

THE MESSENGER



2010

Worship Schedule
Sunday: 8 AM and 10:30 AM
Sunday Church School for all ages:
9:15 AM

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MUM'S THE WORD

"...The grass withers, and the flower fades, but the Word of the Lord endures forever." That Word is the Good news that was announced to you.

I Peter 1:24-25 (NRSV)

Like many of you, I love the fall! I relish the cool autumn breezes and the spectacle of the changing seasons. From my back porch, I can see close by and far off in the hills, the mingling of green, gold and crimson leaves as they celebrate the memories of summer and the coming surprises of fall.

It is also football season. I love that, too. From home vantage point, I can hear the truly fine Dover High School band practicing and, at times, football coaches with their whistles and the players with their grunts, groans and shouts that accompany the rigors of a good practice.

What I don't like about the fall is all those colorful leaves will soon be on the ground. I hate raking leaves! Also, I do not like watching the flowers fade. I usually put a lot of time and effort planting and tending my flower beds. I enjoy the work and enjoy even more the colorful results. But, with the onslaught of fall, all that effort seems almost wasted and the joy diminished.

That's why I have a growing appreciation for the chrysanthemum (and my hardier geraniums). While the other flowers fade and fall away; in the fall, the mum is in all its glory. The autumn mum beautifies our gardens, fancies up our rooms and adorns the shoulders of our homecoming queens. It blossoms and boasts as if defying nature and time.

For you history buffs and learned horticulturists, chrysanthemums were first cultivated in China as a flowering herb as far back as the 15th century BC. The flower was brought to Europe in the 17th century. The renowned botanist Linnaeus named it from the Greek word *chrysous*, "golden" (the color of the original flowers), and *-antheon*, meaning flower. They became immediately popular in the West and have remained a favorite of many ever since.

(On an aside: **Thank you, Mystery Mummer!** Whoever you are, thanks for the big and beautifully bright yellow chrysanthemums you anonymously placed in my big flower pots—all three of them. What an autumn blessing!)

Still, nothing lasts forever--even the mum. Mum's not the word by late November. By December they, too, will be faded, withered and covered with snow.

As old season changes into new season, there is only one thing that remains--always growing, always flourishing and always beautifying our lives with love and grace. That one thing is God's wonderful Word. Isaiah, and later Peter, reminded us of this glorious truth. With so much changing, so much fading, and yes, with so much death and decay; it is so good to know we have the life-giving constant of God's Word in our lives. It eternally refreshes. It eternally empowers. It eternally accomplishes God's purpose in us and for us.

Again, Isaiah reminds us: "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my Word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it." Amen and autumn blessings!

Senior Pastor Donald L. Rice Jr.

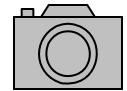
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Planning Council

PLANNING COUNCIL
Next Meeting
October 5th, 2010
@ 6:45 PM

MINISTRY NIGHT
Next Meeting
October 12th, 2010
@ 6:45 PM

SAY CHEEEEEEZE!



Pictures for the new Church Directory will be taken in Luther Hall November 3-6, 2010. Sign-up sheets are located on the table in the church narthex. Please select a date and time that is most convenient for you. We are praying for a great turn-out.

Renowned photographers and directory publisher Olan Mills will be here for the photo sessions and to develop and produce our new directory. Public Relations Committee Director Tracey Viereck is coordinating the project and serving as liaison with Olan Mills.

Each photographed household receives a free 8x10 photo. A wide variety of picture packages are available. (Just in time for Christmas gifts!) In addition, Olan Mills will donate \$2.00 to the congregation for each household photographed. Planning Council will designate these earned dollars to an appropriate fund at a later date. Olan Mills has promised us **NO PRESSURE SELLING** of picture packages. The congregation is invited to monitor selling representatives to make sure this pledge is upheld. If your sole intention is to provide a photo for the Church directory, receive your free 8x10 and earn \$2 for the congregation, that is quite all right. Thank you for your cooperation. Here's to seeing your smiling face(s) in the new directory.

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Since You Asked...

Since you asked...



Why did Jesus instruct us to pray “lead us not into temptation” when God states that He does not tempt us?

