

# THE TACKLEBOX

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**GRAND LAKE**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# WELCOME TO *Grand Lake*

At Grand Lake UMC, we believe everyone belongs, no matter where they are on their spiritual journey. We are here to welcome you with open arms and help you feel truly at home.

We offer worship opportunities for everyone:

- 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 ways that resonate with today's world. We are passionate about creating meaningful connections across all ages and stages of life.

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.

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## 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 is a place to take account of your life, a place to allow healing to begin, a place of comfort and peace, and a place where the Holy Spirit is available and alive.

# PASTORS

## *Page*

One of my first exposures to contemporary Christian music was back in the '90's when I was really beginning to engage my faith. I remember hearing the song "Jesus Freak" by the band DC Talk, which featured a young Toby Mac as well as Michael Tait of Newsboys fame. The song "Jesus Freak" was all about being on fire for Jesus and not ashamed of it. I loved that song. I loved the music and I loved the message. It encouraged me to be my own, on-fire version of a "Jesus Freak."

Now, fast-forward some 30 years, and I still love the song and its message. But a lot has changed since then. Toby Mac has a more recent hit I like called "Faithfully," in which he sings the lyric "It's been a hard year it almost took me down." And Michael Tait has been taken down as the result of a moral failure. What happened? What happened to these "Jesus Freaks" of the '90's? In a nutshell, I'd say life happened. And life, even (or especially) in ministry, is hard.

When I returned to Grand Lake from Cincinnati I shared the more recent Toby Mac song with you my first Sunday back. Suffice it to say that after seasons of Covid and disaffiliation, it's been some hard years. And yes, if I'm honest, they almost took me down. I'm grateful that they didn't; but I'm ever more aware of how close I came to being "taken down." I'm also much more aware of my need to focus on my own spiritual, emotional, mental and physical health so I don't get taken down in the future.

For this reason, I will be taking Renewal Leave from July 28 through September 9th. I will use this time to rest, study and recharge my spiritual batteries. The objective is to rekindle my spiritual fire and regain that true "Jesus Freak" love and commitment. This will not only be good for me, but also for the church. You deserve a pastor that is fresh, healthy and on fire for Jesus and the mission he's given us. I'm approaching Renewal Leave kind of like the safety briefing on an airplane. I'm putting on my own oxygen mask so I'll be better able to help others.

I'm looking forward to this time of rest and recharging. Even more, I'm looking forward to returning with a renewed energy and passion for Jesus, ministry, and Grand Lake UMC. In the meantime, you'll be in good hands with Pastor Matt and the rest of the staff. And we have some amazing guest preachers lined up for you as well. Enjoy hearing these different voices and perspectives over the next few weeks. As they say, variety is the spice of life!

I am so grateful to be part of a congregation and a denomination that values its pastors and offers us the incredible gift of Renewal Leave. Please keep me in prayer as I use this time to rest, learn and grow. Rest assured you will be in my prayers as well. I'll see you in a few weeks.

Thanks, and blessings,

Pastor Mick

# STAFF

## *Notes*

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) is committed to supporting our pastors and staff in areas such as continuing education, work-life balance, personal health and wellness, and spiritual renewal. One of the opportunities available to full-time clergy members, after many years of service, is a period of renewal leave. This time away is granted with the approval of the SPRC, the church council, and the district superintendent.

We believe strongly in the importance of renewal for church leaders. Time away allows pastors to reflect, recharge, and return ready to lead with renewed energy and vision. As we supported Pastor Matt during his renewal leave in January 2023, we now offer that same support to Pastor Mick.

Pastor Mick has planned carefully for this time, and preparations are in place to ensure that church life continues smoothly while he is away from July 28th through September 8th. The SPRC and church staff are united in providing support during his absence.

We look forward to welcoming Pastor Mick back in September—refreshed, reenergized, and ready to lead our church family forward.

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### AVAILABLE STAFF POSITIONS

We are currently seeking passionate and dedicated individuals to join our ministry team in two important part-time roles. These opportunities are a wonderful way to serve the Lord and support our church family.

*Director of Youth Ministry* (Part-time - 20 hours/week) - we are looking for someone who has a heart for guiding and nurturing the spiritual growth of our youth.

*Sanctus Choir Director* (Part-time) - we are seeking a talented and enthusiastic Choir Director to lead our adult choir ministry.

Interested individuals may submit a letter of interest and resume to [office@grandlakechurch.org](mailto:office@grandlakechurch.org) or in person. Job descriptions may be found on our website or in the Church office.

