

Special Events

Visit from District Superintendent Gary Dean

On Wednesday March 11, our district superintendent, Rev. Gary Dean will be joining us for the evening Bible study. Rev. Dean has requested to meet with us to discuss the vision of our church and the path that we see ourselves on for the future. It is **very important** that all members and regular attendees are present for this meeting on **Wednesday, March 11, 2009 at 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary**. We hope to see you as we make crucial decisions about the direction and future of Grovetown United Methodist Church.



Lenten Bible Study



Join us **each Sunday night at 6:30** from now until Easter as we read Bishop Reuben Job's *Three Simple Rules*. In this book, Job offers an interpretation of John Wesley's General Rules for readers today. This simple but challenging look at the three commands, "do no harm, do good, stay in love with God", calls us to mutual respect, unity, and a deeper relationship with God. The study is led by Will Dyer and lasts approximately one hour, and will conclude with the taking of Communion.

Holy Week Services

April 5 marks the beginning of Holy Week. Holy Week is the week preceding Easter, and is observed as a period of devotion to the Passion of Christ. We will join the global church in observation of this sacred time in the life of Jesus. Join us as we observe these events:



- Palm Sunday service, April 5 at 11:00.
- Maundy Thursday service, April 9 beginning with covered dish dinner at 5:45 followed by a service commemorating the night of the Last Supper
- Good Friday: We will continue the tradition of the Cross Walk, meeting at 6:00 pm at the entrance to the Martha Vineyard sub-division and carrying the cross to Grovetown City Park.
- Saturday, we will have a Youth Easter party and Egg Hunt, 10:00 am to 12:00.
- Easter Sunrise Service, 7:00 AM, at Bellevue Memorial Park, where we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ! We'll continue the morning with Sunday School at 9:45 and a service of celebration at 11:00.

Please come and join us as we worship God together during this very special season in the life of the church.

Easter Cantata



Our talented Grovetown UMC choir will be presenting the Easter Cantata on **Sunday, March 22**. The Cantata will take place during the 11:00 worship service. Come prepared to leave with a smile on your face and joy in your heart, as the choir performs their annual Easter Cantata.

Youth Lock-In

On **Saturday, March 28**, the Senior Youth Group will go to Adventure Crossing for a lock-in, sponsored by the Augusta District of the United Methodist Church. The following is taken from Adventure Crossings website:



What Does Adventure Crossing Have to Offer?

Augusta's Place to Play features the best selection of both indoor and outdoor play. Come inside and experience LASERTRON: The area's largest multi-level Laser Tag arena, over 6,100 square feet of fun! Enjoy the many thrills of our large arcade or relax in Sightseers Café, where great food, free Wi-Fi and large screen TV's are always available. Experience the excitement of our outdoor adventures: 4 Midway rides, 3 Go-Kart tracks, 7 batting cages, and two 18-hole miniature golf courses. Come rain or shine, AC is the place to Play and have FUN!

If you are interested in attending, contact Carol Manasco, 706-650-5856, for further details.

NEW Grovetown United Methodist Church Website

We have a new church web address: www.grovetownumc.com. Please drop in and visit us there to find the latest information about us; you will be pleased with the hard work of our webmaster. Comments and suggestions are always welcome. Please send an email to umc@grovetownumc.com.

On-going Events

Come to the Table

Join us every **Wednesday night at 5:45** as we “come to the table” for dinner at 5:45 followed by Bible Study at 6:30 in the Sanctuary. The food is always great and the company is even better. The dinners are sponsored by Family Ministries and a donation for the dinner is always welcome. We do hope you will join us each Wednesday evening for both physical and spiritual nourishment!



United Methodist Men



The UMM invite you to join us on the second Sunday of every month as we get together for breakfast at 7:30 AM in the Family Life Center. We begin with breakfast and conclude the meeting by discussing various projects in the community that we can undertake, hoping to show others the love of Christ in the things we do in the world.

Also, we invite you to join us on the second Saturday of every month as tackle various community service projects in our area. Everyone is invited to attend; men, women, and youth. All that is needed is a hammer and a smile! Hammers are provided. For more information on the UMM, please contact Jeff Sperry.

United Methodist Women

The Methodist Women’s group meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 11:00 to discuss ministries and missions that they are involved in, to enjoy a program and to share a luncheon. Recently, the group met, for several months in the evenings and they are now working out a schedule to meet in the evening once a quarter so that women with day-time jobs can join them.



The ministries include offering support to activities in the church, such as Vacation Bible School, and activities in the community, such as United We Care, Bethlehem Community Center, Augusta Urban Ministries and other needs that are brought to our attention. We also provide the devotional book, *The Upper Room*, for our church members. Our major fundraising project is the sale of Community Birthday Calendars. We will begin taking orders in June for the 2010 calendar. For information, call the newly elected president, Linda Roberts.

Choir

You are all invited to join the Grovetown UMC choir! We meet on Wednesday night following the Bible Study, from 7:15 to 8:00. We sing a wide variety of music and have members of every age, gender, and singing ability. Come and sing with us on Wednesday night as we prepare to show people the love of God through the faith we sing on Sunday mornings. For more information about the choir, contact Choir Director Steve Hansen.

Recycle – Recycle:



In keeping with good stewardship, we are collecting the following items for recycling –

Aluminum cans – leave in bags by the kitchen door. They’ll be taken to the recycling plant and the money accumulated goes toward our mission apportionments.

Aluminum tabs – from any kind of can. Put in the container in the Narthex by the front door. They are collected for the Ronald McDonald House for their recycling project.

Labels – Save your labels from Campbell soup cans, Swanson products, and plastic tops of V-8 juices. These labels are collected by the UMW and redeemed for products to be used in the church. Over the past few months, we received a new TV stand, an electric stapler and a CD-tape-radio player for the Sunday school.

Ink Cartridges – There are mailer envelopes, also on the tables in the Narthex, to mail used/empty printer ink cartridges in for rebate donations. Those donations, \$1 per cartridge, are donated straight to the Ronald McDonald House.

Food Lion Bonus -If you have a Food Lion card, you can register through us or directly on their website, for donations straight to the church. One percent of those purchases recognized by your card are donated by Food Lion to the church.

Later Calendar Events

April 16th – Adult Night Out, place to be determined.

May 2nd – Spring Chicken-Que and Yard Sale. Begin now to sort out your “stuff” to donate to the Yard Sale. Tickets for the barbecued chicken dinners will be ready to sell after Easter.

May 3rd – Prayer Group resumes. Any and all who are interested in praying for the life of our church and our community and sharing concerns are invited to join us at 6:30 in a member’s home (announced later).