

THE TACKLEBOX

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



October 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 are available during the 9:00am and 10:30am Worship times.

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Sunday Activities • St. Paul's

8:45-11:45am - Nursery Care
(Nursery for infants to Age 3 years in Room 208)
9:00am - Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary)
10:30am - Contemporary Worship Service
(Parking Lot/Sanctuary depending on weather)
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 3-4 years): Rooms 306-307 Explorers & Pathfinders (K-4th Grade): Rooms 304-305 Preteens (5th-6th Grade): Attend Worship with their families

Children's Classes - 10:00-10:30am

All Children (3 years-6th Grade): JAM in Treehouse (Room 312)

Children's Classes - 10:30-11:30am

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

Adult Classes - 9:00-10:00am

Seek & Believe: Room 217

Adult Classes - 10:15-11:15am

Apologetics: Room 114
Bridge Builders: Room 201-202
Pairs 'n Spares: Lounge (Rooms 213-214)
Legacy: Room 216
Serendipity: Room 217

Pastor's Page

Submitted by Pastor Mick Whistler

Boy, it sure does feel good to have at least some degree of normalcy this Fall. The choir is back, kids' choirs are back, and Wednesday meals are back. It almost feels like the pandemic is over, although the rising case counts and hospitalizations quickly remind us otherwise. But I don't want to talk about Covid in this letter. I want to talk about a different pandemic – the social media pandemic. Or, as I have recently started calling it, the social menace!

I realize that some of you who have grown to love scrolling (and ranting) on platforms like Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat, etc. might find my terminology to be a bit over the top. But I don't think so. I truly believe that social media has turned into a social menace. I don't think it's a coincidence that our country is so divided right now. I don't think it's a coincidence that the level of clinically diagnosed anxiety among teens has doubled since smart phones became the norm for over 80% of the population. I don't think it's a coincidence that we're seeing so many mass shootings and hate crimes these days. I think all of these things (and more) are fueled by the venom and vitriol spewed out by many who sit behind the protection of their keyboards, many of whom claim to be Christians.

But are we really acting like Christians on social media? Are we really living out the gospel and making disciples on social media? Are we really slow to anger and quick to forgive on social media? Are we really acting Christ-like on social media? Some people are, certainly. But far too many are not! And those who are not are doing great harm to both the church and to society as a whole.

So let me just give you a few litmus test Scriptures to use as guides for your future social media usage. First, 1 Thessalonians 5:11 – "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up." Is that the true intent of your post, or are you really just trying to win an argument at all costs? Second, Philippians 4:8 – "Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things." How might your social media usage and interaction be different if you let this verse be your guide? The third is from Mark 14:61, when Jesus stood accused before the Sanhedrin – "But Jesus remained silent and gave no answer." Do you hear that? Jesus remained silent. Even though he was clearly in the right, he remained silent and gave no answer. You can do that too! You don't have to comment, argue or rant over everything you see and read on social media. You can simply ignore it and not pour fuel on the fire, making things even worse. Jesus also told Peter to put his sword away in Matthew 26:52, reminding him that "if you live by the sword you will die by the sword." And don't forget Matthew 5:38-39 – "You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.' But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also." Sometimes the best strategy is to simply not engage with someone who's trying to goad you into a fight.

I'm not saying Christians shouldn't stand up and speak up for what we believe in. Of course we should. In fact, if we'd done a better job of that in the past, we might not be in the mess we're in today. But social media rants are not the way to do it. I mean, c'mon, when was the last time anyone's mind was changed because of someone's social media rant? Don't fall into the trap of thinking you're an activist, when really you're just an antagonist. Instead, focus on the Scriptures above before you log onto social media the next time and see if that doesn't change how you post (or if you even post at all). And, if you truly want to be an activist (and I encourage you to do so), start doing things that truly make a difference, like attending City Council meetings, School Board meetings, write your Congressperson, or organize a demonstration. But do it peacefully, respectfully and lovingly. Remember, you are an ambassador of Christ. So make sure all that you say and do appropriately reflects Jesus and points others to him.

Your Fellow Ambassador, Pastor Mick

Greeters

9:00am • St. Paul's

3rd Front Russ Hagar

Lobby Lance & Stephanie Crum

10th Front Russ Hagar

Lobby Tom & Kathy Kimmel

17th Front Marlen Yost

Lobby Joyce & Allan Smith

24th Front Russ Hagar

Lobby Ken & Patti Gelhaus

31st Front Russ Hagar

Lobby Jane & John Garbig

10:30am • St. Paul's

3rd Lobby Jason Snyder, Amber &

LaMya Lehman

10th Lobby Kelly Westgerdes

17th Lobby Ray & Val Kramer

24th Lobby Kelly Westgerdes

31st Lobby Lori & Mike Salyer

Lil' K Teachers

St. Paul's

3rd 9:00am Winter Houser

10th 9:00am Amanda McGee

17th 9:00am Joni Eichenauer

24th 9:00am TBD

31st 9:00am TBD

Nursery Volunteers St. Paul's

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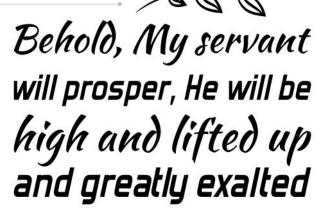
3rd 10:30am Nursery Staff

10th 10:30am Nursery Staff

17th 10:30am Nursery Staff

24th 10:30am Nursery Staff

31st 10:30am Nursery Staff



Isaiah 52:13



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



Wednesday Supper • St. Paul's

October 6—Jerry & Couples Group—

Broasted Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Salad, Dessert, Coffee & Punch

October 13—Youth Group—Sloppy Joes, Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Potato Chips, Jello and Pudding, Salad, Coffee & Punch

October 20—Sanctus Choir—Baked Potato Bar with Chili-Broccoli-Cheese-Bacon Bits. Cookies and Ice Cream, Salad, Coffee & Punch

October 27-Mike, Mark & Women's

Group—Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Salad, Dessert, Coffee & Punch

Counting people because people count!