# **Sheep & Shepherds**

## *Prayer ministry for our kids & students*

### ***How to be a Shepherd:***

1. COMPLETE A SHEPHERD'S CONVENANT ONLINE
2. WAIT TO BE ASSIGNED A SHEEP
3. PRAY FOR THE CHILD/STUDENT
4. SERVE THEM (SEND CARD, GO TO ONE OF THEIR GAMES, ETC.)



### ***How to become a sheep:***

PARENTS OF 3 YEAR OLDS  
THROUGH COLLEGE STUDENTS,  
FILL OUT THE FORM ONLINE FOR  
YOUR CHILD TO PARTICPATE.



***Submit forms by Sept. 28***

***Sheep & Shepherds  
must be signed up  
each school year!***

Shepherds will receive  
their sheep on October 9!

My sheep listen to my voice; I know  
them, and they follow me. John 10:27

# SERMON *Series*

Join us for a powerful sermon series and small group study diving deep into the book of Romans, one of the most profound and transformative letters in the New Testament. In this series, we will explore the rich theological truths of salvation, grace, and faith as revealed through Paul's words. Written to both Jews and Gentiles, Romans offers a roadmap for understanding the Gospel, how we are justified by faith, and how God's grace is made available to all.

This series will challenge and encourage you to experience the fullness of God's love and grace. Whether you're new to faith or a long-time believer, Romans offers timeless insights that will strengthen your relationship with God and help you live out His calling on your life.

The series began April 27 and runs through September 28. You can find a list of Community Groups participating in this study on pages 14-15. Don't miss this opportunity to dive into the depth of God's Word as we celebrate the resurrection power of Jesus and grow together as a community of believers.

This is also a great time to sign up for RightNow Media! RightNow Media is full of incredible Bible studies including our study on Romans! It is free for anyone to sign up and use. Sign up on the Church Webpage, App or by scanning the QR Code!



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# CARE PARTNER

## *Training*

### **Care Partner: Being There When It Matters Most**

"Sometimes we need someone to simply be there...not to fix anything in particular, but just to let us feel we are supported and cared about." This simple yet powerful statement captures the heart of our Care Partner Ministry - a team of compassionate individuals dedicated to visiting and supporting our shut-ins and homebound members. Whether through a conversation, a prayer, or reassuring presence, these volunteers remind those who may feel isolated that they are not forgotten. If you have a heart for caring and a willingness to simply be present, we invite you to join us.



### **Care Partner Training**

Saturday, September 27, 2025

9:00am – 1:00pm

The Greenhouse

Lunch will be provided.

This training will equip you with the skills and insight to offer meaningful support to those in need of encouragement and companionship. Your presence can make a lasting impact.

To RSVP or learn more, contact Ray Kramer at

✉ [RKE\\_RLK@hotmail.com](mailto:RKE_RLK@hotmail.com)

☎ 419-586-4166

# CALENDAR

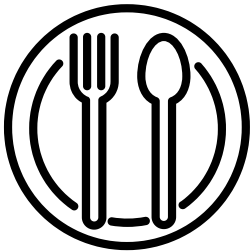
## *Highlights*

### September

16 - Trustees, 7:00pm, Room 605

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

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



### COMMUNITY CARRY-IN

## *Dinner*

**Sunday, August 10 & September 14**  
**at the Montezuma Campus at 12:30 pm**

**Everyone is Welcome!**

*Good Food, Family Fun, and Fellowship*

Main Dish will be provided.

- August - hot dogs, burgers & sloppy joes

- September - chili soup

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

# WEDNESDAY *Supper*

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

## September 17

**Mike/Mark/Women's Group Serving**

FRENCH TOAST, HOTCAKES, EGG  
CASSEROLE, SAUSAGE, FRUIT  
COCKTAIL, APPLESAUCE, COFFEE,  
LEMONADE

## September 24

**Serendipity Serving**

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

# PEOPLE *Count*

## June 2025

Date	Attendance	Giving
6/1/2025	287	\$12,361
6/8/2025	294	\$11,939
6/15/2025	293	\$11,709
6/22/2025	242	\$5,881
6/29/2025	289	\$5,958
AVERAGE	281	\$9,570

## July 2025

Date	Attendance	Giving
7/6/25	250	\$12,599
7/13/25	278	\$13,441
7/20/25	304	\$5,606
7/27/25	238	\$5,230
AVERAGE	267	\$9,219

2025 Weekly Amount Needed: \$12,046



# AUGUST

## *Servants*

### Sanctuary Greeters @ 9:00am

- 3 Vicki & Larry Gossett
- 10 Deb & Dave Wagner
- 17 Kathy & Tom Kimmel
- 24 Nancy & Larry Florence
- 31 Connie Allen, Angie Jaeger, Terri Shinn

