

## Community Dinner . . . May 12.

If you'd like to volunteer, please sign up at the Communications Table. We appreciate



volunteers arriving @ 3:00. Doors open for serving @ 4:15.

Dinners are offered on the second Tuesday of every month.

## 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.



## Welcome New Members!



New church members will be welcomed in worship on Sunday, May 10.



May 10, celebrate your mom and give thanks for all she does for you.

Attend church with her!!

**The church office will be closed on Monday, May 25, in observance of Memorial Day. Let's remember why we observe it.**



*"In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young will see visions. Your elders will dream dreams." -Acts 2:17*

The day of Pentecost must have been a day like any other: multitudes of people gathered together from many nations, the Holy Spirit coming down upon the crowds with tongues of fire, everyone speaking in unknown languages and yet able to understand one another. What a scene!

Pentecost is the day Jesus promised the disciples, when the Holy Spirit would come upon them to be God's enduring presence among them. Jesus could no longer remain on Earth but that did not mean God's presence left them forever. In fact, this day of Pentecost is just the beginning of the Early Church movement we read about in the book of Acts. It is the start of the new work God is doing to share God's love with the world.

The Holy Spirit is most certainly at work among us here at church. We will commemorate Pentecost this month and the ways God's Spirit continues to inspire us toward Building, Sharing, and Caring. We will also celebrate the ways God is pouring out God's spirit on our people. New members will be welcomed to the church this month, and we will celebrate as five of our youth affirm their baptisms on Confirmation Sunday.

The Holy Spirit is most certainly with us, and continues to pour out God's Spirit on our church community. I look forward to celebrating and witnessing all the ways God is moving in our midst this May.

Let's pray:

*Come, Holy Spirit. Breathe your life on us anew. Bless our church community. Guide those who are joining as new members and being confirmed this month. May our church be a shining example of Jesus's love in our community. Amen.*

- Pastor Morgan



### **SIMPLY GIVING (VANCO)**

Grace is enrolled in the Simply Giving Program. This is done through Vanco Services and is a convenient, safe and simple way for individuals to make automatic payments to the church through electronic funds transfer (EFT) directly from a checking or savings account or a credit card. How many of us make our car payment, mortgage payment, insurance payment, etc. through automatic deductions from our bank account? The Simply Giving Program is designed for churches. It can help grow the discipline of regular giving. It also helps one support the work of the church when you're on vacation or unable to attend church.

If you wish to sign up for Simply Giving, an enrollment form is available in the church office or a form can be emailed to you. You can also set it up yourself using the "Donate" tab on the website - [www.GraceWadsworth.com](http://www.GraceWadsworth.com)

# Confirmation Sunday

*May 17, 2026*

We look forward to celebrating our youth  
as they affirm their baptisms.  
Reception to follow worship in the  
Fellowship Hall.

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](http://watchwctv.com).

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.

**VOLUNTEER**

It's very much  
appreciated when there are volunteers for  
the Fellowship following worship. It's nice to  
sit with coffee, a treat and visit with others.

If you feel you can't 'host' Fellowship,  
donations of items that can be frozen are  
always welcome.

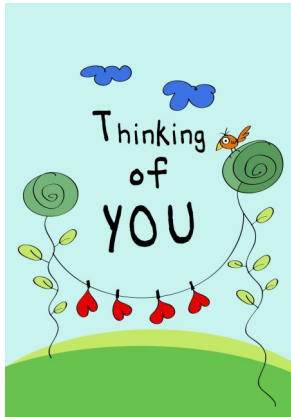
Praying for Nancy Blewitt, Ray Buck, Marilyn  
Chapman, Jim Crawford (Bill Young's friend),  
Kim Donovan, Kim Hall, Rae Jean Heberling,  
Cindy Kindig, Debbie Liddy, Jan Louis, Beth  
Miklos, Sandy Miracle, Carol Prentiss, Angie  
Sass (friend of Melissa Otanicar), Emily Schott  
(friend of Melissa 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, Alex  
Wiles.



