

THE TACKLEBOX

Spreading Real Hope for Real Life in Jesus Christ Across the Grand Lake Region



April 2024

Sunday Services:

Traditional at 9:00am and Contemporary at 10:30am at St. Paul's, 119 E. Fulton St., Celina Blended at 10:30am at 40 S. High St., Montezuma

Welcome to Grand Lake UMC

At Grand Lake UMC, we welcome people from all backgrounds, regardless of where they are on their spiritual journey. We hope you find us a place where you are warmly welcomed and feel at home. We offer a Traditional Worship at 9:00am and a Contemporary Worship at 10:30am at St. Paul's, and a Blended Worship at 10:30am at Montezuma. At each service, we are committed to offering the timeless truth of the Bible in a way that makes sense for today. We are serious about connecting in relevant ways with all ages. Childcare and Children's programming are available during St. Paul's Worship times.

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Sunday Activities • St. Paul's

8:45-11:45am - Nursery Care
(Nursery for infants to Age 3 years in Room 208)
9:00am - Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary)
10:30am - Contemporary Worship Service
(Sanctuary)
Sunday School (see listings below)

Sunday Activities • Montezuma

10:30am - Blended Worship Service

Sunday School • St. Paul's

Children's Classes - 9:00-10:00am

Preschool children, ages 3-5 years: Rooms 306-307 Children, Kindergarten-4th Grade: Room 301-302

Children's Classes - 10:00-10:30am & 11:30-11:45am

All Children (3 years-Grade 4): JAM in Treehouse (Room 312)

Children's Classes - 10:30-11:30am

Preschool children, ages 3-4 years: Rooms 306-307 Children, Grades 5 yrs old-Kindergarten: Rooms 301-302 Children, Grades 1 & 2: Rooms 308-309 Children, Grades 3 & 4: Rooms 304-305

Youth Classes - 10:15-11:15am

5th-12th Graders—Greenhouse on the 2nd & 4th Sundays

Adult Classes - 10:15-11:15am

Apologetics, Bridge Builders, Legacy, Pairs 'n Spares Combined—Rooms 201-202 Serendipity - Room 217

Pastor's Page

Submitted by Pastor Debbie Ketcham

Wow, the past nine months have flown by! Although our time together was not as long as expected, I wanted to lift up praises for those who stepped up in a mighty way, into a new future for Grand Lake.

I praise God for the Administrative Council who is visioning, planning, and engaging in mission and ministry in new ways. I praise God for the new missional grant of \$51,000.00 that will create a coalition in Mercer County that will come alongside returning citizens (from prison and jail) giving them a hand-up. I praise God for the new mission grant of \$1500.00 that is the starter base to create additional housing at Hands-Up Village. I praise God for the new study Clean, Sober, & Saved that teaches Jesus is the center of any recovery process, through a grant from the Bishop's Go Give Award. I praise God for the sound financial footing this church has and the ways it administers its resources.

I praise God for Brianna's Hope and the support of many volunteers from our congregation. I praise God that even with less staffing, we are still a fully programmed church. I praise God for the laity who have stepped out in faith as liturgists, offering us wonderful prayers from their heart. I praise God for the gift of evangelism given to Kyle Houts and the way God has worked in his life in a mighty way. I praise God for the new member class in the fall and the Confirmands this past week plus the blessing each parent gave their youth at the Blessing Dinner. I praise God for the faithful members and attenders who give of their prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness for the glory of God.

I pray for the continuation, training, and expansion of the lay leadership of the church. Each person drawn to our church has been gifted by God, and when we partner with God, working together for the Kingdom of God, lives are changed.

I ask for your prayers as I work with my next churches to help them be all that God has created them to be as witnesses of Jesus Christ. May the Holy Spirit continue to fill the church, equip believers, and bring new people to Christ.

In Christian Love,

Pastor Debbie

Greeters

9:00am • St. Paul's

7th Sanctuary Nancy Heppeard & Stacy

Sanders

Lobby Nancy & Larry Florence

14th Sanctuary Alanna Bush & Susie Wurster

Lobby Nancy Heppeard & Stacy

Sanders

21st Sanctuary Angie Jaeger & Terri Shinn

Lobby Nancy & Larry Florence

28th Sanctuary Joyce & Allan Smith Lobby Gena & Phil Bittner

10:30am • St. Paul's

7th Lobby Youth

14th Lobby Wyatt & Rhen Carpenter

21st Lobby Kelly Wenning & Kelly

Westgerdes

28th Lobby Jessica Scott & Sons



Ushers

9:00am • St. Paul's

7th Mike Salyer

14th Deb Nutt

21st Connie Davis

28th Rick Krogman

Communion Servants

St. Paul's April 7, 2024

Altar Servants: David

Sundersingh

Balcony: Frank Snyder

Pews in Main Sanctuary:

Diana Spencer (Captain)

Sauny Rockey

Joyce Smith

Shiela Sundersingh





Wednesday Supper St. Paul's Fellowship Hall

April 3 - Youth

Sloppy Joes, Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Potato Chips, Apple Crisp, Salad, Coffee & Lemonade

April 10 - Serendipity

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Potato Chips, Green Beans, Salad, Cake, Coffee & Lemonade

April 17 - Together in Faith

Chicken Breast, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Salad, Dessert, Coffee & Lemonade

April 24 - Wildside Class

Taco Salad Bar, Dessert, Coffee & Lemonade

Counting people because people count!

