

THE TACKLEBOX

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 **GRAND LAKE**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WELCOME TO *Grand Lake*

At Grand Lake UMC, we believe that everyone belongs, regardless of where they are on their spiritual journey. We are here to welcome you with open arms and help you feel truly at home.

No matter your worship style, there's a place for you at Grand Lake:

Traditional Worship – 9:00am at St. Paul's

Contemporary Worship – 10:30am at St. Paul's

Blended Worship – 11:15am at Montezuma

Each service is designed to share the timeless truths of the Bible in a way that resonates with today's world. We are passionate about creating meaningful connections across all ages and life stages.

For families, we have you covered! Childcare and engaging children's programs are available during Worship at St. Paul's.

Come as you are - there is a place for you here at Grand Lake UMC.

or more information, call 419-586-6621, Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 4:00pm.



New Door Locks

New door locks have been installed in the lobby as part of our ongoing efforts to help keep everyone safe. The lobby doors will automatically unlock at 8:00am, Monday through Friday, and will lock at varying times in the evening depending on scheduled events. If you are inside the building while the doors are locked, please use the push-to-exit button to exit. When the doors are unlocked, the exit button is not required for normal entry or exit. With the doors locking automatically, we also ask for your help in turning off lights when leaving in the evening.



FROM GOWNS TO GAMES

Graduation Celebration

From Gowns to Games: A Celebration of Faith, Achievement, and Fun!

Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 17, as we gather to honor our preschool, high school, and college graduates with a morning of celebration, worship, and community fun! Whether you're a graduate, family member, friend, or part of our church family, this is an event you won't want to miss!

We'll kick off the day with a special worship service at 10:30am dedicated to our graduates.

This will be a time of encouragement, reflection, and blessing as we celebrate their hard work and pray over their next steps. (We will have our regular 9:00am worship as well!)

Immediately following the service, the celebration continues with our Carnival from 11:30am to 1:00pm! Games & Inflatables, Face Painting, Food & Ice Cream

This is a time to gather, laugh, and celebrate together as one big church family!

Come ready to cheer on our graduates, enjoy the festivities, and make lasting memories!

Whether you're walking across a stage this year or just love a good time, From Gowns to Games is for YOU!



Good Works, Inc.

A Community of Hope Since 1981

Mission Trip

Friday September 11 – Saturday September 12, 2026

Mark your calendar for our Fall Mission Weekend! We will prepare and serve the Friday Night Life meal and work with Neighbors Helping Neighbors on Saturday. A Volunteer Release form and \$50 deposit is required by August 30, 2026. The Volunteer Release forms are available in the church office. If you have questions on the Good Works mission trip, please contact: Carolyn Pancake (clpancake@hotmail.com or 419-305-7959)



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As we put another Lenten season in the rearview mirror, I find myself still reflecting on some of the things we focused on this year. My heart and mind are convicted daily of Jesus' "new" command to love one another as he loves us. (John 16:34) But what does that kind of love look like in our daily lives, and more so, how do we do it consistently? On one hand, it seems so simple. On the other hand, it seems almost impossible. Thankfully Jesus modeled this kind of love for us and the Holy Spirit helps us follow in his footsteps.

One key to this Christ-like love that we studied during Lent was to simply be present. Presence is powerful. When people know we are here for them, that means a lot. And when we show up (be present) in their lives on a regular basis, in good times and bad, people know our love is genuine. Our days are filled with opportunities to be present and loving in the lives of others, whether we recognize those opportunities or not. One great way we have to be present and love like Christ here at Grand Lake UMC is through our Care Partners Ministry. Care Partners focus on visiting with people who are homebound, and in some cases visiting with those who are facing a difficult season of life. Care Partners is all about sharing Christ's love through presence.

Sometimes it can be hard to comprehend the true power of loving presence. So, I'd like to share a letter we recently received from Janeane Norris, one of our beloved members who receives the blessing of having a Care Partner in her life. Here's what she writes...

To the leaders, the staff, and the volunteers of Grand Lake United Methodist Church: I have been wanting to express my gratitude to everyone who has been part of bringing joy into the lives of the homebound members of the church. First, there are the many signed greeting cards with comforting words that seem to arrive at the right time to spread joy to my day. Then, when my birthday comes around with all these years to count, I am always reminded to thank the good Lord for allowing me to have so many years to enjoy the wonders of his creation. Next, I look forward to the day when The Tacklebox arrives in my mail. I read it front to back and marvel at the time and effort it takes to publish it. I just think our church has a "mission" for everyone, from cradle to casket.

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There's more. The doorbell rings and there stands a special church friend with a vase of flowers to add beauty to my surroundings. There is always time to have a cheerful chat with me. More to come. A young man from the church brings me a copy of *The Upper Room* to guide daily devotions where authors share guidance for the difficult times and rejoicing for the good days. I feel so blessed to be a recipient of the "Mission for the Homebound." Thank you all and God Bless!

P.S. There's more. One day a kind gentleman appeared at my door with a special treat for me. It was a special pie. Who could ask for anything more?

I share this letter with you not simply as a shameless plug for Care Partners Ministry (which it is), but to remind all of us that following Jesus' "new" love command may not be as difficult as we imagine. You see, Jesus is not asking us to be the super saints of our generation. He's simply reminding us of the power of presence and simple acts of loving kindness. These things make a real difference in people's lives. It's a great example of how we can offer help, hope, and Christ to everyone in our midst.

