

# THE TACKLEBOX

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**GRAND LAKE**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# WELCOME TO *Grand Lake*

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

We offer worship opportunities for everyone:

- Traditional Worship: 9:00 am at St. Paul's
- Contemporary Worship: 10:30 am at St. Paul's
- Blended Worship: 11:15 am at Montezuma

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

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

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

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

Website: [www.grandlakechurch.org](http://www.grandlakechurch.org)

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## Serve With Joy!

Have you ever wondered how our church stays so vibrant and welcoming?

The answer is simple: it's because of people like **you!**

Each week, countless hands and hearts work behind the scenes to make everything happen, from the coffee we share to the music that lifts our spirits. Whether you have a knack for hospitality, a heart for teaching, a love for music, or a talent for organizing, there's a place for you to make a difference.

Right now, we have needs in various areas such as but limited to: **Hospitality** (greeter, usher, snacks, meal train, Wednesday night money taker, etc.), **Music** (choir, praise team, kids choir, bucket drums, etc.), **Gardening** (pull weeds, trim bushes, keep the outside of both churches looking great), **Sewing** (community leader for Prayer Squares/Ugly Sleeping Bags, etc.), **Office Work** (preparing Tacklebox, mailings, help in office while staff is off/out, bulletin boards, etc.), **Tech** (sound board, media, video, make slides/posters, social media, front sign, etc.).

Visit [www.grandlakechurch.org/iwanttoserve](http://www.grandlakechurch.org/iwanttoserve) or mark the Connection Card in the bulletin.

# PASTORS

## Page

I'm writing this article at the end of my first week back from renewal leave. It's been a crazy week of catching up and returning to a productive routine. I've been racking my brain, struggling, and even worrying a bit about what to write, knowing that the deadline for submission was fast approaching. The peace, rest, and joy of renewal leave were already starting to feel like little more than a distant memory as the pressures and reality of everyday life returned.

Thankfully, once again, God showed up at just the right time. Through my devotional reading and Scripture reading this morning, God gently reminded me of what he had been teaching me throughout my renewal leave. Jesus Calling for this day speaks about resisting the "activity addiction of this age." One of the support Scriptures was Isaiah 30:15, "This is what the Sovereign Lord, the Holy One of Israel, says: 'In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it.'" That verse hit me hard because I do struggle with activity addiction. I think it goes back to my first corporate marketing job when the V.P. would walk around the office around 6:00 pm to see who was still working. You had to sacrifice family, fun, and rest to succeed in that corporate culture. I didn't realize until recently how much that experience shaped the rest of my working life, in some rather unhealthy ways. Then, my Scripture reading for the day was in Hebrews. Chapter 3 describes the hardened and rebellious hearts of the Israelites during the Exodus. God said, "Their hearts are always going astray" (v. 10) and "They shall never enter my rest" (v. 11).

God was revealing something to me, but it wasn't quite clear yet. As I was walking back to my office from the restroom, I saw something that pulled it all together for me. A bulletin board that says "Jesus Is Our True North" and "Learning to Follow Jesus." The theme of this bulletin board is hiking. That hit me like a ton of bricks because I spent considerable time on my renewal leave in nature, including hiking at Hocking Hills. I had never been there before and was in awe of the natural beauty of God's good creation, especially that close to home. I prayed a lot as I hiked and drank in all of this natural beauty. My prayers seemed to focus on two main themes: (1) rekindling the spiritual fire within me that I had when I first entered vocational ministry, and (2) being able to rest in God's presence. It seemed that, with the Holy Spirit's help, I was beginning to realize my long-time struggle with "activity addiction," and the way that can, to some degree, harden one's heart.

Of course, we are all called to be active in our jobs, churches, and communities. But not at the expense of spending quality time with God and resting in his presence. That's why the Sabbath is one of the 10 Commandments, so we never forget to rest in God's presence. To be still and know that He is God. To remember that "In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength." I have to be reminded of this a lot. You probably do too. And I've discovered that when I embrace this truth, that's when life becomes truly abundant. I pray that the Holy Spirit continually reminds all of us to embrace this truth, remember that Jesus is our true north, and (re)learn to follow him, so we can all live truly abundant lives.

Blessings,  
Pastor Mick

# ADVENT/CHRISTMAS

## *Notes*

### **Angel Tree 2025**

Since 2005, Angel Tree has brought Christmas joy to children in our community by providing gifts for families in need. Starting in early November, Angel Trees will be set up at the Connection Centers at both campuses. Simply take a tag, purchase the gift listed, and return it unwrapped to the church by Sunday, December 7. We will gather for a special time of prayer over the gifts before they are delivered. Why unwrapped? This allows parents the joy of “shopping” for their own children and wrapping the gifts with love! If you would like to help with sorting (December 10–11) or wrapping (December 12), please connect with Matt O. Remember, it’s not about the number of gifts, but the thoughtfulness and quality of what we give. Thank you for helping us share the love of Jesus with children and families this Christmas season!

