

THE TACKLEBOX

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WELCOME TO *Grand Lake*

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

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

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

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

Blended Worship – 11:15am at Montezuma

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

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

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

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

BLANK CARDS *Needed*



We are seeking to replenish our supply of blank greeting cards. While we are well stocked with birthday, sympathy, Christmas, and other occasion-specific cards, we are currently in need of blank cards suitable for any occasion. Donations of any quantity—whether a full box or just a few unused cards—are greatly appreciated. Please drop off all cards at the church office or contact Amber Snyder.

ORGAN *Project*

Grand Lake United Methodist Church has a rich tradition of music supported by two pipe organs over the last century. The current organ, installed in 1980, has been faithfully maintained by the Lima Pipe Organ Company. In 2024, significant maintenance needs were identified, prompting the Trustees and organist Carol Zimmerman to assess long-term options, including visiting other churches and comparing alternatives.

After careful evaluation of cost, downtime, and future usability, the Trustees and organ committee - along with Carol - have recommended replacing the current pipe organ with a Rodgers Infinity Series digital organ from Classic Organs of Indiana INC.

Key reasons for choosing replacement:

- Cost: \$133,000 for a new digital organ vs. \$245,000 to refurbish current organ.
- Downtime: One week for installation vs. 4–6 months for refurbishing.
- Flexibility: Digital technology, playback capability, and easier playability for substitutes or future organists.

The new organ will maintain the sanctuary's traditional aesthetic and sound of the pipe organ. Speakers will be placed in existing pipe chambers, and the organ console will be relocated next to the piano on the chancel.

Financial Overview:

- Trust Account Committee contribution: \$50,000
- Finance Committee contribution: \$17,500
- Congregation contribution to date - \$10,000
- Down payment needed: \$66,500 (secured)
- Additional payments: \$33,250 at factory completion and \$33,250 at installation

**\$77,500 raised
so far!!**

The church invites the congregation to prayerfully consider contributing through check, cash, or online with "Organ Fund" marked on the memo line or envelope.

Organ Committee

Scott Miller – Ad Council Chair
Doug Foulkes – Finance Chair
Glenn Mills – Trustees Chair
Chad Alstaetter – Trust Account Chair

Carol Zimmerman – Organist
Mick Whistler – Pastor
Brad Pennington – Building Manager
Amber Snyder – Financial Secretary & Ministry Support

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I'm very thankful these days for Netflix and other entertainment streaming services because they allow me to tune out all of the hateful partisan rhetoric that seems to have taken over social media and cable news. Don't get me wrong, I still stay abreast of the latest news stories the best I can. But I do it in small doses so as not to give the devil a foothold via the hate mongers all around. And yes, I do believe media sources have the power to give the devil a foothold in our hearts and lives if we aren't always on guard against it.

You might think that's an overstatement, but take a good, hard, honest look at just how comfortable good Christian folks have become with treating people in ways Jesus would never condone. We openly use military attacks to kill alleged drug traffickers despite the fact that it's not even a capital offense. We make sweeping cuts to social safety net programs that hurt the poorest among us under the guise of eliminating fraud. We round up brown people in large swaths, like a fisherman casting a net, then sort them out later (maybe).

Do I have your attention? Is your blood boiling yet? Political discussions tend to have that effect, don't they? That is not my intent. In fact, I have no desire to delve into partisan politics here. Instead, I want to take the advice of Rev. Dr. Mike Slaughter, former Pastor of Ginghamburg, who said, "The church should always be political, but never partisan." In other words, the church should speak up (and out) on issues without tying itself to a political party. Because the reality of it is, no party gets it all right all the time. So, if you find yourself going all in on one party or another, at some point you'll probably find yourself bumping up against the Gospel pretty hard.

Let me explain. I'm all for cracking down on drug traffickers and imposing harsh legal penalties. I am not, however, in favor of drone strike executions of them. I absolutely want to eliminate fraud across all levels of government, but I believe it needs to be strategic and laser-focused so we stop the guilty without harming the innocent. In other words, let's not throw out the baby with the bathwater. I support strong border security, but I also support a reasonable immigration policy and legitimate paths to citizenship, as well as humane enforcement and treatment of everyone.

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I realize that these are real hot-button issues, and I'm not trying to convince anyone to follow one party's strategy over the other. In fact, I'd like to encourage you to step back from politics altogether and look not primarily through a partisan lens, but rather through your Christian lens. The old cliché question is very helpful here: What Would Jesus Do? WWJD. I'm sure you're all familiar with that one. For maximum effectiveness, I'm going to ask you to also look at that from a slightly different perspective: What Wouldn't Jesus Do? Still WWJD. Before you attempt to answer any of these questions, remember that Jesus had some pretty strong teachings regarding how we treat foreigners and how we treat the poor. That's not to say we can't have firm rules and regulations around these issues. It just means that those rules and regulations, and the enforcement thereof, need to be fair and humane. Contrary to popular belief, these are not either/or issues; they are both/and issues. Our policies can be both firm and humane. The same is true of their enforcement.

