

THE TACKLEBOX

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GRAND LAKE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WELCOME TO *Grand Lake*

At Grand Lake UMC, we're grateful for the many ways our church family gathers to worship, grow, and serve together. We invite you to stay connected through Sunday worship, community groups, ministry teams, and special events designed to build meaningful relationships and strengthen faith.

Sunday Worship Opportunities

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

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

Blended Worship – 10:30am at Montezuma

Childcare and children's programming are available during worship at St. Paul's.

Thank you for being part of the Grand Lake UMC family. We're glad you're here and encourage you to continue connecting and growing together.

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

188 YEARS OF UNITED METHODIST WITNESS

100 years in this Sanctuary

Sunday, October 4, we will come together to celebrate that story and the generations who have helped shape Grand Lake UMC. Join us for **one combined worship service at 10:00am**, followed by a carry-in dinner. Please bring a dish to share based on the first letter of your last name:

A–E: Salad; F–K: Dessert; L–Q: Side Dish; R–Z: Fruit

The main dish and drinks will be provided.

We hope you will be part of this special day as we give thanks for those who came before us, celebrate the church of today, and look with hope toward the generations still to come.



SERMON *Series*

“1 Corinthians” -

Fall 2026 Sermon Series

You’ve probably heard the phrase, “The more things change, the more they stay the same.” It’s a popular and enduring phrase because it is true, even for the church. Paul’s 1st letter to the Corinthians addresses a church that was immersed in an indulgent, immoral culture, struggling to separate itself from the world around it. Sound familiar? Join us beginning Sunday, September 6th, for a 12-week sermon series through Paul’s 1st letter to the conflicted church in Corinth. We’ll discover the power of the gospel to bring order, heal wounds, unify the faithful, and demonstrate how to love well by following Jesus every day of our lives.



New Community Group Opportunity

Discipleship Small Group

Connecting Head and Heart

Music * Prayer
Scripture * Video
Food * Fellowship

Wednesday Evenings
6:00pm - 7:30pm
Room 216
Sep 16 - Nov 19



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A
**DEEPER
WALK**



DR. MARCUS WARNER

PASTOR'S *Page*

Several years ago, the church I was pastoring at the time did a congregational study of the book “Unbinding the Gospel” by Martha Grace Reece. It was part of a larger initiative by the Conference to help stagnant churches start growing again. I must confess, I don’t remember anything about that initiative or that book, except for the beginning paragraph of chapter four. Here, Reece shares a brief conversation between Miss Cornelius and her friend, Susan, in the book “Anne of Green Gables.” Miss Cornelius inquires about a mutual friend who had taken ill. Susan says, “Oh, I’m afraid she’s going to have to rely on the Lord now.” To which Miss Cornelius responds, “Oh no! Surely it isn’t as bad as all that?”

I think I remember that brief (fictional) conversation while forgetting everything else because that conversation so simply and powerfully reflects the state of the world. The world is in a very unhealthy state. I stop just short of calling it a terminal illness, but it’s close. Wars, droughts, violence, hatred, massive economic disparities, political unrest, and the list goes on and on. And no one seems to be able to fix it. I’m afraid we’re going to have to rely on the Lord now. It surely is as bad as all that.

But wait a minute. When did relying on the Lord become a bad thing? And why did we ever stop relying on the Lord in the first place? Why do we wait for humans to solve God-sized problems? Don’t get me wrong, God often works through humans as problem-solving instruments. But make no mistake, the real power comes from the Lord. There’s no need to lament or be reluctant. Let’s confidently rely on the Lord!

You’re probably familiar with 2 Chronicles 7:14. If not, it goes like this: “If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.” This was God’s promise to Solomon after Solomon built and dedicated the Temple to God. What many people fail to realize is that this verse is in response to verse 13, in which God says, “When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people...” God is essentially telling Israel that when things are at their worst, if they’ll turn back to God – truly and fully turn back to God – then God will work miracles on their behalf. So, it’s not really as bad as all that. In fact, relying on the Lord is quite good.

PASTOR'S *Page*

What if all the ills of the modern world are merely our versions of droughts and locusts? What if we humble ourselves, pray, seek God, and turn from our evil ways? Don't you think God will still honor the promise? I do! So let's do it. Let's follow God's instructions. It's really not that complicated when you think about it. But to make it even simpler, I'm going to give us a set of step-by-step instructions. Here you go...

Step 1: Pray every day at 7:14 (am and pm). Humble yourself to stop what you're doing and earnestly seek God.

Step 2: Repent. Turn away from any sinful living and help others do the same.

That's it! Just two steps! See, it really isn't as bad as all that, is it? And to make it even easier, here's a simple prayer you can use if you can't find words of your own.

