

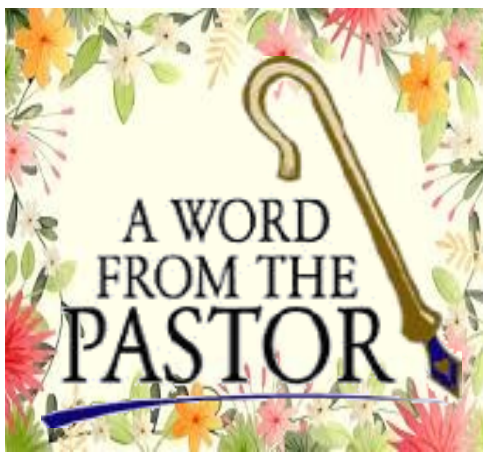


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April 2024





From Pastor's Veranda

I'm sitting on the veranda with my morning coffee. Its 52 degrees and rainy. (This was several weeks ago) Good thing I have a roof over my head. I'm looking at the maples in my front yard. Their buds are growing and growing. They are bright red.

But just a couple of weeks ago they were not noticeable. Just like someone initially recognizing Jesus as Lord and Savior starts their journey.

But the more we hear the word of God, study His Word of God in worship with other likeminded Christians. That bud begins to grow like the ones on my tree. But we know here in Northeast Ohio our springs can become wicked and there are many storms, just like the storms that hit us in our lives.

When the storm hits those trees many of those buds are blown off and fall on my driveway to wither away. Just like those who do not grasp the Word of God drop from the faith when the storms of life hit them.

There's not much that can be done to preserve the buds on my maple trees. But as followers of Jesus Christ we can help one another. We can help one another flourish in our faith. We can help one another move from being just a bud to being a leaf. A leaf that grows and joins the ecological system of providing oxygen for the world.

Just as the breath of life comes from our Lord Jesus Christ take some time to just sit and look at the nature all around you. Look for God's hand in what is happening.

The daffodils are starting to grow the crocus's have all been up and it's time for our faith to poke its head up to claim our inheritance and to serve our God in the ways we are called to serve Him.

So hang on for those storms folks that are going to impact your faith journey. Hang on. Enjoy the journey and give thanks to the Lord'

spread the love ❤️

Pastor Bob

Serving the Lord

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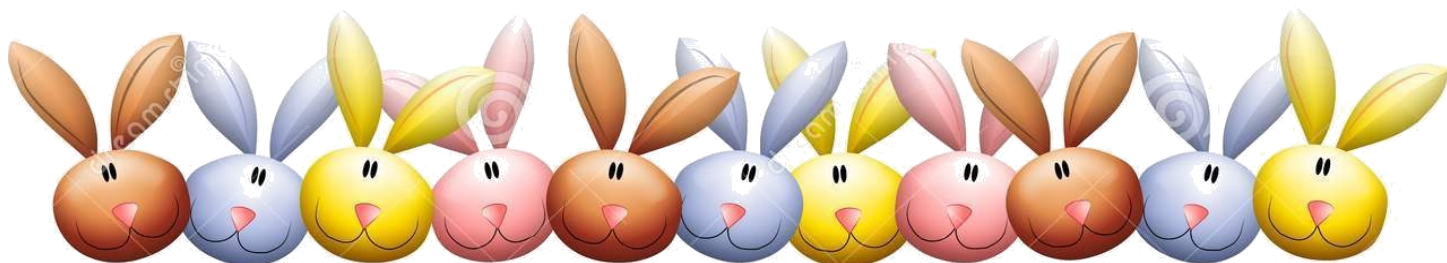


Lay Liturgist

- 7 Carol Morley
- 14 Judy Wingate
- 21 Chris Clapper
- 28 Margie Lisle

Greeters and Ushers

- Bill and Cheryl Grapes
- John and Anita Wheatley
- Barb Lynch and Diane Lach
- Beverly Macbeth and Sue May



COMING UP
NEXT!

