



THE TACKLEBOX

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



September 2020

Sunday Services:

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

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

Blended at 5:00pm 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 5:00pm 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. Children's programming is available during the 9:00am and 10:30am Worship times.

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Sunday Activities • St. Paul's

9:00am - Traditional Worship Service
10:30am - Contemporary Worship Service

Sunday Activities • Montezuma

5:00pm - 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: Room 201

10:15-11:15am

Serendipity: Room 217 and Zoom
Legacy: Zoom

10:30-11:30am

Pairs 'n Spares: Zoom

6:30-7:30pm

Bridge Builders: Fellowship Hall

Pastor's Page

Submitted by Pastor Mick Whistler

The other day I drove past my bank while out running some errands, and I was reminded of the first time I made a deposit there in the Covid-19 era. This was before the mask order, but many businesses (and some consumers) were already wearing them. When I went in, I stopped to sign a couple of checks and I noticed that all of the staff were wearing masks. So, as I approached the teller window, I put on my own mask. The teller informed me that I was not required to wear a mask, but if it made me feel safer, that was fine. I told her that I was wearing my mask to protect her, not me. She seemed genuinely appreciative of my concern for her. Given how good it seemed to make her feel, the next time I went in, I thought I'd take it to the next level. Suffice it to say, they were much less appreciative when I walked in wearing a full ski mask. Just kidding. I would never do that. I did wear a mask, but not a ski mask. Just a little humor to lighten the mood in this difficult time.

On a more serious note, I can't help but notice how the issue of mask-wearing is such a divisive issue. And I understand that folks don't want to wear a mask (and some actually can't for medical reasons). I'm not a big fan of it myself. But I do it. Quite frankly, I don't find it to be that big of a deal. If it helps even a little bit, I'll do it. I simply follow Paul's logic when he says, "No one should seek their own good, but the good of others." (1 Corinthians 10:15) Plus, being willing to wear a mask has really helped my life get back to something resembling normal. By that, I mean I go anywhere I want because I'm willing to wear a mask. Some people refuse to wear a mask because of their rights, and as a result forfeit doing some things they want to do or going places they want to go. I simply refuse to let the requirement to wear a mask stop me from living my life. It's just all how you look at it. I believe whole-heartedly in John 10:10 where Jesus tells us that he came so we may have abundant life. So I say, even amid a mask order, Carpe Diem! Seize the Day!

This whole mask debate reminds me of a conversation I had with a sales rep back in my marketing days. In the 90's I used to travel to Seattle a couple of times a year and work with this sales rep. One day as we were driving to the next account, with headlights on and wipers going, I made the comment that I wouldn't be able to live in that environment. The frequent rain/mist would keep me from doing all the things I love to do, like golf, run, hike and ride my bike. He just looked at me with a puzzled facial expression. He said, "Mick, we do all of those things out here, too. In fact, we do them whenever we want. Why do you think Gore-Tex was invited out

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Submitted by Pastor Mick Whistler

here?" I've been thinking about that conversation a lot lately. The rain didn't stop him from living his life as long as he was willing to wear Gore-Tex. Similarly, a pandemic virus won't stop me from living my life as long as I'm willing to wear a mask. Much like Winter doesn't stop me from living my life as long as I'm willing to wear a coat, hat, gloves and boots. When I thought of it that way, suddenly wearing a mask seemed much less objectionable.

I certainly don't want to get into any kind of political debate over masks. I have no intention of debating the efficacy of wearing masks to prevent the spread of Covid-19. And I'm not trying to convince high-risk or high-anxiety people to take unnecessary risks (please don't do that). I simply want to encourage all of the lower-risk folks out there to not let life pass them by because of something as minor as a mask. I've talked to so many low-risk youth and adults alike who tell me there are things they'd like to do, and they're not afraid to do them, but they won't do them, because of the mask requirement. Don't let the mask requirement stop you from living life to the fullest. Just think of it as the Gore-Tex for our time and place and get out there and enjoy your abundant life!

Carpe Diem,

Pastor Mick

Greeters

Welcome Center

9:00am • St. Paul's

St. Paul's

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

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

10th Sanctuary Ron & Jenine
 Front Marla
 Lobby

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

17th Sanctuary
 Front
 Lobby

Member Lehman
 Smith
 Phillips

24th Sanctuary

Dear Grand Lake Family and Hospitality Helpers,

31st Sanctuary

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

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

10th Sanctuary

Pastor Diane

17th Sanctuary
 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

St. Paul's

September 2020
 Smith & Brian Stetler
 Frank Synder
 Jim & Janet McGee
 Bruce & Nancy Head
 Joe & Carol Heyne
 Adam Carpenter
 Tom Kimmel

SEPTEMBER SERVANTS

Nursery Volunteers

St. Paul's

- 6th 10:30am No Servant Scheduled
- 13th 10:30am No Servant Scheduled
- 20th 10:30am No Servant Scheduled
- 27th 10:30am No Servant Scheduled

Lil' K • St. Paul's

- 6th 9:00am Winter Houser
- 13th 9:00am Beth Overman
- 20th 9:00am TBD
- 27th 9:00am Joelle Pond

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 2020.

