



# THE TACKLEBOX

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



## December 2023/January 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**

At Christmastime, it's easy to get so busy with cooking, decorating, and shopping that we may forget why we're doing this in the first place. Sharon Jaynes wrote a Christmas version of 1 Corinthians 13 to help us keep the focus on what Paul deemed most important of all... love.

***1 Corinthians 13 Christmas Style***, by Sharon Jaynes

If I decorate my house perfectly with lovely plaid bows, strands of twinkling lights, and shiny glass balls, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another decorator.

If I slave away in the kitchen, baking dozens of Christmas cookies, preparing gourmet meals, and arranging a beautifully adorned table at mealtime, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another cook.

If I work at the soup kitchen, carol in the nursing home, and give all that I have to charity, but do not show love to my family, it profits me nothing.

If I trim the spruce with shimmering angels and crocheted snowflakes, attend a myriad of holiday parties, and sing in the choir's cantata but do not focus on Christ, I have missed the point.

Love stops the cooking to hug the child. Love sets aside the decorating to kiss the husband.

Love is kind, though harried and tired. Love doesn't yell at the kids to get out of your way.

Love doesn't envy another's home that has coordinated Christmas china and table linens.

Love doesn't give only to those who are able to give in return but rejoices in giving to those who can't.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things.

Love never fails. Video games will break, pearl necklaces will be lost, golf clubs will rust. But giving the gift of love will endure.

## **Let's Pray**

Heavenly Father, thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, on that starry night in Bethlehem. I am still amazed at Your great love for me. May I never lose sight of the true meaning of Christmas but celebrate Jesus' birth with joy! Help me to give as You gave—with love. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## **Now It's Your Turn**

What are some ways that you can make sure to love your family well this holiday season?

Are there any activities that you need to eliminate from your busy schedule to alleviate over commitment? If so, what are they?

Have a blessed Christmas Season!

## Greeters

### 9:00am • St. Paul's

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sanctuary Allan & Joyce Smith  
 Lobby Tom & Kathy Kimmel
- 10<sup>th</sup> Sanctuary Larry & Nancy Florence  
 Lobby Larry & Vicki Gossett
- 17<sup>th</sup> Sanctuary Stan & Sauny Rockey  
 Lobby Mike & Lori Salyer
- 24<sup>th</sup> Sanctuary TBD  
 Lobby Phil & Gena Bittner

### 10:30am • St. Paul's

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Lobby Youth
- 10<sup>th</sup> Lobby Pat Jones & Kimarie Kiser
- 17<sup>th</sup> Lobby Nathan & Jocelyn Meyer
- 24<sup>th</sup> Lobby Pat Jones

### 10:00am • St. Paul's

- 31<sup>st</sup> Sanctuary Alanna Bush & Susie Wurster  
 Lobby Bob & Robyn Sheets

## Christmas Eve

- 5:00pm Sanctuary Phil & Gena Bittner  
 Lobby Pat Jones & Kelly Wenning
- 7:00 pm Sanctuary Mike & Lori Salyer  
 Lobby TBD
- 9:00pm Sanctuary Allan & Joyce Smith  
 Lobby TBD

## Ushers

### 9:00am • St. Paul's

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jim & Mitch McGee
- 10<sup>th</sup> Mike Salyer
- 17<sup>th</sup> Rick Krogman
- 24<sup>th</sup> Scott Miller & Jim McGee

### 10:00am • St. Paul's

- 31<sup>st</sup> Mitch McGee

## Communion Servants

### St. Paul's

December 3, 2023

**Altar Servants:** Dean Bachelor & David Sundersingh

**Balcony:** Frank Snyder  
 Larry & Nancy Florence (Captains)  
 Greg & Jessica Sheets  
 Rick & Lynn Krogman  
 Stan & Sauny Rockey





4:45-6:00pm  
\$2.00/Person  
\$5.00/Family

## Wednesday Supper St. Paul's Fellowship Hall

### December 6 - Together in Faith Group

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

### December 13 - Youth

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

### December 20 - Pathfinders Class

Creamed Chicken Sandwich, French  
Fries, Peas, Cookies, Salad, Coffee &  
Lemonade

### December 27 - No Supper

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

## Counting people because people count!

### November 2023

Date	Attendance	Giving
11/5	313	\$11,646
11/12	264	\$9,423
11/19	255	\$7643
11/26	265	Not Available
AVERAGE	274	\$9571

2023 Weekly Amount Needed: \$13,530

# JANUARY SERVANTS



4:45-6:00pm  
\$2.00/Person  
\$5.00/Family

## **Wednesday Supper St. Paul's Fellowship Hall**

**January 3 - No Supper**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**January 10 - Sanctus Choir**

Chef's Choice, Coffee & Lemonade

**January 17 - Staff**

Chili Soup & Vegetable Soup, Hot  
Dogs, Potato Chips, Salad, Cake,  
Coffee & Lemonade

**January 24 - Wildside Class**

Chicken Ala King, Salad, Dessert,  
Coffee & Lemonade

**January 31 - Mike/Mark/Women's  
Group** - French Toast, Hotcakes, Egg  
Casserole, Sausage, Fruit Cocktail,  
Applesauce, Salad, Coffee &  
Lemonade

## **Office Closed:**

December 22, 2023  
at Noon through  
January 1, 2024



## Greeters

### 9:00am • St. Paul's

- 7<sup>th</sup> Sanctuary Mike & Lori Salyer  
Lobby TBD
- 14<sup>h</sup> Sanctuary Connie Allen &  
Angie Jaeger  
Lobby Larry & Nancy Florence
- 21<sup>st</sup> Sanctuary Allan & Joyce Smith  
Lobby Mike & Lori Salyer
- 28<sup>th</sup> Sanctuary Alanna Bush & Susie  
Wurster  
Lobby Larry & Nancy Florence

