



# THE MESSENGER

**2017**

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

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## Better than Biscuits!

*Indeed, my plans are not like your plans, and my deeds are not like your deeds, for just as the sky is higher than the earth, so my deeds are superior to your deeds and my plans superior to your plans. Isaiah 55:8-9*

One of my friends and a faithful chapel volunteer at St. Luke Lutheran Community at North Canton recently sent me this story. I enjoyed it so much; I wish to share it with you.

A minister who served a small rural congregation was attending a men's breakfast. He asked one of the older farmers in attendance to say the prayer that morning.

The farmer began, "Lord, I hate buttermilk." The pastor opened one eye and wondered to himself where this was going. Then the farmer said, "Lord, I hate lard." Now the pastor was worried. But the farmer prayed on, "And Lord, you know I don't care much for raw flour."

The pastor grew concerned. He couldn't figure where the farmer was going with this and even wondered whether he should interrupt. But there was no gracious or "pastoral" way he could do this. So he held his breath and silently prayed for the best.

And so the farmer continued, "But Lord, when you mix 'em all together and bakes 'em up, I do love me those fresh biscuits. So Lord, when things come up we don't like, when life gets hard, when we just don't understand what you are saying to us, when we can't quite get what's goin' on, we just need to relax and wait 'til You are done fixin' and probably it will be somethin' even better than biscuits." Amen.

This fervent and faith-filled prayer to God was also a "teaching moment" for those who heard it. Perhaps, this was most especially so for the minister.

In the Bible verses above, the prophet Isaiah gently, but pointedly, reminds us that God works in His own best way and in his own best time. We may not always understand God's ways; completely recognize God's purpose; quite see God's intended outcome; or fully appreciate God's perfect timing; yet God's plan is always the best plan.

The wise writer of Proverbs echoes the farmer's prayer when he teaches, "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. (Proverbs 3:5) Or, as St. Paul so familiarly reminds us, "All things work together for good for those who love the Lord and are called according to His purpose." (Romans 8:28)


When give over all the ingredients of our life to God, God will put 'em together in just the right way. God's making somethin' better than biscuits. And, yes, somethin' even better than chocolate. Trust God! Amen.

**Senior Pastor Donald L. Rice Jr.**

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# Planning Council

**PLANNING  
COUNCIL**  
**Next Meeting**  
**Sept. 12th, 2017**  
**@ 6:30 PM**



## Facts and Figures

<p><b>Attendance June 2017</b> Weekly Average: 160 Difference: +9 (+6%)</p> <p><b>Offerings June 2017</b> Total Offerings: \$15,021.15 Difference: +\$75.01 Weekly Average: \$3755.29 Difference: +18.75 (+1/2%)</p>	<p><b>Attendance June 2016</b> Weekly Average 151</p> <p><b>Offerings June 2016</b> Total Offerings: \$14,946.14 Weekly Average: \$3736.54</p>
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### 2016-2017 BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

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## Since You Asked

*Since You Asked...*

**Please explain the church's motto and how the church is carrying out this motto. Thank you.**

Our current Grace Lutheran "church motto" is **Knowing Jesus...Showing Jesus**. We have been using this slogan since fall 2016. It identifies the key components of God's mission and our ministries. First, it's about learning and understanding. It's also about sharing and doing.

We get to **know Jesus** and begin to understand his life-affirming teachings through Sunday morning worship. Each component of our Sunday time together shows us **Jesus** and helps us to **know** him a little bit better than we did before. Sunday School, various Bible Studies, Vacation Bible School are all **knowing** opportunities. We also encourage members to take time to **know Jesus** through Scripture reading, personal or family devotions and prayer. The more we learn about **Jesus**, the more we want to **know** Him.

We **show Jesus** by putting our faith, **knowledge** and understanding into practice. Each of our ministry boards **shows** Jesus in particular and responsible ways. We recently highlighted the specific work of our ministry boards in newsletter articles and Second Sunday of the Month celebrations. One of the most obvious ways we **show Jesus** is through our Grace Grocery Bag Ministry. Here we **show** our love for **Jesus** and heed his commandment to love our neighbors by helping to feed the hungry. Most importantly, we **show** Jesus in our love for one another through mutual support, fellowship, kindness and caring. We encourage individual members to **show Jesus** by becoming an integral part of our Grace ministries, **showing Jesus** with our God-given talents, skills and abilities.