Counting people because people count!

August 2020

| Date | Attendance | Giving |
|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| 8/2 | 185 | \$8,389 |
| 8/9 | 206 | \$10,832 |
| 8/16 | 179 | \$9,462 |
| 8/23 | 220 | \$5,640 |
| 8/30 | Not available | Not available |
| AVERAGE | 198 | \$8,581 |

2020 Weekly Amount Needed: \$17,717

IMPORTANT!

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

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



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

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

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



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

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

Events to be Rescheduled



Confirmation Sunday

September 20 at 9:00am



Youth Pancake Breakfast

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



Women's Retreat

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

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

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.

Neither the Adult or the Children Choirs will meet through the end of 2020.

The Women and Men's Emmaus Walks for October and November in Findlay and Sidney have been cancelled.



COMMUNITY COOKOUT AT MONTEZUMA

Sunday, September 6
at the Montezuma Campus at 6:00pm following the 5:00pm Worship

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Good Food (Food is Provided), Family Fun & Fellowship!!



40 S. High St. Montezuma

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.**



**Beginning
September 20**

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

We have an experience just for you.

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

It includes three key ingredients:

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

When? Sundays, September 20-October 11 from 12:00-2:00pm (free lunch included each week)

Where? St. Paul's Campus, Room 201

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

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

CarePartners Training

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.

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

A 6-week CarePartner Training is offered to those interested in becoming a CarePartner. The Fall training session is on Monday evenings, September 21-October 26 from 6:30-8:00pm. If interested, please sign up online at grandlakechurch.org/groups or call the church office at 419-586-6621.

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 if you need help locating 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 the ladies who are faithful to this ministry! If you have any questions, call the church office at 419-586-6621.



Ugly Sleeping Bag Project

The Ugly Sleeping Bag Project makes sleeping bags for the homeless and uses volunteers of all ages to knot the bags. This group will meet again in 2021.

Please plan to join us for fellowship and mission time together!



Submitted by Mindy Sudhoff

Everyone at Creative Discovery is excited to start the new school year. Our first day of school is on Tuesday, September 8. In September, we are busy with activities focused on getting to know all about each other and making new friends. We also spend time enjoying the great weather while learning about apples, bees, our five senses and getting ready for the Fall season. We look forward to a great school year filled with exploration, discovery and making new friends.

Crosses Available

Crosses Available in the 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 & painted by Phil & Cheryl Fennig. Donations are accepted, but not required, to help cover the cost of the crosses.

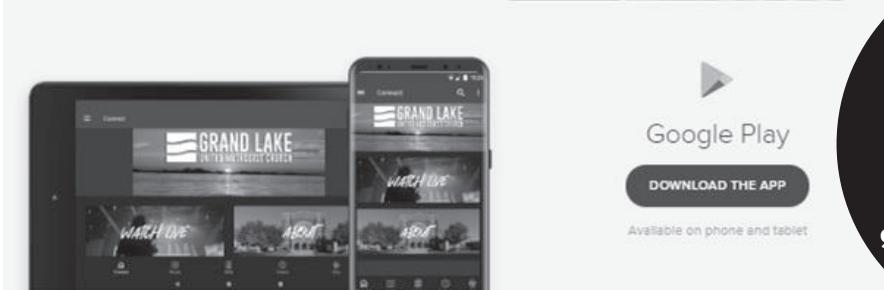




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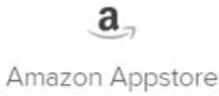


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This app will help you stay connected with the day-to-day life of Grand Lake Church. With this app you can:

- Watch or listen to past messages
- Stay up to date with push notifications
- Share your favorite messages via Twitter, Facebook, or email
- Download messages for offline listening
- Sign up for events
- Check-in on Sunday mornings
- Make donations



Download the Grand Lake Church app from your favorite App store today! This is a great way to stay connected and get the latest updates and information.



BE STILL... *and Let Your Nail Polish Dry*
Treat yourself to beautifully polished nails!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 FROM 7:00PM-9:00PM
IN ST. PAUL'S FELLOWSHIP HALL

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

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



College Care Cards/Addresses Needed!