I'm reminded of a beloved radio and podcast personality named Season Bowers. At the end of her segments, she always says, "I'm Season, and I'm a joy bringer." I've never heard anyone describe themselves like that before, which is unfortunate. Because we all have the ability to be joy bringers. All we have to do is simply be present and offer a little bit of loving kindness. So what do you say? Let's go love like Jesus. Let's go be present in the lives of others. Let's go be joy bringers!

Blessings,

Pastor Mick

SERMON *Series*

From Fear to Fire



From Fear to Fire explores the incredible transformation of Jesus' followers after the resurrection. The same disciples who hid behind locked doors became bold witnesses who carried the gospel into the world. Through stories like Emmaus, Thomas, Pentecost, and the conversion of Saul, we'll see how the risen Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit turn ordinary people into courageous servants. Because the story didn't end at Easter. It was just beginning. This series begins April 12th and runs thru June 14th.

"You Asked For It" -

Summer 2026 Sermon Series

Have you ever had a question about God but weren't sure where to ask it? Something about the Bible that didn't quite make sense? Something about suffering, prayer, doubt, heaven, forgiveness, science, other religions, or why the Old Testament feels...complicated? This summer, we're opening the floor. From April 1 - May 10, we will invite you to submit your real questions about faith and Scripture. No filters. No "churchy" wording required. Just honest curiosity. Each Sunday starting June 21 until August 30, we'll take those questions and wrestle with it together. We'll open Scripture. We'll think deeply. We'll speak honestly. We'll trust that God is not intimidated by our questions.

We won't be able to answer every single question submitted. Some may overlap. Some may need more time than a single sermon allows. Some may simply remain part of the holy mystery that faith invites us to live inside. But every question matters. Every question will be read. And every question represents someone seeking to grow. This series isn't about having all the answers. It's about becoming a people who are brave enough to ask — and faithful enough to seek together.

So start thinking. Start wondering. Start writing them down. You asked for it. Submit your questions on the church website/app or by scanning the QR code

Questions will be accepted until May 10!





ARE YOU INTERESTED IN CONNECTING WITH GRAND LAKE IN MEMBERSHIP?

April 15, 22, 29 & May 6

Wednesdays, 6:00-7:30pm, Rm 201

Dinner & Children's Activities Provided

CONNECT is a 4-week session to prepare you for membership at Grand Lake UMC.

It includes three key ingredients:

- An introduction to Grand Lake UMC and Community Groups
- A brief look into our uniqueness as United Methodists
- A deeper understanding of the meaning of membership

How to Register? Please sign up online at grandlakechurch.org/groups or call the church office at 419-586-6621. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Mick at 419-586-6621 or mwhistler@grandlakechurch.org.



CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES ARE AVAILABLE DURING CLASS!

MINISTRY EVENT/FACILITY USE *Form*

At Grand Lake, there is a lot of good happening—ministries serving, events connecting people, lives being changed!



The Ministry Event Form isn't just paperwork—it's a way to make sure every event gets the attention, clarity, and support it deserves. When we know what's coming, we can communicate clearly, invite effectively, and help more people take their next step in faith and community.

The Facility Use Form helps us steward our shared spaces with care—making sure rooms are ready, schedules don't overlap, and every event has what it needs to succeed.



Simply put, these tools help us move from busy to intentional. They keep us aligned, organized, and focused on our mission—so that what we do together has the greatest possible impact. Thank you for helping us serve and communicate with excellence!

CALENDAR

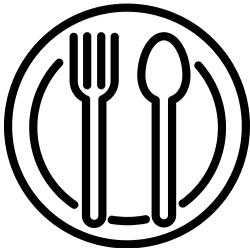
Highlights

May

19- Trustees, 7:00pm, Room 605

26 - Finance Meeting, 6:30pm, Room 201-202

28 - Ad Council Meeting, 6:30pm, Room 216-217



COMMUNITY CARRY-IN

Dinner

at the Montezuma Campus at 12:30pm

Good Food, Family Fun, and Fellowship! Main Dish will be provided.

~ April 12th ~ Grilled Dogs & Frank's

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

~ May 10th ~ **There will be no Dinner due to Mother's Day**



Creative Discovery students have a busy April and May planned.

We are celebrating Easter with our Bunny Hutch. Our students and their special guest will go through Easter stations decorating eggs, making bunny ears and having their picture taken with their special guest. We are also spending time doing Spring activities like planting seeds to watch them grow. It's hard to believe we are already at the end of the school year. We have had a wonderful year and are sad to see it end. We want to thank Pastor Mick and Pastor Matt along with our board members and Stefanie Davis, Amber Snyder and Megan Miller for continuing to support us. We also want to give a special thank you to Brad Pennington for all he does for our preschool. We hope everyone has a safe and exciting summer. See you in the Fall!

