notes Version:

I was born in Uvalde, Texas, grew up in Austin, graduating from Del Valle HS and went to college at Abilene Christian University, where I received a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education with a concentration in Voice.

For a little over 25 years, I taught both public and private choral music, concentrating mostly on the middle school/junior high levels.

In my early days, I sang a lot of opera and musical theatre ~ Deep Ellum Opera Company, Granbury Opera House, Dallas Opera, Abilene Opera Association and Houston Grand Opera. I had my Carnegie Hall debut in 1993 and my European solo debut in 1995, as well as my Dallas Opera debut.

As a teacher, my top choir at Apollo Jr. High (Richardson ISD) was selected as "Honor Choir" and performed for the Texas Music Educators Association convention.

My sacred music experience consists of the following: Minister of Music for White Rock Community Church (Dallas) and as Soprano Section Leader for the Episcopal Church of Transfiguration Choir (also in Dallas).

I was a charter member of The Women's Chorus of Dallas, recorded a solo CD ("Last Call") of standards, cofounder of a jazz quartet ~ 2X2 ~ and also recorded "Moonlighting" with that group. During the week, I'm an artist. My business name is DivaLicious Art and I just enjoyed my very first juried show, The Pecan Street Fall Festival!

And now I'm here with YOU! I have never felt so at home! I'm blessed to be here and am looking forward to being with you for a long time.....at least until we get that purple hymnal!

~Janey Hall



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

The people of The United Methodist Church™

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27	28	29	30	1 8am - Church Clean-Up
2 9:15am - Choir 9:30am - Children's 9:50am - Susanna's 11am - Sunday Worship	3 5:30pm - 1313 AA 7:15pm - SRCC	4 7pm - Disciple Bible	5 5:30pm - 1313 AA	6	7 5:30pm - 1313 AA	8
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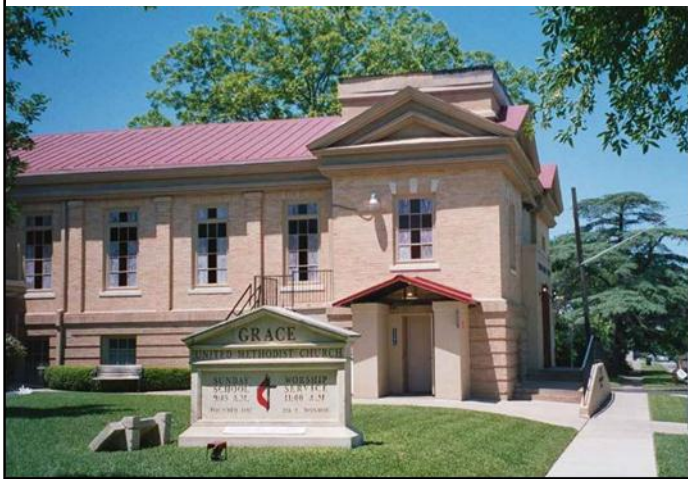


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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Our Vision Statement: Grace United Methodist Church invites all, welcomes all, and includes all in the Faith, Hope, and Love of God through Jesus Christ.

Our Mission Statement: We seek to include all people, regardless of race, color, national origin, age, gender, physical ability or sexual orientation in the journey of becoming disciples of Jesus Christ.

YOUR STAFF AT GRACE UMC



Linda Kessie,
 Pastor



Cheryl Rader,
 Administrative
 Assistant



John Jordan,
 Facilities
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*New
 Pictures
 Coming
 Soon!*

Janey Hall,
 Music Director

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