College has started back up for the Fall Semester, and we want to be able to connect the church with your Young Adults who are attending college. If you have a loved one attending college that would enjoy getting a note/card/message from members at Grand Lake, please turn their address in to Liz Trigg at ltrigg@grandlakechurch.org. Starting later this month, be on the lookout for ways that you can brighten one of our Young Adult's day by sending them a letter/card/message each month. College can be a hard time for our Young Adults, and we want them to know that we love them and are praying for them during every season of life.

Real Life Moms

**Due to the uncertainty of childcare regulations and available volunteers, we have decided not to have in-person meetings at least through the first of the year. In January, we will revisit that decision. Because the majority of our childcare volunteers are in that at-risk age group, we do not foresee having enough childcare volunteers for our meetings. This is something we struggle with regularly, and COVID will make it much worse. Social distancing and mask requirements in the church will also make it difficult to meet in a comfortable way that will lift your spirits and refill your mamma cup. But have no fear! We still plan to offer the following opportunities: women's ministry events at the church, kid-friendly outings, small group opportunities, a new Mentor Mom program, and hopefully opportunities for an indoor playground this Winter. Check into the Real Life Mom's Facebook page for updates on the programs.

NEW Mentor Moms program! We are in search of mentors that have already raised their children, and made it through many of the challenges that mothers are facing. This is similar to the CarePartners ministry at church. You will be matched with a mom of similar background to yours. For example, if you raised four boys, we would match you with another boy mom. If you've experienced infertility, then we would match you with a mother going through similar trials. As a mentor mom, we would like you to make two contacts a month with your match, in whatever way you prefer (phone call, card, text, etc). If this is something you have interest in, or if you know a mom who would benefit from having a mentor, please email us at reallifemoms@grandlakechurch.org for more info.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! We are looking for a few ladies to join our steering team. Currently, we have two co-chairs and three other members. As ladies take time off for maternity leave or have sick kids at home, we get stretched pretty thin. We would love to bring on a few extra ladies. This plea goes out to Veteran mothers as well. Your kids may be grown, but we could still use your input, guidance and talents on our steering team. If you want more information about the volunteer position email us at reallifemoms@grandlakechurch.org.



COMMUNITY

groups

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...All Groups meeting in the church maintain “safe distance” and masks are worn. If you have any questions, please contact: Pastor Diane Mendelson (419-586-6621 or demendelson@grandlakechurch.org)

SUNDAY GROUPS

Seek & Believe Group – This group meets on Sundays at 9:00am in Room 201-202 beginning September 13 and they will be studying “Max on Life” by Max Lucado 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 they are studying a book on “Spiritual Warfare.”

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

Serendipity Group - This group meets on Sundays at 10:15am in Rooms 216-217 and via Zoom. This group is following the “Sermon Series on The Book of James.”

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 are following the “Sermon Series on The Book of James.”

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

Bridge Builders Group - This group meets on Sundays at 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall beginning September 13. This group is studying the “Bad Boys of the Bible.”

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

MONDAY GROUP

Monthly Women’s Group - This group meets monthly on Mondays at 7:00pm in Room 606 beginning September 21. This group will be following the “Sermon Series on 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 are currently studying the Books of the Bible.

Contact: Diane Whitehead (567-644-9223)

Ladies Bible Study - This group meets on Wednesdays at 10:00am in Fellowship Hall beginning September 16. This group will be studying 12 Women of the Bible (DVD study).

Contact: Patti Hamilton (678-314-8363 or hamiltgp@hotmail.com)

Men’s Bible Study - This group meets on Wednesdays at 6:00pm in Room 605 and they are following the “Sermon Series on The Book of James.”

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

Women’s Bible Study - This group meets on Wednesdays at 6:00pm in Rooms 216-217 and they are following the “Sermon Series on The Book of James.”

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

Come As You Are Bible Study - This group meets on Wednesdays at 6:00pm in Rooms 201-202 and Zoom beginning September 16. They are studying “Thriving in Babylon” on RightNow Media.

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

FRIDAY GROUP

Women’s Bible Study - This group meets on Friday at 10:00am at the home of Sierra Wynn, 1377 Michael Ave., Celina beginning September 18. They are studying “The Missing Commandment: Love Yourself” on RightNow Media. (No Childcare Provided)

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

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Good Works

The Fall mission trip to Good Works has been cancelled for September 2020. We hope to be able to have two mission trips in 2021.



Blood Drive—September 4

There is a blood drive on Friday, September 4 from 12:00-6:00pm in St. Paul's Fellowship Hall. This drive is during a critical need time as folks tend to stop donating over the holiday, but the need for blood doesn't slow down. We will be practicing social distancing as well as taking several other safety measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19. If you donated whole blood during our July drive, you are eligible to donate at our September drive. Sign up quickly! Times always fill up fast.