I believe we got to the place we're at because we bought in too easily, and too completely, to an us vs. them mentality. And the "them" is anyone who is different than us, whether it be in ideology, theology, skin color, social class, and the list goes on and on. But I submit to you that that is a false narrative. In the words of Maya Angelou from her poem "Human Family," "We are more alike, my friends, than we are unalike." And since the Bible tells us that we are all made in God's image, I'd say Maya is onto something. So my prayer is that we learn to focus on the many ways we are alike and build one another up rather than focusing on the few ways we are different and tear each other down. I mean c'mon. What would Jesus do? Use this Lenten season to really pray and meditate on what Jesus would have you do (and not do) regarding the hot button issues of our day. Invite the Holy Spirit to convict your heart, giving you the wisdom to discern God's will and the courage to live it out.

Lenten Blessings,
Pastor Mick

SERMON *Series*

During the season of Lent, we prepare ourselves spiritually for the journey to the cross and all that that means for our lives today. But this season of preparation is not something new or of our own invention. Jesus spent his entire ministry preparing the disciples for his eventual departure. As the time grew nearer for Jesus to go to the cross, he intensified his preparation of the disciples. John chapters 13-17 are often referred to as Jesus' Farewell Discourse. In it, Jesus shares some final instructions and encouragements designed to carry the disciples through the rough days ahead as well as a future without his physical presence.



This Lenten season we'll dive into Jesus' Farewell Discourse through our sermon series titled "Before I Go." The hope and prayer is that this series will prepare us, as modern-day disciples, for life in this fallen world. The beloved passages of Scripture in this series will teach and encourage us to remain faithful by staying connected to Christ, through the Spirit and through His church. Invite your friends, family, neighbors and coworkers to join us for this powerful 6-week series beginning Sunday, February 22. For those who want to go even deeper, check out the Francis Chan study "Jesus's Farewell Message" on RightNow Media.

MOBILE CHURCH *Directory*

If you have an email address listed in the Church Directory, you should have received an email from Universal Church Directories with information about our new Mobile Directory. That email included a unique identifier and simple instructions to help you get started.

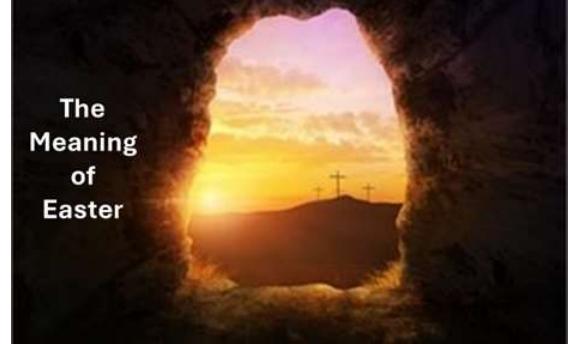
If you do not have an email address listed but have access to a computer, you can still use the Mobile Directory. Just contact Stefanie, and she will provide you with your unique identifier.

One of the great benefits of the Mobile Directory is that it can be updated at any time. Families, individuals, and photos can be added or edited as needed, helping us keep our directory current until the next printed edition is created. It's a wonderful way to find addresses and phone numbers and to put faces with names.

If you have any questions or need help getting started, please reach out to Stefanie. She would be happy to walk you through the process.

LENTEN *Study*

We probably all know the story of Easter. We know about the betrayal, the false trial, the crucifixion and the resurrection. We know the story. We know what the words say. But do we really understand what all of this means? Specifically, do we know what it means for each of us personally?



This Lenten season we'll delve deep into the true meaning of Easter. We'll ask hard questions and engage in deep discussions. We'll hear stories of the original disciples and share faith stories of our own. In so doing, we'll help each other grow in our faith, just as iron sharpens iron. So, if you have questions, or even doubts, as we all do, this is the study for you.

Join with Pastor Mick and Connie Davis on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 – 7:30pm for five weeks beginning February 25 to view and discuss the RightNow media study "Easter" by J.D. Greear. We'll start the Wednesday after Ash Wednesday and end the Wednesday before Holy Week, so you won't have to miss any of our special Lenten services.

MINISTRY EVENT *Form*

Communications Update

A Ministry Event Form is available on the home page of our website or under the Ministries page. With so much happening at Grand Lake, this form helps us clearly and effectively share each event through slides, registrations, and other communication tools.

To allow adequate preparation and promotion, please submit the form 8–10 weeks before your event. We typically promote events for about six weeks.

If you have questions while completing the form, please feel free to contact the Church Office. We're glad to help!

SCHOLARSHIP

Opportunities

The Scholarship Committee annually makes available three different scholarships. These scholarships are for students enrolled in a two year or more accredited institution of higher learning.

