

June 2025

# Grace & Truth



## Vacation Bible School

June 23-26, 2025

Dinner 5:30 pm

VBS 6 pm

[myvbs.org/LIFTFremont](http://myvbs.org/LIFTFremont)



at  
Hayes Memorial  
United Methodist Church  
1441 Fangboner Rd.  
Fremont, Ohio 43420

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## A note from our pastor ...



The grass is growing, and growing, and growing! At least in our house, on the warm days of May, the constant rain, has made the grass grow, and grow, and grow!

There is an old idiom that states: "Don't let the grass grow under your feet." Most of us don't have the time to let the "grass grow." Sometimes we are too busy for our own good. Sometimes the constancy of change never allows us to stay in one place long enough to let the "grass grow." As we move into the month of June, change is one thing we are all adapting to. As a congregation, we have been blessed with a very faithful staff. I have been grateful for all of their hard work over the past six months. Their sense of welcome and embrace has been humbling. And, as much as I would love to hang on to each and every one of them, a few of them have decided the grass has grown long enough and it's time for a change.

June marks the last month that Linda Baumer will be serving as our Office Administrator. Linda has been a smiling face to greet people in the office for 24 years! She began as our receptionist/secretary and as the staff moved and changed over the years she found her way into her current position. There is little that goes on at Grace that Linda doesn't have a pulse and feel for. When I entered the Call process, I heard that she was looking to retire at the end of 2024. I'm pretty sure I would have begged and pleaded for her to stay longer, however her great conscience encouraged her to stay on until the end of June. For that I am ever grateful! As you see Linda throughout June, please be sure to thank her for all that she has done for Grace these past 24 years!

June marks the first month of retirement for Gregg Kinsey. He might not be as familiar to you as Linda, but you certainly know his work. For the past 8 years Gregg has been the go-to vacuum guy. He knows how to push a broom, mop the floor, and run the vacuum. He has probably walked the center aisle more times than all of us combined. I have enjoyed Gregg's sense of humor, especially when we purchased our most recent "self-propelled" vacuum. He joked that it was strong enough to drag him from one end of the building to the other. I joked in return that we should put him on roller skates and watch him go! Please celebrate with Gregg as he begins his retirement.

Another individual I'd like to recognize is Laurie Black. You may not recognize her name however she has been a familiar face in the Soup Kitchen for many years. Laurie started volunteering five years ago and has a heart for those in need across our community. She's worked side by side with Nancy, Marcella, Judy, and Tracie. She knows the name of everyone who comes through the Soup Kitchen, and she's been a dedicated hard worker every Thursday. Unfortunately for us a new job opportunity is taking her in a different direction, and she is saying goodbye to the Soup Kitchen "for now." Please pray for Laurie as she begins her next chapter.

As we begin our journey into the month of June, it is a reminder that not everything stays the same. The grass continues to grow, and life leads us on to new chapters day after day. Still one thing remains the same, the grace, love, hope, peace, and forgiveness of God. "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." (Hebrews 13:8)

God's Blessings!

*Pastor Bailey*

# News from the Ark

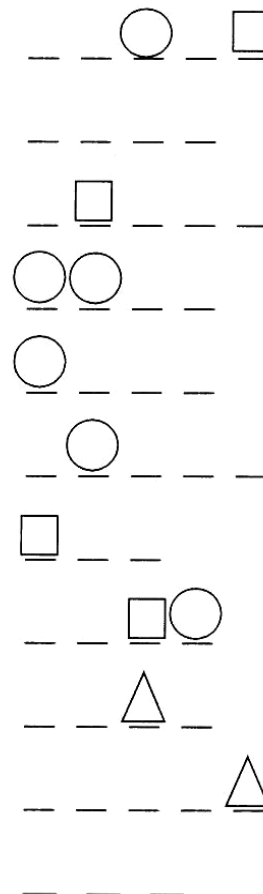


*We had a wonderful year  
and we are grateful for  
all of your support!*



**PROVERBS FOR FUN** - The following proverbs originate from the 16th century, and most, if not all, are in use today. Fill in the blanks to complete the proverbs. Transfer the letters in the circles, boxes and triangles to the side and then unscramble the words to discover the three-word expression. Answers are on page 6.