Thank you Grand Lake Church!!

~Alison Sorenson



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C.A.L.L. Donations

C.A.N. Sunday (Caring About Neighbors) at St. Paul's campus is the first Sunday of the month, September 6. Please bring in your canned goods along with baby food & diapers.

Montezuma's campus is collecting dish soap in September for C.A.L.L. (Community Action Life Line).

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

**C.A.L.L.
thanks you
for the 122
donations.**

Harvest Table & C.A.L.L. Cafe Collections 3rd Sunday - September 20

On the 3rd Sunday of each month, we collect items for Harvest Table. Items needed are: brown sugar, flour, instant potatoes, noodles, cake mixes and icing. Please bring your items by September 20 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 - will continue as a carry-out meal from 10:00-11:30am until then.

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Our Home

Our Home Family Resource Center will continue to offer services to Mercer County Residents in need, but the Lobby is closed. To receive assistance with food, financial assistance, domestic violence, sexual assault, or supervised visitation, call 419-586-4663. *Empowering People to Grow From Crisis to Hope!*

The Food Pantry is open Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30am to 12pm and 1pm to 3pm for no contact pickup while the Lobby remains closed.

Grand Lake UMC collected 317 items for the OUR HOME Family Resource Center for this years Back to School Supply collection to serve the students returning to school in Mercer County!



Our Home
Family Resource Center

Choosing Life Pregnancy Center

The Everything Shoppe is now back open Monday through Friday 11:00am-5:00pm. Stop in at 560 Touvelle Street in Celina to check out the great variety of items we have for sale.

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child (the Shoebox Project) will be taking place November 16-23, 2020. Grand Lake will once again serve as a drop-off site during that week. Samaritan's Purse is developing contactless drop-off regulations for us to follow in light of the pandemic. Watch for more details next month.



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ReviveOHIO Update—Tiffany Williams

Dear Grand Lake Family,

What can I say? None of us could have guessed that this is what 2020 would look like. With that said, I am so thankful that none of this surprises our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Prayer has been a huge part of this time for me, like I bet it is for many of you! Local outreaches are still happening throughout Ohio, and the Lord has directed several local outreaches to come alongside other ministries. We have been able to help to offer Prayer and the Good News next to food distribution ministries. As I mentioned, prayer has been a big part for me. In the last several months, you would have found me helping with our Virtual Prayer Room on Saturdays. This has allowed many people to join together in prayer, no matter where they are located in the state. It is a blessing to have people from Tiffin or Mt. Vernon praying for prayer requests for St. Mary's or Dayton. On Thursdays, we also come together twice a day to pray for our communities, our state, our nation, our world, and our team. It is an honor each time I get to pray together with some of the remnants of Ohio. We are persons throughout Ohio that connect on Zoom and cry out to the Lord.

August is a time of training for me. Last week, I completed a three-day Chaplain training. Once again, I've continued to learn how to connect with the people the Lord has laid on my heart. My heart for those that suffer from depression is growing each day. I know what it can be like when you find yourself isolated and not know how to reach out for help. This training has given me more tools on how to help and reach out to those the Lord has placed in my path with depression. Monday, I will be leaving for two weeks of training with my reviveOHIO team. We want to seek the Lord on how best to do the work He has called us to, and so I am thankful that we get the opportunity to learn and grow! I ask that you pray for me and my team as we dive into this. I want to say, "Thank you" to each and every one of you that has prayed for me and my family. It is so very much appreciated. Please know that I lift you all up continuously. In closing, I am going to include the prayer that I wrote for my 2020 newsletter because I feel it fits today.

Dear Heavenly Father, I pray for my community, nation, and the world today. May you guide each of us to love and see each other as you see us. Give us direction and clarity to do as you have called each of us to do. When we are downcast and discouraged, allow us to seek and find your Shalom. Within each of our storms may we stand tall and confident in the Shalom and rest that you offer us. Be with the leaders in our communities, states, and nation; place Godly men and women around them so they can seek your direction and your will. Thank you, Heavenly Father, for hearing the cries of your children. It is in Jesus' name I pray, Amen.



Festival of Sharing

Festival of Sharing Items for Hygiene Kits Being Collected Until Sept. 6

Grand Lake UMC is collecting items for Hygiene Kits for Festival of Sharing until Sunday, September 6. Postcards are up at the Connection Center at both locations. You may take a postcard(s) and bring the item(s) back by September 6. See the list below for the list of items for each kit. You are welcome to complete a whole kit, if you are led to do so! Or, you may bring in some items from the list if you have not made it to the church to take a postcard(s).

