



THE MESSENGER

2024

Worship Schedule

Sunday: 8 AM and 10:30 AM

Sunday Church School for all ages: 9:15 AM

Second Saturday of the month at 5:00 PM

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Happy Easter!

“Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.” ~ Hebrews 13:1-2.

I have been thinking about these verses as we continue to have new people come to services and I wonder whether they are feeling welcome. It is usually unexpected when a new person shows up in church. And, let's face it, COVID has made it so that we are apprehensive about introducing ourselves out of embarrassment that they may be a longtime member just returning after several years and we don't recognize or remember them.

What I usually do when I see someone I don't know, is to introduce myself and ask if they can refresh my memory of who they are. Sometimes, we have never met, but other times, we have met but I don't remember their name. If I can write it down, I do. It can take me 4 times going through this process before I remember it. Everyone is always gracious and understanding.

As we are able, it is time we all be intentional about continuing our mutual love at Grace and showing hospitality to strangers. We will reinforce this during our passing of the peace in services. I need your help since I'm just one person and may miss a new person slipping in and out during service or be talking to someone else.

Let's build on what we started on Palm Sunday in welcoming those we don't know very well by introducing ourselves.

Blessings, Pastor Bonnie

Pastor
Rev. Bonnie L. Grimaldi

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Planning Council

PLANNING COUNCIL
Next Meeting
Monday,
May 20, 2024
@ 6:30 PM



Tues., April 16th - Christian Faith & Life Meeting - 6: 30 pm

Tues., April 25th - Endowment Meeting 7 pm

2020-2021 BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Richard Elliott - President Julie Brothers - Vice President
 Becky Lands - Secretary John Wolfe - Treasurer

Congregational Life

Julie Brothers - Director
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 Elaine Margo
 Betsy Morris
 Melody Rader
 Jim Heller

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Jim Gibb- Director
 Audra Miceli
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Christian Faith and Life

Ashley Eick - Director
 Karla Burrier
 Debbie Flood
 Tiffany Shepherd
 Deb Foust
 (Cody Jerles, Coordinator YFM)

Hospitality

Sarah Wolfe - Director
 Marcie Castricone
 Melissa Engstrom
 Cindy Jerles
 Traci Smith
 Bobbie Cox
 Julie Vanfossen

Stewardship Development

Ron Stahl - Director
 Charles Castricone
 Keith Lands
 Sarah Kneuss

Outreach

Paul McFadden– Director
 Pam Beller
 Joe Erickson
 Tanna Loveday
 Judy Martin
 Joe Penrod
 Scott Ebert (church sign)
 David Elliott (church website)

Coordinator of Youth & Family Ministries: Cody Jerles
Director of Music;/Organist : Jeff Beshore
Secretary: Lisa Morris
Treasurer: John Wolfe
Custodian: Ed Robinson

To Know Christ, To Live Christ, To Share Christ, and To Be One in Christ

Announcements

Phillip Jr. and Marceil Hammerstrom Scholarship Fund Application

This scholarship was setup by Phillip Jr. in memory of his wife, Marceil, who was in the medical field. Also, in memory of his father, Phillip Sr, who was a machinist. If your field of study is in the **MEDICAL/HEALTH** area, or the **TRADE/INDUSTRY/ENGINEERING** area, you will be considered for this scholarship. Preference is given to active, participating members of Grace Lutheran Church, Dover. Please complete this application and return to the church office no later than April 30th. If awarded a scholarship, the check will be sent directly to your school. Also, the scholarship can be applied for in subsequent years. Any age may apply.

STUDENT NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH IN DOVER _____

INTENDED COURSE OF STUDY _____

CAREER OR PROFESSIONAL GOALS _____

NAME, ADDRESS, AND PHONE OF SCHOOL _____

HAVE YOU BEEN ACCEPTED _____

EXPECTED DEGREE AND COMPLETION DATE _____

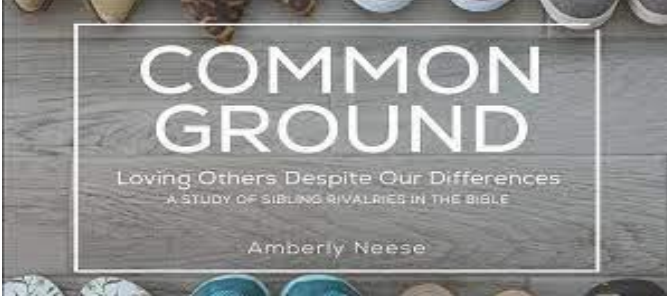
ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER, COMPOSE A BRIEF 250-WORD ESSAY THAT DESCRIBES HOW YOUR EDUCATIONAL PLAN AND CAREER/ PROFESSIONAL GOALS SERVE GOD AND BENEFIT YOUR COMMUNITY.

