

*Glimpses*

*Of*

*Grace*



*Loving Boldly ~ Serving Joyously ~ Leading Courageously*  
*September 2025*

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**Sunday, September 7 at noon,**  
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, expertly  
dipped up by Jim Johnson.  
Ya' all come now, ya' hear!!



# September Happenings

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Monday Morning Prayer Group (MMPG) would like to invite **everyone** to join our Bible Study and Prayer Group.

We will meet on **Monday, September 8 @ 9:30 a.m.** in the **Fellowship Hall**,  
for prayer and planning.



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## Lively Lydias Circle



The Lively Lydias Circle will meet, **Monday Sept. 8** in the Fellowship Hall at **7 p.m.** Patty Williams will have devotions, program and refreshments. Looking forward to seeing all the Lydias then.

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The next community dinner here at Grace will be **Thursday, Sept. 25** from **4:30-6:00 p.m.** The last grill out of the season. Please volunteer to help, and join us for the meal as Pastor Dean shares his musical talents. We know you will enjoy yourselves.



Thank you,  
*Bryanne, Carole, & Ruth*



Listed below are some of the missions that we have supported in the past.

Blanchester Local Food Pantry

Good Samaritan Fund

Church World Service Blankets

Clinton County Gospel Jam

Compassion International

World Communion Sunday

Habitat for Humanity

UMCOR

Free Community Dinners

Boxing Sunday

Otterbein Home Red Stockings

Jackson Area Ministries

Wesley Education Centers: Dayton & Cincinnati

Redbird Mission

Glen Thompson Memorial Fund

***“When you give to your church, you give through your church.”***

# Our Church Family



4 Julia Thompson  
6 Beth West  
13 Scott McGrath  
17 Ian Freeman  
17 Jill Girard  
21 Greg Ballinger  
24 Cameron West  
27 Jon Freeman  
27 Karen Shonkwiler  
28 Paige Hansen



Betty Adams, Ethan Brookshear, Jim Bailey, Dori Hanke, Bruce Meyer, Jean Meyer, the family of Jim Burroughs, Tammy & Baby Raelyn, Marti McNutt, Martha Joyce, Mary Beth McCullough, David St. Clair, Morris Hale, Shannon Scott, Johnny McDonald, Isaac Halker, Brandon Peery, Jim Hammons, 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

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



2 Eric & Julia Thompson  
5 Mike & Terry Hoggatt  
9 Brandon & Brandi Hoggatt  
16 Steve & Debby Dunn  
18 Nick & Lara Netherton  
21 Aaron & Emily Harris

Dear Friends,

Thank you for hosting the District Meet and Greet at your church on July 9. We are thankful for your hospitality and willingness to open your church home to us.



Blessings and prayers as you continue sharing the love of Christ in your community.

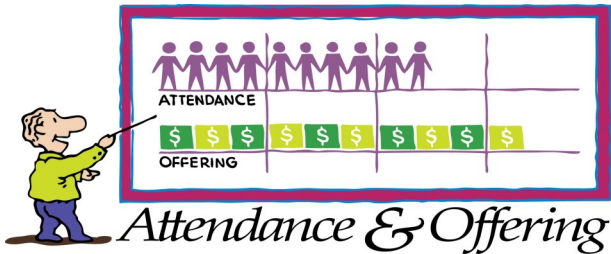
*Rev. Wes Sounders*, SRD Supt.

*Diana Hall*, SRD Admin. Assist.

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*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 August: 44

Average Online viewing in August: 140

Needed in August: \$9,931.00

Giving in the last Sunday of July and the 1st 4  
Sundays in August: \$8,981.00

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

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



This month's **only** needs are:  
**peanut butter, crackers, spaghetti sauce, and 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.**



**Labor Day**  
Monday, September 1  
**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

**Communion**  
Sunday, September 7

**Food Pantry Sunday**  
September 7

**Sundae Sunday**  
September 7  
Potluck lunch after church  
Sundaes for dessert

**Coffee, Tea and Thee**  
Sunday, September 14  
10:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

**Good Samaritan Fund Offering**  
Sunday, September 14

**Newsletter Deadline**  
Monday, September 22 @ 1 p.m.

**Church Council Meeting**  
Monday, September 22 @ 7 p.m.

**Free Community Dinner**  
**Last Grillin' Out**  
Thursday, September 25  
4:30-6:00 pm



# More Bits & Pieces

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The deadline for items for the October newsletter is :

**Monday, September 22 @**

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

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**Girl Scouts**

We will again be hosting Girl Scout Troop 45988 this year. They began here as Daisies in 2014. We will also host the Daisies Troop. *Ida Miller is the Girl Scout Troop 45988 leader.* Exciting things are happening with the Girl Scouts in Blanchester, and it's a privilege to be a part of that here at Grace.



