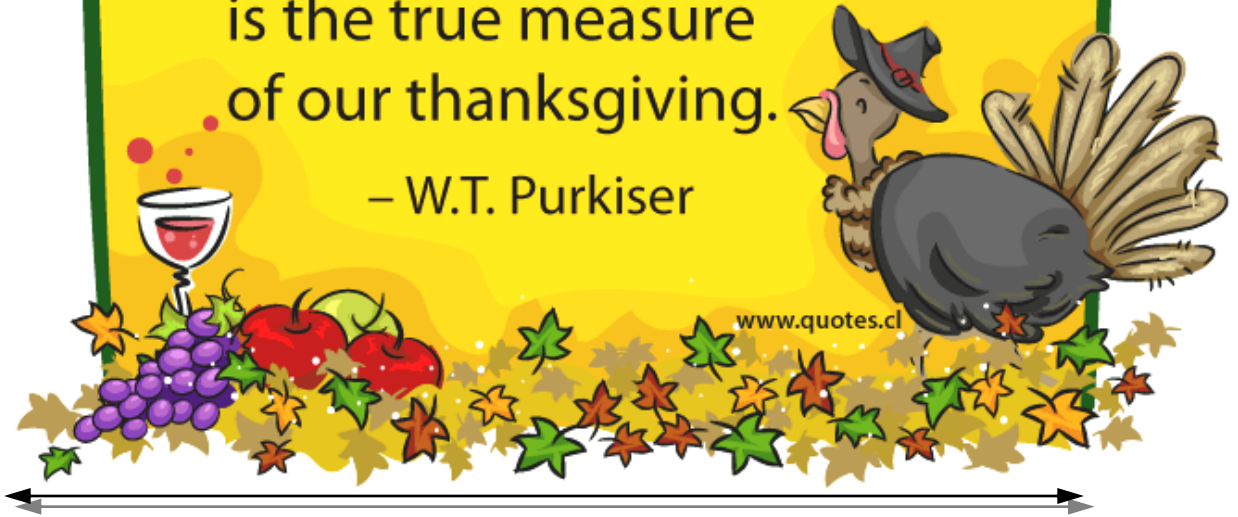


Thanksgiving

Not what we say
about our blessings,
but how we use them,
is the true measure
of our thanksgiving.

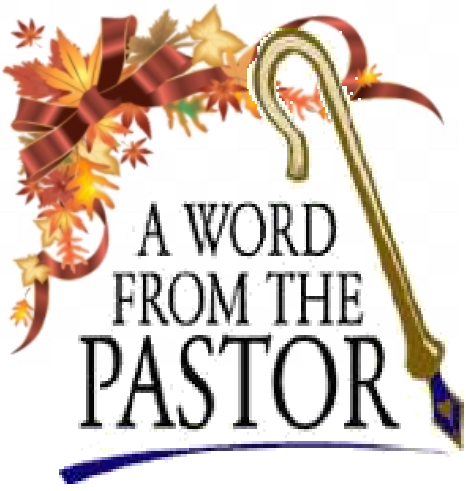
– W.T. Purkiser



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From Pastor's Desk

The Bible verse offered for my meditation the other day was:
Psalm 25:14-15 that reads

"The Lord confides in those who fear him; he makes his covenant known to them. My eyes are ever on the Lord, for only he will release my feet from the snare."

These verses remind us that a deep relationship with God is marked by trust and intimacy. When we live in reverence for Him, God shares His wisdom and guidance, revealing the deeper truths of His covenant. This kind of relationship isn't distant or detached it's a friendship with God, where He guides us through life's challenges.

These verses highlight the importance of keeping our focus on the Lord, especially when we feel trapped or burdened. By looking to God, we find deliverance and freedom, knowing that He is the one who can lift us out of life's difficulties.

As we go through our daily routines, let's strive to maintain that connection with God, trusting Him, seeking His guidance, and keeping our eyes on His path. This is how we deepen our friendship with Him and experience His faithfulness in every season.

NOT from the Veranda

Pastor Bob

Our Church Family Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on Sunday November 24 following Worship Service



The Church will be providing the turkey, you are asked to provide the side dishes. Please see the sign up sheets on the door in Howard Tran Hall

Please join with us, as we give thanks for our church, church family, our families and friends, and all our joys as we pray for another year of blessings already on their way!