Announcements



REMEMBER:
**YOU ARE
WITNESSES OF
THESE THINGS**
Luke 24:36-48

Join us on April 13th at 5pm for
Grace Happens!
Pastor Bonnie will be discussing
Luke 24:36-48.
Join us for worship!



**COMMON
GROUND**
Loving Others Despite Our Differences
A STUDY OF SIBLING RIVALRIES IN THE BIBLE
Amberly Neese

A New Women's Bible Study, "Common Ground" led by Sarah Wolfe is starting May 8th and will go through August 14th the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 – 7:30 pm in the Outreach Center.

Learn to live at peace with others even when you disagree by studying biblical stories of rivalries in *Common Ground* by Amberly Neese. She combines stories of sibling rivalries from the Bible with personal experience, humor, hope, and her love of God's Word.



Coffee & Conversation

Join us the 3rd Saturday of each month in Luther Hall.
8:30 - 9:30 am

This time of fellowship is open to women off all ages. Our time together will include coffee, conversation, prayer, devotion and a short program. We will also do a free will offering.

Bring your coffee mug and a friend!



Congratulations!

If you are graduating this year from high school, college, technical school or receiving an advanced degree, please inform the church office. Please include your name, your school and, if appropriate, your earned degree (BS, MA, PhD, etc.). Our 2024 graduates and their families are invited to a special breakfast for them on Sunday, May 19 at 9:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. The graduates will be honored during our worship service. High school graduates will receive a gift from the congregation.

May God bless all our graduates as they begin a new chapter in their lives. God be with you on your journey and forever keep you in His grace.

Announcements



Confirmation Class 2024 Mission Project

The Confirmation Class is having an Ice Cream Social for Hennis Care Center residents in Dover on April 21st! They need donations of:

- Squeeze bottles of chocolate syrup
- Squeeze bottles of strawberry syrup
- Squeeze bottles of caramel syrup
- Marshmallow crème topping
- Oreo cookies
- Chocolate chips
- Maraschino cherries without stems
- Sprinkles
- Chopped nuts
- Bananas (fresh on April 21st)

Monetary donations for ice cream and any toppings not donated.

There will be a sign-up list in the Narthex starting April 7.

All donations can be brought to the office or Narthex by April 21st. Thanks!



Outreach



Our support of the Tuscarawas County Friends of the Homeless continues. We still offer meals one Sunday a month. Unfortunately during COVID-19 we were forced to help in a different manner. We are taking monetary donations to support the ministry rather than provide homecooked meals. Your financial support is always appreciated.

GROCERY BAG MINISTRY

Grace Outreach Board continues their Drive-Thru Grocery Bag Ministry the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month from 10 am to 2 pm. The Outreach Board is looking for both monetary gifts and gifts of kind to support this vital ministry.

What goes into a bag to feed the hungry? The basic food items are: peanut butter, canned meat, vegetables, fruit, cereal, soup, macaroni & cheese, canned white potatoes, spaghetti sauce and spaghetti noodles. We also pack a roll of toilet paper and a bar of soap when available.

Grocery size paper bags are also needed.



Please be Praying for...

All those serving in the armed forces, especially Christopher Smith, Seth Erickson.

Ella DeVore
Norma Grywalski
Kay Bambeck
Pastor Steve Patrick
Jan Ochsenbine
Bruce Siber
Scott Ebert
Keith Kaser
Tyler Nathan

Dottie Shott
Rita Young
Larry Coulter
Bertha Carroll
Glenn Siber
Xavier Miller
Grace Beller
Bob Lands
Ruth Patrick

IN OUR PRAYERS...

