

THE TACKLEBOX

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



March 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

In March, we will continue our focus on healing of body, mind, soul, and broken relationships. On March 10, we will offer a Healing Service during our 9:00am and 10:30am Worship services, along with Communion, which is part of the service. Together we rejoice for our healing and wholeness as we approach the Day of Resurrection – Easter Day!

On March 3 and 17, Kyle Houts will offer the message, as I will be taking my Sunday vacation days.

Please join us on Palm Sunday, March 24, for the Confirmation service during our 9:00am Worship. Celebrate with the youth in Fellowship Hall for their Confirmation Reception after the service and congratulate each Youth who has worked so hard. We will also celebrate Palm Sunday at the 10:30am Contemporary Worship.

We will come back together on Holy Thursday, March 28, at 7:00pm, to remember Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. We will partake of Communion at the altar railing.

The following evening, at 7:00pm, we will come together again to remember the divine sacrifice Jesus gave for us, for the forgiveness of our sins, and salvation of our soul during our Good Friday Service. Come to remember and ponder what wondrous love this truly is.

Then, bring your family and friends to celebrate on Easter morning, as we celebrate the Risen Lord at 9:00am and 10:30am, raising our voices in celebration. Rev. Dr. Jim Wilson, our District Superintendent, will give the message at Easter, at both services. The Traditional Service will end with the Hallelujah Chorus. Come and celebrate that the Lord is risen!

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Grand Lake would like to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude for the time Pastor Deb and Dan have spent with us. We have all witnessed growth and transformation of our congregation through their time here and thank them tremendously for sharing their gifts with Grand Lake. Let us continue to shower them with prayer as they embark on a new chapter in life and ministry.

Greeters

9:00am • St. Paul's

3rd Sanctuary Larry & Vicki Gossett

Lobby Rick & Lynn Krogman

10th Sanctuary David & Shiela Sundersingh

Lobby Don & Jackie Patch

17th Sanctuary Scott & Megan Miller Lobby Chuck & Kathy Webster

24th Sanctuary Mike & Lori Salyer

Lobby Dale & Heidi Moorman

31st Sanctuary Sam & Nita Hellwarth Lobby Stan & Sauny Rockey

10:30am • St. Paul's

3rd Lobby Youth

10th Lobby Joel Sheets & Ruth Nusbaum

17th Lobby Evelyn Hainline & Kelly Wenning

24th Lobby Nathan & Jocelyn Meyer **31**st Lobby Pat Jones & Kyle Houts

Holy Thursday March 28 • 7:00pm

Sanctuary Allan & Joyce Smith Lobby Val & Ray Kramer

Good Friday March 28 • 7:00pm

Sanctuary Larry & Nancy Florence Lobby Todd & Kathy Smith

Ushers

9:00am • St. Paul's

3rd Mike Salyer

10th Rick Krogman

17th Dale Moorman

24th Scott Miller

31st Mitch McGee

Communion Servants

St. Paul's March 10, 2024 Altar Servants:

Scott Miller

Balcony: Stacy Sanders **Pews in Main Sanctuary:**

Larry (captain) & Nancy Florence, Mike & Lori Salyer







Wednesday Supper St. Paul's Fellowship Hall

March 6 - Sanctus Choir

Baked Potato Bar with Chili-Broccoli-Cheese-Bacon Bits, Cookies & Ice Cream, Salad, Coffee & Lemonade

March 13 - Staff

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

March 20 - Mark & Apologetics

Chicken Ala King, Salad, Coffee & Lemonade

March 27 - Mike, Mark & Women's Group

Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Salad, Coffee & Lemonade

Counting people because people count!

February 2024

Date	Attendance	Giving		
2/4	246	\$9,884		
2/11	259	\$23,363		
2/18	202	\$5,925		
2/25	2/25 236 \$8,604			
AVERAGE	236	\$11,944		

2024 Weekly Amount Needed: \$12,191

Lenten Sermon Series

Healing of Body, Mind, Soul, and Broken Relationships: A Journey to and Through Lent

All of us have experienced a very bad day, days, weeks, and even years. Our bodies hurt; we want healing. We can't do the things we were used to doing or want to do. Our mind swirls with anxiousness as we endure restless nights. We realize we aren't able to process as we would want and tend to take parts of what we hear out of context. We fixate on one or two things that bother us about someone or a situation, and then are unable to see the good in that person or situation. Our soul is weary. We don't have the words to pray. We feel alone and far from God. Life seems like a wilderness. We find ourselves in a desert season. Life gets overwhelming as the losses and years of broken relationships continue to pile up.