March 2024

Attendance Date Giving 3/3 236 \$12,160 3/10 213 \$8,436 3/17 230 \$6,815 3/24 306 \$6,701 Not available Not available

2024 Weekly Amount Needed: \$12,191

246

3/31

AVERAGE

\$8,528

Welcome Back Whistler Family!

It is with great joy and anticipation that we extend our warmest welcome to Pastor Mick Whistler and his family as we welcome them back to begin their journey with us here at Grand Lake. As we embark on this new chapter together, we are filled with hope and excitement for the blessings and growth that lie ahead. Let us cover their family in prayer as they acclimate back to Grand Lake UMC and the Grand Lake community.





COMMUNITY CARRY-IN DINNER AT MONTEZUMA

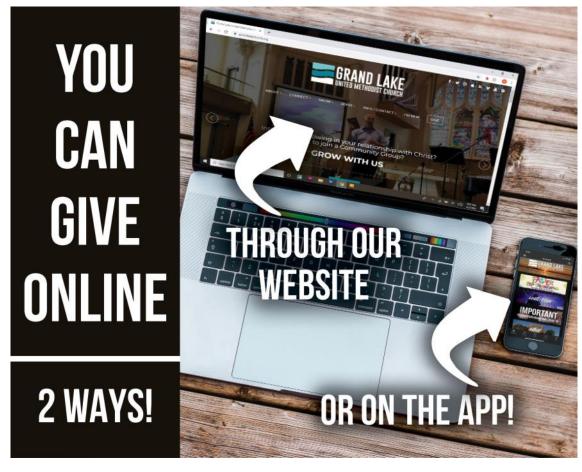
Sunday, April ??, 2024 (Date TBD - watch the bulletin for more info) at the Montezuma Campus at 12:00pm

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Good Food, Family Fun & Fellowship!

Bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share!





TWO EASY WAYS TO GIVE:

(1) Click the "Give" icon on our Grand Lake Church App OR

(2) At our website at grandlakechurch.org/give

The "Give" menu in the app and on the website has been updated to allow giving with the following frequency choices:

- One time gift
- Weekly
- Monthly
- Every two weeks
- Twice a month

Thank you to all who give in person, by mail or online to support the ministries of our church.

Real Life Moms

Real Life Moms (RLM) is a group that supports and encourages moms to help them find joy in motherhood. RLM meets on the 1st Wednesday morning of each month, from 9:30-11:00am at St. Paul's in Room 306-307. RLM also has Moms Night Out on the 3rd Friday of each month. All Moms are welcome to join in any of these events!

April 3 RLM, St. Paul's

Room 306-307 9:30-11:00am

April 19 Moms Night Out, LaCarreta,

6:30pm

No Childcare Available



RLM would like to find a volunteer(s) willing to commit to one morning a month to provide childcare for the group so that they are able to meet separately from the children. If you are interested in helping, please contact Jess Schott at 614-499-7695 or jboden1224@gmail.com.

Men's Ministry

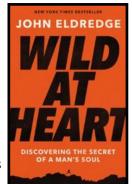
Dates: Meet the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, April 14 & 28

Time: 5:00-6:30pm

Location: St. Paul's Campus in the Lounge (Room 213)

The Men's Ministry is studying, "Wild at Heart: Discovering the Secret of a Man's Soul" by John Eldredge on RightNow Media.

All men are welcome to join in the group. God designed men to be dangerous, says John Eldredge. Simply look at the dreams and desires written in the heart of every boy: To be a hero, to be a warrior, to live a life of adventure and risk. Sadly, most men abandon those dreams and desires -aided by a Christianity that feels like nothing more than pressure to be a "nice guy." It is no wonder that many men avoid church, and those who go



are often passive and bored to death. In this provocative book, Eldredge gives women a look inside the true heart of a man and gives men permission to be what God designed them to bedangerous, passionate, alive, and free!

CarePartners

The CarePartner Ministry was started in 2010. Since that time, many persons have answered the need to care for persons in our congregation, or in the community, who need a friend and a listening ear. Some of these "receivers" are home-bound in their own home, some are in assisted living facilities, and others are active persons who enjoy a friendly note/visit from a caring person!

The CarePartner ministry is led by Pastor Dean Bachelor, who leads the group in monthly meetings on the 3rd Monday of every other month in Room 216-217, where they have a devotional, share concerns, and/or have a teaching. The next regular meeting is May 20.



