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## **Are You Jesus**

A few years ago, a group of salesmen were at the airport and were in a rush to catch their flight home when one of those salesmen inadvertently kicked over a table which held a display of apples. Apples flew everywhere. Without stopping or looking back, they all managed to reach the plane in time.

All but one. This one experienced a twinge of compassion for the girl whose apple stand had been overturned. He told his buddies to go on without him, waved good-bye, told one of them to call his wife when they arrived at their home destination and explain his taking a later flight.

Then he returned to only to realize the 16-year-old girl was totally blind! She was softly crying, tears running down her cheeks, and at the same time, helplessly groping for her spilled apples as the crowd swirled around her; no one stopped and no one cared.

The salesman knelt on the floor with her, gathered up the apples, put them back on the table and helped organize her display. Then, he took out his wallet and said to the girl, "Here, please take this \$50 for the damage we did. Are you okay?" She nodded YES through her tears.

He continued on with, "I hope we didn't spoil your day too badly." As the salesman started to walk away, the confused blind girl called out to him, "Mister." He paused and turned to look back into those blind eyes. She continued, "Are you Jesus?"

Is that our identity? To be so much like Jesus that people cannot tell the difference as we live and interact with a world that is blind to His love, life, and grace? Just remember, If we claim to know Him, we run the risk of being confused with being him.

**Blessings to you in Christ,  
Pastor Dan**



# M I S S I O N S

## Easter Offering: Royal Family Kids Camp

Your donation will provide life-changing experiences for foster and at-risk children in Henry County, Illinois. Also consider becoming a volunteer! Find out more at <https://www.forthethechildren.org/about-us/camps>.

We know trauma negatively affects a child's emotional, mental, physical, and social development and is potentially long-lasting. Children may experience lowered self-esteem, behavioral problems, emotional dysregulation, social disconnection or over-attachment, academic challenges, lack of attention or thoughts focused on survival or worry. Research affirms the existence of human resilience. With the right environment and support, children can overcome the ongoing residual effects of trauma.

Royal Family Kids offers an opportunity for caring adults to work alongside wounded children, providing support and encouragement in a safe and secure environment while engaging in a variety of fun, recreational activities. The church is at the heart of this work, creating and leading change in Henry County.

This Mission Committee has designated Henry County Royal Family Kids Camp as the Easter Offering with a floor of \$500.



April 13

Worship Service

9:00am

Join us for breakfast  
following service



April 17

OWLS Lunch

11:30am

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Service

7:00pm



April 18

Office

Closed



April 20

Worship Service

9:00am

Easter Egg Hunt  
for Children  
following Service



**Pastor Dan Seibert**  
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**Sunday School:**  
**Adult Classes 8:00am**  
**Ladies Bible Study**  
**10:00am**

**Worship Sunday at 9:00am**  
**Kids Worship (Ages 4-11)**  
**Sunday at 9:00am**

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Geneseo Grace



**2025 Offering Needed to  
meet Monthly Budget**

**\$31,800.00**

**Received March 2-23**

**\$20,659.93**

**General Fund**



**Sunday, April 13**

Breakfast served by Opal Circle  
following Worship Service.

If you can donate an egg casserole,  
coffee cake, etc., please contact  
Paula Schulte 309-945-2964

## Prayer Requests

Anonymous Requests  
Brenna Betcher  
John Davis  
Ruth Ann Eaker  
Cathy Gaudet  
Nikki Haars  
Margaret Hitzhusen  
Kerry  
Andrew Lord  
Clarice Massingill  
Ellen Rubino  
Barb Sigwalt  
Nancy Stoneberger  
Connie Taylor  
Pat Ufkin  
Steve & Charlotte Powell's Brother

Bishop Frank J. Beard  
Joseph Titus Countryman  
Joey Eaker  
Family Member  
Lyn Gradert  
Hannika  
Cameron Hodgson  
Norma Lodge  
Jane Massey  
Bev Radue  
Gloria Shoemaker  
Ginny Simon  
Sally Swanson  
Todd  
Dean Yoder

### Those in Assisted Living & Nursing Home:

Joyce Criddle    Mary Lou Deane    John Riggs  
Connie Ryner    Sarah Stees    Carolyn Stenzel  
Rita Webb



### Food needs:

spaghetti sauce, baked beans, cereal, crackers,  
juice, canned peas, canned pineapple

### Non-food needs:

toilet paper, paper towels, deodorant, shampoo,  
conditioner, body wash, tooth paste, cleaning  
supplies

### Clothing Room needs:

men's clothing (XL & up), men's underwear & socks,  
children's clothing (all sizes) bath towels

# VBS 2025



**June 9 - 13**  
**times to be determined**

We need YOU to help make our VBS a success!  
“Train up a child in the way he should go...”  
Proverbs 22:6



Where can you help?  
Leader/Helper  
Music/Skit  
Games  
Arts/Crafts  
Kitchen/Snacks  
Decorations

If you're willing to help, please sign up in the lobby or by  
contacting Director, Molly Hamer  
hamer23@gmail.com / cell 309-945-6934  
or the office geneseogumc@gmail.com / 309-944-4208



## OWLS Lunch Thursday, April 17 at 11:30am

Let's go traveling with Jackie & Joe as they share their fun adventures through Rome & Greece! Join us for good food, great conversation, and this exciting tour the Mickleys recently experienced.