Through February and March, we will focus on the healing of our body, mind, soul, and broken relationships. On March 10, as part of our Worship Service, we will offer a Service of Healing. We will ask God to heal us - however God chooses – body, mind, soul, and/or broken relationships, so we can step into the resurrection promise of Easter, refreshed, and renewed.

Kyle Houts will offer the message on March 3 and 17.

Special Services for Holy Week:

- Confirmation Sunday March 24 during the 9:00am Worship Service
- Palm Sunday March 24 regular worship times
- Holy Thursday March 28 at 7:00pm in St. Paul's Sanctuary
- Good Friday March 29 at 7:00pm in St. Paul's Sanctuary
- Easter March 31 Celebration Services 9:00am and 10:30am Rev. Dr. Jim Wilson, our District Superintendent will give the message on Easter, at both services.

Easter Flower Order Form

Orders for Easter flowers may be placed until Wednesday, March 6 by calling the church office or dropping this form in the offering plate.

Payment should be made to Grand Lake United Methodist Church.

Please memo your check "Easter flower."

Please print clearly
Flower is given by
Phone #
in memory of
in honor of
Lily at \$22.00 each
Tulips at \$16.00 each
Kalanchoe at \$22.00 each
I will pick up my flower after Easter.
In lieu of a plant, please use my donation for the Flower Fund. My name will still be included in the "Easter Bulletin."
Firm deadline is March 6, 2024

PALM SUNDAY March 24, 2023 Regular Worship Times

9:00am Traditional at St. Paul's 10:30am Contemporary at St. Paul's 10:30am Blended at Montezuma

Children Wave Palm Branches at the Beginning of Each Worship—Youth are Confirmed at the 9:00am Worship





MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE March 28, 2024 - 7:00pm St. Paul's Sanctuary

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE March 29, 2024 - 7:00pm

St. Paul's Sanctuary





MARCH 31, 2024 9:00AM 10:30AM 10:30AM TRADITIONAL AT ST. PAUL'S CONTEMPORARY AT ST. PAUL'S BLENDED AT MONTEZUMA



St. Paul's • 119 E. Fulton St., Celina Montezuma • 40 S. High St., Montezuma

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COMMUNITY CARRY-IN DINNER AT MONTEZUMA

Sunday, March 10, 2024 at the Montezuma Campus at 12:00pm

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Good Food, Family Fun & Fellowship!
Chicken & Noodles are provided.
Bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share!



40 S. High St. Montezuma





TWO EASY WAYS TO GIVE:

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

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

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

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

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

Real Life Moms

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

March 6 RLM, St. Paul's

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

March 15 Moms Night Out, LaCarreta,

6:30pm

No Childcare Available



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

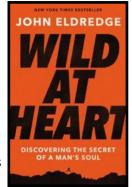
Men's Ministry

Dates: Meet the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, March 10 & 24

Time: 5:00-6:30pm

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

The Men's Ministry has begun 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 bedangerous, passionate, alive, and free!



Submitted by the Scholarship Committee

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.

The three types of scholarships available at Grand Lake UMC are:

1. Grand Lake UMC Scholarship

Available to any member or regular attendee of Grand Lake UMC.

2. Grand Lake Service Scholarship

Available to any 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

Available to any member or regular attendee of Grand Lake UMC. Applicant must be enrolled as an undergraduate or graduate student at an accredited institution full time in

preparation for the ministry, Christian education, or a church related vocation. These grants will be given as a loan to the students and are forgiven upon verification of required years of ministry. Students who leave school or the ministry are expected to repay unforgiven portions of the award.

Application forms are available in the church office. They must be completed and returned by MARCH 31, 2024.

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.

Look at a day when you are supremely satisfied at the end. It's not a day when you lounge around doing nothing; it's a day you've had everything to do and you've done it.