Hygiene Kit:

Our most needed kits! These little kits are jam-packed with supplies to help keep people clean and healthy. From toothbrushes to washcloths, you're making sure that someone's needs are going to be met in the wake of an emergency when even the most basic supplies can be hard to come by.

- One hand towel measuring approximately 15" x 28" to 16" x 32" (no fingertip, bath, dish towel or micro-fiber)
- One washcloth
- One wide-tooth comb removed from the package
- One fingernail or toenail clipper removed from the package
- One bath-size bar of soap in the original wrapper
- One toothbrush in the original package
- Ten standard size Band-Aids

All items need to fit inside a one-gallon plastic zipper closure bag. Remove the excess air from the bag and seal before boxing. Do NOT add any extra items or toothpaste. A tube of extended expiration date toothpaste will be added to each hygiene kit just prior to its final journey.

Drive-Thru Adventure—Sept 27

Fill a car with the members of your tribe and prepare for an awesome adventure. This event is for anyone and everyone. Meet in the church parking lot at 2:30pm, where you will receive directions and clues. You will have two hours to earn as many points as you can by solving clues, taking pictures and finding certain locations around Celina. The team with the most points wins! Hurry to the church app to sign up to participate in the best adventure you've had since COVID began.



Matt Overman

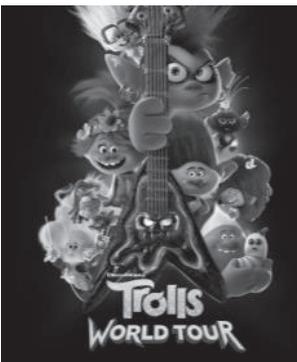
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Vacation Bible School 2021 Treasured

Next Year's VBS is *Treasured - Discovering You're Priceless to God*. We plan to meet July 11-15 at Grace Missionary Church for an in-person, fun and exciting time of discovering God's greatest treasure isn't diamonds, gems, or gold—it's us!



Friday September 11, 2020

Grand Lake UMC - St. Paul's Parking Lot

119 E Fulton St, Celina

Gates open 7:30pm, Movie starts 8:30pm

FREE—Movie, Popcorn, Hot Dogs, Snow-cones

Fall Discipleship Opportunities

Fall Sunday activities will kick off on September 13 at St. Paul's!

Sundays starting September 13:

At 9:00am, Tadpoles (3 & 4 Years old) are invited to "Little K" in Room 306.

Explorers and Pathfinders (Kindergarten-4th Grade) kids are invited to explore their faith in new and exciting ways as we dig into each book of the Bible and look into it for knowledge!

Preteens (5 & 6th Grade) are invited to worship with their parents.

All children need picked up between services so that we can sanitize and setup for 10:30am.

At 10:30am Children are invited to dig in to their faith:

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

Explorers—Kindergarten—2nd Grade—301-302

Pathfinders—3rd & 4th Grade—304-305

WildSide—5th & 6th Grade—Treehouse (312)

Wednesdays Starting October 7

Wednesday Nights return on October 7 with classes from 6:00-7:30pm. Classes will be the same break down as Sundays at 10:30am.

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

Communion for Kids



Communion is served on the first Sunday of each month. For the Fall, we will be serving in each classroom and will use prepacked elements. We talk about what communion is and what it means and then serve the elements to the children. If you do not want your child to receive communion, please let your child's teacher know.

Junior Jam 2020 & Super Start 2021

This year's Junior Jam is cancelled due to Covid.

Our annual overnight trip to SuperStart Live in Cincinnati is usually early March. Dates have not been released yet. This trip is open to kids in Grades 4-6.

More information will be coming soon!

September Activities

Preteen Bonfire (Kids in Grades 5 & 6) - There is a pre-teen bonfire on Saturday, September 12 from 6:00-8:00pm at The Lord's Abounding Grace Church, 7495 US-127, Celina, OH 45822. We will be roasting hotdogs, making pudgy pies and s'mores and hanging out. Registration will open up at the beginning of September.

Halloween Party

On Wednesday, October 28, we are going to have our annual family friendly Halloween party to reach out to our community with Jesus' love in a very unique and fun way! The socially-distanced Halloween party will be open from 6:00-7:30pm. We are planning to have games and candy set up in the parking lot, so pray for good weather! 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 starting September 29.



Keep your eyes on the weekly news and social media for other upcoming events!

THE LIGHT *shines*
IN THE DARKNESS AND THE
DARKNESS HAS NOT OVERCOME IT.



• 3RD ANNUAL •
CELINA COMMUNITY

Fall Festival

9. 12. 20
10AM - 12 PM

ENTERTAINMENT | GAMES | FUN

BRYSON PARK DISTRICT
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Youth News

Submitted by Liz Trigg

News for Youth Grades 7-12 & their parents!

