

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING SUNDAY - February 8th

Bring in cans of soup or non-perishables or make a monetary donation marked *Souper Bowl*. All donations will be given to The Wadsworth Salvation Army!

Let's tackle hunger as
Team Grace!

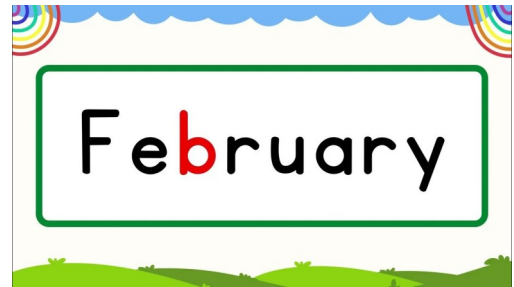


Grace Notes 2026

Grace Lutheran Church
146 High St, Wadsworth 44281

Our Mission Statement

Grace is a community, building its tradition through the sharing of the good news of Jesus and caring for all God's children.



ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING - FOLLOWING WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, MARCH 1.

**PLEASE PLAN TO STAY!
ANNUAL REPORTS WILL BE
EMAILED PRIOR TO AND
READY FOR PICK UP ON
FEBRUARY 22.**



Community Dinner . . . is February 10.

**If you'd like to volunteer, please sign
up at the Communications Table or in
the Narthex. We appreciate
volunteers arriving @ 3:00. Doors
open for serving @ 4:15.**



ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 18 . . .

We will worship at 12:00 noon and 7:00pm
with the Imposition of Ashes and Holy
Communion.

*From dust thou art and to dust you shall
return.*

Palm Sunday - March 29
Maundy Thursday - April 2
Good Friday - April 3
Easter - April 5





All In: Lent 2026

Have you ever decided to go all in for something?

Maybe it was when you chose a profession or a partner. Perhaps you made the exciting but terrifying decision to become a

homeowner. Maybe it was when you started coming to our church, or, if you came to faith later in life, when you decided to be baptized.

Jesus shows what it is like to be all in for the reign of God. It means being fully invested, deeply committed.

As Christians, God calls us to a life of commitment and caring for our neighbors and our world, even when the cultures around us view our caring as naive and our commitment as pointless.

Before we can go all in, though, God shows us the way. God knows that going all in for this beautiful broken world is a challenge, so God goes all in on our behalf first, revealing what it is like to bet it all on love.

This Lent, God is all in for us. Let's go all in for God's love, too.

There are many ways for you to be "All In" this Lent and engage our theme:

"All In" Lent Devotional: The best way to be "all in" this Lent, with daily readings, prayers, and reflections for each day of the season. Printed copies will be available at church, and a digital copy can be found in our weekly email.

Lent Bible Study: Thursday nights from 7:30-8:30pm, in the Gathering Space and on Zoom, where we'll explore each week's theme more deeply. Watch your email for the Zoom link or email the church office.

Weekly Worship: Thursdays at 6:30pm and Sundays at 9:00am.

Lent begins February 18 with Ash Wednesday. We'll worship at 12pm and 7pm, with the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion.

Let us pray:

Holy God, help us learn what it means to be all in for your love this Lent. As we look toward Easter, remind us that no matter what, you are always "all in" for us. Amen.

- Pastor Morgan





Keith & Suzan Stumpf -
February 2 - 24 years



- 6 Beth Ambrose
- 8 Elaine Parsons
- 15 David Miracle
- 18 Grady Pignato
- 20 Scott Hartman
- 24 Marlaina Kurt
- 28 Steve McIlvaine
- Rusty Rahe
- Dorothy Warner
- 29 Jean Wiedeman (not
sure when she celebrates
- February 28 or March 1.



Special thanks to three generous donors - who wish to remain anonymous - one for providing the funds to purchase the parking lot (repairs will be our responsibility) and two others for providing funds to help fund Phase 2 of the sound system. Donations like this are helping us along the way to realizing our mission of building, sharing and caring.

The *Card Creators* invite you to work on cards. If you're interested, please join them on February 5 at 9:30 at the church (library). It looks like fun. The cards are then sent to our shut-ins for special occasions and sometimes just for *thinking of you*.

