THE TACKLEBOX

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

GRAND LAKE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 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 201-202

10:15-11:15am

Serendipity: Rooms 216- 217 and Zoom
Legacy: Zoom

10:30-11:30am

Pairs 'n Spares: Zoom

Pastor's Page

Submitted by Pastor Mick Whistler

Can you believe it's March already? I'm so glad it is, because March is the month in which Spring officially begins. I know the weather doesn't always cooperate with the calendar or the groundhog. But at least we know Spring is approaching. That's welcome news as I write this letter. You see, I'm writing this on February 16, the day after "snowpocalypse!" I look out the window of my office and I see a huge mountain of plowed snow. It's bitterly cold and the wind chill is down around zero. So, yeah, it's safe to say that I'm ready for Spring!

As much as I love Spring and the warmer temperatures, that's not what I usually think of first as the month of March approaches. No, for the last 15 or so years, the month of March always brings to mind an old friend and spiritual mentor named Peter King. He was a beloved man at the first church I ever served. He's gone home to be with the Lord now, but not before having a rather profound impact on my life, my faith and my ministry. He was always so compassionate and gave me such great advice. And I'll never forget that his favorite day of the year is March 4th. It's not his birthday, anniversary or the day any of his kids were born. It's his favorite day of the year because, as he always said, "It's the one day of the year the calendar gives us clear instructions on what we are to do. We are to march forth!"

So now, whether March comes in like a lion or a lamb, I still know what to do. I always know what to do. I march forth! When there's a pandemic…march forth! When there is racial unrest and riots…march forth! When there is political unrest and riots…march forth! When there are threats of a church split… march forth! When there is a "snowpocalypse"…march forth! (although you may have to shovel yourself out first)

All of this "march" talk reminds me of a song we sang one year (maybe more) at Annual Conference. It's simply called, "We Are Marching." It's actually a protest song from South Africa and was originally sung by those protesting against apartheid. At Annual Conference, we sang it with the leading of a kid's choir from Africa as a call for freedom, in solidarity with those who are oppressed. But more than that, we sang it joyfully, as those kids danced and sang all over the stage, as a commitment to living in the light, love and power of God. It has a very catchy melody that includes three verses with a lot of repetition. Verse one says "We are marching in the light of God." Verse two says, "We are Living in the love of God." And verse three says, "We are moving in the power of God."

I know there is a lot of turmoil right now in our nation, in the world, and even in our own denomination. But regardless of what's going on all around us, we always know what to do…we march forth! But we don't do it alone. We do it together, with each other, and especially with God. Even when things are hard, and maybe even look bleak, remember…we are marching in the light of God. We are living in the love of God. We are moving in the power of God. Don't forget that and don't let anyone tell you otherwise.

I'm marching with you, in His service,

Pastor Mick

MARCH SERVANTS

Greeters

9:00am • St. Paul's

3rd	Sanctuary	Bob & Robyn Sheets
	Front	Bob Faller
	Lobby	As Needed
10th	Sanctuary	Ron & Jenin
	Front	Marl
	Lobby	
17th	Sanctuar	
	Front	
	Lob	
24th	S	
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10th		
	Lo	
17th	Sanct	
	Front	
	Lobby	
24th	Sanctuary	Kelly
	Front	Brian Arms
	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
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Dear Grand Lake Family and Hospitality Helpers,

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

We are planning to open these positions back up in April. If you are willing to be a greeter, usher, etc., please contact the church office by email at office@grandlakechurch.org or by phone at 419-586-6621.

Thank you,
Pastor Diane

Paul's

2021

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

MARCH SERVANTS

Nursery Volunteers

St. Paul's

7th	10:30am	Nursery Staff
14th	10:30am	Nursery Staff
21st	10:30am	Nursery Staff
28th	10:30am	Nursery Staff

Lil' K Teachers

St. Paul's

7th	9:00am	Sierra Wynk
14th	9:00am	Beth Overman
21st	9:00am	Joelle Pond
28th	9:00am	Dawn Gagle

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 March 2021.

Counting people because people count!

February 2021

Date	Attendance	Giving
2/7	244	$19,408
2/14	180	$27,533
2/21	246	$8,857
AVERAGE	223	$18,599

2021 Weekly Amount Needed:$18,218

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

The Youth Pancake Breakfast has been rescheduled for Sunday, March 28, from 10:00am-12:00pm. This will be carry out only and will include pancakes, sausage & fruit for $6.00. Tickets are available on Sunday mornings at church in March, or you may see Liz or a Youth. Tickets from last year will be accepted this year.
You may pick up your brunch on your way home from church!
Thank you for supporting our Youth attending Lakeside.

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!

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

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

Easter Flower Order Form

Orders for Easter flowers may be placed until Friday, March 12 by calling the church office or dropping this form in the offering plate. Payment should be made to Grand Lake United Methodist Church.

Please memo your check "flower."