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### **Live Nativity – Volunteers Needed!**

Step into the Christmas story this year at our Live Nativity during the Merry & Bright Christmas Lights at the Mercer County Fairgrounds on Thursday, Dec. 18, and Friday, Dec. 19, from 6–9pm. We need volunteers of all ages to serve as Mary, Joseph, shepherds, angels, and more. Costumes are provided—no acting experience required! Sign up on the church website/app or by scanning the QR code. Help us share the true meaning of Christmas with our community!



### **Light the Advent Wreath**

This Advent season, you are invited to take part in the cherished tradition of lighting the Advent wreath during worship. Each candle—Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love—reminds us of the gifts Christ brings and leads us closer to celebrating His birth. Individuals, families, and groups of all ages are welcome to participate. No experience is needed—just a willingness to share in this simple but powerful act of worship. Sign up through the church website/app or by scanning the QR code, and choose the Sunday that works best for you.







## A Night of Fun, Fellowship, and Hope! 🎃

You're invited to our Annual Halloween Party on Wednesday, October 29! This is one of our favorite traditions of the year—a time to gather as a community, enjoy a night full of laughter, and remind one another that God's light shines even on the spookiest of nights. Halloween can sometimes feel dark or overwhelming, but we believe it's also an opportunity to share joy, connection, and hope. Our church family is opening its doors wide to provide a safe, family-friendly celebration for all. Come as you are, bring your family, invite your friends, and experience an evening of welcome and love.

**Dinner: 4:45–6:00 PM**

**Special Needs Friendly Time: 5:30–6:00 PM**

**Open to Everyone: 6:00–7:00 PM**

Family-friendly costumes are encouraged, and the cost is absolutely free!

This is more than just a party—it's a way to remind our neighbors that they are loved, valued, and not alone. In a world that can sometimes feel heavy, we want this night filled with hope, laughter, and the kind of joy that comes when we gather together. Join us for an evening where the light of Christ shines through pumpkins, costumes, and community. We can't wait to see you there!

To help make our Halloween Party extra sweet, **Candy Donations** can be brought to church starting October 1. Look for the cauldron in the Library! We need smiling faces to greet families, serve food, run games, and pass out candy.

If you'd like to serve, please see Matt O.

**We can shine Christ's light together and share joy with our community!**

# SERMON

## *Series*

Join us beginning Sunday, October 5th, for a new 4-week sermon series titled “God of Abundance.” It’s so easy for us as humans to fall into a scarcity mindset, always wanting more and worrying that we might not have enough. We forget that God is a God of abundance, not scarcity. So, we need not worry. Plus, Jesus reminds us that there is more joy in giving than receiving. Through the practice of giving, we tap into God’s joy, find freedom from greed through contentment, and embody God’s concern for those in need.

If you’d like to go deeper in this series, check out the RightNow Media study “The Generosity Practice” by John Mark Comer.

On November 2nd, we will begin another new 4-week sermon series titled “Curious, Compassionate, Contagious Christianity”. Spiritual curiosity is on the rise in our world, so we’ll be looking at ways to engage the curious with the truth of the Gospel. By looking at the Biblical stories of Phillip and Nathanael, Nicodemus, the Ethiopian Eunuch, and Paul & Silas, we’ll learn how we can meet people wherever they are in their spiritual journeys, exploring faith in a way that is authentic, empathetic, and thought-provoking. We’ll discover how to cultivate a culture of curiosity and connect with those who are exploring their spiritual beliefs, offering them a safe space to ask questions, wrestle with doubts, and grow in their journey of faith.

If you’d like to go deeper in this series, check out the RightNow Media study “Faith for the Curious” by Mark Matlock.

Advent begins November 30th. New Advent series TBA.

# ALL SAINTS *Sunday*

On Sunday, November 2, we will gather for worship to celebrate All Saints Sunday. This is a time to remember and give thanks for those in our church family who have entered the church triumphant. During the service, we will read the Roll of the Victorious and light a candle in honor of each life, reminding us that the light of Christ continues to shine through their witness. Please join us for this special day of remembrance, gratitude, and hope as we honor the saints who have gone before us.

The celebration of All Saints' Day dates back to the early centuries of the Church, when Christians began honoring the martyrs who gave their lives for the faith. In the beginning, each martyr was remembered on a particular day, but as the number of witnesses to the faith grew—especially during the Roman persecutions—it became impossible to commemorate them all individually. Out of this challenge came the beautiful practice of setting aside one day to honor all the saints, both known and unknown.

John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, held a deep devotion to the idea of the communion of saints. For him, All Saints' Day was not only about remembering the great figures of church history but also about cherishing the spiritual bond that unites all Christians—past, present, and future. He encouraged Methodists to keep the day as a time of reflection and gratitude for God's grace made visible in countless lives.

