



THE TACKLEBOX

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



December 2020/January 2021

Sunday Services:

Traditional at 9:00am and Contemporary at 10:30am

at St. Paul's, 119 E. Fulton St., Celina

Blended at 1:00pm 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 1:00pm 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 is available during the 9:00am and 10:30am Worship times.

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Sunday Activities • St. Paul's

8:50-10:00am & 10:20-11:30am - 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

1:00pm - Blended Worship Service

Sunday School • St. Paul's

Children's Classes - 9:00—10:00am

Tadpoles (Ages 3-5 years): Rooms 306-307
 (K-4th Grade): Rooms 304-305
 (5th-6th Grade): Attend Worship with their families

Children's Classes - 10:30—11:30am

Tadpoles (Ages 3-5 years): Rooms 306-307
 Explorers (K-2nd Grade): Rooms 301-302
 Pathfinders (3rd-4th Grade): Rooms 304-305
 Wildside (5th-6th Grade): Rooms 309-312

Adult Classes

9:00-10:00am

Seek & Believe: Rooms 216-217

10:15-11:15am

Bridge Builders: Rooms 201-202
 Serendipity: Rooms 216- 217 and Zoom
 Legacy: Zoom

10:30-11:30am

Pairs 'n Spares: Zoom

Pastor's Page

Submitted by Pastor Mick Whistler

Most of you probably realize that I write each of these Tacklebox letters a couple of weeks before you see them, so that the newsletter can be edited, printed, assembled and mailed. With that in mind, I thought you might find it interesting that I'm writing this particular article on Friday the 13th. That's right, Friday the 13th of 2020. What could go wrong, right?

I know we're all ready for 2020 to be over. We have Covid-fatigue. We have election-fatigue. We're just flat out fatigued in general at this point. I feel it too. But in the midst of this fatigue, this weariness created by a very difficult year, I'm reminded of Jesus' words in Matthew when he says, *"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."*²⁹ *Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."*³⁰ *For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."* (Matthew 11:28-30) I can't tell you how much I need to hear that right now. And I'm sure many of you feel the same. So I invite you to just pause here for a moment. Read those words again. Let them wash over you. Allow them to penetrate deep into your soul. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you truly experience this promise in the midst of a difficult season in life.

Do you already feel the burden being lifted? I pray that you do. In fact, I pray that your burden not only be lifted, but that it be taken away completely. But for that to happen, you'll need to keep your eyes fixed on Jesus and trust daily (every hour, every minute and every second) in all of his promises. To help you do that, we're going to spend the next couple of months or so focusing on the incredible love of God poured out to us through Jesus.

We'll start with our Advent series entitled "A Savior is Born." This RightNow Media driven series will take us deeply into God's love and presence as we delve into God's plan of salvation through Christ. We'll look back to the Old Testament and see how God's plan was already working long before anyone ever realized it. We'll look at the people God worked in and through as part of Jesus' lineage. As we get to know some of these folks in a more intimate way, the vastness of God's love will become quite apparent.

Then, in January, we'll likely still be dealing with Covid as well as political/election issues, so we're going to do a deep dive into Psalm 23. We'll spend six weeks unpacking this beloved Psalm with the help of a RightNow Media series. I pray that we find great comfort and rest for our burdened and weary souls as we spend quality time with the Good Shepherd. Again, we'll be reminded of the vastness of God's love for each and every one of us.

You'll find more information on each of these studies further back in this newsletter (p. 9 & 10). I pray that you'll participate fully in each series, not only on Sunday mornings, but with your small groups and even spending some additional devotional time on your own as well. The more you put into them, the more you'll get out of them. The more you focus on Jesus, the lighter your burdens and the more complete your joy. And what more joyful season is there than this?

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Pastor Mick

Greeters

9:00am • St. Paul's

3rd Sanctuary Bob & Robyn Sheets
 Front Bob Faller
 Lobby As Needed

10th Sanctuary Ron & Jenine
 Front Marla
 Lobby

17th Sanctuary
 Front
 Lobby

24th Sanctuary
 Front
 Lobby

31st Sanctuary
 Front
 Lobby

10th Sanctuary
 Front
 Lobby

17th Sanctuary
 Front
 Lobby

24th Sanctuary Kelly
 Front Brian Armstrong
 Lobby Lawrence & April Schoen

31st Sanctuary Shelby & Tyler Patterson
 Front Steve & Kathy Kuhn
 Lobby Ken & Dianne Wiehe

Welcome Center

St. Paul's

3rd 9:00am Karen Wisenborn
 10:30am Youth

10th 9:00am Cindy Piper
 10:30am Theresa Branson
 Russ Hagar

11:30am Heather Lehman
 12:30pm Smith
 1:30pm Phillips

17th 9:00am
 10:30am
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24th 9:00am
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17th 9:00am
 10:30am
 11:30am

Dear Grand Lake Family and Hospitality Helpers,

We will not have assigned Greeters, Ushers, Welcome Center Helpers or Communion Servants due to the changes in how we are worshipping at Grand Lake due to the coronavirus.

As we slowly move toward opening things up as a congregation and when "Hospitality Helpers" are needed, we will reach out to you, directly seeking your assistance. Thank you for all that you do and for your support and understanding.

Pastor Diane

St. Paul's

2020

Jim & Brian Stetler
 Frank Synder
 Jim & Janet McGee
 Bruce & Nancy Head
 Joe & Carol Heyne
 Adam Carpenter
 Tom Kimmel

Nursery Volunteers St. Paul's

6 th	10:30am	Nursery Staff
13 th	10:30am	Nursery Staff
20 th	10:30am	Nursery Staff
27 th	10:30am	Nursery Staff
3 rd	10:30am	Nursery Staff
10 th	10:30am	Nursery Staff
17 th	10:30am	Nursery Staff
24 th	10:30am	Nursery Staff

Lil' K Teachers St. Paul's

6 th	9:00am	Servant Needed
13 th	9:00am	Servant Needed
20 th	9:00am	Servant Needed
27 th	9:00am	Servant Needed
3 rd	9:00am	Servant Needed
10 th	9:00am	Servant Needed
17 th	9:00am	Servant Needed
24 th	9:00am	Servant Needed

TWO EASY WAYS TO GIVE:

- (1) Click the "Give" icon on our new **Grand Lake Church App** or
- (2) At our website at grandlakechurch.org/give



**There will be no
Wednesday night
suppers through the
end of January 2021.**

**Office
Closed:**

December 24 at
Noon through
January 1



Counting people because people count!

November 2020

Date	Attendance	Giving
11/1	288	\$20,721
11/8	222	\$17,545
11/15	217	\$14,745
11/22	217	\$9,156
11/29	Not Available	Not Available
AVERAGE	236	\$15,542

2020 Weekly Amount Needed: \$17,717

IMPORTANT!

The items in the Tacklebox are subject to change. These events are as we know at the time the Tacklebox went to print. Please stay in touch with the church through Weekly News, Social Media, and our Website.

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.