WEDNESDAY Supper

4:45-6:00pm
\$4/Person - \$10/Family

April 1 - Women's Group- Serving

SPAGHETTI, GARLIC BREAD, SALAD,
DESSERT

April 8 - Serendipity - Serving

HAMBURGERS, HOT DOGS, POTATO CHIPS,
GREEN BEANS, SALAD, CAKE

April 15 - Pathfinders - Serving

SLOPPY JOE'S, HOT DOGS, BAKED BEANS,
POTATO CHIPS,
APPLE CRISP, SALAD

April 22 - Youth - Serving

TACO SALAD BAR, DESSERT

April 29 - Sanctus Choir - Serving

MEATLOAF AND HAMLOAF, RED POTATOES,
CORN, COBBLER, SALAD

May 6 - Staff - Serving

CHILI SOUP AND VEGETABLE SOUP, HOT
DOGS, POTATO CHIPS, SALAD, CAKE

May 13 - Women's Group - Serving

CLEAN OUT THE FREEZER NIGHT

* **May 13th will be the last
Wednesday Night Dinner
until the fall**



PEOPLE Count

January 2026

Date	Attendance	Giving
1-4-2026	280	\$8,575
1-11-2026	305	\$10,433
1-18-2026	265	\$10,916
1-25-2026	SNOW	\$13,437
AVERAGE	283	\$10,840

February 2026

Date	Attendance	Giving
2-1-2026	275	\$15,977
2-8-2026	237	\$7,691
2-15-2026	234	\$10,428
2-22-2026	259	\$10,408
AVERAGE	251	\$11,126

2026 Weekly Amount Needed: \$12,046

APRIL

Servants

Sanctuary Greeters @ 9:00am

5 Lori & Mike Salyer
12 Vicki & Larry Gossett
19 Susie Wurster
26 Nancy Kruger & Carolyn Leffler

Lobby Greeters @ 9:00am

5 Scott Miller Family
12 Jackie & Don Patch
19 Nancy & Larry Florence
26 Nancy & Larry Florence

Lobby Greeters @ 10:30am

5 Youth
12 Anji Oksa & Jimmy McCoy
19 Kelly Wenning & Kelly Westgerdes
26 Pat Jones

Acolyte's @ 9:00am

5 Markus & Evelyn Overman
12 Emmy Schwieterman
19 Maezee Bonifas & Evelyn Overman
26 Grace Lehman & Addison Bretz

Preschool @ 9:00am

5 Jayda Overman
12 Derek & Lexi Waterman
19 Patrick Overman
26 Mitch & Amanda McGee

Brianna's Hope Meal

7 Open
14 Steve & Kim Winans
21 Open
28 House of Hope

Communion Servants @ 9:00am

Altar Matt Salzman
Balcony Frank Snyder
Pews Lynn & Rick Krogman
Suzanne Murlin & Pam Pottkotter

Ushers @ 9:00am

5 Dale Moorman
12 Scott Miller
19 Mike Salyer
26 Mitch McGee

Ushers @ 10:30am

The Pennington Family

10:00am Check In

5 Jocelyn Meyer
12 Patrick Overman
19 Carolyn Pancake
26 Charlie Overman

Preschool @ 10:30am

5 Morgan Triplett
12 Laura Wilson
19 TBD
26 Laura Wilson

School Age @ 10:30am

5 Ashley Pennington
12 Traci Robbins
19 Katie Nixon
26 Ashley Giesige

Jam Leader

5 Beth Overman
12 Casey Schwieterman
19 Ryan Snyder
26 Patrick Overman

MAY

Servants

Sanctuary Greeters @ 9:00am

3 Diane & Glenn Twigg
10 Lynn & Rick Krogman
17 Kathy & Tom Kimmel
24 Vicki & Larry Gossett
31 Robyn & Bob Sheets

Lobby Greeters @ 9:00am

3 Sage & Rhen Carpenter
10 Lori & Mike Salyer
17 Scott Miller family
24 Heidi & Dale Moorman
31 Robyn & Bob Sheets

Lobby Greeters @ 10:30am

3 Youth
10 Anji Oksa & Jimmy McCoy
17 Kelly Wenning & Kelly Westgerdes
24 Pat Jones
31 Anji Oksa & Jimmy McCoy

Acolyte's @ 9:00am

3 Aiden & Ella Snyder
10 Gabby & Bella Howell
17 Russell Giesige
24 Markus Overman
31 Emmy Schwieterman & Evelyn

Preschool @ 9:00am

3 Kayliann Howell
10 Scott & Megan Miller
17 John & Jess Opdycke
24 **No Class**
31 Dawn Gagle & Ashely Braun

Brianna's Hope Meal

5 Open
12 Holy Chaos
19 Women's Group
26 House of Hope

Communion Servants @ 9:00am

Altar Scott Miller
Balcony Frank Snyder
Pews Deb & Dave Wagner
Lexi & Derrick Waterman

Ushers @ 9:00am

3 Vicki McGee Family
10 Dale Moorman
17 Rick Krogman
24 Scott Miller
31 Mike Salyer

Ushers @ 10:30am

The Pennington Family

10:00am Check In

3 Charlie Overman
10 Jocelyn Meyer
17 **No Class**
24 **No Class**
31 TBD

Preschool @ 10:30am

3 TBD
10 Laura Wilson
17 **No Class**
24 **No Class**
31 TBD

School Age @ 10:30am

3 Ashley Pennington
10 Traci Robbins
17 **No Class**
24 **No Class**
31 TBD

Jam Leader

3 Renee Randall
10 Casey Schwieterman
17 **No Class**
24 **No Class**
31 TBD

GRADUATES

Class of 2026

Graduates and Families,

Congratulations! You have almost reached the end of senior year! I am certain this time is bittersweet, but hold on to the joy amidst the busyness. Here at Grand Lake, we are praying for you all and we would like to celebrate with you! On Sunday, May 17, during our worship services we will recognize our high school and college graduates and speak a blessing over what is ahead.