Please print clearly

Flower is given by _____

Phone # _____

... in memory of _____

... in honor of _____

_____ Lily at $13.75 each

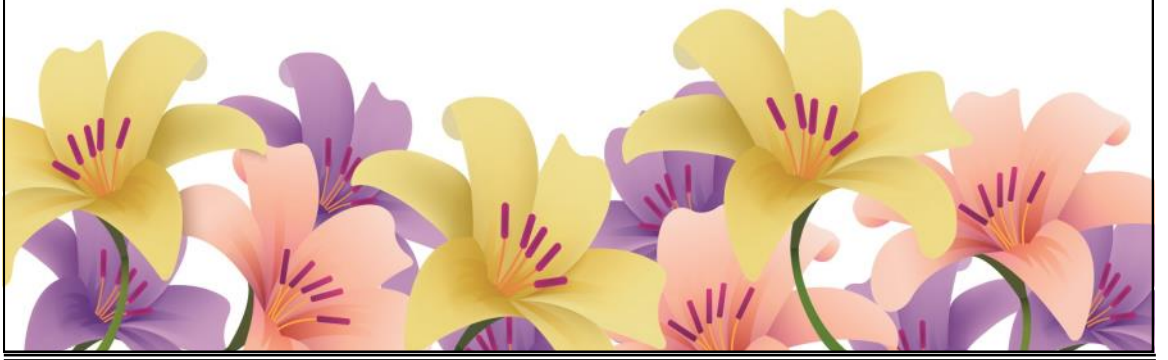
_____ Tulips at $11.50 each

_____ Hyacinths at $11.50 each

_____ I will pick up my flower after Easter.

_____ In lieu of a plant, please use my donation for a Special Worship Fund. My name will still be included in the "Easter Bulletin."

Firm deadline is March 12, 2020



PALM SUNDAY
March 28, 2021
Regular Worship Times

9:00am Traditional at St. Paul's
10:30am Contemporary at St. Paul's
1:00pm Blended at Montezuma

Children wave palms before each Worship time.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE
April 1, 2021
7:00pm
St. Paul's Sanctuary

GOOD FRIDAY
April 2, 2021
7:00pm
St. Paul's Sanctuary

CELEBRATE
Easter
APRIL 4, 2021
9:00am Traditional at St. Paul's
10:30am Contemporary at St. Paul's
1:00pm Blended at Montezuma
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St. Paul's • 119 E. Fulton St., Celina
Montezuma • 40 S. High St., Montezuma
GRANDLAKECHURCH.ORG

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.

RightNow Media

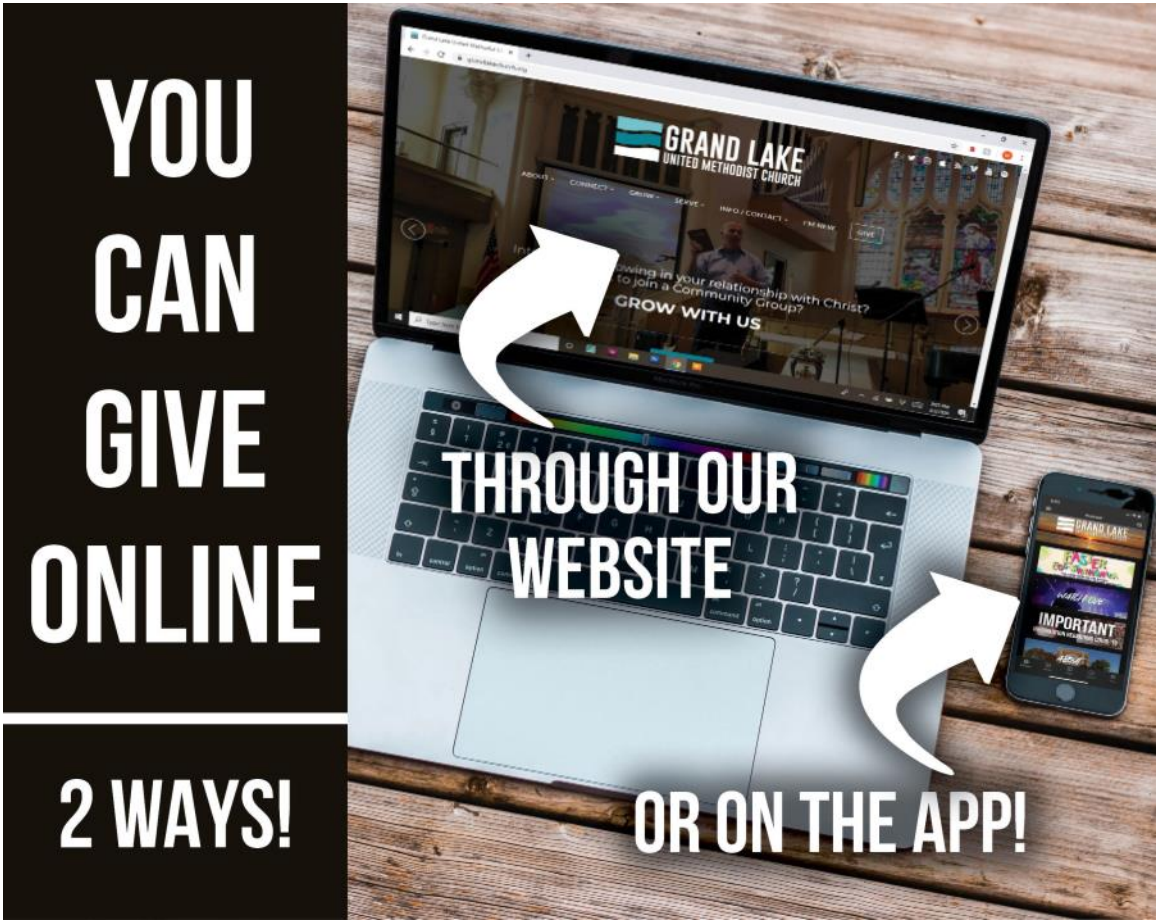
This is a reminder that RightNow Media is available for everyone! We have purchased unlimited access to thousands of Christian videos and are giving free access to everyone in our church. The current sermon series, "The Easter Experience," can be found there.