### 10:30am • St. Paul's

- 7<sup>th</sup> Lobby Youth
- 14<sup>th</sup> Lobby Pat Jones
- 21<sup>st</sup> Lobby Bob & Robyn Sheets
- 28<sup>th</sup> Lobby Bob & Robyn Sheets

## Ushers

### 9:00am • St. Paul's

- 7<sup>th</sup> Tom & Pam Pottkotter
- 14<sup>th</sup> Rick & Lynn Krogman
- 21<sup>st</sup> Scott Miller & Mitch McGee
- 28<sup>th</sup> Mike & Lori Salyer

## Communion Servants

### St. Paul's

January 7, 2024

**Altar Servants:** Scott Miller &  
Larry Florence

**Balcony:** Frank Snyder  
Mike & Lori Salyer  
Diana Spencer  
Nancy Florence  
Allan & Joyce Smith  
TBD



## Advent Sermon Series

Advent begins the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Christmas, and this year December 3 begins our new Christian year. Our focus will be "Christmas Is Not Your Birthday." I will be using a variety of resources you may have or may want to borrow from the church library. They are *Christmas Is Not Your Birthday* by Mike Slaughter, *Enough* by Adam Hamilton, *25 Days, 26 Ways to Make This your Best Christmas Ever* by Ace Collins, and I will give mention to the parody surrounding false expectations we've built around the perfect Christmas celebration found in the movie "*Christmas Vacation*" starring Chevy Chase and Beverly DeAngelo.

Join me each week in learning more about how our traditions of Christmas have shifted and changed, and how our understanding as Christians is not what our secular world prescribes. Maybe this year we can all begin the shift towards giving as much to those in need as we give to the rest of our friends and families on our gift lists.

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## January Sermon Series

As we begin a New Year, our Christian calendar is still celebrating Jesus' birth. On January 7, we will celebrate Epiphany. This is the time between Christmas and Lent. It marks the coming of the wise men, the first non-Jewish people to worship the Son of God and remember the time God was made known to us and the world.

Week 2, we will celebrate the Baptism of our Lord, which reminds all Christians of their baptism. As a congregation, we will reaffirm our Baptismal Covenant to remember our baptism and be thankful.

Week 3, we will recall some of the Old Testament favorites of how God worked in the lives of Moses, Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego found in Exodus and Daniel 3 & 6.

Week 4, I invite you to read Samuel 3: 1-20 and John 1: 43-51 before Worship, as we learn how Jesus is calling us today.





# COMMUNITY CARRY-IN DINNER AT MONTEZUMA

Sunday, December 10 & January 14  
at the Montezuma Campus at 12:00pm

## EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Good Food, Family Fun & Fellowship!

**Bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share!**



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### 2024 Offering Envelopes / 2023 Contributions

The 2024 Offering Envelopes will be available in the Library and the Commons the latter part of December. ***Please do not use these until January 2024.***

If you wish to have envelopes and haven't had them in the past, or don't need them anymore because you are using online banking, please call the church office at 419-586-6621 or email [jhemmelgarn@grandlakechurch.org](mailto:jhemmelgarn@grandlakechurch.org) by December 5.

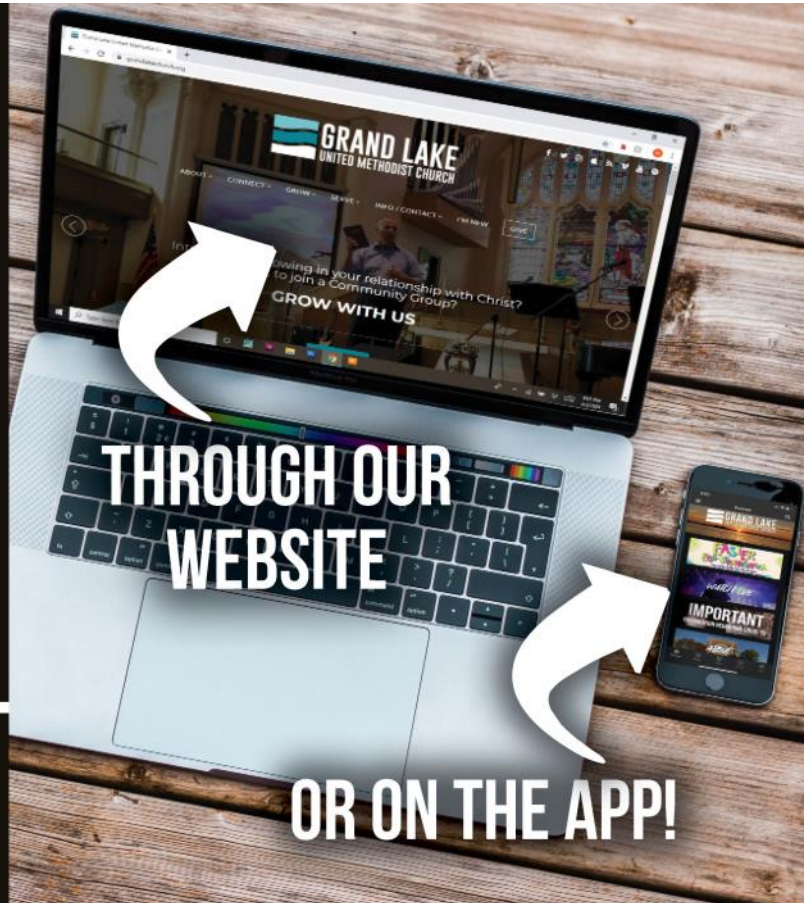
Contributions for 2023 must be given to the church by December 31, 2023 or mailed to the church with a postmark by December 31, 2023. Monies received after the start of 2024 cannot be attributed to the 2023 year according to U.S. tax laws.

The yellow Initial Offering envelope helps pay for the cost of the envelopes.