1. **Grand Lake UMC Scholarship** is available to any participating member or regular attendee of Grand Lake UMC.
2. **Grand Lake Service Scholarship** is available to any participating member or regular attendee of Grand Lake UMC. The award is made for unpaid service provided for Grand Lake UMC. Specific service is to be proposed through the application process and completed during the academic year. The scholarship is to be paid upon completion of the service.
3. **Grand Lake UMC Student in Ministry** is available to any participating member or regular attendee of Grand Lake UMC. Applicant must be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate or graduate student preparing for the ministry, Christian education, or a church-related vocation. These are given as a loan to the students and are forgiven upon verification of required years of ministry.

Application forms are available in the church office. **Submission deadline is MARCH 31.** These scholarships and the amounts granted are subject to the approval of the Church's Administrative Council. Distribution of checks will be prior to the Fall semester/quarter.

TRUSTEES

Update

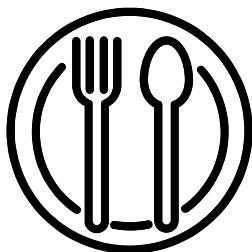
After many years of constant use, the existing treads on the main steps have become worn and no longer provide the level of safety expected for our congregation and visitors. The Trustees are going to replace the stair treads, which were originally installed during the 1966 remodel, as part of our ongoing responsibility to maintain the church building. Completing this work during the summer months will allow the project to be done with minimal disruption to church activities. Replacing the stair treads will improve safety, extend the life of the staircase, and help preserve this important part of our church for years to come.

CALENDAR

Highlights

March

17- Trustees, 7:00pm, Room 605
26 - Finance Meeting, 6:30pm, Room 201-202
28 - Ad Council Meeting, 6:30pm, Room 216-217



COMMUNITY CARRY- IN *Dinner*

Sunday, February 8 & March 8
at the Montezuma Campus at 12:30 pm

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

- ~ February ~ Spaghetti
- ~ March ~ Chili & Cornbread

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.



During February and March, Creative Discovery students are busy getting ready to celebrate Valentine's Day and begin to think about Spring. We are doing activities focused on friendship, kindness, and love. We celebrate Valentine's Day with a party where we play games and share Valentine's with our friends. Although it may be cold outside now, before we know it, Spring will be approaching. Our students will be eager to play outside and enjoy the newness that Spring offers. We have enjoyed this school year, and we will cherish the next few months as the children grow and learn.

WEDNESDAY *Supper*

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

February 4 - Serendipity - Serving

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

February 11 - Pathfinders - Serving

CHICKEN AND NOODLES, MASHED POTATOES, APPLE CRISP, SALAD

February 18th - Circle of Grace - Serving

BROASTED CHICKEN , MASHED POTATOES, VEGETABLE, SALAD, COOKIES

February 25 - Sanctus Choir - Serving

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

March 4 - Staff - Serving

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

March 11 - Youth - Serving

CREAMED CHICKEN SANDWICH, FRENCH FRIES, PEAS, COOKIES, SALAD

March 18 - Men's Group - Serving

PULLED PORK SANDWICH, MACARONI & CHEESE, SALAD, DESSERT

March 25 - Circle of Grace - Serving

BROASTED CHICKEN , MASHED POTATOES, VEGETABLE, SALAD, COOKIES

PEOPLE *Count*

November 2025

Date	Attendance	Giving
11/2/2025	394	\$29,679
11/9/2025	347	\$15,683
11/16/2025	279	\$11,689
11/23/2025	330	\$8,854
11/30/2025	255	\$14,797
AVERAGE	321	\$16,140

December 2025

Date	Attendance	Giving
12/7/2025	279	\$12,428
12/14/2025	262	\$8,432
12/21/2025	395	\$19,659
12/28/2025	204	\$19,571
AVERAGE	285	\$15,023

2025 Weekly Amount Needed: \$12,046

EASTER FLOWER

Order Form

Orders for Easter flowers may be placed until Sunday, March 1 by calling the church office, placing your order online, or dropping this form in the offering plate. Payment should be made to Grand Lake UMC. Please memo your check "Easter Flower".

Flower is given by: _____

Phone #: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

_____ Lily (\$23.00 each)

_____ Tulips (\$18.00 each)

_____ Hyacinths (\$18.00 each)

_____ In lieu of a plant, please use my donation to go toward
Local Missions. (Your name will still be included in the Easter Bulletin.)

Firm deadline of March 1 to ensure flowers arrive on time.