You may gain free access by texting "RightNow GrandLakeUMC" to 41411 or through https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/GrandLake.

If you have any problems gaining access, please contact the church office at 419-586-6621 or office@grandlakechurch.org.

Trustees Report

The Trustees are meeting in person again. It has been a long year meeting online. This Summer, there will be a few projects lined up at the Willow Street parsonage. We will be painting the gable ends of the house as they are starting to fade from the sun. We will be deciding on painting or replacing the basement windows and cleaning some dead limbs from the trees. The Church Lobby has been in need of new carpet for a while, and we will also be replacing that this Summer.



2021 Flower Calendar Available in Church Office

The 2021 Flower Calendar is available in the church office. There are only three spots left! 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!

Dates remaining for 2021: June 6 & 20 and November 21

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. Also, if you know of anyone who needs encouragement, you are welcome to pick up a prayer square or prayer shawl from the Chapel Prayer Room to share with them.

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 (419-305-8494) will be happy to get you started.

Submitted by Mindy Sudhoff

www.creativediscoverypreschool.com

It's hard to believe that it is March already! We are very excited that Spring is almost here. We can't wait to be able to play outside. The students are busy working on Spring activities and will end the month celebrating Easter. Unfortunately, we will not be able to have our annual Open House or Bunny Hutch this year. With so many people we just don't see a way to keep everyone safe. We still have a few openings left for the 2021-2022 school year. If you would like to reserve a spot, please call the preschool at 419-586-2199.

Real Life Moms

All Moms are invited to take part in Real Life Moms! Real Life Moms are meeting at St. John Lutheran Church's indoor playground on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month from 9:30-11:00am. In March, those dates are March 4 & 18. They will also have "Coffee and Chaos" Meetings in Room 306 at St. Paul's on March 11 & 25 from 9:30-11:00am. This is a time to chat with other moms while children play together. In case of school delays, the start time will be moved back to 10:00am. Moms Night Out is on Friday, March 19 at 6:30pm, with the location to be determined.

REAL LIFE MOMS

CarePartners

CarePartners is a ministry that provides intentional care to others.

A CarePartner is someone that walks alongside those who are hurting, who feel lonely or discouraged, and those who need prayer, a listening ear, or an encouraging word. A CarePartner is a spiritual friend who may be present in person, by phone, and/or through a card in the mail. There is no age limit; only a God given desire to have a new friend or be a friend maker.

CarePartners also support one another as friends and mentors. A meeting and an occasional seminar with guest speakers and teaching will help us to keep our skill set sharp.

To be a CarePartner, or to be connected to a CarePartner, call/text/email Dean Bachelor at 740-746-9151 or bachelor.dean5@gmail.com, or through the church office at 419-586-6621. Regardless of pandemics, people need to be connected to people, and CarePartners are always looking for safe and effective ways to stay in touch!

Submitted by the Scholarship Committee

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

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

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

2. Grand Lake Service Scholarship
Available to any member or regular attendee of Grand Lake UMC. The award is made for unpaid service provided for Grand Lake UMC. Specific service is to be proposed through the application process and completed during the academic year. The scholarship is to be paid upon completion of the service.

3. Grand Lake UMC Student in Ministry
Available to any member or regular attendee of Grand Lake UMC. Applicant must be enrolled as an undergraduate or graduate student at an accredited institution full time in preparation for the ministry, Christian education, or a church related vocation. These grants will be given as a loan to the students and are forgiven upon verification of required years of ministry. Students who leave school or the ministry are expected to repay unforgiven portions of the award.

Application forms are available in the church office. ***They must be completed and returned by March 31, 2021.***

These scholarships and the amounts granted are subject to the approval of the Church's Administrative Council. Distribution of checks will be prior to the Fall semester/quarter.