1. Haste makes \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Look before you \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Two \_\_\_\_\_ are better than one.
4. Don't look a \_\_\_\_\_ horse in the mouth.
5. Robbing Peter to pay \_\_\_\_\_.
6. A new \_\_\_\_\_ sweeps clean.
7. Make \_\_\_\_\_ while the sun shines.
8. One good \_\_\_\_\_ deserves another.
9. Hitting the \_\_\_\_\_ on the head.
10. Many \_\_\_\_\_ make light work.
11. Strike while the iron is \_\_\_\_\_.



Write letters in circles, triangles and squares here:



UNSCRAMBLE YOUR ANSWER HERE:



**THE BRIDGE OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS OUR HELP!** On May 31 & June 1 we will receive donations for the Bridge of Hope Food Pantry at Hayes Memorial UMC. They are in need of the following items: breakfast cereals, canned meats, rice, dried pinto beans, cans of tomato sauce, pasta, paper towels and diapers. These gifts may be placed in the grocery carts located at the entrances to the sanctuary. Thank you for your help!

### FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE

Bring your donations to worship on **June 14 & 15**. This month we will collect mashed potato flakes and noodles.

A special thank you to Jan Harris for taking our gifts to the Sandusky County Food Pantry each month.

*Please place your donations in the grocery carts that are located in the Narthex and by the Baker Street entrance. At the request of the food pantry no glass jars.*

**GRACE GATHERS** is a fellowship group that meets monthly. The next gathering will be on **June 19 at 6 pm**. We will meet at the Chateau Vineyard and Winery in Helena. Please call the church office if you plan to attend.

## THE COUNTDOWN IS ON FOR LET'S BUILD BEDS!

An organizational meeting for Let's Build Beds will take place on **July 16 at 6 pm** in the dining room at Grace. This meeting is for anyone who wants to volunteer to help with this project. We need lots of help to build 50 beds in one day. There will be several ways to help: build beds, deliver finished beds, prepare or serve food to all of the helpers on the day of construction. Please come and have any questions you may have answered and sign-up to help on September 13!



**MAUREEN'S MONDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will take a short break during the month of June. This group will meet again in July.

**LISTENING WITH A SECOND EAR** - We will gather following worship on **Pentecost Sunday, June 8** to listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit as we continue to take time to share our joys, sorrows, concerns, celebrations, ideas, and dreams for our ministry together.

**SPOUSAL GRIEF SUPPORT** will meet on **June 16 at 6 pm** in the lounge. During this time we share a devotion, prayer and mutual support through discussion. Questions? Call the church office.

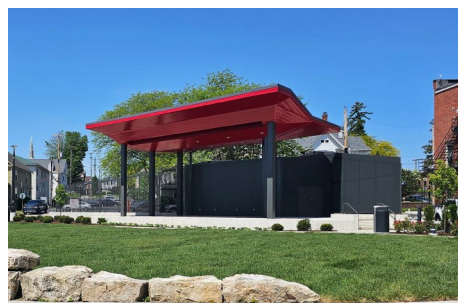
**JUGGLING ACT** - Family, career, social life, taking care of a home, are many of the things that women juggle every day. Sometimes it's nice to gather around a meal that is being served to you and chat with other women who are also juggling the demands of life. Juggling Act meets at 5:30 pm on the fourth Tuesday of the month at The Garrison. We will meet on June 24. If you plan to attend please call the church office.

## LIFT SUMMER OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE

**June 29 at 10 am**

Fremont Community Amphitheater  
209 S. Arch St., Downtown Fremont  
*All are welcome!*

Please plan to bring a chair or blanket to sit on.