### Lobby Greeters @ 9:00am

- 3 Heidi & Dale Moorman
- 10 Scott Miller Family
- 17 Lori & Mike Salyer
- 24 Robyn & Bob Sheets
- 31 Jackie & Don Patch

### Lobby Greeters @ 10:30am

- 3 Youth
- 10 Jessica Scott Family
- 17 Kelly Wenning & Kelly Westgerdes
- 24 Pat Jones
- 31 Valerie & Ray Kramer

### Acolyte's @ 9:00am

- 3 Elliot & Joey McGee
- 10 JD Giesige
- 17 Ella Snyder
- 24 Gabby Howell
- 31 Brecklin Doner/Markus Overman

### Preschool @ 9:00am

- 3 Mitch & Amanda McGee
- 10 Derek & Lexi Waterman
- 17 TBD
- 24 Jayda Overman
- 31 NO CLASSES

### Brianna's Hope Meal

- 5 Men's Ministry
- 12 Robyn & Mark
- 19 Women's Group
- 26 House of Hope

### Communion Servants @ 9:00am

- Altar David Sundersingh
- Balcony Stacy Sanders
- Pews Barb Painter (Captain)  
Suzanne Murlin  
Lynn & Rick Krogman

### Ushers @ 9:00am

- 3 Mike Salyer
- 10 Mitch McGee
- 17 Tom Potkottor
- 24 Doug & Joanne Foulkes
- 31 Sandy Snyder

### Ushers @ 10:30am

The Pennington Family

### 10:00am Check In

- 3 Jocelyn Meyer
- 10 Beth Overman
- 17 Carolyn Pancake
- 24 Patrick Overman
- 31 NO CLASSES

### Preschool @ 10:30am

- 3 Norma Carolus
- 10 Jayda Overman
- 17 Laura Wilson
- 24 Alison Sorenson
- 31 NO CLASSES

### School Age @ 10:30am

- 3 Ashley Pennington
- 10 Traci Robbins
- 17 Katie Nixon
- 24 Ashley Giesige
- 31 NO CLASSES

### Jam Leader

- 3 Renee Randall
- 10 Patrick Overman
- 17 Dianne Wiehe
- 24 Casey Schwieterman
- 31 NO CLASSES

# SEPTEMBER

## *Servants*

### **Sanctuary Greeters @ 9:00am**

- 7 Vicki & Larry Gossett
- 14 Nancy Kruger & Carolyn Leffler
- 21 Nancy & Larry Florence
- 28 Connie Allen, Angie Jaeger, Terri Shinn

### **Lobby Greeters @ 9:00am**

- 7 Susie Wurster
- 14 Scott Miller Family
- 21 Lori & Mike Salyer
- 28 Jackie & Don Patch

### **Greeters @ 10:30am**

- 7 Youth
- 14 Jocelyn & Nathan Meyer
- 21 Kelly Wenning & Kelly Westgerdes
- 28 Pat Jones

### **Acolyte's @ 9:00am**

- 7 Charlie Overman
- 14 Maezee Bonifas/Markus Overman
- 21 Dawson Nixon
- 28 Elliot & Joey McGee

### **Preschool @ 9:00am**

- 7 Kayliann Howell
- 14 Scott & Megan Miller
- 21 John & Jess Opdycke
- 28 Dawn Gagle & Ashley Braun

### **Brianna's Hope Meal**

- 2 Meal Needed
- 9 Traci, Diana & Robyn
- 16 All Alliance
- 23 Holy Chaos
- 30 House of Hope

### **Communion Servants @ 9:00am**

- Altar Scott Miller
- Balcony Frank Snyder
- Pews Lori & Mike Salyer (captains)  
Deb & Dave Wagner

### **Ushers @ 9:00am**

- 7 Vicki McGee Family
- 14 Rick Krogman
- 21 Scott Miller
- 28 Dale Moorman

### **Ushers @ 10:30am**

The Pennington Family

### **10:00am Check In**

- 7 Jocelyn Meyer
- 14 Beth Overman
- 21 Carolyn Pancake
- 28 Patrick Overman

### **Preschool @ 10:30am**

- 7 TBD
- 14 TBD
- 21 Laura Wilson
- 28 Laura Wilson

### **School Age @ 10:30am**

- 7 Ashley Pennington
- 14 Traci Robbins
- 21 Katie Nixon
- 28 Ashley Giesige

### **Jam Leader**

- 7 Ryan Snyder
- 14 Renee Randall
- 21 Dianne Wiehe
- 28 Matt Overman

# UPCOMING *Events*



**AUGUST**  
**8<sup>TH</sup> - 9<sup>TH</sup>**



The Women's Ministry will sponsor a lunch table at the 127 Garage Sale in front of the Greenhouse. There will be opportunities to donate needed items and help serve lunch.