Heavenly Father,

We humble ourselves before You. We seek Your face and turn from our sinful ways. Forgive us, change us, and make us more like Jesus. Bring healing to our hearts, our families, our churches, our communities, our nation, and our world. Where there is division, bring unity. Where there is hatred, bring love. Where there is injustice, bring righteousness. Where there is fear, bring peace. Begin Your work of renewal in us, Lord, and use us to bring Your light into the world. Hear our prayer, forgive our sins, and heal our land. We trust You and give You all the glory. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Praying together with you,
Pastor Mick



7:14
Prayer Initiative
2 CHRONICLES 7:14

PRAY • SEEK • REPENT

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS

Notes

Community Group for Advent

Do you love to sing the traditional Christmas carols every year? Do you wish we had more time to sing them? Have you ever wondered about the history and theology behind these beloved songs? If so, you'll want to join us on Wednesday evenings for our special 4-week Advent Small Group Gatherings focused on the beloved songs of the season. We'll sing them, study them, and enjoy them at a deeper level. We'll also pray, fellowship, and enjoy some seasonal snacks. It's a great way to get in the holiday spirit.



Angel Tree 2026

Since 2005, Angel Tree has brought Christmas joy to children in our community by providing gifts for families in need. Starting in early November, Angel Trees will be set up at the Connection Centers at both campuses. Simply take a tag, purchase the gift listed, and return it unwrapped to the church by Sunday, December 6. We will gather for a special time of prayer over the gifts before they are delivered. Why unwrapped? This allows parents the joy of “shopping” for their own children and wrapping the gifts with love! If you would like to help with sorting or wrapping, please call OUR HOME. Remember, it's not about the number of gifts, but the thoughtfulness and quality of what we give.

Live Nativity – Volunteers Needed!

Step into the Christmas story this year at our Live Nativity during the Merry & Bright Christmas Lights at the Mercer County Fairgrounds on Friday, Dec. 18, and Saturday, Dec. 19, from 6–9 pm. We need volunteers of all ages to serve as Mary, Joseph, shepherds, angels, and more. Costumes are provided—no acting experience required! Sign up on the church website/app or by scanning the QR code. Help us share the true meaning of Christmas with our community!



Light the Advent Wreath

This Advent season, you are invited to take part in lighting the Advent wreath during worship. Individuals, families, and groups of all ages are welcome to participate. No experience is needed—just a willingness to share in this simple but powerful act of worship. Sign up through the church website/app or by scanning the QR code, and choose the Sunday that works best for you.





HALLOWEEN PARTY



A Night of Fun, Fellowship, and Hope!

You're invited to our Annual Halloween Party on Wednesday, October 28! This is one of our favorite traditions of the year—a time to gather as a community, enjoy a night full of laughter, and remind one another that God's light shines. Halloween can sometimes feel dark or overwhelming, but we believe it's also an opportunity to share joy, connection, and hope. Our church family is opening its doors wide to provide a safe, family-friendly celebration for all. Come as you are, bring your family, invite your friends, and experience an evening of welcome and love.

Dinner: 4:45–6:00 PM

Special Needs Friendly Time: 5:30–6:00 PM

Open to Everyone: 6:00–7:00 PM

Family-friendly costumes are encouraged, and the cost is absolutely free!

This is more than just a party—it's a way offer help, hope and Jesus! Join us for an evening where the light of Christ shines through pumpkins, costumes, and community.

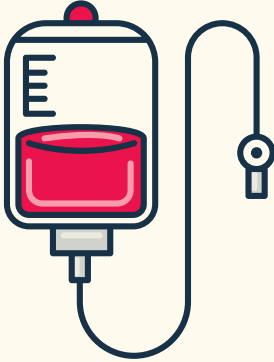
We can't wait to see you there!

To help make our Halloween Party extra sweet, **Candy Donations** can be brought to church starting October 1. Look for the cauldron in the Library! We need smiling faces to greet families, serve food, run games, and pass out candy.

If you'd like to serve, please see Matt O.

We can shine Christ's light together and share joy with our community!

UPCOMING *Events*

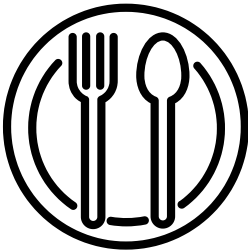


DONATE BLOOD

December 22

11:30am-5:30pm

Fellowship Hall



COMMUNITY CARRY-IN *Dinner*

at the Montezuma Campus at 12:00pm

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

~ **October 11th** ~ Cabbage Rolls

~ **November 8th** ~ Thanksgiving Dinner

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

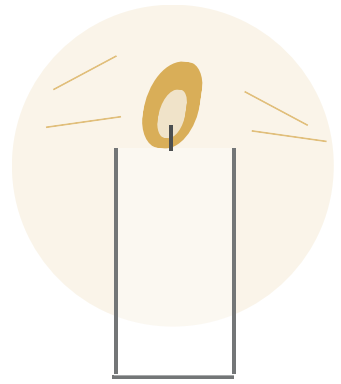


Join us in serving our community! We are excited about hosting a meal at CALL Cafe and we need you to help make it a continued success! This is a wonderful opportunity to share love and care for the community!