**YOU  
CAN  
GIVE  
ONLINE**

**2 WAYS!**



## **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](http://grandlakechurch.org/give)**

## 4th Sunday of Advent & Christmas Eve

The fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve is on the same day this year. We invite you to join us Sunday morning for our Traditional Worship Service at 9:00am, our Contemporary Service at 10:30am, or our Montezuma Blended Worship at 10:30am as we sing the choruses of Jesus' birth.

On Christmas Eve, there are a variety of services for you, your family, and friends to attend, ending with the candlelight service:

5:00pm, join us for our Children & Family Service at the St. Paul's campus. The children will be part of the service and share their joy of Jesus' birth. Pastor Matt Overman will lead this fun and exciting service.

7:00pm, join us at the St. Paul's campus for our Contemporary Christmas Eve Service with the band. Pastor Matt is preaching.

At 7:00pm, join us at the Montezuma campus for our Old Fashion Christmas of scriptures and carols with Pastor Deb preaching.

At 9:00pm, join us at the St. Paul's campus for our Traditional Service with choir, pipe organ, Christmas hymns, with Pastor Deb preaching.

**Jesus is the reason for the season! See you Christmas Eve!**

### **SPECIAL SCHEDULE FOR December 31, 2023**

Grand Lake UMC will have one combined service on the St. Paul's campus at 10:00am. There will also be a service at Montezuma at 10:00am. This is a time to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior. Pastor Matt Overman will lead a hymn sing and offer a message that will lead us into the New Year.

Come as you are and be blessed!



# COME CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS EVE AT GRAND LAKE UMC

5:00pm Family Service at St. Paul's

7:00pm Contemporary at St. Paul's

7:00pm Traditional at Montezuma

9:00pm Traditional at St. Paul's



St. Paul's • 119 E. Fulton St. • Celina  
Montezuma • 40 S. High St. • Montezuma  
[grandlakechurch.org](http://grandlakechurch.org)

**Come join us for this Christmas Season to  
celebrate the birth of our Lord & Savior!**



*Christmas Eve*

**COMMUNITY  
MEAL**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24**

**5:45PM-6:45PM**

**FREE ENTRY**

*Following our 5pm family worship service  
& directly before our 7pm service.*



**GRAND LAKE**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

119 E. FULTON  
STREET, CELINA

**If you would like to volunteer your time or donate food please contact  
Alison Sorenson at 260-519-0688 or [amsorenson@yahoo.com](mailto:amsorenson@yahoo.com).**

## Welcome New Members



**Sam & Nita Hellwarth**

7748 Township Line Rd  
Celina, OH 45822



**Farrah Evans**

440 Touvelle St, Lot 16  
Celina, OH 45822



**Denny & Vicki Piper**

801 Hazelwood Ln  
Celina, OH 45822

## Handel's Messiah

**December 10, 2023 at 6:00pm**

The Celina High School Choirs and community will give their annual performance of Handel's Messiah at St. Paul's Sanctuary of Grand Lake United Methodist Church on Sunday, December 10, 2023 at 6:00pm. All are welcome!



## Live Nativity at the Mercer County Fairgrounds



**December 15-16  
Friday & Saturday, 6:00-9:00pm**

Sign up to help on the Grand Lake app or website, or by calling the church office at 419-586-6621.

# 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!

**December 6 &  
January 3** RLM, St. Paul's  
Room 306-307  
9:30-11:00am

**December 15 &  
January 19** Moms Night Out, CJ's HighMarks,  
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](mailto:jboden1224@gmail.com).

# Men's Ministry

**Dates:** Meet on December 3 and then the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, beginning in January

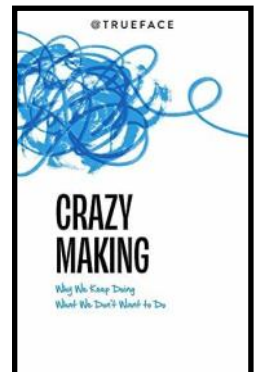
**Time:** 5:00-6:30pm

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

The Men's Ministry is finishing "Crazy Making: Why We Keep Doing What We Don't Want to Do" on December 3 (note date change).

In January, the men will begin the new study, "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 be-dangerous, passionate, alive, and free!



# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

## **Sound/Video/Media Volunteers Needed**

If you would like to help spread God's message and like to work behind the scenes, we have a place for you. To volunteer for media and video, contact Steve Winans, 419-586-3911 or [swinans@grandlakechurch.org](mailto:swinans@grandlakechurch.org) and to volunteer for sound, contact Ken Wiehe, 419-733-6765 or [kwiehe@grandlakechurch.org](mailto:kwiehe@grandlakechurch.org).

## **Looking for Praise Team Members**

Would you like to share your voice or musical talent with an instrument to help spread God's message? If so, contact our Praise Team Coordinator, Bob Moreland at [bmoreland@grandlakechurch.org](mailto:bmoreland@grandlakechurch.org). You may also contact the church office at 419-586-6621 or email [office@grandlakechurch.org](mailto:office@grandlakechurch.org).

## **Greeters, Ushers & Communion Servants Needed**

If you would like to help with Hospitality at St. Paul's by greeting at the doors of the Lobby or greeting at the Sanctuary at either the 9:00am or the 10:30am Worship, please contact the church office at 419-586-6621 or [office@grandlakechurch.org](mailto:office@grandlakechurch.org). We are also in need of those who will be ushers at the 9:00am Worship and who will be Communion Servants at the 9:00am Worship at St. Paul's. Thank you for being a part of the Hospitality Team!