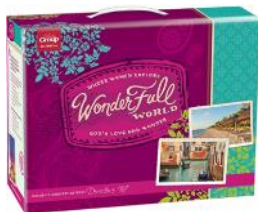
This will help us to be able to share love and support.

Please contact the church office if you or someone you know need help with picking up prescriptions or groceries or have any other needs. We want to assist!

Events to be Rescheduled

Youth Pancake Breakfast

Hold on to your tickets. They will be honored at the rescheduled date.



Women's Retreat

The Women's Retreat will be rescheduled. Payment will be transferred to the new date. If that date ends up not working for you, your payment will be refunded.

Watch Weekly News and our Social Media to Find the New Dates!



There will not be a Handel's Messiah this year.



The United Methodist Women will have a Christmas Dinner on Thursday, December 10 at 11:00am at the Orchard Tree. Please make reservations by calling the church office by December 1. All women of the church are welcome to attend!

CANCELLED

Neither the Adult or the Children Choirs will meet through the end of January 2021.

The Women and Men's Emmaus Walks have been cancelled, along with boys and girls' Chrystalis Walks.

Come Celebrate Christmas Eve at Grand Lake UMC

Family Worship Available Online December 24-26

5:00pm Blended Worship at Montezuma

7:00pm Contemporary Worship at St. Paul's

9:00pm Traditional Worship at St. Paul's

11:00pm Traditional Worship at St. Paul's



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

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

Sunday, December 27

10:00am St. Paul's - Combined Worship for Traditional & Contemporary

1:00pm Montezuma - Blended Worship

Advent Sermon Series



Advent Sermon Series and Community Group Study

It is one of the most familiar stories in human history: the birth of Jesus in a lowly manger in Bethlehem. A Savior, which is Christ the Lord. Yet, how can we prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of our Savior in our frantic, consumer-driven society? How do we make sure the Christmas holiday remains a Holy Day?

In each of the four sessions of this RightNow Media video Advent study, viewers will experience short films that capture events surrounding the prophecy, lineage and birth of Jesus Christ. The sermon series began November 29 and continues for four Sundays throughout the Advent season.

January Sermon Series



New Sermon Series Beginning January 10

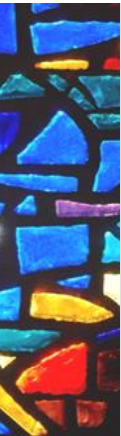
There's no doubt that 2020 has been a difficult year. It's been quite exhausting. The combination of Covid-19, racial strife, and an election unlike anything we've seen before in our lifetimes, has left many of us longing for better days ahead. And I'm sure those better days are coming, but maybe not as quickly as we'd like. Even so, God still offers us Hope, Peace, Love and Joy regardless of our circumstances.

King David may have understood this Biblical truth more than anyone. I think this is what he was writing about in Psalm 23. I know you are probably all very familiar with Psalm 23. But because it is so familiar, we often breeze through it without slowing down long enough to rest in the assurance it offers. So to help us start 2021 off right, we're going to embark on a six-week sermon series and small group study on "Psalm 23." We'll be using Pastor Matt Chandler's RightNow Media study as our guide. Pastor Chandler will introduce us to the great shepherd, the Lord, who promises to provide for every need of his flock. Though only six verses long, this psalm teaches us profound truths about our loving and protective God. By engaging in a deeper study of Psalm 23, we'll receive the life-transforming assurance that enables us to trust in the Lord in all circumstances.

The series will begin on Sunday, January 10 and run thru Sunday, February 14, taking us right up to Lent. Study guides will be available for small groups and the videos are on RightNow Media.



THE COMMUNITY COOKOUT AT MONTEZUMA WILL START BACK UP IN THE SPRING.



CHAPEL PRAYER ROOM

Located on the 2nd floor of St. Paul's Campus 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.

Carry-Out Meals at Grand Lake UMC

Tuesday - Brianna's Hope - Carry-Out Dinner from 6:00-6:30pm (free)

Brianna's Hope is meeting in person.

They will continue carry-out meals.

Saturday - Harvest Table - Carry-Out Meal from 10:00-11:30am (free)

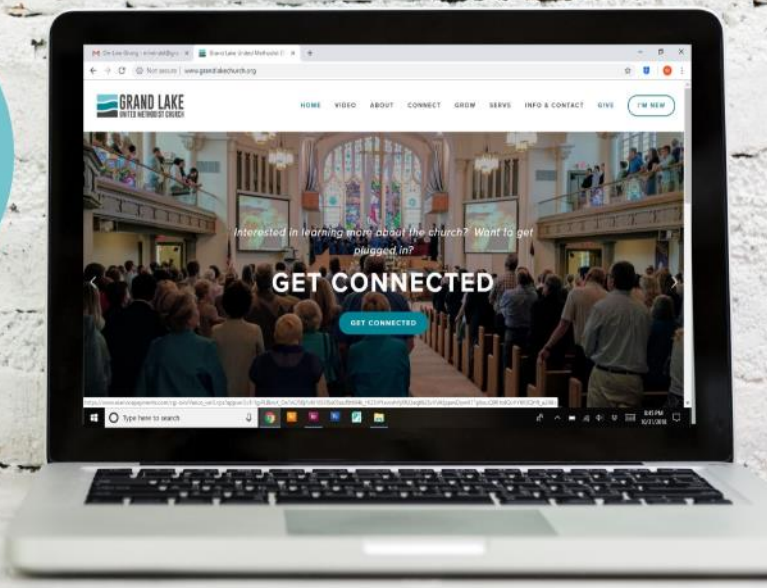
Harvest Table will be dine-in as soon as possible.

They will continue carry-out meals until then.

**There will be no Harvest Table meals on November 28,
December 26 or January 2.**

Did you know that Grand Lake UMC has online giving?

Go to the website and click on the **GIVE** tab to get signed up



2021 Offering Envelopes / 2020 Contributions

The 2021 Offering Envelopes will be available in the Library and the Commons the latter part of December. ***Please do not use these until January 2021.***

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

Contributions for 2020 must be given to the church by December 31, 2020 or mailed to the church with a postmark by December 31, 2020. Monies received after the start of 2021 cannot be attributed to the 2020 year according to U.S. tax laws.

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



Welcome New Members!



Laney Mae Hughes

Parents: Alysia & Matt Taylor and Kurt Hughes
Mentor: Dana Sheets



Dyanna Marie Huston

Parents: Ron & Lynseigh Huston
Mentor: Jessica Sheets



Beginning February 21, 2021

Are you interested in connecting with Grand Lake UMC in membership?

We have an experience just for you.

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

When? Sundays, February 21-March 14 from 12:00-2:00pm (free lunch included each week)

Where? St. Paul's Campus, Room 201

How to Register? Please sign up online at grandlakechurch.org/groups or call the church office at 419-586-6621. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Diane at 419-586-6621 or dmendelson@grandlakechurch.org.

FREE LUNCH AND FREE CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES WILL BE PROVIDED!