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

COMMUNITY groups

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

Sunday Community Group for Youth - This group meets on Sunday mornings at 9:15am in the Greenhouse twice a month on March 7 & 21. The youth will follow a video devotion on Prayer by Francis Chan. Come for a great discussion and donuts too!
Contact: Liz Trigg (419-586-6621 or ltrigg@grandlakechurch.org)

Seek & Believe Group – This group meets on Sundays at 9:00am in Room 201. This group will be following the Lent sermon series, "The Easter Experience" by Kyle Idleman 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 Lent sermon series, "The Easter Experience" by Kyle Idleman on RightNow Media.
Contact: Keith Gudorf (419-586-1494 or gudork@gmail.com)

Serendipity Group - This group meets on Sundays at 10:15am in Room 216 and via Zoom. This group will be following the Lent sermon series, "The Easter Experience" by Kyle Idleman on RightNow Media.
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 Lent sermon series, "The Easter Experience" by Kyle Idleman on RightNow Media.
Contact: Ron Fanning (419-305-3305 or rfanning@fhai.com)

Bridge Builders Group - will be meeting again soon!

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 Lent sermon series, "The Easter Experience" by Kyle Idleman 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, March 16 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 "Pursuing God's Love" by Margaret Feinberg.
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. This group will be following the Lent sermon series, "The Easter Experience" by Kyle Idleman on RightNow Media.
Contact: Brad Pennington (419-852-1789 or pennington_brad@yahoo.com)

Women's Bible Study - This group meets on Wednesdays at 6:00pm in Rooms 216-217 and they will be following the Lent sermon series, "The Easter Experience" by Kyle Idleman on RightNow Media.
Contact: Pastor Diane Mendelson (419-586-6621 or dmendelson@grandlakechurch.org)

Come As You Are **Bible Study** - This group will be joining the Building 7:12 Community Group as they study "The Gospel of Matthew."

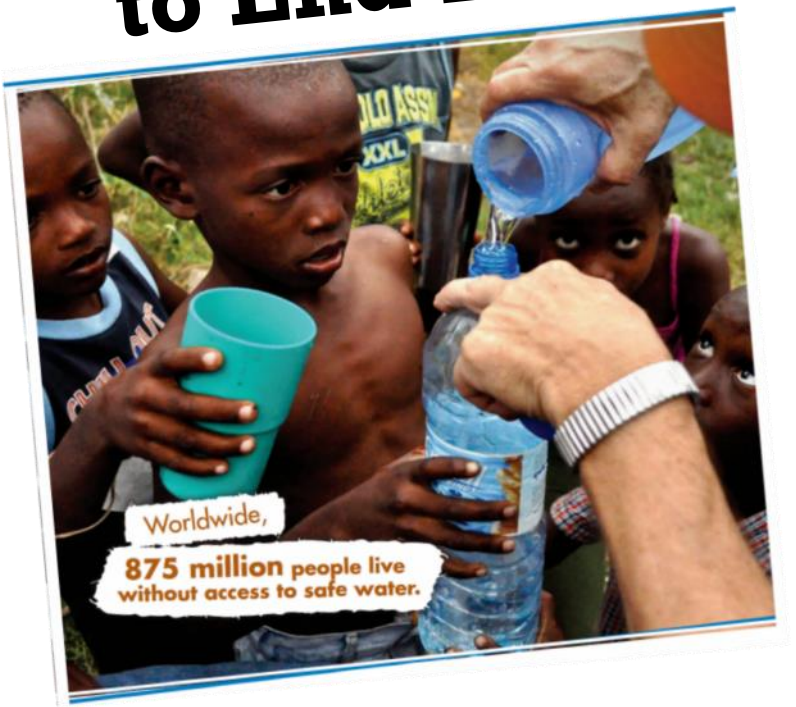
Building 7:12 Community Group – This group is made up of couples, singles, male and female that meet on Wednesdays from 6:00-7:30pm at Building 7:12, 712 E. Wayne St., Celina. This group will be doing the study "The Gospel of Matthew."
Contact: Chris Mohler (419-953-1337 or Christopher.mohler@edwardjones.com) or Dancie Mohler (419-953-3113 or themohlers5@gmail.com)

Young Adult News

Submitted by Liz Trigg

This small group is for 18-35(ish) year old Young Adults, looking to spend time with other believers, who are at a similar stage of life. If you are interested in being involved in this group, you may contact Liz at ltrigg@grandlakechurch.org or 419-615-2808. Be sure to follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat for devotions and updates.

Take A Step to End Thirst



Getting ready to do some Spring cleaning?

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

Grand Lake UMC is partnering with St. John Lutheran Church in a program called "WaterStep" in which we donate our old, but preferably "gently used" shoes (even mismatches!) to a group who sells the shoes and uses the profits to build wells for people in developing countries.

Donations will be collected March 1-March 21. At St. Paul's a table will be set up in the Lobby. At Montezuma, there will be a box in the Commons.

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

WaterStep
Training & Technology to Heal a Thirsty World

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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, March 7. Please bring in your canned goods and also baby food and diapers for March.

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

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

Items may be brought into St. Paul's Lobby and Montezuma's Commons by March 7.

