

*Glimpses*

*of*

*Grace*



*Grace for Today, Grace for Tomorrow*

*October 2024*

The Clinton County

# Gospel Jam

&

# Bar-B-Q

# Open Mic

Special Musical Guests

***SoulScape***



**7pm Sing-Along Hootenanny**

**SUNDAY**



**October 13, 2024**



**5:00 – 7:30 PM**

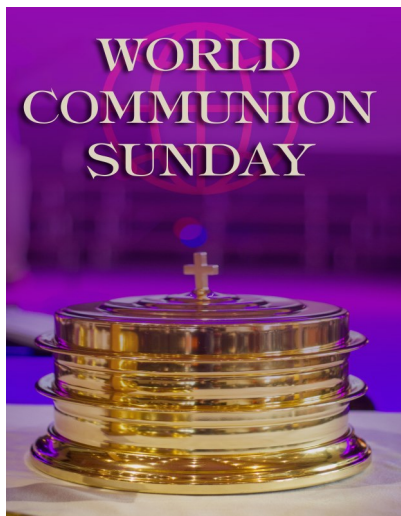
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# Worship News



## Gathered as One Body

*Sunday, October 6, 2024*

On World Communion Sunday, observed this year on October 6, Christians across the globe gather at the Lord's Table for the sacrament of Holy Communion. The Lord's Table stretches around the entire earth. Catholic Chris-

tians, Coptic Christians, Orthodox Christians, Reformed Christians, Evangelical Christians, Lutheran Christians, Baptist Christians, Anglican Christians, Methodist Christians, Christians who worship in churches bearing names that are unfamiliar to us — all join in worship and do what Christ asked his friends to do: remember him!

“This do in remembrance of me,” Jesus said during the Last Supper with his disciples. Then he broke bread as a reminder of his sacrificed body and lifted the cup of wine representing his blood. The sacrament is a vivid symbol of Christ's sacrifice, love and forgiveness for each of us.

As we gather as Christ's family around that table of grace, remember that we are united in Christ with our brothers and sisters around the world. “In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north. All Christly souls are joined as one throughout the whole wide earth” (John Oxenham).

Thank you, Lord!

## SPIRITUAL BUT NOT RELIGIOUS?



We hear people say that a lot, these days. “I’m spiritual but not religious.” They just don’t need a church, they say. They can feel close to God without organized religion, blah, blah, blah. As though feeling close to God is all that religion is about. I mean, it is about that. Partly. But its about so much more.

I like to think of myself as both spiritual AND religious. What my grandmother used to refer to as “church people.” And here’s why:

### **Church people have a creed to believe – they confess their faith tradition’s creed or God-story**

They are familiar with and conversant in both the mythology, that is, the stories of their faith and the propositional theology, the creeds and beliefs of their faith. They know what they believe and why and it makes sense to them and they can talk about it.

### **Church people have community to belong to – they belong to a community that enacts the God-story.**

They come together regularly with a community of faith into which they have been confirmed and of whom they feel a part. They come to worship and to fellowship as well as to serve and to learn. The community is most effective when it is multigenerational, warm and nurturing, when it sets clear limits and has clear expectations.

### **Church people have a call to live out – they feel called by this story to contribute to a larger purpose**

They know that their choices have significance, meaning and consequences beyond Themselves. They know that they have a calling to look out for the wellbeing of others. They are morally bound to contribute to God’s purpose in the world.

### **They have a hope to hold onto – they have hope for the future that is promised by this story.**

God has a plan for the world and we, through our participation in the faith community, are participating in and contributing to the fulfillment of that plan.

Spiritual but not religious? I don’t think so. I think we need to be both.

Sound intriguing? I’m gonna preach about it on October 20.

Why don’t you join us -- in person or on line. It’ll be fun...

See ya in church –

*Dean*

# **LOOKING AHEAD**

## **CLINTON COUNTY GOSPEL JAM & BAR-B-Q**

Open Mic and Sing-Along Hootenanny  
5:00 -7:30PM Fellowship Hall  
Sign-up Sheet available in the back of the sanctuary.