-Margaret Thatcher



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

Congrats to Our Confirmands!



Sophie Gudorf



Nolan Williams



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Keep in Touch!

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



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

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

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

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



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 teaching. The next regular meeting is March 18.



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

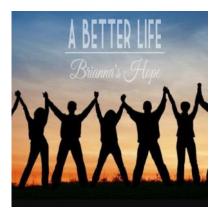
Our senior citizens enjoy, appreciate, and need our thoughts, prayers and particularly our calls and visits. Whether family members or church members, a little extra time for them can make a huge difference. Contact the church office for a list of all our shut-ins, nursing home, and elderly members.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





A Better Life—Brianna's Hope/Celina

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



RightNow Media

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

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

Group is studying, "The Book of Joshua" by Louie Giglio.
Together in Faith is also studying "The Book of Joshua." And
Serendipity is continuing the "Drive Thru History: Bible
Backroads: Corinthians and Galatians." 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.





CHAPEL PRAYER ROOM

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

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

EMMAUS WALK

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

Upcoming Dates at Sidney:

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



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

Meet Our Newest Employees



Roxanne Lyon, Nursery Caregiver

Hi, I'm Roxanne Lyon and I am the new nursery caregiver. I am originally from Celina and I attended Wright State Lake Campus and graduated with a degree in Medical Office Administration. I moved away but came back to this area shortly after I was married. My husband, Louie and I have two wonderful girls, Noelle and Claire. I am currently a stay-athome mom and that is one of my biggest blessings! My family and I have attended Grand Lake for the past 4 years, and I am excited to be able to serve in this role.



Josie Hemmelgarn, Financial Secretary

My name is Josie Hemmelgarn from Celina, Ohio and I am engaged to Shane Brunswick. We have 3 kids: our son Alek, 19 years old, who attends Bowling Green for Aviation, our daughter Anna, 17 years old, who is a Senior, & our daughter Mercy, who is 9 years old. I went to college at Wright State Lake Campus and received a business degree. We breed toy-sized goldendoodles. Their gentleness, friendliness, and cuddly, teddy bear look make them the best dogs for people in all walks of life. They are 10-20 lbs . This is how we share love into this world. We raise them in our home, while training the puppies to be therapy dogs.

Meet Our Newest Employees



Steve Winans, Lead Media

My name is Steve Winans and I have lived in Celina my whole life. I was baptized in this church and in 2001 we joined the church. My wife Kim and I have been married 42 years. We have two children, Richard (Danielle) Winans and Rachel (Jonathan) Williams. We have 3 grandchildren, Nolan, Henry and Helena. I am a welder at Crown and have been there 42 years. I am a team member with Brianna's Hope ministry and enjoy going to races at Eldora in my spare time. I look forward to retiring in a few years and devoting my time to ministry.



Brad Pennington, Building Manager

I have lived in Celina for the past 11 years and have been married to my wife, Melissa for 20 years. We have four children together. I have been volunteering with the church for the last 10 years in many areas including ASP and Mobile Ministry. I have experience in heating and cooling, plumbing, electrical and construction. I am excited about serving as the next Building Manager.



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

SUNDAY GROUPS

Apologetics & Bridge Builders & Pairs 'n Spares – These adult classes are meeting together in Rooms 201-202 at 10:15am. They are studying *He Chose the Nails* by Max Lucado for Lent. 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. They will continue with 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. They are currently studying, "Wild at Heart: Discovering the Secret of a Man's Soul" by John Eldredge. All men are welcome to join in this study.

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

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. The group is studying, "Dangerous Jesus." **Contact:** Pastor Matt Overman (419-733-3586 or moverman@grandlakechurch.org)

Clean, Sober & Saved - This group started the program Clean, Sober & Saved on February 19 and runs through March 25. It meets on Mondays in Room 201-202, from 6:00-7:30pm. Kyle Houts leads this group. Contact Kyle if you are interested in this program.

Contact: Kyle Houts (567-510-7005 or kylehouts90@gmail.com)

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 meets on Wednesdays at 10:00am in the basement of the Mercer County District Library. They are currently studying "The Women of Easter" by Liz Curtis Higgs. All women are welcome.

