

Word of Grace

Make a clean break with all cutting, backbiting, profane talk. Be gentle with one another, sensitive. Forgive one another as quickly and thoroughly as God in Christ forgave you. Ephesians 4:31,32 (The Message)

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And Pastor Earl & Diana?

Earl has been a pastor in the United Methodist Church since 1970. Earl and Diana were married December 17, 1972 in Diana's home church, Vassar United Methodist. They have three grown children, Aaron of Knoxville, TN; Bethany of Denver, CO; and Rachel of Topeka, KS. Diana and Earl also have six grandchildren. Diana has her bachelor's degree from Baker University and later obtained her Master's Degree in Guidance and Counseling from Northern Montana University, Havre, Montana. Her first position was a guidance counselor for Wyoming Indian Middle School, Ethete, WY. She has been employed by Riverton School System and the Wyoming Department of Education where she started in Special Education and was appointed to the position of Executive Director of Migrant Education for the State of Wyoming. Currently, Diana works for the Auburn Washburn School District,

Topeka, KS. Diana is a school counselor and administrative designee for Pauline South Intermediate School.

Earl earned a bachelor's degree from Central Methodist University in Fayette, MO. He earned his Masters of Divinity at St. Paul School of Theology in Kansas City, MO. Earl completed 2 units of Clinical Pastoral Education at Osawatomie State Hospital and another unit while working at Topeka VA. Earl has served churches in Kansas, Wyoming and Montana. He also served on conference agencies and worked with jurisdictional and national divisions. Earl has been heavily involved in community Chambers of Commerce; serving as President/Chair of the Board for several communities. In 1983, Earl was the first clergy to complete Leadership Kansas. In 1984, he returned as one of the presenters to the next class. In 1993, Earl was chosen to go to the Holy Land by the Knights Templar of Montana. Earl was chaplain of Little Wind Hospice in Riverton, WY, a group he helped start. Earl also was chaplain to Law Enforcement and First Responders. He was a member of the

Fremont County Crisis Intervention Team. Since returning to Kansas, Earl has been a chaplain at the Comery/O'Neil Veterans Hospital, and Stormont Vail Medical Center. He also served two congregations north of Topeka, Hoyt and Elmont United Methodist Churches.

Grace United Methodist Church is both a privilege and honor to serve on behalf of my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Earl



Print copies of the *Word of Grace* are in the church library for members who do not have email.

Health & Wellness Ministry

The Health and Wellness Ministry has received a \$1000.00 grant from the United Methodist Health Ministry Fund for 2009. This money will be used for training and programs and activities to promote health in body, mind and spirit in the congregation and the community.

Tick & Mosquito Bites Prevention and Treatment

With summer comes increased outdoor activity which means an increased risk of tick and mosquito bites. Some ticks transmit bacteria that cause illnesses such as Lyme Disease or Rocky Mountain spotted fever. Mosquitos carry West Nile Virus, which has been detected this year in mosquitos in Missouri.

The best way to avoid contracting diseases through insect bites include:

- **Wear long pants and sleeves.**
- **Use insect repellents, with caution.** Don't use DEET on the hands of young children or on infants younger than 2 months. Don't use oil of lemon eucalyptus on children younger than 3 years.
- **Use permethrin on your clothes.**
- **Tick proof your yard.**
- **Drain standing water near your home.**
- **Mosquitos are most active in the early morning and evening hours.** Be sure to wear protective clothing and use insect repellants during these times.
- **Check or install screens on windows.**
- **Report dead birds to local authorities.** More than 130 bird species are known to have been infected with WNV.
- **Check yourself, your children and your pets for ticks.** It's helpful to shower **using a**

washcloth as soon as you come indoors.

If you find a tick, **remove it promptly.** **If possible, seal the tick in a jar.** Your doctor may want to see the tick if you develop signs or symptoms of illness after a bite. **Use soap and water.** If you are unable to completely remove the tick, call your doctor.

See your doctor if you develop a rash, fever, stiff neck, muscle aches, joint pain and inflammation, swollen lymph nodes, flu-like symptoms or headache. Call 911 if you develop a severe headache, difficulty breathing, paralysis, chest pain or palpitations.

For the full text of this article, including additional resources, visit the Health & Wellness webpage at http://www.emporiagrace.org/health_wellness.html. More information on mosquito control and West Nile Virus can be found at http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/prevention_info.htm.