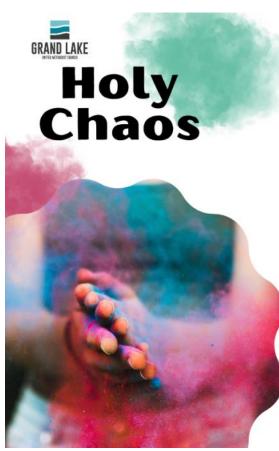
Consider being a CarePartner if you enjoy visiting with folks and gaining a new friend in the process! Training classes are held each Fall.

Our senior citizens enjoy, appreciate, and need our thoughts, prayers and particularly our calls and visits. Whether family members or church members, a little extra time for them can make a huge difference. Contact the church office for a list of all our shut-ins, nursing home, and elderly members. Your "Acts of Kindness" are a blessing to/for them.

Crosses Available in St. Paul's Library

Crosses are available in the Library at St. Paul's for anyone who would like to display one in their yard. These crosses were created and painted by Phil & Cheryl Fennig. Donations are accepted, but not required, to help cover the cost of the crosses.





NEW DATE & TIME!

THE HOLY CHAOS COMMUNITY GROUP IS CHANGING THEIR MEETING FORMAT! WE WILL NOW BE MEETING ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH AT 6:00PM AT MATT & BETH OVERMAN'S HOUSE FOR A CARRY IN DINNER AND CONVERSATION. CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO COME AND PLAY WHILE THE ADULTS TALK THAT IS WHY OUR GROUP IS CALLED HOLY CHAOS). WE WILL CONTINUE TO SERVE A MEAL AT BRIANNA'S HOPE TOGETHER. FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE PASTOR MATT!

Keep in Touch!

Please keep in touch by calling 419-586-6621 or emailing office@grandlakechurch.org.



Do we have your current address, phone number and email address?

Please let us know if you or your loved ones are:

- in the hospital,
- in a rehab center,
- in a nursing home, or
- scheduled for a surgery or procedure.

This will help us to be able to share love and support.



A Better Life—Brianna's Hope/Celina

Brianna's Hope is "a participant-driven, faith-based and compassion-filled support and recovery group for those fighting the battle with addiction." We want to be the other choice, an opportunity for "a better life." Our door is open; you need only walk through it. Whether we are your first choice or your last hope, we believe we can make a difference in your life. This group meets every Tuesday from 6:00-7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall at Grand Lake UMC/St. Paul's Campus. There is a free meal at 6:00pm. The meeting begins at 6:30pm. Questions? Contact: Bonnie Vorhees at 419-790-4774 or Kim Winans at 419-733-7079 or kimwinans@yahoo.com.



RightNow Media

This is a reminder that RightNow Media is available for everyone! We have purchased unlimited access to thousands of Christian videos and are giving free access to everyone in our church. You may gain free access by texting "RightNow GrandLakeUMC" to 41411 or through https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/GrandLake.

Several groups are using studies from RightNow Media. The Wednesday evening Women's

Group is studying, "The Book of Joshua" by Louie Giglio. The combined adult Sunday School class is using the RightNow Media study, "One Hit Wonder Series." And Serendipity is continuing the "Drive Thru History: Bible Backroads: Galatians and Ephesians." The Men's Ministry is finishing, "Wild at Heart: Discovering the Secret of a Man's Soul" by John Eldredge on RightNow Media. You are able to access many, many more Christian videos at your leisure.



If you have any problems gaining access, please contact the church office at 419-586-6621 or office@grandlakechurch.org.



CHAPEL PRAYER ROOM

Located on the 2nd floor of St. Paul's education wing in Room 215

The Chapel Prayer Room is open whenever the church is open. Come in the morning for a few minutes of silence before work. Come at noon to have your soul refreshed. Come in the afternoon for rejuvenation. Come in the evening to say, "Thank You." Come any time of day your schedule allows or as God is beckoning. It's a place to take account of your life, it's a place to allow healing to begin, it's a place of comfort and peace, and it's a place where the Holy Spirit is available and alive.

EMMAUS WALK

The WALK to Emmaus is a retreat experience that is a 72-hour short course in Christianity, comprised of fifteen talks by lay and clergy on the themes of God's grace, disciplines of Christian discipleship, and what it means to be the Church. The course is wrapped in prayer and meditation, special times of Worship and daily celebration of Holy Communion. This weekend is an opportunity to experience renewal and growth in your spiritual life in ways that you can't even anticipate.

Upcoming Dates at Sidney:

Women's—June 6-9, 2024 & October 10-13, 2024 Men's—November 7-10, 2024



If you are interested and would like more information about the Walk to Emmaus, please sign up online at grandlakechurch.org/groups or call the church office at 419-586-6621.



What is a Community Group?

G - Guided by a Leader:

Every community group needs a leader. The leader is a capable, qualified Grand Lake member/regular attendee who assumes spiritual responsibility for this community group of people. He/She/they agree to love and invest in these people and strive to lead them to grow closer to God and to be in relationship with one another.

R - Regular meeting times, preferably weekly:

The goal is to meet frequently enough for friendships to form and to be able to recognize when someone is not connected or struggling.