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

Together in Faith Study – This group meets on Wednesdays at 6:00pm in Room 216 and is open to everyone, both men and women. Currently they are studying, "The Book of Joshua" by Louie Giglio in RightNow Media.

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

Women's Bible Study - This group is studying the RightNow Media study, "The Book of Joshua" by Louie Giglio. This group meets on Wednesdays at 6:00pm in Room 606.

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

OTHER GROUPS

Monthly Women's Group – This group will next meet on Tuesday, March 5 at 7:00pm in Room 606. They are studying "Encountering Jesus" and will discuss Session 4. They also bag the shoes collected for WaterStep in the month of March.

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





C.A.L.L. Donations

C.A.N. Sunday (Caring About Neighbors) at St. Paul's campus is the first Sunday of the month, March 3. For March, C.A.L.L. is requesting baby food and diapers in addition to canned goods.

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

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

C.A.L.L. Food Pantry reported to our mission team that they are in need of personal hygiene items and size 6 diapers.

On February 6, we fed 51 people for the C.A.L.L. Cafe and we would like to thank everyone for their help! Our next ones to serve will be May 28, August 27 & November 12. If your Sunday school class or group would like to volunteer or prepare food for any of these, please contact Alison Sorenson (260-519-0688, or amsorenson@yahoo.com).

Empty Bowls—OUR Home

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









Prayer Shawls and Prayer Squares Ministry

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

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



CREATIVE DISCOVERY NEWS

Submitted by Mindy Sudhoff

www.creative discovery preschool.com

It's hard to believe that it is March already! We are very excited that Spring is almost here. The students have been working hard on projects for our annual Open House which will be held on Sunday, March 17 from 1:00-3:00pm. We will have our Book Fair, face-painting, and refreshments. The students are excited to share all of their artwork so make sure to stop by! We will end the month celebrating Easter. We get to have special guests come to our annual Bunny Hutch where we go through Easter stations decorating eggs, making baskets and we might even get a visit from the Easter Bunny. We hope everyone has a wonderful holiday with their families!

Ugly Sleeping Bag Project

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





Save the Dates

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





Volunteers Needed

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

Mission Assistance

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

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



Take A Step To End Thirst



Getting ready to do some spring cleaning?

If so, don't throw out those old shoes!

Grand Lake UMC is partnering with St. John Lutheran Church in a program called

"WaterStep" in which we donate our old, but preferably "gently used" shoes (even mismatches!) to a group who sells the shoes and uses the profits to build wells for people in developing countries.

Donations will be collected through March 26.

Please attach matching shoes by tying laces or rubber-banding them together.





Women's Ministry

The Women's Ministry is planning on doing a spring cleaning service project. All ladies are invited to join us Saturday, March 23 from 9:00am-12:00pm to deep clean the kitchen at church. Bring your favorite cleaning tools and come join us!

Youth Grant

The Youth have been awarded a \$1500 grant through ServeOhio towards the completion of a service project. This project is in honor of Youth Service Day 2024. The project must be completed within the month of April. The team will be building a mobile homeless shelter. The plan is to build something like a tiny home on a trailer. A space with two pods, each pod containing a bed, side table, mini fridge/microwave, heat & ac, a window and a door. This

shelter will be parked out at the Hand Up Village for them to use in emergency situations when the cabins are full. Between now and April the Youth will be accepting monetary donations for this project as well as material donations. So check those barns, garages, and sheds. Do you have any extra building materials to donate?

If you have materials to donate, please contact Ryan Snyder. If you'd like to make a monetary donation, please contact the church office.





Choosing Life Pregnancy Center

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

Souper Bowl Update

Thank you to everyone who helped with and purchased soup for the Souper Bowl Fundraiser. We made \$1374 to go towards the C.A.L.L. Backpack program.



567-890-5433.



THANK YOU

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your gift of \$2,550 to Saving One Lost Sheep Ministry. Your gift has helped Randy & Tricia Christian to further the work in God's kingdom and to bring glory to Jesus Christ.

We thank you for your generosity and prayers throughout this year.

[Randy has a nursing home ministry, visits the jails at least once a week, has a re-entry ministry, and does counseling with the employees at Cooper Farms in St. Henry.]