Donation cards will be in the library starting July 27 until they are gone.

Items should be returned to the church kitchen, St. Paul's campus, by Thursday, August 7.

Sign up to serve online or contact Robyn Armstrong at 419-586-7044 to schedule a time.

Volunteers are needed from 8:30am – 4:30 pm Friday and 9:30 am – 3:30 pm Saturday for 2 hour shifts. All proceeds will be used for the upcoming fall retreat.



Mark your calendars to attend the annual fall retreat.

The retreat will be held on  
**Oct 17-18, 2025.**

This year we will be meeting in the Greenhouse without overnight accommodations.

Watch for more details to come!



**Good Works Fall Mission Weekend**  
**Friday, September 19 – Saturday, September 20, 2025**



There's still time to register for the Good Works Fall Mission Weekend, which will take place Friday and Saturday, September 19–20, 2025. On Friday, we'll prepare and serve the Friday Night Life meal, and on Saturday, we'll volunteer with Neighbors Helping Neighbors. To participate, a Volunteer Release Form and a \$50 deposit are required by August 31, 2025. Forms are available in the church office.

If you'd like to support Good Works through donations, their current needs include:

Cereal, soups, canned vegetables and fruit, canned tuna  
Peanut butter, jelly, crackers, and granola bars  
Sanitizing/Clorox wipes, 39-gallon trash bags  
Toilet paper, paper towels, and gallon/quart Ziplock bags

Donation items can be dropped off in the church library and will be delivered on September 19.

For questions, please get in touch with Carolyn Pancake at [clpancake@hotmail.com](mailto:clpancake@hotmail.com) or 419-305-7959.



# **BLOOD DRIVE**

**Thursday, September 18th**

**11:30am - 5:30pm**

Donors receive 1 of 4 exclusive mystery Red Cross X Peanuts T-shirts while supplies last.

St. Paul's Fellowship Hall

# COMMUNITY *Groups*

## 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. They are currently studying, The book of Psalms. On September 21, they begin an eight week study of The Beatitudes 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 are studying the “Hebrews - Timeless Truths” on RightNow Media. Starting September 7, they will begin “The Book of Job” by Francis Chan 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 are following St. Paul’s sermon series, Romans, which is also found on RightNow Media. All men are invited!

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

**Holy Chaos Group:** 1st Sunday of the month - 6:00pm at 815 E. Wayne St. This group is open to people of all ages. Children are welcome to attend with their parents. The group will have a carry-in dinner and conversation. We will also serve a Brianna’s Hope meal. Contact: Pastor Matt Overman (419-733-3586 or moverman@grandlakechurch.org)

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## 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 Epistle of James.

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. Starting September 17, this group is diving deep into “The Lord’s Prayer”. We recite it often and there’s much more to learn about this important prayer.

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

**Ladies Bible Study:** This group will meet for a luncheon on August 20 at Happy Daz at 11:30am. The group will resume their Bible Study on Wednesday, September 17 at the Mercer County Library basement, continuing with the study, “Twelve Women of the Bible: Life-Changing Stories for Women Today.” They meet every Wednesday morning, except the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 be starting a seven-week study “A Jesus-Shaped Life”, by Lisa Harper on September 17. All women are welcome to join this group.

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

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## THURSDAY GROUP

**Bible Study for Men & Women on James:** 6:00-7:30pm at the Bachelor’s home (566 E. Livingston St., Celina). They will be studying The Chosen Season 5 starting September 18. 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)

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## MONTHLY GROUPS

**Monthly Women’s Group** – This group meets monthly, at 7:00pm. The group is studying a Life Guide Bible Study of “Philippians” by Donald Baker, but will have a Summer break. The next date is Thursday, August 14 in Room 216, where they will study session 8.

Contact: Robyn Sheets (419-790-3092 or rrsheets58@yahoo.com)

**Real Life Moms (RLM)** - This group will meet Wednesday, August 6 from 10:00-11:30am at Bryson Park on Lakeshore Dr, Celina. August 13 they will be going to “Kids Day” at the Mercer County Fair. Check out the Real Life Moms Facebook group for more info about claiming an entry pass for that day. All families are invited. They also meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month at 6:30pm for *Moms Night Out*. August 15 - Shandy’s / September 18 - La Carreta (Market St.). Thursday, September 11 from 10:00-11:30am they will meet in Room 201-202. All Moms are invited. Contact: Jess Schott (614-499-7695 or jboden1224@gmail.com)

# matthew25

## PROJECT



### **C.A.N. (Caring About Neighbors) Donations**

#### **August 3:**

St. Paul's: canned goods, especially canned fruit

Montezuma: paper towels

#### **September 7:**

St. Paul's: personal hygiene items in addition to canned goods

Montezuma: dish soap

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.

