



OCTOBER 2017

SUNDAY

9:30 am

Sunday School

10:45 am

Worship Service

MONDAY

Noon Prayer Group

1:00 pm

Quilting for Homeless

WEDNESDAY

6:00 Choir Rehearsal

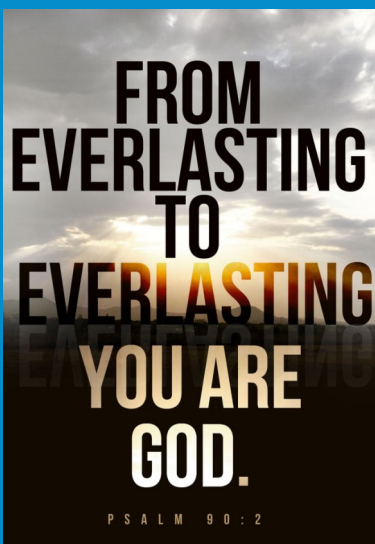
7:00 pm Youth

2ND FRIDAY

**Noon Women of the
Church Luncheon**

SATURDAY

10:00 am Al-Anon



Lexington United Methodist Church

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Hello church! It is time for another newsletter article! Every time Janet and Patty remind me that I have not turned mine in yet I respond that there is no way it has been another month gone by! Autumn is here! The leaves are turning, the mums are in full bloom and the farmers are harvesting the crops. I am always a little sad that summer is coming to an end while also loving the cooler temperatures. We have been working on all of the charge conference paperwork in preparation for our charge conference in November. There are dates listed on the calendar along with the location. Our nominations teams have prayerfully considered persons to serve for the next three years and it is always a joy to me when people respond in the affirmative! We will have a brand new PPR committee (pastor-parish relations) in Lexington this year which will work alongside of our brothers and sisters at Grace UMC. It was a joy to worship in the park this last week in Higginsville! To me that was church at its finest! We ate together, sang together, and prayed together. Fun, fun, fun! Both of our churches are planning our trunk or treat Halloween night which is also a lot of fun. It is a great way for us to meet our neighbors in a non-threatening environment. What I mean by that is that everyone is relaxed and friendly. No dressing up to come to church, no worry over an offering or when to stand up or sit down, etc. In Emmaus we have a saying that is so true: Be a friend, make a friend, and bring a friend to Christ. This process takes time but has proven to be the most effective way to do evangelism. I think we do a great job greeting new persons but we can always improve! As I shared at church recently I visited two churches within driving distance and was not greeted at either church except by the door greeters who were on duty. Nobody came by after I sat down just to say hi. Don't be that person! Greet everyone on Sunday mornings and perhaps you will make a new friend! Terry

This has been an exciting beginning of our fall season! We are praying for a great fall and winter. Keep the prayers coming! I am still getting my feet on the ground at my new position here. I would like to meet with Sunday School teachers individually. If you are a teacher, please call me at your convenience so we can set a time. Heather Taylor has volunteered to once again head our Christmas program and we are so excited to see what this year's will bring. Teri James and Pam Johnson are setting up for Trunk or Treat. This is a great community out-reach and fun for everyone. I think there will be some fun differences this year. Come join in. Volunteers needed!

Thanks to all. God Bless, Mary



- 1 James Worthington
- 1 Matthew Gonder
- 2 Andrew Goddard
- 2 Karen Yates
- 7 Zachary Goddard
- 8 Bradley Smith
- 10 Jennifer Coen
- 18 Kelli Coggins
- 19 Tyler Reynolds
- 20 Jacki Worthington
- 21 Susan Small
- 22 Suzanne Hoeppner
- 22 Mary Alice McFadden
- 23 Brent Zweifel
- 23 Ginger Casto
- 31 Stephanie Anderson



Betty Ann Davis died on September 17. Betty has been unable to attend church the past few years, but had been an active member of the Church and Quilting Group.