Please email Ryan Snyder at rsnyder@grandlakechurch.org with a recent picture of the graduate and register for Graduation Sunday. The form can be found in the Grand Lake app, at the QR code below

Praying for God's speed in your future endeavors,
-Ryan Snyder
Director of Youth Ministry



Graduation Sunday

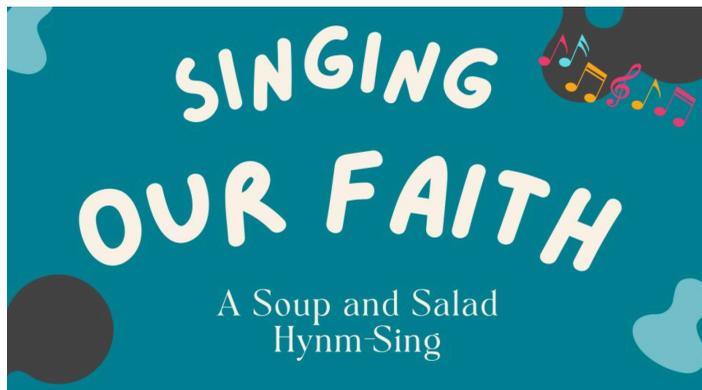
ORGAN *Update*

It is with joyful hearts that we share we are within a few thousand dollars of our \$133,000 goal to replace the organ in the St. Paul's sanctuary! We are deeply thankful for the generous donors who have contributed to this project. We anticipate reaching our goal during the "Singing Our Faith – Hymn Sing" on April 26. Any funds received beyond the total project cost will remain in the Organ Maintenance & Repair Fund for the future care and needs of the organ. God bless! Organ Committee

CHURCH *Volleyball League*

Join the Fun! Our Church Volleyball League is gearing up for another great season, and we'd love for you to be a part of it! We currently have a women's volleyball team. Games are played on Mondays and Thursday during the June and July. The league is hoping to add additional men's teams and/or co-ed teams. Anyone who is interested in playing, please call or text Sarah Young at 419-733-0424.

UPCOMING *Events*



April 26 12:00 - 3:00pm

The Sanctus Choir invites you to an afternoon filled with fellowship, food, and joyful singing as we raise funds for our new organ.

On Sunday, April 26, from Noon to 3:00pm, we'll gather for Singing Our Faith, beginning with a Soup, Sandwich & Salad Bar Lunch from Noon–1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will also include cake and ice cream.

Cost: \$4 per individual | \$10 per family

At 1:00pm, we'll move to the Sanctuary for a Hymn-Sing, "sponsored" songs will feature beloved hymns from across the last century and be led by a rotating team of accompanists. Each hymn will include the first and last verse, keeping the music moving and inviting everyone to participate. We will conclude with The Hallelujah Chorus.

Robyn Armstrong will be in the Library on April 12 & 19 if you would like to sign up in Person.

MEAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Support Brianna's Hope Recovery Program

Brianna's Hope is a Christ-centered recovery program that meets weekly, on Tuesday evenings, at our church, providing hope, support, and community for individuals on their recovery journey.

One of the most meaningful parts of the evening is sharing a meal together — and we need your help! We are looking for volunteers to provide a meal for approximately 20 people.

Meal Ideas:

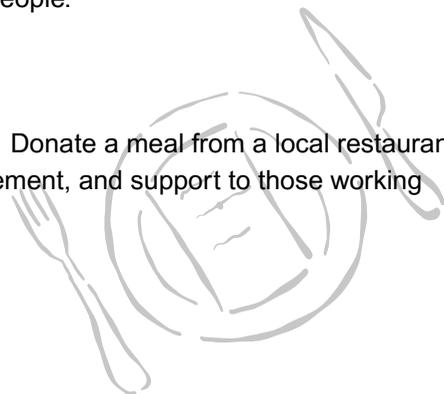
- Casseroles, Pasta & salad, Tacos or taco bar, Soup & sandwiches

You can:

Cook a homemade meal Partner with friends or a small group Donate a meal from a local restaurant
Providing a meal is a simple but powerful way to show love, encouragement, and support to those working toward recovery.

Interested in helping? Please contact: Kim Winans @ 419-733-7079.

Together we can help serve hope, healing, and community.



UPCOMING *Events*



Daughter's Dinner

Green Pastures

APRIL 25 ~ 4:30 - 6:30PM.

This year's theme, "Green Pastures," is inspired by Psalm 23:2: "He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside still waters."

The evening will reflect this peaceful & refreshing theme with greenery & floral decorations. Guests will enjoy a meal served at their table featuring chicken breast, rice, broccoli, salad & dessert. Chicken nuggets will be available for children. Entertainment will be provided by the Impact Band & Gospel Groovers. There will be table activities for adult conversation and a craft for the children. Online registration is open! Scan QR Code.



COMING SOON...

Details about Just Sisters will be revealed at the Daughters' Dinner!
What do you think it could be? Are you excited to find out?
Read Psalm 23 to see if you can find any clues there.