FEBRUARY

Servants

Sanctuary Greeters @ 9:00am

- 1 Nancy & Larry Florence
- 8 Lynn & Rick Krogman
- 15 Diane & Glenn Twigg
- 22 Suzanne Murlin & Pam Pottkotter

Lobby Greeters @ 9:00am

- 1 Sage & Rhen Carpenter
- 8 Heidi & Dale Moorman
- 15 Connie Allen, Angie Jaeger & Terri Shinn
- 22 Scott Miller family

Lobby Greeters @ 10:30am

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

Acolyte's @ 9:00am

- 1 Brecklynn Doner
- 8 Gabby & Bella Howell
- 15 Ella & Aiden Snyder
- 22 Grace Lehman

Preschool @ 9:00am

- 1 Dawn Gagle & Ashley Braun
- 8 Mitch & Amanda McGee
- 15 Derek & Lexi Waterman
- 22 Andrew & Alyssa Goodwin

Brianna's Hope Meal

- 3 Open
- 10 All Human
- 17 Wed Night Women
- 24 House of Hope

Communion Servants @ 9:00am

- Altar Scott Miller
- Balcony Frank Snyder
- Pews Heidi & Dale Moorman
- Suzanne Murlin & Pam Pottkotter

Ushers @ 9:00am

- 1 Mitch McGee
- 8 Vicki McGee Family
- 15 Dale Moorman
- 22 Rick Krogman

Ushers @ 10:30am

- The Pennington Family

10:00am Check In

- 1 Jocelyn Meyer
- 8 Patrick Overman
- 15 Carolyn Pancake
- 22 Matt Overman

Preschool @ 10:30am

- 1 Laura Wilson
- 8 Morgan Triplett
- 15 Laura Wilson
- 22 Morgan Triplett

School Age @ 10:30am

- 1 Ashley Pennington
- 8 Traci Robbins
- 15 Katie Nixon
- 22 Ashley Giesige

Jam Leader

- 1 Beth Overman
- 8 Renee Randall
- 15 TBD
- 22 Lisa Snyder

MARCH

Servants

Sanctuary Greeters @ 9:00am

1 Carol & Jon Santa
8 Heidi & Dale Moorman
15 Nancy & Larry Florence
22 Nancy Kruger & Carolyn Leffler
29 Connie Allen, Angie Jaeger & Terri Shinn

Lobby Greeters @ 9:00am

1 Jackie & Don Patch
8 Lori & Mike Salyer
15 Carol & Jon Santa
22 Scott Miller family
29 Sage & Rhen Carpenter

Lobby Greeters @ 10:30am

1 Youth
8 Jocelyn & Nathan Meyer
15 Kelly Wenning & Kelly Westgerdes
22 Pat Jones
29 Kathy & Todd Smith

Acolyte's @ 9:00am

1 Addison Bretz
8 Joey & Elliot McGee
15 TBD
22 TBD
29 Brecklynn Doner

Preschool @ 9:00am

1 Jayda Overman
8 Kayliann Howell
15 Scott & Megan Miller
22 Dawn Gagle & Ashley Braun
29 John & Jess Opdycke

Brianna's Hope Meal

3 Open
10 Holy Chaos
17 Devon and Don Willey
24 Barb Painter
31 House of Hope

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UPCOMING Events



Galentine's Day Celebration

Galentine's Day is all about celebrating friendship—especially with your favorite women.

♥ Monday February 23

♥ 6:30-8:00pm

♥ The Greenhouse

♥ Bring a dessert to share

♥ Bring either a cake mix or a can of icing for our mission project

You will have an opportunity to make a craft, play games, and fellowship with all your Gal-friends. Our mission focus will be a Birthday Bag for C.A.L.L. pantry to distribute to clients. Please bring either a cake mix (any flavor) or a can of icing (any flavor).

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

Upcoming Events

The Daughter's Dinner will be held in April, so watch for more details to come! At that event, details about Just Sisters will be revealed! What do you think it could be? Are you excited to find out? Read Psalm 23 to see if you can find any clues there.

The Women's Ministry Annual Retreat -

October 16-17, 2026

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

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

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



UPCOMING

Events

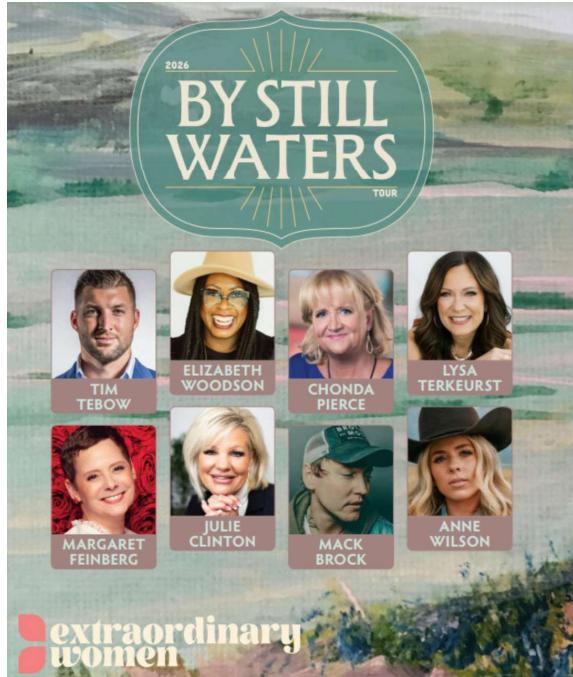
Women's Conference - April 17 & 18 **"By Still Waters"**

A women's conference by Extraordinary Women will be held in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum.