We are looking for individuals to help serve the meal and/or donate desserts for this event on November 24. Please contact Aimee Highley at 419.733.8440 or Aimee.highley2@gmail.com.



ALL SAINTS *Sunday*



*The light of Christ continues
to shine through their
witness.*

On Sunday, November 1, we will gather for worship to celebrate All Saints' Sunday. This is a time to remember and give thanks for those in our church family who have entered the church triumphant. During the service, we will read the Roll of the Victorious and light a candle in honor of each life, reminding us that the light of Christ continues to shine through their witness. Please join us for this special day of remembrance, gratitude, and hope as we honor the saints who have gone before us.

A Tradition of Remembrance

The celebration of All Saints' Day dates back to the early centuries of the Church, when Christians began honoring the martyrs who gave their lives for the faith. In the beginning, each martyr was remembered on a particular day, but as the number of witnesses to the faith grew—especially during the Roman persecutions—it became impossible to commemorate them all individually. Out of this challenge came the beautiful practice of setting aside one day to honor all the saints, both known and unknown.

Remembering With Hope

For us, All Saints' Sunday is a tender time of remembrance and hope. We remember with gratitude the people who have gone before us in faith - especially loved ones we have lost in the past year - and we hold onto the hope of Christ's promise of eternal life.

All Saints in the Methodist Tradition

John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, held a deep devotion to the communion of saints. For him, All Saints' Day was not only about remembering the great figures of church history but also about cherishing the spiritual bond that unites all Christians—past, present, and future. He encouraged Methodists to keep the day as a time of reflection and gratitude for God's grace made visible in countless lives.

One Great Family of Faith

It is a day to give thanks for lives that have touched ours, and to rejoice in the truth that we are never alone: we are part of a great family of faith, joined together in God's love.

TRUSTEES *Updates*

The Trustees would like to thank everyone for their generous donations and support toward our new organ. We are grateful for the generosity of our congregation and excited for Carol as she continues learning and exploring all the new features the organ has to offer.

We're also happy to share that the new stair treads have been installed. This improvement has made the stairs safer and more secure for everyone who uses them.

It's exciting to see these projects completed and helping make our church a safer, more welcoming, and more beautiful place.



The school year is off to a great start. In October, our students learn all about Fall. We do projects with leaves, sing songs about squirrels, and enjoy time outside. October finishes up with a Halloween celebration and Monster Munchies. As November approaches, the children learn about the Pilgrims and Native Americans. We focus on activities about being thankful and making and sharing a pot of "stone soup". We also make turkeys and celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday with a feast. We talk and share how thankful we are for our families and friends. We wish everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