September Calendar of Events

- 2 - No Youth Group - Happy 1st Day of School!
- 9 - Youth Olympics - Opening Ceremonies 7:00-8:00pm in the Greenhouse
- 11 - Reels & Wheels: Trolls: World Tour—movie starts at 8:30pm
- 13 - Confirmation Meeting 12:00-2:00pm at the Greenhouse
- 16 - Youth Olympics 7:00-8:00pm in the Greenhouse
- 18 - Confirmation Practice 6:00-6:30pm in the Sanctuary
- 19 - Church Day Camp
- 20 - Confirmation at the 9:00am Service
- 23 - Youth Olympics 7:00-8:00pm in the Greenhouse
- 26 - Reels & Wheels Double Feature at 8:00-11:30pm
- 27 - Drive-Thru Adventure 2:30-4:30pm
- 28 - 2 Hr Delay Breakfast at Taco Bell 8:00am
- 30 - Youth Olympics - Closing Ceremonies 7:00-8:00pm in the Greenhouse



Youth Olympics

Join us Wednesdays from 7:00-8:00pm at the parking lot of the Greenhouse. Throughout the month of September we will have Olympic themed messages, devotions, games and activities.



Youth Day Camp:

Save the Date - September 19

We know you have missed the typical Summer events like Lakeside, camp and mission trips that help to strengthen your relationship with God. Plan to join us for a day to jumpstart your faith. More details coming soon!

Reels & Wheels Double Feature: Friday, September 26

Meet in the church parking lot for an Olympic themed double feature. The movies will start at 8:00pm. Free concessions will be provided. This is a special showing for only Youth & Young Adults, but friends are welcome.



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2 Hr Delay Breakfast: Monday, September 28

Meet at Taco Bell for breakfast (outside) at 8:00am. You will need to have a ride to breakfast & also to school.



Mark Your Calendar:

October 2: 5th Quarter outside the Greenhouse

October 4: Youth Council meeting at 11:30am

October 7: (Anticipated) Fall Kick Off



Online Devotions:

Watch for video devotions to be posted Sunday and Thursday on Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat and the church app. Additional resources will be posted daily for students to participate in self guided devotions. The theme for September is the "Olympics."

Social Media

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

Be sure to turn on your notifications for Grand Lake Youth on the church app. This will allow you to get updates when we have things going on.

Check out our Bitmoji Youth Room. All the info for each week will be updated and there are links to many resources.

SCAN ME



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****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.**

Youth News

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News for Youth Grades 7-12 & their parents!

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

These evenings promise to be better than going to PTO. No, we are the P.O.T. (Parents of Teens). We hope to provide a space for you to talk with one another, grow in your own faith and get support for each day, while raising a teenager. Join us every 1st & 3rd Thursday at 7:00pm at the Greenhouse. If you would prefer to join us via Zoom, you may do that. Also, if mandates change and we are not able to be in person, we will continue with meetings on Zoom. Should you miss a night, you will at least be able to watch that week's video on your own. We will be using a variety of studies from RightNow Media, including "Teens vs Parents," "Tough Guys & Drama Queens" and many more. Please let Liz know if you are interested in participating in this small group at 419-615-2808 or ltrigg@grandlakechurch.org.

Youth Volunteer Training Day:

The training is coming to us! Those who serve with our Youth Ministry, please plan to attend two training sessions. We will meet at the Greenhouse from 12:00-2:00pm on Sunday, September 20 and October 18 to learn new, effective ways to serve our Youth. This training is designed specifically for volunteers, with wonderful speakers and empowering resources. A light lunch will be provided.

Grad Nights: for Seniors and their Parents

Congratulations! You are beginning the final year of High School. We pray this is a time filled with more hope than fear and more peace than anxiety. Grand Lake would like to offer you some resources to guide you through this time. Please join us for an evening of prayer and discussion. Parents, we will be providing you with some free resources as well. Invite your friends and other parents. Plan to attend Thursday, September 10 at 7:00pm in the Greenhouse. If you would prefer to access the meeting via Zoom, please let Liz know.



Young Adult News

Submitted by Liz Trigg

News for Young Adults!

YOUNG ADULT 2ND SUNDAYS

Bonfire

Sunday, September 13

The Young Adults will gather at Liz's house (1521 Irmscher Blvd, Celina) at 7:00pm for a bonfire. Bring your friends and enjoy some pudgy pies, hotdogs and s'mores.