Poinsettias

Red poinsettias will be used to decorate both sanctuaries during Christmas. Poinsettias may be ordered in memory or in honor of loved ones. If you don't plan to pick up the flower after Christmas, you might wish to give a monetary gift to cover the cost of other items needed in the worship area. The cost is \$12.00 per plant, payable to Grand Lake UMC. Please fill out the form and return it with your check (memo "poinsettia") to the church office or put it in the offering plate.

Deadline is Sunday, December 6, 2020

PLEASE PRINT PLAINLY

Name _____ Phone # _____

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

___ I would like a red poinsettia

___ In lieu of a plant, use my gift as a donation for a special fund. My name will still be included in the Poinsettia Bulletin.

2021 Flower Calendar Available in Church Office



The 2021 Flower Calendar is available in the church office. There are quite a few spots open. If you would like to provide flowers in honor or memory of someone or to celebrate a special occasion, you may call the church office at 419-586-6621 or email office@grandlakechurch.org, and Robyn will contact you to set up a date. Or, you may sign yourself up on the Flower Calendar on the bulletin board in the church office next to the copier. You are welcome to sign up on the same date as someone else if

that date is special to you. If you are the second name, you may simply provide a center arrangement for the altar in addition to the first person's side vases. Pam Pottkotter will contact you the week before your Sunday to make arrangements. Thank you!

Prayer Shawls

Prayer Shawls and Prayer Squares Needed!



The Prayer Shawl Ministry does not meet at a specific time. But, we are still in need of Prayer Shawls and Prayer Squares! For any who are interested in helping knit or crochet these items, you are welcome to pick up yarn in the closet of the Lounge on the second floor of St. Paul's and work on the projects at home. Stop in the office so that we can help you locate the yarn. Bring the items to the church office when finished, 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 the church office at 419-586-6621.



Ugly Sleeping Bag Project

The Ugly Sleeping Bag Project makes sleeping bags for the homeless and uses volunteers of all ages to knot the bags. This group will meet again in 2021 as conditions allow. Please plan to join us then for fellowship and mission time together. If you have a group that would like to put a sleeping bag together, Jen Fleming (305-8494) will be happy to get you started.



Submitted by Mindy Sudhoff

www.creativediscoverypreschool.com

December is such an exciting time for the children at school, anticipating the upcoming holidays. We spend the month focusing on all of the wonderful aspects of Christmas and baby Jesus. The children make Christmas projects including bells and stars, angels and a special Christmas surprise for their parents, which some find hard to keep a secret! They learn Christmas songs and finger-plays that are fun to share at preschool and at home. We are so thankful for this time of year that we can spend together with our friends and families. In January, we start the new year off by doing a variety of Winter activities with the children. With the cold weather and snow outside, we spend time working on projects involving icicles, mittens, penguins and ice fishing. Just a reminder that registration for the 2021-2022 school year opens on December 3 for currently enrolled students and siblings and members of Grand Lake UMC. Anyone interested may contact the Preschool at 419-586-2199. Thank you.

Holiday Nails Event

Treat yourself to beautifully polished nails!

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11 FROM 7:00PM-9:00PM
IN ST. PAUL'S FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Cost for the event: \$5 (Will cover the cost of your nail color)

Space is limited so register on the Grand Lake Church App by clicking Events or contact the Church Office at 419-586-6621 or office@grandlakechurch.org



Scan here to sign up!



but a woman who
Fears the Lord,
she shall be praised.

Proverbs 31:30

Real Life Moms

Mom's Night Out

On Friday, December 18, at 6:00pm, we are having a Christmas Party. Anyone who would like to join in our white elephant gift exchange can. We're asking people to bring a "jar gift" (basically fill a mason jar with a gift). Tentative location is at TipBacks, a new place in Wapak, 101 Defiance Street. Watch our Real Life Moms Facebook page for updates.

A festive green background with Christmas-themed illustrations including a red stocking, a candy cane, and a gift box. The text 'Craft Night' is in a large, white, cursive font. Below it, in a smaller white font, is 'Create your own wooden ornaments!'. Further down, in a bold white font, is 'Friday, December 4 at 6:30pm in St. Paul's Fellowship Hall'. Below that, in a white font, is 'Cost is \$5 - Includes a set of 2 ornaments'. On the left, there is a logo for 'REAL LIFE MOMS' featuring a stylized flower with colorful petals. Below the logo is a QR code. A large yellow arrow points from the QR code to a circular inset showing a wooden ornament being decorated with a green garland and red berries. At the bottom, the text 'Scan Here to Sign Up!' is written in white.

Craft Night

Create your own wooden ornaments!

Friday, December 4 at 6:30pm
in St. Paul's Fellowship Hall

Cost is \$5 - Includes a set of 2 ornaments





Scan Here to Sign Up!



What is a Community Group?

Community Groups at Grand Lake consist of approximately 5-12 people that meet regularly to fellowship, form relationships, and dig into the Bible to discover God's truth for everyday life. If you have been thinking about being in a Bible study, please pray about joining one of these groups. All groups meeting in the church maintain "safe distance" and masks are worn. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Diane Mendelson at 419-586-6621 or dmendelson@grandlakechurch.org.

SUNDAY GROUPS

Seek & Believe Group – This group meets on Sundays at 9:00am in Room 217 and they will be studying "The Book of Galatians" by Kyle Idleman on RightNow Media. In January this group will follow the sermon series "Psalm 23" on RightNow Media.

Contact: Ray Kramer (419-586-4166 or rke_rlk@hotmail.com)

Legacy Builders Group - This group meets on Sundays at 10:15am via Zoom and will be following the Advent sermon series, "A Savior is Born" on RightNow Media. In January this group will follow the sermon series "Psalm 23" on RightNow Media.

Contact: Keith Gudorf (419-586-1494 or gudork@gmail.com)

Bridge Builders Group - This group meets on Sundays at 10:15am in Room 201-202. This group is studying the "Bad Boys of the New Testament."

Contact: Connie Conn (419-586-7864 or ckc65@bright.net)

Serendipity Group - This group meets on Sundays at 10:15am in Room 216 and via Zoom. This group is studying the series called "The Chosen."

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

Pairs 'N Spares Group – This group meets on Sundays at 10:30am via Zoom and they will be following the Advent sermon series, "A Savior is Born" on RightNow Media in December and the sermon series "Psalm 23" on RightNow Media in January.

Contact: Ron Fanning (419-305-3305 or rfanning@fhai.com)

MONDAY GROUPS

Bible Study Group - This group is open to people of all ages. Children are welcome to attend with their parents. This group meets Mondays at 6:30pm at the Overman's home, 815 E. Wayne St., Celina. This group will be following the Advent sermon series "A Savior is Born" on RightNow Media. In January, this group will be doing "Thriving in Babylon" on RightNow Media.

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

TUESDAY GROUPS

Monthly Women's Group - This group will meet on Tuesday, December 8 and January 12 at 7:00pm in Room 606. This group is studying the book of James.

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

WEDNESDAY GROUPS

Bible Study for Men & Women at Montezuma - This group meets on Wednesdays at 10:00am at the Montezuma campus and they will be studying "The Book of James."