# 2024 Flower Calendar

## Available in the Church Office

The 2024 Flower Calendar is available in the church office. If you would like to provide flowers in honor or memory of someone or to celebrate a special occasion, you may mark the GPS stub on Sundays or email [office@grandlakechurch.org](mailto:office@grandlakechurch.org) and Robyn will contact you to set up a date. Or, you may sign yourself up on the Flower Calendar on the bulletin board in the church office next to the copier. You are welcome to sign up on the same date as someone else if that date is special to you. If you are the second name, you may simply provide a center arrangement for the altar in addition to the first person's side vases. Pam Pottkotter will contact you the week before your Sunday to make arrangements. For 2024, the following dates are open: January 28, February 4 & 18, March 17, April 28, May 12 & 26, June 9, 16, 23 & 30, July 7 & 21, August 11 & 25, September 1, 22 & 29, October 6, November 10 & 17 and December 1, 8 & 29. Thank you!



## Election Day Dinner

We would like to take this time to say a heartfelt thank you to all of you, for coming together and helping at the Election Day Dinner in November. We were excited to see all the people that signed up to help this year. There were lots of friends that have helped for many many years and those that I have seen for the first time and we appreciate each and every one of you. We know how much time, energy and love each of you put into Grand Lake and it's such a blessing to know that we can rely on you to show up and help to reach our community with the love of God. It is truly a blessing to work with a group of people that have a passion for serving others and living out the kindness and love that Grand Lake is known for. A very special thank you to Mark Armstrong who always goes above and beyond in making this day run smoothly. We pray that God continues to use all your strengths and talents in ways that will bless His kingdom. We will be forever grateful for your support, kindness, and faithfulness.

Blessings,

Carolyn and Lori



# 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 the month in Room 216-217, where they have a devotional, share concerns, and/or have a learning lesson. The next regular meeting is January 15. The CarePartners will have a Christmas Party on Saturday, December 16 from 5:00-6:30pm in the Greenhouse.

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, especially in this season of Thanksgiving and Christmas. 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.



## CarePartners Christmas Party

**Saturday, December 16**  
**5:00-6:30pm**  
**Greenhouse**



## Keep in Touch!

**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.

## Blood Drive

**Thursday, December 28  
11:30am-5:30pm  
St. Paul's Fellowship Hall**



**American  
Red Cross**

**Sign up online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.  
Every donor will receive a long-sleeved t-shirt!**

## 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.



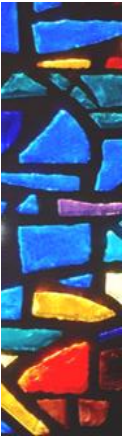
## RightNow Media

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, "Advent" by J.D. Greear. And Serendipity is continuing the "Drive Thru History: Bible Backroads: Corinthians and Galatians." In January, the Men's Ministry is studying, "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](mailto: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.

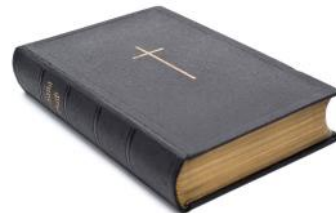
## EMMAUS WALK

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—February 12-25, 2024

Men's—March 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](http://grandlakechurch.org/groups) or call the church office at 419-586-6621.*

## Women's Minsitry



*Thankful For  
Our Sisters*

Join us Saturday, December 2, from 2-6pm in fellowship hall for a meal & white elephant gift exchange. Bring a dessert or a snack to share & your gift to exchange.



Join us December 2 for our *Thankful For Our Sisters* event. Secret Sister 2.0 will be explained at this event. Please bring a white elephant gift to exchange and either a dessert or a snack to share.

We also have a women's mission trip opportunity in January. This trip is a continuation of our Women's Retreat service project in October for St. Vincent De Paul Women's Shelter. On Saturday morning, January 20, plan to meet at GLUMC at 6:00am to leave by 6:30am sharp! Carpooling will be available. We will prepare lunch at the Central Kitchen (1133 S. Edwin C. Moses Blvd.) from 8:00-10:15am & serve lunch at the Apple Street Shelter (120 W. Apple Street) from 10:30am-1:30pm). We are still ironing out the details for care package and ugly sleeping bag distribution. A sign-up will be posted the beginning of January.

# COMMUNITY

groups

## 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:**

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](http://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](mailto:dketcham@grandlakechurch.org).



## **SUNDAY GROUPS**

**Apologetics & Bridge Builders & Pairs 'n Spares** – These adult classes are meeting together in Rooms 201-202 at 10:15am. They will continue their study of the Old Testament using RightNow Media and the Bible Project. All are welcome to attend.

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

**Serendipity Group** - This group meets on Sundays at 10:15am in Room 217. This group is studying "Drive Thru History, Bible Backroads: Corinthians & Galatians" 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. In December, they are finishing the study, "Crazy Making: Why we Keep Doing What We Don't Want to Do." In January, they will begin a new study, "Wild at Heart: Discovering the Secret of a Man's Soul" by John Eldredge. We will not meet the 4th Sunday in December due to Christmas, and are meeting on December 3 instead of December 10, due to conflict of schedules. In January, we will be back to meeting on the 2nd & 4th Sundays. All men are welcome to join in this study.

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

## **MONDAY GROUPS**

**Holy Chaos Group** - This group is open to people of all ages. Children are welcome to attend with their parents. This group meets Monday evenings at Pastor Matt & Beth Overman's home at 815 E. Wayne St. from 6:30-7:30pm. For December, the group will study, "The Unexpected" and in January, "Dangerous Jesus."

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

## **TUESDAY GROUPS**

**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)

**Ladies Bible Study** - This group meet on Wednesdays at 10:00am in the basement of the Mercer County District Library, and will finish "The Women of Christmas," a Liz Curtis Higgs study in December. In January, they will start a new study, which has not been chosen yet.

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

**Together in Faith Study** - This group meets on Wednesdays at 6:00pm, and will do the Advent study in December. This class is held in Room 216 and is open to everyone, both men and women.