September 2021

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Date	Attendance	Giving				
9/5	273	\$16,122				
9/12	314	\$11,176				
9/19	277	\$14,859				
9/26	335	\$12,417				
AVERAGE	300	\$13,644				

2021 Weekly Amount Needed:\$18,218

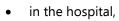
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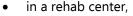
Please keep in touch by calling 419-586-6621 or emailing office@grandlakechurch.org.



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

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

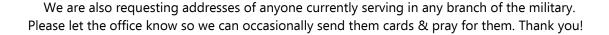








This will help us to be able to share love and support.



Card Ministry for High School Seniors/ College Students - Adopt a Student!

We would like to keep the card ministry going for high school seniors and college students. Sign up today to send cards or care packages to a college student(s) or a high school senior(s). Remind them that their Grand Lake family is praying for them and loving them while they are making big life-changing decisions. Please see the Connection Center for a QR code and link to sign up, or you can sign up on the app under Events. New this year - some students have provided us with their phone number, so you can text them, too!



COMMUNITY CARRY-IN AT MONTEZUMA

Sunday, October 10, 2021 at the Montezuma Campus at 2:30pm

Bring your favorite covered dish to share!

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Good Food, Family Fun & Fellowship!!

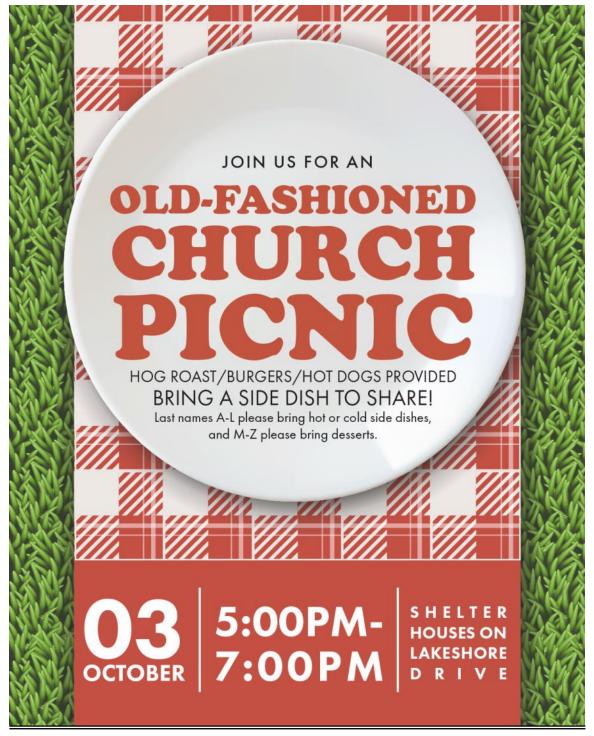


40 S. High St. Montezuma

Crosses Available in St. Paul's Library

Crosses are now available in the Library at St. Paul's for anyone who would like to display one in their yard. These crosses were created and painted by Phil & Cheryl Fennig. Donations are accepted, but not required, to help cover the cost of the crosses.









WOMEN'S RETREAT

November 6, 2021



Mark your calendar for Saturday, November 6 and plan to join us for an all-day (9:00am-4:00pm)

"Wonder Full World" retreat...where all women are invited to explore

God's love and wonder with all of your friends!

Wonder Full World fills women's hearts with the adventure and excitement of a virtual worldwide journey, while also taking you on a sojourn through your own hearts.

We hope you can join us. This retreat promises to be filled with Bible study, music, laughter, worship, quiet reflection with God, and a great time with friends!

We hope you'll keep this date open and join us for the retreat which will be held at the Montezuma Spiritual Retreat Center. The cost is \$25.00. Please register by October 31.

You can sign up on the Grand Lake App under Events or on the church website.

Questions? Contact Beth Overman at eaoverman@gmail.com or Renee Whistler at renee.whistler@gmail.com, or call the church office at 419-586-6621.

For those of you who paid for the cancelled retreat, we will transfer that payment to this retreat.

Please re-register for this event.

EMMAUS WALK

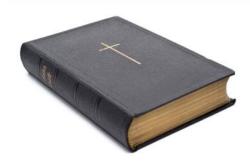
The Walk to Emmaus is a retreat experience that is a 72-hour short course in Christianity, comprised of fifteen talks by lay and clergy on the themes of God's grace, disciplines of Christian discipleship, and what it means to be the Church. The course is wrapped in prayer and meditation, special times of worship and daily celebration of Holy Communion. This weekend is an opportunity to experience renewal and growth in your spiritual life in ways that you can't even anticipate. For any questions about the Walk to Emmaus, please contact Sandy Huckemeyer at 419-953-4057.

Upcoming Dates at Findlay:

Women's - October 7-10 Men's - November 11-14

Upcoming Dates at Sidney:

Women's - October 7-10 Men's - November 4-7



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



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.

2022 Flower Calendar

Available in the Church Office



The 2022 Flower Calendar is available in the church office. If you would like to provide flowers in honor or memory of someone or to celebrate a special occasion, you may 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!