CALENDAR *Highlights*

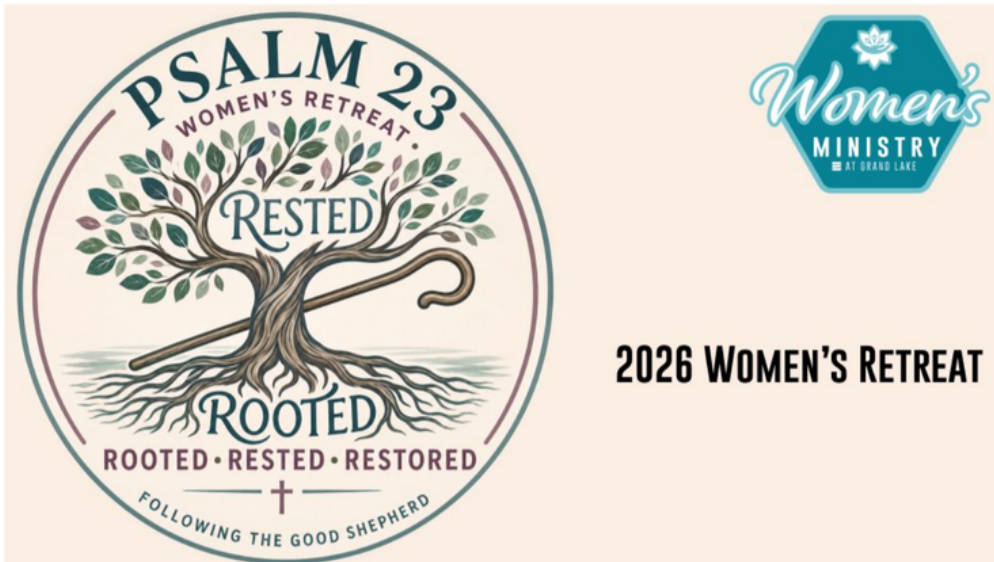
November

17 - Trustees, 7:00pm, Room 605

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

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

THE WOMEN'S MINISTRY ANNUAL RETREAT



2026 WOMEN'S RETREAT

A reminder to those women who have registered for the fall retreat, plan to arrive at Cross Oak Camp & Retreat Center for a meaningful time away as we slow down, reconnect with God, and spend time in the familiar words of Psalm 23. Doors will open at 6:00 pm on Friday October 16, 2026.



If you missed the chance to sign-up for the Just Sisters ministry for women 18+ in the church, you can sign-up for Cycle 2 which will run from January through March. Sign-up for Cycle 2 will take place from November 1 to December 1. Watch for information in the library and in the bulletin.

The next Women's event will be the annual Christmas Celebration to be held on Monday December 7 at 6:30 pm. More details will be coming soon!



ELECTION DAY DINNER

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd | 11:00am - 1:00pm

Join our community for a traditional meal
featuring Baked Chicken or Ham Loaf,
Noodles, Salad, Dessert, Roll & Butter
and Drink!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

- Preparing the chicken (the day before)
- Wrapping silverware (the day before)
- Cutting and plating pies/cakes/salads
- Serving meals (dining & carry out line)
- Serving drinks
- Clearing dishes
- Washing dishes
- Or serving anywhere needed!

SIGN UP BY:

Marking the GPS sheet,
Calling the church office
at 419-586-6621, or
On the church app.

Please also say, "Yes!" when called to donate food items
for this Election Day Dinner!




2026 *Poinsettias*

BEAUTIFY OUR SANCTUARIES
HONOR LOVED ONES
SHARE CHRIST'S LIGHT

Please fill out the form below and return it with your check (memo "Poinsettia") to the church office, put it in the offering plate, or order on the app / website.

Poinsettias will be used to decorate both sanctuaries for Christmas. Orders may be placed in memory or in honor of loved ones for \$15.00 per plant. Please make checks payable to Grand Lake UMC and memo "Poinsettia."

If you don't plan to pick up the flower after Christmas, you may instead give a monetary gift to the Emergency Needs fund. Your name will still be included in the Poinsettia bulletin.

Order form and information will be coming soon!

WEDNESDAY *Supper*

4:45pm-6:00pm

\$4/Person - \$10/Family

October 7 - SANCTUS CHOIR

CHICKEN AND NOODLES, MASHED POTATOES,
APPLE CRISP, SALAD

October 14 - YOUTH

BAKED POTATO BAR WITH CHILI - BROCCOLI -
CHEESE BACON BITS, ICE CREAM, SALAD

October 21 - STAFF

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

October 28 -- WOMENS GROUP

SPAGHETTI, GARLIC BREAD, SALAD, DESSERT

November 4 - PRAISE BAND

LEFT OVER ELECTION DAY FOOD OR CREAMED
CHICKEN SANDWICH, FRENCH FRIES, PEAS,
COOKIES, SALAD

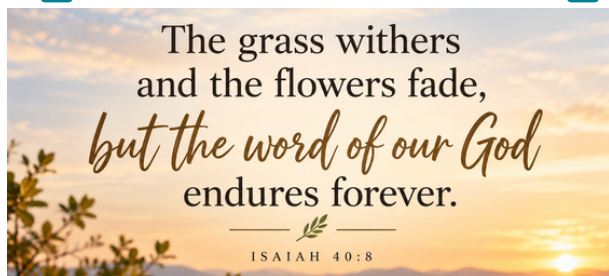
November 11 - YOUTH

CHICKEN AND NOODLES, MASHED POTATOES,
APPLE CRISP, SALAD

November 18 - SERENDIPITY

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

November 25 - NO SUPPER



PEOPLE *Count*

July 2026

Date	Attendance	Giving
7/5/26	221	14,326
7/12/26	223	\$7,610
7/19/26	262	\$7,700
7/26/26	274	\$4,008
AVERAGE	252	\$8,411

August 2026

Date	Attendance	Giving
8/2/26	240	\$18,490
8/9/26	232	\$11,822
8/16/26	235	\$7,010
8/23/26	264	\$6808
8/30/26	222	\$7,929
AVERAGE	239	\$10,420