Pizza

Sunday, October 11

The Young Adults will meet at Guarnieri Pizzeria in St. Mary's at 7:00pm. Outdoor seating is available and dinner will be provided. Invite your friends to come along. Let Liz know @ 419-615-2808 by October 9 if you plan to attend so we can make a reservation.

Bonus Event

Reels & Wheels Double Feature: Meet in the church parking lot for an Olympic themed double feature on Friday, September 26. The movies will start at 8:00pm. Free concessions will be provided. This is a special showing for only Youth & Young Adults, but friends are welcome.



Social Media

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



Watch for videos and information on Instagram and Facebook.



with deepest
SYMPATHY

Grand Lake UMC extends sympathy to:

- Family of Ella Heindel, who passed away 7-12-20. Sister-in-law of Mark (Jane) Heindel.
- Family of Walter Colvin, who passed away 7-24-20. Brother of Ann Colvin.
- Family of Beverly Farrenkopf, who passed away 7-29-20. Grandmother of Jeremy & Jenelle Gross and great-grandmother of Rudi, TJ, Jenessa, Marshel & Beckett Gross.
- Family of Julius Bader, who passed away 7-31-20. Grandfather of Kylee (Craig) Welker.
- Family & friends of Cathy Schreima, who passed away 8-10-20.
- Family & friends of John Kable, who passed away 8-12-20.

Congratulations to:

- Ashley Jaeger & Jacob Puthoff, who were married at St. Paul's on 8-1-2020.



Congratulations to:

- Dottie Monroe, at the birth of her great-great-grandson, Remington Blake Brown on 4-12-2020.

Congratulations to:

- Emery Marie Randall who was baptized on 8-2-2020 at St. Paul's. Parents are Renee and Kyle Randall.



**“for i consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.”
romans 8:18**

Thank You

- I would like to thank everyone who sent cards, prayers and well wishes during my most recent health issues. I am feeling much better. God is good as is our Grand Lake Church. Blessings.
-Sandie Leist
- I would like to say "Thank you" for all the prayers for the healing of my eye. It is humbling to have such a wonderful church family praying for me. Again, thank you.
-Cheryl Fennig
- Thank you to my church family for the many prayers, cards, and well-wishes following my surgery. I am very blessed to have such a caring church family!
Thank you!
-Beth Gillum
- Grand Lake Fam,
Thank you all for the prayers, notes & cards as I made my way through treatment. I'm glad to be transitioning to a new phase & leaving infusions behind. I'm so grateful for the science that has made treatment possible & the faith that has helped me keep my eyes on Him. Thank you, church family, for lifting me up continually.
-Adrienne McGee Sterrett
- Thank you Grand Lake UMC & staff and all for your prayers after my fall which required partial hip replacement surgery and recovery. I'm almost back to normal activities after seven weeks since my surgery and four weeks therapy.
-Allan Smith
- Thank you, St. Paul's Church Staff, for all your prayers and good wishes and meals you brought to us. You are loved.
- David & Maybelle Jackson
- Dear Grand Lake Scholarship Committee:
Thank you so much for the gift of the Love Scholarship. Grand Lake will always be a church home for me and your support through my academic years is so special to me. I greatly appreciate it!
Love Always,
-Cami Mohler
- Dear Church Family,
I greatly appreciate the help the Church gave me for my schooling. It has helped me tremendously as I continue my education at Ohio Northern University. I also appreciate all the support, prayers and love.
Thank you,
-Benjamin Laffin
- Dear Members and Congregation,
I have been amazed at the number of sympathy cards with notes and letters I have received. This just adds to the fact that after we both moved, we realized what a wonderful church we had left. Please thank everyone for their kindness and thoughtfulness in remembering John. He passed away on the morning of our 74th anniversary. We were in the process of buying a new home. Our son & daughter-in-law are building across the street so they can watch over us. My new address is: 2625 Essex Glen Cove, Cumming GA 30040. I miss all of you and God Bless,
-Penny Powell

Highlights for September at Grand Lake UMC

Weekly Events Until Further Notice

Sundays

- 9:00am Traditional Worship (SP Sanctuary & Online), Children's Discipleship Classes (SP 3rd Floor)
- 10:15am Serendipity (SP 216-217)
- 10:30am Contemporary Worship (SP Sanctuary & Online, or Parking Lot), Children's Discipleship Classes (SP 3rd Floor)
- 5:00pm Blended Worship (MZ Sanctuary)

Mondays

- 8:30am Take Off Pounds Sensibly (SP FH beginning September 14)
- 12:30pm Take Off Pounds Sensibly (SP FH beginning September 14)
- 7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous (SP Fellowship Hall)

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

- 6:00pm Adult Community Groups (see TV in SP Lobby)
- 7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous (SP Fellowship Hall)