Contact: Diane Whitehead (567-644-9223)

Ladies Bible Study - This group meets on Wednesdays at 10:00am in Fellowship Hall. This group will be studying "12 Women of the Bible" (DVD study) through December. Beginning January 13, this group will be studying "Church of the Small Things" by Melanie Shankle.

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

Men's Bible Study - This group meets on Wednesdays at 6:00pm in Room 605, and they will be following the Advent sermon series "A Savior is Born" on RightNow Media and in January they will continue the Old Testament study of Kings.

Contact: Kevin Wills (419-586-5736 or teamwills@msn.com)

Women's Bible Study - This group meets on Wednesdays at 6:00pm in Rooms 216-217 and they are studying the Book of Philippians on RightNow Media. In January, this group will follow the sermon series "Psalm 23" on RightNow Media.

Contact: Pastor Diane Mendelson (419-586-6621 or dmendelson@grandlakechurch.org)

Come As You Are Bible Study - This group meets on Wednesdays at 6:00pm in Rooms 606 and Zoom. This group will follow the Advent sermon series "A Savior is Born" on RightNow Media. In January they will study the Book of Ephesians.

Contact: Darcy Heitz (937-726-3517 or dcapple3@yahoo.com)

Building 7:12 Community Group - This group is made up of couples, singles, male and female that meet on Wednesdays from 6:00-7:30pm at Building 7:12, 712 Wayne St., Celina. This group is doing the study "Alpha."

Contact: Chris Mohler (419-953-1337 or Christopher.mohler@edwardjones.com) or Dancie Mohler (419-953-3113 or themohlers5@gmail.com)

FRIDAY GROUP

Women's Bible Study - This group meets on Fridays at 10:00am at the home of Sierra Wynn, 1377 Michael Ave., Celina. This group will be following the Advent sermon series "A Savior is Born" on RightNow Media. The January study is TBD. (No Childcare Provided)

Contact: Sierra Wynn (419-350-1489 or victoria0899@gmail.com)

SATURDAY GROUPS

New Women's Group! All ladies are welcome! This group meets the first and third Saturday of each month from 10:00-11:30am. This group meets in Room 606. This group is studying "The Struggle is Real" by Nicole Unice on RightNow Media.

Contact: Alison Sorenson (260-519-0688 or amsorenson@yahoo.com)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Video/Media Volunteers Needed

Are you interested in video production, or seeing what it takes to broadcast a live stream at church? Then we have an opportunity for you to help in the Video / Media department. Whether you are a technology guru or just someone looking to expand your knowledge, while helping spread God's message to more people online, then contact Rodney Hartings at rhartings@grandlakechurch.org or 419-305-1816 for more information.

Live Stream Engagement Volunteer Needed

Would you like to greet those who join Worship online, and answer any questions they may have? Are you tech savvy and do you desire to share hospitality online? Then you might want to volunteer for the Live Stream Engagement position. Check out the link below to get an idea of what the job entails:

<https://churchcommunications.com/how-to-host-church-online-and-livestream-engagement/>

Contact Rodney Hartings
at rhartings@grandlakechurch.org or
419-305-1816 for more information.

Sound Volunteers Needed

If you would like to help spread God's message and like to work behind the scenes, we have a place for you. To volunteer for sound, contact Ken Wiehe at 419-733-6765 or kwiehe@grandlakechurch.org.



matthew25

PROJECT



C.A.L.L. Donations

C.A.N. Sunday (Caring About Neighbors) at the St. Paul's campus is the first Sunday of the month, December 6 and January 3. Please bring in your canned goods and also baby food and diapers for December and new blankets, sheets and towels for January.

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

Items may be brought into St. Paul's Lobby and Montezuma's Commons by December 6 and January 3.

**C.A.L.L.
thanks you
for the 134
donations.**

Harvest Table & C.A.L.L. Cafe Collections 3rd Sunday - December 20 and January 17

On the 3rd Sunday of each month, we collect items for Harvest Table. Items needed are: flour, instant potatoes, cake mixes and icing. Please bring your items by December 20 and January 17 to support this mission.

Thanks to all who continue to help serve and donate items. It is greatly appreciated. If anyone wants more information or is interested in serving from 10:00am-noon or helping in the kitchen on an as-needed basis from 8:00-10:00am on Saturdays, please feel free to contact Brenda McGee at bmcgee@bright.net or 419-953-5411.



Harvest Table Meals will be moving towards indoors as soon as viable. We will continue as a carry-out meal from 10:00-11:30am until then.

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Souper Bowl of Caring: Souper Sunday! Sunday, February 7 at Grand Lake UMC

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

**Carry-Out Orders Only: 9:30am-12:00pm on
Sunday, February 7 - \$10/Quart (includes bread)**

****Please preorder your soup and prepay by February 1****

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

		# of Quarts
Chicken Cheese	by C.J. Highmark's	_____
Beef & Noodle	by Harvest Table	_____
Potato	by Harvest Table	_____
TOTAL		_____

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

Name _____

Phone # _____

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Matthew25 Mission Ministry

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

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LIFE'S A GIFT. GIVE MORE OF IT. **DONATE BLOOD.**

Blood Drive **Grand Lake** **United Methodist Church**

Fellowship Hall
119 E. Fulton Street
Celina, OH 45822

Monday, December 28
11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS
or go to redcrossblood.org, sponsor code "grandumc"
to schedule your blood donation appointment.

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Our Home
Family Resource Center

Food Pantry is currently OPEN
for NO CONTACT pick up.

Tuesday & Thursday

9:30am-12pm & 1pm-3pm

Please call 419.586.4663 and dial "0"
when you have arrived.

117 W FAYETTE ST, CELINA



Choosing Life Pregnancy Center & The Everything Shoppe

The Everything Shoppe
is now offering gift
certificates in
denominations of \$10,
\$25 and \$50. They
would be a perfect gift
for Mom or the Mom-
to-Be. Stop by The
Everything Shoppe at
560 Touvelle Street in
Celina to purchase.

Pajama Drive Through December 11, 2020

The Pajama Drive is back for another year! We have collected thousands of items for children in foster care and hope to do it again this year. The Pajama Drive will run through December 11. We will be collecting new pajamas of all sizes, socks, underwear, diapers and wipes. All donations can be dropped off in the Lobby of St. Paul's UMC. If you have any questions, please contact Mindy Sudhoff.