Please take a moment to review the names on our church prayer list. If you know the current recovery status, condition, or needs of any person listed, please advise Pastor Bonnie or the church office. We rejoice in God's healing and grace when someone is well enough to come off the list and we promise our prayers to all who are added. Thank You.



The Grace General Scholarship is available to Grace graduates for their **first year of study** at a college, university or trade school. Consideration will be given only to active, participating members of the congregation. Applicants eligible for the Hammerstrom scholarship (also available in the church office or in your March and April Messenger) will not be considered. This scholarship is non renewable.

Applications are available in the office and need to be returned to the office no later than **April 30th.**

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 \$19.
You will be billed by Blossom's Florist.

Altar Flowers are available for the following dates.



- April 7th - 1 vase
- April 14th - 2 vases
- April 21st - 1 vase
- April 28th - 1 vase



Jennifer & Taylor Vaughan

Worship Readings

Altar Guild
Tues., April 30th
9 am

Sunday, Apr. 7th
Acts 4:32-35
Psalm 133
1 John 1:1—2:2
John 20:19-31

Sunday, Apr. 14th
Acts 3:12-19
Psalm 4
1 John 3:1-7
Luke 24:36b-48

Sunday, Apr. 21st
Acts 4:5-12
Psalm 23
1 John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18

Sunday, Apr. 28th
Acts 8:26-40
Psalm 22:25-31
1 John 4:7-21
John 15:1-8



Yes, on-line services are here to stay!

Now that the pandemic is over we are continuing to record our 10:30 service each Sunday and our 5 pm Contemporary service the second Saturday of the month. Weekly on-line services are part of our on-going ministry here at Grace.

Worship Assistants

SUNDAY 8:00 AM WORSHIP

ACOLYTES	LAY READERS	DEACON/COMM. ASST.	USHERS
4/7	4/7 Susan Elliott	4/7 Deborah Horn	Richard Elliott Jim Heller Scott Ebert Edward Harper David Elliott
4/14	4/14 Lynn Foust	4/14	
4/21	4/21 Kim Gray	4/21	
4/28	4/28 Gale Limron	4/28	

SUNDAY 10:30 AM WORSHIP

Apr. 7 John Lorenz, Larry Wallick, Tom Margo, Ron Stahl
Apr. 14 Jim Gibb, Mike Sergent
Apr. 21 John Stahl, Keith Lands, Paul McFadden
Apr. 28 Jeff Keller, Jeff Hootman, John Wolfe, Joe Vanfossen

ACOLYTES	LAY READERS	DEACON/COMM. ASST.
4/7	4/7 Still Needed	4/7
4/14	4/14 John Stahl	4/14
4/21	4/21 Jim Gibb	4/21
4/28	4/28 Sandy Gibb	4/28 Jim Gibb

ALTAR GUILD

April: Sue Case, Janie Huffman, Melody Rader
May: Pam Keller, Elaine Margo, Jan Ochsenbine



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.
	1 7 pm Valley Voices	2 12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	3 2 pm & 2:30 pm Communion Park Village 7 pm Boy Scouts	4 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Gallery Choir	5 10 am Grocery Bag Drive Thru	6
	Pastor on Vacation					
7 8 am Worship Communion 9:30 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion	8 9 am Knotters 7 pm Valley Voices	9 9 am Knotters 12 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	10 7 pm Boy Scouts	11 12pm Bible Study 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Gallery Choir 7 pm Beekeepers - ORC	12	13 8 am Men's Breakfast 5 pm Contemporary Service
Pastor on Vacation						
14 8 am Worship Communion 9:30 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion	15 7 pm Valley Voices	16 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	17 7 pm Boy Scouts	18 12pm Bible Study 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Gallery Choir	19 10 am Grocery Bag Drive Thru <u>Messenger Deadline</u>	20 8:30 am Women's Group - LH
21 8 am Worship Communion 9:30 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion	22 7 pm Valley Voices	23 12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 6:30 Planning Council	24 7 pm Boy Scouts	25 12pm Bible Study 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Gallery Choir	26 <u>Messenger Assembly</u>	27
28 8 am Worship Communion 9:30 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion 6 pm Meal to the Homeless Shelter <u>Chicken BBQ</u>	29 7 pm Valley Voices	30 12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	