

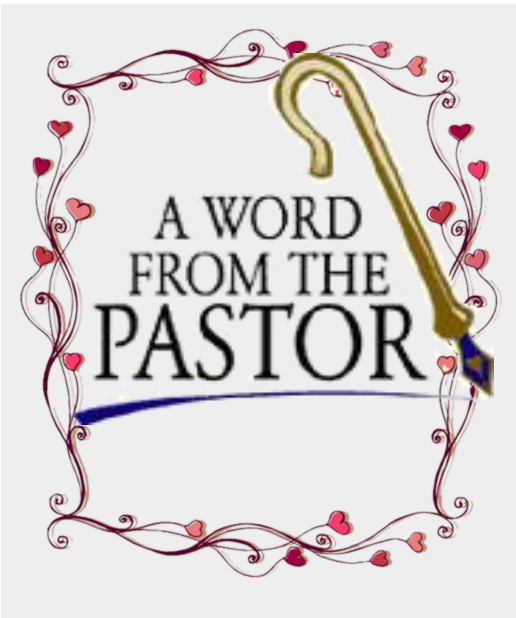


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February 2025

From Pastor Bob's Desk



Recently one of my verses given for mediation was Micah 6:8 which offers a concise yet profound directive for living a life that aligns with God's desires:

"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

Acting justly calls us to pursue fairness and righteousness in our interactions. It's a commitment to uphold justice, ensuring that our actions reflect moral integrity and that we advocate for the oppressed and marginalized.

Loving mercy involves showing steadfast love and compassion toward others. We are encouraged to delight in kindness, extending grace and forgiveness as God has shown to us.

Finally walking humbly with God entails a continuous, modest relationship with God, acknowledging our dependence on His guidance. It requires setting aside pride and self-reliance, allowing God to lead our lives.

Micah 6:8 gives us all we need to live faithfully in our relationship with God and our ethical responsibilities toward others. By acting justly, loving mercy, and walking humbly with God, we embody the core of what it means to live out our faith in our daily lives.

Pastor Bob

spread the love 



Serving the Lord

February 2025



Lay Liturgist

- 2 Carol Morley
- 9 Anita Wheatley
- 16 Judy Wingate
- 23 Margie Lisle

Greeters and Ushers

- Dick and Margie Lisle
- Chris Clapper and Judy Wingate
- Fran Hurlburt and Judy Yusko
- John and Anita Wheatley



**COMING UP
NEXT!**



MARCH 2025

- 2 Bob and Mary Brandal
- 9 Barb Lynch and Diane Lach
- 16 Beverly Macbeth and Sue May
- 23 Bob Overy and Joe Mendlik
- 30 Dick and Margie Lisle

APRIL 2025

- 6 Chris Clapper and Judy Wingate
- 13 Lloyd and Judy Miller
- 20 Fran Hurlburt and Judy Yusko
- 27 John and Anita Wheatley



Happy Birthday February



Sunday Child Care Volunteers

- 8 Stephane (Chavaliala) Shupe
- 9 Angelica Ritsko
- 10 Avagelina Hoffmaster
Xander Hoffmaster
- 25 Bob Brandal
- 28 Erica Baldoza

MARCH

- 2 Audrey Stevenson
- 3 Bob Morley

February 2025

- 2 Margie Lisle and Aimee Benko
- 9 Chris and Barb Clapper
- 16 Anita Wheatley and Aimee Benko
- 23 Mary Brandal and Judy Wingate



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.

**YOU ARE
LOVED
MORE THAN YOU WILL
EVER KNOW**

by someone who
died to know you.

— ROMANS 5:8 —



Our Church Family Who Are Away from Us

Marilyn Chavalia Keystone Pointe
383 Opportunity Way
Room W 306
LaGrange, Ohio 44050

..this little hug is for you..

