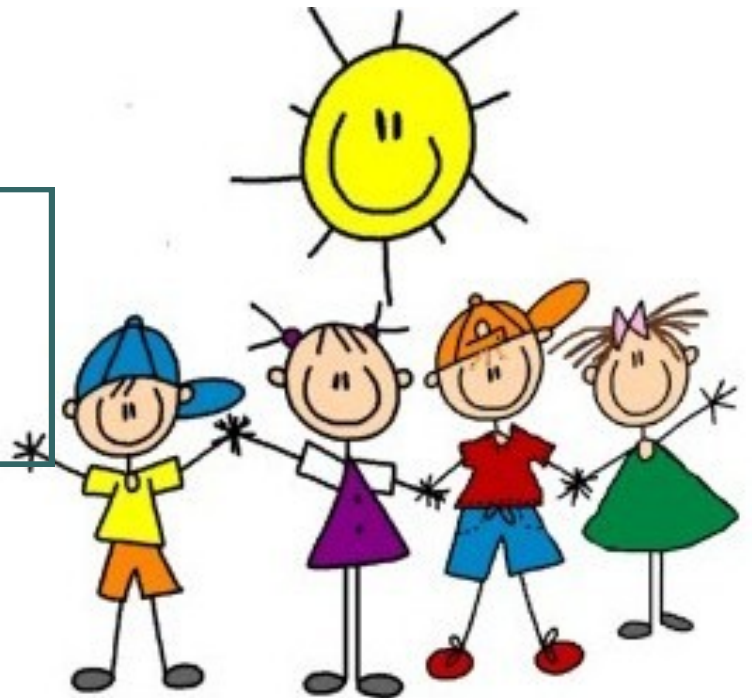
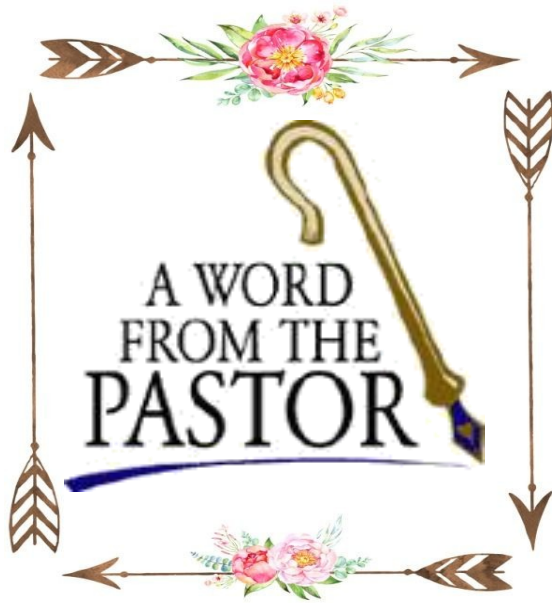


For **SO LOVED** **GOD**  
the **WORLD**  
**THAT HE GAVE**  
**HIS ONE AND ONLY**  
**SON** that whoever believes in him  
**SHALL NOT PERISH**  
but have **ETERNAL**  
**LIFE**  
JOHN 3:16

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## From the Veranda

It was 46 degrees as I sat on the veranda drinking my coffee and doing my morning meditation. It is in this temperature I dictated this article. (I may need to reassess what my temperature threshold is)

By the time you read this article we'll be in the season of Pentecost. Pentecost is the longest season on the church calendar. Pentecost is celebrated as the birth of the church when the Spirit came down upon the apos-

tlés. But it was not only on the apostles, but it was also made available to us.

I preach about the spirit quite often, maybe too often, but I don't think so. Because when Christ ascended to heaven he said he would not be leaving us alone. We can't walk with Jesus like the original disciples do but we do walk with the spirit within us. It's that Spirit within us that gives us the strength, the comfort and the endurance to continue the work that Christ and the original disciples did and to deal with the issues we face in life.

We quite frequently think we're on our own. We often think we need to deal with our own troubles, our own concerns by ourselves and we forget to call upon the Holy Spirit. I recently preached on anxiety and how we're to cast our anxiety upon the Lord. It is the spirit that enables us to do this. It is through the Spirit that we have the ability to think there's something beyond ourselves, something more powerful. The Spirit gives us the ability to deal with all the world issues that we see on the nightly news. Deal with all the issues that we encounter in our lives.

Yes, we are not alone. The Holy Spirit is walking with us. Don't miss the opportunity in your lives to rely upon that Holy Spirit. Christ told us to take his yoke upon ourselves. Let us take the yoke of the Holy Spirit upon ourselves to help us walk through life, to help us to do the work of Jesus Christ, help us to be the type of people that he wants us to be. A people of compassion, love and caring.