This is a frequently asked question. It seems I have encountered it several times in every one of my ministry experiences. I believe it requires a clear answer so that we may comfortably, sincerely and meaningfully pray as Jesus taught us to pray. I hope the following explanation will be helpful.*

First, we know from James 1:13 that God does not tempt us to sin. If God did, He would be acting contrary to His holy nature and against His desire for us to be holy as He is holy (1 Peter 1:16). This would also contradict all other commandments in Scripture that tell us to avoid sin and flee temptation.

In the Lord’s Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13), Jesus included asking our Father in heaven not to lead us into temptation as one of the things we are to pray for regularly, along with forgiveness of sins, daily provisions, and seeking God’s will, glory and kingdom. From this list, we can see that avoiding temptation should be one of the primary concerns of the Christian life.

The idea of God leading His people is a main theme of Scripture. The Psalms especially are filled with pleas for God to lead us in His ways (Psalms 5:8; 27:11), by His truth and righteousness (Psalms 23:3) and in “the way everlasting” (Psalms 139:24). Along with leading us *to* good things, it is understood that we are asking God to lead us *away from* evil. This petition reflects the believer’s desire to avoid, by God’s grace, the dangers and consequences of sin altogether. Thus this petition can be prayed as “Lead us away from sin and temptation...”

This becomes clearer when we understand the goal of this petition is found in the second part of verse 13: “deliver us from evil.” In other words, we are praying that God in His mercy would keep us from giving into temptation and, by so doing, protect, defend and rescue us from sin and its inherent and calamitous consequences. Here, Jesus teaches the important Gospel truth that God is our ultimate and only Deliverer from sin and death.

A petition similar to this is offered by David in Psalms 141:4: "Incline not my heart to any evil thing, to practice wicked works with the workers of iniquity." In this sense and in all things, God is our Deliverer and we are to pray to Him as such.

*With thankful acknowledgements to www.gotquestions.org.

If you have a question you would like to see answered in this monthly column, please write it down and place in the “Since You Asked...” box located on the table in the narthex.

Thank you.

Dates To Remember

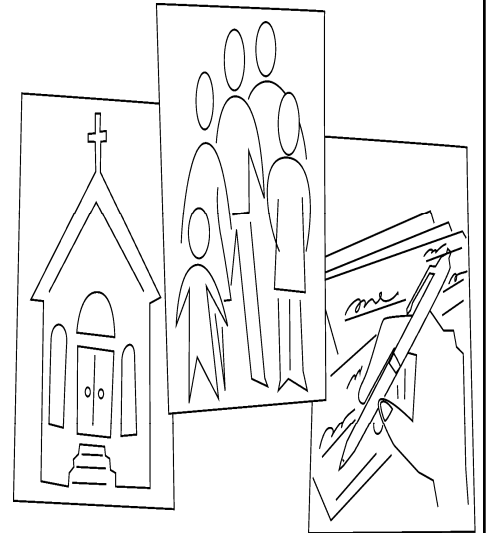
Attention:

Stewardship Sunday has been set for November 14, 2010. Please keep an eye out for your 3rd Quarter Giving Statement which will be mailed October 15, 2010. In your statement you will receive a small gold envelope and a card entitled "A Prayer and a Promise." This card represents a promise between you and God. The *Prayer and Promise* cards will be collected by the Ushers during each service on Stewardship Sunday, November 14, 2010.

Unlike the previous pledging promise, the *Prayer and Promise* cards **will not** be reviewed and **will remain sealed** in their respective envelopes. **The sealed envelopes** will be placed in the **Church safe** and later mailed to each of you with your 2011 3rd Quarter Giving Statements. For those who do not receive a 3rd Quarter Giving Statement please contact the Church Office and request to receive the *Prayer and Promise* card.

This represents a significant departure from our past pledging process. It is our hope that the new process will help strengthen our communication and relationship with God and encourage more members to become gracious stewards.

"But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand. We are aliens and strangers in your sight, as were all our forefathers. Our days on earth are like a shadow, without hope. O LORD our God, as for all this abundance that we have provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name, it comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you."
1 Chronicles 29:14-16



Stewardship Sunday

Welcome New Members!



On Sunday, October 3, we will welcome fifteen new members in our Grace family of believers. Most have been attending here for some time and have been active in a variety of ways. We are so looking forward to each of them being a vital part of our community of faith. We pledge them our care, support and encouragement as we journey forward in Christian love.