- 01 - Jamie Cucci
- 03 - Ron Vroman
- 07 - Chuck Boardman
- 08 - Lacy Burris, Marian Shelton
- 10 - Olivia Orton
- 11 - Carlye Akers, Janey Neumann
- 13 - Chelsea West
- 16 - Tom Hudson
- 17 - Lyn Gradert
- 22 - Doug Emerick
- 24 - Larry Goodwin
- 30 - Brenna Callahan



**To the Family of  
Millie Scales**  
who passed away on March 15.

Mother of Lisa Swanigan & Mike Scales  
5330 Frank Avenue NW  
North Canton, OH 44720

*"The Lord is near to the brokenhearted  
and saves those  
who are crushed in spirit."  
Psalm 34:18*



- 15 - Brad & Tammy Dunker (30)**
- 16 - Larry & Linda Goodwin (53)  
Matt & Christina Wentz (14)
- 20 - **Todd & Marlene Ashpole (40)**  
Steve & Suzy Coleman (23)  
Landon & Sharon Neumann (23)
- 22 - Wayne & Suzanne Carter (58)



## Book Club



Grace Book Club met on March 11 in the church library and discussed the book, "The Only Woman in the Room" by Heather Terrell. Once again, a very lively discussion of the book was had by all. Attendees included Gayle, Pat, LaVon, Sandy, Dee, Sharon H, Joy, & Sharon C. On April 1 we will meet to discuss the book, "The Only Way Home" by Jeanette Minitti. A big shout out to all who attended. It was a fun gathering!

2025 Men's  
Lenten  
Breakfasts

Grace Men hosted the Men's Lenten Breakfast on Saturday, March 22.

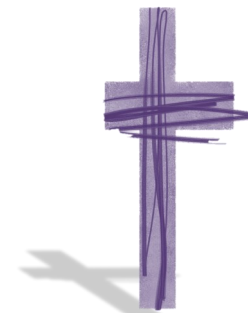
Food, fellowship & some toe tappin' music were enjoyed by 80 men!



March 16  
Pearl Circle served breakfast pizza following Worship Service.



Brad Toone, Piano  
Tom Daniels, Guitar  
Steve Scherer, Drums  
Seth Daniels, Bass Guitar



JOIN OUR COMMUNITY CHOIR

The Community Choir of Geneseo will be celebrating their 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Concert entitled "Hope" on Wednesday, June 25 at 7:00pm in the Geneseo HS Concert Hall. The Community Choir includes those entering 8<sup>th</sup> grade and older adults. They rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 - 8:00pm. beginning Wednesday May 28 thru June 18 in the Geneseo HS Concert Hall. If you are interested in singing, please call Pam Edwards, the director at 309-944-6641 or email: [singplay53@gmail.com](mailto:singplay53@gmail.com) by May 2.

Students entering grades 4-7 are invited to sing in the Children's Choir. They will rehearse June 19,20,23,24,25. Registration forms are available through the Geneseo elementary and middle school choir instructors or contact Pam Edwards. The deadline to register is May 9.



| Sun                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Mon                                                                                                        | Tue                                                   | Wed                                                                       | Thurs                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Fri                                                                                                                                                               | Sat              |
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| <p><b>Regular Sunday Events</b></p> <p>8:00am - Adult Sunday School<br/>           9:00am - Worship<br/>           9:00am - KIDS Worship<br/>           10:00am - Women's Bible Study</p>                                               |                                                                                                            | <p><b>1</b></p> <p>1:00pm - Book Club, Library</p>    | <p><b>2</b></p> <p>9:15am - GUMDROPS</p> <p>7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal</p>  | <p><b>3</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <p><b>4</b></p>                                                                                                                                                   | <p><b>4</b></p>  |
| <p><b>6</b></p> <p>Regular Sunday Events</p> <p>10:00am - Confirmation Class</p>                                                                                                                                                        | <p><b>7</b></p> <p>8:00am - Prayer Group, Library</p>                                                      | <p><b>8</b></p> <p>9:00am - Pearl Circle, Library</p> | <p><b>9</b></p> <p>9:15am - GUMDROPS</p> <p>7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal</p>  | <p><b>10</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <p><b>11</b></p>                                                                                                                                                  | <p><b>12</b></p> |
| <p><b>13</b></p> <p><br/> <b>PALM SUNDAY</b></p> <p><b>BREAKFAST SERVED</b><br/>           Following Worship</p> <p>10:00am - Confirmation Class</p> | <p><b>14</b></p> <p>8:00am - Prayer Group, Library</p> <p>6:00pm - Opal Circle, Chapel</p>                 | <p><b>15</b></p>                                      | <p><b>16</b></p> <p>9:15am - GUMDROPS</p> <p>7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal</p> | <p><b>17</b></p> <p><br/> <b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b></p> <p>11:30am - OWLS Lunch, Otterbein</p> <p>7:00pm - Worship Service</p> | <p><b>18</b></p> <p><br/> <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b></p> <p><b>OFFICE CLOSED</b></p> | <p><b>19</b></p> |
| <p><b>20</b></p> <p><br/> <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b></p> <p>Easter Egg Hunt Following Worship</p>                                                           | <p><b>21</b></p> <p>8:00am - Prayer Group, Library</p>                                                     | <p><b>22</b></p>                                      | <p><b>23</b></p> <p>7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal</p>                          | <p><b>24</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <p><b>25</b></p>                                                                                                                                                  | <p><b>26</b></p> |
| <p><b>27</b></p> <p>Regular Sunday Events</p> <p>10:00am - Confirmation Class</p>                                                                                                                                                       | <p><b>28</b></p> <p>8:00am - Prayer Group, Library</p> <p>6:00pm - Missions Committee Meeting, Library</p> | <p><b>29</b></p>                                      | <p><b>30</b></p> <p>7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal</p>                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                   |                  |