Friday, April 17, - 7:00-10:00pm &
Saturday, April 18, - 8:30am-4:15pm.

The early-bird cost is \$89, with the option to add hotel accommodations if registered by February 18.

Register online or contact Lori Salyer at: salyer.lori@gmail.com for additional information.



Grand Lake United Methodist Church will offer an Ash Wednesday service on February 18 at 7:00pm in St. Paul's Sanctuary. Join us for a time of reflection and self-examination as we begin the Lenten season.

You may also watch the service live on our website at grandlakechurch.org or on our Grand Lake Church App.

COMMUNITY

Groups

MONTHLY GROUPS

Monthly Women's Group – This group of women meets once a month from 7:00-9:00pm. They are currently studying the book of Romans, using the RightNow media study "The Book of Romans: Part I" by J.D. Greear. On Monday, February 9, they will meet in Room 606 to study Session 4: Romans 3: 1-20. All women are welcome to join this group. If you are interested in joining the group, please get in touch with Robyn Sheets (419-790-3092 or rrsheets58@yahoo.com)

SUNDAY GROUPS

Circle of Grace: 10:15am, Rooms 201-202. This adult class is open to anyone looking for a place to study Bible truths. On February 8, they will be finishing the study by Lisa Harper titled "Why Do We Need the Bible?" On February 15, they will start "He Chose the Nails" by Max Lucado. This will go until March 22. All are welcome to join this class!
Contact: Robyn Armstrong (419-856-7044 or robynarms89@gmail.com)

Serendipity: 10:15am, Room 217. This adult group is open to men and women. They will finish "Excavating the Evidence for Jesus—The Top-10 List for Christ's Ministry" on February 15 and Start "Excavating the Evidence for Jesus—The top-10 List for Easter" during Lent. 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 studying, "Every Thought Captive: How Renewing Your Mind Can Change Your Life" by Kyle Idleman, which is also found on RightNow Media. All men are invited!

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

TUESDAY GROUP

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

The group is studying the Lord's Prayer.

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

WEDNESDAY GROUPS

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

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

Ladies Bible Study: This group meets in the Mercer County Library basement. It will continue the study "Acts." They meet every Wednesday at 10:00am except the second Wednesday of the month. All women are invited.

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

Wednesday Night for Women's Bible Study: 6:00-7:30pm in Room 606. For the month of February, we will finish our study of "Who Are You Following?" They will not have class on February 18 for Ash Wednesday. February 25, they will follow the Lenten sermon series "Jesus' Farewell Message" by Francis Chan. Then, they will begin "Hidden" by Allison Allen in April on Faith Gateway to finish out the year. All women are welcome to join this group.

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

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

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

THURSDAY GROUPS

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

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

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

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

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

March 29 Palm Sunday Regular Worship Times

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

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

APRIL 5 Easter Sunday Regular Worship Times



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PROJECT

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

February 1:

St. Paul's: peanut butter or Nutella, jams & jellies
Montezuma: bathroom tissue

March 1:

St. Paul's: baby food & diapers
Montezuma: shampoo

C.A.L.L. (Community Action Life Line) items may be brought into St. Paul's Lobby and Montezuma's Commons on the above dates.

ASP Service Project June 28 - July 4, 2026

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



Christmas Offerings Update



Thank you to everyone that gave to our Christmas Offering! We were able to raise \$6,105 for our Emergency Needs ministries. Your generous gifts, through this offering, will help those in need in our very own community to experience the love of Jesus Christ in a very real and tangible way.

The Christmas Surprise offering for the Waffle House Employees was \$6,000. +
Thank you so much for your generosity.

Overholt Overview

The on-going ministries/projects in Choluteca, Honduras, which were started by Angie and Larry Overholt, of World Gospel Mission, include:

- the seventh graduation of the Nursing High School with 14 students
- 4-H clubs in 8 communities, which includes helping mothers learn essential skills which their children are learning, thus fostering a stronger community for everyone
- The Lizzie Project, which links students in primary, high school, and university with a sponsor so the child can continue their studies

SOLS—Saving One Lost Sheep

At Thanksgiving and all year long, we thank the Lord for faithful ministry partners like you all. S.O.L.S. Ministry relies on our faithful prayer warriors and financial donations too. May the Lord bless you richly for your generosity! We are including our gratitude photo as a reminder to continue to be a S.O.L.S. prayer partner.

In Christ's love— Randy and Tricia Christian and the S.O.L.S. Ministry Board”

Celina City Schools

On behalf of Celina City Schools, we would like to extend our sincere appreciation for your generous donation of \$2,350 in support of our high school's Spirit Squad Lab Rats upcoming trip to New York City. Your contribution is helping to make this exciting educational opportunity a reality for our students. The NYC trip will offer them a chance to explore one of the world's most dynamic cities, engage with arts and culture, and gain experiences that extend far beyond the classroom. Once again, thank you for your generosity and belief in the power of education and opportunity.