Happy Thanksgiving

Serving the Lord

November 2024



Lay Liturgist

- 3 Carol Morley
- 10 Judy Wingate
- 17 Anita Wheatley
- 244 Margie Lisle

Greeters and Ushers

- John and Anita Wheatley
- Barb Lynch and Diane Lach
- Beverly Macbeth and Sue May
- Dick and Margie LISLE



**COMING UP
NEXT!**



DECEMBER 2024

- 1 Bob and Mary Brandal
- 8 Bob Overy and Joe Mendlik
- 15 Chris Clapper and Judy Wingate
- 22 Lloyd and Judy Miller
- 29 Fran Hurlburt and Judy Yusko

JANUARY 2025

- 5 John and Anita Wheatley
- 12 Barb Lynch and Diane Lach
- 19 Beverly Macbeth and Sue May
- 25 Bob Overy and Joe Mendlik

Happy Birthday

November

- 12 (diane peters)
- 14 Emily Shupe
- 27 Dylqn Prestwood
- 28 Tim Carter

DECEMBER

- 2 Barb Ritsko-Stephens



Happy

Anniversary

November

- 13 John & Anita Wheatley
- 30 Joe & Marge Rafter



Sunday Child Care Rotation

November 2024

- 3 Chris and Barb Clapper
- 10 Margie Lisle and Marge Rafter
- 17 Mary Brandal and Judy Wingate
- 24 Anita Wheatley and Aimee Benko

Requests for Prayer

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

If you have a prayer request or praise, please contact the church by email at:

graftonumc@mail.com

or by phone at 440-926-2034

or you may send an e-mail to Judy Miller at:

graftongrandma@yahoo.com

God always hears our prayers.

Our Church Family Who Are Away from Us

Marilyn Chavalia 842 Mechanic St
Grafton, Ohio 44044

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

On Veterans Day, remember the sign at the Veterans Cemetery
which reads:



“All gave some and some gave their all.”

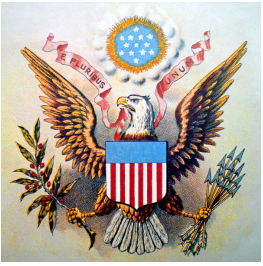
Veterans Day is November 11 ...

please add our veterans to your prayers and pray for
the men and women in our military. Pray for Peace.

November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1  ALL SAINTS' DAY November 1	2 Daylight Saving Time Ends Tonight 
3 9:00 am Adult Study 10:00 am Worship Service Holy Communion Open Table	4 11:00 am OutReach Meeting 	5 	6 1:00 pm Bible Study	7	8	9
10 9:00 am Adult Study 10:00 am Worship Service 11:00 am Admin/Finance	11 	12	13 1:00 pm Bible Study	14	15	16
17 9:00 am Adult Study 10:00 am Worship Service 11:00 am Worship Committee	18	19	20 1:00 pm Bible Study	21	22	23
24 9:00 am Adult Study 10:00 am Worship Service	25	26	27 1:00 pm Bible Study	28 	29	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, or leave us a message on the phone at 440-926-2034. We'll take it from there ...

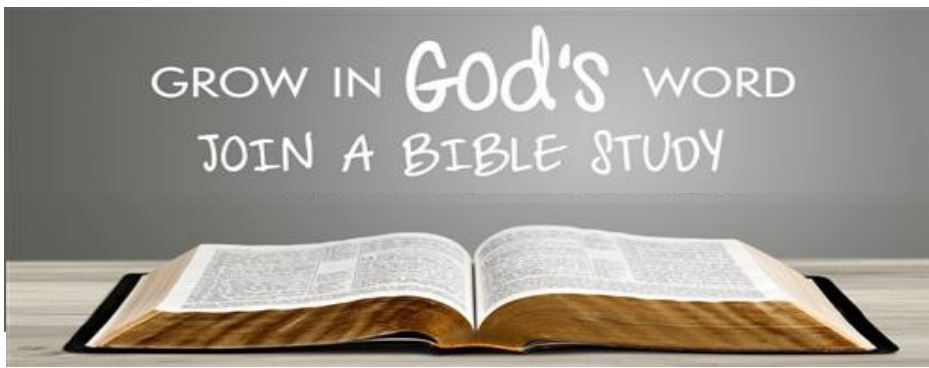
We salute all those who are currently serving and those who have served



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.