# youth MINISTRY

**YOUTH COMMITTEE** will meet on **June 1 at 10:30 am** in the lounge. Parents and youth are welcome to come and share programming ideas.

**GATORADE & GAMES IN THE PARK** - We will meet on June 9 & 16 at 5:30 pm at Rodger Young Park.

**LAST CALL FOR OHIO YOUTH SUMMER CAMPS!**  
Any 6th - 12th grader still interested in attending camp this summer should contact Heather at HeatherRHawn@gmail.com ASAP!

**ACOLYTES** at Grace serve during the 9 am Sunday worship. We encourage acolytes to sign up at least every other You may sign up using the QR code in this announcement. Acolytes that do not sign up will be assigned a weekend.



SCAN ME

**HEY KIDS!** Kids Zone will take a break for the summer. Children are welcome to pick up an activity from the children's table.

**CONFIRMATION SUNDAY** will take place during worship on June 8. A light breakfast will be served at 8 am to our confirmands and their families.

**SPIRIT** will not meet over the summer. We look forward to seeing you in the fall! Have a wonderful summer!

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Help support the Community BBQs

## SPONSOR VOLUNTEER ATTEND

Are you a Thrivent Member?

Would you be willing to apply for Thrivent grant to support a BBQ?

Contact Heather Hawn for more info  
HeatherRHawn@gmail.com or 419-307-1808

**YOU'RE INVITED TO A**  
**COMMUNITY**  
**BBQ**

**TUESDAYS 5 PM**  
**JUNE 17 - AUG 19**  
**BIRCHARD PARK**  
**FREMONT, OHIO**

\*No BBQ on July 1st

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# JUNE BIRTHDAYS

*Happy Birthday to those who are celebrating 75 years and more!*

June 6	Charles Mowry	533 Third Ave.
June 9	Duane Pump	1712 Maple Ln.
June 11	Shirley Shanahan	39 Linda Dr.
June 14	Larry Burmeister	670 W. Co. Rd. 73
June 17	Peggy Rutherford	320 Cottage St.
June 17	Willam Smith	840 N. Co. Rd. 204
June 19	Timothy Rutherford	320 Cottage St.
June 25	Larry Overmyer	541 Elizabeth St.
June 25	Michael Wing	51 Lisa Ann Dr.
June 27	Larry Beck	19 Fox Run Dr.
June 27	Susan Streeter	30 Linda Dr.
June 30	Lillian Zilles	1232 Clinton St.

## Happy Anniversary

*Celebrating 50 or more years of wedded bliss!*

- June 3, 1967** - Wilfred & Tanya Schling,  
822 Bush St.
- June 3, 1972** - Thomas & Nadine Smith,  
716 Third Ave.
- June 4, 1971** - Connie & Tom Haaser  
P. O. Box 62
- June 15, 1963** - Kenneth & Barbara Klohn  
1740 Co. Rd. 229
- June 17, 1972** - Harry & Linda Aspacher,  
1466 Morrison Rd.
- June 17, 1972** - Barry & Janet Luse,  
1927 Robert Ave.
- June 17, 1972** - Michael & Susanne Wing,  
51 Lisa Ann Dr.
- June 19, 1954** - Eugene & Dorothy Dierksheide  
1247 N. River Rd, Rm. 509
- June 25, 1960** - Edwin & Sharon Mitchell,  
1300 Croghan St.
- June 28, 1959** - William & Clara Bowlus  
880 Frederick Ave.

### THE NOISY OFFERING

is received the first weekend of each month. The next collection will be **July 5 & 6, 2025.**

The collection for the second quarter will be given to the Bridge of Hope Food Pantry.

Thanks to your generosity in April we collected \$157.26 for the Bridge of Hope Food Pantry. **"THANK YOU"** to everyone who helps make a **JOYFUL NOISE** each month!