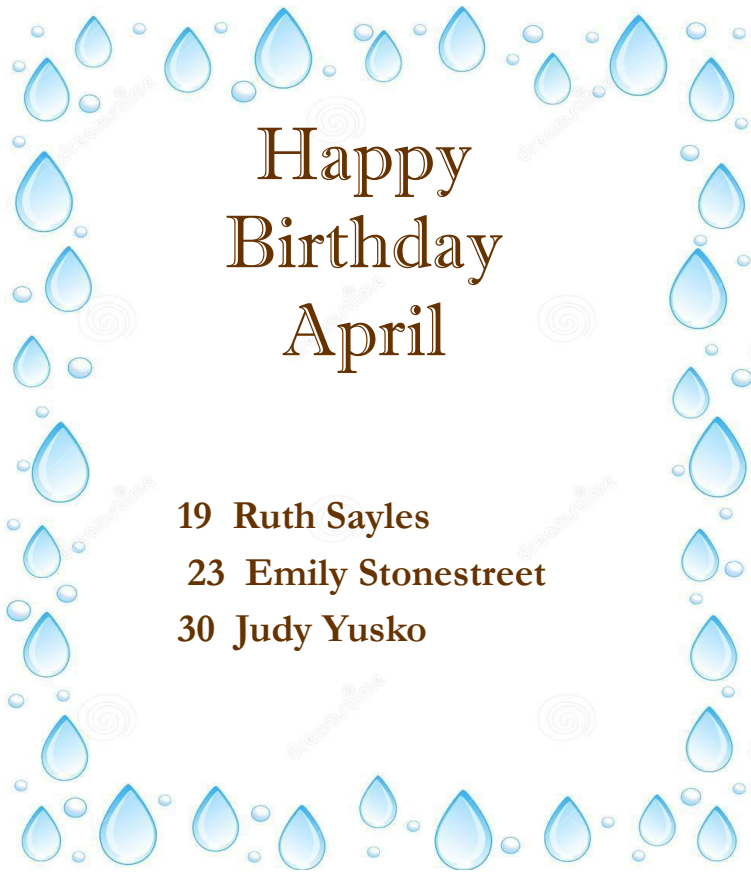


MAY 2024

- 5 Bob and Mary Brandal
- 12 Bob Overy and Joe Mendlik
- 19 Richard and Margie Lisle
- 26 Chris Clapper and Judy Wingate

JUNE 2024

- 2 Lloyd and Judy Miller
- 9 Fran Hurlburt and Judy Yusko
- 16 Bill and Cheryl Grapes
- 23 John and Anita Wheatley
- 30 Barb Lynch and Diane Lach



