

Today

I
choose



God

already knows

what this day brings, and

He's got my back.

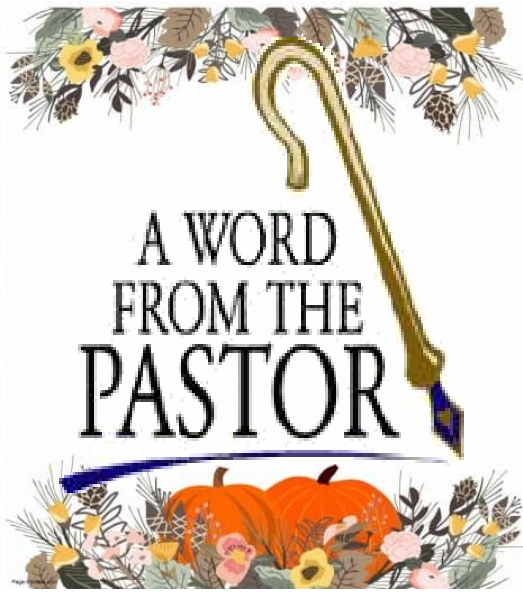
No need to
worry.



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October 2024



From the Veranda

As I sat on the veranda this morning (09-16-24) the Scripture that was presented for my mediation was James 3:13. By coincidence that is also part of our Epistle reading for 09-22-24. So I guess I was meant to write about my reflections.

In James 3:13, we are reminded of the true nature of wisdom: "Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom."

This verse emphasizes that wisdom is not just about knowledge or eloquent speech, but about how we live. Genuine wisdom is reflected in our actions, characterized by humility, kindness, and a life of integrity.

James challenges us to examine our own lives. Are our actions reflective of a heart filled with wisdom and humility? True wisdom isn't boastful or self-seeking but is demonstrated through selfless service and the way we treat others. As we strive to live out this wisdom, may we become examples of grace and humility in a world that often values power and pride.

Let us remember that wisdom is not about what we know, but how we live—and how we love.

Pastor Bob

spread the love ♥



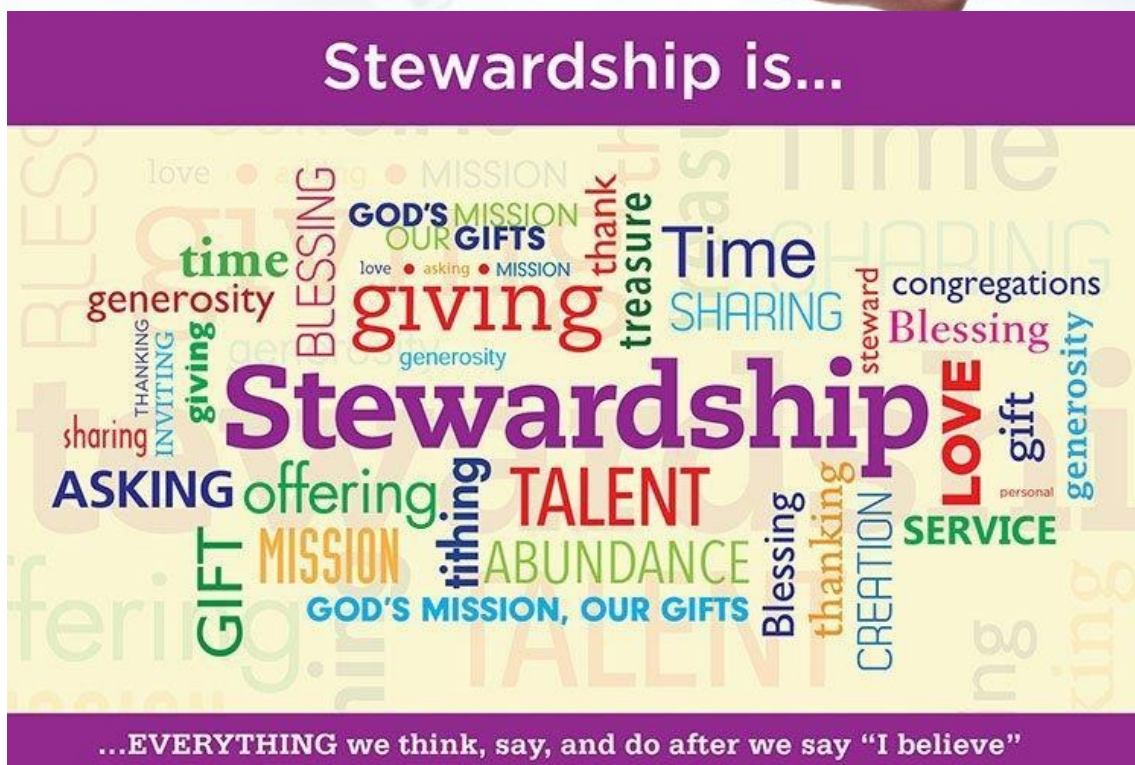
2025 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

PLEASE PUT THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR

Tuesday, October 1st Stewardship Campaign Kickoff!

Sunday, October 27th Consecration Sunday!!!

