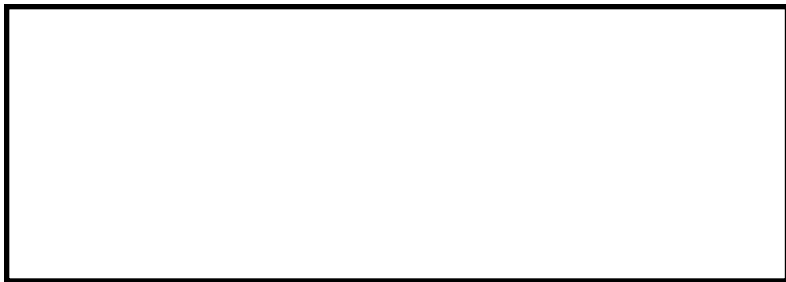


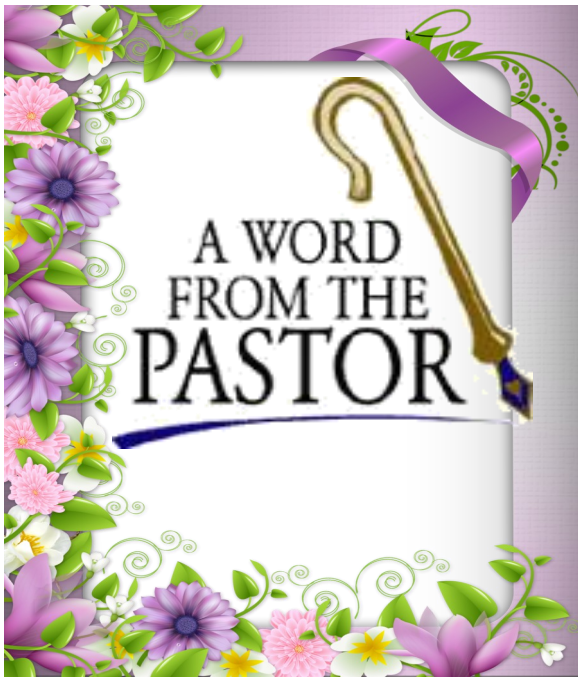


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From Pastor Bob's Veranda

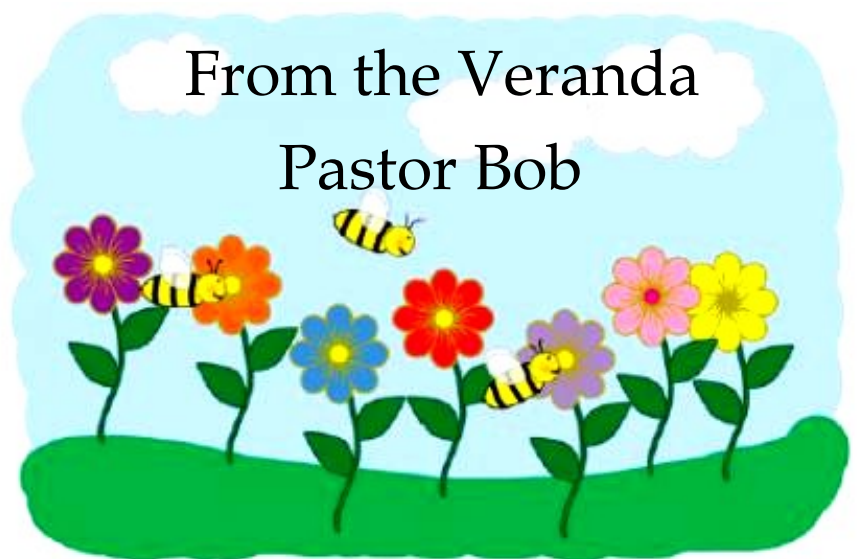
As the Easter lilies begin to fade and the last of the chocolate bunnies disappear (and those expensive Cadbury eggs) it's easy to think the celebration is over. But Easter isn't just a day it's a season, and more importantly, a way of life.

The resurrection of Jesus is not just a moment in history; it's a continual invitation to live with hope, purpose, and joy.

In this post-Easter season, let's remember that the empty tomb calls us to action. It's a call to forgiveness, renewal, and bold faith. Whether it's showing kindness to a neighbor, reaching out to someone who's struggling, or deepening your own spiritual journey, now is the time to embody the new life Christ offers.