Harvest Table Collections
3rd Sunday - March 21

On the 3rd Sunday of each month, we collect items for Harvest Table. Items needed are: pudding cups, instant mashed potatoes and Pam spray. Please bring your items by March 21 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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Soups-n-More

Soups-n-More is a ministry new to Grand Lake this year. In 2018, Angie Crider began a business making cheesecakes and she states that it has been a wonderful platform to share Jesus with others. In March 2020, Angie and her daughter Amber have branched out into a new ministry called Soups-n-More (dishing out love one ladle at a time). This ministry delivers a Saturday morning meal and a visit to elderly and shut ins in the area. The meal includes an entrée, fruit/ salad and dessert. She states that she really enjoys the visiting and would love to see this ministry expand. If you feel called to help out with this ministry in some way, please contact Angie at 419-733-6247. If you know of someone that would be blessed by having a meal delivered, a smile and a short visit on Saturday morning please call Angie to have them added to the list.

Choosing Life Pregnancy Center & The Everything Shoppe

Choosing Life Pregnancy Center is now offering online parenting classes. If you are pregnant or expecting an addition to your family, parenting classes are a wonderful way to expand your knowledge. Even if you have taken "in person" classes before, the new curriculum offered will give you added insight into parenting from trusted sources. You can take them in the comfort of your own home as your schedule allows. Once you stop in at the pregnancy center and fill out the paperwork, classes will be sent weekly to your phone or computer. Once you receive the class you will have 3 days to complete the lesson. You will then be issued 200 points when completed and can stop by anytime Monday thru Friday 11:00am to 5:00pm to redeem your points for diapers, wipes, formula, baby food, clothing or anything else relating to children or maternity. Stop by on Tuesdays or Fridays to sign up at 560 Touvelle Street, Celina or call 567-890-5433.

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OUR Home Family Resource Center

Join the OUR Home Family Resource team. We are looking for a part- time individual (8.5 hours per week) who would enjoy helping children connect with their parents and families. They are looking for a caring person to serve as a RAFT monitor in our Supervised Visitation Center. They are looking for someone who is patient, interested in helping others, self confident and has excellent people skills. If you are interested please call 419-586-4663 or visit the link below https://www.ourhomefrc.com/2021/02/join-our-team-raft-visitation-center/

There is still time to donate towards OUR Home's Empty Bowls Drive this year. Let's help them reach and exceed their goal for the upcoming year. Call 419-586-4663 to find out how to give or give through the safe link on Facebook.

EMPTY BOWLS Mercer County

Empty Bowls Mercer County - Our Home's Annual Campaign

Fundraiser by Our Home Family Resource Center • Public

Following Share More

$1,055 raised of $5,000

matthew25 PROJECT

ASP Mission Trip

We did not get to go on the ASP mission trip in the Summer of 2020 because of the COVID virus. However, we were able to serve locally by building a cabin at the Hand-Up Village on the property of the Lord's Abounding Grace Church just north of town.

We do not know if we will be able to go this Summer or not. It will be decided depending on whether the virus is contained yet. The dates are listed below, and we will have a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board across from the lounge on the second floor sometime in mid-March.

ASP is for seven weeks in the Summer, (we plan to go for two weeks). The trips this year are June 20 to June 26 for Junior High and July 4 to July 10 for Senior High.

When we go to ASP, the houses we work on are already decided upon by the center staff. We arrive at a central location on Sunday afternoon (usually a school) and set up our quarters for the week. Sometimes we sleep in classrooms and sometimes in the gymnasium on cots or mattresses that we bring with us. We use the school showers, or if there are none, the staff sets up temporary showers outside, or we drive to a different location such as a YMCA. We usually eat breakfast and supper at the school cafeteria with meals provided by local cooks hired for the Summer. We pack a lunch to take with us and spend the day at our site working on the house we were assigned. We then come back to the center and shower, do clean up chores, eat and have an evening devotional time. Then, on Saturday, we come back home.

This is just a brief description of what happens each week of mission. For more information, you can check out the ASP website at asphome.org. Contact Mark Armstrong at 567-644-8348 or Jerry or Tammy Barger at 419-586-7626, and we would be glad to answer any questions about these trips.

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Good Works Updates & Opportunities

Good Works is a Community of Hope with people who are struggling with poverty and homelessness in rural Appalachia.

Spring Work Day – Saturday, May 1, 2021

Mark your calendar for a one-day mission opportunity to help with "work projects" at Good Works in Athens, Ohio on Saturday, May 1, 2001. The team will leave Grand Lake UMC at 5:30am and arrive home by 9:00pm.

If you have questions or would like to attend this mission trip, please contact Carolyn Pancake at clpancake@hotmail.com or 419-305-7959.

Good Works is offering a Summer Service Internship Experience – June 13 to August 14, 2021

Join Good Words for a 9-week paid internship focused on discipleship and leadership development in the context of a service oriented Christian community. Good Works wants to invest in you while you invest in the people of rural Appalachian Ohio.

The Summer Service Internship begins on Sunday, June 13 and ends on Saturday, August 14. Applicants must be at least 20 years old or have completed one year of college. Good Works provides housing, most of your food and a $1,500 stipend. Interns can raise additional funds.

If you or someone you know is interested: Visit the Good Works website (www.good-works.net) and explore this program by clicking on Summer Service Internship. If you would like to request an application through email, go to: email@good-works.net. All applications should be submitted by March 31, 2021. Interviews will be held in Athens.