-SOLS/Saving One Lost Sheep Ministry

Easter Egg Offering

ASP (Appalachia Service Project) will be the recipient of our Special Easter Egg offering. The ASP gifts will be used towards scholarships, gasoline expenses, and for supplies. St. Paul's/Grand Lake has been involved with ASP for over 50 years, helping to make homes warmer, safer, dryer for those living in Appalachia. The plastic Easter Eggs will be in the Sanctuary pews at St. Paul's and in a basket at Montezuma on Palm Sunday, and are to be returned on Easter with an extra gift in recognition of Christ's gift of new life through His death and resurrection. If you would like to give by check, make it out to Grand Lake UMC, memo Easter Egg.

Thank you from the MATTHEW25 Missions Team





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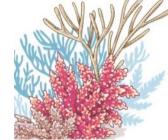
CELINA COMMUNITY VBS



SAVE THE DATE!

SUNDAY - THURSDAY

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







VBS Decorating supplies needed!

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

Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday is March 24! We read in Matthew 21:8 about the large crowd that welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem. In remembrance of this we are looking for kids to carry palm branches in and sing at Sunday morning worship at St. Paul's. We will meet 10 minutes before each service to pass out palms.



Children will carry palms into the Sanctuary, sing and then return to class or their parents.

Other Upcoming Events for 2024



- Pop tarts & PJ's for the dreaded time change March 10
- Palm Sunday March 24 Kids will carry in Palm branches!
- Easter Sunday March 31
- Kids Night Out Mothers Day May 10
- Last Wednesday Night May 15
- Big Tent Worship & Carnival May 19
- Fall Sunday Morning Kick Off September 15
- Fall Wednesday Night Kick Off September 18
- Halloween Party October 30

Nerf Night

Who: ANYONE!

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

When: Friday, March 1

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

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

Where: PBS Building at the Mercer County Fairgrounds

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 Pastor Matt

Overman at 419-586-6621.





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 March 3.

We need you!



2nd & 4th Sundays

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



3rd & 5th Sundays

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

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

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Poptarts & PJ's

Sunday, March 10 the Youth will be celebrating time change with Poptarts and PJ's! Instead of our usual donuts on Sunday we will have several types of Poptarts available and will be in our PJ's!



Lenten Breakfast

On Tuesdays, through March 26, we will have Lent Breakfast for those in Grades 7-12 from 6:30-7:20am. We will meet in the Chapel for a short devotion, then we will eat and head to school. If you need a ride, you will need to sign up!

Snack Grab

On March 13 the 5th-7th Grade Youth are encouraged to bring in their favorite snack to share with everyone for the 5-7 Snack Grab!

RESCHEDULED!! Glowvernighter for Youth

On Saturday-Sunday, March 16-17 there is a Glowvernighter for Youth in Grades 8-12. It starts at 8:00pm on March 16 with an Easter Egg Hunt, black lights, games, snacks, and a service project! We will end Sunday, March 17 at 10:00am when Youth will be dismissed from the Greenhouse. All Youth in Grades 8-12 are welcome! The cost is \$5.00/person. Bring pillows, blankets and even blow up mattresses if you have one. Sign up on the Grand Lake App or the website!

Easter Egg Hunt

The 5th-7th Grade Youth will have their Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 17! We ask that any of the 5th-7th Grade Youth wanting to participate be at the Greenhouse by 10:15am that morning so we can get started!

















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Parents & Guardians!

Please make sure that you sign your child up to be able to participate in this year's Canned Good Scavenger Hunt. On March 20, the 5th-6th Grade Youth will head out to collect nonperishable food items that will be donated, so we need you to register them to be able to drive them. On March 27 the 7th-12th Grade Youth will head out to do the same. Please note the grade divisions because of space. We cannot wait to see all that we CAN collect to make a difference in our community!! If your Youth is not signed up-they will stay with the youth that remain at the Greenhouse for the night.

Confirmation

On Sunday, March 24 we will confirm three of our Youth during the 9:00am Worship. Immediately following the service we will have a reception down in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate. Please be in prayer for the Youth, and their mentors, as they continue their faith journey.