For us, All Saints' Sunday is a tender time of remembrance and hope. We remember with gratitude the people who have gone before us in faith—especially loved ones we have lost in the past year—and we hold onto the hope of Christ's promise of eternal life. It is a day to give thanks for lives that have touched ours, and to rejoice in the truth that we are never alone: we are part of a great family of faith, joined together in God's love.

# CALENDAR

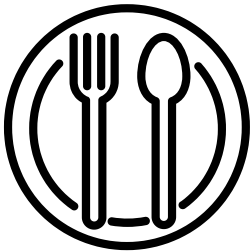
## *Highlights*

### November

18 - Trustees, 7:00pm, Room 605

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

20 - Charge Conference/Ad Council Meeting, 6:30pm,  
Room 216-217



### COMMUNITY CARRY- IN

## *Dinner*

**Sunday, October 12 & November 9  
at the Montezuma Campus at 12:30 pm**

**Everyone is Welcome!**

*Good Food, Family Fun, and Fellowship*

Main Dish will be provided.

- October - Breakfast Brunch

- November - Pre-Thanksgiving Meal

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

# WEDNESDAY *Supper*

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

## October 1 - Circle of Grace - Serving

BROASTED CHICKEN , MASHED POTATOES,  
VEGETABLE, SALAD, COOKIES

## October 8 - Sanctus Choir - Serving

CHICKEN AND NOODLES, MASHED  
POTATOES, APPLE CRISP, SALAD

## October 15 - Youth - Serving

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

## October 22 - Staff - Serving

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

## October 29 - Halloween Party

## Mike, Mark - Women's Group- Serving

SPAGHETTI, GARLIC BREAD, SALAD,  
DESSERT

## November 5 - Men's Group - Serving

LEFT OVER ELECTION DAY FOOD OR  
CREAMED CHICKEN SANDWICH, FRENCH  
FRIES, PEAS, COOKIES, SALAD

## November 12 - Youth - Serving

CHICKEN AND NOODLES, MASHED  
POTATOES, APPLE CRISP, SALAD

## November 19 - Seredipity - Serving

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

## November 26 - No Supper

# PEOPLE *Count*

## August 2025

Date	Attendance	Giving
8-3-2025	271	\$17,298
8-10-2025	250	\$9,342
8-17-2025	316	\$6,930
8-24-2025	282	\$5,111
8-31-2025	256	\$10,039
AVERAGE	275	\$9,744

## September 2025

Date	Attendance	Giving
9-7-2025	306	\$9,624
9-14-2025	313	\$11,104
9-21-2025	235	\$9,993
9-28-2025	-----	-----
AVERAGE	285	\$10,240

2025 Weekly Amount Needed: \$12,046

# OCTOBER

## *Servants*

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

5 Deb & Dave Wagner  
12 Laura & Steve Billger  
19 Lynn & Rick Krogman  
26 Carol & Jon Santa

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

5 Carol & Jon Santa  
12 Carol & Jon Santa  
19 Scott Miller family  
26 Laura & Steve Billger

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

5 Youth  
12 Renee & Kyle Randall  
19 Kelly Wenning & Kelly Westgerdes  
26 Pat Jones

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

5 JD & Russell Giesige  
12 Gabby Howell  
19 Brecklin Doner  
26 Ella Snyder & Grace Lehman

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

5 Mitch & Amanda McGee  
12 Derek & Lexi Waterman  
19 Andrew & Alyssa Goodwin  
26 Jayda Overman

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

7 Devon & Don Willey  
14 Robyn & Mark Armstrong  
21 Women's Group  
28 House of Hope

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

Altar Dean Bachelor  
Balcony Frank Snyder  
Pews Lynn & Rick Krogman  
Heidi & Dale Moorman

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

5 Mitch McGee  
12 Scott Miller  
19 Vickie McGee Family  
26 Mike Salyer

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

The Pennington Family

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

5 Jocelyn Meyer  
12 Beth Overman  
19 Carolyn Pancake  
26 Patrick Overman

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

5 Morgan Triplet  
12 Laura Wilson  
19 Morgan Triplet  
26 Laura Wilson

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

5 Ashley Pennington  
12 Traci Robbins  
19 Katie Nixon  
26 Ashley Giesige

### **Jam Leader**

5 Matt Overman  
12 Patrick Overman  
19 Dianne Wiehe  
26 Casey Schwieterman

# NOVEMBER

## *Servants*

### Sanctuary Greeters @ 9:00am

- 2 Lynn & Rick Krogman
- 9 Nancy & Larry Florence
- 16 Kathy & Tom Kimmel
- 23 Carol & Jon Santa
- 30 Nancy & Larry Florence

### Lobby Greeters @ 9:00am

- 2 Carol & Jon Santa
- 9 Heidi & Dale Moorman
- 16 Scott Miller family
- 23 Sage & Rhen Carpenter
- 30 Scott Miller family

### Greeters @ 10:30am

- 2 Youth
- 9 Renee & Kyle Randall
- 16 Kelly Wenning & Kelly Westgerdes
- 23 Pat Jones
- 30 Kathy & Todd Smith