O - Open God's Word:

When groups meet, time is set aside to explore and discuss God's Word together. The Bible is always the central driving force behind everything we do. The focus in a community group is to talk about God's Word together in a way that helps us to be more obedient so that we will be "doers" of the Word and not "hearers" only. (James 1:22)

U – United in Love:

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The goal is to not only grow closer to God but also to each other in order to reach COMMUNITY – authentically being a part of each other's lives – throughout the week and not just during the meetings. A healthy community group is bound by a "Community Group Covenant."

P - Pray for one another:

Time will always be set aside where we can genuinely share what's going on in our lives and authentically pray for one another.

If you have been thinking about being in a Bible study, please pray about joining one of these groups.

Sign up for any community group online at grandlakechurch.org/community groups or on the Grand Lake App/Community Groups. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Debbie Ketcham at 419-586-6621 or dketcham@grandlakechurch.org.

SUNDAY GROUPS

Apologetics & Bridge Builders & Pairs 'n Spares – These adult classes are meeting together in Rooms 201-202 at 10:15am. Anyone looking for a place to study Bible truths is welcome to join us. They are using a Right Now Media study, "One Hit Wonder Series" which are narrative accounts by Bible personalities only mentioned one time in the Bible. These characters are often not named, such as the owner of the donkey Jesus rode for His Triumphal Entry. The story lines are imaginative about the character in order to emphasize the importance of an event or teaching. We will continue this series through the Spring.

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

Serendipity Group - This group meets on Sundays at 10:15am in Room 217. They will continue with studying "Drive Thru History, Bible Backroads: Galatians & Ephesians" on RightNow Media. **Contact:** Sandy Snyder (419-586-6537 or sandy@snydercity.com)

Men's Ministry – This group meets on the 2nd & 4th Sundays at 5:00pm in the Lounge. They are currently studying, "Wild at Heart: Discovering the Secret of a Man's Soul" by John Eldredge. All men are welcome to join in this study.

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

Holy Chaos Group - This group is open to people of all ages. Children are welcome to attend with their parents. This group meets monthly on the first Sunday of the month at Pastor Matt & Beth Overman's home at 815 E. Wayne St. at 6:00pm. The group will have a carry-in dinner and conversation. We will continue to serve a meal at Brianna;s Hope together.

Contact: Pastor Matt Overman (419-733-3586 or moverman@grandlakechurch.org)

TUESDAY GROUP

Otterbein Group—This group meets the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month at Otterbein St Marys (Meditation Room across from the Front Desk) from 12:30-1:30pm. This group is studying 1 Peter; just bring your Bible. Space may be somewhat limited, so please call Pastor Dean if you plan to attend.

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

WEDNESDAY GROUPS

Bible Study for Men & Women at Montezuma - This group meets on Wednesdays at 10:00am at the Montezuma campus, and they are studying the Gospel of John. Bring your Bible.

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

WEDNESDAY GROUPS (cont'd)

Ladies Bible Study - This group meets on Wednesdays at 10:00am in the basement of the Mercer County District Library. They are studying "31 Proverbs to Light Your Path" by Liz Curtis Higgs. All women are welcome.

Contact: Kathy Webster (847-909-4075 or kwebs71681@aol.com)

Together in Faith Study – This group meets on Wednesdays at 6:00pm in Room 216 and is open to everyone, both men and women. Join us as we explore some of the Twelve Minor Prophets in the Old Testament like Hosea, Joel and Jonah.

Contact: Scott Miller (419-203-8423 or scott.miller2014@yahoo.com)

Women's Bible Study - This group is continuing the RightNow Media study, "The Book of Joshua" by Louie Giglio. This group meets on Wednesdays at 6:00pm in Room 606. The first week in April we will help Ugly Sleeping Bags as a class.

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

Untagle Your Emotions - What if instead of ignoring our feelings, we noticed them, named them, and let God use them to draw us closer to Himself and others? Many of us need to unlearn damaging messages about our emotions. We've been taught, for example, that emotions are untrustworthy, when, in fact, God can use them to help us see where we need his healing. In this six -session series, Jennie Allen uses scientific research, biblical insight, and her own story to help you name and navigate your emotions and learn how they can draw you closer to the God who made you—soul, mind, and heart. We will meet starting Wednesday, April 10, from 6:00-7:30pm and meet every other week in room 201-202. Meeting dates will be: April 10, April 24, May 8, May 22, June 5 & June 19. Please register

on the website, app, by scanning the QR code or call the church office. **Contact:** Pastor Matt (419-733-3586 or moverman@grandlakechurch.org)

THURSDAY GROUP

Young Adult Women's Study – This study is for Young Women, ages 18-24 years. They will study "Bad Girls of the Bible" by Liz Curtis Higgs, beginning Thursday, April 4 from 6:00-7:30pm at the Greenhouse, and meeting every other Thursday. A light snack will be provided.