Real Life Moms

Real Life Moms (RLM) is a group that supports and encourages moms to help them find joy in motherhood.

RLM meets on the 2nd & 4th Thursday morning each month. Child care and activities for your young children are provided separately during the meeting. RLM also has Moms Night Out on the 3rd Friday of each month. Check out our new community group each Wednesday night from 6:00-7:30pm in Room 202. The current topic is the study "Self Talk" by Karen Stubbs on RightNow Media.

All Moms are welcome to join in any of these events!

October 14 Real Life Moms meeting at GLUMC, SP Room 201-202, 9:30-11:00am

October 15 Moms Night Out: The Anchor, 6:30pm-8:00pm

October 28 Real Life Moms meeting at GLUMC, SP Room 201-202, 9:30-11:00am



Greenhouse Open House

October 24 from 9:30-11:30am

Have you been curious about what the newly renovated Greenhouse looks like? Well here is your chance to see inside. All are welcome to stop into the Greenhouse on Sunday, October 24 between 9:30-11:30am to see what it looks like now. We want to thank all those who supported this mission financially or through their labor. We are so grateful for the update to our space.

Charge Conference

October 24 at 6:00pm

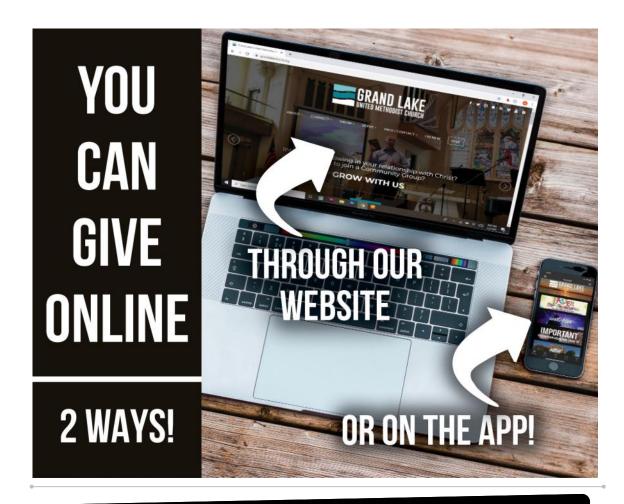
We will be the host for Mercer County churches for the Charge Conference on Sunday, October 24 at 6:00pm. There will be a united Worship service first in the Sanctuary, then the churches will break out into separate rooms for their individual charge conferences. All are welcome to attend Worship and join in the discussion at the meeting, but Ad Council are the members who will have a vote.

CHS Autumn Theatre

The C.H.S. Autumn Theatre will be presenting Hansel and Gretel at the Celina Ed. Complex Auditorium, November 5 & 6 at 7:30pm and November 7 at 3:00pm.

This wonderfully entertaining version of the classic tale is guaranteed to delight young audiences. When Hansel and Gretel are sent into the woods, they encounter some marvelous folk — an arrogant troll who fiercely guards his little wooden bridge, a talking owl, a forest sprite, and two hobgoblins in the service of the nasty (and hilarious) witch. Tremble for Hansel as he's locked in a cage and fed nothing but fudge and cake. Cheer Gretel as she outwits the crone and sets free all the lost children who have been turned into cookies! All the moments are here, from the night spent in the woods to the discovery of the candy-coated little cottage.

Tickets will go on sale to the public October 5. Tickets are \$8.00 and will be sold at the door or can be reserved by calling Sheila Gudorf at 419-586-1494. Several of our church youth family are participating in this production and would love to have your support!



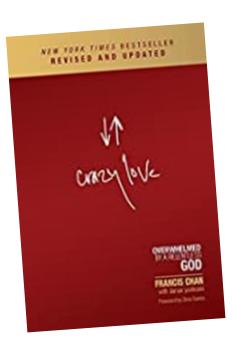
RightNow Media

This is a reminder that RightNow Media is available for everyone! We have purchased unlimited access to thousands of Christian videos and are giving free access to everyone in our church.

You may gain free access by texting "RightNow GrandLakeUMC" to 41411 or through https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Account/ Invite/GrandLake. The Fall sermon series, "Crazy Love" by Francis Chan can be found there.

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





GOD IS LOVE. CRAZY, RELENTLESS, ALL-POWERFUL LOVE

When you're wildly in love with someone, it changes everything.

CRAZY LOVE

(On RightNow Media)

11-Week Church-wide Fall Sermon Series Sunday, September 12-November 21

Have you ever wondered if we're missing it? It's crazy, if you think about it. The God of the universe, the Creator of nitrogen and pine needles, galaxies and E-minor loves us with a radical, unconditional, self-sacrificing love. And what is our typical response? We go to church, sing songs, and try not to cuss.

Does something deep inside your heart long to break free from the status quo? Are you hungry for an authentic faith that addresses the problems of our world with tangible, even radical, solutions? God is calling you to a passionate love relationship with Himself. Because the answer to religious complacency isn't working harder at a list of do's and don'ts. It's falling in love with God. And, once you encounter His love, you'll never be the same.

Join us for an eleven-week sermon series and discipleship study designed to help us experience God's *Crazy Love* for us.

Each community group that participates in this sermon series will receive a Leader Guide and will utilize RightNow Media to help facilitate the group discussions each week.

Come and learn how much God loves you and how your life will change because, when you're wildly in love with someone, it changes everything.



What is a Community Group?

G - Guided by a Leader:

Every community group needs a leader. The leader is a capable, qualified Grand Lake member/regular attendee who assumes spiritual responsibility for this community group of people. He/She/or they agree to love and invest in these people and strive to lead them to grow closer to God and to be in relationship with one another.