Will there be a Fall Good Works Mission Trip? Yes, that is the plan! We are hoping to have a team go one weekend in September, leaving Grand Lake UMC on Friday evening and arriving home late Saturday evening. Keep watching the bulletin and Tacklebox for the date and more information. In the meantime, if you do have questions, please contact Carolyn Pancake at clpancake@hotmail.com or 419-305-7959.

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Find us on Facebook!

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!

Summer Camp 2021

Summer Camp Brochures will be available soon for all three West Ohio Camps. Grab yours online at www.westohiocamps.org. There are many new camps for your child to choose from at Camp Wesley! Pastor Matt will be serving at Camp Wesley the week of June 6. There are several other excellent camps around for children including Marmon Valley Farms and Camp COTUBIC in Bellefontaine. Camperships are also available to help get your kids to camp! See Pastor Matt for more information.

Nerf Night

Who: ANYONE!
What: A time to test your armor and have some Nerf fun!!
When: Friday, March 19

- 5:00-5:30pm—Children ages 4-Kindergarten - This time is for kids who don't want to get hit! We will practice on targets and knocking down cups.
- 6:00-8:00pm—Children 1st Grade and up - This time is for kids and youth who are looking for the Nerf battles.

Where: Building 7:12 across from Celina High School
Come and enjoy some family time as we play Nerf games! If you have a Nerf gun, feel free to bring it; but guns and **darts will be provided**!
If you have any questions, call Pastor Matt Overman at 419-586-6621.

<u>*Masks are required for everyone in attendance!</u>

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.

Wildside Updates

Attention parents of 5th & 6th Graders! There are several awesome activities that are coming up for preteens. We will be going to the Greenhouse to check out the Youth Ministry on March 10 and April 14. We will meet in the Treehouse at 6:00pm and return to the Treehouse at 7:30pm.

Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday is March 28! We read in Matthew 21:8 about the large crowd that welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem. In remembrance of this we are looking for kids to carry palm branches at all Sunday morning worships. We will meet in the Library at St. Paul's 10 minutes before each service to pass out palms. Children will carry palms into the Sanctuary and then return to their class or their parents.

Clean up and prepare for Summer at Camp Wesley

The Family Ministry is gearing up to help get Camp Wesley ready for the Summer camping season! This is the camp that most of our kids attend. We will be working to complete projects, as well as picking up sticks, general cleaning and repairs around camp. We have scheduled two times to go and work: Saturday, May 1 & 8. We will leave the church at 8:30am and be home in the early evening. Lunch will be provided. If you would be interested in coming to camp and helping, please sign up on the church app or webpage. If you are interested in providing financially to help cover the cost of the materials, please see Pastor Matt O.

Other Upcoming Events

- Palm Sunday - March 28
  Kids will carry in palm branches!
- Easter Sunday - April 4
- Last Wednesday Night - May 12
- Big Tent Worship & Carnival - TBD
- Fall Sunday Morning Kick-off - September 12
- Fall Wednesday Night Kick off - September 15
- Jr. Jam - TBD
- Halloween Party - October 27
- Christmas Preteen Lock In - December 3-4
- Christmas Lights & Nativity at Mercer County Fairgrounds - December 16-19

Youth News

Submitted by Liz Trigg

News for Youth Grades 7-12 & their parents!

March Calendar of Events

2 Lenten Breakfast at 6:30am
3 Youth Group 6:00-7:30pm at the Greenhouse
7 Sunday Small Group 9:15-10:15am at the Greenhouse
Middle School Game Night 6:30-8:00pm at the Greenhouse
9 Lenten Breakfast at 6:30am
10 Youth Group 6:00-7:30pm at the Greenhouse
12 5th Quarter 8:00-11:00pm
16 Lenten Breakfast at 6:30am
Grad Night at 7:00pm at the Greenhouse
17 Youth Group 6:00-7:30pm at the Greenhouse
21 Sunday Small Group 9:15-10:15am at the Greenhouse
High School Bonfire 7:00-9:00pm at Montezuma
23 Lenten Breakfast at 6:30am
24 Youth Group 6:00-7:30pm at the Greenhouse
26 Rock N' Bowl 8:00-10:00pm at PlaMor Lanes
28 Palm Sunday Pancake Fundraiser 10:00am-12:00pm
30 Lenten Breakfast at 6:30am
31 Youth Group 6:00-7:30pm at the Greenhouse

Classic Rock

Rocks have been used in Scripture to seal the tomb of Jesus, to serve as spiritual markers, to display the 10 Commandments, to provide water, and even to kill those who faithfully follow Jesus! This series will challenge you to a deeper understanding of some of these classic biblical events. As a bonus, the Grand Lake Praise Band will be playing a variety of Classic Rock songs for us throughout the month.

Youth Group

Youth Group is on Wednesday evenings 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.

MORE

High Schoolers are invited to join us on Wednesday Nights after Youth Group for a little bit more. From 7:30-8:00pm we will have a time of discussion to where youth get to do the talking and ask the questions.