THE WOMEN'S MINISTRY ANNUAL RETREAT

October 16-17

NEW LOCATION!! Cross Oak Camp & Retreat Center
in St. Marys, OH.

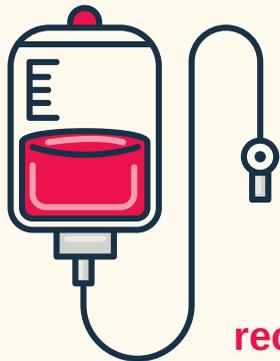
We look forward to building relationships
with one another and with Christ.

Watch for more details soon. We may have some special guests in attendance!



The focus of the Women's Ministry for the upcoming year is Psalm 23.

UPCOMING *Events*



DONATE BLOOD

May 21

11:30am - 5:30pm

Fellowship Hall

receive a Red Cross beach towel



Funeral Dinner Team Gathering

Tuesday, April 21, 10:30am in room 201-202

In seasons of loss, simple acts like a warm meal and a welcoming space, become sacred. Our funeral dinners are one of the quiet ways we remind families: you are not alone.

We're inviting current funeral dinner team members and anyone interested in serving to join us. This time together will be focused on encouragement, training, and reimagining what excellence looks like in this ministry. Together, we will revisit the heart behind funeral meals by:

- Clarifying what to expect so there is no guesswork
- Sharing helpful tips and updates
- Making sure everyone feels confident and supported

Whether you've served many times or are just curious, there's a place for you! Because excellence here isn't perfection—it's being ready to love well.

Join us in serving our community! We are excited about hosting a meal at CALL Cafe and we need you to help make it a continued success! This is a wonderful opportunity to share love and care for the community!

We are looking for individuals to help serve the meal and/or donate desserts for this event on **May 5**. Please contact Aimee Highley at 419.733.8440 or Aimee.highley2@gmail.com.



COMMUNITY *Groups*

MONTHLY GROUPS

Monthly Women's Group – This group of women meets once a month from 7:00-9:00pm. They are currently studying the book of Romans, using the RightNow media study "The Book of Romans: Part I" by J.D. Greear. On Monday, April 20, they will meet in Room 606 to study Session 6. All women are welcome to join this group. If you are interested in joining the group, please get in touch with Robyn Sheets (419-790-3092 or rrsheets58@yahoo.com)

SUNDAY GROUPS

Circle of Grace: 10:15am, Rooms 201-202. This adult class is open to anyone looking for a place to study Bible truths. Beginning April 12 and concluding May 24, they will be studying "The Book of Titus" with Chip Ingram on RightNow Media. From May 31 through August the group will be using "Eyewitness Bible - Paul's Letters" on RightNow Media. All are welcome to join this class!

Contact: Robyn Armstrong (419-856-7044 or robynarms89@gmail.com)

Serendipity: 10:15am, Room 217. This adult group is open to men and women. They will finish "Excavating the Evidence for Jesus—The top-10 List for Easter" by Easter. They will then begin the RightNow Media study "Eyewitness Bible Series - ACTS". All are welcome!

Contact: Sandy Snyder (419-586-6537 or sandy@snydercity.com)

Men's Ministry: 2nd & 4th Sundays - 5:00pm in the Greenhouse. They will continue to study "Every Thought Captive: How Renewing Your Mind Can Change Your Life" by Kyle Idleman, which is also found on RightNow Media. May 24 they will begin a new study "Your Story Has A Villian" on RightNow Media. All men are invited!

Contact: Nathan Meyer (419-733-8372 or nmeyer888@gmail.com)

TUESDAY GROUP

Otterbein Group: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 12:30pm in the Prayer Room off the Commons Entryway at the Otterbein Senior Living Center, St. Marys.

The group is studying the Lord's Prayer.

Contact: Pastor Dean Bachelor (740-746-9151 or bachelor.dean5@gmail.com)

WEDNESDAY GROUPS

Bible Study for Men & Women at Montezuma: 10:00-11:30am. They will embark on a study on the Old Testament Book of Isaiah by Kyle Martin on RightNow Media. This is a minimum of 36 weeks, so there is not just commitment, but a desire to see how this Old Testament prophet's revelation of God's Word applies to us in our day and age.

Contact: Pastor Dean Bachelor (740-746-9151 or bachelor.dean5@gmail.com)

Ladies Bible Study: This group meets in the Mercer County Library basement. It will continue the study "Acts" by Melissa Spoelstra. They will finish the study May 6 at which time they will break for Summer. They meet every Wednesday at 10:00am except the second Wednesday of the month. All women are invited.

Contact: Barb Painter (419-852-0695 or barbpainter13@gmail.com)

Wednesday Night for Women's Bible Study: 6:00-7:30pm in Room 606. They will begin "Hidden" by Allison Allen in April on Faith Gateway to finish out the year. All women are welcome to join this group.

Contact: Lori Salyer (419-852-6427 or salyer.lori@gmail.com)

Wednesday Night Community Group: 6:00-7:30pm in Room 216. They will be studying The Chosen Season 5. Anyone who'd like to join, call/text 740-746-9151 so study guides can be ordered. We enjoy lots of Q & A discussion.