Missions Ministry

We had four great days at Mission Camp in July with 24 children and 28 adults participating. Children shopped for food to fill the grocery cart, worked on scrapbooks for Presbyterian Manor & Holiday Resort, made Prayer Beads and learned new songs under the direction of Pastor Earl and Sue Barham. We learned about Heifer Project by watching a film and visits in the parking lot from the Conrade Farm of goats, sheep, chicks, ducks, and a calf. Everyone enjoyed pudding Teresa Conrade made from the goats' milk. After the animal visits the children were able to purchase \$300 in animals for Heifer Project International from funds donated by the children throughout the year at the Wednesday night worship service. We learned about the Back to School Clothing Give-away and how we can help others through this program. We enjoyed great meals each evening prepared by the women of Grace.

The true highlight of this Mission Camp was the introduction of Pastor Earl's Puppet Ministry. He taught the children how a puppet works and we all enjoyed the puppets' participation every night. Through song and dance the puppets were alive. Mission Camp 2009 was fun and rewarding for all of us!

Abundant Harvest

Thank you to so many of you who have signed up to serve at Abundant Harvest. We still have some openings on some of the nights so please check the sign up board in Fellowship Hall and help fill these dates. It only takes 1 ½ hours to serve and if you just sign up for 1 day we can fill these team spots.

Angel Food Ministries August Delivery & NEW Order Times:

Monday-Thursday 10 am-4 pm
 Friday August 14 4 - 6 pm
 Saturday August 15 11 am-1 pm
 No orders may be placed after 1 pm on Monday, August 17
 Delivery date is Sat, August 29, 8:30 am

The August menus may be picked up in the church office or you may go to emporiagrace.org and follow the link to angelfoodministries.com.

New! All ordering restrictions have been removed from Angel Food orders, starting with the August orders, and it is no longer necessary to order a regular box to place an order for a special box. There are no limits on how many boxes you may order. Orders for Angel Food at Grace UMC may now be placed online for your convenience.

Annual Back to School Give-

Away- The annual Back to School Give away will be held Saturday, Aug 8 from 8-11 am. Please call Cindy Krisman 343-6663 if you can help sort clothes on Friday evening August 7 or help on Saturday morning August 8 with the distribution. We still need children's clothing in all sizes pre-school to adult sizes, boys and girls.

Back to School Points for Backpacks and Community Care Points

We are collecting both the Community Care points from Price Chopper and Country Mart North and South for Missions, and we are collecting the Back to School Points from their stores as well. For every 10 points the Back to School points will provide 1 school backpack full of school supplies. Community Care Points may be left in the Library on the UMW bookshelf. The Back to School Points may be left in the Back to School Cart and "George the Mission Monkey" is holding the box. REMEMBER you must ask for both points when you shop.

UMW NEWS

Grace UMW's general meeting is Sat, August 1, at 10 a.m. The guest speaker is Sheryl Crooks from Alta Vista. Sheryl will present a program on a recent Haiti mission trip. Everyone is welcome.

Giving Thanks

The Lord has indeed been good to the McDaniel family! Thank you so much for the financial support sending Andrew to Camp Chippewa and Lindsey to Institute. It is especially important this year for them to be able to go, and also an especially difficult time for us. They could not have gone without your gift.

Ron & Mary



Thank you so much for the opportunity to attend Institute again this year! I look forward to that week and appreciate all your help! God bless.

Lindsey McDaniel



Thank you for your support and I look forward to sharing my camp experiences.

Andrew McDaniel



Recently I was in Emporia to attend my brothers wedding, which was held at your church. I noticed your board announcements about collecting Community Care Points and have included those I received in this note. I wanted to say that your church is very beautiful and the ladies who were there (Pat Linn & Judy Schmidt) to help with the wedding were very friendly and helpful, as were the ladies who helped with the reception. What a wonderful service they provided. I am sure that it was greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Samantha Younger
Kingman, Kansas



I want to thank everyone who helped with the Trustees' yard sale in June. It was a wonderful success and it couldn't have been done without everyone's help.

Rita Andersen & the Trustees

Fall Festival

Saturday, September 19

7am – 2pm

The Grace UMC Fall Festival is back and it's bigger and better than ever. Our membership is full of creative people – woodworkers, crafters, quilters, jewelers, artists, etc. Now is the time to dust off your tools and art supplies and get those creative juices flowing. Use your talents and join the vendors who will be selling their products and services throughout the day. Grab a friend or a group of friends and reserve a 12' x 12' booth to be located in the church parking lot.

Many other activities will be planned throughout the day, including music, bingo, kids activities, silent auction, Art Mobile, food and much more.