R - Regular meeting times, preferably weekly:

The goal is to meet frequently enough for friendships to form and to be able to recognize when someone is not connected or struggling.

O - Open God's Word:

When groups meet, time is set aside to explore and discuss God's Word together. The Bible is always the central driving force behind everything we do. The focus in a community group is to talk about God's Word together in a way that helps us to be more obedient so that we will be "doers" of the Word and not "hearers" only. (James 1:22)

U – United in Love:

The goal is to not only grow closer to God but also to each other in order to reach COMMUNITY – authentically being a part of each other's lives – throughout the week and not just during the meetings. A healthy community group is bound by a "Community Group Covenant."

P – Pray for one another:

Time will always be set aside where we can genuinely share what's going on in our lives and authentically pray for one another.

If you have been thinking about being in a Bible study, please pray about joining one of these groups.

Sign up for any community group online at grandlakechurch.org/community groups or on the Grand Lake App/Community Groups. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Diane Mendelson at 419-586-6621 or demendelson@grandlakechurch.org.

SUNDAY GROUPS

Seek & Believe Group – This group meets on Sundays at 9:00am in Room 217. This group is following the sermon series, "Crazy Love" by Francis Chan on RightNow Media.

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

Apologetics – This is a group of people of all ages, singles and couples, who are devoted to the study of the Bible in order to live out a life of discipleship. This group meets on Sundays at 10:15am in Room 114. This group is studying the DVD series, "The Chosen."

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

Bridge Builders Group - This group meets on Sundays at 10:15am in Rooms 201/202 and is studying "Angels in the Bible."

Contact: Connie Conn (419-733-7069 or ckc65@bright.net)

Pairs 'N Spares Group – This group meets on Sundays at 10:15am in the Lounge (Rooms 213/214) and they are following the sermon series, "Crazy Love" by Francis Chan on RightNow Media.

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

Legacy Builders Group - This group meets on Sundays at 10:15am in Room 216 and is studying 1 Corinthians.

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

Serendipity Group - This group meets on Sundays at 10:15am in Room 217. This group is studying "Revealing the Mysteries of Heaven" by David Jeremiah.

Contact: Sandy Snyder (419-586-6537 or sandy@snydercity.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 is following the Sermon Series, "Crazy Love" by Francis Chan on RightNow Media.

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

Monthly Women's Group – This group will generally meet the 3rd Monday of each month. Our next meeting is Monday, October 18, at 7:00pm in Room 606 and we are finishing the "Book of James" by Francis Chan on RightNow Media.

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 are doing the DVD study, "The Chosen."

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

Ladies Bible Study - This group meets on Wednesdays at 10:00am in Room 216 and is studying "Persued" by Jennifer Cowart.

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

Real Life Moms Evening Group - Are you a mom who needs encouragement and support? Come join our group on Wednesdays at 6:00pm in Room 202. This group will be studying "Self Talk" by Karen Stubbs on RightNow Media.

Contact: Ashlyn Pierstorff (419-953-7464 or asjutte@gmail.com)

NEW Bible Study! – This Bible Study is open to everyone - men & women of all ages! This group meets on Wednesdays at 6:00pm in Room 216-217 and is studying, "What On Earth Am I Here For?" by Rick Warren.

Contact: Casey Schwieterman (419-733-4630 or kcbruns@hotmail.com) or Megan Miller (419-203-8423 or mcstetler@gmail.com)

Women's Bible Study - This group meets on Wednesdays at 6:00pm in Room 606 and they are following the sermon series, "Crazy Love" by Francis Chan on RightNow Media.

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

THURSDAY GROUPS

ALPHABET SOUP - This group meets monthly on the 3rd Thursday of each month in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30pm. This group is committed to offering a place of support, love, and fellowship to parents, caregivers or family members who care for someone with special needs. The October meeting date is Thursday, October 21.

Contact: Becky Smith (419-790-9353 or bdsmi0064@gmail.com) or Ashlyn Pierstorff (419-953-7464 or asjutte@gmail.com)







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 is back! Michelle Heindel has picked up the leadership role and plans to meet weekly on Wednesdays, beginning October 13, from 6:00-7:30pm in St. Paul's Fellowship Hall. This mission project puts together sleeping bags for the homeless. Everyone is welcome, from pre-teen to 100 years old! If your community group has a free or open week, you are welcome to come to the Fellowship Hall to help! Winter is coming soon, so let's get busy making sleeping bags for those who will have to face those cold, bitter nights.



Submitted by Mindy Sudhoff

www.creativediscoverypreschool.com

The school year is off to a great start! In October, students are doing several Autumn projects such as going on a nature walk, making leaf prints and singing songs about leaves and squirrels. We are enjoying the Fall weather, playing outside when we get the chance.

We end the month celebrating Halloween, making crafts, singing songs and cooking Monster Munchies.





C.A.L.L. Donations

C.A.N. Sunday (Caring About Neighbors) at St. Paul's campus is the first Sunday of the month, October 3. In addition to your canned goods, please bring in linens (new blankets, new sheets, new towels).

Montezuma's campus is collecting bath soap for October for C.A.L.L. (Community Action Life Line).

Items may be brought into the St. Paul's Lobby and Montezuma's Commons by October 3.

3rd Sunday Harvest Table Collection on October 17

On the 3rd Sunday of each month, we collect items for Harvest Table. Items needed are: pudding cups, instant potatoes, icing, cookie mixes, baking chips and cake mixes. Please bring your items by October 17 to support this mission.