Contact: Pastor Dean Bachelor (740-746-9151 or bachelor.dean5@gmail.com)

THURSDAY GROUPS

Women's Community Group at Montezuma: 1:00-2:30pm. This is a "Band Meeting" where prayer and the asking of the "5 Band Meeting Questions" provide the guidelines. Confidentiality is of the utmost importance. This community group is currently on-hold until Spring.

Contact: Jan Bachelor (740-652-4381 or jannieb1953@gmail.com)

Bible Study for Men & Women: 6:00-7:30pm at the Bachelor's home (566 E. Livingston St., Celina). They will be studying The Lord's Prayer. Anyone who'd like to join, call/text 740-746-9151 so study guides can be ordered. We enjoy lots of Q & A discussion.

Contact: Pastor Dean Bachelor (740-746-9151 or bachelor.dean5@gmail.com)

HOLY WEEK

SCHEDULE

APRIL 2 Maundy Thursday 7:00pm @ St Paul's

APRIL 3 Good Friday 7:00pm @ St Paul's

APRIL 5 Easter Sunday Regular Worship Times



matthew25 PROJECT

C.A.N. (CARING ABOUT NEIGHBORS) DONATIONS

April 5:

St. Paul's: shelf-stable side dishes

Montezuma: deodorant

May 3:

St. Paul's: personal hygiene items

Montezuma: toothbrushes & toothpaste

C.A.L.L. (Community Action Life Line) items may be brought into

St. Paul's Lobby and Montezuma's Commons on the above dates.

ASP SERVICE PROJECT JUNE 28 - JULY 4

For: Middle & High School youth who have finished 6th Grade
Cost: \$200.00; Scholarships are available to help with the cost.
Sign up on the bulletin board across from the Lounge, or on the app. Contact Mark Armstrong for more information at marmstrong@grandlakechurch.org



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE "SOUPER" BOWL

The MATT25 Mission Ministry Team thanks you for your support of the 2026 Souper Bowl. You helped raise \$1,720 for the Back Pack program of C.A.L.L. Ministries. What a wonderful opportunity for us to make a difference to provide food for children of local families in need!

EASTER OFFERINGS

Easter Eggs will be in the pews and the Sanctuary entrances on Palm Sunday. Your Special Offering is to be brought back to the Church on Easter, either in the plastic eggs or an offering envelope, marked Special Easter offering. The Special Easter offering is to be divided between Local Missions and our Young Adult Ministry.



HANDS-UP VILLAGE

With great appreciation, we write this note thanking you for your generous donation to The Hand-Up Village. The Hand-Up Village is making a difference for homeless individuals. Along with temporary housing, The Hand-Up Village provides a structured program of spiritual, emotional, and financial mentoring. The Hand-Up Village residents are set on a disciplined path, giving them time to strengthen their own abilities, regain hope, and transition back into permanent housing to help secure their futures.

The Hand-Up Village offers a second chance at sober living, a safe environment, an opportunity to get back on your feet, encouragement, and accountability partnering. As you know, “it takes a village” to be successful. Without the help of local community support, we could not make a difference for the homeless.

We praise God and thank you!

The Hand-Up Village Board of Directors

MISSIONARIES TO THE PHILIPPINES

****Pray for God's Provision for Airline Tickets**** - We need prayer for God's provision to purchase airline tickets for our upcoming home assignment (previously known as furlough). We encountered unexpected ministry expenses that depleted our savings, which we intended to use for the tickets. Additionally, please pray that we can find reasonably priced tickets despite the situation in Iran. We plan to return to the U.S. in the first week of August, God willing.

We are incredibly grateful to God for people like you, our partnership team. Thank you for walking alongside us as we work together for the Lord. Soli Deo Gloria!

Serving together, Brian & Beth Schwartz

GROW HOME (THAILAND) AND GROW HOPE (CAMBODIA) HOMES FOR CHILDREN

Late 2025 was a season of deep loss for our GROW HOME family. In August, one of our beloved GROW HOME sons tragically passed away in a motorcycle accident at just 14 years old. His loss deeply impacted the children and staff as we grieved and supported one another as a family. During that same time, I also underwent surgery and was hospitalized for two weeks. I'm grateful to share that my health has greatly improved, and I experienced a powerful answer to prayer with healing from long-term shoulder pain.

Although my planned visit to Cambodia had to be postponed due to border tensions, we remain closely connected with the local team and leadership. However, during a recent visit, Executive Director Jeana Harley identified clean water as the ministry's most urgent need. Please pray for wisdom, the right partners, and resources to provide a long-term solution.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support.



Vacation Bible School 2026: Rainforest Falls!

June 14–18, 2026 6:00–8:30pm (Preschool dismisses at 8:15pm)

Get ready to explore the wild, wonderful nature of God at this year's Vacation Bible School: Rainforest Falls! Kids will venture deep into a vibrant rainforest where Bible stories come to life, faith grows, and God's love is discovered around every corner. Registration is now open! Claim your spot for a week of fun and excitement! Register on the church website//app or by scanning the QR Code!!



Kids Take Over the Kitchen!

Get ready for fun, food, and lots of smiles as our Kids Serve Dinner! Join us on **April 15** as our awesome kids roll up their sleeves, head into the kitchen, and help serve dinner to our church family. Meet in the kitchen anytime between 4:45–5:45pm and jump into the fun! Come cheer them on as they learn how serving others can be deliciously joyful!