## **2024 HEALTHY BOUNDARIES AND SAFER SANCTUARIES**

(Required for all clergy. Safer Sanctuaries recommended for laity)  
October 29, 2024 9:00AM – 4:00PM  
Clergy Sexual Ethics & Church Safe Sanctuaries Policies  
Christ United Methodist Church – Columbus



## **CLINTON & FAYETTE COUNTIES JOINT CHARGE CONFERENCE**

Wednesday, November 6 6:30 PM  
Join us as we play HOST to 9 other U.M. Churches  
District “Tail Gate Party” Event led by our  
District Superintendent, Rev. Mark Chow

## **HANGING OF THE GREENS**

Sunday, November 24, 2024 6:00PM  
Soup & Sandwich Potluck Dinner

## **OCTOBER SERMONS**

### **October 6**

“Women & Children First”  
Mark 10:2-16

### **October 13**

“Searching for God”  
Job 23:1-17 & Mark 10:17-31

### **October 20**

“Almost Christian”  
Job 38: 1-7 & Mark 10: 35-45

### **October 27**

Pastor Anita Preaching



# Exciting Church Happenings

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## Coffee, Tea and Thee

From **9:45 to 10:20 a.m.** **Sunday, October 13.** There is a sign up sheet in the back of the sanctuary for anyone who would like to host. We have found it works better with 4 hosting than just 2.

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The next community dinner here at Grace will be **Thursday, October 24** from 4:30-6:00 p.m. Please volunteer to help, or come and enjoy a terrific meal with our guests and enjoy the musical stylings of Pastor Dean. You'll be glad you did.



FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

Thank you,

*Bryanne, Carole & Ruth*

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Beggars' Night in Clinton County will **Thursday, October 31** from 6-8 p.m. We will again be giving out candy that night.

We will need lots of bags of wrapped candy, and volunteers to hand out the candy that night. You may begin bringing your candy to the church office **Monday, October 21.** Thank you in advance for your help.

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## October is Pastor Appreciation Month

**Sunday, October 20** is designated here as Pastor Appreciation Day.

It's a day that we will give thanks for our fantastic Pastor and his wife. We have been so blessed with them, and it's the perfect time to show our appreciation for them. See page 5 for more ideas.



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Pastor Appreciation Month is a special time that we set aside each year to honor our pastors and pastoral families for the hard work, sacrificial dedication and multiple blessings provided by these special people. It is scheduled in October. It is also important to remember that appreciation, affirmation and prayer support of our spiritual leaders is appropriate throughout the entire year.



God has blessed us with a phenomenal pastor and his wife. Here are some ideas you might choose to use to show your appreciation for them:

1. A personalized , sincere, encouraging note.
2. Take them out to dinner or lunch.
3. A gift card to buy books or study materials
4. An Amazon Gift Card
5. A grocery store Gift Card

Or, be creative and come up with some ideas of your own!  
Just remember to let them know how important they are to us.

## Pastor Dean & Jean's Address:

Rev. & Mrs. Dean Feldmeyer  
2003 Collingwood Court  
Loveland, OH 45140





Sunday, October 27 is Laity Sunday here at Grace, 10:30 a.m.

The theme for Laity Sunday is RISE UP! — RETAIN the Spirit's good and beautiful things,.

2 Timothy 1: 14

<sup>14</sup> *Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.*

Laity Sunday celebrates the ministry of all Christians to love God and neighbor. As we (the people) grow in grace to become “all love” disciples in community, we gather with others and connect all to God's love in Jesus Christ. So, on Laity Sunday (this year, **October 27, 2024**), we continue to lift up the vocation of all (**all means all**) to follow the way of Jesus and lead others to him – particularly as we rediscover practices of togetherness that reveal

God's presence for the life of the world.