Our new members will be welcomed during both Sunday services. A welcoming reception will be held in their honor in Fellowship Hall between services.

We thankfully receive:

Thomas and Bobbi Cox, Shauna and Thad of Newcomerstown

Paul and Ronda Fisher, Josh and Noah of Strasburg

Tony and Heather Lecce of Dover

Chris Roman and Nicole Willey, Jacob and Isaac of New Philadelphia

Mike Sergent of Dover

Announcements

Our Favorite Hymns

On Reformation Sunday, October 31, our worship service will feature “Our Favorite Hymns.” More than 20 different hymns have been submitted by Grace members during the past six to eight weeks. Of course, we cannot sing hem all on one Sunday. Four hymns are selected for Reformation Sunday and the remaining will be sung on upcoming Sundays or during the next “Our Favorite Hymns” service.

The “Our Favorite Hymns” service gives us an opportunity to grow in our appreciation of these treasured tunes and our musical heritage. We learn about the hymn’s Scriptural inspiration and the story behind its composition. Then we join in singing in thankfulness to the composer and the glory of God.

Thank you to all who submitted their requests. It was quite interesting to discover congregational preferences and some of its most beloved church music. Remember, if we don’t sing your favorite on October 31, we will be singing it soon.



FALL FESTIVAL

and BENEFIT AUCTION

**Sunday, October 3
12:30 – 5:30 pm
at**

Camp Mowana

just north of Mansfield off US 42 on Fleming Falls Rd.

- Fresh roast pork, pumpkin pies, beef stew and other great food!
- Hayrides and Pony Rides, 12:30-3:30 pm
 - Pumpkin Carving, Face Painting and Kids’ Crafts
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Benefit Auction begins at 3:00 pm

Rain or Shine! Free Admission and Parking!

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Lutheran Memorial Camp’s
**36th Annual
Apple Butter Festival**
Sunday, October 10, 2010
11:00 am– 5:00 pm

Auction from noon to 3:30 pm
Meet us under the BIG TOP!

Silent Auction of old time crafts and quality goods: Art work, antiques, tickets, new merchandise, gift certificates, more, more, more!

Wagon rides, Live Music in Lodge, Bean Soup, Cornbread, Hot Dogs, Chicken Sandwiches, Children’s Play Area, Petting Zoo, Crafters, Cornhole.

\$1.00 per car (you receive one free ticket for door prize)

100% of proceeds provide financial aid for children who cannot afford the cost of camp.

Moser Mission

MOSEY FAMILY NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2010



God has been doing some amazing things in the lives of the Moser family since we wrote you last. The whole family was together this summer... well... sort of. All four of us were in Schroon Lake, NY working at the *Word of Life* summer camps. Stuart and Kearstin worked at the *Inn and Conference Center*, and Steve and Tina worked at *The Ranch and Ranger Camp*.



When Steve and Tina returned from *Bermuda* (remember they were there for the entire month of May) they went straight to Schroon Lake for the annual *Missionary Training Conference*. And as soon as that finished, they began the preparations for camps. During the eight weeks of summer camp, they were privileged to be a part of the team that ministered to 2,038 children (ages 6-12), and 322 made the decision to receive Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. Praise God!



As you can see by the photos, the *Word of Life Ranch* was just that... a ranch. The boys and girls enjoyed the western theme, from the old west style Main Street to the horseback riding and even the weekly rodeo. As a part of the program staff we dressed the part nearly all the time. It was strange (and fun) getting up every morning and strapping on a six shooter.



Steve was asked to teach the morning Bible Hour lessons for the first two weeks, and he also taught some of the evening lessons each week. Tina had written a puppet script that we used each Monday night to help the children understand the verse of the day (Luke 10:27) and how they can love God with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength.



Moser Mission

The time Steve and Tina spent ministering in Bermuda has opened a new and exciting door. Steve and Tina have committed to join the team in Bermuda and concentrate their time and energy on children's ministry! The director of the ministry in Bermuda is also the regional director for all of *Word of Life Caribbean*, and so the plan is for us to join the team in Bermuda for two years, and at the end of that time, the decision will be made whether or not to remain there, or move out to a Caribbean country that is asking and praying for *Word of Life* children's ministry. There are currently *Word of Life* clubs in churches in countries where there is no *Word of Life* missionaries: Bahamas, Cayman Islands, St. Martin, etc.

