

July 2025

Grace & Truth



CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2025

Front Row: Audrey Polter; Center Row: (left to right) Kayden Michles and Lauren Fry; Back Row: Pastor Clayton J. Bailey

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A note from our pastor ...



"Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people and your God my God." Ruth 1:16b

By the time you read this it will be old news, but Wendy and I found a house just outside Fremont! We recently closed on the purchase, inherited keys, and have been busy making the house more of our home before we begin moving. If all goes as planned, we anticipate an official move on July 14th. As we are soon to be packing boxes, painting walls, and establishing home, I can't help but ponder how many times have God's faithful people been relocated.

With a quick Google search, AI quickly chimed in with: "the Bible tells of numerous instances of people relocating." No exact number could be given because there is story after story of God's faithful people being relocated. Take for example:

- Adam and Eve were forced to move out of the garden.
- Abraham was directed by God to move to the land of Canaan.
- Joseph, and later Jacob and the rest of the family, found their home in Egypt.
- Moses led the people out of Egypt on a 40-year journey to the Promised Land.
- Eventually God's people found themselves exiled into Assyria and Babylon. Later they would make their way back to Jerusalem.
- Mary fled her home and sought refuge while visiting Elizabeth.
- Joseph, Mary, and Jesus found they needed to move to Egypt as they feared Herod.
- Later the Holy Family returned to Nazareth and Jesus traveled all around Galilee during his ministry.
- The Apostles were sent out and shared the Good News in the known world of the time.
- Paul traveled to the ends of the earth sharing the hope found in Christ.

With nearly every page you turn, all throughout the scripture, someone is moving or traveling somewhere. Jesus even says when the crowds that seek to follow him, "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head." (Matthew 8:20) It is the reiteration that ministry sometimes means you may never feel completely settled.

Now, I will have to admit that our move was somewhat unexpected. We weren't looking. We knew what our check list would look like should we want to move, and I was starting to get accustomed to my daily commute. Truth be told, we were feeling "settled" in Tiffin. Yet, when God thought it was time, the right house came up that checked off nearly all of our wish list items. So, in our 27 years together, this will make move number 10! Yes, you read that correctly, 10 moves in 27 years! Perhaps you've heard it said or read it in Scripture, "a wandering Aramean is my ancestor" when making note of our faithful lineage tying back to the days of Abraham. Sometimes I think I can relate!

Still, there is hope. Still, we find joy. Still, we look forward to this next transition. I love what I do! I love that we are Called as Pastor and People together. It is good to be here, and I know that you continue to share that joy with both Wendy and I. Which brings me back to the words that Ruth echoed to Naomi, "Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people and your God my God."

Together, I give thanks for the blessings we share with one another, and for the joys we will have as we will be able to call Fremont home, serving and worshipping the one true God!

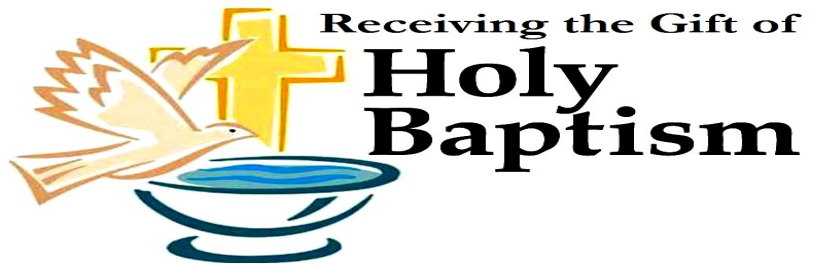
God's Blessings!

Pastor Bailey

Our new address:
717 Rambo Lane
Fremont, OH 43420



May 31 - Ford Albert Wytiaz, son of Brooke & Matthew Wytiaz: Sponsors: Lauren Callard & Albert Baumann.



June 14 - Cooper Joseph Smith, son of Samantha & Kyle Smith; Sponsor: R. J. Ulrich.

News from the Ark



Noah's Ark students during their end of year program which took place on May 22.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT UPDATE

Due to internal scheduling conflicts within the Toledo Symphony Orchestra organization. The Community Christmas Concert that was originally scheduled for December 5, has been changed to **DECEMBER 18 AT 7 PM**. Please update your calendar to reflect this change.