2026 Weekly Amount Needed: \$11,526

COMMUNITY *Groups*

MONTHLY GROUPS

Monthly Women's Group – This group of women meets once a month from 7:00pm-9:00pm. They will continue with the study of Romans in October and November using the RightNow Media study of Romans by J.D. Greear. The date for October will be decided at the September 25th meeting. 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. Faith in Hostile Times by Bernie Dymet on Right Now Media. This study will start on October 11 and continue until November 8. Starting November 15, we will study Holy Habits with Derwin Gray. This will conclude on December 6. Class will not meet on October 4 due to the 100th Anniversary combined service. 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 continue the study by Dave Stotts, "Bible Backroads - ACTS" on RightNow Media. 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 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: 10:00am-11:30am. Their Bible study will be on the Gospel of John. This group meets year round.

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

Ladies Bible Study: This group meets in the Mercer County Library basement. They will take a break for Summer, resuming on September 16. They will be studying Unshakable Hope by Max Lucado. Please contact Barb Painter if you would like to order a book and join the group in September. 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: 6:00pm-7:30pm in Room 606. They will begin "Defiant Joy" by Candace Payne on September 16, which is a 6 week study focusing on that joy isn't the absence of sorrow, but a confident choice. It encourages women to embrace God's presence, fight against life's cynicism, and cultivate unshakable freedom in any circumstance. All women are welcome to join this group.

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

Wednesday Night Community Group: 6:00pm-7:30pm in Room 216. Beginning September 16, 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: 1:00pm-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: 6:00pm-7:30pm at the Bachelor's home (566 E. Livingston St., Celina). Their Bible study will be in the Gospel of John.

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

Faith grows best when it is shared. Join a community group and discover a place to belong, grow, and walk with others.



matthew25 PROJECT

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

October 4:

St. Paul's: shelf-stable side dishes e.g. mac & cheese, scalloped potatoes.

Montezuma: bath soap.

November 1:

St. Paul's: dry goods e.g. rice, pasta.

Montezuma: bathroom tissue.

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.



OUR Home's August School Supply Drive helped students in Mercer County. Grand Lake UMC donated 20 backpacks (1 filled), 3 tissue boxes, and 18 bags filled with supplies (crayons, markers, folders, glue, pens, pencils, expo markers). Thank you to all who made the first days of school a little brighter for our students!

Good Works Trip September 2026

We had a wonderful mission trip to Good Works on September 11-12. Those who went—Cody Bonifas, Kristy Gross, Tony Gibson, Eric York, Galen Hellwarth, Paula Battistoni, Leon Pancake and Carolyn Pancake—each had a rewarding experience.

We prepared and shared a meal with the community on Friday Night and enjoyed talking with the guests. Saturday we participated in the “Neighbors Helping Neighbors” initiative. We worked in the garden pulling weeds and working the dirt in the greenhouse, laying compost, caring for the chicken pen and mowing. Three lawns, with very tall grass and large weeds, were mowed and trimmed with push mowers, weed eaters, and sometimes with hedge shears. The three elderly ladies were each very grateful for the help. For another elderly lady, we replaced the boards on her deck, pulled weeds around her fence, then sanded and painted the fence. We also cleaned large brush and moved gravel to cover washed out areas on an uphill trail that went to hunting blinds for an 80-year old wheelchair-bound gentleman. He loves nature, hunting, and forestry; and enjoys making duck decoys. Thank you Grand Lake family for your monetary donations and the much needed pantry items. We were able to stock their shelves for the needs of the community and Timothy House. We look forward to going back next year. Watch for the 2027 dates.

Brian & Beth Schwartz Update

Brian & Beth Schwartz, missionaries to The Philippines with Wycliffe Bible Translators, arrived in the US on August 3 on home assignment, until June 2027, and are staying in St. Marys, where Brian’s family lives.

The past few months have been very busy, especially with end-of-school-year activities for Rebecca and Brian. One highlight was attending a celebration for the completion of the Tagakulo New Testament. The translation team has faced many challenges over the years, including the passing of one of the main translators. We take comfort in knowing he is rejoicing in heaven, knowing that the Tagakulo people now have God’s Word in their mother tongue.

Additionally, Beth led a team and traveled eight hours to Jose Abad Santos in Sarangani Province to show the Jesus Film to the Sarangani Manobo. They were thrilled to watch the film in their own language.

Brian is overseeing over 200 maintenance projects during the school break, and we ask for prayer for strength and stamina for the team to ensure the campus is ready for classes starting in August. Working with Beth, a partner from Switzerland spent nearly a month in Obo Manobo land sharing the gospel through baking, equipping people with skills they can use to provide for their families. A strategic consultant and senior field coordinator also visited both the Obo Manobo and the T’Boli translation teams in July.