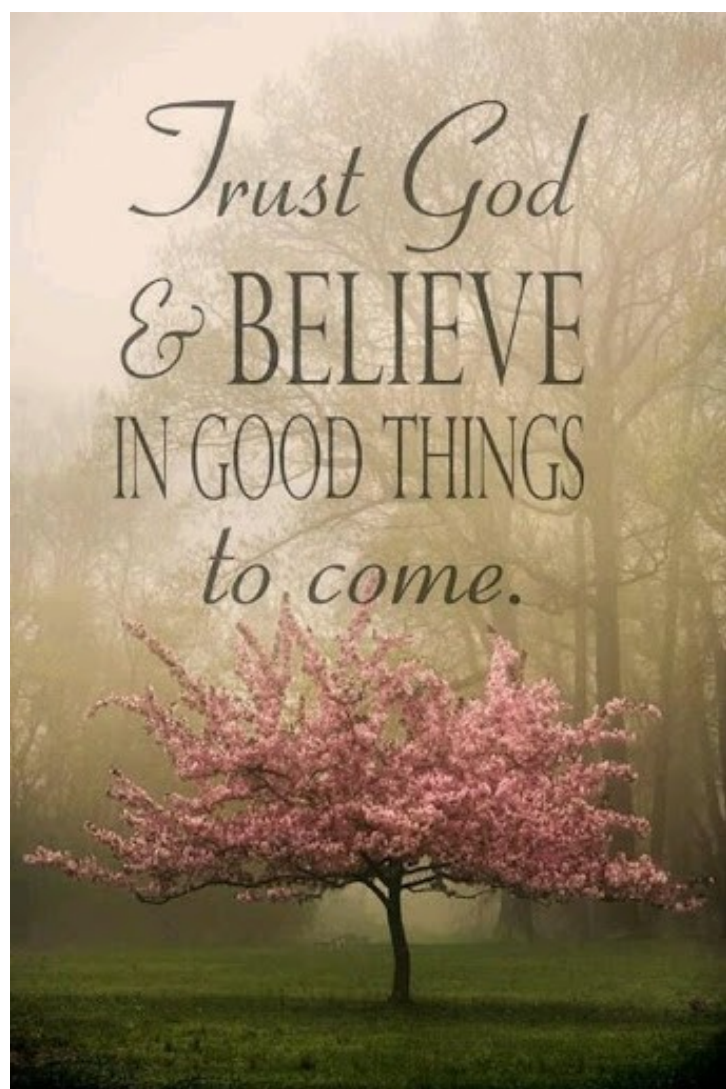
Happy Birthday April

19 Ruth Sayles
23 Emily Stonestreet
30 Judy Yusko



Happy Anniversary April

14 Chris and Windy Hoffmaster



Trust God
& BELIEVE
IN GOOD THINGS
to come.

Newsletter Info
Wanted!

Deadline
for
MAY
Carillon
Articles
and
Information
Wednesday
April 10



A LOT CAN HAPPEN
IN JUST 3 DAYS

Our Church Family Who Are Away from Us

Pat Coffman Keystone Pointe
383 Opportunity Way
Room E308-2
LaGrange, Ohio 44050

Shirley Groves 1024 Woodland Chase
Grafton, Ohio 44044

Angelica Ritsko 756 N Center St
LaGrange, Ohio 44050

Ruth Sayles Keystone Pointe
383 Opportunity Way
Room 413
LaGrange, Ohio 44050



April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>APRIL FOOLS' DAY!</p>	<p>1</p> <p>11:00 pm OutReach</p>  <p>Outreach Ministry</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>National PEANUT BUTTER and Jelly</p>	<p>3</p> <p>1:00 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>4</p>  <p>WALK AROUND THINGS DAY</p>	<p>5</p> <p>HAPPY NATIONAL DEEP DISH Pizza Day</p>  <p>Felice giornata. Nazionale della pizza deep dish.</p>	<p>6</p>  <p>NATIONAL WALKING DAY</p>
<p>7</p> <p>10:00 am Worship Service</p> <p>Holy Communion Open Table</p>	<p>8</p>  <p>Draw a Bird Day!</p>	<p>9</p>  <p>Name Yourself Day</p> <p>9 APRIL</p>	<p>10</p> <p>1:00 pm Bible Study</p> <p>Newsletter Articles Due</p> 	<p>11</p>  <p>NATIONAL SUBMARINE DAY</p>	<p>12</p>  <p>GRILLED CHEESE DAY APRIL 12</p>	<p>13</p>  <p>HAPPY NATIONAL SCRABBLE DAY!</p>
<p>14</p> <p>10:00 am Worship Service</p>	<p>15</p>  <p>TAKE a Wild Guess Day</p>	<p>16</p>  <p>WEAR YOUR PAJAMAS TO WORK DAY</p>	<p>17</p> <p>1:00 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>18</p>  <p>NATIONAL HIGH FIVE Day</p>	<p>19</p>  <p>HAPPY ARBOR DAY</p>	<p>20</p>  <p>NATIONAL LOOK-ALIKE-DAY</p>
<p>21</p> <p>10:00 am Worship Service</p>	<p>22</p>  <p>EARTH DAY</p>	<p>23</p>  <p>NATIONAL PICNIC DAY</p> <p>April 23rd</p>	<p>24</p> <p>1:00 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>25</p>  <p>SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS DAY</p>	<p>26</p>  <p>NATIONAL PRETZEL DAY</p> <p>APRIL 26</p>	<p>27</p>  <p>NATIONAL Tell a Story day</p>
<p>28</p> <p>10:00 am Worship Service</p>  <p>Change for Change</p>	<p>29</p>  <p>NATIONAL ZIPPER DAY</p>	<p>30</p> <p>National Mahjong Day</p> 				

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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, or leave us a message on the phone at 440-926-2034. We'll take it from there ...