Thursdays

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

Saturdays

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

Special Events Planned at Time of Print

Thursday, September 3 & 17 (1st & 3rd Thursdays)

- 7:00pm Parents of Teens (Greenhouse)

Friday, September 4

- 12:00pm Blood Drive (SP FH until 6:00pm)

Communion Sunday, September 6

- CAN Sunday - SP collecting canned goods, and baby food & diapers; MZ collecting dish soap for CALL*
- 6:00pm Community Cookout (MZ Outdoors -food will be provided)

Tuesday, September 8 & Wednesday, September 9

- 1st Day of School for Creative Discovery Preschool Classes*

Friday, September 11

- 7:30pm Reels & Wheels, "Trolls-World Tour"
(Movie starts at 8:30pm in SP parking lot)

Saturday, September 12

- 6:00pm Pre-Teen (5th-6th Graders) Bonfire (The Lord's Abounding Grace, 7495 US-127, Celina, until 8:00pm)

Sunday, September 13

- 7:00pm Young Adult Bonfire (1521 Irmscher Blvd)

Confirmation Sunday, September 20

- Harvest Table Sunday - Collecting flour, brown sugar, instant potatoes, noodles, cake mixes and icing*
- 9:00am Confirmation Sunday (SP Sanctuary)
- 12:00pm 1st CONNECT class (SP 201)

Monday, September 21

- 7:00pm 1st CarePartner Training (SP 201)

Friday, September 25

- 7:00pm Women's Event-Nails! (SP FH until 9:00pm)

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

September Birthdays*

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| 01 | Noelle Lyon | | Carol Zimmerman | 22 | Bill Loughridge |
| | Mike McKirnan | 11 | Cami Mohler | | Marjorie Miesse |
| | Craig Welker | | Dale Moorman | 23 | Evin Bachelor |
| 02 | Bob Skromme | 12 | Honor Moser | | Emma Byrne |
| 03 | Vada Morr | | Cale Schmitmeyer | | Emma Highley |
| | Mick Whistler | | Bill Schwieterman | | Talia McKirnan |
| | Jean Wilson | | Landon Wilson | | Vicki Posada |
| 04 | Barb Carpenter | 14 | Mike Miller | 24 | Kathy Kimmel |
| | Colton Cramer | | Dancie Mohler | | Jon Kohnen |
| | Casey Hemmelgarn | | Brent Sorenson | | Adrienne Sterrett |
| | Jean Hyman | | Erin Zimmerly | 25 | Alaric Doner |
| | Tucker Schlarman | 15 | Alex Anderson | | Steve Kuhn |
| 05 | Zack Gray | | Lucah DiSalvo | | Janie Overley |
| | Lennon Hodge | | Lucy Gudorf | | Linda Shank |
| | Arika Mills | | Alicia Teeters | | Georgi Zizelman |
| | Tom Piper | 16 | Travis Goodspeed | 26 | Bob Kelly |
| | Susan Quinn | | Danielle Heyman | | Megan Miller |
| | Monica Smith | | Shannon Schwieterman | | Deb Simon-Heinfeld |
| 06 | Megan Fortkamp | 17 | Doug Sheets | | Kendra Stetler |
| | Hillary Greber | | Greg Sheets | 27 | Sydney Baucher |
| 07 | Lexi Waterman | 18 | Alexa Smith | | Emmalyn Rolfes |
| | Jaelyn Williams | | Stephanie Temple | 28 | Rebekah Carr |
| 08 | Amy Hartings | 19 | Pat Frysinger | | Kim Harris |
| | Erynn Piper | | Brad Pennington | | Ashley Pennington |
| | Teresa Smith | | Stella Standiford | | Zane Randall |
| 09 | Malea Poor | 20 | Adric Giesige | | Sophia Reilly |
| | Baylen Scott | | Sarah Hartings | 29 | Jenny Jamieson |
| | Jack Sorenson | | Ashley Heilers | | Mickey Montgomery |
| | Kathy Webster | | Terri Shinn | | Jessica Opdycke |
| | Brittni Wenning | | Craig Zimmerman | | Tyler Patterson |
| | Larry Wilson | 21 | Carson Gray | | Sophia Worrell |
| 10 | Bob Arnett | | Mindy Hays | 30 | Brooklyn Gudorf |
| | Stephanie Crum | | Jayden Knoth | | Keith Gudorf |
| | Chelsea Davis | | Kelly Mallory | | Eli Worrell |
| | Nick McGee | | Bonnie Sauer | | |

*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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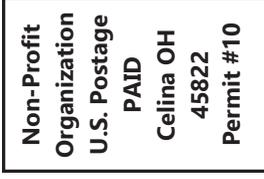
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