

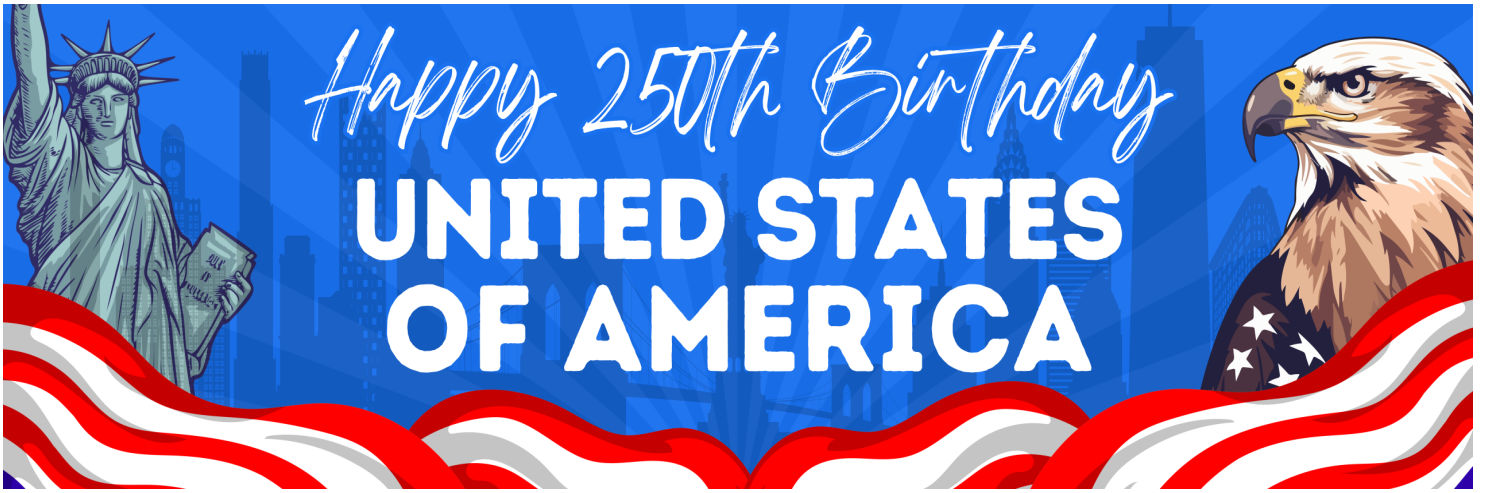
*Glimpses*

*of*

*Grace*



*Loving Boldly ~ Serving Joyously ~ Leading Courageously*  
*July 2026*



The 250th anniversary of the United States, also known as the Semiquincentennial or Quarter Millennium, culminates on July 4, 2026, marking the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Nationwide, multi-day celebrations are scheduled between July 3 and July 5, featuring massive fireworks, concerts, and local festivities.

The festivities in Blanchester begin on July 2nd at 5 p.m. with Christian music. July 3 starting at 4 p.m. Music Festival. July 4th Parade starts at 11 a.m. There will be booths and vendors and lots of fun. The celebration ends at dusk with the fireworks display.

Y'all come! You won't want to miss all of the fun as we celebrate America!!



# FROM THE PASTOR

## SUMMERTIME

In the liturgical calendar, the summer months through the end of November are referred to as Ordinary Time.

That phrase has three distinct meanings:

1. It means the Sundays are numbered, which made it easier to keep track of time before printed calendars were widely available.
2. It means that certain parts of the liturgy, called “the ordinaries” in high church denominations (Roman Catholic, Episcopal, Anglican, Orthodox, etc.), don’t change. The parts of the liturgy called the “propers” change each week. You might want to watch for the ordinaries and propers in our own worship services.
3. It also means that there are no important religious holidays during these months. I like that one.

Ordinary Time is, well, ordinary. Nothing special. It’s a time for rest, relaxation, and renewal. It’s a time for sitting in the shade and listening to the birds sing. It’s a time for resting on the patio with a good book, a glass of iced tea, and the smell of the grass you just cut.