Take this time of Pentecost to strengthen your bond with the Holy Spirit.

Blessings from the Veranda  
Pastor Bob

# Serving the Lord

## June 2023



### Lay Liturgist

- 4 Carol Morley**
- 11 Judy Wingate**
- 18 Anita Wheatley**
- 25 Shirley Groves**

### Greeters and Ushers

- Bob and Marh Brandaal**
- Sue May and Diane Lach**
- Richard and Margie Lisle**
- Lloyd and Judy Miller**



## Requests for Prayer



Our church has an active prayer chain where Prayer Requests and Praises will go out to the Prayer Warriors each week.

And we have several different ways of contact too !

If you have a prayer request or praise, or if you would like to be added to the prayer chain

please contact the church by email at:

[graftonumc@mail.com](mailto:graftonumc@mail.com)

or by phone at 440-926-2034

or you may contact Shirley Groves by phone at 440-926-2319

or you may send an e-mail to Judy Miller at: [graftongrandma@yahoo.com](mailto:graftongrandma@yahoo.com)

God always hears our prayers.

**REQUESTS**  
— **FOR** —  
**PRAYER**



# Happy Birthday June

- 4 Ryan Tomes
- 5 Dick Lisle
- 7 Doris Rand
- 8 Libby Gray  
"Chip" Smith
- 11 Bill Ogg
- 20 Brayden Prestwood
- 23 Joe Gaetz

## JULY

- 1 Joe Rafter
- 2 Lynda Archer

# Happy Anniversary June

- 18 Justin and Libby Gray
- 19 Bob and Carol Morley  
Bill and Marilyn Ogg
- 20 Jeff and Lynda Archer



Newsletter Info

## Wanted!

Deadline  
for  
**July**  
Carillon  
Articles  
and  
Information  
Wednesday  
**June 14**

"For God  
hath not  
given us the  
spirit of FEAR;  
but of power,  
& of  
love, & of a  
sound mind"  
2 TIMOTHY 1:7

spread the love ♥



## Church Office Summer Hours

June 1 through August 31 the Church Office will be open  
**Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday**  
from 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM  
**Thursday 9:00 AM to NOON**

Some exceptions may apply – please call ahead  
Note: the Office is CLOSED on Friday

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### **Please keep us informed:**

Due to HIPAA Regulations, hospitals, rehab centers and nursing homes are not permitted to share information of patients.

If you or a family member are hospitalized, have entered into rehab or a nursing facility, we ask that you or a family member please notify the Church Office at 440-926-2034 with the necessary information so that we may have the opportunity to keep you in prayer.





# Our Church Family who are Away from Us

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Room W 410  
LaGrange, Ohio 44050

Angelica Ritsko 756 N Center St LaGrange 44050

Ruth Sayles Keystone Pointe  
383 Opportunity Way  
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LaGrange, Ohio 44050

GOD  
bless  
—YOU—

♥ ..this little hug is for you.. ♥



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1  Challenge Yourself	2 	
4 10:00 am Worship Service  Holy Communion Open Table	5 1:00 pm OutReach Meeting  	6 7:00 pm Finance Meeting  	7  <b>NATIONAL CHOCOLATE ICE CREAM DAY</b>	8  <b>Annual Conference = 8<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup></b>	9 	10
11 10:00 am Worship Service  Blood Pressure Sunday	12 7:00 pm Admin Council  	13	14  <b>14 JUNE FLAG DAY</b>	15 <b>Newsletter Articles Due</b> 	16	17  <b>World Juggling Day</b>
18 10:00 am Worship Service  <b>FATHER'S DAY</b>	19	20 <b>NATIONAL AMERICAN EAGLE DAY</b> JUNE 20 	21  <b>WELCOME Summer</b>	22 	23  <b>DRINK MORE WATER</b>	24 <b>National Handshake Day</b> 
25 10:00 am Worship Service  Change for Change Sunday	26 <b>National Canoe Day</b>  <b>KEEP CALM AND PADDLE ON</b> June 26 every year	27 June 27th <b>National Sunglasses Day</b> 	28 June 28 is <b>PAUL BUNYAN DAY!</b> 	29 <b>HUG HOLIDAY!</b> 	30  <b>METEOR WATCH DAY</b> JUNE 30	



# DUTY★HONOR★COUNTRY



If there is a member of your family in active duty in one of the branches of our military - we would be glad to place a flag in their honor on our Military Wall in the Sanctuary.



Please message the office with their name, branch of service and their rank either by sending an email to [graftonumc@mail.com](mailto:graftonumc@mail.com), or leave us a message on the phone at 440-926-2034. We'll take it from there ...

We salute all those who are currently serving and those who have served

*spread the love* ♥

If your contact information has changed,  
don't forget to let us know!