Contact: Dana Sheets (dsheets@grandlakechurch.org, 419-852-6608)

OTHER GROUP

Monthly Women's Group – This group meets once/month, next on April 15, at 7:00pm in Room 606. They are studying "Encountering Jesus" and will discuss Session 5.

Contact: Robyn Sheets (419-586-6621 or rsheets@grandlakechurch.org)





C.A.L.L. Donations

C.A.N. Sunday (Caring About Neighbors) at St. Paul's campus is the first Sunday of the month, April 7. For April, C.A.L.L. is requesting canned goods, especially fruits & vegetables.

Montezuma's campus is collecting deodorant for April for C.A.L.L. (Community Action Life Line).

Items may be brought into St. Paul's Lobby and Montezuma's Commons on Sunday, April 7 to support this ministry.

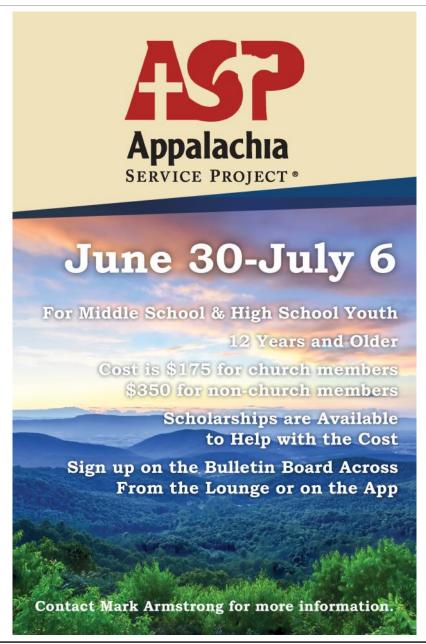
C.A.L.L. Ministries sent a thank you for the \$1,000 given to them.

Our next CALL Cafe meal will be on Tuesday, May 28. If your Sunday school class or group would like to volunteer or prepare food for any of these, please contact Alison Sorenson (260-519-0688, or amsorenson@yahoo.com)...

Empty Bowls—OUR Home

At 5:30pm on April 13 at the American Legion, Our Home will be having their yearly "Empty Bowls" fundraiser. You can purchase tickets for this event at Our Home Family Resource Center at 117 W. Fayette St. Celina.









Prayer Shawls and Prayer Squares Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets every Wednesday evening from 6:00-7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. All who want to meet to work on their prayer shawls and prayer squares are welcome to come. Michelle is happy to show you how to get started! We have plenty of yarn for everyone. Bring your finished items to the church office, and we will tag and bless them before giving them to those who need encouragement. Thank you to all those who are faithful to this ministry! If you have any questions, call or email Michelle Heindel at mheindel@grandlakechurch.org or 419-852-0059. Also, if you know of anyone

who needs encouragement, you are welcome to pick up a prayer square or prayer shawl from the Chapel Prayer Room or Main Street entrance to share with them.



CREATIVE DISCOVERY NEWS

Submitted by Mindy Sudhoff

www.creative discovery preschool.com

We would like to thank everyone who came to our Open House and Book Fair. We enjoyed seeing everyone! We also want to thank everyone who came to our Bunny Hutch to celebrate Easter. We got to have our special guests go with us through Easter stations, decorating eggs, and making baskets; and, the Easter Bunny came to visit! We also will be spending time this month doing Spring activities and will hopefully be able to get outside to play on the playground with the warmer weather.

Ugly Sleeping Bag Project

The Ugly Sleeping Bag project meets weekly on Wednesdays from 6:00-7:30pm in St. Paul's Fellowship Hall. This mission project puts together sleeping bags for the homeless. Everyone is welcome, from pre-teen to 100 years old! If your community group has a free or open week, you are welcome to come to the Fellowship Hall to help!





Save the Dates

Big Tent Worship & Carnival - May 19 ASP - June 30-July 6





Volunteers Needed

Do you have a heart for helping people going through a rough time? Maybe you know what its like to need a little extra help? Maybe you wish you had a church family around when you needed help? There is a family new to our church who needs just that, an adult and his two school-aged children. Matthew 25 mission team is assisting in finding individuals able to help transport the family once in a while to church on Sundays or Wednesdays or perhaps to the store during the day. There are several people on his success team now, but with schedules/families/jobs/vacations etc. volunteers aren't always available. If you are interested in helping to transport or in using the church van to transport, please email the mission team at missions@grandlakechurch.org.

Mission Assistance

The Matthew25 Missions Team strongly encourages involvement in mission projects and trips. To this end, we will support those who would like to attend a mission trip or project with our prayers, finances and encouragement Matthew25 is willing to offer scholarships to persons who could use some financial help to make it possible.

Please contact the missions team at missions@grandlakechurch.org for a Mission Assistance Application, which includes a list of the Guidelines to be considered for assistance. The Application should be submitted several weeks before the trip or project is to take place.



