

# The Big Event



*Welcome to Grace UMC*

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# The Ministry of Prayer

## People Lifted Up for Prayer Last Week ....

For .... our nation's leaders, our community leaders, and our church's leadership team

For the Deitz family

For Mark Dreher - declining health

For Megan Nestler - continuing G.I. and back issues

For Brett Bellis - recuperation from Heart Bypass surgery

For John Worley - neurological testing

For Joanna - brain tumors discovered, upcoming surgery

For Sharon Barnhart and family - death of husband in accident

For Robin Davis - ongoing G.I struggles - upcoming testing

For Melissa - struggling with MS

For Donna Nestor - diagnosed with bone cancer

For Don and Peg Lebo - both now at NDNR

For Dorothy Blyler - numerous health issues

For Trish Snyder's daughter, Michelle

For Zain - 14 yr.old with terminal brain cancer

For Gary Dunkelberger - blood cancer

For Sandy Oxendine - breast cancer

For Dennis Leshner - mass on brain

For Jim Turnbaugh - currently in Oak Hill Rehab in Middletown

For Sue Turnbaugh - back in hospital

For Chloe's uncle Tom - Health and mental challenges

For Janet Eiswerth's daughter, Tara - mass on her liver

For Linda Heckdorn - additional cancer surgery

# People To Be Lifted Up for Prayer this Week ....

## Ongoing Prayers Needed ....

Jack Ulsh; Terry Uhler; Wayne Perkins; Shirley Scheib; John Fulkroad; Linda Heckdorn; Evelyn Zerfing; Larry Rowe; Barry Stone; John Haines, John Orr, Nancy Coyle; Ron Brooks; Mark Dreher; Dan Crabb; Pat Moyer; Robin Davis; Polly Rubendall; Don Lebo; Peg Lebo; John Mantzouranis;  
Our Friends from York- Patti, Tanya, Victor, and Jeri; Gary & Kay Matter; Carson Kauffman; Delroy Straub, Jr.; Josie; Emily Hand; Nancy Snyder; Tina Baker; Pat Hoffman; Larry Gehring; Rick Shoop; Harry Bricker; Lillian Neiswender; Shirley Scheib; Sue Eshelman; Terry Laudenslager;

## Praises to Celebrate:

Bowie Gingrich is adjusting well to cochlear implant  
Tim Shuey - doing better  
Charlotte Gingrich became a great Aunt  
Sandy Bell - released from Rehab to home

## Additional Space for notes:

### Our Attendance on Sunday, Feb 1st

Early Worship ~ 29	Sunday School ~ 12
Late Worship ~ 42	Online Worship ~ 9

### Our Giving on Sunday, Feb 1st

General Fund ~ \$ 5,925	Designated Causes ~ \$ 1,495
Missions ~ \$ 450	Building Fund ~ \$ 45

***additional Blanket drive - \$ 120***

# *February 8th, 2026*

8:00 am ~ Early Contemporary Service  
9:15 am ~ Sunday School / Small Groups  
10:30 am ~ Traditional Service of Worship

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*Charlotte Gingrich, accompanist*

Welcome and Announcements

Our Call To Worship and Covenant

Leader : Let us come together as one in heart and mind, and focus on the goodness of the Lord.

**People : You, Lord, are our rock and our redeemer,  
for You have promised to save us from the pit.**

Leader : Let us come together as one in heart and mind, and focus on the greatness of the Lord.

**People : You have created all things in heaven  
and on the earth – there is none greater than  
You, O God.**

Leader : Let us come together as one in heart and mind, and focus on the provisions of the Lord.

**People : You have given to us everything we need –  
food, clothing, shelter, companionship, and love.**

**ALL: This day, we join together to lift up the mighty  
name of the Lord.**

\*\*Opening Hymn

TFWS 2001

*“ We Sing to You, O God ”*

## We Sing to You, O God

2001

1. We sing to you, O God, the Rock who gave us  
 2. We wan-dered far from home out in a des-ert  
 3. You bear us through the world, an ca-gle to her  
 4. O God, e-ter-nal God, we hide with-in your

birth, let our re-joic-ing sing your name in  
 land, you shield-ed with your love our fear-ful  
 young, who ris-es on her wings and bears us  
 wings, the ev-er-last-ing arms to whom our

all the earth. To you, O God, let  
 pil-grim band. You kept us safe with-  
 toward the sun. We ride the vaults of  
 prais-es ring. Your word is true, your

songs be raised, in joy-ful hymns, our feast of praise.  
 in your arms and shel-tered us a-gainst the storm.  
 light and air and trust in your un-fail-ing care.  
 way is just, you are the God in whom we trust.