Kids' Night Out – Mother's Day Edition

Friday, May 8 | 5:30–8:30 PM | \$10 per child

Give Mom the gift of a night out! Drop the kids off for an evening of dinner, crafts, a movie, and lots of fun. Children will create a special teacup fairy garden—perfect for Mother's Day—and our creations will even decorate the altar on Sunday morning before heading home. Space is limited within each age group (infants through school age), so reservations are required. Sign up today and start celebrating Mother's Day weekend early!



3rd & 4th Grade Travel to the Greenhouse

The 3rd & 4th Grade Wednesday night class will travel to the Greenhouse on April 1 & May 6. This is a time for them to get to know the Greenhouse and how the youth ministry works! They will return for their praise parties at 7:00pm.

Memorial Day Weekend - Sunday May 24

There will be no Sunday kids classes on May 24 for Memorial Day weekend. We encourage you to use this time to rest, reflect, and spend time with loved ones. Worship will still take place as usual, and we look forward to gathering together in worship. We'll see you back for Sunday classes on June 1!



Praise Party Updates: Kids Leading in Worship!

Our kids are bringing joy, movement, and music to worship this season—and we couldn't be more excited to celebrate all the ways they are sharing their gifts!

Gospel Groovers (Dance)

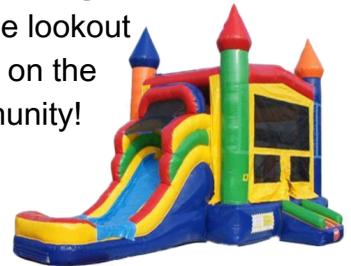
Gospel Groovers dance team will join us on **April 12 at 9:00am and May 10 at 9:00am**

Impact Band (Bucket Drums)

The Impact Band will be playing on **April 26 at 10:30am and May 17 at 10:30**

Mobile Ministry

The Mobile Ministry is gearing up for another amazing year of offering help and hope to our community through FUN! Please be on the lookout for where we will be set up and come and join us! Keep an eye on the church communications for your opportunity to serve our community! If you can stand or sit and keep an eye on kids and make sure they are safe, we would love to have your help!



*Mark
Your
Calendar*

Other Upcoming Events

- 4/15/26 - Kids Serve Dinner
- 5/8/26 - Kids Night Out - Mothers Day
- 5/13/26 - Last Wednesday Night
- 5/17/26 - Spring Carnival
- 6/19/26 - Pool Party 5:30-7:30pm
- 7/12/26 - Pool Party 8:00-10:00pm
- 8/16/26 - Pool Party 5:30-7:30pm



WEDNESDAY YOUTH GROUP: 6:00-7:30PM IN THE GREENHOUSE.

Every week we pray, worship, study, eat a snack and play a game.

For all students in 5th - 12th grade.

RAMP BUILDING SERVICE PROJECT: APRIL 12TH, 2:00-5:00PM AT THE GREENHOUSE

The Youth and Mens' Ministry Helping Hands are teaming up to build a ramp at a local home. We will learn some basic tool use, no experience required!

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Confirmation Sunday is May 10th at the 10:30 service. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall between services to welcome the new confirmands.

NEW YOUTH WELCOME PARTY: MAY 20TH, 6:00-7:30PM IN THE GREENHOUSE

Every spring we welcome a new class of students to the Youth ministry based in the Greenhouse. This year we welcome the the class of 2034 who will be in 5th grade for the 26-27 school year. May 20th will be a special welcome party for them and all youth are invited to attend.

CAMP WESLEY SUMMER CAMP

Camp Wesley is newly renovated. There are several sessions throughout the summer, Ryan will be the Chaplain of the Week June 7-12. Summer camp is for children and youth ages 7-17. <https://wesleycampandretreatcenter.org/>

APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT

June 28 - July 4. At this long-running mission trip, we repair homes in one of the poorest regions of our country. Participants must have completed 6th grade. We also need lots of adults to lead work crews. Sign up on the paper in the Greenhouse, or across from the Lounge, or in the church app.



YOUNG ADULT

Happenings

YOUNG ADULTS MEETING – APRIL 19TH

We're excited to invite all young adults to our very first Young Adults Meeting on Sunday, April 19th! Join us in room 216-217 right after the second church service for a time of connection, conversation, and community.

Come ready to share your ideas for future gatherings, events, and ways we can grow together. We'll enjoy some good food and great fellowship as we build something meaningful together.

We hope to see you there—bring a friend and your ideas!

We're a group of young people who believe life after high school is just getting started. It's all about finding real connections, growing in faith, and having a lot of fun along the way.

We've got some great events coming up and plenty of chances to get involved. Come hang out, meet new friends, and be part of something that's making a difference.

Your next chapter starts here—come join us!

LOVE *& Sympathy*

- Family and friends of Martha “Jean” Zahn, who passed away 1-31-26. Niece, Lori (Mile) Salyer.
- Family and friends of Debra Goldman, who passed away 2-14-26. Father, Larry (Vicki) Gossett.
- Family and friends of Urban Alring, who passed away 2-16-26. Daughter, Jean (Buddy) Hyman.
- Family and friends of Rodney Price, who passed away 2-20-26. Newpew, Brad (Melissa) Pennington.
- Family and friends of Fay Jones, who passed away 2-25-26.
- Family and friends of Phil LaRue, who passed away 3-4-26. Wife, Sharon LaRue.
- Family and friends of Denny Wenning, who passed away 3-15-26. Life partner, Brenda McGee.