Summer is when I have cookouts with my son and his family—steaks and salmon on the grill, stories told and retold, and laughter around the picnic table. It’s when Jean and I drive across the county with classic Motown playing on the radio to try the ice cream at that place we heard about, only to discover that Graeter’s is still better—but it was a fun trip, anyway.

Ordinary days are when I take morning walks and enjoy the quiet while I admire the Drews’ chalk drawings on the sidewalk. It’s when Evan, my 3-year-old next-door neighbor, and I have squirt gun fights. It’s when I watch my tomatoes grow and the flowers bloom. It’s the time of watermelon; baloney and tomato sandwiches; BLTs; popsicles; and the Cincinnati Reds, my team, win or lose.

I love God’s Ordinary Time, and I hope you’re loving it as well.

Have a great summer. See ya in church.

Dean



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Coffee, Tea and Thee

Sunday, July 12

10:00—10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hal

Rich & Bryanne Peck and Robin Prewitt hosting.

Join us for fellowship and yummy food.



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The next community dinner here at Grace will be **Thursday, July 23** from **4:30-6:00 p.m.** The 3rd grill out of the season.

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

Thank you,

*Carole, Ruth & Bryanne*

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**Sunday, July 26**, we will have an all Music Service.

Patty will have the piano prelude,

The Grace Praise Band will be here, Pastor Dean will sing, Patty may sing, and there may be some surprises.

Mark your calendars, **July 26!** Bring your family and friends for a great morning!



All Music  
Service

# Our Church Family



- 2 Debbie Ehling
- 4 Peggy Huffman
- 5 Betty Adams
- 6 Bob Haines
- 6 Katie Bailey Stanforth
- 7 Rob Haines
- 9 Riley Conley
- 12 Lynn Martin
- 12 Brandi Hoggatt
- 12 Emmett Freeman
- 13 Bob Morgan
- 14 Elizabeth Conley
- 19 Tom Penquite
- 19 Jim Bailey
- 20 Kaitlin Freeman
- 20 Tony Klejna
- 23 Hannah Piatt
- 26 Carole Haines
- 26 Rick Hutchinson
- 31 Heather Brumbaugh Keyser
- 31 Marsha Dunn



- 1 Troy & Clara Ballinger
- 4 Robert & Erin Curry
- 7 Scott & Sara McGrath
- 7 Rich & Bryanne Peck
- 18 Jody & Kris Gundler
- 22 Pastor Dean & Jean Feldmeyer
- 25 Kyle & Angel Hoggatt

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



## Remember in Prayer

Betty Adams, Martha Joyce, Mary Beth McCullough, Ethan Brookshear, Phyllis Raasch, Cindy Smith, Carren Yuppa, Karen & Doug Willis, the family of Sally Chappell, Morris Hale,

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, 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. James Beckelhymer, 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Josh Fox, Christopher Bennett

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We send our condolences to Bob Haines and family on the passing of his nephew, Brian in June. We pray God's continuing comfort during this sad time.



We also send our condolences to Bill Snowball and family on the passing of his sister Sally Chappell. We pray God's comfort to them at this time of sorrow.



# Bits and Pieces

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## Attendance and Offering Report

Average attendance so far in June: 35

Average online viewing so far in June: 184

Needed each Month: \$10, 556.00

Giving the last Sunday in May and first  
3 Sundays in June: \$7,560.50

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

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



The only needs this month are: **Hamburger Helper, Jiffy Mix, Jelly** 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.**



**Communion**  
Sunday, July 5

**Food Pantry Sunday**  
July 5

**Coffee, Tea & Thee**  
Sunday, July 12  
10:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

**Good Samaritan Fund Offering**  
Sunday, July, 12

**Newsletter Deadline**  
Monday, July 20 @ 1 p.m.

**Free Community Dinner  
Grillin' Out**  
Thursday, July 23  
4:30-6:30 p.m.

**All Music Sunday**  
Sunday, July 26  
10:30 a. m.

# More Bits & Pieces

## Stay in Touch with Us

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Tues. -Thurs. 9 a.m.-noon  
**Closed on Friday**