Adam Schleucher President, Board of Education Brooke Gessler Superintendent
Michelle Mawer Treasurer

Easter Offering

This Easter, our special offering will support local missions and young adults in our community. Your generosity helps meet real needs nearby and invests in the next generation of faith and leadership. As we celebrate the hope of the resurrection, thank you for helping us share that hope in practical and meaningful ways.

Angel Tree

Thank you so much to everyone who took a tag and purchased a gift for the 2025 Angel Tree project. Grand Lake filled about 175 tags. Overall 896 kids received a total of 2,688 gifts. It took a team of over 275 servants to make it all possible. Thank you to everyone who filled a tag, served, and especially to OUR Home for their leadership and congratulations for earning Candid Platinum Seal of Transparency for 2026

CALL Cafe

Join us in serving our community! We are excited to host a meal at CALL Cafe, and we need your help to make it a success. This is a wonderful opportunity to share love and care for the community by serving and helping prepare a warm meal.

We are looking for individuals to help serve the meal and/ or donate desserts for this event on Feb 10, 2026. Please contact Aimee Highley at 419.733.8440 or Aimee.highley2@gmail.com to sign up.



Vacation Bible School 2026: Rainforest Falls!

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

Get ready to explore the wild, wonderful nature of God at this year's Vacation Bible School: Rainforest Falls! Kids will venture deep into a vibrant rainforest where Bible stories come to life, faith grows, and God's love is discovered around every corner. **Important note: This year's VBS moves to June, a shift from our usual July schedule—so mark your calendars now!** Stay tuned for registration details, volunteer opportunities, and ways you can help bring Rainforest Falls to life. It's going to be an unforgettable adventure!



Kids Take Over the Kitchen!

Get ready for fun, food, and lots of smiles as our Kids Serve Dinner! Join us on **February 11 & April 15** as our awesome kids roll up their sleeves, head into the kitchen, and help serve dinner to our church family. Meet in the kitchen anytime between 4:45–5:45pm and jump into the fun! Come cheer them on as they learn how serving others can be deliciously joyful!



Get ready to dodge, dash, and have a blast! Our annual Nerf Night Party is back and it's going to be epic! Join us on **Friday, March 6, 2026 from 6:00–7:30pm** at the PBS Building at the Mercer County Fairgrounds for an evening packed with friendly battles, laughter, and high-energy fun. Bring your friends, bring your best aim, and get ready for a night you won't forget. This event is totally FREE! Let the Nerf wars begin!

Kids Night Out – Valentine's Edition!

Parents, enjoy a night out while the kids enjoy a night of FUN! Join us for Kids Night Out on **Friday, February 13 from 6:00–9:00pm**

This special Valentine's edition is open to children ages 0–4th grade and includes:

Dinner, A Valentine craft, A movie, Lots of fun with friends!

Cost: \$10 per child and spots are limited, so be sure to sign up on the app, website, or by scanning the QR code. Give yourself a break—and give your kids a night they'll LOVE! ❤️



Ash Wednesday - February 18

Class starts at 6:00pm

Worship starts at 7:00pm

Classes are dismissed at 8:00pm or when Worship is over.



Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday is March 29! We read in Matthew 21:8 about the large crowd that welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem. In remembrance of this, our kids will carry palm branches in and sing at Sunday morning worship at St. Paul's. We will meet in the library at St. Paul's 10 minutes before each service to pass out palms. Children will carry palms into the Sanctuary, sing and then return to class or to their parents.

Poptarts & PJs

Daylight Saving Time is coming, so we're making it easy and fun!

On Sunday, March 9, kids are invited to come to church in their pajamas and enjoy a Pop-Tart breakfast. Skip the stress, grab the kiddos (stuffies welcome!), and start the morning cozy, sweet, and smiling as we spring forward together.



Praise Party Updates: Kids Leading in Worship!

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

Gospel Groovers (Dance)

Gospel Groovers dance team will join us on **March 8 at 10:30am and April 12 at 9:00am**

Impact Band (Bucket Drums)

The Impact Band will be playing on **February 15 at 10:30am and March 15 at 9:00am**



Other Upcoming Events

4/5/26 - Easter

4/15/26 - Kids Serve Dinner

5/8/26 - Kids Night Out - Mothers Day

5/13/26 - Last Wednesday Night

5/17/26 - Spring Carnival

6/19/26 - Pool Party 5:30-7:30pm

7/12/26 - Pool Party 8:00-10:00pm

8/16/26 - Pool Party 5:30-7:30pm



WEDNESDAY YOUTH GROUP

6:00-7:30pm in the Greenhouse

February 4: Appalachia Service Project Mountain Month

Youth will learn about people in the Appalachian region, poverty, and how people survive there.

CONFIRMATION

Please pray for our confirmation students, especially while they attend retreats.