**\*\*A Prayer of Invocation**

**ALL: Lord, You have brought us to this place of worship today. Let our voices be raised in praise to You; let our ears be tuned to hear Your voice; and allow our hearts to be opened to receive Your word. Empower your Holy Spirit to break through our pre-occupation, and to help us to focus our minds on what You have to share with us in this hour. Help us to be one in spirit - as we strive to live according to Your calling. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.**

**\*\* Let us share the Light of God's Peace**

## **WE PROCLAIM THE TRUTH OF GOD'S WORD**

The Reading of the Holy Scriptures *Donna Beer*  
*2nd Timothy 3:10 – 4:2*

Song of Praise *Grace Choir*  
*" How I Love to Hear from You "*

Sharing of Our Joys and Prayer Concerns  
Morning Prayers  
The Lord's Prayer

**ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Gather of the Tithes, Gifts, and Offerings

Offertory Hymn *TFWS 2272*  
*" We are Standing on Holy Ground "*

## Holy Ground

We are stand - ing on ho - ly ground, \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ and I know that there are an - gels all a -  
 round; \_\_\_\_\_ let us praise \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Je - sus now; \_\_\_\_\_ we are  
 stand - ing in his pres - ence on ho - ly ground. \_\_\_\_\_

## Our Prayer of Dedication

**ALL: Eternal God, You have given us many gifts. Help us to use those gifts to benefit Your work in this place. Stir up in our hearts a longing to share with others Your gifts of Grace and Blessing, that Your name might be lifted up. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

The Morning Message

*Pastor Alan Atchison*

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*from the text of Daniel 1: 1 - 21*

Our Prayer of Confession

**ALL: Almighty God, Giver of all good things, we confess that at times, we have withheld Your grace and Your forgiveness from those who have sought to do harm and create chaos in our world. Today, we are reminded that those are exactly the people that You sent Jesus to save - the least, and the lost. We admit before You that at times, that has been OUR story - We have been the ones in need of Your forgiveness and grace. Help us to pour out our hearts before You in these moments - that we might be set free from the penalty of sin and death, and empowered to share Your grace with others. Hear now our silent confessions....**

The Good News of God's Forgiveness

## **THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

We Remember the Story Together

We Share in the Common Loaf and the Cup

Our Prayer of Thanksgiving

**ALL: We give You thanks for this Holy Mystery in which You have given Yourself to the world - that we might be forgiven, and united by Your grace - sent out into all the world to share the Good News until Christ comes again in final and absolute victory, and we feast together at His Heavenly banquet. All honor and Glory are Yours, Almighty Father - now, and forevermore Amen.**

\*\*Closing Hymn

*UMH 364*

*" Seek Ye First "*

\*\* Benediction and Sending Forth

\*\*Indicates the congregation standing, if you are able.

## **This Week's Announcements**

**The Feb. Church Calendar and Birthday list** - is now available in the church entryway.

**Bulletin and Altar Flower Sponsorship** - is available for 2026. Please see the sign-up sheets in the entryway

**The Egg Project** will be working on Monday, Tuesday, and Wed this week. Thank you for all of your hard work to this point!

**The 2025 GUMC Financial Audit** - will take place on Thursday, Feb 18th. Treasurers, please have all your checkbooks, bank statements, and receipts in the church office by Monday, Feb 16th.

**Ash Wednesday Services** - We will be hosting our brothers and sisters from 1st UMC, Hebron UMC, and Trinity-County Line UMC on Wed., Feb. 18th at 6:30 in the sanctuary.

**Upcoming Soup and Sandwich Fellowship** - A time of food and fellowship will be held on Sunday, Feb. 22, following the late worship service. There is a sign-up sheet in the entryway.

**Community Needs** - Given the extremely cold winter, many people find themselves in need of help and/or assistance with heating oil, electricity, and food.

Please consider how you might be able to increase your donations to our Community Needs Fund - as we strive to meet the needs of individuals and families in our community.

**Help Needed!** - We are still in need of one additional Sunday School teacher for the children's class. Your commitment would be to teach (1) Sunday per month. Curriculum is provided. Please see Tracy Wertz, Lori Schoffstall, Diane White, or Mandie Morris. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this need.

## **This Week's Announcements**

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**Secret Sisters Ministry** - is now receiving names of those who would like to participate for 2026. Form are available on the table in the church entryway, or see Laurel Kolva. Once completed, please deposit it in her mailbox outside the church office .

**Upcoming Yard Sale** - Our annual indoor church yard sale will be held Friday and Saturday, March 6th & 7th. Set-up will take place all day, March 5th. The church will have a table for any donated items, with all proceeds going to the church general fund. Please see or call Tina Billow for more information, or if you are interested in a one of the few remaining spaces.

**Upcoming Bus Trip to the Noah's Ark Encounter and Creation Museum** is being led by Pam Mauser for 4 day and 3 nights - May 4 - 7th. Please see the flier on the front entrance bulletin board, or call Pam Mauser to secure your place at (717) 903-3590.

**A Bus Trip** to see **Joshua** at the Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster is being planned by the Making Memories Gang for Tuesday, July 14th. Please see the flier on the front entrance bulletin board, or call Pam Mauser to secure your place at (717) 903-3590.

**Lenten Food Drive** - The Hearts of Grace and JFY food teams are asking for help to stock the shelves in their new food pantry room ( formerly a part of the Sr. High Youth Room). A donation board, a list of suggestions, and collection boxes will be placed in the overflow area for your gifts during the Lenten season - beginning Ash Wed. Thank you for all the help that you can provide!