**A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY . . . Maida White will be 104 years  
old on May 11 - let's celebrate with a card shower. We'll send  
the cards to the home of Tom & Kay Becker, 805 E Nimisila Rd, Akron 44319. Maida  
currently resides in a facility and isn't getting around very well, but she'll delight in  
receiving a 'bunch' of cards.**

The *Card Creators* invite you to work on cards. If you're interested, please join them on May 7 at 9:30 in 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*.



They'll take a 'break' for the summer (June, July, August) and meet again on September 4.

You are invited to join us to play euchre (whether you're a pro, novice or would like to learn). The date is . . . **May 22 (please note date)**. Our evening begins at 6:00 p.m. 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.



**OFFICE HOURS (330-335-6501)**

cbgracewads146@gmail.com

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

Wednesday – OFFICE CLOSED

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

Pastor Morgan Annable

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(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 are very grateful for your continued support and appreciate your sending your offerings in. You can send them to either address:

146 High St

Wadsworth OH 44281

PO Box 406

Wadsworth OH 44282

If you have offering envelopes, please send them along. I worry about envelopes with only a check in them being too thin and getting 'lost'. Thank you.

**Follow us on Social Media**

Are you on Instagram and Facebook? Follow our church pages for even more updates, photos, devotions, and more!



@GraceLutheranWadsworth

**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. (Please rinse the cans.)**

**Thank you to Bill & Gayle Hall for taking the cans to SA Recycling LLC in Barberton.**



## Maundy Thursday Dinner Church

Gathered with our friends at Trinity UCC and First Christian Church, we celebrated Maundy Thursday with a dinner church potluck, worship, discussion, and song. Pastor Adam Marquette, Pastor Morgan Annable, and Pastor Sarah West led us in dinner worship and the procession to the sanctuary for the stripping of the altar.

We are so thankful for our partnership with these faith communities and for the opportunity to discover how we are being called to be Christ's presence together in Wadsworth.



**More Maundy Thursday Pictures . .**



## Easter at Grace

Easter Sunday was a wonderful celebration of Jesus's resurrection! We celebrated with worship, a coffee cake potluck, and Easter crafts with our youth and families. Thank you to all who made Easter so special.





# Pub Theology Summer Series

THIRD THURSDAYS @ 7:30PM

MAY 21	CAMBRIA BISTRO
JUNE 18	WADSWORTH BREWING COMPANY
JULY 16	BUEHLER'S COMMUNITY ROOM
AUGUST 20	WADSWORTH BREWING COMPANY
SEPTEMBER 17	CAMBRIA BISTRO





**The Wadsworth Footlighters present:**  
***Supervillains Anonymous***  
**at Grace Lutheran Church, 146 High Street**  
**on**  
**May 14 @ 7:30pm**  
**May 15 @ 7:30pm**  
**May 16 @ 2:30pm and 7:30pm**

**LOOK, LOOK, LOOK . . .**  
**we are currently collecting**

- Socks, gloves, hats, coffee (NOT decaf) for Haven of Rest, Akron
- Aluminum Cans (and the tabs) - please empty the cans and bag them.  
Loose cans in the trash can are a pain.

Speaking of *Haven of Rest* . . . They are, of course, grateful for the coffee and socks we send, but they always need so much more. The items will be delivered, but IF we have so much, we can't take it in a car, *Haven of Rest* will come to get it in a truck!!

**Spring Needs List - clothing should be season appropriate**

**Men:**

Pants (especially sizes 28-34 waist)  
Boxers (all sizes NEW any color but white) and shirts/new socks  
Men's shoes, shower slides/flip-flops, belts  
**NEW PERSONAL CARE ITEMS - DEODORANT, RAZORS, TOOTHBRUSHES, LOTION**  
Exercise equipment for men's Conqueror Recovery Program  
White towels, washcloths and pajama bottoms  
Flash drives  
New or gently used portfolios

**Children:**

Boys 2T/3T pull-ups, diapers size 4, 5, 6  
Baby wipes  
Unopened baby formula  
New undergarments, newborn clothing, 2T-18 kids' clothes