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### **Volunteer Opportunity: C.A.L.L. Cafe Meal Service**

Grand Lake UMC is honored to support the C.A.L.L. Food Pantry's "C.A.L.L. Cafe", which provides free hot meals to C.A.L.L. clients in Mercer County. Each year, our church volunteers to supply and serve meals — a heartfelt way to share God's love through service.

Our scheduled meal service dates:

- Monday, August 26
- Monday, November 11

If you would like to volunteer to help with meal preparation or service:

- Scan the QR code on the bulletin/flyer to select your preferred date and time, or
- Call the church office to get scheduled.

Let's come together to make a difference in our community.  
Your time and care can be a true blessing to those in need!



## Restored Citizen Summit

All in Community will set up a booth at this event, handing out information about Faith-Based Reentry Efforts in Ohio. Mercer County Reentry Coalition will also be represented there. This is a free, one-day event; all are welcome to attend. If you are interested in carpooling, call the church office.



### From Rev. Gladstone Joseph, Pastor in India

During the past few months, Rev. Gladstone has sent photos to us, showing the House Deduction Function of two homes, and mentioned that he shared the Gospel to those of other faiths gathered for it. Rev. Gladstone also participated in two weddings, a Memorial Service, a Bible Quiz for youth and a Thanksgiving Service before a mother gave birth. In June, Rev. Gladstone requested, and we purchased and sent Clerical Collars for 25 newly ordained pastors in India.

### July letter from Sunitha Jo, President of Christ Faith Home for Children, India

I hope this message finds you in great health and high spirits. I am writing to express my deepest gratitude for the opportunity you provided me to share the mission update through the Zoom call. Your kindness and openness have deeply touched my heart, and I am truly thankful for the warm reception. As shared with you, our mission is to support over 100 vulnerable women and children in India. With your support and prayers, we aim to bring hope and transformation. We invite you and your church to join us in this mission, believing that together we can make a significant difference. Here is the link about our missions:  
[https://youtu.be/cSBmD9tieQE?si=bGKYFG0KA\\_LmIS3J](https://youtu.be/cSBmD9tieQE?si=bGKYFG0KA_LmIS3J)

We would be honored to have you visit us on a mission trip to India. You could also send volunteers to support our various activities, and we welcome interns as well. The need of the hour is sustainable support, and we humbly ask if you would consider partnering with us on a monthly basis. Regular contributions would allow us to plan effectively and ensure continuous care for those we serve. If you are willing to support us in this way, contributions can be sent to the address below: For any donations, checks only in favor of "IN CHRIST'S HANDS" (In Memo : CFHC INDIA), 3110 Aboite Ctr. Rd., Fort Wayne, IN, 46814 , USA

Please take a minute to sign up via this Google form for our records. We'll keep you updated on our news and prayer requests. <https://forms.gle/5xw1V5D7pWn26q7o9>

Thank you once again for your generosity and compassion. We are truly blessed to have your support and look forward to the possibility of walking this path together. May you be richly blessed for all that you do.

Sunitha Jo, President

In the June Zoom call, Sunitha Jo, informed us that they help about 1,200 clients per year, 105 persons are now in their care, including babies. Her prayer requests are for staffing needs, a 14-year old boy, girls being trafficked, and for girls who self-harm themselves. The cost to support a child is \$30/month.



### **2025 & 2026 Vacation Bible School**

Thank you to everyone who served as we taught our kids to Trust Jesus! We had 82 kids and 68 servants and we raised over \$4,200 for MAV Youth mentoring! Next years theme is "Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God". We are looking at June 14-18, 2026.

### **Golf & God's Love at the Mercer County Fair!**

We're headed to the Mercer County Fair, and we need you to help us share the love of Jesus - one swing at a time from August 7-13, 10:00am-2:00pm & 4:00-9:00pm. We will host mini-golf that's fun for all ages and rooted in faith. It's a simple, welcoming way to connect with our community and let them know they are deeply loved. Sign up for a shift on our church website, app, or by scanning the QR code. Let's tee up some grace, kindness, and joyful conversations - we can't wait to serve alongside you at the fair!



### **Camp Wesley Volunteer Work Day!**

Join us on Saturday, September 6th, from 9:00am-2:00pm at 653 Township Rd 37, Bellefontaine, OH 43311 for a day of service at Camp Wesley! We will leave Church at 8:00am and return about 3:00pm. We'll be tackling trail maintenance (mowing, weed eating, trimming) and construction projects (repairing sheds, a bridge, and the pantry in the residence house). Tools are provided, but if you have chainsaws, limb trimmers, electric saws, or drills, please bring them! Water and lunch will be provided. Come lend a hand and make a difference! Please RSVP on the website/app or by scanning the QR code to help plan for lunch.