### Acolyte's @ 9:00am

- 2 Elliot & Joey McGee
- 9 JD & Russell Giesige
- 16 TBD
- 23 TBD
- 30 TBD

### Preschool @ 9:00am

- 2 Kayliann Howell
- 9 Scott & Megan Miller
- 16 John & Jess Opdycke
- 23 Dawn Gagle & Ashley Braun
- 30 Mitch & Amanda McGee

### Brianna's Hope Meal

- 4 Men's Ministry
- 11 Meal Needed
- 18 Holy Chaos
- 25 House of Hope

### Communion Servants @ 9:00am

- Altar Scott Miller
- Balcony Frank Snyder
- Pews Lori & Mike Salyer
- Nancy & Larry Florence

### Ushers @ 9:00am

- 2 Dale Moorman
- 9 Rick Krogman
- 16 Mitch McGee
- 23 Vickie McGee Family
- 30 Mike Salyer

### Ushers @ 10:30am

The Pennington Family

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- 2 Jocelyn Meyer
- 9 Beth Overman
- 16 Carolyn Pancake
- 23 Patrick Overman
- 30 Beth Overman

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- 23 Laura Wilson
- 30 Morgan Triplett

### School Age @ 10:30am

- 2 Ashley Pennington
- 9 Traci Robbins
- 16 Katie Nixon
- 23 Ashley Giesige
- 30 Matt Overman

### Jam Leader

- 2 TBD
- 9 TBD
- 16 Dianne Wiehe
- 23 TBD
- 30 Casey Schwieterm

# UPCOMING *Events*



*Are your feet running in all directions, aching to be put up, or longing to walk alongside others?*

*No matter where you are in your faith walk, the Lord has equipped you with shoes of your calling. Join the ladies of Grand Lake UMC as we lift the lid off several shoeboxes to examine styles of shoes that represent a portion of our walk with the Lord. Our time together will include study in The Word, fabulous food and tasty snacks, and praise music all of which will bring encouragement, fellowship and fun in Christ!*



**Friday, October 17, from 6:00-9:00 pm (with optional free time until 11:00pm), and Saturday, October 18, from 8:00am-4:00pm, and join us at the Greenhouse for our annual women's retreat!**

**No overnight accommodations are available.**

**You can register for 1 day or both!**

**Deadline to register is Monday October 6.**

**Cost:**

**Friday only - \$15.00**

**Saturday only - \$20.00**

**Both Friday & Saturday - \$30.00**

**Scan the Barcode  
to Register Today!**



## **Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Mission Project**

You are encouraged to participate by packing a shoebox for the Operation Christmas Project. Pack your shoebox as you have done in the past using the instructions in the brochure. Brochures and shoeboxes will be available on November 2 in the lobby of Grand Lake UMC St. Paul's Campus.

A reminder that shoeboxes WILL NOT be collected all week as has been done in the past. You may bring your packed shoebox to church on **Wednesday November 12 between 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm** in the lobby or on **Sunday November 16 from 8:30 am until noon in the library.**

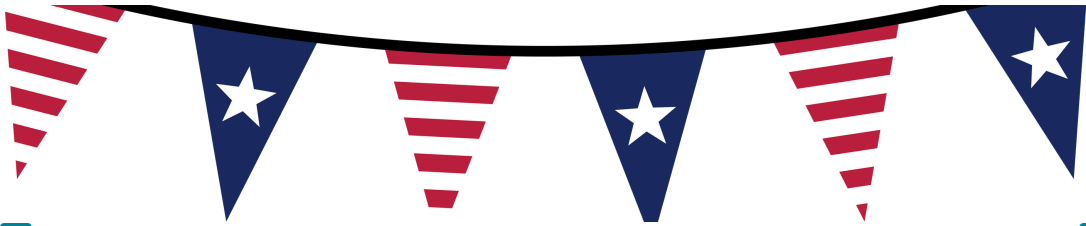
If these times are not convenient for you, please check the Operation Christmas Child website for other locations nearby with their hours of operation.

If you have questions, contact Robyn Armstrong at [robynarms89@gmail.com](mailto:robynarms89@gmail.com) or 419-586-7044



# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The annual Election Day Dinner is Tuesday, November 4 from 11:00am-1:00pm. The traditional dinner of baked chicken, ham loaf and all the trimmings will be served. We are in need of volunteers in the following positions: Preparing the chicken the day before; Wrapping silverware the day before; Cutting and plating pies/cakes/salads; Serving meals on both the serving and carry out line; Serving drinks; Clearing dishes; Washing dishes; or serving anywhere needed! Sign up by marking the GPS, calling the church office at 419-586-6621 or on the church app. Thank you! Please also say, "Yes!" when called to donate food items for this Election Day Dinner!