The deadline for items to be in to the office for the August newsletter is **Monday, July 20 @ 1 p.m. Thank You.**

If you would like to have flowers on the altar in memory or honor of someone contact the office: 937-783-3655 or email: blanchesterumc@gmail.com



Arrangement Cost: \$35.00

1 Carnation: \$10.00

1 Rose: \$13.00

3 Carnations: \$16.00

3 Roses: \$19.00

## Hall Rental

Any Church member wishing to use the Fellowship Hall, for an event, may

contact the church office with the information about the event. There is a rental agreement to be filled out and signed, with a deposit of \$50 that will be returned to you if the Hall is left in good order after your event. Members: \$20 hall rental; \$25 if kitchen is used. 937-783-3655

## Laughter is Good for the Soul

### NEED A HAND?



### A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!"

- 1 CORINTHIANS 12:21 NIV

### FORGIVE...BE FORGIVEN

### A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

- LUKE 6:37 NIV

# Kids' Korner



## COOKIE SMILE POPS

Transform slice-and-bake cookies into cheerful lollipop treats and share a few edible smiles.

**What you need:**

- 1 roll refrigerated sugar cookie dough
- Knife
- Baking sheet
- Wooden craft sticks
- Frosting
- Sprinkles
- Clear treat bags
- Ribbon



**What you do:**

1. Freeze the cookie dough for 15 to 20 minutes to firm it up, then slice into ¼-inch rounds.
2. Place cookies on a baking sheet about 2 inches apart.
3. Bake at 350 degrees for 5 minutes.
4. Remove from the oven and gently press a wooden stick halfway into the bottom of each cookie.
5. Return to the oven and bake 3 to 5 more minutes, until lightly golden.
6. Let cookies cool completely.
7. Decorate with frosting to create smiling faces and add sprinkles.
8. Slip each cookie pop into a treat bag and tie with ribbon.



# Puzzle!

## One of a Kind

The scrambled words and phrases below are all drawn from Scripture. Unscramble each one to reveal the correct biblical term or phrase. After solving them, transfer the circled letters in order to the lines at the bottom of the page to uncover the final message.

- 1) eiVn \_ \_ \_ (○) \_ \_
- 2) ilLy fo teh elaVly  
\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ (○) \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- 3) abLm fo dGo \_ \_ \_ (○) \_ \_  
\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ (○) \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- 4) estMar \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ (○) \_ \_ \_
- 5) eJuss \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ (○) \_ \_ \_
- 6) okRc \_ \_ \_ (○) \_ \_ \_ \_
- 7) rdBea fo eiLf \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ (○) \_ \_ \_ \_
- 8) higLt fo hte dorWl \_ \_ \_ (○) \_ \_ \_  
\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ (○) \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- 9) voaSir \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ (○) \_ \_ \_
- 10) doLr \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ (○) \_ \_ \_
- 11) ishCrt \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ (○) \_ \_ \_
- 12) ehSprhed (○) \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- 13) hTe doWr \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ (○) \_ \_ \_
- 14) rncPie fo cePae \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ (○) \_ \_ \_



What do all these words have in common?

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Answers: Vine; Lily of the Valley; Lamb of God; Master; Jesus; Rock; Bread of Life; Light of the World; Savior; Lord; Christ; Shepherd; The Word; Prince of Peace; Names of God's Son



Thanks to Rich & Dean for delivering Lively Lydia's school kits to Annual Conference for Midwest Mission.

Thanks to Ellen Hill for assembling and stapling the Church Directories to help Patty. You are much appreciated.

Thanks again to Ellen Hill for the delicious goodies she prepared for *Coffee, Tea and Thee* in June,

Thanks to everyone who helped in any way with the Free Dinner in June. We do appreciate you.

Thanks to the Grill Master, Randy Radcliffe for grilling those burgers and hot dogs at the Free Dinner.

Thanks to Anita for the great job she does filling in the pulpit when Pastor Dean is absent. We are grateful to have her as our Associate Pastor.

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

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