### **Blessing of the Backpacks - Sunday, August 17**

As a new school year begins, we invite all students and teachers to bring their backpacks to worship for a special Blessing of the Backpacks! During the service, we'll pray over the year ahead, asking God to fill it with learning, growth, friendship, and joy. Each participant will receive a special treat as a reminder that they are loved, supported, and never alone on their journey. Come be encouraged, blessed, and ready to start the school year strong!

### **Labor Day Weekend - Sunday August 31**

There will be no Sunday kids classes on August 31 for Labor 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 September 7!

## 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 15th 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](mailto:moverman@grandlakechurch.org) and schedule a time to meet up!

## Mobile Ministry

The Mobile Ministry is offering help and hope to our community through FUN! 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!

Aug 1 - Recovery Club House 1:00-3:00pm

Aug 2 - Farmers Market @ Fairgrounds 9:15-11:15am

Aug 9 - Brianna's Hope Rally in Portland Indiana 3:00-5:00pm

Aug 13 - Mercer County Fair, 9:30am-12:00pm

Aug 28 - Auglaize County Overdose Awareness Event 4:00-7:00pm

Aug 30 - Toledo Hope with Pastor Diane, 12:00-2:30pm

## Other Upcoming Events for 2025-2026

Sunday Fall Kick Off - September 14 & Wednesday Night's Kick Off - September 17

2nd Grade Bible Presentation - Sunday, October 19, 9:00am & 10:30am Worship

Acolyte Training - Wednesday, October 15, 7:30am, Sanctuary

Homecoming Parade – **No Classes** – Wednesday, October 1

Halloween Party - Wednesday, October 29, 6:00-7:00pm

Adopt-A-Pet 2nd Grade Event – Friday, November 14, 6:00-7:30pm

Live Nativity @ Fairgrounds – December 19-20, 6:00-9:00pm

All-Church Birthday Party – Saturday, January 10, 12:00-2:00pm

Family Game Night – Friday, January 23, 6:00-8:00pm

Kids Night Out - Valentines Day Edition – Friday, February 13, 6:00-9:00pm

Ash Wednesday – February 18 – Worship @ 7:00pm

Nerf Night – Friday, March 6, 6:00-7:30pm PBS Building Mercer County Fairgrounds

Pop Tarts & PJ's – Sunday, March 8 (Time Change - Spring Forward)

Palm Sunday – Kids Sing – March 29

Easter – April 5

Kids Night Out - Mothers Day Edition – Friday, May 8, 6:00-9:00pm

Last Wednesday Night - May 13

Rainforest Falls VBS – June 14-18

Lake Festival Food Stand - July 25

Blessing of the Back Packs & Sheep & Shepherds opening - August 16



## *Youth Group Happenings*

### **AUGUST**

- 3** Greet for the 10:30am service; be in place by 10:15am
- 3** Serve Communion @ 10:30am service
- 10** NO Sunday School
- 15** Kings Island Trip
- 17** Youth Attend Worship
- 24** Sunday School @ 10:30am in The Greenhouse
- 31** Youth Attend Worship

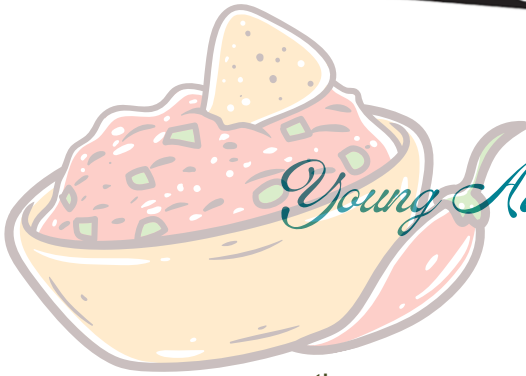
### **SEPTEMBER**

- 7** Greet for the 10:30am service; be in place by 10:15am
- 7** Serve Communion @ 10:30am service
- 14** Fall Kickoff @ 10:30am in The Greenhouse
- 17** Wednesday Night Kickoff; come for supper and then the Youth have  
Youth Group 6:00-7:30pm in The Greenhouse
- 21** Youth Attend Worship
- 28** Sunday School @ 10:30am in The Greenhouse



Use QR Code  
to register!

Please follow us on Facebook or Instagram for the latest updates!