## 2025 Poinsettias

Poinsettias will be used to decorate both sanctuaries for Christmas. Orders may be placed in memory or in honor of loved ones for \$15.00 per plant. Please make checks payable to Grand Lake UMC and memo "poinsettia."

If you don't plan to pick up the flower after Christmas, you may instead give a monetary gift to the Emergency Needs fund. Your name will still be included in the "Poinsettia Bulletin."

Please fill out the form and return it with your check (memo "poinsettia") to the church office, put it in the offering plate or order on the app / website.

• • • • **Firm deadline for ordering is Sunday, November 2, 2025** • • • •

PLEASE PRINT

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like a poinsettia: RED \_\_\_\_\_ WHITE \_\_\_\_\_ PINK \_\_\_\_\_ JINGLE BELLS \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ In lieu of a plant, please put my gift in the Emergency Needs Fund.

# COMMUNITY *Groups*

## SUNDAY GROUPS

**Circle of Grace:** 10:15 am, Rooms 201-202. This adult class is open to anyone looking for a place to study Bible truths. They are studying “The Beatitudes” on RightNow Media and will conclude on November 9. From November 16 until December 21, they will delve into the RightNow Media study “Why Do We Need Bibles?” by Lisa Harper. All are welcome to join this class!

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

**Serendipity:** 10:15 am, Room 217. This adult group is open to men and women. They are studying “The Book of Job” by Francis Chan on RightNow Media. All are welcome!

Contact: Sandy Snyder (419-586-6537 or sandy@snydercity.com)

**Men’s Ministry:** 2nd & 4th Sundays - 5:00 pm in the Greenhouse. They are starting a new study, “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 )

**Holy Chaos Group:** 1st Sunday of the month - 6:00 pm at 815 E. Wayne St. This group is open to people of all ages. Children are welcome to attend with their parents. The group will have a carry-in dinner and conversation. We will also serve a Brianna’s Hope meal.

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

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## TUESDAY GROUP

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

The group is studying the Epistle of James.

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

### **WEDNESDAY GROUPS**

**Bible Study for Men & Women at Montezuma:** 10:00-11:30 am. 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 "Twelve Women of the Bible: Life-Changing Stories for Women Today." They meet every Wednesday morning 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:** 6:00-7:30 pm in Room 606. They are doing a seven-week study, "A Jesus-Shaped Life", by Lisa Harper, on September 17. All women are welcome to join this group.

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

**Wednesday Night Community Group:** 6:00-7:30 pm in Room 216. They will be studying The Chosen Season 4. 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:** 1:00-2:30 pm. 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.

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

**Bible Study for Men & Women on James:** 6:00-7:30 pm at the Bachelor's home (566 E. Livingston St., Celina). They will be studying The Chosen Season 5 through mid-October. The next subject matter will be announced. 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)

### **MONTHLY GROUPS**

**Monthly Women's Group** – This group meets monthly, from 7:00-9:00 pm. The group is beginning the study of Romans on October 20. Each meeting date is decided at the prior month's meeting. If you are interested in joining the group, please get in touch with Robyn Sheets.

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

# matthew25

## PROJECT



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

#### **October 5:**

St. Paul's: shelf stable side dishes (i.e. mac-n-cheese, scalloped potatoes, etc.) in addition to canned goods

Montezuma: Bath soap

#### **November 2:**

St. Paul's: Dry Goods (i.e. rice or pasta) in addition to canned goods

Montezuma: Bathroom tissue

C.A.L.L. (Community Action Life Line) items may be brought into

St. Paul's Lobby and Montezuma's Commons on the above dates.

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

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

Our scheduled meal service dates:

- Monday, November 11

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

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

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





# *Thank You*

**A HUGE Thank you to all those that gave school supplies to OUR Home this year. There were 15 book bags, a case of loose leaf paper, a case of crayons, a case of folders, many boxes of tissues, and 12 bags of miscellaneous items. The table was overflowing!! In addition there was a check totaling more than \$400 sent to OUR Home to help purchase supplies that they did not get donated. Thank you again to all that donated!**

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## **Matthew 25 Thank You's**

Appalachia Service Project- Thank you so much for your week of service with us in Breathitt County! We loved getting to know you all and hope to see you back at ASP next summer! Keep being the light! Breathitt County Staff

Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$500.00! Your gift will help us buy diapers for our clients. God Bless you, The Choosing Life Board

Thank you for the donation of \$150 and 64 items for donation of \$404.04 to Backpack Program. "This program is available to all elementary schools in Mercer County for those students that qualify for the Free or Reduced Lunch program at school. C.A.L.L. is the sole provider for the sacks of food items that nourishes the children through the weekend. This is our tenth year in offering this program and we offer the food sacks each week of the school year for approximately 300 "at-risk" children. All donations designated for this program are only used to purchase food exclusively for Backpacks. May God Bless you and thanks again for your support. Homer Burnett, Executive Director"

