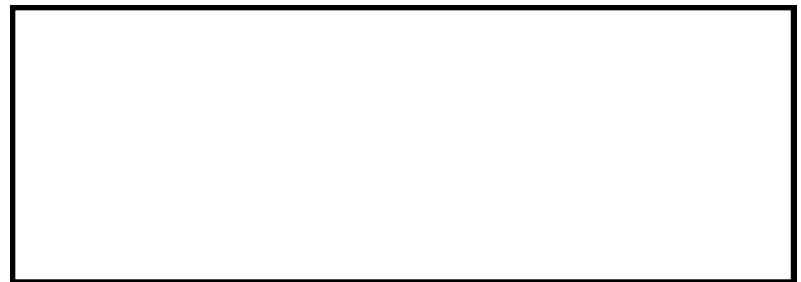


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**March 2025**



## From Pastor Bob's Desk

Our Epistle readings lately have been coming from Corinthians. One of my recent meditation verses was also from Corinthians. 1 Corinthians 13:6-7.

Paul describes the nature of true, Christ-like love:

*Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, and always perseveres.*

These verses remind us that love is not just an emotion but a commitment to what is right and true. Love does not find joy in wrongdoing or injustice but celebrates truth and righteousness. It is a force that protects others, giving them the benefit of the doubt, believing in their potential, and standing firm even in difficult times.

As we navigate our daily lives, let us embrace a love that reflects God's heart. A heart that seeks truth, defends the vulnerable, and remains steadfast through every challenge. When we love in this way, we not only strengthen our relationships but also become living testimonies of God's love in the world.

May the love and peace of Christ be with you all.

Pastor Bob



spread the love 

# Serving the Lord

## March 2025



### Lay Liturgist

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

### Greeters and Ushers

- Bob and Mary Brandal
- Barb Lynch and Diane Lach
- Beverly Macbeth and Sue May
- Bob Overy and Joe Mendlik
- Dick and Margie Lisle



**COMING UP  
NEXT!**



### APRIL 2025

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

### MAY 2025

- 4 Bob and Mary Brandal
- 11 Diane Lach and Barb Lynch
- 18 Beverly Macbeth and Sue May
- 25 Bob Overy and Joe Mendlik

## Happy Birthday March

- 2 Audrey Stevenson
- 3 Bob Morley
- 8 Rachel Potter  
Aimee Benko
- 10 Marge Sayers-Rafter
- 12 Marilyn Chavalia
- 13 Joe Mendlik
- 17 Diane Lach
- 21 Reagan Flinchum
- 30 JJ Justice

## Happy Anniversary March

- 22 Bob and Mary Brandal



## Sunday Child Care Volunteers

March 2025

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



Newsletter Info

# Wanted!

Deadline  
for  
**APRIL**  
Carillon  
Articles  
and  
Information  
Wednesday  
**March 13**

# 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



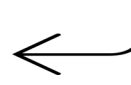




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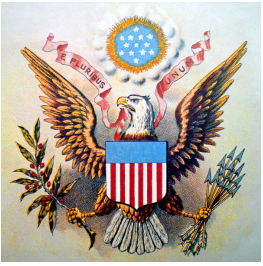
Angelica Ritsko 756 N Center St  
LaGrange, Ohio 44050



# March 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>2</b></p> <p>9:00 am Adult Study</p> <p>10:00 am Worship Service <b>Holy Communion Open Table</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>11:00 am OutReach Meeting</p> <p><i>Outreach Ministry</i></p> 		<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Ash Wednesday</p>  <p>Service 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>1:00 pm Adult Study</p> 	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>1/8</b></p> <p>DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS</p> 
<p><b>9</b></p> <p>9:00 am Adult Study</p> <p>10:00 am Worship Service</p>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>1:00 pm Adult Study</p>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<p><b>16</b></p> <p>9:00 am Adult Study</p> <p>10:00 am Worship Service</p>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>1:00 pm Adult Study</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>11:00 pm Lenten Study</p> 	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>FIRST DAY OF SPRING</p> 	<b>22</b>
<p><b>23</b></p> <p>9:00 am Adult Study</p> <p>10:00 am Worship Service</p>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>1:00 pm Adult Study</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>11:00 pm Lenten Study</p>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<p><b>30</b></p> <p>9:00 am Adult Study</p> <p>10:00 am Worship Service</p>	<b>31</b>					

# 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



## 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.



Following Service on  
Sunday March 2, 2025

~ Everyone is invited ~

## LUNCHEON

Please plan on joining us!!

Sign Up Sheet is Posted on the Howard Tran door



In the event you had a change in name, change to your family dynamic, a change of address, phone number (cell or land), and/or email, Please, contact us to **VERIFY** we have your correct information

It is important to **PLEASE** contact the office **before** the end of March 2025.

You can notify us through ...

US Mail, our email at [graftonumc@mail.com](mailto:graftonumc@mail.com) or a voice message at 440-926-2034 ... or leave a note on the Secretary's desk while you are at the church.

Thank you for your help in this endeavor!





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





To My Church Family,

Wow! You really surprised me last Sunday. Thank you so much for the sentiments, beautiful cards, and friendship. These 40 years have passed quickly and has been full of many blessings. I have grown in my Christian faith and all of you have contributed to that growth. We have supported, laughed, cried and prayed for each other over the years.

It has been my honor and great blessing to serve this congregation as we share the beautiful hymns of the Faith.

Thank you my friends and May God continue to richly bless you.

Your friend in Christ

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