Information regarding ticket sales will be announced in October.

Yours in Christ,
Janet Dorr, Chairman
The Symphony Committee

RECRUITING HELP! Many of you have asked how you can help us with our upcoming move. Your offer has been kind and generous! On July 6 following worship anyone who can lend a hand or who is interested in knowing more, is welcome to join Pastor Bailey for a conversation as a plan is put together.

Then on July 13 anyone who is able is welcome to help us move as much as possible that afternoon. Movers will be coming on July 14 for all of the "big stuff". Want to know more or have an idea, please feel free to reach out to Pr. Bailey by cell at 561-670-3684 or email at pastorcbailey@gmail.com

THE BRIDGE OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS OUR HELP! On July 5 & 6 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!

LISTENING WITH A SECOND EAR - We will gather following worship on **Sunday, July 13** 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.

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!



FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE

Bring your donations to worship on **July 19 & 20**. This month we will collect canned soup or fruit and crackers.

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.

MAUREEN'S MONDAY BIBLE STUDY WILL RESUME ON JULY 7, at 1 PM IN THE LOUNGE.

When we return, we will be doing a study on faithful aging. Faithful Aging is not simply aging or growing old. It is embracing not only the challenges of a long life but engaging in the possibilities of creativity and depth of soul available to those who have acquired a wealth of experience. This study is for all adults interested in increasing satisfaction in their lives. Each participant will purchase their own book. It is titled *The Art of Growing Old* by Carroll Saussy. Participants are asked to have the introduction read when they come to the first session.

GRACE GATHERS is a fellowship group that meets monthly. The next gathering will be on **July 17 at 6 pm**. We will meet at the Chateau Vineyard and Winery in Helena. Please call the church office if you plan to attend.

SPOUSAL GRIEF SUPPORT will meet on **July 21 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 July 22. If you plan to attend please call the church office.

YOUTH SUMMER CAMP UPDATE - The week of June 29 - July 2 Pr. Bailey & Heather will accompany seven of our middle and high school youth that are attending the Ohio Youth Summer Camp. Please pray for safe travel for the group and a positive faith experience for our youth.

BRONDOS MISSIONARY NEWS - Keep up with the latest news from our missionary, Pr. David Brondos by visiting www.sites.google.com/site/dbrondos or via email at david.brondos@elca.org

youth MINISTRY

YOUTH COMMITTEE will not meet in July.



Faithful Expressions

7pm
Grades 3-6
Walsh Park

- June 19
- July 17
- Aug 14

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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



FREE Gatorade & Games

RODGER YOUNG PARK

MONDAYS

5:30PM

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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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<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B48A4AE2EA7FF2-57336593-community#/>



PAINT ME A STORY

DON'T TRUST CATS
LIFE LESSONS FROM CHIP THE DOG
BY DEV PETTY & MIKE BOLDT

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July 15, 2025
10am | Rodger Young Park
Pre-school thru 2nd graders welcome
Sponsored by LIFT churches

JULY BIRTHDAYS

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

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|---------|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| July 2 | Janet Dorr | 1977 Port Clinton Rd. |
| July 5 | Fred Lawrence | 699 Rambo Ln. |
| July 6 | Pam Pelphrey | 1532 Lawndale Ct. |
| July 9 | Jim Scranton | 1983 N. Co. Rd. 198 |
| July 11 | Bob Cunningham | 162 Wisteria Dr. |
| July 17 | Judith Long | 600 Elizabeth St. |
| July 17 | Dick Zilles | 1221 South St. |
| July 21 | Pat Mowry | 533 Third Ave. |
| July 24 | Bob Dorr | 1799 Port Clinton Rd. |
| July 26 | Sharon Mitchell | 1300 Croghan St. |
| July 29 | Janice Longanbach | 8 Westwood Dr. |
| July 30 | Patricia Appleby | 2401 Buckland Ave. |
| July 31 | Daryl Sherman | 19380 Artzheim Ln., Elmore 43416 |

Happy Anniversary

Celebrating 50 or more years of wedded bliss!