Parents of Youth and Youth Going to Camp or ASP

A Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser to raise funds for youth to attend camp or ASP is on Sunday, April 14 from 10:00am-Noon. Starting Sunday, March 17, the Youth are encouraged to sign up to sell tickets; ticket sales will take place in the Library from 10:00-10:30am on Sundays and from 4:45-5:45pm on Wednesdays. Youth can also earn money by helping make, serve and clean up after breakfast as well. There will be sign-up sheets at the Connection Center in the Library and at the Greenhouse.

Young Adults

Submitted by Dana Sheets

News for Young Adults!

Young Adult Men

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



Young Adult Women

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

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





Grand Lake UMC extends sympathy to:

- Family & friends of Penny Powell, who passed away 1-23-24.
- Family of Terry Gilmore, who passed away 1-25-24. Brother of Pam Hume.
- Family of Jennifer Hall-Bower, who passed away 1-26-24. Daughter of Florence Hall.
- Family of Sheila Goldsberry, who passed away 1-28-24. sister-in-law of Arlene Crumpler.
- Family & friends of Martha Clericus, who passed away 1-31-24.
- Family of Margaret Grunden, who passed away 1-31-24. Sister of Myrna Wolfe. Mother of Rose Mary (David) Wilson.
- Family of Robert Wade, who passed away 1-31-24. Father of Steve (Amy) Wade. Grandfather of Adam Wade.
- Family of Janet Keller, who passed away 2-4-24. Grandmother of Mark (Amy) Dieringer.
- Family & friends of Phyllis Davis, who passed away 2-7-24.
- Family of Audra Anderson, who passed away 2-8-24. Mother of Greg and Linda Anderson.
- Family of Irma Arling, who passed away 2-10-24. Mother of Jean (Buddy) Hyman.
- Family of Ric Shaner, who passed away 2-18-24. Husband of Amber Shaner. Father of Gidget (Pat) Applegate. Grandfather of Joshua and Tyler Applegate, and Chelsea (Doug) Randolph. Great-grandfather of Payton Ellis and Zaxton Randolph.

BIRTH & BIRTHDAYS

- Birth of Iris Hunt 2-10-24. Parents are Tori Schoen & Cordell Hunt. Grandparents are April & Lawrence Schoen.
- Margie Lehman is 100 on March 5. Let's shower her with cards at the Gardens, Rm 216, 1301 Myers Rd, Celina, OH 45822.
- Ruth Weidman turns 92 on March 13. Let's shower her with cards at 11300 Yost Circle Rm 315AL, St Marys OH 45885.
- Derl Burger turns 90 on March 13. Let's shower him with cards at 800 Indiana Ave, Apr C-2, St. Marys OH 45885.
- John Medaugh will turn 90 on March 19. He is hosting a celebration in the Meyer Community Room at Otterbein, St. Marys from 2:00-4:00pm on Saturday, March 16.

THANK YOU

Dear Grand Lake UMC,

We want to thank you for accepting my mom (Martha Clercus) and providing both spiritual and physical support in the last years of her life. She was thankful for what the church provided her.

Thank you,

Kurt & Betty Clericus

Highlights for March 2024 at Grand Lake UMC

Weekly Events

Sundays

8:50am Nursery Care (until 11:45am, SP 208) Traditional Worship (SP Sanctuary & 9:00am Online), Children's Discipleship Classes (SP 3rd Floor)

10:00am Refreshments (SP Fellowship Hall),

Children's JAM (SP 3rd Floor) 10:15am Apologetics / Bridge Builders / Pairs 'n Spares (SP 201-202), Serendipity (SP 217), Youth

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

Mondays

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

Tuesdays

6:30am ^{*} Youth Lenten Breakfast & Devotions (SP Chapel & Fellowship Hall until 7:15am) Brianna's Hope (SP Fellowship Hall) 6:oopm Emotions Anonymous (Jabez House) 7:30pmOvereaters Anonymous (MZ Commons)

Wednesdays

4:45pm Wednesday Night Supper (until 6:00pm in SP Fellowship Hall)

Greenhouse open for Youth

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

Youth Group (Greenhouse), Children's Discipleship Classes (SP 3rd Floor), Ugly

Sleeping Bag/Prayer Square/Shawl (SP Fellowship Hall), Together in Faith Study (SP 216), Women's Bible Study (SP 605)