## *Young Adult Happenings*

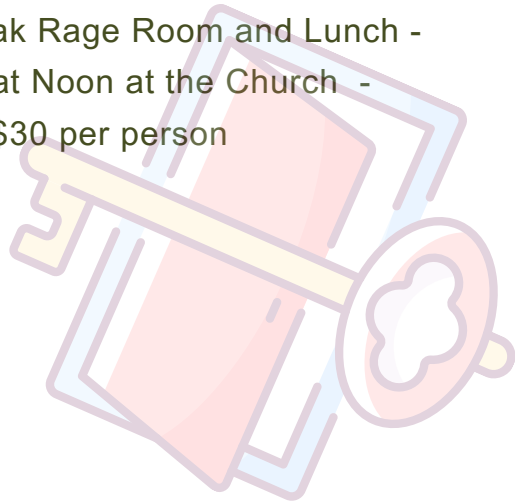
### AUGUST

**17<sup>th</sup>** - Fun Night of Food and Fellowship  
at La Carretta1 on Market Street at 5:30pm

### SEPTEMBER

**13<sup>th</sup>** - Escape Wapak Rage Room and Lunch -  
Meet at Noon at the Church -  
Cost is \$30 per person

Please follow us on  
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for the latest updates!!



**BRANDON LAKE IN CONCERT - OCTOBER 12, 2025**

Contact Ashley Pennington for more info  
at 419-852-1938

# IN OTHER *News*

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Creative Discovery Preschool is busy in August, preparing to welcome our students for the coming school year!

We hope to get off to a great start in September with activities focusing on getting to know all about each other.

We are busy doing activities involving apples, bees, bubbles, bears, our 5 senses, our families, and we take a field trip to the Fire Station. We also spend time outside when we can to enjoy the great weather.

We look forward to a great school year filled with exploration, discovery, and making new friends.

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## Crosses Available



Crosses are available in the Library at St. Paul's for anyone who wishes to display one in their yard. Phil and Cheryl Fennig created these beautifully crafted and hand-painted crosses. While donations are welcome to help cover the cost, they are not required.

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**Please keep in touch by calling 419-586-6621 or emailing [office@grandlakechurch.org](mailto: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.



# IN OTHER *News*

## Real Life Moms Outings

### August



**6** - 10:00-11:30 am at Bryson Park on Lakeshore Dr.

**13** - "Kids Day" @ the Fair

**15** - Shandy's @ 6:30 pm - Moms Night Out

### September

**11** - 10:00-11:30 am Meet in Room 201-202

**18** - La Carreta (Market St.) - Moms Night Out

***All Moms are invited.***

## Tote Bag Painting Night!

Tuesday, August 6 • 6:00–7:30pm  
in Fellowship Hall

Join us this Summer to paint totes.

You can bring along your own ideas or use the stencils provided to create a masterpiece you can proudly carry around.

No artistic skills are required, and all materials are provided. Bring a friend and enjoy some light refreshments and fellowship.

No RSVP is necessary. If you have questions, please contact Lori Salyer at 419-852-6427.



# LOVE *& Sympathy*

- Family of Scott Kennedy, who passed 5-12-25. Uncle of Aric Gallimore.
- Family of Erma Maxwell, who passed away 5-13-25. Grandmother of Kristy Gross.
- Family of Jack Waterman, who passed away 5-26-25. Brother-in-law of Kandy Kugel.
- Family of Denny Dysert, who passed away 6-19-25. Husband of Lynne Dysert.
- Family of Larry Decker, who passed away 6-21-25. Brother of Jan Poppe, Great-uncle of Haylee Gzula.
- Family of Ed Jeffries, who passed away 6-23-25. Husband of Lula Jeffries.
- Family of LaDonna Preston, who passed away on 6-24-25. Sister of Myra Wolfe.
- Family of Charlotte (Charlie) Brandon, who passed away on 6-26-25. Wife of Terry Brandon.
- Family of Nancy Ferell, who passed away 7-8-25. Sister of Jane Lehman.

## PRAISES

- Lisa Gilleo announces the birth of Isabella Rose to her nephew, Dillon and Haley Ramirez on 6-2-25.
- Payton Grant and Conner Ewing were married on 6-7-25.
- Sawyer Weitzel and Tanner Koch were married on 6-21-25.
- Rick & Lynn announce the birth of their grand-daughter, Hollyn Jean Krogman on 7-18-25, parents Drew & Casey Krogman, big brother Harrison.
- Anji Oksa & Jimmy McCoy welcome their baby girl, Ophelia Jane, born 7-19-25.