We will have some members of our congregation share their stories and how those stories have helped to shape them into the Christians they are today.

This is a day you will not want to miss.

Remember: “If you miss a Sunday, you miss a lot.”

# Our Church Family



- 1 Janet Freeman
- 1 Joey Freeman
- 1 Tate Freeman
- 6 Isaac Piatt
- 8 Quinn Freeman
- 8 Jim West
- 10 Hanna Fuggett
- 10 Breeze Noelle Hoggatt
- 11 Chloe Thompson
- 11 Geoff Prewitt
- 15 Sawyer Thompson
- 17 Randy Radcliffe
- 18 Jean Feldmeyer
- 18 Jessica Coleman
- 19 Mary Reynolds
- 25 Scott Schmied
- 27 Susan Schmied
- 27 Linda Thompson
- 30 Lee Schmied
- 31 Michelle Thompson



Diana Huffman (former student of Patty Williams), Jim Bailey, Pam Disney, Dina Scharnhorst, the family of D. J. Ross, Pam Kassner, Ethan Brookshear, Jill

Girard, Mary Beth McCullough, Martha Joyce, Isaac Halker, Beverly Cravens, Uncle Howard, Courtney Hall, Glenn Funk, Angela Mueller, Shirley Jacobs, Faye Smith, Brandon Peery, Chrissy Charles, an unnamed request for healing from cancer, health care professionals, those in hospitals, the jobless and homeless, our church, our village, our state, our nation and our world. Major Adam Putman, Senior Chief Electrician Kyle Hoggatt, Major Morgan Bennett, 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. James Beckelhymer, 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Josh Fox

***(Please let us know when to remove someone you asked us to remember in prayer.)***

## A Strong Family

A strong family is not ... a family without problems. A strong family is ... a family which faces its problems with the help of God.

— South Baton Rouge Church of God  
Baton Rouge, LA



- 1 Ralph & Elinor Pelfrey
- 11 John & Debbie Ehling
- 14 Clayton & Liz Reynolds
- 24 Cliff & Robin Prewitt

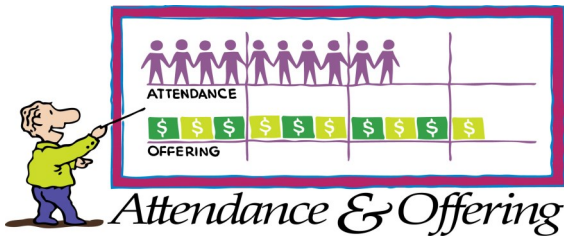
The Lively Lydia Circle will meet, **Monday, October 14 @ 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.**

Patti Loftin is the hostess.

*If you or someone you know would like to be included on our birthday and anniversary list, please contact the church office.*



# Bits and Pieces



Average attendance in September: 39

Average online viewing in September: 5

Needed in September: \$9,694.00

Giving in September: \$8,201.00

FROM: *Judy & Harry Brumbaugh*  
*Patti Loftin*

Through your generous donations to the food pantry you helped to serve over 300 people in September.

The only needs this month are: **canned fruit, spaghetti,**

**spaghetti sauce, hamburger/tuna helper,** and as always monetary donations are most welcome.

Pantry hours are: Monday & Thursdays 6-7 p.m.

Volunteer help is also appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support of this outreach to the community.



**Food Pantry Sunday is the first Sunday of every month.**



**World Communion Sunday**  
October 6

**Food Pantry Sunday**  
October 6

**Church Council Meeting**  
Thursday October 10 @ 7:00 p.m.  
In Fellowship Hall

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# More Bits & Pieces

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Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for items for the November newsletter is **Monday, October 21 @ Noon.**

**Thank You.** Please have all items to the office at that time. Thank you.

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## The Heart of a Volunteer

A daughter had just helped her 90-year-old mother through the complex process of moving from and selling the family home. Now in a senior living center, the once-active woman was adjusting to her new surroundings and lifestyle.