Harvest Table is serving meals in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday mornings, from 10:00-11:30am. Carry-outs are provided from 11:00-11:30am. All are welcome to enjoy free meals and warm fellowship! Thanks to all who continue to help serve and donate items/money in support of this ministry. We are serving 34-50 people in fellowship hall each week. We are serving 60-80 carry-out meals each week. We are always looking for new individuals who want to help serve/volunteer in some capacity on Saturday mornings anytime from 8:30am-12:00pm. You can serve once a month, weekly, or every other month. Some individuals help from 8:00-10:00am. Others work 9:30-12:00pm. We will also be serving Call Cafe at the Fairgrounds on a Tuesday in October and November. If anyone is interested in assisting, hours are 3:30-7:00pm. For more information, call the church office or email Brenda at bmcgee@bright.net. Thanks for all the continued donations, prayers and support.



Matt Overman

Pastor Of Children and Family Ministries moverman@grandlakechurch.org

Find us on Facebook!

Choir Update!

Parents, this is the first month for Christ's Kids and Cherubs to sing for the Fall. Christ's Kids sing on the 2nd Sunday and Cherubs sing on the 3rd Sunday at the 9:00am worship service. Please have your child in the warm-up room no later that 8:40am on the Sunday they sing!

Halloween Party

On Wednesday, October 27, we are going to transform the church into a family friendly Halloween party to reach out to our community with Jesus' love in a very unique and fun way! You will not want to miss our yummy Halloween dinner (word on the street is that Mark will be hitting up the bait shops for our main course!), the many games, stations, and CANDY that will be around the church. Dinner will be served from 4:45-6:00pm. The Halloween party will be open for children with special needs from 5:30-6:00pm and to everyone from 6:00-7:30pm. Adults are encouraged to come in costumes and have fun as well! Who do you think will have the best costume??? If you would be willing to donate a bag of candy for the party, please drop it off at the Connection Center.

Acolyte Training

We want you to be an Acolyte and carry in the light of Christ at the 9:00am Traditional Worship! All kids in Grades 3 and up are encouraged to serve as Acolytes.

Join us on Wednesday, October 13 at 6:15pm for our next Acolyte training in the Sanctuary. Acolytes serve on a rotation and can be scheduled to fit your calendar!

Parents are invited and encouraged to attend.

If this date does not work for you, please contact Pastor Matt Overman at 419-586-6621 or moverman@grandlakechurch.org and schedule a time to meet.





Do not forget that, on the first Sunday of each month, Communion is served at JAM at St. Paul's. We talk about what Communion is and what it means, then serve the elements to the children. If you do not want your child to receive Communion, please let your child's teacher know.

Vacation Bible School 2022!

Go off-road for a Monumental adventure through the colorful canyons and sunbaked trails of the southwest. By exploring God's awesomeness, kids form a rocksolid faith for the road ahead. Join us here at Grand Lake July 10-14, 2022 for this powerful week!

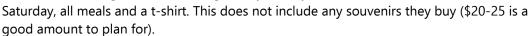


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Super Start Live 2022

It is time to start planning for our 2022 SuperStart Live Conference to be held March 18-19 in Cincinnati! This is an amazing conference for all preteens, kids in grades 4-6, to attend to learn how God is at work in their lives! This year's theme is "Unlocked".

The cost of the trip is \$140.00 per child. This includes the conference, one night in a hotel, Plug & Play activity on



To register for SuperStart Live 2022, please fill out online form and a \$70 Deposit NO LATER THAN January 26, 2022! This conference sells out every year, so we must register early!!! The balance of \$70.00 is due February 23.

Scholarships are available to help with the cost of the trip!



Are you carving out time for Jesus in your life? What I mean is...do you spend time with Jesus on a daily basis? Are you devoting part of your day to reading the Bible, talking to Him, worshiping Him, and learning more about Him?

For the month of October, we will be looking at how to do just that. We will be diving into what it means to carve out time with Jesus.

Mobile Ministry

October 23 - Fall Festival at Camp Wesley



Submitted by Liz Trigg

News for Youth Grades 7-12 & their parents!

October Youth Group Calendar

- 1 5th Quarter at Building 7:12, 9:00-11:00pm
- **3** Youth Serve at 10:00am Worship Together at 10:30am Church Picnic
- **5** After The Bell, 1:30-4:00pm at Building 7:12
- 6 Homecoming Parade
- 7 After The Bell, 1:30-4:00pm at Building 7:12
- **8** 5th Quarter at Building 7:12, 9:00-11:00pm
- **10** MORE Jr. 9:00-10:00am in Prayer Chapel Sunday School 10:30-11:30am in Prayer Chapel VanDemark Farms 1:00-5:30pm
- **12** After The Bell, 1:30-4:00pm at Building 7:12
- **13** Youth serve Dinner, 4:30-6:00pm Greenhouse Grand Reopening 6:00-7:30pm MORE 7:45-9:00pm
- **14** After The Bell, 1:30-4:00pm at Building 7:12
- 17 Bake Sale in church lobby 9:45-10:45am
 Worship Together at 10:30am
 Confirmation Class #2 6:00-8:00pm in the Greenhouse
- 19 After The Bell, 1:30-4:00pm at Building 7:12
- **20** Youth Group 6:00-7:30 in the Greenhouse MORE 7:45-9:00pm
- **21** After The Bell, 1:30-4:00pm at Building 7:12
- **22** 5th Quarter at Building 7:12, 9:00-11:00pm
- **24** Greenhouse Open House 9:30-11:30am Confirmation Class #3 6:00-8:00pm in the Greenhouse
- 26 After The Bell, 1:30-4:00pm at Building 7:12
- 27 Church Halloween Party, No Youth Group
- 28 After The Bell, 1:30-4:00pm at Building 7:12
- 31 Worship Together at 10:30am



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SUNDAYS

Sunday School

Sunday School will meet in the Prayer Chapel on October 10 from 10:30-11:30am. In November, we will meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month in the Greenhouse. This is open to all 7th-12th graders.