Our main focus will be the strengthening and development of the *Word of Life* children's Bible clubs in the local churches... *Olympian Clubs*. There are currently five clubs in Bermuda and a new one starting this fall. Our role will not be to "run" the clubs in these churches, but to train and teach the children's workers in those churches to effectively disciple the children in their own churches.

Pray for the open door to work with the students in the public schools. *Word of Life* currently has lunch hour Bible clubs in two high schools, and after school clubs in three middle schools. Steve and Tina were privileged to share in some of those clubs back in May (see photos below).

Steve and Tina are praying to be in Bermuda this November. There is a mountain of paperwork to complete for a work visa, and the process could take up to eight weeks. Please pray it goes through quicker than that. Also, pray for Stuart and Kearstin as classes begin this week at the Bible Institute in New York. Stuart is looking forward to working with an inner city church on the weekends, and Kearstin is hoping to be a member of the drama team.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday, August 29:

Ruslin Hills Church
Dover, Ohio

Sunday, September 5:

True Hope Community
Fellowship
Navarre, Ohio

Sunday, September 19:

First Baptist Church
Port Charlotte, FL

Wednesday, September 22:

Community Christian School
Port Charlotte, FL

Sunday, September 26:

Journey's Edge Church
Largo, FL



Announcements



Traveling Church



Grace's Lay Ministry Committee is sponsoring an expansion of our congregational outreach program to our members who are "home-bound" or living in extended care facilities.

Each week, CDs recording the morning worship will be made available for those who cannot attend services. Our CD replication system is made possible because of generous gifts made in the memory of Norma Bosler. The gift also included the purchase of four CD players.

In order for these to be made fully available, the committee is asking members to donate new or "gently used" CD players. These will be placed with home-bound or continuing care members who need one so that they can hear the week's service.

If you can donate or wish to donate funds to purchase a CD player, please contact Lay Ministry Director Liz Nelson or Pastor Rice.

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Young People's Ministry

Join us for a trip to the Newcomerstown Pumpkin Patch

October 17th, 2010



We plan to leave the church at 2:00 pm
and return no later than 5:00 pm.

Pre-K thru 4th grade
Cupcakes and
Hot Chocolate

Rain Date:
Oct. 24th



2011 Mission Planning meeting for Youth who will be completing 8th grade through 12th grade Spring of 2011.

If your an adult interested in Chaperoning please attend. We will need at least one male and one female adult chaperone over 21 years of age.

\$60 registration deposit will be required when the site and date is decided upon.

All participates will be required to do fundraising.

Meeting date: Sunday, October 31st at 12:30pm in Luther Hall.

Please check out YouthWorks web site for site locations & dates that are available. <http://www.youthworks.com/>

If you have information on other Mission programs please bring information to meeting.

Christian Education



I would like to send a huge thank you out to Cub Scout Pack #87 for all their help moving items to the third floor storage room. The items that had been stored in the “old” confirmation classroom had to be moved to make room for the “new” confirmation classroom. With the potential of 19 students in grades 5-8 attending the confirmation classes it was decided to move to a larger room. The logical choice seemed to be the ‘old’ confirmation classroom that just had repairs made to the ceiling. The Cub Scouts, along with their dads and leaders carried boxes, styrofoam cubes, set backdrops, cardboard, and costumes up two sets of stairs to the third floor where everything is neatly stacked and sorted for future use. Lora Davis asked if the scouts could help move the items as a service project for the church and I sure appreciated the help or I might have been moving boxes for the next month.

Esther Philabaum,
Christian Education



The 2010-2011 Sunday School program is well underway. Children received their promotion certificates, awards and Bibles and moved up to their new classes on Rally Day, Sunday, September 12.

We are excited about our new curriculum, **SPARK: Activating Faith**. Both children and teachers appear to be “fired-up” as they learn more about Jesus and explore the Bible.

All children in the Early Elementary class, grades 1-2, received a new Spark Story Bible. It is an age appropriate, read-along Bible that the kids can take home and share the day’s Bible story with family and friends.