Lydia Heilers on February 7; Claire Gudorf and Hunter Nixon on February 20-22.

If you would like to send them an agape card there is a box in the Library.

LENT BREAKFAST

Every Thursday in Lent February 19 - April 2 at 6:30am.

Gather in the Chapel on the second floor for a devotion.

After breakfast, we can deliver you to school. Please let us know you are coming on the website or the church app under the Youth tab.

CAMP WESLEY SUMMER CAMP

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

APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT

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



YOUNG ADULT

Happenings



FEBRUARY

Valentine's Day Party

Saturday, February 21: 2:00-3:00pm

Location: The Greenhouse

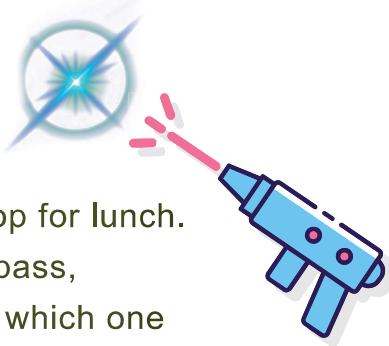
Join the Young Adults as we have a Valentine's party.
Bring a side dish to share. We will be playing games and
watching a movie!!

MARCH

Laser tag @ Escape Wapak

Sunday, March 15

We will leave after church (11:45am) and stop for lunch.
\$25 per person for an unlimited-play pass,
or \$7 per 10-minute mission! (You choose which one
you want/how many missions you want to do!)



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

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

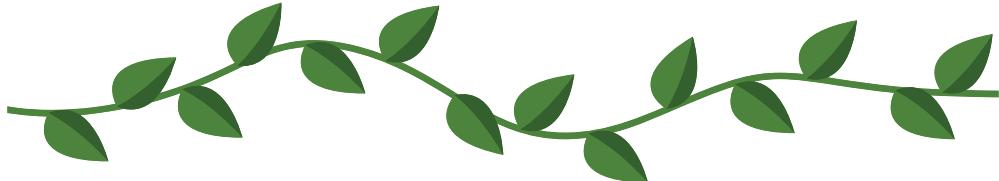
Your next chapter starts here—come join us!

LOVE & *Sympathy*

- Family and friends of Elizabeth Calvelage, who passed away 11-30-25. Son, Rick (Jackie) Calvelage.
- Family and friends of Linda Anderson, who passed away 12-2-25. Brother, Greg Anderson.
- Family and friends of Crystal Abels, who passed away 12-17-25. Brother, Todd (Kathy) Smith.
- Family and friends of Grace Smelser, who passed away 12-20-25. Brother, Frank (Sandy) Snyder, Nephews, Jason (Amber) Snyder and Ryan (Lisa) Snyder.
- Family and friends of Deborah Hole, who passed away 1-3-26. Brother, Don (Rhonda) Bowlby.
- Dianne (Ken) Wiehe and family. Her step-mother, Marietta "Mary" Godwin, passed away 1-3-26. Grandson, Kolyn (Roni) Wiehe.
- Family and friends of David Sorenson who passed away 1-6-26. Son, Brent (Alison) Sorenson. Grandchildren, Karaline, Jack, Will and Madalynne Sorenson.
- Family and friends of Rita Harter, who passed away 1-13-26. Grandson, John Harter.

PRAISES

- Mike Montgomery and Hillary Frank were married at St. Paul's on 1-3-26.
- Baptism of LaMya Faith Lehman on 1-11-26. Parents, Jason and Amber Snyder, siblings, Leander and Landric Snyder.



Thank You's

- The CHS Dayton Children's Toy Drive was able to donate 1,671 toys in 2025. We continue to be incredibly proud of this yearly tradition. Thank you for your generous support in the past 16 years.
- Thank you so much for allowing us to use your inflatables and putt putt golf for our Rocktoberfest event in Rockford. Your generosity helped make the event a great success and was truly a blessing to our church family at Rockford UMC. We deeply appreciate your partnership in ministry and the joy you helped bring to our community. - Rockford UMC
- Thank you for allowing the AA groups to hold our New Year's Eve Alcothon at the Montezuma church. It was a great event which helped many of our members! Many thanks! - Area AA Members
- We want to say "thank you" for allowing us to use your basement for our Kiwanis pancake breakfast with Santa. - The Kiwanis Club of Celina
- I want to extend my heartfelt thanks for the wonderful snacks and the encouraging words shared with us before and during the Lab Rats trip to New York City. Your kindness and support meant so much to everyone in our group and helped to make the journey even more special. Knowing that we had your prayers, love and encouragement behind us gave us an extra boost of confidence as we represented our community. The snacks were a perfect treat on the road and the thoughtful messages reminded us of how blessed we are to live in such a caring community. Thank you for lifting us up, cheering us on and having such a meaningful part of the experience. I am truly grateful. - Deb Sneddon
- On behalf of Celina City Schools, we would like to extend our sincere appreciation for your generous donation of \$2,444 for unpaid school fees in our elementary building. Your kindness and commitment to our students make a meaningful difference. By helping to offset unpaid fees, you have ensured that all children are able to fully participate in their educational experience without financial barriers. We are deeply grateful for your willingness to invest in the success and well-being of our elementary students. Donations such as yours strengthen our school community and reflect the shared values that help our children thrive. Thank you once again for your generosity and continued support of our schools.