MORE Jr.

MORE Jr., which is a time for just the middle schoolers to ask questions and talk about their faith, will meet from 9:00-10:00am on October 10 in the Prayer Chapel.

Serving

On October 3, youth are invited to serve the congregation by opening doors, manning the Welcome Center, passing out bulletins, greeting, ushering, and serving Communion. To participate, Youth should gather at St. Paul's at 10:00am.



Worship

If we are not having Sunday School, Youth are invited to attend worship together at the 10:30am service. You can find us in the front left pews.

WEDNESDAYS

Youth Group

Youth Group is for 7th-12th graders and we meet from 6:00-7:30pm. On Wednesday nights, we come together to learn to Grow, Connect, Reach and Serve. We Grow by listening to God's word. We Connect through prayer and our small groups. We Reach out by inviting our friends. Finally, we Serve through a variety of missional opportunities. On top of all this, we play games, build friendships, worship together and enjoy snacks.

MORE

After Youth Group, we have MORE until 9:00pm. This is a time for High Schoolers only to talk to one another and ask questions about life and this faith.

Dinner

Wednesday night dinners begin at 4:45pm and run until 6:00pm. Youth are invited to come and enjoy a meal downstairs in the Fellowship Hall before youth group starts. You can get a great meal for only \$2!! Youth are asked to help serve dinner on October 13. Please meet in the church kitchen at 4:30 or as soon as you can come.

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Greenhouse Grand Reopening

Youth are invited to come to see the newly renovated Greenhouse on Wednesday, October 13 from 6:00-7:30pm. Meet us on the patio and we will check it out together. Play a game of ping pong in the new Game Room. Enjoy a snack at the brand new Cafe Island. Or spend a few quiet moments in the Prayer Room.

After the Bell

Grand Lake is offering an after school program on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:30-4:00pm. Youth can come get a snack, work on homework, get help with a class and play

games. After the Bell will be held in Building 7:12 (across from the High School). This free program is open to any student in Grades 7-12. If you have questions about your youth attending, contact Liz at ltrigg@grandlakechurch.org or 419-586-6621. Students must be registered by a parent before attending by using this link https://forms.gle/UAxA924ZsedTgyKi8, or scan the QR code with your smartphone. Youth can attend as needed.



5th Quarter

Come hang out at Building 7:12 after the home football games. All middle school and high school students are invited to join us from 9:00-11:00pm for free food, games and prizes. Bring your friends and have fun!

Homecoming Parade

You can be a part of the Homecoming Parade on Wednesday, October 6. Middle School and High School students are all invited. Meet at the High School at 5:00pm and afterward at the bonfire. Plan to help us decorate the float at 435 W Wayne St., Celina:

September 27: 2:30-5:30pm September 28: 3:00-5:30pm October 4: 2:30-5:30pm October 5: 3:00-5:30pm

VanDemark Farms

For \$10.00 you can enjoy The Lost Land Corn Maze, Unlimited MiniGolf, Hayrides and Petting Zoo. They have a Giant Swing, which you can go on for \$10.00. Oh, and they have a ZIP LINE!! (which is an additional \$35.00 if you choose to do that). We will leave the Grand Lake parking lot at 1:00pm on Sunday, October 10. You must sign up on the church app or website by October 3. We will plan to return around 5:30pm.

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Bake Sale

This year, in order to raise money for Operation Christmas Child, the Youth will be sponsoring a bake sale. Parents and youth are asked to donate items to the sale. Youth will sell their baked goods on Sunday, October 17 and then again on Wednesday, October 20. The Youth will use the proceeds to shop for items to fill Operation Christmas Child boxes.

Greenhouse Open House

Have you been curious about what the *newly renovated* Greenhouse looks like? Well here is your chance to see inside. All are welcome to stop into the Greenhouse on Sunday, October 24 between 9:30-11:30am to see what it looks like now. We want to thank all those who supported this mission financially or through their labor. We are so grateful for the update to our space.

Halloween Party

There will not be youth group on Wednesday, October 27 as the youth will be asked to serve at the church Halloween Party at St. Paul's.

Hunk & Chunk

Who doesn't love to smash stuff? Well, we have a unique opportunity for you! Ryan Snyder invites all Youth to smash pumpkins with his catapult on the evening of November 6. Be on the lookout for more information as it gets closer. You do not want to miss this fun!

Shopping!

Let's go shopping Sunday, November 7!
This is a service opportunity for the
Youth. We will take the money we raise
from the bake sale (see earlier article) and
purchase items to fill Operation Christmas
Child boxes. Meet at Grand Lake at 1:30pm.
From there we will shop at Dollar Tree and
Walmart and plan to return around 4:00pm.
Sign up on the church app or website to let
us know you are shopping with us.
Note: Boxes will be filled at a later date.

Annual Thanksgiving Dinner:

Our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner will be served in St. Paul's Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, November 17. You and your friends can enjoy tons of turkey and all the fixin's. Youth and their friends should sign up for this event on the church app or website by Wednesday, November 10.