# Thank You

- We want to thank the anonymous donor who so generously made a donation to VBS. Through your generosity and that of others, Grand Lake Church is able to pour into the lives of many!
- Thank you to those that make the Prayer Squares. I was recently in Coldwater hospital and received a Prayer Square. It brought me much comfort and I still use it each day when I say my morning prayers. I also say a prayer for the people that make them and for your church for sharing them.
- Thank you for the beautiful birthday cards! I have read and re-read all of them and even looked at all the stamps. They all were so beautiful and unusual. - **Marilyn Belcher**
- Thank you for providing me daily access to use the GLUMC grand piano and various facilities throughout the church this month! I want to let you all know that your support does not go unnoticed and my family and I greatly appreciate all that this church has done to expand my musical and personal wellbeing. This church has supported me in more ways than I could ever ask. Your emotional, social, and at times financial support helped me develop the confidence in life to pursue my goals. Enjoy your Summer and Thank You again! - **Nick Forlow**
- To all of you who took your time to send me a birthday card for #92, you helped to make my day very special. Your kindness reflects Christ's love in so many ways. Thank you so much!  
- **Joanne Land**

## SUPPORT GROUPS

### **Celina**

Narcotics Anonymous

Mondays, 7:30-9:00pm or Thursdays, 7:30-9:00pm

Jabez House, 127 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

## *August*

1	Peg Coate Jason Menchhofer Allan Smith Keila Schreima Benson Zimmerly Paula Rolfes	15	Ady Armstrong Derek Gagle Bella Eley Cory Fortkamp
2	LaMya Lehman Alyssa Filadelfo	16	Shawn Dues Addison Bretz
3	Joel Anderson Myra McGee Bruce Swonger Pam Stilwell Caitlin Cramer Fred Font	17	Leah Cramer Russell Giesige Devon Willey
4	Gabby Houser Kelly Westgerdes Quinn Harner Vicki Piper	19	Mark Armstrong Jenny Shively Sophia Patterson Pam Hume
5	Darren Heindel Bonnie Moore Penelope Holt	20	Ali Besand
6	Nikki Gilbert	21	Gidget Applegate Kolton Schlarman Jeannie Smalley Sam Heilers Daniel Nixon
7	Nathan Fortkamp	22	Matt Overman Jayda Overman
8	Dana Sheets Chris Landon Isaac Heilers Madison Evans McKenna Evans	23	Gary Hensley Nancy Heppeard Jerry Humphrey Krissi Braun-Donley
10	Everly Post Jerry Temple Sophia Meyer	24	Haley Bretz Kelly Hone Kylene Tobin Katie Nixon
11	Kate Harner Sara Smith Jackson Nixon	25	Jake Zimmerly Don Willey
12	Brittany Schlarman Holden Harner	26	Brant Byrley Jess Hoyng Alison Sorenson
13	Dillon Robbins Elizabeth Cummins	28	Emmy Schwieterman
14	Tiffany Laffin Steve Stith Aaron Schott	29	Brenda McGee Mike Smith
		30	Ella Gray
		31	Meredith May

# BIRTHDAYS

## *September*

1	Mike McKirnan	17	Doug Sheets
	Noelle Lyon		Greg Sheets
2	Shannon Wilkinson		Dusty Messner
3	Vada Morr	18	Stephanie Temple
4	Jean Hyman	19	Brad Pennington
	Tucker Schlarman	20	Sarah Hartings
	Colton Cramer		Ashley Heilers
	Diane Rosengarten		Terri Shinn
5	Tom Piper		Craig Zimmerman
	Susan Quinn		Adric Giesige
	Arika Mills	21	Carson Gray
6	Hillary Greber		Mindy Hays
	Megan Fortkamp		Kelly Mallory
	Ryan Nixon		Bonnie Sauer
7	Jaelyn Williams		Leander Snyder
	Lexi Waterman	22	Bill Loughridge
8	Erynn Piper	23	Vicki Posada
	Amy Hartings		Talia McKirnan
9	Baylen Scott		Emma Highley
	Kathy Webster		Hunter Nixon
	Jack Sorenson	24	Kathy Kimmel
	Jeff Porter		Piper Wellman
10	Bob Arnett	25	Steve Kuhn
	Nick McGee	26	Megan Miller
	Carol Zimmerman		Deb Simon-Heinfeld
11	Dale Moorman		Kendra Stetler
	Cami Mohler		Bob Kelly
12	Bill Schwieterman	27	Emma Rolfes
14	Erin Zimmerly		Phil LaRue
	Brent Sorenson	28	Ashley Pennington
	Larry Heppeard		Sophia Reilly
	Jaden Caywood		Kim Coldiron
15	Lucy Gudorf		Zane Randall
	Alex Anderson		Isabella Howell
	Alicia Teeters	29	Jessica Opdycke
16	Shannon Schwieterman		Tyler Patterson
		30	Brooklyn Gudorf
			Keith Gudorf

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