### NOISY OFFERING



## ANSWERS

**PROVERBS FOR FUN:** 1: waste, 2: leap, 3: heads, 4: gift, 5: Paul, 6: broom, 7: hay, 8: turn, 9: nail, 10: hands, 11: hot

**WORD SCRAMBLE:** (each word is spelled backwards to make it harder to see the answer accidentally): gnirps si ereh.

<b>FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF APRIL 30</b>	<b><u>2025 ACTUAL</u></b>	<b><u>2025 BUDGET</u></b>	<b><u>2024 ACTUAL</u></b>
Year to Date Income	\$158,757	\$147,039	\$165,896
Year to Date Designated Released	<u>\$ 5,923*</u>	<u>\$ 7,816</u>	<u>75,460</u>
Year to Date Total Income	\$164,680	\$154,855	\$241,356
Year to Date Expenses	<u>( 209,115 )</u>	<u>(180,312 )</u>	<u>( 243,050 )</u>
<b>Income less Expense:</b>	<b>\$ -44,435</b>	<b>\$ -25,457</b>	<b>\$ -1,694</b>
<b>*Dedicated Funds transferred in to cover Project Expenses</b>			

### CHURCH COUNCIL - Minutes May 12, 2025

- **Council Election Results:** John Burmeister, Mindy Gedeon, Walker Cooper, Cornelia Star. Tanya Schardt will be the Alternate.
- **Scholarship Recipients:** Lilian Ball, Virginia Dabrunz, Kaitlyn Fisher, Andrew Bailey, Harley Seem. Each applicant has been awarded a \$500 scholarship.
- **Fish Fry Results:** Thanks to generous sponsor and donations, proceeds totaled approximately \$3480 which will benefit the Soup Kitchen.
- **MISSIONS/OUTREACH:** Did not meet in April.
- **WORSHIP:** finalized hymn planning for June; June 8 Confirmation Sunday; June 21/22 Installation of Council members; June 28 NO Saturday worship; June 29 Joint LIFT service in the downtown amphitheater; volunteer bread bakers will begin baking communion bread in the church kitchen once a month, date to be determined.
- **PROPERTY:** Council approved the following: \$3380 for landscaping at sanctuary entrance and sign, \$2205 for wrap around/lever closure (lock) on main office door. Security system training held for staff; more work to complete before total system is up and running.
- **STEWARDSHIP:** Did not meet in April
- **YOUTH:** Easter Breakfast donations totaled \$300 to benefit the youth programs; camp is still open - 7 or more attending; replacing TV in youth room; looking into White Star Park camping.
- **Noah's Ark Preschool** - looking into Bright Wheel Program which will offer opportunities for online bill pay, student check-in, attendance tracking

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS!

★ Andrew Bailey	★ Capital University	★ Biology/Pre-Med
★ Lilian Ball	★ The University of Findlay	★ Pre-Veterinarian Medicine
★ Virginia Dabrunz	★ Heidelberg University	★ Business/Sports Management ★ & Marketing
★ Kaitlyn Fisher	★ The University of Findlay	★ Adolescent/Young Adult English/ ★ Language Arts
★ Harley Seem	★ Youngstown State University	★ Mechanical Engineering

THE CONGREGATION OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH SENDS THEIR BEST WISHES FOR SUCCESS  
AS THEY PURSUE THEIR COLLEGE EDUCATION.

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## WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturday - 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday - 9:00 a.m.

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## OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 9 am - 4 pm  
Friday: 9 am - 1 pm



**DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER  
ARTICLES IS WEDNESDAY,  
JUNE 18, 2025**

**The newsletter will be  
assembled on  
Thursday, June 26, 2025.**



**JUNE 15, 2025**

## Grace Lutheran Church

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# SERVING IN WORSHIP: JUNE 2025