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Sky Zone

Jump for Joy! The Youth are going to Sky Zone on November 28! Come jump with us and have a pizza party for only \$25.00. Friends are welcome. We will leave from Grand Lake at 12:30pm and return around 6:30pm.

FCA

Middle Schoolers. join us at school during lunch on Wednesdays for FCA.

KHM

Kingdom Harvest Ministries works to encourage, equip and educate youth in Christian values. High Schoolers are invited to go to KHM in Building 7:12 during your lunch period, daily. Lunch is provided. This year they will be exploring the topic, "I don't have enough faith to be an atheist."

Social Media

How to find out more information about Grand Lake Youth:

- Facebook (Page and Group)
- Instagram
- Snapchat
- Remind (Code: @G9BBCD)









Grand Lake Church App (be sure to turn on Youth notifications) and Website

**All events are subject to change. Additional events may be added as well.

Grand Lake Young Adults

Card Club

Let's play some cards! Meet at the "Boat House" at Wright State Lake Campus on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00pm. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Don't miss out on the fun!

Coffee Hour:

Young Adults are invited to the "Boat House" at Wright State Lake Campus on the 1st Thursday of the month for a coffee hour. Stop by after class or work and get a warm drink this Fall between 4:30-5:30pm. We will have coffees, tea, hot chocolate and cider available, along with all the fun toppings. Grab your drink and go, or sit a while and decompress from the day. Hope you will join us!

THANK YOU

- Grand Lake Church, Thank you so much for the scholarship you gave me! It will help me pay for my books and tuition during my second year attending Wright State Lake Campus.
 - Madelynn Sudhoff
- Grand Lake UMC, Thank you for the scholarship! Your support every step of the way does not go unnoticed. I am so thankful to have such a wonderful support system. Thank you again,
 - Patricia Fite
- I was overwhelmed from all the birthday cards, phone calls (some musical) and flowers as I celebrated 95 years in September. Many thanks to everyone for your kindness and love.
 God bless you as you continue serving God and the church.
 Love, Vada Morr
- Grand Lake UMC, Thank you so much for helping make our recent Sock Hop a success. The kids loved it and so did we! Your constant generosity and willingness to help is beyond appreciated! Thank you! Alicia Ball & CHS Spirit Squad

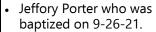
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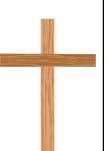
Grand Lake UMC extends sympathy to:

- Family of Velma Schmidt, who passed away 8-28-21. Sister of Norma (Tom) Luth.
- Family of Dorothy Gallina, who passed away 8-29-21. Aunt of Kathleen Bodiker.
- Family of Luke Springer, who passed away 8-29-21. Grandfather of Erika (Kevin) Draiss. Great-grandfather of Dani Draiss.
- Family of Ida Mae VanTilburg who passed away 9-3-21. Mother of Kenny (Mary) VanTilburg.
- Family of Clarence Heuing who passed away 9-3-21. Father of Cindy (Andy) Dobmeyer. Grandfather of Ava, Rileigh, Bennett & Amelia Dobmeyer.
- Family of Mike Hoying from St. Henry at his passing 9-9-21.
- Family of Bert Bentley, who passed away 9-10-21. Husband of Margie Bentley. Father of Teresa DiSalvo. Grandfather of Dominic, Sophia & Lucah DiSalvo.
- Family of Dave Buirley, who passed away 9-10-21. Brother-in-law of Bob (Kathy) Schulte.
- Family of James Hartke, who passed away 9-14-21. Brother of Cyndi (Gary) Carr.
- Family of Fred May, who passed away on 9-16-21. Brother of Suzie Reed.
- Family of Kenneth Snell, who passed away on 9-20-21.
- Family of Jerry Hiatt, who passed away 9-22-21. Husband of Suzette Hiatt.
- Family of Carl Sutter, who passed away 9-23-21. Father of Sharon (Jeff) Link.
- Family of Loree Nedderman, who passed away 9-23-21. Mother of Connie (Jerry) Temple.
 Grandmother of the late Travis (Kathy) Temple, Trevor (Stephanie) Temple, Tracy Temple,
 Tonya Temple, and Tiffany Laffin. Great-grandmother of Blair (Amber) Temple & family,
 Kylie (Jon) Gudorf & family, Tyler (Caitlin Evers) Temple, Tyus Temple, Trey Temple, Tatum
 Temple, Ethan Laffin, Ben Laffin, Nick Laffin, & Talen Laffin,

Congratulations to:

 Sutton Grace Opdycke who was baptized on 9-12-21. Daughter of Jessica & John Opdycke.





Congratulations to:

- Joshua Booher and Jayla Spieth who were married at St. Paul's on 9-3-2021.
- Kathleen Bolen and Nick Garwood who were married at St. Paul's on 9-18-21.
- Kristin Bailey and Keaton Mohler who were married at St. Paul's on 9-25-21.
- Jason Menchhofer and Kelly Kaffenberger who were married on 9-25-21.