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

**Women's Bible Study** - This group is studying "Advent" by J.D. Greear on RightNow Media. This group meets on Wednesdays at 6:00pm in Room 606. In January we are going to start the study "How to Read Your Bible" by Jennie Allen on Right Now Media.

**Contact:** Kim Winans (419-733-7079 or kimwinans@yahoo.com)

## **OTHER GROUPS**

**Monthly Women's Group** - This group will have a Christmas Dinner on Monday, December 4 at C.J.'s HighMarks at 6:00pm. They are studying "Encountering Jesus" and will meet in January on a date TBD to discuss Session 2.



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### **C.A.L.L. Donations**

C.A.N. Sunday (Caring About Neighbors) at St. Paul's campus is the first Sunday of the month, December 3 & January 7. For December, C.A.L.L. is requesting canned goods and baby food & diapers. For January, C.A.L.L. is requesting canned goods and new blankets, sheets & towels.

Montezuma's campus is collecting shampoo for December and bath soap for January for C.A.L.L. (Community Action Life Line).

Items may be brought into St. Paul's Lobby and Montezuma's Commons on Sunday, December 3 and January 7 to support this ministry.

**Thank you for your generosity and support of CALL Ministries,  
your recent donation of 46 items.**

## **SOLS Ministry**

These are ministry highlights from SOLS Ministry (Saving One Lost Sheep), which is committed to reaching the lost and sowing the Word of God in every way every day! 2 Corinthians 5:14-20.

This ministry of Randy and Tricia Christian, is touching the lives of residents and their family members. A Celina Manor family member writes, "I got to know several residents and realized how important it was for them to have something to look forward to. The SOLS worship services are a true blessing for them. They experience hope and God's love through Randy, Tricia, Micah, and Ryan."

This family member continued, "Prior to a worship service, I observed Randy conversing with a resident who was struggling with a lot of health issues. Randy listened to his story and prayed with him. His love of people is genuine. I appreciate the fact that he says he's not always sure what he will talk about at the service because he wants the Lord to lead him in his message."

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### **Souper Bowl of Caring: Souper Sunday! Sunday, February 11 at Grand Lake UMC**

The Souper Bowl of Caring is an opportunity to raise funds, sponsored by Grand Lake UMC Matthew25 Mission Ministry, for the Back Pack Program of C.A.L.L. Ministries that provides food for local families in need. Pick up your delicious lunch of soup (with bread), in St. Paul's Fellowship Hall to enjoy at home on Super Bowl Sunday.

**Carry-Out Orders Only: 9:30am-12:00pm on  
Sunday, February 11 - \$10/Quart (includes bread)**

***\*Please preorder your soup and prepay by February 5\****

**Fill out this form & drop it in the offering plate or bring it to the church office.  
Please make checks payable to Grand Lake UMC and memo "Souper Bowl."**

# of Quarts

Chicken Cheese	by CJ's HighMarks	_____
Beef & Noodle	by Brenda McGee	_____
Potato	by Brenda McGee	_____

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

**All proceeds benefit  
the Back Pack  
Program of C.A.L.L.  
Ministries**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsored by Grand Lake  
United Methodist Church's  
Matthew25 Mission Ministry

**Questions?** Contact Valerie Strohl-Kramer, 419-586-4166 or Mark Armstrong, 419-586-7044.

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### 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](mailto: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.creativediscoverypreschool.com](http://www.creativediscoverypreschool.com)

December is such an exciting time for the children at school, anticipating the upcoming holidays. We spend the month focusing on all of the wonderful aspects of Christmas and baby Jesus. The children make Christmas projects including bells and stars, angels, and a special Christmas surprise for their parents, which some find hard to keep a secret! They learn Christmas songs and finger-plays that are fun to share at preschool and at home. We are so thankful for this time of year that we can spend together with our friends and families. In January, we start the new year off by doing a variety of Winter activities with the children. With the cold weather and snow outside, we spend time working on projects involving icicles, mittens, penguins and ice fishing. Just a reminder that registration for the 2024-2025 school year opens on December 8 for members of Grand Lake UMC. Anyone interested can contact the Preschool at 419-586-2199. Thank you.



### 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!



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**Angel Tree gifts are due back by December 3, unwrapped.**

**The missions committee has decided that the special Christmas eve offering will go to CALL for their many ministries.**

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

# matthew25 PROJECT

## **Pajama Drive** **Through December 15, 2023**

The Pajama Drive is back for another year! We have collected thousands of items for children in foster care and hope to do it again this year. The Pajama Drive will run through December 15, 2023. We are collecting new pajamas, socks, underwear and diapers of all sizes. All donations can be dropped off in the Lobby of St. Paul's UMC or the Commons at Montezuma. If you have any questions, please contact Mindy Sudhoff at 419-584-1715 or Kelly Anderson at 419-790-3165.



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## **Matt Overman**

Pastor Of Children and Family Ministries

[moverman@grandlakechurch.org](mailto:moverman@grandlakechurch.org)

**Find us on Facebook!**

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### **Christmas Eve and New Years Eve Schedule**

Christmas is coming! We have 3 worship times to choose from on Christmas Eve at St. Paul's:  
5:00pm Family Worship, St. Paul's - **Praise Parties will lead in worship, Nursery care provided**  
7:00pm Contemporary Worship, St. Paul's—**Nursery care provided**  
9:00pm Traditional Worship, St. Paul's -**Nursery care provided**

On Sunday, December 31, 2023, we will worship as a family and all together at 10:00am. Nursery care will be provided for kids ages 0-3 years old. All other kids are invited to join us in the Sanctuary.