Let's not pack away the joy of Easter with the decorations. Instead, let it shape how we live every single day.

LET'S
SPREAD
THE LOVE





May 4

May 11

May 18

May 25

Lay Liturgist

Carol Morley

Judy Wingate

Anita Wheatley

Margie Lisle

Greeters

Bob and Mary
Brandal

Barb Lynch
and

Beverly
Macbeth and

Bob Overy
and

Sunday Child
Care

Margie Lisle
and
Judy Wingate

Aimee Benko
and
Anita Wheatley

Chris and Barb
Clapper

Mary Brandal and
Judy Wingate

May Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday

Time to Celebrate!

8 John Wheatley

11 Brenda Brest

20 David Coffman

21 Tyler Lottman

22 Nick Harris

30 Margie Lisle

June

5 Ryan Tomes

6 Dick Lisle

7 Doris Rand

Our Church Family Who Are Away from Us

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

♥ this little hug is for you. ♥



* Shirley Groves 1024 Woodland Chase
Grafton, Ohio 44044

Fran Hurlburt 1144 Willow St
Grafton, 44044

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Elyria, 44035

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Please keep us informed:

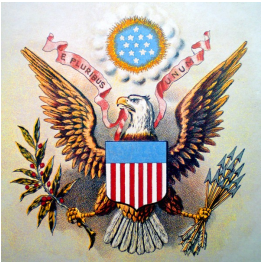
Due to HIPAA Regulations, hospitals, rehab centers and nursing homes are not permitted to share information of patients.

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.

May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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			Rummage Sale Set-Up			
4 9:00 am Adult Study 10:00 am Worship Service Holy Communion Open Table	5 11:00 am OutReach Meeting 	6	7 1:00 pm Adult Study	8	9	10
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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 griftonumc@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.



If your contact information has changed,
don't forget to let us know!





April 7th Outreach meeting update

The opening prayer included all the church family and the health concerns.

1. It was decided the April "original" coffee hour went well.

New business:

1. Mail received over the past month was reviewed and decided a donation to Flat Rock will be forwarded.

2. With the approach of Easter our church family shut ins will be remembered.

3. Sunday, April 27 will be "Blue Sunday" with everyone invited to wear BLUE to Worship that day. It is for an ongoing time to remember all children in need to help - whether it is lack of food, abuse, medical help. It is ongoing for the children in Lorain County but also all children in need.

4. The plans for the Spring Rummage Sale are in place. Set up will begin Tuesday, April 30th with the Sale to be held May 9th & 10th. Helpers are needed AND appreciated if its for an hour or half a day YOU are needed, especially for the clean-up on Saturday beginning at noon.

5. The majority of the discussion time was finalizing the plans and details for Marilyn Chavaliala's Celebration of Life luncheon, All plans are in place.

6. The next meeting will be Monday, May 12th at 11 a.m.
meeting adjourned with prayer.





The BIBLE STUDY is missing “U”!

Join the Weekly Wednesday Bible group that meets at 1pm in Howard Tran Hall located adjacent to the church sanctuary. We read and discuss the “Our Daily Bread” lesson for the day (or more) and pertinent Bible verses/article to expand our understanding. Lively discussions make for a very comfortable learning environment.

“U” are welcome to join the Adult Sunday Morning Bible Class. We meet in the downstairs classroom at the bottom of the front staircase each Sunday from 9 – 9:45am. It’s an inspiring way to begin the day. We hope you will be able to join a group if at all possible. May you grow in your faith and commitment to our Lord Jesus Christ during this time of repentance and renewal.

Not a convenient time for you to attend, but would like to be a part of a study group? Contact Lay Leader Carol Morley or Pastor Bob for more possibilities.

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Diane Peters

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Wednesday: 9:00 am - 2:30 pm

Thursday: 9:00 am - 1:30 pm

Friday: OFF



Rummage Sale

Friday, May 9 from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Saturday May 10 from 9:00 am - NOON

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

Articles may be brought at
any time now through
Wednesday MORNING, May 7
and left in the previously known
“Nursery Room” Area

Sorting and Pricing of Items will take place
from 9:00 A.M. on April 30 – May 8
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.



Memorial Day is a time to honor, reflect, and remember those who've made the ultimate sacrifice for their country