Reentry Coalition & Grant

By the time you are reading this, we will have had our first "Reentry Lunch & Learn" with area leaders. Our plan was to host two of these lunch time info meetings in the Greenhouse, but mother nature had other plans. The night before the event a tornado came through that forced us to cancel the first one. These Lunch & Learns are our first step towards building a Reentry Coalition in Mercer County. This is very much a grassroots movement that will take time and patience to put together. The grant we were awarded will be used to provide assistance to those impacted by incarceration. It is my prayer that through this intentional outreach we can restore hope & healing in the lives of those impacted by incarceration and provide successful reentry into the Grand Lake Community. If you would like to be involved in the Reentry Coalition or have more questions, please email Alison Sorenson (amsorenson13@gmail.com) and if you have a referral of someone who has been incarcerated and may need extra help via the reentry grant, please email us at reentry@grandlakechurch.org.

Join the Matt25 team on April 28 during both services for "Second Chance Sunday" as we welcome a speaker from the Four Friends Speaker Bureau. She will share her first hand knowledge of what it means to be incarcerated and a returning citizen.





Choosing Life Pregnancy Center

Choosing Life has made a request for diaper donations in sizes 5-7. They also reported that the walk in ultrasound program on Fridays has seen huge success. Many ladies are coming through getting that first bonding glimpse of their developing baby. The ultrasound tech that is volunteering has to miss out on a day of pay to volunteer her time. The Choosing Life team is accepting donations towards a salary to provide the tech to offset her time and commitment every Friday. If you would like to donate towards this cause OR you know a retired ultrasound tech looking for volunteer hours please contact the Choosing Life Pregnancy Center at 567-890-5433

MATTHEW 25 sent \$1,060 to Choosing Life Pregnancy Center in February, which was given to GLUMC and specifically designated for local missions. Thank you to those who give extra, so that our local missions can be supported!



Easter Egg Offering

Thank you to those who gave an extra gift this Easter, which will be used by the Appalachia Service Project work team in June/July. The total amount received will be known after the collection is received during the Easter season.





Newsletter from Brian & Beth Schwartz

Newsletter from Brian & Beth Schwartz, missionaries to The Philippines, serving at Faith International Academy, a school for children of missionaries.

The newsletter is posted on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. You may contact Brian at brian_schwartz@sil.org.

"The Schwartz Journal -- February 2024

Hearts Overflowing — 2023 was a year marked with God's sovereignty and faithfulness, memorable moments and at times rough roads in this ministry that God has entrusted to us. However, our hearts overflow with gladness and the gratitude with the picture described in Psalm 65:11 "You crown the year with a bountiful harvest; even the hard pathways overflow with abundance." (NLT) Among the highlights are meaningful connections and accomplishments in ministry which bring joy and fulfillment.

An event will be held on Marcy 8th and 9th celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Obo Manobo Active Language Resource and Community Development, Inc, which is a translation collaborative effort between several organizations, churches, and individuals. The translation of the New Testament demanded great collaboration, and now we are looking to God to see who He brings together to accomplish the Old Testament translation for the Obo Manobo people.

It is a privilege to be able to serve other missionaries through educating their children. We are personally grateful for Faith International Academy, and their staff. Without FIA, we would need to spend a considerable amount of our time teaching and preparing Rebecca (their daughter) for life. By partnering with FIA, we can spend more time focusing on the work God has called us to accomplish. However, FIA needs new staff to keep their ministry operating efficiently. Below is a list of positions that are needed for 2024-25, with the opportunity to serve God and families in Christian Ministry:

 Head of School, Nurse, HS English, Secondary Math, Secondary Science, MS Social Studies, Elementary Music, Librarian, ESL Teacher, Athletic Director, PE Teachers, Facilities Manager, Elementary teachers, IT Admin, HS Foreign Language Teacher"



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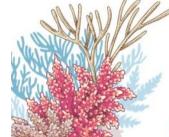




SAVE THE DATE!

SUNDAY - THURSDAY

JULY 14-18, 2024 6:00-8:30PM







VBS Decorating supplies needed!

Lisa Snyder is working on decorations for our Scuba VBS and is looking for clean, clear, non-smashed #1 or #2 plastic recyclables (they have the 1 or 2 in the recycling symbol on the bottom; think 2-liter bottles, juice bottles, Gatorade bottles, etc.) and pool noodles (any color). You can drop any donations to the church office!

Other Upcoming Events for 2024



- Last Wednesday Night May 22
- Big Tent Worship & Carnival May 19
- Fall Sunday Morning Kick Off September 15
- Fall Wednesday Night Kick Off September 18
- Halloween Party October 30





Kids Night Out

MOTHERS DAY 2024



WHEN: FRIDAY MAY 10 5:30-8PM WHERE: GRAND LAKE UMC

WHO ALL KIDS 0 - 4TH GRADE

(SPACE IS LIMITED FOR EACH GROUP!)

COST: \$5/CHILD

WHAT: DINNER, MOVIE, CRAFT, GAMES AND MORE! RESERVE YOUR SPOT ON THE WEBSITE/APP/QR CODE













REMEMBER & HONOR

THERE WILL BE NO KIDS CLASSES ON SUNDAY MAY 27.