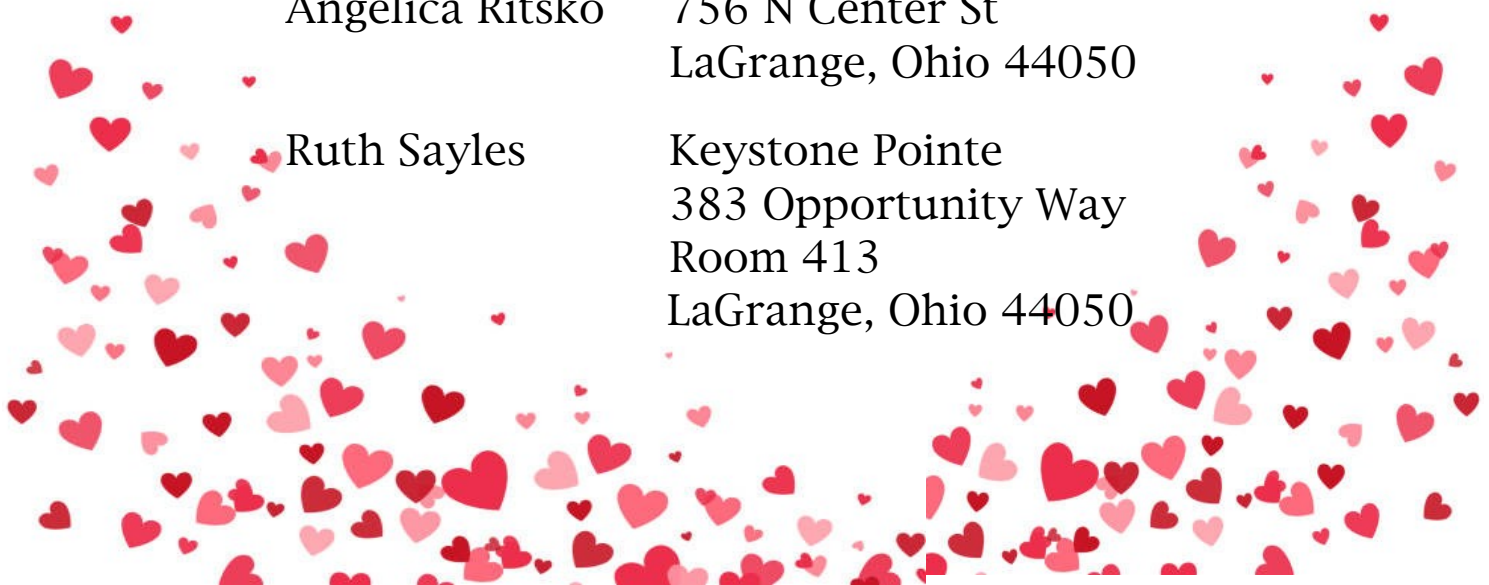


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Ruth Sayles Keystone Pointe
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LaGrange, Ohio 44050



February 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:00 am Adult Study 10:00 am Worship Service Holy Communion Open Table	3  Following Worship Service 	4	5 1:00 pm Bible Study	6	7	8
9 9:00 am Adult Study 10:00 am Worship Service 11:00 am Admin/Finance Meeting	10	11	12 1:00 pm Bible Study	13	14	15
16 9:00 am Adult Study 10:00 am Worship Service	17 	18	19 1:00 pm Bible Study	20	21	22
23 9:00 am Adult Study 10:00 am Worship Service	24	25	26 1:00 pm Bible Study	27	28	

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



One of the brightest parts of the Christmas season for me is the warmth and friendship of people like you!

Your thoughtful Christmas gift brought much JOY to my spirit

Thank you so much !!

Wishing you all a truly blest New Year!

Diane



To My Church Family,
Thank you for your gift at Christmas.

I so appreciate your friendship, love and support all through the year.

I pray all will be blessed in the New Year with Peace, Joy and Love.

Keep a "Song" in your heart.

God's Blessings to Each

Love Doris



please note

For the months of February and March 2025, OutReach Meetings will take place on the First Sunday of each month following Worship Services.

Our next meeting will be on February 2 and in March, on March 2.

WINTER WEATHER Closing Procedure

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

#1. First and most important: DON'T COME TO CHURCH IF IT'S NOT SAFE.

We care about you and don't want anyone to be in danger because of the weather. If your walk or drive or other conditions are not safe for you, we trust you and bless you to stay home.

#2. During the week, if Midview schools are closed, then the church is closed.

The office will not be open and we'll not have evening meetings. Pastor Bob will be available by phone. His cell number is 216-544-2441. You can also leave messages on the church answering machine.

#3. For Sundays, as a general rule, the church will be open unless safety personnel ask that no one travel the highways.

If the church is closed, it will be announced on TV Channels 3 and/or Channel 5.





Does your New Year's Resolution List include spending more time with the Lord in reading your Bible? If so, there are currently two opportunities offered to help fulfill the desire.

You are welcome to participate in the **Weekly Wednesday Bible Study** that meets at 1pm in Howard Tran Hall located adjacent to the church sanctuary. No need to feel as if you are coming in the middle of something, because each week is a new beginning. Come to see how welcoming and comfortable we will make you feel. Hope to see you next Wednesday.

You are welcome to be a part of the **Adult Sunday Morning Bible Class**. We meet in the downstairs classroom at the bottom of the front staircase at 9am. Each Sunday is a lesson from the "Our Daily Bread" devotional. Our discussions are lively and help us understand the scripture lesson and connect it to our daily lives. You are invited to come on any Sunday and see what you are missing.

May you have a Blessed New Year and may you grow in your faith and commitment to our Lord Jesus Christ.

Contact Lay Leader Carol Morley for more information. 440-365-7729



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

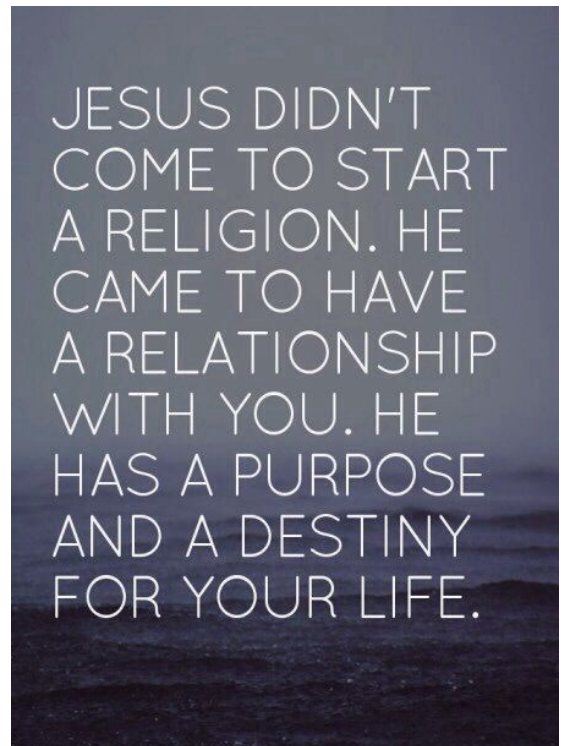


Ash Wednesday begins on March 5 ...
quickly approaching

And with Lent on the horizon, please be on the lookout for Pastor's Lenten Bible Study. A signup sheet will be posted on the door to Howard Tran when details become available.

You *do* have a
love story.

It's in the Bible. It tells you how much God loves you, and how far He went just to win your heart.



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.