Highlights for October at Grand Lake UMC

Weekly Events

Sundays

8:50am Nursery Care (until 11:45am, SP 208) 9:00am Traditional Worship (SP Sanctuary &

Online), Children's Discipleship Classes (SP 3rd Floor), Seek & Believe (SP 217)

10:00am Youth Serve for 10:30am Worship (1st) 10:15am Apologetics (SP 114), Bridge Builders (SP 201-202), Pairs 'n Spares (SP Lounge), Legacy

(SP216), Serendipity (SP 217)

10:30am Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary & Online), Children's Discipleship Classes (SP 3rd Floor), Youth Sunday School (Greenhouse—2nd & 4th), Youth Attend

Worship (Sanctuary front left pews—1st & 3rd)

Blended Worship (MZ Sanctuary) 1:00pm

Mondays

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

Tuesdavs

1:30pm After the Bell (Building 7:12 until 4:00pm) Brianna's Hope (SP Fellowship Hall) 6:oopm Overeaters Anonymous (MZ Commons) 7:30pm

Wednesdays

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

Fellowship Hall)

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

Children's Discipleship Classes (SP 3rd Floor), Youth Group (Greenhouse), Adult Community 6:00pm

Groups (see TV in SP Lobby) Cherub Choir Rehearsal (SP 306), 6:30pm

Sanctus Choir Rehearsal (SP Sanctuary) 7:00pm Christ's Kids Choir Rehearsal (SP 305)

7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Jabez House). MORE for Highschoolers (Greenhouse)

Thursdays

1:30pm After the Bell (Building 7:12 until 4:00pm) Narcotics Anonymous (Jabez House), 7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous (MZ Commons)

Saturdays

10:00am Harvest Table (Free meal in SP Fellowship

Hall until 11:30am)

7:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Jabez House)

Special Events

October 1—October 2

Good Works Mission Trip (Athens, OH)

Friday, October 1, 8, 22

Youth 5th Quarter (Building 7:12 until 11:00pm)

Communion Sunday, October 3

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

MZ C.A.L.L. Donations (dish soap)

Old Fashioned Church Picnic (Lake Shore Dr until 5:00pm

Thursday, October 7

Young Adult Coffee Hour (The Boat House, Wright 4:30pm State Lake Campus)

Saturday, October 9

Children leave for Junior Jam (Cedarville Uni.) 7:00am

Sunday, October 10

9:00am MORE Jr (SP Prayer Chapel)

1:00pm Youth leave for VanDemark Farms (Sidney until

Community Carry-In Cookout (Montezuma) 2:30pm

Wednesday, October 13, 20 & 27

Ugly Sleeping Bag Project (SP Fellowship Hall) 6:oopm

Thursday, October 14 & 28

9:30am RLM meeting (SP 201-202 until 11:00am)

Friday, October 15

RLM Moms Night Out (The Anchor Restaurant, 6:30pm

Main St., Celina)

Sunday, October 17

Harvest Table Sunday-Donations Collected (Instant potatoes, pudding cups, icing, cookie mixes, cake mixes, baking chips) Youth Bake Sale (SP FH/Lobby until 10:45am) 9:45am

Wednesday, October 20

Youth Bake Sale (SP FH until 5:45pm) 4:45pm

Thursday, October 21

6:30pm Alphabet Soup (SP Fellowship Hall)

7:00pm Young Adult Card Club (The Boat House, Wright

State Lake Campus)

Saturday, October 23

Mobile Ministry at Camp Wesley (Bellefontaine) 9:00am

Sunday, October 24

Greenhouse Open House (until 11:30am) 9:30am

6:00pm Charge Conference (Sanctuary/Breakout Rooms)

Wednesday, October 27

Halloween Party for Children with Special 5:30pm Needs (Throughout SP Church until 6:00pm)

Halloween Party for All Children (Throughout 6:oopm

SP Church until 8:00pm)

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

October Birthdays*

01	Phillip Bittner	11	Rich Barger		Karen Miller
	Fred Heckathorn		Eldon Eichenauer	22	Alex Buehler
	Skylar Jeffries		Alanah Stetler	23	Garrett Gray
02	Chloe Billger		Katie Williams		Shannon Hays
	Maggie Gudorf	12	Gwen Howell		Deb Lehman
	Kayliann Howell	13	Kelsey Gudorf		Rick Poppe
	Dennis Howick		Buddy Hyman		William Wenning
	David Miesse		Betty Lawrence	24	Greg Eichenauer
	Bev Tester	14	Claire Gudorf		Lori Koch
03	Wes Greber		Jim Heinrich	25	Connor Ellis
	Mike Montgomery		Megan Menchhofer		Angie Jaeger
	Shawn Murlin		Bob Moreland	26	Lynn Krogman
	Linda Rosengarten		Kenna Sprague		Avery Meadows
	Robyn Sheets		Becca Zimmerly		Judy Mersman
04	Donna Brenneman	15	Barb Armentrout		Preston Meyer
	Dalton Chilcoat		Jacob Gillum		Carson Rolfes
	Cindy Hembree		Ashlyn Huber		Justin Warnement
	Lyn Loughridge		Ron Pickrell	27	Gail Byers
05	Ron Fanning		Liz Trigg		Ashlyn Pierstorff
06	Bryn Baucher	16	Theresa Branson		Lisa Rolfes
	Adam Green		Marcieta Brookhart		Diane Whitehead
	Leslianne Gudorf		Jan Poppe		Jason Williams
	Evan Heindel		Karaline Sorenson	28	Colleen Bigham
	Casey Rolfes		Fred Wurster		Charlie Hawkey
	Dianne Wiehe		John Wurster	29	Sage Carpenter
07	Martha Knapke	17	Monty Hathaway		Sasha Jenkins
	Lori Reichard		Bob Sheets		Holt McNelly
80	Joelle Pond	18	Arrianna Shinn		Riggs Post
09	Vicki Gossett	19	Chloe Grams		Angie Schlater
	Jackson Newcomb	20	Brian Armstrong	30	Corey Greber
10	Boomer Gudorf		Jen Fleming		Hale Harner
	Ava Homan	21	Garrett Giesige		

*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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