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Revive:OHIO—Tiffany Williams

Hello Grand Lake Family,

Here it is—the end of 2020. None of us could have thought that this is how this year would have looked, yet I am still amazed and honored that we serve a God that never changes! I found myself in Georgia this October. Georgia was not on my mind in September, yet in September, I knew the Lord was seeking even more obedience from me in every area of my life. So, after many confirmations from the Lord, I packed my bags and left for reviveGEORGIA. The Lord moved throughout the Cartersville, GA area. One noon-time lunch & testimony time, I found myself getting sunburned as we gathered in a field to worship and pray for those that came to see what was happening. We spent another afternoon downtown serving hotdogs and chatting with people who were seeking prayers and comfort. I met Callie on the last day I was in Cartersville. She had just moved back to Georgia when I met her, and I was able to pray and share the Gospel with her. She was a believer and now has the tools to share with those that the Lord leads her to. I am still amazed at how the Lord moves and works when we move and do as He asks of us. This past Saturday, I joined reviveOHIO :: Shelby County. My friend, Tracey and I got to go prayer walk different areas. We met Dawn during our prayer walk and were able to pray with her through her window. Her smile and willingness to accept prayer filled all our hearts; so, yes, things don't look the same, but thank goodness our God never changes! On Thursday each week, I eagerly join our prayer Zoom calls. This is always a great time of prayer with individuals across the state. Again, I am humbled and thankful that you all walk alongside me. I pray that the Lord keeps, protects and comforts you all as we all walk out these months going into Winter. Please feel free to reach out to me at twilliams@timetorevive.com if you have any questions. I will be sending a Fall newsletter very soon, so please reach out if you would like to be added to the newsletter.



Jr High ASP June 19-26, 2021
Sr. High ASP July 3-10, 2021



Matt Overman

Pastor Of Children and Family Ministries

moverman@grandlakechurch.org

Find us on Facebook!

Winter Retreat 2021

This year's **Junior Jam** & our overnight trip to **SuperStart Live** are cancelled due to Covid.

BUT we are planning our own retreat to Camp Wesley!

Kids in Grades 4-8 are invited for a Winter Retreat at Camp Wesley on February 12-13, 2021.

The cost is \$140/person and includes SNOW TUBING at Mad River Mountain!!

We will leave Friday after school and head to camp for an amazing time with God, learning, growing, playing and sharing. We will return on Sunday afternoon.

We are looking for high school students and parents to be leaders for this trip.

You can register for this event as a camper or a leader on the church app or website.

More information will be coming your way soon!



Merry & Bright Christmas Lights at the Mercer County Fairgrounds

For the past several years, we have set up thousands of lights at Montezuma as we celebrate Christmas. This year, the Mercer County Fairgrounds has invited us to be a part of *Merry & Bright Christmas Lights* at the Fairgrounds. Starting on Friday, November 27 and running on Thursday-Sunday through January 3, except for the weekend of Christmas, you can drive through the Fairgrounds to enjoy the lights and meet Santa Claus. The cost on Thursday & Sunday is \$10.00/car, the cost on Friday & Saturday is \$15.00/car and cars with 6+ passengers are \$25.00/car. The payment is cash only. On December 17-20, we will have our Live Nativity complete with camels, donkeys, and sheep! The times are: Thursday & Sundays: 6:00-9:00pm and Friday & Saturdays: 6:00-10:00pm. If you would like to be a character for the Live Nativity or help take tickets, please sign up on the app or website or call the church office at 419-586-6621.

Wednesdays Night classes are back!!

Wednesday Nights classes run from 6:00-7:30pm.

Tadpoles: Preschool (3-4 years old) —Room 306-307

Explorers: Kindergarten—2nd Grade —Room 308-309

Pathfinders: 3rd & 4th Grade —Room 304-305

WildSide: 5th & 6th Grade —Room 301-302

Please note there are no dinners or kids choirs at this time.



Family Christmas Eve Online Worship

This year's Family Christmas Eve service is going to be epic, awesome and online. We are going to journey to Bethlehem as we celebrate the birth of Jesus! The Family Service will be released on Christmas Eve morning and available through December 26. You can gather as a family in your jammies and worship together. If you pick up a Christmas in a Box, your glow stick candles will be in there! It is going to be an awesome adventure as together we fly to Bethlehem to hear the Christmas story. The Family Service will be on the church app, webpage, and social media.



Advent Wreath Lighters

Calling all families and friends. It is almost time again for Advent and Christmas! Again, this year, we are looking for families and friends to light the Advent wreath at each Worship on Sunday mornings and at all Christmas Eve worship times (7:00pm MZ, 9:00 & 11:00pm SP) at both campuses. The scripture and prayer will be emailed to you. Please sign up on the app or website, or call the church office at 419-586-6621. Any questions, please see Pastor Matt O.

Christmas Eve Schedule and Sunday, December 27

Christmas is coming! We have 5 worship times to choose from on Christmas Eve:

Virtual Family Worship will be available on the church app, webpage & social media accounts starting at 9:00am on Christmas Eve through December 26.

On Christmas Eve, the following services are offered:

5:00pm—Blended Worship at Montezuma

7:00pm—Contemporary Worship at St. Paul's

9:00pm & 11:00pm—Traditional Worship at St. Paul's

On Sunday December 27, we will have one combined Worship at 10:00am at St. Paul's. Nursery will be available for children ages 0-3. There will be **no** other children's classes that morning! Children are invited to worship with their families! Montezuma's Worship time is at 1:00pm.

ESCAPE ROOMS

ROUND 2

Kids in Grades 3-6 are invited to challenge themselves to ESCAPE!

We will be traveling to Escapology in Fort Wayne, Indiana to see if we can crack the code, solve the puzzles, and escape the room all in 60 minutes or less! We will depart on Saturday, January 30 at 11:30am. Our time in the escape room is 1:00pm, and if we survive, we will be home around 3:30pm. The cost is \$30.00/person.

You can sign up for this event on the church app by clicking Events and then Kids or on the webpage by clicking Grow and then Kids.

Everyone will get a different room than the first trip so no one will have the same clues or puzzles! **Please RSVP by January 17!**

2020 Christmas in a Box

Christmas In A Box is full of fun surprises and interactive activities that will delight your children and help them explore the true meaning of Christmas. Weekly activities, crafts, games and fun all await you inside of the box. The box even includes your glow stick candles for Christmas Eve Family Worship! Be on the look out for yours! If Pastor Matt misses your family, please call the church office and accept his deepest apologies!



Wednesday Night Cancellation Policy

With snow and inclement weather on its way, it is time to review our winter cancellation policy for Wednesday nights. The staff will meet together and decide by 1:00pm to cancel activities. This is an all or nothing cancellation. Closing of Celina Schools does NOT mean that church activities are cancelled! All cancellations will be posted on Facebook, website, and WCSM radio. You can also call the church office for information at 419-586-6621.

No Wednesday Night Activities on December 23 & 30

There will be no Wednesday Night activities on December 23 & 30. Have a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year! Classes will resume on January 6.

Vacation Bible School 2021 Treasured

Embark on an epic quest through hidden ruins, ancient caves and dense jungles. At Treasured VBS, kids dig into action-packed, faith-filled adventures. They'll discover God's greatest treasure isn't diamonds, gems or gold—it's them! Join us at Grace Missionary Church July 11-15, 2021 for this powerful week! Mark your calendars and plan to join us in the jungle!



Angel Tree Reminder

Please return all angel tree tags to the church by Sunday, December 6. We will pray over the gifts and deliver them to First Church of God on Monday.

If you would like to help with sorting and wrapping, please contact Diane Martens at 419-586-3645.

God is the strength
Of my heart
And my portion forever
~ Psalm 73:26

Why is there a dog in church and what does she do?