NURSERY WILL BE AVAILABLE.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL KICK OFF ON JUNE 2!







Youth News

Submitted by Dana Sheets

News for Youth Grades 5-12 & their parents!







Parents/guardians we are on Facebook, Instagram and Remind-use class code: @hgebc2 for the Grand Lake Youth News! Pease follow us for the most up to date information!

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

1st Sunday

We serve at the 10:30am Contemporary Service. Be in the Lobby by 10:15am. Use the OR code below to sign up! We serve April 7.

We need you!



2nd & 4th Sundays

We have Sunday School in the Greenhouse from 10:30-11:30am with donuts.



3rd & 5th Sundays

We attend service in the Sanctuary; the Youth are invited to worship together in the back pews at the 10:30am service or with their family.

Special Visitors

We have visitors!! On Wednesday, April 3 the 3^{rd} and 4^{th} graders will be hanging out with us!! And they will visit again on Wednesday, May 1!! We can't wait to see them!!



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Pancake Fundraiser

There is a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser to raise funds for Youth to attend camp or ASP on Sunday, April 14 from 10:00amnoon. The Youth are encouraged to sign up to sell tickets; ticket sales will take place in the Library from 10:00-10:30am on Sundays and from 4:45-5:45pm on Wednesdays. Tickets cost \$10.00/person. Youth can also earn money by helping make, serve and clean up after breakfast as well. There will be sign up sheets at the Connection Center in the Library and at the Greenhouse.

Youth Serve Supper!

We have only two days left to serve supper for this school year. Please be in the Fellowship Hall by 4:40pm to help serve. On April 3, the 8th-12th Grade Youth serve supper. On April 24, the 5th-7th Grade Youth serve supper.

Snack Grab

Snack Grab!! We only have two more snack grabs left this school year!! Please bring in your favorite snack to share! On April 17, the 8th-12th Grade Youth bring snacks to share. On May 8, the 5th-7th Grade Youth bring snacks to share.

Seniors

Parents and Guardians: congratulations! You have almost reached the end of your child's 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, and we would like to celebrate with you! On May 19, during our Sunday morning worship services at St. Paul's, we will recognize our high school and college graduates. Your family will get to choose if you would like your Youth to be recognized at the 9:00am or 10:30am service. The 10:30am service will be in conjunction with our Big Tent worship. I would appreciate it if you could share some information with me for the slides that will be shown at the 9:00am service and for the newsletter. Please complete the digital form using the following link or the QR code by Sunday, April 21.

If you do not wish for your child to participate, or if you have any

questions, please let me know. Thank you for your help with this recognition of our Seniors.



Grad Info

Young Adults

Submitted by Dana Sheets

News for Young Adults!

Young Adult Men

Young Adult Men are encouraged to join the Men's Group on the 2nd and 4th Sundays in the Lounge from 5:00-6:30pm. They are studying John Eldredge's Wild at Heart.

Young Adult Women

Young Adult Women ages 18-24, starting on April 4, there is a study offered called "Bad Girls of the Bible" by Liz Curtis Higgs. We will meet over at the Greenhouse from 6:00-7:30pm. A light snack will be provided. Please come and join us!

Are you a Young Adult between the ages of 18-24? If so, and you are looking for ways to get connected to Grand Lake-please contact Dana Sheets at 419-852-6608; she would love to help you make some connections!





Grand Lake UMC extends sympathy to:

- Family of Karen Schuh, who passed away 2-24-24. Grandmother of Matt (Tiffany) Broerman. Great-grandmother of Kayden & Liam Broerman.
- Family of Milt Miller who passed away 3-10-24. Brother of Gwen (Keith) Ley.

PRAISES

- Birth of Juniper Jane Miller 10-6-23. Parents are Ericca & Austin Miller. Grandparents are Ellen (Lehman & Jon Jones. Great-grandparents are Mike & Jane Lehman.
- Adoption of Jayda Lange Overman by the Pastor Matt & Beth Overman family on 3-12-24.
- Vow Renewal of Bobby & Alice Huston on 3-16-24 at St. Paul's/

THANK YOU

Grand Lake United Methodist Church,

Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$1,060.00 on check #27905. Your gift will help us continue our mission of helping those in pregnancy situations and help to save the unborn.