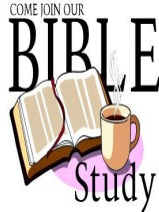


You are invited to join us to play euchre (whether you're a pro, novice or would like to learn). The date is **Friday, February 20**. **Our evening begins at 6:00pm.** with snacks and fellowship. The euchre game begins promptly at 6:30pm and ends at 9:00pm. Please bring snacks to share. Please sign up at the Communications Table.



Thursday Night Bible Study - 7:30pm

Thursday Night Bible Study will resume on February 19, where we'll explore our Lenten theme "All In". Join in on Thursday evenings from 7:30-8:30pm in the Gathering Space and on Zoom. Watch your email for the weekly Zoom link.



The service airs Sundays at 3:30pm and 6:30pm and Mondays at noon on channel 15 on CityLink, channel 1023 on Spectrum and can be viewed on demand at watchwctv.com. And it's shared on our Facebook page.

We appreciate the important, continuing support of the congregation. If you'd like to mail your offering to the office, please include your offering envelope (if you have one) and send to:

146 High St, Wadsworth OH 44281
or
PO Box 406, Wadsworth OH 44282

Follow us on Social Media

Are you on Instagram and Facebook? Now, you can subscribe to our YouTube channel too! Follow our church pages for even more updates, photos, devotions, and more!



@GraceLutheranWadsworth

Parking Lot Acquisition Update

In July 2025, the congregation approved the pursuit of bidding on a parking lot property on the northwest side of the building. In December, the Property Committee submitted a bid of \$15,000 to the City on behalf of the congregation. We are thrilled to share that the City has accepted our bid! As we finalize paperwork and details of acquiring this property, including plans for repair, your prayers are appreciated.

Thanks be to God!

SOCIAL MINISTRY EMPHASIS

Especially during the cold winter months, we continue to collect socks (any size, any kind), gloves (any size, any kind) and coffee for *Haven of Rest*, Akron. Please bring the items to the church.





Volunteers are always welcome to lector, serve as Communion assistants, ushers and Fellowship.

Please consider

volunteering for any of these 'duties'. Your help is much appreciated (and essential). If you wish to help, there's a sign-up sheet on the Communications Table

. . . when I volunteer to be a worship assistant, that is my ministry to the church.

Praying for Nancy Blewitt, Ray Buck, Marilyn Chapman, Jim Crawford (Bill Young's friend), Kim Donovan, Marli Elsass, Kim Hall, Rae Jean Heberling, Jon Hibian, Carol Kettenbauer, Cindy Kindig,

Debbie Liddy, Jan Louis, Beth Miklos, Sandy Miracle, Carol Prentiss, Angie Sass (friend of Melissa Otanicar), Emily Schott (friend of Melissa Otanicar), David Snyder, Isla Stewart (Walt & Cindy Kindig's granddaughter), Maida White.



Praying for those serving in the Armed Forces – Sam Adams, Antonio Buccino, Aaron Burnham, Bryan Chapman, Dan Hines, Ryan Crymes, Matthew McMillen, Michael Mogg.

OFFICE HOURS (330-335-6501)

Monday, Tuesday - 9:00am-1:00pm

Wednesday – OFFICE CLOSED

Thursday, Friday - 9:00am-1:00pm

Pastor Morgan Annable

(pastor's workdays are Sunday through Thursday –

please call to make an appointment if you wish to meet with her)

Cathy Byers, Office Administrator

Max Miller, Council President

Kalyn Davis, Organist

Bill Young, Custodian



We continue to collect ALUMINUM CANS for recycle. ONLY aluminum cans - no food cans or aluminum foil. Please bag the cans. Please leave the tabs on the cans. We are no longer collecting them separately (although Barb Ott has a friend who will take the tabs). Thank you to Bill & Gayle Hall for taking the cans to PCS Recycling in Barberton.

PLEASE EMPTY THE CANS!!!