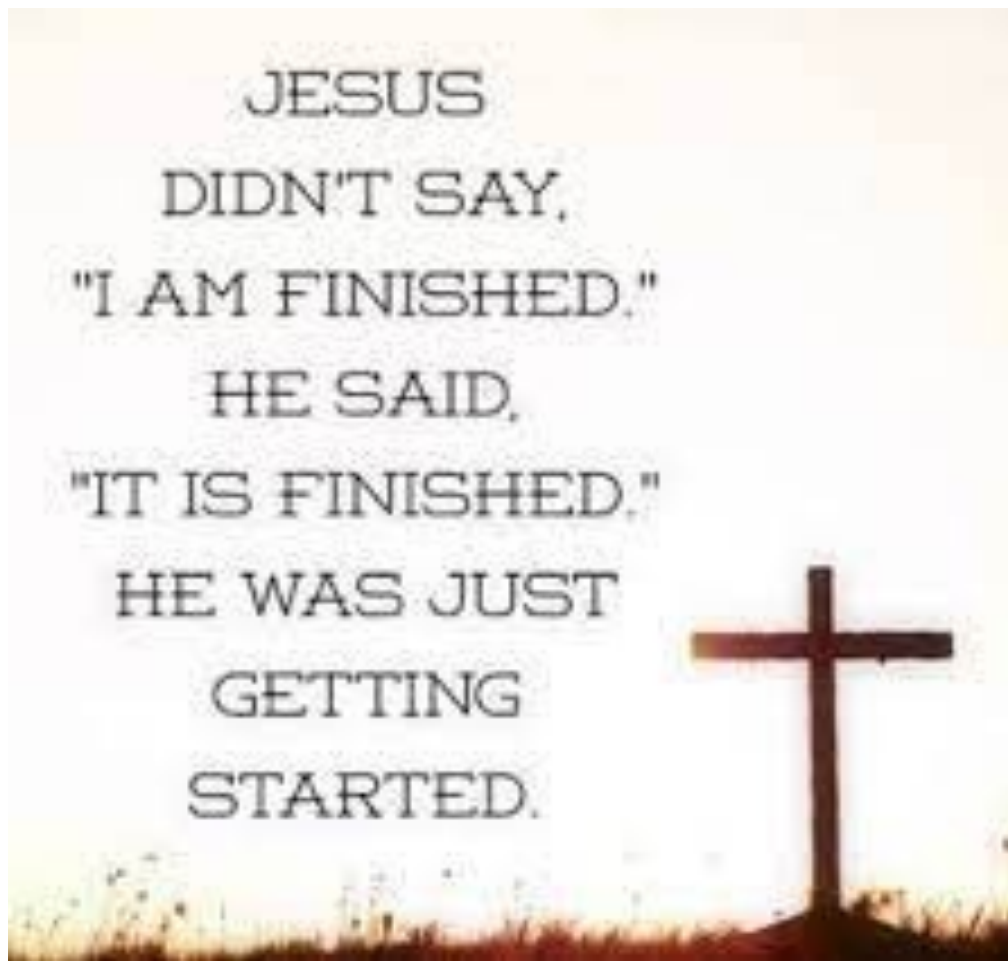
We salute all those who are currently serving and those who have served



In the event you have a change in name, change to your family dynamic, a change of address, phone number (cell and land), and/or email

PLEASE contact the office in order for us to keep our records updated. Send us a message through ... US Mail, our email at graftonumc@mail.com or a voice message at 440-926-2034

We Thank You in Advance

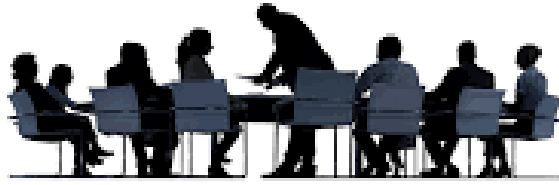


Please keep us informed:

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.





Administrative Council

Admin Council AND Finance will meet on **April 14th**
AFTER Sunday worship service at **11:00**
in Howard Tran Hall.
ALL are welcome to attend!



The ANNUAL SPRING RUMMAGE SALE
is almost here!