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### **Angel Tree**

Angel Tree was created in 2005 to provide Christmas gifts to area families. Last year the program provided almost 2,500 gifts to children in 360 local families! Grand Lake has partnered with OUR Home to assist in providing gifts again this year. The Angel Tree is set up on the Connection Center at both campuses. Please take a tag from the "tree" and purchase gifts that match the tag. ***Return all gifts unwrapped to the church by Sunday December 3.*** We will have a time to pray over the gifts we have collected. By returning the gifts unwrapped it allows the parents to "shop" and wrap the gifts for their child. If you would like to help with the sorting, or wrapping of the gifts, please see Matt O. ***Please remember it is not the quantity of the gifts, but the quality of the gifts that we purchase for these kids!*** THANK YOU for helping to spread the love of Jesus with kids this Christmas Season!



## **No Wednesday night December 27 & January 3**

There will be no dinner or Wednesday Night activities on December 27 or January 3. Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Classes will resume on January 10.

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## **Wednesday Night Cancellation Policy**

With snow and inclement weather on its way, it is time to review our winter cancellation policy for Wednesday nights. The staff will meet together and decide by 1:00pm whether to cancel activities. This is an all or nothing cancellation. Closing of Celina Schools does NOT mean that church activities are cancelled! All cancellations will be posted on Facebook, website, and WCSM radio. You can also call the church office for information.

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CELINA COMMUNITY VBS

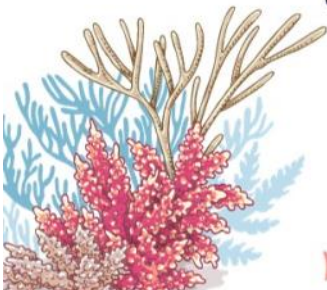


**SAVE THE DATE!**

**SUNDAY - THURSDAY**

**JULY 14-18, 2024**

**6:00-8:30PM**





## Nerf Night

**Who:** ANYONE!

**What:** A chance to test your armor and have some Nerf Gun Fun!!

**When:** Friday, March 4

Kindergarten-4th Grade 5:30pm-6:30pm

5th Grade & Up 7:00pm-8:00pm

**Cost:** Free

Come and enjoy some family time as we play nerf games! If you have a nerf gun feel free to bring it but guns and **darts will be provided!**

If you have any questions call Matt Overman at 419-586-6621

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## Family Game Night

**Who:** ANYONE!

**What:** A night to play games as a family

**When:** Friday, January 19 starting at 5:30pm

**Where:** Grand Lake St. Paul's in the Fellowship Hall

This is going to be a fun night of games, cards, snacks, and fellowship! Grab your favorite board game, card game, etc. for a time of fellowship! Pizza will be provided! Please bring something to drink.

This is a free event and is open to people of all ages!

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A poster for a Live Nativity event. The background is dark blue with white stars. At the top, it says "JOIN US AT MERRY & BRIGHT AT THE MERCER COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS FOR A". Below that, in large white letters, is "LIVE NATIVITY". To the right of the title is a QR code. Below the title, on the left, is an illustration of the Nativity scene with Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus in a manger, and animals. On the right, there is an illustration of three wise men on camels. At the bottom, white text reads: "On December 15-16, we will have our Live Nativity complete with camels, donkeys, and sheep! The times are 6 - 9pm. We will run 2 shifts: 5:45pm-7:30pm and 7:15pm to 9:15pm. If you would like to be a character for the Live Nativity, please sign up on the app or website or by scanning the QR code."

GRAND LAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

DECEMBER 3, 10, 17, & 24

Sundays: 9am & 10:30am  
Christmas Eve: 5pm, 7pm, & 9pm

Scan the QR code to sign up your family, friends,  
community group, etc!

A square QR code with a central logo consisting of three horizontal wavy lines in blue and black. The QR code is located in the bottom right corner of the poster.

Throughout the Gospels, we see Jesus taking time to go off alone and spend time in prayer and reflection after performing a miracle or teaching a large crowd. Jesus modeled for us this time of reflection and reconnection in the midst of a very busy ministry. In order to stay healthy, we all need time to rest and renew.

After much prayer, reflection, and consultation with the church leadership, it has been decided that I will be taking a 6-week renewal leave starting January 1, 2024, and concluding on February 11, 2024. This intentional time away is a part of the church's commitment to supporting your pastoral staff in their physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being. Paragraph 350 of our Book of Discipline provides boundaries for clergy to take leave to refresh and renew.

During this period, I will be taking the opportunity to rest, recharge, and engage in personal and spiritual renewal. The demands of pastoral ministry can be both rewarding and challenging, and it is essential to have dedicated time for reflection and relaxation to continue serving our congregation with energy and passion.

While I am on leave, a team of lay servants will continue to oversee and lead the children & family ministries at Grand Lake.

Please lift myself, Beth and our kids, in prayer during this renewal leave. Let us pray for a season of rest, inspiration, and a deepening of our relationship with God.

Additionally, I ask for your understanding and support as we come together to ensure that the functions of the church continue seamlessly in my absence. If you have any urgent matters or concerns that require attention during this time, please reach out to the church office.

I believe that this period of renewal will strengthen my ministry and contribute to the overall health and vitality of our church community. May we all be reminded of the importance of rest and spiritual rejuvenation in our own lives as you support me in taking this renewal leave.

Thank you for your understanding and continued commitment to our church family. May God's grace and peace be with each one of you.

In Christ's love,  
Pastor Matt & Beth Overman

# Youth News

Submitted by Dana Sheets

News for Youth Grades 5-12 & their parents!



We are on Remind-use class  
code: @hgebc2 for the Grand  
Lake Youth News!