**Women:**

Coats, jackets, hoodies  
Hair grease w/olive oil/Jam hair gel/hair lotion with shea butter, hair conditioner  
Maternity clothing, women's pajamas, purses  
Body wash, facial tissue, baby wipes, deodorant (aerosol and solid)  
Leggings, dresses, coats, new undergarments

**Kitchen:**

Regular and decaf coffee—GREAT NEED  
Canned tomato sauce, spaghetti sauces, diced tomatoes, pasta sauces  
Individual snack cakes, and fruit cups for the lunches we pack for the dayroom and clients  
Salad dressings  
Hot chocolate, cold cereal, packaged oatmeal - all flavors  
Canned fruit, canned veggies, canned food - all varieties  
Styrofoam bowls, cups, plates  
Variety packs of instant oatmeal, kid cereals, canned fruit, individual chips

**Household**

Electric can openers, toasters, mixers, coffee makers, microwaves, blenders  
Clorox disinfecting wipes, Kleenex  
Small grills, toaster ovens, crockpots, skillets, pots and pans  
Bakeware, plasticware, mops and brooms, sweepers  
Rugs, wall pictures, clocks, shower curtains and hooks, lamps with shades  
New personal hygiene, new makeup, hair dryer, curling iron  
Queen, full, twin and king bedding, sheets, pillows

**VOLUNTEERING THERE IS ALWAYS AN OPTION, TOO!**  
**YOU CAN PUT THE ITEMS IN THE SHOPPING CART!!!**



- 2 Jan Louis
- 6 Ruth Chrzanowski
- 10 Debbie Lingel  
William Lyren, Sr.- 86
- 11 Maida White - 104
- 12 Mary Beth Snyder
- 13 Val Painter
- 14 Nicholas D'Amico  
Keith Stumpf
- 15 Rae Jean Heberling - 86  
Mike Sisler
- 16 Yvonne Jones
- 17 Tammy Nemchev
- 22 Dave Gettemy
- 26 Kay Becker

**May 5 - Evan & Kisandra Whitesell (4)**  
**May 6 - Robert & Liz O'Grady Byers (48)**  
**May 12 - Max & Diane Miller (47)**  
**May 17 - Tom & Dawn Borgmann (51)**  
**May 29 - Scott & Eve Hartman (27)**



### Vacation Bible School with Our Friends at First Christian



We look forward to partnering again with our friends at First Christian Church for Summer VBS! This year's theme is "Rainforest Falls, Exploring the Nature of God."

Vacation Bible School will run from 9:00am to 12 noon Tuesday through Friday, June 23-26 at First Christian Church (116 E Boyer St.) for children in pre-K through 5th grade.

If you would like to participate or volunteer for VBS, contact Pastor Morgan and sign up at the link in our weekly email.



**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](http://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

Our trip registration for Greece is now full. We are currently taking names for those who would like to join a waitlist in case spots open up as the trip approaches. If you would like to be added to the waitlist, contact Pastor Morgan.

We look forward to walking in the steps of Paul next April!



**Artful Souls** will meet on Thursday, May 21 at 10:00am in the Fireplace Room. We'll be rock painting mini masterpieces for our Prayer Garden. Acrylic paints, markers, and rocks to paint will be provided.

Bring your bag of supplies with you. If you're joining us for the first time, you'll receive a bag of art supplies.

**Have you wondered the status of the parking lot purchase?** The process of the sale closing is moving forward and should be completed in the near future. The city has set June 30 as a final closing date, but the transaction should happen before that. We're in the 'process' of getting information on the refurbishing of the lot (donations for that project will be welcome).

Thank you for your interest and for your support.

Phases 2 and 3 of the sound system upgrade are being coordinated. We're currently waiting for the quote for this and we have to have some further electrical work done to accommodate the wiring, etc for the speakers. We appreciate your patience.

(Donations are welcome for this project and we're thankful for those we've received thus far.)