Pastor Rice and Linda McFadden’s Confirmation Class has moved into the newly renovated classroom in Youth Hall (which had been loving called the “old” confirmation classroom and until recently had been a storage room.) All of the props, costumes and large backdrops etc. are now residing back on the third floor. A special thanks to Linda Mc Fadden for helping me sort items and the Cub Scouts for their “man power” in moving the items upstairs.

Our Nursery program is back in business after taking the summer off and Children’s Church will be staffed every Sunday. We still have some openings if you would like to have some rewarding and educational fun with the kids on Sunday mornings. Marcie Castricone has offered to prepare the “extras” for each weeks Children’s Church lesson by making sure the crafts are set up and we will have copies of the take home paper that goes with each lesson. This will simplify the preparation each week. If you would like to help with this special ministry to our church children in the Nursery or Children’s Church, please see Betsy Morris to volunteer for the Nursery or me, Esther Philabaum, to help with Children’s Church.

There are classes for all ages, including two adult classes, each Sunday. So come along as we dig into God’s word.

Esther Philabaum
Christian Education

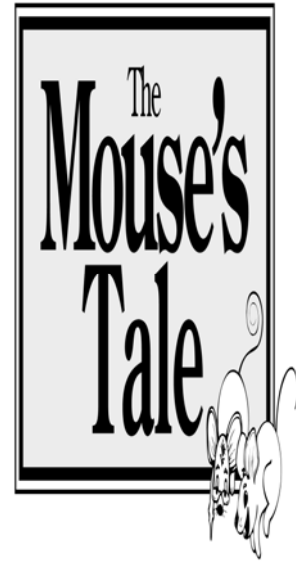
Thank Yous & Announcements

Less than 85 Shopping Days until Christmas...

Christmas will be sooner than we know it. And, what would Christmas be without a children's Christmas pageant to celebrate the holiday and remember its true and holy meaning?

This year Grace's Christian Education Committee and our church children will offer "The Mouse's Tale." This Christmas program relates the birth of Jesus from the viewpoint of Granny Mouse and the barn animals in the stable that wonderful night. The pageant also includes familiar Christmas carols sung by the children and the congregation.

Betsy Morris will direct this year's program. Two assistant directors are needed. One of them will be asked to coordinate props and costumes. The other will help with stage direction and management. If you can serve as an Assistant Director, please contact Betsy Morris.



★ Thank You! ★
★ THANK YOU! ★

To the Hammerstrom Scholarship Committee and Lutheran Church,

Thank you for selecting me as a scholarship recipient. The award is greatly appreciated and will help with my school expenses. I am currently in my last year of graduate school at Ohio University and will graduate with a doctorate of physical therapy in June 2011. Again, thank you for awarding me this scholarship.

Sincerely,
Valerie Lorson

The End Is Near

Thirty-five to forty people are attending the weekly Bible Study, "Last Things First." The class meets Wednesday evenings from 6:45 to 8:00 in Luther Hall. October topics focus on Christ's always imminent return and our resurrected glory unto eternal life with God.



"Last Things"
Bible Study

Each session covers a new area of learning and discussion. It's never too late to join in this interactive educational opportunity. Just come and bring your Bible. Refreshments provided.

October topics include:

- Oct. 6: Christ Returns: Oh "Rapture" Divine!
- Oct. 13: Resurrection Glory
- Oct. 20: End times Miscellany: Tribulation, the Anti-Christ, the Millennium...
- Oct. 27: The Truth about heaven and Hell

Lutheran World Relief



Helping hands

we all have helping hands. lets work together to provide help to those in need



With the disasters that have occurred in the world, Lutheran World Relief has a shortage of Health Kits. LWR is requesting Health Kits for the next two years. So let's lend a Helping Hand to LWR and send Health Kits this year. Below are the items requested for these kits. After purchasing the items, we have found the cost for one kit is \$6.00. If you would prefer to donate cash, we have willing shoppers to purchase the items. Envelopes are in the pews.