**GIRL SCOUTS**

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**Friday-Office Closed**

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## **Laughter is Good for the Soul**

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**"Writing hymns is harder than I thought!  
I can't think of anything that rhymes with  
'Hallelujah' except 'glad I knew ya'  
and 'we'll tattoo ya'!"**

After a church service on Sunday morning, a young boy suddenly announced to his mother, "Mom, I've decided to become a minister When I grow up."

"That's okay with us, but what made you decide that?"

"Well," said the little boy, "I have to go to church on Sunday anyway, and I figure it will be more fun to stand up and yell, than to sit and listen."

# Kids' Korner



Create adorable sheep using graham crackers, marshmallows, and a little imagination!

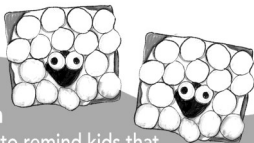
## What you need:

- Graham cracker squares
- White frosting or marshmallow fluff
- Mini marshmallows
- Large marshmallows
- Candy eyes or mini chocolate chips
- Black gel icing or mini Oreo cookie



## What you do:

1. Spread white frosting or marshmallow fluff on each graham cracker square.
2. Stick mini marshmallows all over to make the sheep's wool.
3. Cut a large marshmallow in half and stick it near the top for the head.
4. Add candy eyes and a dot of black gel for the nose. Or use a mini Oreo cookie half for a more defined face.
5. Let kids decorate their sheep however they'd like!



## Lesson tie-in

Use this treat to remind kids that Jesus is our Good Shepherd.

I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

John 10:11, KJV

# PUZZLE

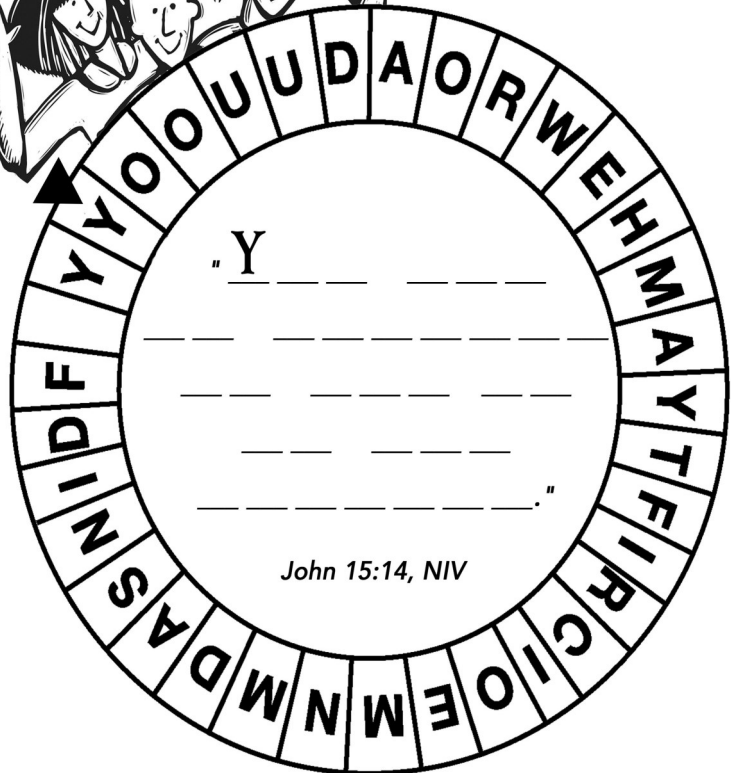


## WHO WERE JESUS' FRIENDS?

Jesus spent a lot of time with his friends. Whom did Jesus consider his friends?



Beginning at the arrow and moving clockwise, write every other letter on the spaces below.



Answer: "You are my friends if you do what I command." John 15:14, NIV



Hats off to the Feldmeyers and Pecks for the yummy goodies they provided for *Coffee, Tea and Thee* in August.

Hats off to all who helped in anyway with the August Free Community Dinner; especially the Grill Master, Randy Radcliffe. You are all so appreciated.

Hats off to those who shared veggies from their gardens with the congregation in August.

Hats off to Ed Huffman, Fred Freeman and Lynn Gionfriddo as they prepped for the GAR window to be removed and restored. We appreciate all of you.

Hats off to Bekah Davenport for her beautiful organ and piano music this summer. We will miss her, but look forward to her return in December.

Hats off to our Worship Leaders, they do a fantastic job for us and are very flexible if the schedule should change,

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

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