If you have been around the church lately you have probably seen our new 4-legged staff member and *therapy dog*, Tolin roaming around. But what exactly is a therapy dog and what do they do?

According to the AKC, therapy dogs are dogs who go with their owners to volunteer in settings such as schools, hospitals and nursing homes. From working with a child who is learning to read to visiting a senior in assisted living, therapy dogs and their owners work together as a team to improve the lives of other people. According to the Mayo Clinic, animal-assisted therapy can reduce pain and anxiety in people with a range of health problems. There are many good resources for the benefits of pet therapy from many reputable sources that speak to the positive outcome of animals visiting. Therapy dogs are being used in hospitals, nursing homes, schools, libraries, courtrooms, homeless shelters and many other places.

With Covid, our ability to visit has been limited, but Tolin does come to church with us to bring joy and unconditional love to people. The kids get so excited to see the dog on Sundays and Wednesdays. In fact, the one time I left her home, I was in big trouble! Some kids cannot wait to come to church just to see Tolin. Other kids take her for a walk up and down the hallway and then they go to class without any other issues. When we have a child who is having a rough time, we can take them in the hall and they can sit and pet and talk to Tolin. It has been incredible to see how kids respond and relax with Tolin around.

As I have been studying and looking at the theology of pet-based therapy, I have come to the conclusion that pet therapy starts in the Old Testament, in the story of Balaam and his donkey in Numbers 22. Balaam is on his way and the Lord is angry with him and sends an angel to oppose him. Balaam doesn't see the angel, but the donkey does. Three times the donkey protects Balaam from the angel, but Balaam didn't understand and beat the donkey until finally, the Lord "opened the donkey's mouth." The entire time the donkey saw the problem and was working to protect its owner from harm. It was because of the donkey that Balaam escaped harm.

This is one of the ways that animal therapy helps. Animals sometimes sense the stress, anxiety, or fear in a person and provide comfort, love, and presence. Animals can sometimes "see" our feelings and help us to process them by simply being present. Humans are judgmental, no matter how hard we try not to be, and when you're sick, stressed, or just trying to process life, pets won't judge you, and they will be there for you unconditionally.

If you feel called by God to explore how you and your pet can serve in this exciting ministry of offering help, offering hope, and offering Jesus through your pet, please see Pastor Matt. It isn't hard to get started. If your pet is well behaved and enjoys being around others, you are most of the way there!



Youth News

Submitted by Liz Trigg

News for Youth Grades 7-12 & their parents!

December Calendar of Events

- 2** Youth Group 6-7:30pm at the Greenhouse
- 6** Sunday Small Group 9:15-10:15am at the Greenhouse
- 7** 2-Hour Delay Breakfast at the Greenhouse 8:00-9:00am
- 9** Youth Group 6:00-7:30pm at the Greenhouse
- 11** Christmas "Lock-In" 5:30-9:30pm in the church
- 16** Youth Group 6:00-7:30pm at the Greenhouse
- 17-20** Live Nativity and Tickets at the Fair Lights
- 20** Sunday Small Group 9:15-10:15am at the Greenhouse
- 23/30** No Youth Group—Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



January Calendar of Events

- 6** Youth Group 6:00-7:30pm at the Greenhouse
- 8** 5th Quarter 8:00-11:00pm
- 10** Sunday Small Group 9:15-10:15am at the Greenhouse
- 13** Youth Group 6:00-7:30pm at the Greenhouse
- 18** Ice Skating in Fort Wayne 1:00-5:30pm
- 19** 2-Hour Delay Breakfast at the Greenhouse 8:00-9:00am
- Grad Night at 7:00pm at the Greenhouse
- 20** Youth Group 6:00-7:30pm at the Greenhouse
- 24** Sunday Small Group 9:15-10:15am at the Greenhouse
- 27** Youth Group 6:00-7:30pm at the Greenhouse
- 29** 5th Quarter 8:00-11:00pm

Let's Have a "Reel" Christmas

Do you have a favorite Christmas movie? Elf? Home Alone? The Santa Clause?... This year the Youth are going to have a "Reel" Christmas as we discover the reason for the season in some of your favorite Christmas movies. Join us at the Greenhouse on Wednesdays from 6:00-7:30pm. There will be time for Youth to play games, participate in small groups, worship, hear a message and enjoy a snack.

2-Hour Delay/Lenten Breakfast

Meet at the Greenhouse Monday, December 7 and Tuesday, January 19 from 8:00-9:00am. We will begin this time with a short devotion provided by one of the youth. Mark will then provide us with a prepared breakfast. Sign up on the church app if you will be coming. Rides to school will be provided for the first six to sign up saying they need a ride. Don't Delay...Sign Up Today!

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Great Expectations

On Wednesday nights in January, we will be discussing our great expectations for the new year, God's expectations for us, how to handle the unexpected and what to expect in the future.

Sunday Youth Small Group

Come to the Greenhouse on Sunday Mornings from 9:15-10:15am. We will discuss the study from RightNow Media, "Who is Jesus?" by Brody Jaspersen. This is a time for youth to really dig into their faith. We will meet December 6 & 20 and January 10 & 24.

Christmas "Lock-In"

Let's have a "Reel" Youth Christmas Party! Join us on December 11, 5:30-9:30pm in the church. You can expect *Among Us*, Nerf Guns, Movies, Nachos, Hot Cocoa and more.

Merry & Bright Christmas Lights at the Mercer County Fairgrounds

This year, the Mercer County Fairgrounds has invited us to be a part of Merry & Bright Christmas Lights. The Youth have been asked to collect tickets when people arrive on the weekend of December 17-20. The times are: Thursday & Sundays: 6:00-9:00pm and Friday & Saturdays: 6:00-10:00pm. You can go to the church app under events and upcoming to sign up for a shift. Sign up with a friend, it's more fun that way!

Grad Nights for High School Seniors and their Parents

Congratulations! You are more than a quarter of the way into your final year of high school. We pray this is a time filled with more hope than fear and more peace than anxiety. Grand Lake would like to offer you some resources to guide you through this time. Please join us for an evening of prayer and discussion. Parents, we will be providing you with some free resources as well. Invite your friends and other parents. Plan to attend Tuesday, January 19 at 7:00pm in the Greenhouse. If you would prefer to access the meeting via Zoom, please let Liz know.

Senior Small Group

Youth will be provided with a book titled, "Before you Go." It is a quick read. We will discuss the book and how their senior year is going. This group will meet at the same time as the parents meetings detailed in the Grad Night article.



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News for Youth Grades 7-12 & their parents!

Soup & Cookie Jars

Thank you for your support of the Youth and Operation Christmas Child! This year we were able to fill 63 shoeboxes.



5th Quarters

Come hang out with your friends after the basketball games. Enjoy games, pizza, prizes and fun from 8:00-11:00pm on January 8 & 29!

Ice Skating

The Youth will be taking a trip to Fort Wayne's Headwaters Park on Monday, January 18. We will meet at the church at 1:00pm and will return home at 5:30pm. The cost is \$8 per youth. Invite your friends for a fun day on the ice!