HEALTH KITS

One hand towel, dark color recommended, One washcloth, dark color recommended
 One bath-size bar (4 to 5 oz.) of soap, any brand, in its original wrapping One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
 One sturdy comb, remove packaging One metal nail file or nail clippers with file attached, remove packaging (do not substitute cardboard emery boards for the file)
 Six Band-Aids® (or similar brand), preferably 1/2" to 3/4"; secure together with a rubber band
 All items should be new and in good condition. Wrap smaller items in the washcloth; wrap washcloth and remaining items in the towel and tie securely with ribbons or yarn.
 Total Cost: \$ 6.00



GLOBAL MISSIONS

Our global missions are coming along!

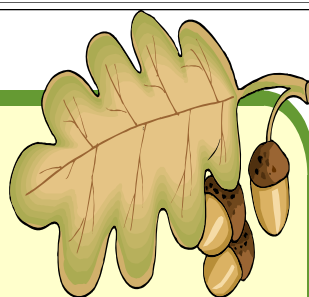
- Quilts: 38
- Soap: 159
- Health Kits: 44
- Layettes: 17
- School Kits: 17



We are continuing to collect bath size bars of soap in its original wrapping. Place in basket in the Narthex.



Southern Cluster Fall Retreat



Wednesday, October 13, 2010 at 9:00 am

Tuscora Park Pavilion,
New Philadelphia, Oh.

Theme:
"Stewardship of the Earth"

Theme Hymn:
"For the Beauty of the Earth"

Bible Study Leader:
Rev. Blanche Tyree

In Kind Gifts given to:
Hospice

Needed: Hand Sanitizer, Moisture Lotions, Kleenex, and Disinfecting Wipes (Lysol, Clorox)

Cost: \$8.25

Menu: baked chicken breast, green beans, cheesy potatoes, red jell-o, desserts & beverage

Registration Due: Sunday, Oct. 10th, 2010

Registrations can be dropped off at the church office or given to Dorothy Morrison.

Phone: 330-602-4633

Make check payable to WELCA

Cost of stocking the food pantry for one month.

Product	Price / piece	Days in a month	Total
Peanut Butter	\$ 1.39	X 30	\$ 41.70
Fruit	\$ 0.85	X 30	\$ 25.50
Cereal	\$ 1.19	X 30	\$ 35.70
Meat	\$ 1.15	X 30	\$ 34.50
Chicken Soup	\$ 1.00	X 30	\$ 30.00
Tomato Soup	\$ 1.00	X 30	\$ 30.00
Potatoes	\$ 0.65	X 30	\$ 19.50
Corn	\$ 1.00	X 30	\$ 30.00
Green Beans	\$ 1.00	X 30	\$ 30.00
Pork/Beans	\$ 1.00	X 30	\$ 30.00
Peas	\$ 1.00	X 30	\$ 30.00
Mac-N-Cheese	\$ 0.35	X 30	\$ 10.50
Spaghetti	\$ 0.90	X 30	\$ 27.00
Spaghetti Sauce	\$ 0.98	X 30	\$ 29.40
			\$ 403.80

<u>ALDI</u>	<u>Buehlers</u>	<u>Wal Mart</u>	<u>Big Lots</u>
Peanut Butter	Vegetables-	Spaghetti Sauce	Soup-
Mac-N-Cheese	Corn		Chicken
Potatoes	Green Beans	<u>Dollar General</u>	Tomato
Fruit Cocktail	Peas	Spaghetti	
Cereal	Pork/Beans	Luncheon Meat	

This is the amount needed to stock the food pantry for 1 month. We thank the congregation for donating food items and cash contributions to keep the pantry stocked. These are the best prices in the area thanks to a lot of comparison shopping. The stores listed are the ones that usually have the best prices on these items. The bottom line is that it costs approximately \$12.00 to fill one bag.

Evangelism Board

GROCERY BAG MINISTRY

Thanks to all who have volunteered to be packers for the Grocery Bag Ministry this year.

On a very positive note, donations to the Food Pantry have increased in response to a greater need for our food bags. In August, we distributed 64 bags, and have already distributed 57 in September. We are seeing a greater demand for this outreach program. Monetary and food donations are very much appreciated.

So, what goes into a bag to feed the hungry? The food items are: peanut butter, canned meat, vegetables, fruit, cereal, soup, macaroni & cheese, canned white potatoes, spaghetti sauce and spaghetti noodles.

Thank you to all who bring food in for the grocery bags that are filled each month. Look in the Sunday bulletins to see which items are most urgently needed.