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

### 1st Sunday

We serve at the 10:30am  
Contemporary Service.  
Be in the Lobby by  
10:15am. Use the QR  
code below to sign  
up! We serve  
December 3 and  
January 7.  
***We need you!***



### 2nd & 4th Sundays

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



### 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.

**Questions?? Please feel free to reach out to me, Dana Sheets,  
anytime. My number is: 419-852-6608.**

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## WINTER 23-24

**DECEMBER**

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**JANUARY**

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**FEBRUARY**

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**YOUTH SERVE SUNDAYS**  
10AM SIGN UP TODAY



**SUNDAY SCHOOL IN THE GREENHOUSE** 10:30-11:30AM



**FAMILY SUPPER 5:00-6;**  
**YOUTH GROUP @ THE GREENHOUSE 6-7:30PM;**  
**MORE FOR HS UNTIL 9PM**



**NO YOUTH GROUP**



**YOUTH IN WORSHIP WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS**



## SPECIAL EVENTS

12/13 - 8-12 GRADES SERVE SUPPER

12/17 - 8-12 BRAINSTORM MEETING

12/20 - CHRISTMAS PARTY 6-8  
JANUARY 5-7 LOCK-IN DATE TBA

1/24 - 5-7 GRADES SERVE SUPPER

2/14 - ASH WEDNESDAY

2/20 - LENT BREAKFAST 6:30-7:20

2/27 - LENT BREAKFAST 6:30-7:20

2/28 - YOUTH SERVE DINNER



**STAY TUNDED FOR MORE EVENTS TO COME!!**

# Young Adults

Stay up to date by following our Grand Lake Young Adults Facebook and Instagram Pages and check into the community groups available in the Tacklebox.

We are still looking into a Bible study to come in the New Year!

## Young Adults attending Wright State Lake

**Campus...**Stop out and visit with Dana on December 4 from 10:00am-1:00pm by the Cafeteria on Campus!! It would be awesome to see you there!



**Grand Lake UMC extends sympathy to:**

- Family of Rita Wilson who passed away 10-26-23. Sister of Patti (Ken) Loughrige-Gelhaus.
- Family of Joan Diller, who passed away 10-26-23. Mother of Rachel (Rick) Schleucher. Grandmother of Jenna & Matt Hodge. Great-grandmother of Lennon, Brooks & Vale Hodge.
- Family & friends of Deb Green, who passed away 10-28-23.
- Family of Bob Bollinger, who passed away 10-28-23. Brother of Craig (Becky) Bollinger.
- Family of Russ Hagar, who passed away 11-1-23. Father of Robyn (Mark) Armstrong and Tim Hagar. Grandfather of Jaime Armstrong and Beth (Pastor Matt) Overman. Great-grandfather of Ady Armstrong, Jayda Lange, Patrick, Charlie, Markus & Evelyn Overman.
- Family of Travis Boley, who passed away 11-3-23. Nephew of Craig (Carol) Zimmerman.

**Congratulations on the:**

- Birth of Luke Conrad Westgerdes on 10-31-23. Parents are Taylor & John Westgerdes. Grandparents are Kristi & James Corey. Great-grandparents are Barb & Gary Conrad.
- Birth of Kaiden Fredrick Wiehe on 11-1-23. Parents are Kolyn & Roni Wiehe. Grandparents are Ken & Dianne Wiehe.

**Congratulations on the:**

- Baptism of Judy Lynn Coffman at St. Paul's on 11-12-23.
- Baptism of Beckham JJ Besand at St. Paul's on 11-19-23. Parents are Ali & Zach Besand. Sponsors are Andrew Goodwin and Megan Giesige.

Grace

## THANK YOU

- Thank you to our church family who offered prayers, gifts, food and loving care during the recent sickness and death of our father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Russ Hagar. Thank you for patiently listening to his many stories. We will miss his stories, his ornery smile and his generous hugs. He loved his church family.  
Sincerely, The Family of Russell D. Hagar
- Grand Lake Methodist Women,  
Thank you for supporting the Red Cross bloodmobile by providing the delicious cookies for the October 30th drive when 68 units of blood were collected.  
The extra cookies were given to the fire department/police station and they appreciated them too!  
Sincerely, Sharon Miller & Beth Bricker

GIVE  
thanks  
with a  
GRATEFUL  
heart.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:18



# Highlights for December 2023 & January 2024 at Grand Lake UMC

## Weekly Events

### Sundays (except December 31)

- 8:50am Nursery Care (until 11:45am, SP 208)
- 9:00am Traditional Worship (SP Sanctuary & Online), Children's Discipleship Classes (SP 3rd Floor)
- 10:00am Refreshments (SP Fellowship Hall), Children's JAM (SP 3rd Floor), Youth Serve (1st—Meet in SP Lobby)
- 10:15am Apologetics /Bridge Builders /Pairs 'n Sares (SP 201-202), Serendipity (SP 217)
- 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

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

### Tuesdays

- 6:00pm Brianna's Hope (SP Fellowship Hall)
- 7:30pm Overeaters Anonymous (MZ Commons)

### Wednesdays (except for December 27 & January 3)

- 4:45pm Wednesday Night Supper (until 6:00pm in SP Fellowship Hall)
- 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)
- 7:00pm Children's Creative Classes (SP 3rd Floor)
- 7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Jabez House)
- 7:45pm MORE for Highschoolers (Greenhouse until 9:00pm)

### Thursdays

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

### Saturdays

- 7:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Jabez House)

SP—St. Paul's Campus

MZ—Montezuma Campus

## Special Events

### Saturday, December 2

- 2:00pm Women's "Thankful for Our Sisters" Event (SP Fellowship Hall until 6:00pm)

### Communion Sunday, December 3 & January 7

SP C.A.N. Sunday (canned good, baby food & diapers/Dec; new blankets, sheets, towels/Jan)

MZ C.A.L.L. Donations (shampoo/Dec; bath soap/Jan)

- 10:00am Youth Serve Before & During Worship (SP Sanctuary)

- 5:00pm Men's Study "Crazy Making" (12/ 3 only) (SP Lounge)

### Wednesday, December 6 & January 3

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

### Sunday, December 10 & January 14

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

### Sunday, December 10

- 6:00pm Messiah (SP Sanctuary)