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Lenten Breakfast

During the season of Lent, the Youth will gather at 6:30am for breakfast and devotions every Tuesday morning, beginning February 23, in the Prayer Chapel and then move to the Fellowship Hall for breakfast. Please bring a few dollars to cover meal costs. Transportation to school is available if needed. (Due to the Lenten Breakfasts, we will not have 2-hour delay breakfasts in February or March.)

Middle School Game Night

Calling all Middle Schoolers! Sunday, March 7 from 6:30-8:00pm bring your friends and hang out with us at the Greenhouse. We will play games and have snacks. You don't want to miss this special night, just for you!

Lakeside

If you are interested in attending Senior High Lakeside you should let Liz know ASAP at 419-615-2808 or ltrigg@grandlakechurch.org. Sr. High Lakeside 2021 will be June 19-25. This camp is for students who are current 8th-12th graders and the cost is $415 (due by May 12). A $75 deposit is to be paid by March 21 to reserve a spot.

Face masks will be required at all times in common areas such as South Auditorium and Wesley Lodge, unless actively eating or drinking.

- Youth leaders will be taking everyone's temperature in the morning before leaving their house.
- Everyone will bring their own chairs to use in South Auditorium, and then take their chair with them when they leave.
- Social distancing in South Auditorium will be followed as needed and allowed.
- We will provide hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes in South Auditorium.
- South Auditorium will be disinfected after group use.
- Table groups in Wesley Lodge will be by church so that everyone is eating with the same people they are staying with for the week.
- Interest Groups will meet by church. More on this at a later date.

LAKESIDE FOR YOUTH

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5th Quarter

Come hang out with your friends and watch the basketball game. Enjoy games, pizza, prizes and fun!
Building 7:12, 8:00-11:00pm on Friday, March 12.

High School Bonfire

What better way to kick off Spring than with a bonfire! Bring your friends and hang out with Grand Lake Youth at a bonfire at Montezuma church on Sunday, March 21 from 7:00-9:00pm. Bring your own lawn chair. We'll have the hot dogs, pudgy pies and s'mores. Hope to see you there! This is a High School only event.

Rock N' Bowl

Let's go bowling! Meet at the church on Friday, March 26 at 7:30pm for a fun night of bowling, pizza and pop at Pla-Mor Lanes. We will travel together and bowl from 8:00-10:00pm. The cost is $10.00. This event is for all youth and friends!

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.

Palm Sunday Pancake Carry-Out Breakfast

The Youth will be serving a carry-out pancake breakfast on Sunday, March 28. Meals are available from 10:00am to Noon. Tickets are $6 and include pancakes, sausage and fruit. Tickets are available on Sundays at church throughout March or by contacting Liz or one of the Youth. Take advantage of this opportunity to support our Youth who are attending Lakeside Camp this Summer. If you purchased tickets last year, they will be accepted this year.

Fundraiser

Youth will be able to earn funds toward their camp cost by selling tickets for the group, cleaning, cooking and serving food for the pancake breakfast. You will also be able to make money based on the number of tickets you, as an individual, sell. Let Liz know if you would like to serve or receive tickets to sell.

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News for Youth Grades 7-12 & their parents!

Grad Nights: for High School Seniors and their Parents

Congratulations! You have reached the halfway point of Senior Year. 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, March 16 at 7:00pm in the Greenhouse. If you would prefer to access the meeting via Zoom, please let Liz know.

Mark Your Calendars:

June 20-26 - Jr. High ASP **July 4-10** - Sr. High ASP

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.

****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.**

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 Thursday, March 4 and 18 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, "Intentional Parenting" by Doug Fields, a leader in Youth Ministry.

Grand Lake UMC extends sympathy to:

- Family & friends of Rick Boos, who passed away 1-14-21.
- Family of Margaret Strawn-Agler, who passed away 1-19-21. Mother of John (Denise) Strawn.
- Family & friends of Joe Hartings who passed away 1-20-21.
- Family & friends of George Sheipline, who passed away 1-25-21.
- Family of Marilyn Kuck, who passed away 1-25-21. Mother of Bonnie Sauer. Grandmother of Jennifer (Paul) Werling & Angela (Devon) Peters. Great-grandmother of Ella, Jackson & Lydia Werling and Davis & Sophia Peters.
- Family of Dotty Ayers who passed away 1-26-21. Mother of Jodi (Dave) Wright. Grandmother of Kylie (Paul) Rammel and great-Grandmother of Henry & Evan Rammel.
- Family & friends of Dakota Dunn, who passed away 1-29-21.
- Family & friends of Pat Boos, who passed away 2-2-21.
- Family of Jim Williams who passed away 2-4-21. Husband of Sharon Williams. Father of Tiffany Williams and Jonathan (Rachel) Williams. Grandfather of Nolan & Helena Williams.
- Family of Bob Christian, who passed away 2-6-21. Father of Randy (Tricia) Christian.
- Family of Neil Shaffer, who passed away 2-6-21. Father of Nicole Shaffer. Grandfather of Taylor Steinke.
- Family of Karen Berry, who passed away 2-7-21. Mother of Winter (John) Houser. Grandmother of Riley, Erin, Kendel & Gabby Houser.
- Family of Nancy Thornbury, who died 2-7-21. Mother of Treg (Carrie) Pierce.
- Family of Joe Branson, who passed away 2-10-21. Father of Heather (Robert Kennedy) Dorsten, Abby (Drew) Miller & Kyle Hoelscher. Grandfather of Paige Dorsten and Alivia, Jude & Kade Miller.
- Family of Ed Kuenning Jr., who died 2-10-21. Grandfather of Jennifer (Nick) Phillips.
- Family & friends of Mary Hines, who passed away 2-12-21. Sister of Sue Luth.