6:30pm Sanctus Choir (SP Sanctuary)

Children's Creative Classes (SP 3rd Floor) 7:00pm 7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Jabez House) 7:45pm MORE for Highschoolers (Greenhouse until 9:00pm on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays)

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

Friday, March 1

5:30pm Nerf Night for K-4th Graders (PBS Building at the Mercer County Fairgrounds until 6:30pm)

7:00pm Nerf Night for 5th Graders & Up (PBS Building at the Mercer County Fairgrounds until 8:00pm)

Saturday, March 2

4:00pm Spaghetti Dinner for Eagle Scout Fundraiser (SP

Fellowship Hall)

Communion Sunday, March 3

SP C.A.N. Sunday (canned goods, baby food & diapers)

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

Wednesday, March 6

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

Sunday, March 10 (Spring Forward Your Clock!)

12:00pm Confirmation (Greenhouse until 2:00pm),

Carry-In Dinner (MZ Commons)

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

Friday, March 15

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

Sunday, March 17

Creative Discovery Open House (until 3:00pm in 1:00pm

SP Fellowship Hall & 1st Floor Ed. Wing)

Monday, March 18

CarePartners' Meeting (SP 216-217) 6:30pm

Friday, March 22

Blessing Dinner for Confirmands/Families 6:oopm

(Greenhouse—youth stay until 11:00pm)

Confirmation Sunday & Palm Sunday, March 24

Youth Confirmed, Kids Wave Palm Branches 9:00am 10:00am Reception for Confirmands (SP Fellowship Hall)

10:30am Kids Wave Palm Branches

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

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

March Birthdays*

01	Lizz Carr	12	Connie Clark	19	Carly Stucky
	Layna Duncan		Tash Schulze		Misty Taylor
	Eli Fortman		Mason Taylor	20	Bill Montgomery
	Delaney McKirnan	13	Aiden Anderson		Bonnie Vorhees
03	Greyson McGee		Kelsea Brown		Joyce Zizelman
	Riley Snyder		Derl Burger	21	Kyle Houts
	Sandy Snyder		Aracely Moen	22	Margaret Goodwin
04	Ronnie Huston		Elena Moen		Carlena Heindel
05	Bob Bollenbacher		Ruth Weidman		Riley Heindel
	Lauren Duncan		Roni Wiehe	23	Reece Johns
	Margie Lehman	14	Gordon Wolfe		Jetta Mutter
06	Betty Gant	15	Riley Houser	24	Rylee Dieringer
	Angela Heath		Avery Jeffries		Aden Fisher
	Benjamin Houts		Erica Swaney		Kylie Rammel
	Crystal LeMasters		Charley Wenning	25	Jaime Armstrong
	Skyler Schmidt	16	Kelly Anderson		Payton Bertke
	Wyatt Schmidt		Nickales Dieringer		Mary Fortman
07	Dylan Luth		Andy Jaeger		Angie Nixon
	Evelyn Overman		Dian Peters		Janelle Nuding
	Leon Pancake		Ella Snyder		Hadlynn Ridder
	Rio Piper		Steve Winans	26	Arlo Garrett
80	Havilah Tonkin	17	Jerry Fennig		Patti Hamilton
	Blayn Aller		Ciara Kuhn		Rich Nuding
	Charlee Braun-Donley		Louie Lyon	28	Penni Skipper
	Phyllis Godwin		Reese Russell	29	Robin Smith
	Vondell Lusk	18	Wanda Dicke		David Sundersingh
	Kim Winans		Kelli Grieshop		Dave Weitz
09	Chloe Bruce		Paul Hamilton	30	Ryan Snyder
	Lori Davis		John Harter	31	Charlotte Davis
	Rona Ridder		Amber Hartings		Payton Ellis
10	Bob Brenneman		Drew Krogman		Jess Homan
	Kole Murlin		Patrick Overman		Nevaeh Huser
	Kolyn Wiehe		Rich Standiford		Carson Johns
11	Tammy Barger	19	Kate Frysinger		
	Rhiannon Hicks		Beth Gillum		
	Gary Nolan		Erick Smith		

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

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