**Grace Church Council** is seeking 2 council members for the upcoming term. The term is 7-1-2026 to 6-30-2029. If you're interested, or feel called, to serve on council, please let Max Miller or Gayle Hall know.

# MAY, 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>WORSHIP</b> Sunday 9:00 Thursday 6:30  <b>FH -</b> Fellowship Hall	<b>GS -</b> Gathering Space <b>FR -</b> Fireplace Room <b>L -</b> Library	<b>S -</b> Sanctuary <b>N -</b> Nursery <b>FL -</b> <i>Footlighters</i> <b>HS -</b> Head Start	<b>WWC</b> Wadsworth Women's Club  <b>AA</b> Alcoholics Anonymous		<b>1</b>   <b>5:30 First            Friday</b>	<b>2</b> <b>9:00 FL (FH)</b>   <b>Wadsworth            Herb &amp; Craft            Festival</b>
<b>3</b> <b>9:00 Worship</b>  <b>10:15</b> <b>Membership</b> <b>Inquiry</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Bd of</b> <b>Elections Set</b> <b>Up</b>  <b>6:30 Bal</b> <b>class</b>	<b>5</b>  	<b>6</b> <b>Bd of</b> <b>Elections</b> <b>Take Down</b> <b>4:00 SFW</b> <b>Banquet</b> <b>6:00 Book Cl</b> <b>6:30 AA (FR)</b>	<b>7</b> <b>9:30 Card</b> <b>Creators</b>  <b>6:00 FL (FH)</b> <b>6:30 Worship</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <b>9:00 FL (FH)</b>  <b>Wadsworth            Herb &amp; Craft            Festival</b>
<b>10</b> <b>9:00 Worship</b> <b>New</b> <b>Members</b> <b>Welcome</b>  	<b>11</b> <b>1:00 WWC Bd</b> <b>(GS)</b>  <b>6:00 FL (FH)</b> <b>6:30 Bal</b> <b>class</b>	<b>12</b>  <b>5:00</b> <b>Community</b> <b>Dinner</b> <b>6:00 FL (FH)</b>	<b>13</b>  <b>6:00 FL (FH)</b> <b>6:30 AA (FR)</b>	<b>14</b> <b>10:30 Finance</b>  <b>6:30 Worship</b> <b>7:30 FL</b> <b>Performance</b>	<b>15</b> <b>9:30 Isham</b> <b>Tour</b>  <b>7:30 FL</b> <b>Performance</b>	<b>16</b>  <b>2:30 FL</b> <b>Performance</b>  <b>7:30 FL</b> <b>Performance</b>
<b>17</b> <b>9:00 Worship</b>  	<b>18</b> <b>9:30 Sacred</b> <b>Heart Tour</b> <b>(lunch)</b>  <b>6:30 Bal</b> <b>class</b>	<b>19</b> <b>9:30 Lincoln</b> <b>Tour</b>  <b>7:00 Council</b>	<b>20</b>  <b>6:30 AA (FR)</b>	<b>21</b> <b>9:30 Grizzly</b> <b>Acad Tour</b> <b>10:00 Artful</b> <b>Souls</b> <b>11:00 WWC</b> <b>(FH)</b> <b>6:30 Worship</b> <b>7:30 Pub</b> <b>Theology</b>	<b>22</b> <b>9:30 Valley</b> <b>View Tour</b>  <b>6:00 Euchre</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> <b>9:00 Worship</b>  	<b>25</b> <b>OFFICE</b> <b>CLOSED</b>  	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>  <b>6:30 AA (FR)</b>	<b>28</b> <b>9:30 Property</b>  <b>3:30 HS (FH)</b>  <b>6:30 Worship</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> <b>9:00 Worship</b>				<b>May 5 is Election Day</b> <b>May 6 is Book Club - church library</b> <b>May 10 is Mother's Day &amp;</b> <b>Welcome New Members Day</b> <b>May 17 is Confirmation</b> <b>May 21 is Artful Souls</b> <b>is Pub Theology (Cambria)</b> <b>May 24 is Pentecost</b> <b>May 25 is Memorial Day</b>		