### Friday, December 15

- 6:00pm Live Nativity (Mercer County Fairgrounds until 9:00pm)
- 6:30pm Real Life Mom's Night Out (CJ's HighMarks, Celina)

### Saturday, December 16

- 5:00pm CarePartner Christmas Party (Greenhouse)
- 6:00pm Live Nativity (Mercer County Fairgrounds until 9:00pm)

**\*Church Office Closed: Friday, December 22 at Noon Through Monday, January 1**

### Sunday, December 24

\*see Christmas Eve Schedule on p. 12

- 5:45pm Christmas Eve Community Meal (SP Fellowship Hall until 6:45pm)

### Thursday, December 28

- 11:30am Blood Drive (SP Fellowship Hall until 5:30pm)

### Sunday, December 31

- 10:00am One Worship (SP Sanctuary), Nursery (SP 208), Blended Worship (MZ Sanctuary)

### Sunday, January 14 & 28

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

### Friday, January 19

- 6:30pm Real Life Mom's Night Out (CJ's HighMarks, Celina)

See the complete and up-to-date church calendar at  
**[grandlakechurch.org/calendar](http://grandlakechurch.org/calendar)**

# December Birthdays\*

01	Charlotte Gudorf Bransen Miller Kelly Roukas Jodi Schoen	11	Alanna Bush Ruthann Eichenauer	23	Chad Altstaetter Coral Naylor
02	Kylie Gudorf Gabe Hicks Kaden Murlin Jak Steinbrunner Myrna Wolfe	11	Caison Hall	23	Harper Post
03	Ayden Aller Bayleigh Huston Jim Ross	12	Kailee Ross Carol Smith	24	Allison Hoyng Todd Hoyng
04	Patti Gelhaus Logan Patterson Remy Salzmman	13	Tammy Brunswick Callie Gudorf Haylee Harling Raylynn Stockton	25	J. D. Giesige Noel Larger Larry Larkin
05	Dianna McCullough	14	Hendrix Hedgecoth	26	Maezee Bonifas Janet McGee Ron Smith Matt Stetler
06	Wyatt Carpenter Devin Chilcoat Carley Fennig Erin Houser Beau Miller Ethan Pond Mackenzie Randall Stan Rockey	15	Doug Miesse Owen Nixon Chloe Russell Bill Sieber	27	Landon Bonifas Barb Conrad
07	River Miller Renee Whistler	16	Ally Gialdini Michael Gillum Haylee Gzula Mason Pennington Jessica Read	28	Joanne Foulkes Jim Phillips Claire Sheets Jenny Tester Jaxson Wellman Lily Westgerdes Knox Young
08	Mark Fleck Beau Koester Christa Miller Easton Murlin Zaxton Randolph	17	Ethan Bruce Susy DeLaet Kevin Mallory Emma Minnich Jonathan Williams	29	Stefanie Davis Ron Green Margaret Grunden Leighton Hays Ellie Rolfes Eva Will
09	Lori Murlin Sydnee Piper Renee Randall Louis Reichert Craig Riesen Jane Stuckman	18	Breah Ortiz Ingrid Reichert	30	Gunner Font Cherish Hartings Jon Kraner David Naylor Joshua Pierstorff Linda Standiford Jadyn Zimmerly
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01	Kelsey Johns	12	Ava Dobmeyer	21	Taryne Barger
	Luke Patton		Jenny Johnides	21	Gary Hamilton
	McCoy Post	12	Marilyn Oman		Dyanna Huston
	Sue Rexroat	13	Danica Koester		Braley Smith
02	Natalie Bernholt		Aria Monroe	22	Roxy Lyon
	Mary Jo Mueller		Tori Schoen		Parker Newcomb
	Journey Quinn		Walt Shreffler		Eli Schlater
	Mike Salyer		Kendyll Steinbrunner	23	Darrin Chilcoat
03	Bob Reynolds		Mindy Sudhoff		Gary Conrad
04	R.J. Patterson	14	Nancy Florence		Kabe Eichenauer
	Connor Ward		Stacey Gibbons		Rachel Fortman
05	Margie Bentley		Rick Krogman		Dale Golden
	Ken Doner		Joyce Smith		Rik Murlin
	Mackenzie Link		Jared Zimmerly		Carter Wilson
06	Ann Colvin	15	Teresa Byers	24	Robyn Armstrong
	Harlee Harris		Craig LeMasters		Cassandra Drummond
	Myri Moell		Rita Linton		Kim Fortkamp
07	Cathy Chilcoat		Jenny Schoen		Lisa Gilleo
	Tom Pottkotter		Todd Smith		Katie Hague
	Breckin Scott		Jack Westgerdes		Dorothy Sandker
08	Ethan Laffin	16	Katelyn Hall		Lee Werts
	Nicole Shaffer		Kalib Hurley	25	Tod McKirnan
	Landon Wolfe		May Jackson	26	Brittani Heindel
09	Victoria Bruns		Suzanne Murlin		Vikki Howard
	Andi Opdycke		Caleb Wilson		Ray Kramer
	Rachel Russell	17	Micaela Fortkamp		Sutton Opdycke
	Leah Salzmann		Andrew Gillum		Mark Overman
	Mischa Snow		Kingsley McKirnan		Karen Wisenborn
10	Cheryl Lipp		David Morgan	28	Talen Laffin
	Beth Standiford		Melissa Pennington		Brodie Steinbrunner
	Kyle Strohl		Aisha Schoen	29	Kamden Heindel
	Ethan Swaney	18	Betty Bowsher		Rex Spencer
	Gracen Williams		Merlee Heckathorn		Morgan Triplett
11	Paige Duncan		Derek Howell	30	John Garbig
	Morgan Gilstrap		Eddie Tobin		Braelyn McKirnan
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