Greetings to you in Jesus' name. Indeed, I am very thankful to you for your concern, God's Love, and generous prompt action. I received the help. May the Lord God Almighty bless you and your family abundantly. You and your entire family are in my prayers. I am also thankful to the Pastor. Rev. Mick and the Mission Committee for their concern for reaching people. May God bless each and every one of them. Praise be to His Holy name. Amen and Amen. Your Brother in Christ. Rev. Gladstone Joseph



## Acolyte Training



We want you to be an acolyte and carry in the light of Christ at the 9:00 am Traditional Worship! All kids in grades 2 and up are encouraged to serve as Acolytes! Join us on Wednesday, October 15th at 7:30 pm for our next Acolyte training! Acolytes serve on a rotation and can be scheduled to fit your calendar! Parents are invited and encouraged to attend! If this date does not work for you, please contact Matt Overman at 419-586-6621 or [moverman@grandlakechurch.org](mailto:moverman@grandlakechurch.org) and schedule a meeting!



## Bible Presentation for 2nd Graders



“Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.” – Proverbs 22:6 (NIV) At Grand Lake, we want every child to fall in love with Jesus and grow in their faith. To help nurture that love, we present a Bible to each of our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. This year’s Bible presentation will take place on **Sunday, October 19, during all worship services.** If your child cannot attend that day, we will still make sure they receive their Bible. Please RSVP by October 8 by scanning the QR code, letting us know which service you’ll attend—or if you’ll need to pick up your child’s Bible.



## Adopt A Pet – A Special 2nd Grade Bible Event



After receiving their new Bibles, our 2nd graders want to explore God’s Word! To make Bible reading even more exciting, we’re hosting a special event just for 2nd graders on Friday, November 14, from 6:00–8:00pm. The evening will include dinner, fun activities, and the chance to “adopt” a stuffed animal—a reading buddy to help encourage daily Bible reading all the way to Christmas! Please be sure to reserve your child’s stuffed animal and RSVP by scanning the QR code or through the church app. We can’t wait to see our kids growing in faith as they open God’s Word together!





## Gospel Groovers Dance



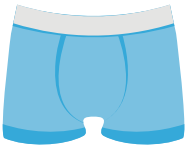
Get ready to be inspired! Our kids' dance ministry, the Gospel Groovers, will be sharing their gifts in worship on Sunday, November 9, at the 9:00am service. These dancers have been practicing with joy and energy, learning how to use movement to praise God and share His love. We invite you to come and support our kids as they lead us in worship through dance. Their smiles, enthusiasm, and faith will be a blessing to all! **Dancers should meet in room 301 at 8:45am!**



## 2nd Annual All-Church Birthday Party!



12 Months, 1 Church, Endless Celebration! It's time to celebrate YOU! Our church family is gathering once again for our 2nd Annual All-Church Birthday Party. Everyone will sit with others who share the same birth month and enjoy a fun afternoon of food, fellowship, cake & ice cream, music, and games. Whether you're a January baby or a December one, this is your chance to celebrate your special day with your whole church family! **Saturday, January 10 from 12:00-2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall!** Don't miss out on this joyful tradition—because birthdays are better when we celebrate them together.



## November Mission – Angel Tree Support



This November, our mission is to support the Angel Tree program by collecting practical items for local children. We are asking for donations of: socks and underwear for boys and girls (sizes 4 through adult small), hair ties, bows, and other hair accessories. All donations can be dropped off in the collection bin at check-in. Thank you for helping us share warmth, dignity, and love with children in our community this Christmas season!

*Mark  
your  
Calendar*

## Other Upcoming Events

- 12/6 - Christmas Movie @ Celina Cinema 10:00am
- 12/14 Impact Bands Plays at 10:30am
- 12/21 - Gospel Groovers Dance at 10:30am
- 12/24 & 12/31 - No Wednesday Night Classes
- 1/23 - Family Game Night 6:00-8:00pm
- 1/25 - Gospel Groovers Dance at 9:00am
- 2/13 - Kids Night Out Valentine Day 6:00-9:00pm



## **A FAMILIAR FACE IS THE NEW YOUTH DIRECTOR**

Ryan Snyder is the new Director of Youth Ministry. He has volunteered in the Greenhouse and at special events since 2021. Ryan looks forward to building relationships and growing disciples. He is married to Lisa and together they have three children: Riley, Ella, and Aiden.

## **SUNDAYS**

**First of the Month:** Greet for the 10:30am service; be in place by 10:15am  
Serve Communion @ 10:30am service

**Rest of the month:** Sunday School 10:00-10:30am in the Lounge, room 213

## **WEDNESDAY YOUTH GROUP**

6:00-7:30pm in the Greenhouse

**Oct. 1** Participate in the Homecoming Parade\*

**Oct. 8** Be the Hands skill: jumpstart a car

**Oct. 15** Youth serve supper, first shift should be in the kitchen at 4:30pm

**Oct. 29** Halloween Party: nothing in the Greenhouse

**Nov. 12** Youth serve supper, first shift should be in the kitchen at 4:30pm

**Nov. 19** Thanksgiving meal

**Nov. 26** Thanksgiving: no youth group

## **Special Events**

**Oct. 11** Paintball\*



\* Event signup required.  
See the Youth page of the  
website or church app.