Stop by the church office to pick up a booth registration form. If you have friends, coworkers or are a member of any business or organization who also

may be interested in featuring their products at our Fall Festival, be sure to take them a flyer as well.

Questions?: Contact Brent Windsor:
785-554-6056

Giving to Build Building to Give

Most of us have a smile on our face as we enter the lovely new foyer. And who hasn't compared our new bathroom facilities to those we had in the past? Isn't it great to be able to drop into the office space without climbing the stairs? Now the final touch: the landscaping is starting to come together. We know that we and many others in the future will be able to enjoy these improvements just as we have enjoyed the efforts of those in the church's past.

Through those who have been faithful to their pledges, proceeds from the McGuire concert, and memorial gifts, the Grace UMC building fund has made rapid growth during this quarter. Its balance as of 6/29/09 was \$340,073.40. This shows a growth of \$35,645.90 since 03/04/09.

Our congregation can feel proud of the effort we have made up to this time. However, we are now paying interest on the remaining debt. This makes it doubly important that pledges are fulfilled. Also, we knew that we would have to raise money beyond our initial pledges. During the last three quarters of our original pledge period, let us all ask ourselves if we could extend our giving beyond our first pledge.

Follow-up co-chairs:

Brenda Street & Charlene Utley

Fifth Sunday Fellowship

The Membership Ministry will provide a fellowship time before Worship Service August 30 at 9 am.

August Events

Our regular weekly schedule:

- Sun**
 9 am Music/Sunday School
 9:15 am Sun School
 10 am Worship Service
 6:30 pm Worship Service
- Mon**
 7 pm Boy Scouts
- Tues**
 9 am Bible Study
- Wed**
 5:30 pm Worship Planning

Saturday August 1
 10 am UMW General Meeting

Sunday August 2
 12 pm Membership
 12 pm Health & Wellness

Tuesday August 4
 6:30 pm Girl Scouts

Saturday August 8
 8 am Back to School Clothing Give-away

Sunday August 9
 1 pm Worship Ministry

Tuesday August 11
 7 pm Phebe Group

Wednesday August 12
 2 pm Abigail & Joanna
 5 pm Abundant Harvest

Thursday August 13
 4-6 pm Angel Food orders
 7 pm Finance Ministry

Saturday August 15
 11 am- 1 pm Angel Food orders

Sunday August 16
 11:30 am Church Council
 12:30 pm Missions
 1 pm Education

Monday August 17
 6 pm Cub Scouts Start meeting
 7 pm Boy Scouts

Sunday August 23
 4 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry

Monday August 24
 5 pm Abundant Harvest

Wednesday August 26
 1:30 pm Create to Share

Thursday August 27
 5:30 pm Parish Visitors
 5:30 pm WOW Group

Saturday August 29
 7 am Angel Food Distribution

Sunday August 30
 9 am Fifth Sunday Fellowship

Looking Ahead

- September 19** Fall Festival
October 10 Bowling Tournament
October 31 UMW Rummage Sale
November 14 Mexican Dinner
December Chili Feed

Flint Hills Prayer Calendar

- Aug 2 Council Grove/ Dunlap
 Aug 9 Dwight
 Aug 16 Deacons and Diaconal Ministers
 Aug 23 Frankfort
 Aug 30 Manhattan: Blue Valley

Let us pray.

Heavenly and merciful Father, we lift up the Flinthills District of the United Methodist Church. Always we seek your guidance as we strive to make disciples of Jesus Christ. We pray for the churches,

ministries, and United Methodist organizations, that they will listen to your wishes for them so that their activities will be pleasing to you and help them to foster discipleship. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.



In the Word

- Aug 2 Joel 1-3, Amos 1-4
 Aug 9 Amos 5-9, Obadiah 1
 Aug 16 Jonah 1-4, Micah 1-3
 Aug 23 Micah 4-7 & Nahum 1-3
 Aug 30 Habakkuk 1-3, Zephaniah 1-3

Calling All Bowlers (and Non-Bowlers)

Join your friends at Grace for a fun afternoon of bowling and fellowship. Just to make things interesting, we'll throw in a little competition. Put together your own 4 person team and compete for fun prizes. Awards will be given for high team score, high individual score, low individual score, most gutter balls and most creative team costume.

- Date:** Sat, October 10
Time: 2 – 5pm
Format: 4 – person team
 9 pin no tap
Games: 3 games
Cost: \$80/team (\$20/person) – includes 3 games and shoe rental
Teams: Limited to the first 24 teams

Pick up your registration form in the church office. Tell your friends. Everyone is invited.

Questions?: Contact Brent Windsor: 785-554-6056