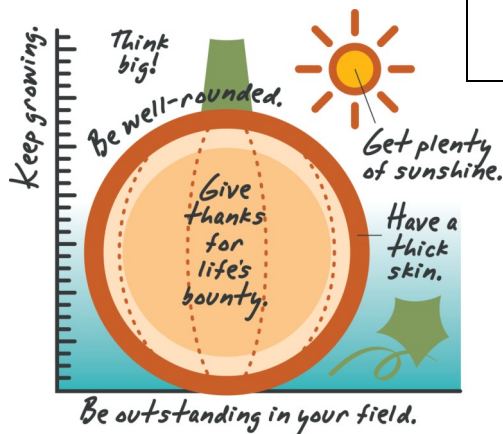


Next meeting:
Monday, Oct. 16
5:30 pm
Agenda Deadline:
October 9



We will be partnering with Versailles UMC on a Mission Trip to Houston early November. We will sleep in a local church and fix our own meals. Versailles has a 30 passenger bus so we will ride together. We will probably be tearing out sheetrock and doing mucking. The cost is undetermined but should be minimal to cover expenses (\$150 or less per person). Janae Fuller and Terry Cook plan to go. Volunteers need to let us know by the end of next week to make arrangements. We also need to know what basic skills our volunteers possess.

Advice from a Pumpkin



Bob & I would like to thank our church family and friends for their prayers, cards, visits, etc. during his recent accident. Recovery is an on-going process, but we are so grateful for all the kind acts of support he has received. Truly it is God's grace that has brought us this far and all your support and prayers are deeply appreciated!

Mary & Bob Routh

Members in Care Centers & Homebound

James Lauderdale (Care Center)
Tootie Mason (John Knox Village, Lee's Summit)
Dawn Meierer (Carrollton Care Center)
Mary Stephenson (Care Center)
Alice Wiley (Care Center)
Roberta Wyatt (Care Center)



Women of the Church Luncheon
Friday October 13 at Noon
Bring a dish to share!

Our Worship services are available LIVE on line (10:45 am Sundays)
at www.reachingforyou.org under "MEDIA".

MISS A SUNDAY? The videos will remain accessible for at least a month after their broadcast.
Don't have internet or a computer? DVD's are available on the table in the church entryway.

Heartland District

Dear Colleagues in Ministry,

Our Heartland District is home to several exciting and challenging ministry initiatives. This letter is an invitation to you and your congregation to support these ministries. Our efforts to reclaim a Wesleyan presence on the east side and northeast communities of Kansas City, Missouri, are full of great potential, but come with significant challenges.

It will take longer to create self-sustaining ministries in these communities than our usual church start process. I am inviting you and your congregation to consider including our **True Vine Mission Center** ministries and our new church start in partnership with **Grace United Community Ministries** in your mission and generosity plans for the coming year.

Do you have work/mission teams seeking a fresh project? Do you have people who would give time and talent to these ministries? Would you take a special offering or designate part/all of your Christmas Eve offering to support one of these ministries?

Several churches in the Heartland already have contributed money and persons to share in these ministries.

I am happy to visit with you about ways to get involved or contact the pastors to discuss your involvement.

Yours in Christ,
Jim Simpson

True Vine Mission Center was a vision of Centennial pastor, David Gilmore, and former Heartland D.S. Kendall Waller. The basic concept was to take the closed Wesley Heights facility at 19th & Hardesty and use it to incubate ministries on the east side of KCMO.

Three ministries are currently housed at True Vine Mission Center: Centennial UMC at True Vine; Kuomba (an African immigrant congregation connected to Central UMC); and a Hispanic congregation which rents space.

Centennial at True Vine conducts several ministries:

The Upper Room Summer Program, an urban core academic program for K-8th grade with 80-100 participants.

The Reading Nook at True Vine is reading program which focuses on children from Kuomba and other kids in the community.

The Hope Hangout at True Vine will be a collaborative program with East High School to provide young people alternative afterschool activities.

Breaking Bread is a community meal and non-traditional worship experience with a goal of engaging people in the True Vine mission field.

Each of these ministries would welcome support from volunteers. Rev. Jeff Williams, Associate Pastor at Centennial is the contact person: jrw6812@gmail.com



Reading Nook at
True Vine



The Upper
Room Summer
Program

Kuomba at True Vine Kuomba is an African immigrant congregation which took root at Central UMC in Kansas City, MO and has grown rapidly to nearly 200 adults and children. While still connected to Central, Pastor Fataki and Kuomba leaders worship at True Vine Mission Center on Saturdays and Sundays. For more information, contact Rev. Trevor Dancer revtwdancer@gmail.com

