

Glimpses

of

Grace



Loving Boldly ~ Serving Joyously ~ Leading Courageously
August 2026



Sunday, August 30

Join us for a picnic potluck lunch in the
Fellowship Hall.

Enjoy hot dogs, and a variety of salads, that we hope
you will bring, to share with all.

We will have ice cream sundaes for dessert,
dipped up by TBA.

Ya' all come now, ya' hear!!





FROM THE PASTOR

THE POWER OF SMALL

About 50 years ago when I was a youth minister, I envied my friend, John, whose youth group was so big (about 60 kids) that when they went places, they traveled in two big, Greyhound style buses. My group of 9 kids could fit with chaperones and luggage into a large van.

Then, one day, it occurred to me how lucky I was to have a small youth group. There were no cliques in our group. We were like a family. We could pile into the van and go just about anywhere we wanted whenever we wanted.

I think back on those days whenever I hear one of my ministerial colleagues refer to a church as “just a small, rural church.” As though being small and rural it is somehow second class. Jesus knew how important and powerful small things can be. He illustrated his point with a parable about a mustard seed. Here are a couple more examples.

- In 1939, a Kentucky teacher named Lutie Stearns began carrying books to rural families in a single wooden box strapped to her car. She called it a “traveling library.” Other people heard of her effort and began donating books and then some created traveling libraries of their own. Lutie’s tiny effort—one box of books—grew into the ****Pack Horse Library Project****, which today serves over 100,000 people in Appalachia.
- In 1976, Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak built the first Apple I computer in Jobs’ parents’ garage in Los Altos, California. They produced about 200 units, each assembled by hand on a wooden workbench. Today Apple is valued in the trillions and shapes technology worldwide.

Yeah, we’re a small church but we can do great things when we put our faith in God.

A giant sequoia seed weighs about 1/10,000th of a pound and is smaller than a grain of oatmeal. Yet from that tiny seed grows a tree that can reach 300 feet tall and 30 feet across and live 3,000 years.

What we see as small and weak, God sees as large and powerful.

Have a great August –

Dean

Exciting Church Happenings



Coffee, Tea and Thee

Join us on Sunday, August 9 at 10 a.m. in the

Fellowship Hall for *Coffee, Tea and Thee*.

Hosts for the morning are the Rice Family and the

Feldmeyers. Come enjoy the fellowship and yummy goodies.

The next free community dinner here at Grace will be **Thursday, August 27** from **4:30-6:00 p.m.** The 4th grill out of the season.

Please volunteer to help, it gives one a warm feeling.

Thank you,

Ruth, Bryanne & Carole

Free Dinner
GRILLIN' OUT!



There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary for volunteers to be in the **Children's Room** during worship. In order to grow our church, we need this to make young families with children feel welcome here at Grace.

You may also watch the service on your cell-phone while in the Children's Room. There is Wi-Fi, just ask Patty for the password.

Please pray about this and sign up to help.

Thank you.

Our Church Family



3 Katie Coleman
 4 Martha Joyce
 4 Jane Perkins
 4 Barbara Hameister
 8 Pastor Dean Feldmeyer
 13 Kellen James Stead
 14 Kallie Chittenden Johnson
 15 Lara Netherton
 18 Karen Pope
 20 Zach West
 22 Erin Curry
 23 Emily Harris



4 Ed & Peggy Huffman
 5 Bob & Carole Haines
 9 Fred & Janet Freeman
 12 Kent & Jenny Chittenden
 14 Jim & Ruth Johnson
 14 Jeff & Michelle Ballinger

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



Betty Adams, Martha Joyce, Mary Beth McCullough, Ethan Brookshear, Phyllis Raasch, family & friends of Cindy Smith, Karen & Doug Willis, Georgia Peck, family and friends of John Jacobs, Juanita

Curtis, Sally Charles, L. J. Rineair, Jerry Campbell, Allen Collett, Allen Willoughby, Brandon Peery, health care professionals, those in hospitals, the jobless and homeless, our church, our village, our state, **our nation** and our world. Lt. Col. Adam Putman, Senior Chief Electrician Kyle Hoggatt, Major Morgan Bennett, 1st Sgt. James Beckelhymer, 1st Sgt. Josh Fox, Christopher Bennett

Please let us know when to remove someone from the prayer list.

We send our deepest sympathy to Joey Freeman and family on the passing of her grandmother. We pray God's comfort to her during this time of grief.



We send our deepest condolences to Suzanne Hamilton on the passing of her dear, dear, friend, Cindy Smith. We share in her sorrow and pray God's comfort to her at this very sad time.

We send sympathy to the family and friends of John Jacobs who passed away. Praying for God's comfort to his loved ones.

Bits and Pieces



Attendance and Offering Report

Average attendance in July: 44

Average Online viewing in July: 121

Needed each month: \$10,556.00

Giving last Sunday of June & 1st 3

Sundays in July: \$8,908.00



Communion

Sunday, August 2

Food Pantry Sunday

August 2

Coffee, Tea and Thee

Sunday, August 9

10:00 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

Sept. Newsletter Deadline

Monday, August 24 @ 1 p.m.

Free Community Dinner-Grillin' Out

Thursday, August 27

4:30-6:00 p.m.

Sundae Sunday

August 30

Noon-Picnic Potluck

FROM:

*Judy & Harry Brumbaugh
Patti Loftin*



Through your generous donations to the food pantry you helped to serve 300+ people in July. The

only need for this month is: Jiffy Cornbread Mix,

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.

The students and staffs of our local area schools, will soon be returning for the 2026-2027 school year. Let

us keep the students and staffs in our prayers that they have a safe, productive and enjoyable year. Blessings to all.