Pledge cards will be turned in and blessed during Service



Serving the Lord

October 2024



Lay Liturgist

- 6 Carol Morley
- 13 Judy Wingate
- 20 Anita Wheatley
- 27 Margie Lisle

Greeters and Ushers

- Bob and Mary Brandal
- Chris Clapper and Judy Wingate
- Lloyd and Judy Miller
- Fran Hurlburt and Judy Yusko



**COMING UP
NEXT!**



NOVEMBER 2024

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

DECEMBER 2024

- 1 Bob and Mary Brandal
- 8 Dick and Margie Lisle
- 15 Bob Overy and Joe Mendlik
- 22 Chris Clapper and Judy Wingate
- 29 Lloyd and Judy Miller

Happy Birthday

October

- 11 Cheryl Hosek
- 17 Kevin Baldoza
- 18 Windy Hoffmaster
- 22 Lloyd Miller
- 24 Pastor Bob
- 26 Justin Flinchum
- 28 Kris (Lottman) Maline
Ciara Harris
- 29 Hailey Formosa
- 31 Judy Miller

Happy Anniversary October

- 17 Dick and Margie Lisle
- 22 Rick and Chip Smith

Sunday Child Care Rotation

October 2024

- 6 Chris and Barb Clapper
- 13 Margie Lisle and Marge Rafter
- 20 Mary Brandal and Judy Wingate
- 27 Anita Wheatley and Aimee Benko



AUTUMN LEAVES DON'T FALL,
THEY FLY. THEY TAKE
**THEIR TIME AND
WANDER ON THIS**
THEIR ONLY CHANCE TO SOAR

Delia Owens

Our Church Family Who Are Away from Us

Marilyn Chavalia 842 Mechanic St
Grafton, Ohio 44044

Pat Coffman Keystone Pointe
383 Opportunity Way
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LaGrange, Ohio 44050

Shirley Groves 1024 Woodland Chase
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Angelica Ritsko 756 N Center St
LaGrange, Ohio 44050

Ruth Sayles Keystone Pointe
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OCTOBER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 1:00 pm Bible Study Rummage Sale Set-Up	3	4	5
6 9:00 am Adult Study 10:00 am Worship Service Holy Communion Open Table	7 11:00 am OutReach Meeting 	8 Rummage Sale Set-Up 	9 1:00 pm Bible Study	10 	11 Rummage Sale	12
13 9:00 am Adult Study 10:00 am Worship Service 11:00 am Admin/Finance Meeting	14	15	16 1:00 pm Bible Study	17	18	19
20 9:00 am Adult Study 10:00 am Worship Service	21	22	23 1:00 pm Bible Study 6:00 pm Charge Conference LaPorte UMC	24	25	26
27 9:00 am Adult Study 10:00 am Worship Service	28	29	30	31 		

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

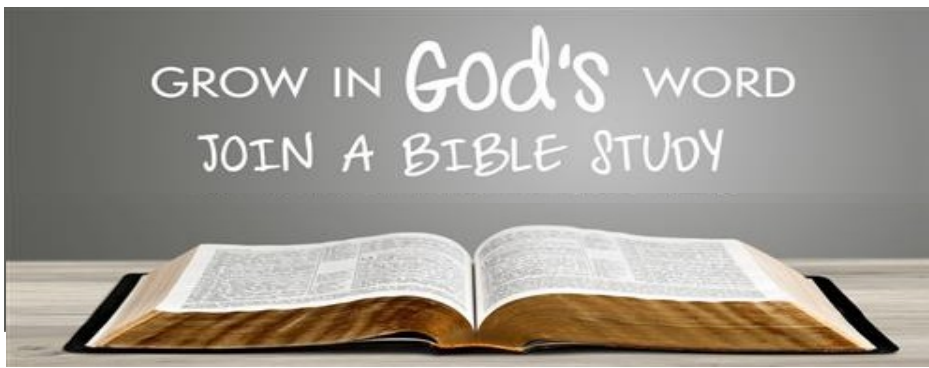
We salute all those who are currently serving and those who have served



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



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. You are welcome to join us on **Wednesdays at 1PM** in Howard Tran Hall.

Adult Sunday Bible Class at 9 AM meets in the large classroom downstairs. We are friendly, informal, follow the "Our Daily Bread" devotional, and are helping each other understand The Word. You are invited to join us.

Another Possible Option: Anyone who would like to become a part of a weekly Bible Study that would meet at a more convenient day/time, please contact Carol Morley on Sunday morning, or by emailing

bestill973@google.com or (440) 365-7729. I'll see what can be arranged.

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.





Church Leaders Charge Conference

Wednesday, October 23

6:00 p.m.

LaPorte UMC

396 Park Ave

All Church Leaders are encouraged to attend



September OutReach Meeting Update

We were pleased to see so many sign up for the Hot Dog Potluck Picnic. We finalized the plans for that day.

The Fall Rummage Sale is fast approaching. The dates are October 11th from 9am - 5pm and October 12th from 9 am - noon. We will begin set-up on October 2nd at 9 am and are in need of many helpers in getting ready for the sale, the days of the sale itself, and cleanup on Saturday after the sale. If you can, please put these dates in your calendar to help.

The date for our yearly Thanksgiving Meal is set for after church on November 24th.

Heading into December, we will once again have a bake sale table at the library for Old Fashioned Christmas. More information to follow.

A donation was made to Samaritan's Purse for Operation Heal Our Patriots.

Thank you again for all your support. Our next OutReach Meeting will be Monday, October 7th at 11:00 in Howard Tran Hall. All ladies are invited to join us.