The **True Vine Mission Center** facility needs maintenance assistance, repairs, general upkeep and improvements. Donald Jones is the site coordinator and has a list of ways mission/work teams could help with the facility. donaldhjones@gmail.com

Grace United Community Church is a new church start at 9th & Benton in Kansas City, MO. Rev. Billy Moss is restarting a congregation in this northeast neighborhood. The buildings are owned by Grace United Community Ministries, which provides numerous services to people in the area. They invited us to return and restart a congregation. Billy cherishes your support through prayer, people who want to help launch the congregation, and financial support in an area where self-sustaining ministries take much longer to establish. You can reach Rev. Billy Moss at moss0108@gmail.com



Breaking Bread Community Meal



Grace United Community Church
811 Benton Blvd.
Kansas City, MO 64124

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and Share Christ



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Sign of grace

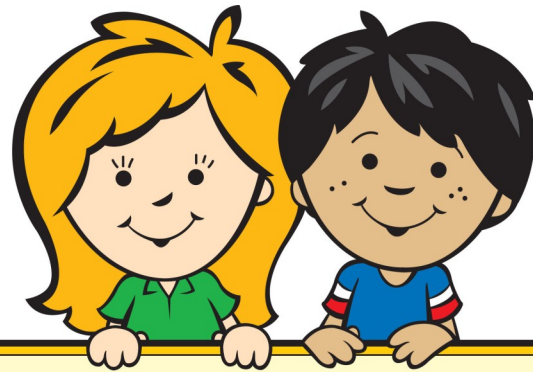
Make this sign to hang on your wall as a daily reminder of God's amazing gift of grace.

What you need:

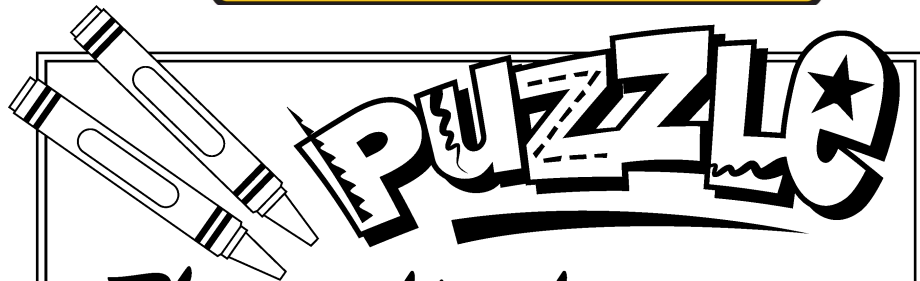
- White poster board
- Large wooden letters that spell GRACE
- Painter's tape
- Tempura paint
- Paper plates
- Paintbrushes
- Colored pens or markers

What you do:

1. Place the poster board on the ground (outside, if possible).
2. Put tape on the back of the letters and secure them to the board. No tape should be visible.
3. Paint and draw all over the poster board. Be creative with splatters, handprints and so on.
4. When paint is dry, remove the letters and hang up the poster.



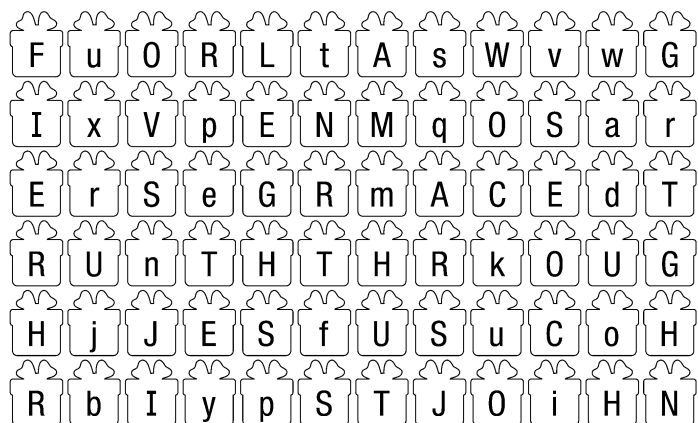
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The gift of grace

God's grace is a free gift, not something we can earn on our own. How do we have this gift?

Directions: Complete the Bible verse by placing the capital letters from the gifts on the blanks below.



" _____ the _____ was _____
through _____ ; _____ and
_____ came _____
_____ ."

_____ 1:17, NIV

Answer: "For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ." John 1:17, NIV