More Bits & Pieces

Newsletter

AUGUST

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Deadline

The deadline for items to be in to the office for the September newsletter is **Monday, August 24 @ 1 p.m. Thank You.**

The Blanchester Bugle

You will find a copy of The Blanchester Bugle in this month's newsletter. We hope you will take it and share it with others as a way to better communicate events through out our community. If you need more than one contact the office and we'll get more to you. Thank you.

Save Me a Pew

The world's largest Protestant congregation is Yoido Full Gospel Church in Seoul. Since its founding in 1958, the church has grown at an extraordinary pace. By 1983, even seven Sunday services could not accommodate all who came to worship, leading to the creation of satellite congregations.

The main sanctuary, located across from National Assembly Building, seats about 26,000 people. Yet the membership is so large that attendees are assigned specific weeks of the month to attend services.

What a powerful witness in a country where only about 30 percent of the population identifies as Christian.

What would it take for our church to face a similar "problem"? And what part might you play in making room for more?

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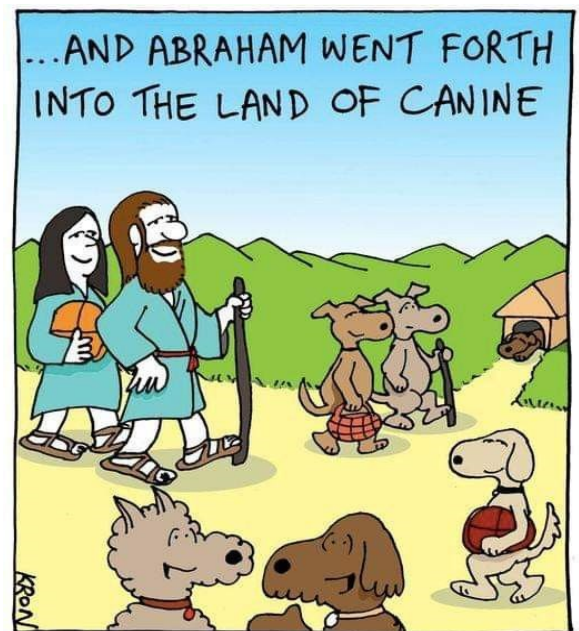
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Laughter is Good for the Soul



The CARTOON KRONICLES

A little boy was reluctant to drop his money into the church offering plate. His mother leaned over and whispered, "Drop it in, honey, it's tainted." Horrified, the boy obeyed. Afterward, he whispered, "Mommy, why was the money tainted?" She replied, "Oh, it's not really dirty, dear. It just 'tain't yours and 'tain't mine. It's God's.

Kids' Korner

Make a postcard puzzle

Summer is full of little moments that remind us that God is guiding each step. Like a puzzle, he brings every piece together in his time.

What you need:

- A postcard or printed picture
- Scissors
- Pencil (optional, for guiding your cuts)
- Envelope or small bag (for storing pieces)

What you do:

1. Flip your postcard over and lightly draw puzzle shapes or cut freely.
2. Cut the postcard into a mix of big and small pieces.
3. Mix up the pieces and try to put the picture back together.
4. Store the pieces in an envelope so you can use it again later.



Puzzle!

Use the Scripture verses below to locate the places in the puzzle. (If a verse mentions more than one place, only one appears in the puzzle, so choose carefully.) Circle each place as you find it.

Answers go: → ↓ ↘

Genesis 2:15	Isaiah 23:1	Luke 24:13
Genesis 11:9	Isaiah 23:2	John 2:1
Genesis 35:1	Isaiah 23:3	Acts 8:5
Exodus 13:18	Jonah 1:2	Acts 11:22
Ruth 1:1	Matthew 3:6	Acts 17:16
1 Kings 18:19	Matthew 4:18	Romans 1:15
1 Chronicles 11:4	Matthew 26:36	

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J	J	O	R	D	A	N	R	I	V	E	R
E	S	G	A	A	R	C	A	N	A	A	M
R	A	E	T	B	D	C	D	B	E	O	O
U	M	T	H	B	E	T	H	E	L	F	U
S	A	H	E	T	N	E	A	T	N	G	N
A	R	S	N	Y	O	M	N	H	I	A	T
L	I	E	S	R	F	M	T	L	N	L	C
E	A	M	D	E	E	A	I	E	E	I	A
M	F	A	R	S	D	U	O	H	V	L	R
G	H	N	O	A	E	S	C	E	E	E	M
I	J	E	M	B	N	A	H	M	H	E	E
T	O	W	E	R	O	F	B	A	B	E	L

Answers: Garden of Eden, Tower of Babel, Bethel, Red Sea, Bethlehem, Mount Carmel, Jerusalem, Tyre, Sidon, Nile, Nineveh, Jordan River, Sea of Galilee, Gethsemane, Emmaus, Cana, Samaria, Antioch, Athens, Rome



Thanks to Rich & Bryanne Peck, and Robin Prewitt for the delicious yummys for *Coffee, Tea & Thee* in July. Well done.

Thanks to all who helped in anyway with the Free Community Dinner in July, including the grill master, Randy Radcliffe. You are all much appreciated.

Thanks to Fred Freeman as our faithful church lawnmower and his assistant for a couple of times, Tate Freeman. You are both appreciated.

Thanks to Peggy Huffman for the great job she does with the bulletin board in the Adult Sunday school room. Awesome job Peggy.

Thanks to Associate Pastor Anita, for the great job she does filling in when Pastor Dean is away. We appreciate you.

Thanks to Barbara Hameister for the tremendous job she does with the bulletin board beside the kitchen. Well done, Barb.

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 and Patty Williams is Secretary & Newsletter Editor.

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