*\*PLEASE NOTE: DEACONS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FINDING THEIR OWN REPLACEMENTS.*

DATE	SERVICE	ACOLYTE	GREETERS: NARTHEX	GREETERS: BAKER ST	WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	READERS	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	DEACONS / CLOSERS
JUNE 7 & 8	4:00	_____	T. O'BRIEN	_____	_____	J. FULTON	W. BAILEY	_____
	9:00	O. MICHLES	P. PELPHREY T. SCHLING	L & M. WIDMER	B. SEIBERT	J. DORR	G. OR J. JESS	C. STAR R. COOPER
JUNE 14 & 15	4:00	_____	T. O'BRIEN	_____	_____	_____	W. BAILEY	_____
	9:00	K. MICHLES	V. OHMS J. AVERS	D. & A. CURLISS	M. NOSSAMAN	M. NOSSAMAN	B. MUFFLER	C. AMOR J. BURMEISTER
JUNE 21 & 22	4:00	_____	T. O'BRIEN	_____	_____	_____	W. BAILEY	_____
	9:00	T. MICHLES	C. AMOR K. WATKINS	J. GANGWER	K. LINDSAY	L. WIDMER	E. MUFFLER	C. BOUCHER A. FISHER
JUNE 28 & 29	4:00	_____	T. O'BRIEN	_____	_____	_____	W. BAILEY	_____
	9:00	B. MICHLES	K. BURMEISTER S. BURMEISTER	T. SCHLING	P. RUTHERFORD	P. RUTHERFORD	J. JESS	P. KISER G. JESS
JULY 5 & 6	4:00	_____	T. O'BRIEN	_____	_____	_____	W. BAILEY	_____
	9:00	_____	J. GUTHRIE V. OHMS	D. ZILLES	M. HAWN	H. BIDDINGER	B. PRASUHN	J. LETZRING T. MICHLES

**SUNDAY****MONDAY****TUESDAY****WEDNESDAY****THURSDAY****FRIDAY****SATURDAY**

<b>1</b> <b>NOISY OFFERING/BRIDGE OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION</b> 9:00 Worship/Communion/Graduate Recognition 10:30 Youth Committee Meeting - Library 	<b>2</b> 9:00 Project Day	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 11:30 Soup Kitchen	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 4:00 Worship/Communion
<b>8</b> 8:00 Breakfast for Confirmands & Family 9:00 Worship/Communion/Confirmation 10:15 Listening with a Second Ear With Pr. Bailey 12:30 LIFT Board Meeting at St. John's	<b>9</b> 5:30 Gatorade & Games, Rodger Young Park 6:00 Executive Board Meeting 7:00 Church Council	<b>10</b> 10:00 Paint Me a Story (Pre-School - 2nd Grade) Rodger Young Park 11:30 - 1:00 Staff Development - Office Closed	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 11:30 Soup Kitchen	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 4:00 Worship/Communion//Food Pantry Challenge
<b>15</b> <b>FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE</b> (Mashed potato flakes & noodles) 9:00 Worship/Communion	<b>16</b> 9:00 Project Day 5:30 Gatorade & Games, Rodger Young Park 6:00 Spousal Grief Support	<b>17</b> 2:30 Joy Circle 5:00 Community BBQ at Birchard Park	<b>18</b> <b>G &amp; T DEADLINE</b>	<b>19</b> 10:00 Faithful Expressions (3rd - 6th grade) Walsh Park 11:30 Soup Kitchen 6:00 Grace Gathers at The Chateau Vineyard & Winery, Helena	<b>20</b> 	<b>21</b> 4:00 Worship/Communion/Church Council Installation
<b>22</b> 9:00 Worship/Communion/Church Council Installation	<b>23</b> 9:00 Project Day	<b>24</b> 5:00 Community BBQ at Birchard Park 5:30 Juggling Act - The Garrison	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>G &amp; T ASSEMBLED</b> 11:30 Soup Kitchen	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> No Worship please join us on Sunday at the amphitheater.
<b>29</b> <b>LIFT SUMMER WORSHIP</b> 10:00 LIFT Summer Worship Fremont Community Amphitheater No Worship at Grace.	<b>30</b>				<b>2025</b>	