## *Young Adult Happenings*

### **OCTOBER**

#### **BRANDON LAKE IN CONCERT**

**Sunday, October 12th**

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



### **NOVEMBER**

#### **FRIENDSGIVING LUNCH CARRY-IN**

**Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup> @ 1PM in the Greenhouse**

**Please bring a dish for everyone to share!**

### **DECEMBER**

#### **CLIFTON MILLS**

**Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**

**We will leave the church parking lot at 2:30PM.**

**We will also be stopping for dinner together.**

**Cost is \$15 per person.**



# IN OTHER *News*



The school year is off to a great start. In October, our students learn all about Fall. We do projects with leaves, sing songs about squirrels and enjoy time outside with a Fall Fun day. October finishes up with a Halloween celebration and Monster Munchies. As November approaches, the children learn about the Pilgrims and Native Americans. We focus on activities about being thankful and make and share a pot of “stone soup”. We also make turkeys and celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday with a feast. We talk and share about how we are thankful for our families and friends. We wish everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!



## Crosses Available

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

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



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

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

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

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



# IN OTHER *News*



## CONNECT

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN CONNECTING  
WITH GRAND LAKE IN MEMBERSHIP?**

**October 1 - October 22**

**Wednesdays, 6:00-7:30pm, Rm 201**

**Dinner & Children's Activities Provided**

**CONNECT is a 4-week session to prepare you for membership at Grand Lake UMC.**

It includes three key ingredients:

- An introduction to Grand Lake UMC and Community Groups
- A brief look into our uniqueness as United Methodists
- A deeper understanding of the meaning of membership

**How to Register?** Please sign up online at [grandlakechurch.org/groups](http://grandlakechurch.org/groups) or call the church office at 419-586-6621. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Mick at 419-586-6621 or [mwhistler@grandlakechurch.org](mailto:mwhistler@grandlakechurch.org).

**CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES ARE AVAILABLE DURING CLASS!**



## 2026 CHURCH FLOWER CALENDAR

The 2026 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 Stefanie 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. Thank you!

# LOVE *& Sympathy*

- Family and friends of James "Jim" Phillips, who passed away 7-25-25.
- Family and friends of Gregory Maurer, who passed away 7-31-25. Sister, Heidi (Dale) Moorman.
- Family and friends of Duane Sheets, who passed away 8-9-25. Brother, Rodney (Linda) Sheets, nephews, Doug (Dana Sheets, Greg (Jessica) Sheets and Jeff (Kelly) Sheets.
- Family and friends of Sheila Sundersingh, who passed away 8-5-25. Husband, David Sundersingh.
- Family and friends of Martha Knapke, who passed away 8-18-25. Daughter, Ashley (Dylan) Luth, siblings, Pat Rohler, Jetta (Ed) Mutter, Terri (Bob) Shinn, sister-in-law, Joan (Jim) Wedd.
- Family and friends of Elaine Maurer, who passed away 9-6-25. Daughter, Heidi (Dale) Moorman and grandchildren, Kelsey (Adam) Johns, Mackenzie Moorman and Kate (Jacob) Frysinger.
- Family and friends of Ginny Esmonde, who passed away 8-23-25. Sister-in-law to Melanie Hesse.
- Family and friends of Ruth Stover, who passed away 9-7-25.
- Family and friends of James Godwin, who passed away 9-9-25. Daughter, Dianne (Ken) Wiehe, Grandchildren, Kolyn (Roni) Wiehe and Kaiden.

## PRAISES

- Birth of Ophelia Jane, born 7-19-25, parents Anji Oska and Jimmy McCoy, sister, Scarlet and brother, Joseph.
- Birth of Jack Oliver Snyder, born 8-13-25, parents Aaron and Sydney Snyder, grandparents, Frank and Sandy Snyder.

# Thank You

- Thank you to the anonymous donor who generously gave over \$17,000 to the Scholarship Fund! Many students will be blessed by your generosity.
- Thank you for all the beautiful birthday cards. It took me lots of time to read them all. - Iris Ross
- Thank you for your support of the Red Cross blood drives by providing such delicious cookies for our drive on August 18. Our sincere thanks, Beth Bricker & Sharon Miller - The Red Cross
- From Amlin UMC - regarding Mobile Ministry: "Grand Lake Church, Thank you for your generosity in donating the bounce house and your time. We appreciate your kindness. We were also happy that you got to join us for the singer. I hope you enjoyed the show. Have a blessed rest of the year." - Laura, "Thank you for coming and sharing in our fellowship and bringing the bounce house." - Jane, "We appreciate your service to God - sharing your bounce house with us." - Joan, "Thank you for bringing the bounce house. I enjoyed talking with you and your son." - Sherry, "We greatly appreciate you hanging in with us and the heat." - Natalie, "Thank you!" - Bob & Jackie and Ava.
- My heartfelt thanks to all who phoned or sent beautiful unusual birthday cards to celebrate my 99th birthday. I feel very blessed with their love and kindness. Thank you! - Vada Morr
- Our family would like to thank everyone for their kindness, thoughts, and prayers. It has been amazing to see how our mother impacted all of those she knew. "I will always be with you... I am now at peace. - Martha Knapke" - Thank you from the family of Martha Knapke