-Celina City Schools

SUPPORT GROUPS

Celina

Narcotics Anonymous

Mondays, 7:30-9:00pm

Grand Lake Fellowship Hall, 119 E Fulton St

Contact Bonnie Vorhees at 419-790-4774

A Better Life, Brianna's Hope

Tuesdays, 6:00-7:30pm

Grand Lake Fellowship Hall, 119 E Fulton St

Contact Kim Winans at 419-733-7079

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Jabez House, 127 E Fulton St

Contact the Central Office at 937-222-2211

Celina (cont'd)

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS)

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

Grand Lake Fellowship Hall, 119 E Fulton St

Contact the church office at 419-586-6621

Montezuma

Overeaters Anonymous

Tuesdays, 7:30-8:30pm

GLUMC MZ - 40 South High St, Montezuma

contact Susan H. @ 419-953-7012

Alcoholics Anonymous

Thursdays, 7:30-8:30pm

GLUMC MZ - 40 South High St, Montezuma

Contact the Central Office at 937-222-2211

BIRTHDAYS

February

1	Deb Torge	16	Lori Salyer
1	Lily Schulte	17	Ireland Ferrell
3	Shannon Painter-Carpenter	18	Kennady Murlin
3	Thane Koch	18	Traci Robbins
4	Kathy Correll	18	Jim Stilwell
4	Joy Fortman	18	Darcy Heitz
5	Jan Heinrich	20	Dawn Gagle
5	Joey McGee	20	Stacy Sanders
6	Nikki LaDow	22	Cynthia Morgan
6	Jocelyn Meyer	22	Trevor Temple
6	Rylan Chapman	22	Emily Weitzel
6	Leyton Gray	22	Kandace Turner
7	Sam Davis	23	Brenna Swaney
9	Sandy Now	24	Kyle Murlin
10	Norma Carolus	24	Jane Wilder
10	Kathy Smith	24	Kellan Kugel
11	Rich Vorhees	24	Conner Tobin
11	Megan Sheets	24	Keaton Tobin
11	Braden Harsh	25	Kimarie Kiser
12	Gary Hays	26	Kirk Lehman
12	Grant Homan	27	Adam Carpenter
12	Sarah Young	27	Charlee Swaney
12	Melissa Steinbrunner	27	Bev Bright
12	Harrison Miller	27	Keanu Temple
13	Barb Fleck	27	Ben Laffin
13	Atticus Hunt	28	Suzanne Montgomery
14	Eric Wellman	28	Chris Williams
14	Beckham Besand		

BIRTHDAYS

March

1	Layna Duncan	17	Jerry Fennig
1	Eli Fortman	17	Reese Russell
1	Delaney McKirnan	17	Louie Lyon
2	Becky Snyder	18	Wanda Dicke
3	Sandy Snyder	18	Kelli Grieshop
3	Riley Snyder	18	Drew Krogman
3	Greyson McGee	18	John Harter
4	Ronnie Huston	18	Paul Hamilton
5	Bob Bollenbacher	18	Patrick Overman
6	Betty Gant	19	Carly Stucky
6	Crystal LeMasters	19	Misty Moore
6	Skyler Schmidt	19	Kate Frysinger
6	Wyatt Schmidt	19	John Medaugh
6	Benjamin Houts	20	Bill Montgomery
7	Dylan Luth	20	Joyce Zizelman
7	Leon Pancake	20	Bonnie Vorhees
7	Evelyn Overman	21	Kyle Houts
7	Rio Piper	22	Carlena Heindel
7	Havilah Tonkin	22	Riley Heindel
7	Betty Merrick	23	Jetta Mutter
8	Kim Winans	23	Reece Johns
9	Lori Davis	24	Kylie Rammel
9	Chloe Bruce	25	Jaime Armstrong
10	Bob Brenneman	25	Mary Fortman
10	Kole Murlin	25	Payton Bertke
10	Kolyn Wiehe	25	Angie Nixon
11	Tammy Barger	28	Penni Skipper
12	Connie Bensman	29	Robin Smith
13	Derl Burger	29	S. David Sundersingh
13	Roni Wiehe	29	Dave Weitz
14	Gordon Wolfe	30	Ryan Snyder
15	Erica Swaney	31	Payton Ellis
15	Charley Wenning	31	Carson Johns
16	Andy Jaeger	31	Charlee Werstler
16	Dian Peters	31	Jess Homan
16	Ella Snyder		
16	Steve Winans		

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