Winter Retreat 2021

Let's get away to Camp Wesley! Middle Schoolers are invited for a Winter Retreat at Camp Wesley on February 12-13, 2021. The cost is \$140.00/person and includes snow tubing at Mad River Mountain!! We are looking for High School students and parents to be leaders for this trip. You can register for this event as a camper or a leader on the church app or website. For more information, see the Grand Lake Kids article (p. 26) in this newsletter.

Social Media

You can find out more information about Grand Lake Youth on Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Remind, the Grand Lake Church App and Website.

Be sure to turn on your notifications for Grand Lake Youth on the church app. This will allow you to get updates when we have things going on. Check out our Bitmoji Youth Room. All the information for each week will be updated and there are links to many resources.

****Youth are required to wear a mask for all indoor events and when they will be less than 6 feet away from others outside. Events are subject to change as government & church regulations change. Additional events may be added as well.**

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Youth News

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News for Youth Grades 7-12 & their parents!

For Parents:

****NEW** P.O.T.: (Parents of Teens) Small Group**

These evenings promise to be better than going to PTO. No, we are the P.O.T. (Parents of Teens). We hope to provide a space for you to talk with one another, grow in your own faith and get support for each day, raising a teenager. Join us Thursdays, December 3 & 17 and January 14 & 28 at 7:00pm at the Greenhouse. If you would prefer to join us via Zoom, you may do so. We are using a study from RightNow Media, "Tough Guys & Drama Queens."

Young Adult News

YOUNG ADULT 2ND SUNDAYS

For all Second Sunday events, we ask that you sign up on the church app under Events. We ask that you give a \$5.00 donation for each event.

Social Media

Watch for videos on Facebook and Instagram. Our social media pages are the best way for us to communicate with you, stay connected with you, and encourage you through this time.



Clifton Mill

Sunday, December 13

Meet at the church at 4:00pm. We will see the lights at Clifton Mill and then stop for dinner on the way home.





Grand Lake UMC extends sympathy to:

- Family & friends of Doug Monnin who died 10-23-20.
- Family of Claire Stetler who passed away 10-24-20. Husband of Sue Stetler. Father of Bruce (Kelly) Stetler, Brian (Kendra) Stetler and Beth (Chuck) Matrazzo. Grandfather of Melissa (Todd) Steinbrunner & family, Matt (Stacey) Stetler & family and Megan (Scott) Miller & family.
- Family of Gabe Andrews who passed away 10-25-20. Son of Meredith May.
- Family of Pastor Bruce Morrison from Washington Court House who passed away 10-30-20.
- Family & friends of Dean Temple, who passed away 11-5-20.
- Missy Applegate, whose husband, Terry Applegate, passed away 11-6-20.
- Family of Marjorie Miesse, who passed away 11-14-20. Mother of David (Lisa) Miesse and mother-in-law of Suzanne (the late Tim) Miesse. Grandmother of Scott Miesse. Aunt of Lynn (Rick) Krogman.
- Family of Richard "Skip" Ross who died 11-15-20. Grandfather of Ashley (Adam) Rolfes. Great-grandfather of Carson, Ross & Stella Rolfes.
- Family of Denny Overley who passed away 11-20-20. Husband of Janie Overley. Father of Katie (Mikel) Martinez and Sarah Overley.

Congratulations to:

- Kellan Kugel, son of Karey Kugel, on his baptism. Sponsors are Bill and Kandy Kugel.
- Arlo Pierstorff, son of Ashlyn and Joshua Pierstorff, on his baptism. Sponsors are Mason Jutte and Sarah Chaney.

Congratulations to:

- Patricia Dennis and Randy Fite who were married on 11-14-20 at St. Paul's.

Congratulations on the:

- Birth of Serenity Christine Teague on 11-16-20. Parents are Elita & Peter Teague. Grandparents are Jeff & Melinda Smith. Great-grandparents are Allan & Joyce Smith and Jonny & Wanda Dicke.
- Birth of Riley Grace Spencer on 11-22-20. Great-grandmother is Carol Zender.

Thank You

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for all the prayers, cards, love and visits extended to me following the illness and death of my Donnie. It has been so appreciated. A little extra thank you to Angie and Amber. I have been so blessed.

- Iris Ross

Highlights for December/January at Grand Lake UMC

Weekly Events Until Further Notice

Sundays

- 8:50am Nursery Care (until 10:00am, SP 208)
- 9:00am Traditional Worship (SP Sanctuary & Online), Children's Discipleship Classes (SP 3rd Floor), Seek & Believe (SP 216)
- 10:15am Serendipity (SP 217), Bridge Builders (SP 201-202), Legacy (Zoom)
- 10:20am Nursery Care (until 11:30am, SP 208)
- 10:30am Contemporary Worship (SP Sanctuary & Online), Children's Discipleship Classes (SP 3rd Floor), Pairs 'n Spares (Zoom)
- 1:00pm Blended Worship (MZ Sanctuary)

Mondays

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

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays (except December 23 & 30)

- 5:45pm Nursery Care (until 7:45pm, SP 208)
- 6:00pm Adult Community Groups (see TV in SP Lobby), Youth Group (Greenhouse), Children's Discipleship Classes (SP 3rd Floor)
- 7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous (SP Fellowship Hall)

Thursdays

- 7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous (SP Fellowship Hall), Alcoholics Anonymous (MZ Commons)

Saturdays

- 10:00am Harvest Table (Free carry-out meal in Lobby until 11:30am)
- 7:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous (SP FH)

Special Events Planned at Time of Print

Thursday, December 3

- 7:00pm Parents of Teens (Greenhouse)

Friday, December 4

- 6:00pm Real Life Mom's Craft Event (SP FH)

Communion Sunday, December 6

CAN Sunday - SP collecting canned goods, baby food/diapers; MZ collecting shampoo for CALL

Monday, December 7

- 8:00am Youth 2-hr Delay Breakfast (Greenhouse until 9:00am)

Friday, December 11

- 5:30pm Youth "Lock-In" (Greenhouse until 9:30pm)

Thursday, December 17-Sunday, December 20

Live Nativity (Mercer County Fairgrounds)

6:00-9:00pm Thursday & Sunday

6:00-10:00pm Friday & Saturday

Sunday, December 20 & January 17

Harvest Table Sunday - donations collected

Thursday, December 24

Family Worship (Available online the morning of December 24 online through December 26)

5:00pm Blended Worship (MZ Sanctuary)

7:00pm Contemporary Worship (SP Sanctuary)

9:00pm Traditional Worship (SP Sanctuary)

11:00pm Traditional Worship (SP Sanctuary)

****Church Office Closed from noon on December 24 through Friday, January 1***

Sunday, December 27

10:00am Combined Worship (SP Sanctuary), Nursery (SP 208)

1:00pm Blended Worship (MZ Sanctuary)

Monday, December 28

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

Communion Sunday, January 3

CAN Sunday - SP collecting canned goods, new sheets, blankets, towels; MZ collecting bath soap for CALL