PRAISES

- Aden Fisher and Paige Knapke celebrate the birth of Estella Gabriella Lee Fisher on 1-28-26. Grandmother, Jessica Fisher.
- The birth of Moxie Kaye Lynch on 2-22-26. Mother, Brittany (Steinbrunner) Lynch. Grandparents, Todd (Melissa) Steinbrunner and Lindsay (Eric) Wagner. Uncles, Brady, Braylon and Jak Steinbrunner. Aunt, Kendyll Steinbrunner.
- The wedding of Josh Applegate and Danielle Knoll on 2-28-26 at St. Paul's.

Thank You

- We would like to thank everyone at Grand Lake for their prayers and acts of kindness during our time of need. Sometimes we have to take a little detour in our plans but with the support of people like you we continue on. Thanks! - Sam & Nita Hellwarth



SUPPORT GROUPS

Celina

Narcotics Anonymous

Mondays, 7:30-9:00pm

Grand Lake Fellowship Hall, 119 E Fulton St

Contact Bonnie Vorhees at 419-790-4774

A Better Life, Brianna's Hope

Tuesdays, 6:00-7:30pm

Grand Lake Fellowship Hall, 119 E Fulton St

Contact Kim Winans at 419-733-7079

Alcoholics Anonymous

Wednesdays, 7:30-8:30pm or Saturdays, 7:00-8:00pm

Jabez House, 127 E Fulton St

Contact the Central Office at 937-222-2211

Celina (cont'd)

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS)

Mondays 8:30-9:30am or Mondays 12:30-1:30pm

Grand Lake Fellowship Hall, 119 E Fulton St

Contact the church office at 419-586-6621

Montezuma

Overeaters Anonymous

Tuesdays, 7:30-8:30pm

GLUMC MZ - 40 South High St, Montezuma

contact Susan H. @ 419-953-7012

Alcoholics Anonymous

Thursdays, 7:30-8:30pm

GLUMC MZ - 40 South High St, Montezuma

Contact the Central Office at 937-222-2211

BIRTHDAYS

April

1	Martha Jutte Alice Miller Chett Sudhoff	14	Daxton Wycuff
2	Dawson Nixon	15	Jessica Sheets Marcy Wellman
3	Pat Applegate Jill Larkin Kaden Miller	17	Dexter Gudorf
4	Mimi Laber Nolan Mallory	18	Grant Giesige Isla Schwieterman Landric Snyder
5	Jessica Fisher Rachel Post	19	Alexis McGee
6	Kyle Randall Chase Rolfes Ralph Sudhoff	20	Heidi Moorman Brandon Randall
7	Joanna Goodwin Ashton Lehman Caleb Lehman Dottie Peffley	21	Caroline Cummins Jake Fleming Mila Frysinger Michelle Heindel
8	Matt Hays Nora Highley Ella Schott Ellie Steen	22	Valerie Strohl-Kramer
9	Dylan Correll Mike Lehman Allison Pancake Cindy Swaney	23	Lyndee LaDow
10	Will Sorenson Helena Williams	24	Bristol Braun Hugh Grieshop Jeremy Post Snuffy Smith
11	Peyton Fleming Madalynne Sorenson	25	Rodney Hartings
12	Janet Bachelor Amy Lehman	26	Jacob Howell Bradley Phillips
		27	Sam Hellwarth Bobbie Snedeker
		28	Mike Robbins
		29	Melanie Hesse Evynn Luth Bill Wellman
		30	Diana Spencer

BIRTHDAYS

May

1	Nik Lehman Abel Lehman Elijah Lehman Noah Russell Waylon Welker	16	Grayson Gagle Hadley Grieshop
2	Doug Foulkes Karen Hays Micah Heindel Amanda McGee	17	Reid Hoyng Tyler Temple
3	April Schoen Jasper Temple	18	Aleah Font Zach Greber
4	Phil Fennig Kyria Steen	19	Conner Mills
5	Emersyn Schott	20	Dean Bachelor Bret Baucher
6	Brantley Hazelett Herschel Philpott		Drew Baumstark Larry Gossett
7	Tracy Hill Jodie Swaney	22	Isaiah Laber Glenn Mills Ruth Nusbaum Dustin Schwieterman
9	Janet Olding Wrenley Waterman	23	James Howell Gavin Parfait Avery Kremer
10	Jayson Baker Josh Schoen Carson Stucky	25	Elliot McGee
11	Hunter Collins Sauny Rockey Lily Russell	26	Kathleen Bodiker Clayton Johns Emily Nevergall Wrenley Welker
12	Trey Homan Iris Ross Rhen Schwieterman	27	Connie Davis Mike Durnell Arlene Salzmann Sam Smith
13	Kim Altstaetter Steve Billger Samson Giesige Joanne Land	28	Jerry Aring Ethan Boeckman Don Bowlby Michael Gant Dick Swaney
14	Glenn Twigg Amy Wade	29	Brooke Baucher Lisa Snyder Charyl Winner
15	Tom Kimmel Kelly Wenning	31	Krew Fite Emma Menchhofer

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