October OutReach Meeting Update

Our Annual Church Family Potluck Thanksgiving Dinner/Luncheon will take place on Sunday November 24 following the Worship Service. Please see the sign up sheets on what to bring and who/how many will be attending posted on the door to Howard Tran Hall.

Once again we will be having a Bake Sale at the Grafton Library for Old Fashioned Christmas on Friday, December 6. A sign up sheet for this event is also posted on the door to Howard Tran Hall. Baked Goods can be dropped off at the church on Thursday, December 5 from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm or you can drop them off at the library on Friday, December 6 at 6 pm.

Thank you again for all your support. Our next OutReach Meeting will be Monday, November 4 at 11:00 in Howard Tran Hall.

“We” are looking for YOUR newsletter articles, announcements, items of interest, thoughts, and any other things you would like to share with the congregation.

This is YOUR newsletter to communicate —please send the information you would like to share **before** the 15th of each month to:

graftonumc@mail.com



Happy Thanksgiving





Christmas Poinsettias

The flyers are on the drawing board and will be coming your way very soon!

Keep an eye out for them in the December Carillon as well as in the Sanctuary

Advent begins the first Sunday in December, the 1st
It's the most wonderful time of the year!

"Take time to be aware that in the very midst of our busy preparations for the celebration of Christ's birth in ancient Bethlehem, Christ is reborn in the Bethlehems of our homes and daily lives. Take time, slow down, be still, be awake to the Divine Mystery that looks so common and so ordinary yet is so wondrously present."

~ Edward Hays; A Pilgrim's Almanac



..this little hug is for you..



WINTER WEATHER

If you are wondering whether a Bible Study, Meeting or a Sunday Worship Service will be held due to hazardous weather conditions, there are a couple of ways to check:

If during the week, Midview Schools are closed, the Church will be closed also.

On Sunday, check Channel 3 and/or Channel 5 for Closing Announcements.



Ultimately, trust your own common sense if you feel it is too dangerous to go out, then don't.

Recipe Books for Sale Just in time for Christmas Giving



Our Favorite Recipes

A Collection of Recipes by
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SUKKOT BOOTH SUNDAY

We at Grafton UMC traditionally celebrate
"Succoth Booth Sunday" the Sunday before Thanksgiving!
Sunday, November 24

This year, we are asking for MONETARY donations ONLY

We ask that your donation be placed in an envelope, marked
"SUKKOT BOOTH" to be placed in the offering box.

This year we are collecting to donate funds to **Second Harvest**.

This is a VERY special time when we can help those less fortunate

What a wonderful way to begin the joyous Advent season

"And the King will answer them,

"Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me."

(Matthew 25:40)



The Annual
Hanging of the Greens
will take place
Saturday, November 30
from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Everyone is invited to help decorate
Juice, Coffee and Donuts will be served and who knows,
perhaps a carol or two will be sung!

Please contact Diane Lach or Carol Morley if you plan to attend.

Thank you

UPDATE ON HOW WE ARE “PUTTING GOD’S WORD TO WORK”

Contributions to Smile Train and “Children’s Change for Change” continue after the Covid 19 shutdowns.



We collect monies to support Smile Train which is a charitable organization that provides lifesaving surgeries to children who are born with a cleft palate. This condition prevents babies from suckling and they are unable to thrive for lack of nourishment. Once

the surgery is done, the infants have the ability to eat and grow healthy bodies. All surgeries are done by volunteer medical professionals and those trained by certified medical professionals. Families learn about good health practices and the love of Jesus Christ. Anyone may donate to this life-giving mission at any time.



“Children’s Change for Change” began many years ago and we are still providing support for a deserving young person in Rwanda. Our congregation sends \$38 per month to provide her with the teachings of

Jesus, clothing, food, school supplies, transportation, and other necessities to allow her to attend school. We also send an extra months allowance 2x a year; one for her birthday and one for Christmas. In order to make a change in someone’s life, it takes a little “change.” Thank you for giving to this mission any time.