God Bless You,

The Choosing Life Board



Highlights for April 2024 at Grand Lake UMC

Weekly Events

Sundays

Nursery Care (until 11:45am, SP 208) Traditional Worship (SP Sanctuary & 8:50am 9:00am Online), Children's Discipleship Classes

(SP 3rd Floor)

10:00am Refreshments (SP Fellowship Hall), Children's JAM (SP 3rd Floor)

10:15am Apologetics / Bridge Builders / Pairs 'n Spares (SP 201-202), Serendipity (SP 217), Youth

Serve (1st—Meet in SP Lobby)

10:30am Contemporary Worship (SP Sanctuary & Online), Children's Discipleship Classes (SP 3rd Floor), Youth Sunday School (2nd & 4th Greenhouse), Youth Attend Worship (1st, 3rd & 5th SP Sanctuary), Blended

Worship (MZ Sanctuary)

Mondays

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (SP FH) 8:30am Take Off Pounds Sensibly (SP FH) 12:30pm 7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous (SP FH)

Tuesdays

6:oopm Brianna's Hope (SP Fellowship Hall) Emotions Anonymous (Jabez House) 7:00pm 7:30pm Overeaters Anonymous (MZ Commons)

Wednesdays

Wednesday Night Supper (until 6:00pm in 4:45pm

SP Fellowship Hall)

5:30pm Greenhouse open for Youth 5:45pm Nursery Care (until 7:30pm in SP 208) 6:00pm

Youth Group (Greenhouse), Children's Discipleship Classes (SP 3rd Floor), Ugly Sleeping Bag/Prayer Square/Shawl (SP Fellowship Hall), Together in Faith Study

(SP 216), Women's Bible Study (SP 605) 6:30pm

Sanctus Choir (SP Sanctuary)
Children's Creative Classes (SP 3rd Floor) 7:00pm 7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Jabez House)

Thursdays

7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous (Jabez House), Alcoholics Anonymous (MZ Commons)

Saturdavs

7:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Jabez House)

SP—St. Paul's Campus; MZ—Montezuma Campus

Special Events

Wednesday, April 3

9:30am Real Life Moms (SP 306-307 until 11:00am)

Thursday, April 4 & 18

Young Adult Women Study Group on "Bad Girls 6:oopm

of the Bible" (Greenhouse)

Communion Sunday, April 7

SP C.A.N. Sunday (canned goods, especially fruits & vegetables)

MZ C.A.L.L. Donations (deodorant)

Mobile Ministry at Eclipse Festival (Mercer County 1:00pm

Fairgrounds next to the new Cornerstone Chapel

until 3:00pm)

Thursday, April 11

Matt25 Missions Meeting (SP 216-217) 6:30pm

Sunday, April 14

Youth Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser (SP Fellowship 10:00am

Hall until noon)

12:00pm Carry-In Dinner (MZ Commons)

Men's Ministry "Wild at Heart" (SP Lounge) 5:00pm

Monday, April 15

Staff Parish Training Event for Van Wert, Allen, 6:oopm

Mercer and Auglaize County Circuit (SP Fellowship

Friday, April 19

6:30pm Real Life Mom's Night Out (LaCarreta, Celina)

Sunday, April 28

5:00pm Men's Ministry "?" (SP Lounge)



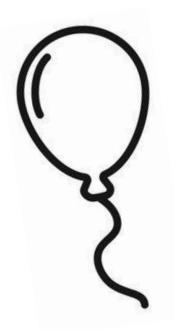
See the complete and up-to-date church calendar at grandlakechurch.org/calendar

April Birthdays*

- 01 Alice Miller Ruth Shreffler
- 02 Dawson Nixon Alison Vitolo
- 03 Pat Applegate
 Jill Larkin
 Shelby Patterson
- 05 Dano Donovan Jessica Fisher Rachel Post
- 06 Morris Now Kyle Randall Chase Rolfes Ralph Sudhoff
- 07 John Houser Ashton Lehman Caleb Lehman Dottie Peffley
- 08 Matt Hays
 Nora Highley
 Thomas Houts
 Chris Knoth
 Suzanne Murlin
- 09 Madalyn Coffey Dylan Correll Mike Lehman Allison Pancake Cindy Swaney
- Jim GrayGavin ShanerWill SorensonHelena Williams
- 11 Peyton Fleming

- 11 Grady ShanerMadalynne Sorenson
- 12 Janet Bachelor Amy Lehman Denise Rivera
- 15 Jon Gudorf Vale Hodge Jessica Sheets Marcy Wellman Ted Yewey
- 16 Jake Harling Carol Heyne
- 17 Julian Garcia
 Dexter Gudorf
- 18 Grant Giesige
 Isla Schwieterman
- 19 Alexis McGee Cullen Sprague
- 20 Matt BroermanJeff IngrahamTaylor MeadowsHeidi Moorman
- 21 Jake Fleming Michelle Heindel Nancy Marsee Derek Wade
- 22 Claudia Coe Valerie Strohl-Kramer
- 23 Nathan Houts
- 24 Joshua ApplegateBristol BraunHugh GrieshopJeremy Post

- 24 Snuffy Smith Kenna Wolfe
- 25 Rodney Hartings Jenna Pond Hollyn Seibert
- 26 Scarlett Albers
- 27 Bobbie Snedeker
- 28 Terry Marsee Mike Robbins
- 29 Melanie Hesse Evynn Luth Bill Wellman
- 30 Diana Spencer



*These are the birthdays that we have on record. If your birthday is not listed, or is listed incorrectly, please call the church office at 586-6621.



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