Thank you for journeying with us. We could not do this without you. Through your partnership, lives are being transformed for His glory.

Serving Together, Brian & Beth Schwartz



Acolyte Training



We want you to be an acolyte and carry in the light of Christ at the 9:00am Traditional Worship! All kids in grades 2 and up are encouraged to serve as Acolytes! Join us on Wednesday, October 14th at 7:30pm for our next Acolyte training! Acolytes serve on a rotation and can be scheduled to fit your calendar! Parents are invited and encouraged to attend! If this date does not work for you, please contact Matt Overman at 419-586-6621 or moverman@grandlakechurch.org and schedule a time to meet up!



Bible Presentation for 2nd Graders



“Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.” – Proverbs 22:6 (NIV) At Grand Lake, we want every child to fall in love with Jesus and grow in their faith. To help nurture that love, we present a Bible to each of our 2nd graders. This year’s Bible presentation will take place on **Sunday, October 18, during all worship services.** If your child cannot attend that day, we will still make sure they receive their Bible. Please RSVP by October 8 by scanning the QR code, letting us know which service you’ll attend—or if you’ll need to pick up your child’s Bible.



No Wednesday Classes on October 7!

Break out the school colors and get ready for the Homecoming Parade!

There will be NO Wednesday evening classes or activities on October 7 so our families can enjoy the festivities, cheer on our students, and take part in the community celebration.

Consider it a one-night break from the usual Wednesday routine. Grab a lawn chair, find a good spot along the parade route, and enjoy some Homecoming fun!

Wednesday classes will resume the following week.



3rd Annual All-Church Birthday Party!



12 Months, 1 Church, Endless Celebration! It's time to celebrate YOU! Our church family is gathering once again for our 3rd Annual All-Church Birthday Party. Everyone will sit with others who share the same birth month and enjoy a fun afternoon of food, fellowship, cake & ice cream, music, and games. Whether you're a January baby or a December one, this is your chance to celebrate your special day with your whole church family! **Saturday, January 9 from 12:00-2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall!** Don't miss out on this joyful tradition—because birthdays are better when we celebrate them together.



November Mission – Angel Tree Support



This November, our mission is to support the Angel Tree program by collecting practical items for local children. We are asking for donations of: socks and underwear for boys and girls (sizes 4 through adult small), hair ties, bows, and other hair accessories. All donations can be dropped off in the collection bin at check-in. Thank you for helping us share warmth, dignity, and love with children in our community this Christmas season!

*Mark
Your
Calendar*

October 7 - NO WEDNESDAY CLASSES - Homecoming Parade

October 11 - Gospel Groovers & Impact Band Play

October 18 - 2nd Grade Bible Presentations in Worship

October 28 - Halloween Party

November 22 - Gospel Groovers & Impact Band Play

November 25 - NO WEDNESDAY CLASSES - Thanksgiving

December 18 & 19 - Live Nativity @ Mercer County Fairgrounds

December 20 - Gospel Groovers & Impact Band Play

December 23 & 30 - No Wednesday Classes

January 9 - All Church Birthday Party 12pm-2pm Fellowship Hall

January 22 - Family Game Night 6pm - Fellowship Hall

March 21 - Palm Sunday - Kids carry in Palms & Sing at Worship



Grand Lake Youth is for all students in grades 5 -12. For more information about any of our activities check the church website, app, or scan the QR code.



YOUTH GROUP

Wednesdays, 6:00pm-7:30pm in the Greenhouse

Worship, pray, hear a message and play games! For all youth in grades 5 - 12.

special dates:

10/7: Homecoming parade, 10/28: Halloween Party

11/18: Thanksgiving meal, 11/25: Thanksgiving: no youth group

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Student and Parent meeting October 11, 10:05am-10:25am in the Greenhouse

Confirmation is the formal process where youth make their faith their own, confirming for themselves the Baptismal vows. Classes start October 25. Open to all youth in eight grade and older.

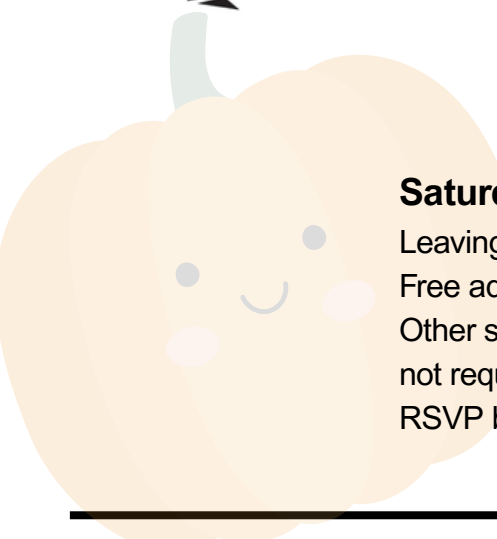
SUPER SUNDAYS

October 18 5:00pm-8:00pm

Many churches from all over Mercer and Auglaize county are working together to make Super Sundays for youth. It is happening at Cross Oak just outside St Marys. There will be food, games, worship and a message.