Congratulations to:

- McCoy Charles Post who was baptized on 2-14-21. Parents are Rachel and Jeremy Post. The sponsors are Susan Bertke and Joshua Pierstorff.

Highlights for March 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 201)
10:15am Serendipity (SP 217), 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
6:30am Youth Lenten Devotion/Breakfast (SP Chapel/Fellowship Hall)
6:00pm Carry Out Meal (SP Lobby)
6:30pm Brianna's Hope (SP Fellowship Hall)
7:30pm Overeaters Anonymous (MZ Commons)

Wednesdays
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 MORE for High Schoolers (Greenhouse until 8:00pm), Alcoholics Anonymous (SP Fellowship Hall)

Thursdays
7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous (SP Fellowship Hall), Alcoholics Anonymous (Zoom)

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, March 4 & 18
9:30am Real Life Mom's Indoor Playground Outing (St. John Lutheran Church until 11:00am)
7:00pm Parents of Teens Small Group (Greenhouse)

Communion Sunday, March 7
SP C.A.N. Sunday (canned goods & baby food & diapers)
MZ C.A.L.L. Donations (shampoo)
9:15am Youth Small Group (Greenhouse)
12:00pm CONNECT (SP 606)
6:30pm Middle School Game Night (Greenhouse)

Thursday, March 11 & 25
9:30am Real Life Mom's "Coffee and Chaos" (SP 306)

Friday, March 12
8:00pm Youth 5th Quarter (Building 7:12 until 11:00pm)

Sunday, March 14
12:00pm CONNECT (SP 606)

Friday, March 19
5:00pm Nerf Night for Children Ages 4-Kindergarten (until 5:30pm at Building 7:12)
6:00pm Nerf Night for 1st Grade and Up (until 8:00pm at Building 7:12)
6:30pm Real Life Mom's Night Out (Location TBD)

Sunday, March 21
Harvest Table Sunday—Donations Collected (Instant mashed potatoes, Pam spray, pudding cups)
9:15am Youth Small Group (Greenhouse)
7:00pm High School Youth Bonfire (Montezuma until 9:00pm)

Friday, March 26
7:30pm Youth Bowling (PlaMor Lanes until 10:00pm)

Palm Sunday, March 28
Children will Carry in Palm Branches Before Worship
10:00am Pancake Breakfast Carry Out—Youth Fundraiser (until 12:00pm in SP Fellowship Hall)

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

March Birthdays*

01 Layna Duncan
Eli Fortman
Delaney McKirnan

03 Greyson McGee
Riley Snyder
Sandy Snyder

04 Ronnie Huston
Ginny Wilson

05 Bob Bollenbacher
Lauren Duncan
Marjorie Lehman

06 Betty Gant
Angela Heath
Benjamin Houts
Crystal LeMasters
Jenny Snider

07 Dylan Luth
Evelyn Overman
Leon Pancake
Rio Piper

08 Blayn Aller
Phyllis Godwin
Vondell Lusk
Kim Winans

09 Chloe Bruce
Lori Davis

10 Bob Brenneman
Kole Murlin
Kolyn Wiehe

11 Tammy Barger
Lucy Byrne
Rhiannon Hicks
Gary Nolan

12 Connie Clark
Tash Schulze
Mason Taylor

13 Aiden Anderson
Derl Burger
Ruth Weidman
Roni Wilkinson

14 A.J. Mast
Gordon Wolfe

15 Riley Houser
Avery Jeffries
Christian Krugh
Tammy Rasberry
Charley Wenning

16 Kelly Anderson
Ashley Eyink
Dian Peters
Ella Snyder
Steve Winans

17 Jerry Fennig
Jaxson Knoth
Ciara Kuhn
Louie Lyon
Reese Russell

18 Wanda Dicke
Kelli Grieshop
John Harter
Amber Hartings
Drew Krogman
Patrick Overman
Rich Standiford

19 Beth Gillum
Kate Moorman
Carly Stucky

20 Bill Montgomery
Joyce Zizelman

22 Margaret Goodwin
Carlena Heindel
Riley Heindel
Tom Montgomery
Sue Stetler
Rose Mary Wilson

23 Jetta Mutter
Lee Olding

24 Aden Fisher
Terri Miller
Kylie Rammel

25 Jaime Armstrong
Payton Bertke
Mary Fortman
Janelle Nuding

26 Arlo Garrett
J.T. Irmscher
Rich Nuding

28 Dottie Monroe
Penni Skipper

29 Robin Smith
David Sundersingh

30 Ryan Snyder

31 Charlotte Davis
Payton Ellis
Jessica Homan
Nevaeh Huser
Carson Johns

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

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