July 14, 1974 - Terrance & Shirley Shanahan,
39 Linda Dr., Fremont

July 30, 1966 - Richard & Beverly Bradford,
1328 Circle Dr., Fremont

THE NOISY OFFERING

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



The collection for the third quarter will be given to the Liberty Center. Thanks to your generosity in June we collected \$192.61. **"THANK YOU"** to everyone who helps make a **JOYFUL NOISE** each month!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!



2025

High School

Andrew Bailey - Tiffin Columbian High School. Andrew will be attending Capital University.

Lily Ball - Clyde High School. Lily will be attending University of Findlay and major in Pre-Veterinary Medicine.

Riker Durell - Fremont Ross High School and Vanguard Tech Center - Automotive Technology.

College

John Bailey - University of Cincinnati with a degree in Secondary Education - Math.

Nathan Leonard - The University of Toledo with a Master of Science in Nursing.

Delaney Seem - Terra State Community College with an Associate of Applied Science in Heating, Venting and Air Conditioning.

FINANCIAL REPORT**AS OF MAY 31**

| | <u>2025 ACTUAL</u> | <u>2025 BUDGET</u> | <u>2024 ACTUAL</u> |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Year to Date Income | \$182,785 | \$184,955 | \$198,183 |
| Year to Date Designated Released | <u>\$ 7,114*</u> | <u>\$ 9,770</u> | <u>101,455</u> |
| Year to Date Total Income | \$189,899 | \$194,725 | \$299,638 |
| Year to Date Expenses | <u>(262,693)</u> | <u>(217,610)</u> | <u>(318,213)</u> |
| Income less Expense: | \$ -72,794 | \$ -22,885 | \$ -18,575 |

*Dedicated Funds transferred in to cover Project Expenses

CHURCH COUNCIL - Minutes June 9, 2025

- **Installation of Church Council members** will take place during worship on June 21 and 22.
- **NO COUNCIL MEETING IN JULY - regular meeting schedule will reconvene in August.**
- **INNOVATE GRANT** (a microgrant from the Synod) was awarded to Grace Lutheran, to be used in Fremont to nurture our neighbors and listen to our community. Programs for youth are planned for Mondays & Tuesdays, and a community BBQ is scheduled for each Tuesday evening June through August.
- **MISSIONS/OUTREACH:** Noisy Offering collected in June totaled \$192.61 and will go to the Bridge of Hope Food Pantry; 3rd quarter Noisy Offering will go to Liberty Center; planning continues for Let's Build Beds, the Food Committee met and decisions have been made. There will be an organizational meeting on July 16 at 6PM. We have collected enough bedding and pillows; the Bookworms group has chosen the book for their next read - *The Covenant of Water* by Abraham Verghese
- **WORSHIP:** did not meet; they will meet again in July.
- **PROPERTY:** Midwest Maintenance is securing quotes to repair sidewalk damage caused by the manlift; Church Mutual facility survey is in progress; "thank you" to Bill Schling for assisting Jim Post in the removal of scrap steel; boxwoods have been trimmed; service elevator painted; toilet replaced in office area; repositioned parking lot stops, working to de-clutter several areas
- **STEWARDSHIP:** Did not meet.
- **YOUTH:** VBS is June 23-26 in the evening at Hayes UMC; Summer Park activities have begun - Games & Gatorade (middle & high school), Paint Me a Story (pre K-2nd grade), Faithful Expressions (3rd-6th grade); 7 kids will attend summer camp June 29-July 2
- **NOAH'S ARK PRESCHOOL** - Exciting news! The preschool was selected as a grant recipient to receive funding through the Lee N. Koenig Legacy Fund. The amount of \$100,000 will be spendable over the next 5 years to support preschool expansion. The preschool is currently looking into extended care and re-envisioning the preschool program.



**For
Your
Information**

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED EACH FRIDAY IN JULY.**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD OF CHURCH COUNCIL
2025/2026**

PRESIDENT - Annette Fisher
 VICE-PRESIDENT - Cornelia Star
 TREASURER - Ruthann House
 SECRETARY - Connie Amor

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WORSHIP SERVICES

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

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 9 am - 4 pm
Closed each Friday during July.



**DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER
ARTICLES IS WEDNESDAY,
JULY 16, 2025**

**The newsletter will be
assembled on
Thursday, July 24, 2025.**



**THE CHURCH OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED ON
FRIDAY, JULY 4.
NORMAL OFFICE HOURS
WILL RESUME ON
MONDAY, JULY 7.**

**WE HOPE YOU HAVE A SAFE AND
RELAXING HOLIDAY WEEKEND.**

Grace Lutheran Church

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SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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|  | 1 | 2 | 3 | No Soup Kitchen during July. |  OFFICE CLOSED | 4 5 4:00 Worship/Communion  |
| NOISY OFFERING/BRIDGE OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION 9:00 Worship/Communion/Confirmation 10:15 Help the Bailey's Move Informational Meeting | 6 7 1:00 Bible Study with Maureen 5:30 Gatorade & Games, Rodger Young Park | 8 10:00 Paint Me a Story (Pre-School - 2nd Grade) Rodger Young Park 5:00 Community BBQ at Birchard Park | 9 11:00 Stewardship Meeting | 10 | 11 OFFICE CLOSED | 12 4:00 Worship/Communion |
| 13 9:00 Worship/Communion 10:15 Listening with a Second Ear With Pr. Bailey Time TBD Moving Day for the Bailey Family | 14 1:00 Bible Study with Maureen 5:30 Gatorade & Games, Rodger Young Park Church Council will meet again in August. | 15 10:00 Paint Me a Story (pre-school - 2nd grade) Rodger Young Park 5:00 Community BBQ at Birchard Park | 16 G & T DEADLINE 6:00 Let's Build Beds Organizational Meeting - Dining Room | 17 6:00 Grace Gathers at The Chateau Vineyard & Winery, Helena 7:00 Faithful Expressions (3rd - 6th grade) Walsh Park | 18 OFFICE CLOSED | 19 4:00 Worship/Communion |
| 20 FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE (canned soup or fruit & crackers) 9:00 Worship/Communion  | 21 1:00 Bible Study with Maureen 5:30 Gatorade & Games, Rodger Young Park 6:00 Spousal Grief Support | 22 2:30 Joy Circle Retreat 5:00 Community BBQ at Birchard Park 5:30 Juggling Act - The Garrison | 23 | 24 G & T ASSEMBLED | 25 OFFICE CLOSED | 26 4:00 Worship/Communion |
| 27 9:00 Worship/Communion | 28 1:00 Bible Study with Maureen 5:30 Gatorade & Games, Rodger Young Park | 29 5:00 Community BBQ at Birchard Park | 30 | 31 | | 2025 |



SERVING IN WORSHIP: JULY 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 |
|--------------|---------|---------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| JULY 5 & 6 | 4:00 | ———— | T. O'BRIEN | ———— | ———— | J. FULTON | W. BAILEY | ———— |
| | 9:00 | ———— | J. GUTHRIE V. OWMS | D. ZILLES | M. HAWN | H. BIDDINGER | B. PRASUHN | J. LETZRING T. MICHLES |
| JULY 12 & 13 | 4:00 | ———— | T. O'BRIEN | ———— | ———— | C. MILLER | W. BAILEY | ———— |
| | 9:00 | R. HAWN | C. AMOR J. AVERS | D. & A. CURLISS | T. SCHARDT | J. BURMEISTER | J. JESS | P. KISER G. JESS |
| JULY 19 & 20 | 4:00 | ———— | T. O'BRIEN | ———— | ———— | T. SCHARDT | W. BAILEY | ———— |
| | 9:00 | ———— | D. & R. COOER | J. GANGWER | B. SEIBERT | J. DORR | S. BRICKNER | M. GEDEON W. COOPER |
| JULY 26 & 27 | 4:00 | ———— | T. O'BRIEN | ———— | ———— | M. SMITH | W. BAILEY | ———— |
| | 9:00 | ———— | J. GUTHRIE R. HAYNES | L. & J. OVERMYER | M. NOSSAMAN | P. RUTHERFORD | B. BRADFORD | J. BURMEISTER C. BOUCHER |
| AUGUST 2 & 3 | 4:00 | ———— | T. O'BRIEN | ———— | ———— | J. FULTON | W. BAILEY | ———— |
| | 9:00 | ———— | L & B. MCELFRESH | D. & C. POLTER | K. LINDSAY | M. NOSSAMAN | J. OVERMYER | C. AMOR T. MICHLES |