## SUPPORT GROUPS

### **Celina**

Narcotics Anonymous

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

Jabez House, 127 E Fulton St

Contact Bonnie Vorhees at 419-790-4774

A Better Life, Brianna's Hope

Tuesdays, 6:00-7:30pm

Grand Lake Fellowship Hall, 119 E Fulton St

Contact Kim Winans at 419-733-7079

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Jabez House, 127 E Fulton St

Contact the Central Office at 937-222-2211

### **Celina (cont'd)**

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS)

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

Grand Lake Fellowship Hall, 119 E Fulton St

Contact the church office at 419-586-6621

### **Montezuma**

Overeaters Anonymous

Tuesdays, 7:30-8:30pm

GLUMC MZ - 40 South High St, Montezuma

contact Susan H. @ 419-953-7012

Alcoholics Anonymous

Thursdays, 7:30-8:30pm

GLUMC MZ - 40 South High St, Montezuma

Contact the Central Office at 937-222-2211

# BIRTHDAYS

## *October*

1	Phillip Bittner	15	Ashlyn Huber
2	Dennis Howick		Elizabeth Trigg
	Beverly Tester	16	Theresa Branson
	Chloe Billger		Marcieta Brookhart
	Kayliann Howell		Janice Poppe
	Margaret Gudorf		Frederick Wurster
	Levi Holt		Karaline Sorenson
3	Shawn Murlin	17	Monty Hathaway
	Robyn Sheets		Robert Sheets
	Wesley Greber	20	Jennifer Fleming
4	Dorothy Brenneman	21	Garrett Giesige
5	Ronald Fanning	22	Alex Buehler
6	Bryn Baucher	24	Lori Koch
	Casey Rolfes	25	Angie Jaeger
	Dianne Wiehe		Connor Ellis
	Evan Heindel		Dan Wilkinson
	Gregory Byers	26	Lynn Krogman
7	Lori Reichard		Preston Meyer
8	Weston Waterman		Carson Rolfes
9	Viola Gossett		Justin Warnement
	Jacqueline Patch	27	Gail Byers
10	Benjamin Gudorf		Ashlyn Pierstorff
11	Richard Barger		Lisa Rolfes
	Eldon Eichenauer		Jason Williams
	Alanah Stetler		Michael Zerkel
	Katherine Williams		Diane Whitehead
	John Opdycke	28	Colleen Bigham
	Oliver Howell		Charles Hawkey
12	Gwen Howell	29	Riggs Post
	Kelsey Gudorf		Angela Schlater
13	Gavin Hyman		Susan Zerkel
	Betty Lawrence		Sage Carpenter
	Joel Sheets	30	Corey Greber
14	Claire Gudorf		Hale Harner
	James Heinrich		Ashley Sudhoff
	Becca Zimmerly		Christopher Wilson
	Megan Menchhofer		
	Hunter Messner		

# BIRTHDAYS

## *November*

1	Kale Sudhoff Myles Bonifas Kailyx LaDow Kaiden Wiehe	21	Becky Smith Jacob Smith Braylon Steinbrunner Emma Whistler
2	Lawrence Schoen Carol Santa	21	Sophie Gudorf Cheri Smith
3	Diane Twigg Tiffany Williams Jennifer Truesdale		Haley Siegrist Rey Gudorf Cody Bonifas Michael Gudorf
4	Brian Fortkamp Kathleen Temple	22	Julia Duncan Roberta Bonifas
5	Thomas Smith	236	Jessica Scott Angela Smith
6	Jane Garbig Betty J Smith		Carol Zender Nathan Meyer Mary VanTilburg
7	Joshua Sheets	24	George Tester
8	Kiera Hurley Amanda Reilly	26	Crystal Abels Carolyn Pancake
9	Hudson Harner	27	Maximus Krogman Taylor Westgerdes
10	Ava Homan Asher Pierstorff Ashleigh Rausch	28	Ted Torge
11	Finn Gudorf	29	Nicholas Gray James McGee Sara Schulte
14	Adam Carr Thomas Moore Brycen Howell		Derek Waterman
15	Amy Harner	30	Kate Anderson Jonny Dicke Katie Stamper Kaylyn Saunders Karley Saunders Lydia Heilers Owen Williams Kenneth VanTilburg
17	Cheryl Fennig David Green Pamela Hensley Brian Stetler		
19	Carolyn Leffler Patricia Jones		

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