FEED THE HUNGRY

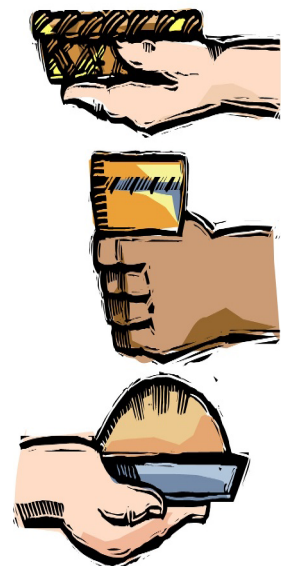
Thank you to the following volunteers who will help serve our free lunch on **Wednesday, October 20th.**

Leader: Michelle Hallman

Volunteers: Helen Sherman, Irene Nelson, Donna Fox, Elaine Margo

Volunteers for the Free Lunch should deliver their food donations to the Outreach Center on **Tuesday, October 19th** between 7:00 am and 2:30 pm.

The Free Lunch program at Grace will continue on the third Wednesday of every month. As always, we depend upon our members to prepare the food and serve it. The lunch menu for October 20th is posted in the Narthex. Check it out and see how you can help!



GRACE CHURCH POSTCARDS

Are you missing someone who has not been here for awhile? Postcards are available on the narthex table for you to send to someone you have missed. Stop by and take a few home to send.

Evangelism Board

EVANGELISM NEWS... HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO BE A BLESSING TO OTHERS

We at Grace have volunteered to provide one meal per month — **the 4th Sunday of each month** — and need volunteers to provide the meal and to deliver it to the *Friends of the Homeless of Tuscarawas County* which is a group of



concerned citizens from various churches and social service agencies in the county who have recognized the need to assist persons experiencing homelessness. The residents eat dinner at 6:00 each evening. All tableware is provided by the shelter, and they ask that if we are just dropping the food off to bring it in disposable pans.

If you are unable to deliver your portion of the meal, please contact someone else who has signed up to deliver food.

Let's continue to work together as the body of Christ and serve our brothers and sisters in need.

New sign up sheets are posted for November's meals to the homeless shelter. Please sign up in the narthex.

A Message from the Evangelism Board

One of the more visible and helpful ways we serve our neighbors in need is by offering them a **Free Lunch** on the third Wednesday of the month in our Outreach Center. We also provide a much needed hot evening meal at the homeless shelter on the fourth Sunday.

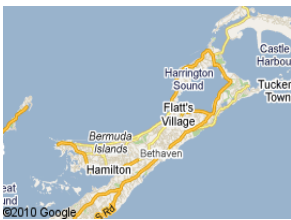
To provide this "gift of Grace" requires planning and cooperation. Often there are so many blank spaces on the sign-up sheets that menus may need to be quickly revised and last-minute phone calls made to assure the meal is available.

Please take the time to review the food requests and other items needed for these meals and sign-up. Your helpfulness and support is greatly appreciated by the Evangelism Committee, but more so by those who receive this expression of God's goodness and tender care. Help us help others.

Thank you.

Thank you to the volunteers who will prepare and deliver food for the **Homeless Shelter on October 24th**.

October dinner at the Homeless Shelter is on Sunday, October 24th at 6:00 pm. The sign-up sheet is posted in the Narthex. We have cut down on the expense of the items needed (less meat, more casseroles) or have divided the donations into smaller units to make it financially easier for you to donate. Please check to see how you can help.



MOSER FAMILY

Please continue to support the Moser Family Mission. Steve and Tina are on temporary assignment in Bermuda, teaching young children about Jesus. Please pray for them as they await word about a new permanent mission assignment. Envelopes are provided in the pews if you wish to financially support this mission.

Worship

OPEN ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to provide altar flowers in memory or in honor of loved ones, please either sign up on the list in the Narthex or call the church office at 330-343-6915.

The cost for one vase is \$18. You will be billed by Blossom's Florist.

Altar Flowers are available for the following dates.