HopeWood Outdoors

Summer Camp Opportunities for All Ages

"Camp mirrors faith formation in all aspects, from fellowship to service to bible study. Amazing to watch kids let go and be themselves too." -Hopewood Pines Parent

Research shows that one of the biggest indicators of faith growth in young people is a camp or gathering experience, a time to step out of their comfort zone, immerse themselves in nature, grow in faith, and make new friends.

Any youth and children in your life have an opportunity to experience camp this summer with our congregation. Camp takes place in early June, and can include a full week or just a few days. For more information and to sign up, check out hopewoodoutdoors.org and contact Pastor Morgan.

Funding may be available to offset costs and fees so all have an opportunity to experience God's presence through camp.

Walking in the Steps of Paul - Pilgrimage to Greece, April 2027

Have you wondered what the early church was really like? Are you curious to understand and experience the Bible in a new, immersive way? Next year, we will be embarking on a pilgrimage trip to Greece and the Greek Islands to walk in the steps of Paul and do just that. We'll explore the sites of the early churches Paul guided with his letters and travels, all while immersing ourselves in the world of the New Testament and growing in faith in a whole new way.

An information session for the trip will be held on **Monday, February 2 at 7:00pm** in-person (Gathering Space) and on Zoom. Reach out to Pastor Morgan with questions and for more information. Trip brochures can be found on the communications table in the Gathering Space and in our weekly email.

OPTIONAL POST-TOUR EXTENSION AVAILABLE:

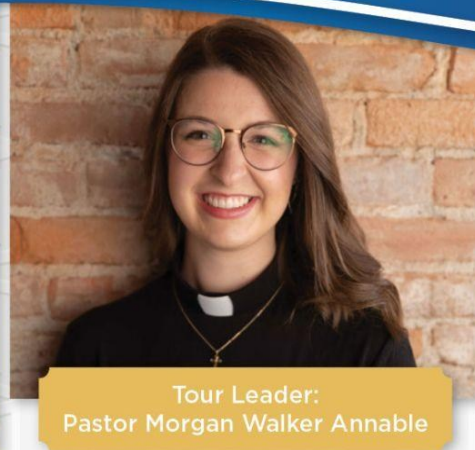
Dates: April 24-27, 2027 | Package: \$1190



April 13 - 24, 2027 | Detroit, MI (DTW) | Package Price \$5490

STEPS OF PAUL

GREECE & GREEK ISLANDS



Tour Leader:
Pastor Morgan Walker Annable



PACKAGE INCLUDES: Roundtrip Airfare | All nights accommodations in double occupancy luxury hotels
Breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily | Sightseeing in modern, air-conditioned private bus
English speaking licensed guide | Optional 4-day Cruise with 2 Shore Excursions | **And Much More**



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FEBRUARY, 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 Worship	2  6:30 Bal Class	3 10:00 KM (N)	4 10:00 KM (N) 6:30 AA (FR)	5 6:30 Worship	6 5:30 First Friday	7 10:00 Kindermusik (N)
8 9:00 Worship	9 1:00 WWC Bd (GS) 6:30 Bal Class	10 10:00 KM (N) 5:00 Comm Dinner	11 10:00 KM (N) 6:30 AA (FR)	12 10:30 Finance Committee 6:30 Worship	13	14 10:00 KM (N) 
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22 9:00 Worship	23 6:30 Bal Class	24 10:00 KM (N)	25 10:00 KM (N) 6:30 AA (FR)	26 11:30 Wads Women's Club (FH) 6:30 Worship 7:30 Bible S	27	28 10:00 KM (N)
			WORSHIP Sunday 9:00 Thursday 6:30 Bible Study 7:30 (watch the calendar)	GS - Gathering Space FR - Fireplace Room L - Library N - Nursery S - Sanctuary	FL - Footlighters HS - Head Start KM - Kindermusik	WWC Wadsworth Women's Club AA Alcoholics Anonymous



WATCH THE WEEKLY *GRACE NEWS* FOR OTHER ACTIVITIES THAT MAY BE ADDED. THIS CALENDAR IS UP-TO-DATE AS OF THE DATE OF PRINTING.