This is a great event to invite your friends who don't have a home church!

Other dates are January 17 and April 18.



GRAND LAKE
YOUNG ADULTS

YOUNG ADULT

Happenings

Saturday, October 10 - Crossway Farms

Leaving the church at noon

Free admission

Other supplies/ drinks can be purchased if desired, but are not required!

RSVP by October 3.

Saturdays, November 21 - Friendsgiving Carry-in

In the greenhouse, 4:00pm

Please bring a side dish to share!

RSVP by Nov 15 to ensure enough food.



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 & friends of Douglas Cook who passed away 7-14-26, Sister-in-law Amy (Steve) Wade.
- Family & friends of Alice Hussey who passed away 7-26-26.
- Family & friends of Robert Paul Caywood who passed away 8-2-26, son Cordell Hunt.
- Family & friends of Barbara Wade who passed away 8-13-26, son Steve Wade.
- Family & friends of Robert (Bob) Kinnison who passed away 9-2-26.



PRAISES

- Baptism of Simon Gray Frisbey on 7-26-26. Parents Amber & Jonathan Frisbey.
- Baptism of Jackson Wade Bretz on 8-13-26. Parents Jordan & Haley Bretz, siblings Addison and Grayson Bretz.
- Vada Morr 100th birthday on 9-3-26.
- Bob Kelly 94th birthday on 9-26-26.

Thank You

- Thank you so much for the generous outpouring of support and prayer for our family and me. I have had a few setbacks, but I continue this fight against breast cancer feeling supported, encouraged, and loved. Please keep your prayers coming. I miss you all and appreciate you! - Vicki McGee
- Thank you to everyone who donated shoes for Soles4Souls organization. GLUMC collected 1,163 pairs of shoes that will be used to help equip entrepreneurs in low-income countries with shoes to sell, and help create sustainable small businesses that lift families out of poverty and drive community growth.
- Thank you from Celina City Schools, for the donation of \$3,320.01 given for Celina Elementary Student outstanding fees. This was made possible from the generous VBS offering of children and our congregation.
- Thank you so much for the incredible support and love you are showing our family as Beth heals from surgery. We are blessed by your love and support. Beth, Matt, Patrick, Charlie, Markus & Evelyn Overman.



SUPPORT GROUPS

Celina

Narcotics Anonymous
Mondays, 7:00-9:00pm
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

OCTOBER *Servants*

Sanctuary Greeters @ 9:00am

4 Lynn & Rick Krogman (10am)
11 Nancy Kruger & Carolyn Pierstorff
18 Deb & Dave Wagner
25 Suzanne Murlin

Lobby Greeters @ 9:00am

4 Laura & Steve Billger (10am)
11 Sage & Rhen Carpenter
18 Heidi & Dale Moorman
25 Scott Miller Family

Ushers @ 9:00am

4 Dale Moorman
11 Rick Krogman
18 Scott Miller
25 Mitch McGee

Acolyte's @ 9:00am

4 Markus & Evelyn Overman
11 TBD
18 Addison Bretz
25 Harrison Miller

Preschool @ 9:00am

4 NO Classes
11 Derek & Lexi Waterman
18 Andrew & Alyssa Goodwin
25 Mackenzi & Dylan Cummins

Communion Servants @ 9:00am

None Needed

Lobby Greeters @ 10:30am

4 None Needed
11 Jessica Scott & sons
18 Kelly Westgerdes & Kelly Wenning
25 Pat Jones

Ushers @ 10:30am

The Pennington Family

10:00am Check In

4 NO Classes

11 Patrick Overman
18 Carolyn Pancake
25 Charlie Overman

Preschool @ 10:30am

4 NO Classes

11 Laura Wilson
18 Anji Oksa
25 Laura Wilson

School Age @ 10:30am

4 NO Classes

11 Casey Schwieterman
18 Katie Nixon
25 Ashley Giesige

Brianna's Hope Meal

6 Don & Devon Wiley
13 Robyn & Mark
20 Women's Group
27 House of Hope

NOVEMBER

Servants

Sanctuary Greeters @ 9:00am

1 Pam Pottkotter
8 Kathy & Tom Kimmel
15 Heidi & Dale Moorman
22 Laura & Steve Billger
29 Nancy Kruger & Carolyn Pierstorff