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

December Birthdays*

01	Charlotte Gudorf		Ruthann Eichenauer		23	Luke Sheets
	Miriam McGee		Caison Hall			Chad Altstaetter
	Kelly Roukas	12	Matt Reynolds			Lisa McNelly
	Jodi Schoen		Kailee Ross			Coral Naylor
	Gene Spicer		Carol Smith		24	Harper Post
02	Kylie Gudorf		Sue Wills			Allison Hoyng
	Gabe Hicks	13	Tammy Brunswick			Todd Hoyng
	Kaden Murlin		Callie Gudorf		25	J.D. Giesige
	Jak Steinbrunner		Haylee Harling		26	Maezee Bonifas
03	Ayden Aller		Raylynn Stockton			Janet McGee
	Bayleigh Huston	14	Deb Green			Ron Smith
	Craig Knoth	15	Doug Miesse			Matt Stetler
	Jim Ross		Chloe Russell		27	Landon Bonifas
04	Patti Gelhaus		Bill Sieber			Barb Conrad
	Logan Patterson	16	Haylee Gzula			Denny Smith
	Remy Salzmann		Ally Harris		28	Martha Bollinger
05	Dianna McCullough		Mason Pennington			Joanne Foulkes
06	Wyatt Carpenter	17	Ethan Bruce			Jim Phillips
	Devin Chilcoat		Janet Cromwell			Claire Sheets
	Carley Fennig		Susy DeLaet			Jenny Tester
	Erin Houser		Kevin Mallory			Jaxson Wellman
	Ethan Pond		Jonathan Williams			Lily Westgerdes
	Mackenzie Randall	18	Breah Anderson			Knox Young
	Miles Schlater		Ingrid Reichert		29	Ron Green
07	Bruce Cromwell	19	Dylan Chilcoat			Margaret Grunden
	Renee Whistler		Connie Conn			Ellie Rolfes
08	Mark Fleck	20	Duncan Armstrong			Eva Will
	Beau Koester		Sean Jahnigen		30	Cherish Hartings
	Christa Miller	21	Jeanette Bachelor			Jon Kraner
09	Bob Faller		Mary Larmore			Joshua Pierstorff
	Lori Murlin		Brooke Swaney			Linda Standiford
	Renee Randall		Deanna Wagner			Jadyn Zimmerly
	Louis Reichert	22	Marilyn Giere		31	Jessie Luth
	Craig Riesen		Brooks Hodge			Cindy Ontrop
	Jane Stuckman		Elizabeth Houts			Aaron Swaney
11	Alanna Bush		Linda Schaffner			Emily Swaney

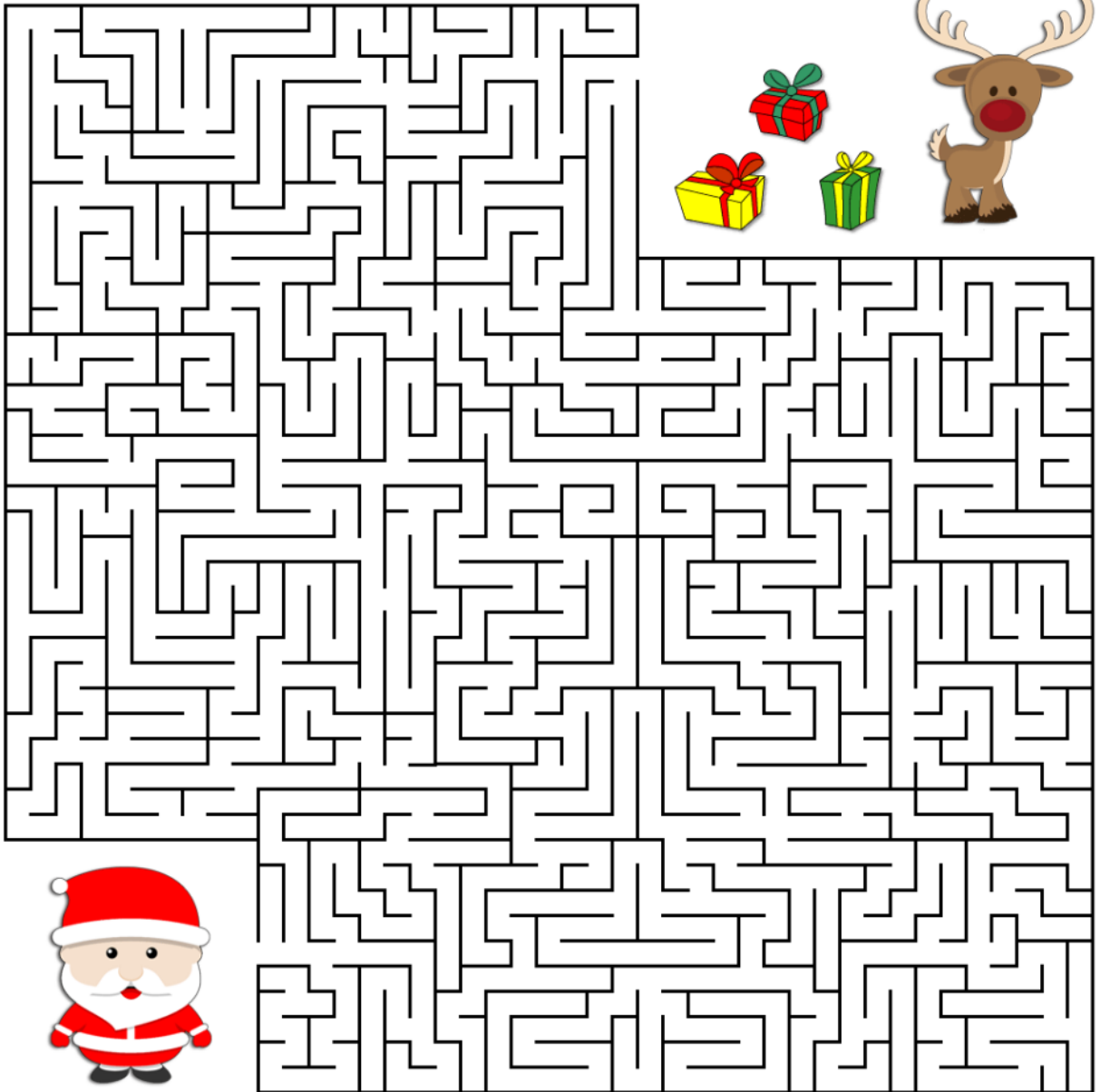
*These are the birthdays that we have on record. If your birthday is not listed, or is listed incorrectly, please call the church office at 586-6621.

January Birthdays*

01	Rod Carpenter		Marilyn Oman		Tonyia Miller
	Kelsey Johns		Nolan Reynolds		Braley Smith
	Sue Rexroat	13	Kelli Jones	22	Roxanne Lyon
02	Carol Allen		Danica Koester		Parker Newcomb
	Natalie Bernholt		Aria Monroe		Eli Schlater
	Mary Jo Mueller		Tori Schoen	23	Darrin Chilcoat
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