All donations are most welcome beginning Wednesday, April 3rd. (Please note, however, there will be **NO** workers on Monday, April 8th due to the eclipse and Lorain County is closed.) The Sale begins Friday, April 12th 8-5 and Saturday, April 13th 8-Noon. Helpers are needed especially for cleanup on Saturday. There is a sign-up sheet posted on the door in Howard Tran Hall. Please sign up as you are able to help!

A Pizza and Salad Luncheon following Worship Service is being considered following a Worship Service in April. A date is yet to be decided on.

Effective April 1st, OutReach will begin meeting at 11:00am each month. Please make sure to adjust your calendars!

Again, thank you for all the support given to the Committee!

Rummage Sale

Friday, April 12 from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Saturday April 13 from 9:00 am - NOON

Got too much stuff?
Clear your clutter and benefit GUMC projects!

Articles may be brought from
Wednesday, April 3 through
Thursday MORNING, April 11
and left by the coat rack in the
“Pre-School” Area

Sorting and Pricing of Items will take place
from 9:00 A.M. on April 3 – April 11
Helpers will be needed on the Sale Days,
as well as to clean up and tear down

Won't you join us?
Many hands make light the work for all.



National Day of Prayer Event

at LaGrange Global Methodist Church

105 W Main St in LaGrange

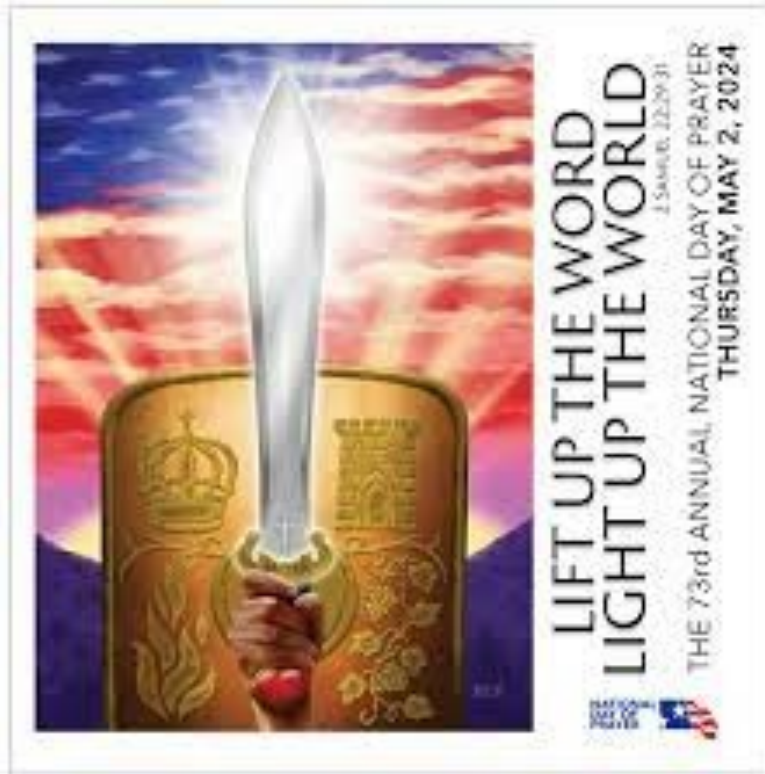
on Thursday, May 2nd at NOON

(held indoors this year!)

All are welcome to attend
this time of prayer
for our community, our nation,
our people, and the world.

Sponsored by the LaGrange Global
Methodist Church

For more information, go to
NationalDayofPrayer.org



Bible Study
opportunities

**INTERESTED IN
LEARNING?**

The Weekly Wednesday Bible Study Group is reading and discussing scripture, sharing past misinterpretations, connecting The Word with our everyday lives, and having an enjoyable time building friendly relationships. Won't you join us? There is always room for more on Wednesdays at 1PM in Howard Tran Hall. Come and join us.

Psssssssssssst.....Have you heard? Every Sunday morning at 9 AM sharp there is a group of adults who meet in the large classroom downstairs. The people are friendly, informal, follow the "Our Daily Bread" devotional, and are helping each other understand The Word. You are invited to join in any Sunday the Holy Spirit is nudging you to be a part of the lively conversations. Hope to see you soon.



FOR
God
SO
Loved

the world, that he gave
his one and only Son, that
whoever believes in him
should not perish, but
have eternal life.

JOHN 3:16

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