Nov. 21st - 2 vases

Dec. 5th - 1 vase

Dec. 12th - 1 vase

Dec. 19th - 1 vase

NURSERY

Oct. 3rd - Bobbie & Shauna Cox
 Oct. 10th - Carol Betcher & Bonnie Richardson
 Oct. 17th - Paula Wolfe & Karla Burrier
 Oct. 24th - John & Sarah Wolfe
 Oct. 31st - Toni Ferritto & Katie Cameron

CHILDREN'S CHURCH



Oct. 3rd - Sarah Wolfe
 Oct. 10th -
 Oct. 17th -
 Oct. 24th - Charles & Marcie Castricone
 Oct. 31st - Esther Philabaum & Cody Herman

Worship Readings

Order of St. Luke

Tuesday,
 October 26th, 2010
 1:00 pm

Altar Guild

Monday,
 October 25th, 2010
 7:00 pm
 Tuesday,
 October 26th, 2010
 9:00 am

Sunday, Oct. 3

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4
 Psalm 37:1-9
 2 Timothy 1:1-14
 Luke 17:5-10

Sunday, Oct. 10

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c
 Psalm 111
 2 Timothy 2:8-15
 Luke 17:11-19

Sunday, Oct. 17

Genesis 32:22-31
 Psalm 121
 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
 Luke 18:1-8

Sunday, Oct. 24

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22
 Psalm 84:1-7
 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
 Luke 18:9-14

Replenishing the Children's Worship Bags

Our worship bag continues to be a blessing to children and parents in our worship each week! Most of the 10 bags are used every Sunday. The bags serve as a way for parents to have their young children in worship with them while they get a chance to worship. We will be purchasing new books, toys and crayons for the bags soon. If you would be interested in providing money for the purchase of these items you may make a donation by placing it in a special offering envelope with worship bags written on it. If paying by check please remember to write Children's Worship Bags in the memo line. Thank you for continuing to support this ministry.



Worship Assistants

SUNDAY 8:00 AM WORSHIP

ACOLYTES
Oct. 3
Oct. 10
Oct. 17
Oct. 24
Oct. 31

LAY READERS
Oct. 3 Terry Miller
Oct. 10 Gale Limron
Oct. 17 Lynn Foust
Oct. 24 Steve Zimmerman
Oct. 31 Terry Miller

DEACONS
Oct. 3
Oct. 10
Oct. 17 Sue Grafe
Oct. 24
Oct. 31

USHERS
Michael Thomas-Moore
Tim Keplinger
Richard Elliott
Steve Zimmerman
Jim Heller
Scott Ebert
Edward Harper

SUNDAY 10:30 AM WORSHIP

USHERS
Oct. 3 John Lorenz, Larry Wallick, Tom Margo, Art Siber
Oct. 10 Mike Sergent, Ron Philabaum
Oct. 17 John Stahl, Robert McCulloch, Keith Lands, Howard Stein
Oct. 24 Art Keener, William Page, Jeff Keller, Jeff Hootman, Joe Vanfossen
Oct. 31 WELCA

ACOLYTES
Oct. 3
Oct. 10
Oct. 17
Oct. 24
Oct. 31

LAY READERS
Oct. 3 Richard Homrighausen
Oct. 10 Jim Gibb
Oct. 17 Ron Philabaum
Oct. 24 Fred Grosse
Oct. 31 Richard Homrighausen

DEACONS
Oct. 3
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ALTAR GUILD

October: JoAnn Hammond, Jean Geyer, Sue Case, Holly Vesco

November: Barbara Thompson, Glenda Sclater, Wendy Mady, Debbie Smith, Betsy Morris

Get the Messenger By Email

If you'd like to receive the Messenger by email please send an email to GraceHappens@GraceDover.org with the words "Email Messenger" in the subject heading.

Remember you can also view the current and archived Messengers online at www.GraceDover.org



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 8 am Worship Communion 9:15 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion <u>New Member Sunday</u>	4 3 pm Communion Park Village 6:30 pm Girl Scouts-LH 6:30 pm Girl Scouts-YH 6:30 pm Property Board 6:30 pm Christian Ed. 7 pm Valley Voices	5 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Prayer Shawl Ministries 6:45 pm Planning Council	6 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 6:45-8:00 pm "Last Things" Bible Study	7 12-1 pm Bible study 12 pm Sr. Fun Day 5:30 pm Girl Scouts 6 pm Handbell Choir 7 pm Gallery Choir	8	9 8:00 am 
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