Lobby Greeters @ 9:00am

1 Stacy Sanders
8 Lynn & Rick Krogman
15 Scott Miller Family
22 Sage & Rhen Carpenter
29 Scott Miller Family

Ushers @ 9:00am

1 Mitch McGee
8 Vickie McGee & Family
15 Dale Moorman
22 Rick Krogman
29 Scott Miller

Acolyte's @ 9:00am

1 Evelyn Overman
8 Aiden & Ella Snyder
15 Maezee & Landon Bonifas
22 Brecklynn Doner
29 TBD

Preschool @ 9:00am

1 Kayliann Howell
8 Scott & Megan Miller
15 John & Jess Opdycke
22 Dawn Gagle & Ashely Braun
29 Mitch & Amanda McGee

Communion Servants @ 9:00am

Altar Scott Miller
Balcony Frank Snyder
Pews Alyssa & Andrew Goodwin
Lexie & Derrick Waterman

Lobby Greeters @ 10:30am

1 Youth
8 Renee & Kyle Randall
15 Kelly Wenning & Kelly Westgerdes
22 Pat Jones
29

Ushers @ 10:30am

The Pennington Family

10:00am Check In

1 Jocelyn Meyer
8 Patrick Overman
15 Carolyn Pancake
22 Charlie Overman
29 Markus Overman

Preschool @ 10:30am

1 Leslie Chandler
8 Laura Wilson
15 Anji Oksa
22 Laura Wilson
29 TBD

School Age @ 10:30am

1 TBD
8 Casey Schwieterman
15 Katie Nixon
22 Ashley Giesige
29 Matt Overman

Brianna's Hope Meal

3 Meal Needed
10 Circle of Grace
17 Meal Needed
24 House of Hope

BIRTHDAYS

October

1	Phillip Bittner	16	Theresa Branson
2	Dennis Howick		Marcieta Brookhart
	Beverly Tester		Janice Poppe
	Chloe Billger		Frederick Wurster
	Kayliann Howell		Karaline Sorenson
	Levi Holt	17	Monty Hathaway
3	Shawn Murlin		Robert Sheets
	Robyn Sheets	20	Jennifer Fleming
	Wesley Greber	21	Garrett Giesige
4	Noelle Sudhoff	22	Alex Buehler
6	Bryn Baucher		Kash Fite
	Casey Rolfes	23	Evan Arnold
	Dianne Wiehe	24	Lori Koch
	Evan Heindel	25	Angie Jaeger
8	Weston Waterman		Dan Wilkinson
9	Viola Gossett		Connor Ellis
	Jacqueline Patch		Leslie Chandler
11	Richard Barger	26	Lynn Krogman
	Eldon Eichenauer		Preston Meyer
	John Opdycke		Avery Messner
	Oliver Howell	27	Gail Byers
12	Gwen Howell		Ashlyn Pierstorff
	Luke Puthoff		Lisa Rolfes
13	Kelsey Gudorf		Diane Whitehead
	Gavin Hyman	28	Colleen Bigham
	Betty Lawrence	29	Riggs Post
	Joel Sheets		Angela Schlater
14	James Heinrich		Sage Carpenter
	Megan Menchhofer	30	Corey Greber
	Hunter Messner		Ashley Sudhoff
	Sage Garwood		Christopher Wilson
	Claire Gudorf	31	Luke Westgerdes
15	Elizabeth Trigg		

BIRTHDAYS

November

1	Myles Bonifas Kailyt LaDow Kaiden Wiehe	20	Becky Smith Jacob Smith Emma Whistler
2	Lawrence Schopen Carol Santa	21	Sophie Gudorf Cheri Smith Haley Siegrist Rey Gudorf
3	Diane Twigg Vaelynn Orick	22	Cody Bonifas Michael Gudorf
4	Kathleen Temple	23	Roberta Bonifas Jessica Scott Angela Smith Carol Zender Nathan Meyer
5	Thomas Smith	24	Mary VanTilburg George Tester
6	Jane Garbig Betty J Smith	26	Carolyn Pancake
7	Joshua Sheets	27	Taylor Westgerdes Brandon Heath
8	Amanda Reilly Santino Zambrano	29	James McGee Sara Schulte Derek Waterman
10	Ava Homan Asher Pierstorff Ashleigh Rausch	30	Jonny Dicke Katie Stamper Owen Williams Kenneth VanTilburg Lydia Heilers
11	Finn Gudorf Navy Fite		
14	Thomas Moore Brycen Howell		
17	Cheryl Fennig Brian Stetler Scarlette Schott		
18	Jaime Glenn		
19	Carolyn Leffler Patricia Jones		

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