As the daughter finalized arrangements, she tactfully brought up matters of nutrition. Hoping her mom would accept some help, she asked, "What about Meals on Wheels?"

Mom replied, "No, dear. I don't think I can volunteer for them anymore."



## Stay in Touch with Us

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Pastor Dean: [dfeldmeyer@yahoo.com](mailto:dfeldmeyer@yahoo.com)

Assoc. Pastor Anita: [grath47696@zoomtown.com](mailto:grath47696@zoomtown.com)

Office hours: Mon-Thurs. 9 a.m.-noon


## Friday-Closed

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## Laughter is Good for the Soul

**Ezekiel 37:4** is a favorite scripture and sing along of Halloween skeletons everywhere.

Oh Ezekiel cried dem **DRY BONES**...  
Ezekiel cried dem **DRY BONES**... Ezekiel  
cried dem **DRY BONES**... Oh hear da word  
of da Lord!... The foot bone's  
connected to da leg bone.  
The leg bone's  
connected to da thigh bone.  
The thigh  
back bone... bone's to da  
**DA WORD** **OH HEAR**  
**OF DA LORD!**



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# Kids' Korner



Make this craft as a helpful reminder of Jesus' free gift of grace.

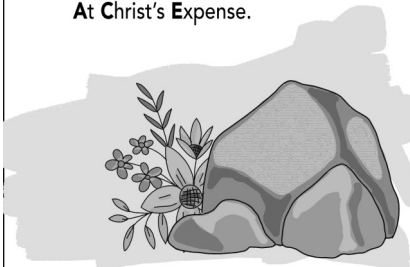


## What you need:

- Small cardboard box
- Small stones
- Tape
- Wrapping paper and bow
- Permanent marker

## What you do:

1. Fill the box with small stones to weigh it down. Tape the box securely closed.
2. Wrap the box and add a bow on top.
3. With marker, write a capital letter on each side of the box and the bottom to spell GRACE.
4. Use this as a decoration or paperweight, or give as a gift.
5. Explain GRACE to someone.  
For help, use Ephesians 2:8-9 and the acrostic **God's Riches At Christ's Expense**.



## SAVED BY GRACE

Leaders of the early church discussed whether newly converted Gentiles must keep the Law of Moses. How did Peter answer?

Directions: Cross out every third letter. Then write the remaining letters in the blanks below to complete Acts 15:11, NIV.

NOFWEGBEKLIBEVGEITIYS  
TUHRCOUJGHRTHOEGPRAH  
CEIOFXOUKRLHORCDJSESP  
USGTHWATYWEOARBESPAVLED  
RJUCSTQASHTHBEYFAROE



" \_\_\_\_! \_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_. " Acts 15:11, NIV



Answer: "No! We believe it is through the grace of our Lord Jesus that we are saved, just as they are." Acts 15:11, NIV



Thanks to all who brought food for our Sundae Sunday celebration on Sept. 8 ; to Jim Johnson for scooping the ice cream and to Darlene Kassner, Church Historian for her wonderful program on our stained-glass windows.

Thanks to Rich & Bryanne Peck, Lynn Martin and Jill Girard for the yummy goodies for *Coffee, Tea & Thee* on Sept. 15.

Thanks to all who helped in any way with the Free Community Dinner on Sept. 26. Kudos to Randy Radcliffe the Grill Master for his hard work at the grill for all of the Grill Outs.

Thanks to Ellen Hill for installing the new lights in the church library. They are great!

Thanks to Mike Hoggatt for getting the church phones working again. Awesome job.

**If you would like to give a “Hats Off” to someone, please contact the office.**

*Glimpses of Grace* is a monthly newsletter of Grace United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 66, 201 E. Center St., Blanchester, OH 45107; (937) 783-3655. You are welcome to worship with us each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. Rev. Dean Feldmeyer is Pastor. Anita Rathbun is Associate Pastor. Patty Williams is Secretary & Newsletter Editor.

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**CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED**

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