# Grace Celebration 2017

Our 2017 **Rally Day** and **Church Picnic** will be celebrated Sunday, September 10.

**Rally Day** will begin at **9:30 a.m.** in Fellowship Hall. Continental breakfast foods and beverages will be available. Children and youth will be promoted, introduced to their teachers and the 2017 curriculum. **Christian Faith and Life Ministries** is coordinating this event.

Our **Annual Church Picnic** will be held outdoors in the green space next to the Grace Outreach Center following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. The event will include a 70-foot obstacle course for the kids and other activities. The centerpiece of the picnic will be our homemade covered dishes. Each family is asked to bring a family favorite covered dish and/or dessert to share. Beverages and tableware will be provided. **Hospitality Ministries** is planning a delicious and fun-filled time for all.

Mark your calendars now and plan to join the day's festivities.

# Announcements

# Mission Trip News

Our mission trip team went to Keller, Virginia last month and will be presenting their experience August 20th during both services. While there they participated in Kids Club with approximately sixty kids from the surrounding community. They also did service projects for members of this coastal community that included yard work and building a chicken coop. They were joined with a group from New York who had about 30 participants. Thank you for supporting all their fund-

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## Next Bible Study - August 16, 2017

**Women's Bible Study**  
Wednesday, August 16th



*Joy In Your Journey Of  
Prayer And Hope!*

*"Joy In The Journey" Of Being A Woman Of God!*

### 2017 Women's Bible Study Schedule:

- Aug 16th - JOYFUL SERVICE, TRUSTING GOD THROUGH TRIALS
- Sept 20th - HUMILITY AND SELF-DISCIPLINE
- Oct 18th - REFORMATION CELEBRATION WITH MARTIN LUTHER
- Nov 15th - FALSE TEACHERS, GOD IS IN CONTROL
- Dec 20th - CHRISTMAS TEA -  
"And now these three remain: FAITH, HOPE & LOVE. BUT THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE."

1 Corinthians 13:13



From His Heart . . .  
To Our Heart . . .  
To The Hearts Of Others!

*There is still time to join us!  
You can attend our next Bible Study!*

## Guest Musicians For August

**August 6th - 10:30 am**

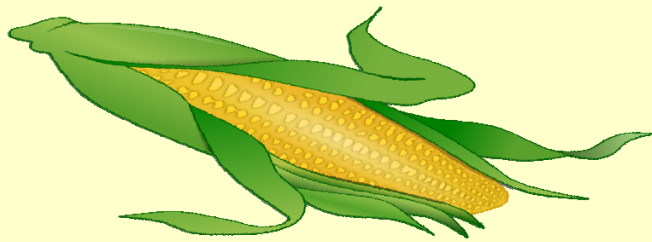
The Tubafours will fill our sanctuary with their beautiful music.

**August 27th - 8 & 10:30 am**

Donna Keller handbell soloist will be playing the prelude and offertory.

Please support our guests with your presence as they return to share their talent and praise the Lord with their music.

## Announcements



# MEN'S CORN ROAST

**Wednesday, August 9th  
at 6:00 pm  
DEIS HILL  
SHELTER #3**

**THANK YOU!!**  
THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Hammerstrom Scholarship Committee,  
Thank you (again!) for the scholarship award. This will greatly help towards my final year of Nurse Practitioner school. The continued support from Grace Lutheran is very much appreciated by me and my family.

God Bless,  
Jana Woodby



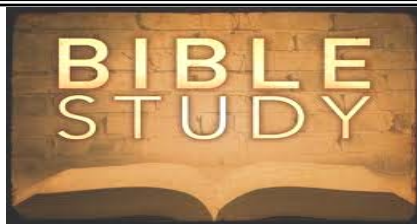
**It's A Boy!**

Please join us in welcoming to our Grace church family,

### **Pence Jennings Hershberger**

Pence was born on July 11th, 2017 at 8:03 p.m. He weighed 8 pounds, 15 ounces and was 21 inches long.

His parents are Kyla & Cory Hershberger.  
His grandparents are John & Tracy Schlegel and Thomas & Kay Hershberger.



### **Thursday Bible Study Returns**

The Thursday noon Bible Study resumes after a summer hiatus on August 24. The group meets in Luther Hall.

Study guides for that date have mailed to all current participants. If you wish to join the study group, contact the church office and we will send you a copy, too. The class will be using the Daily Faith practice study guide, which takes a look at the New Testament (Epistle) lesson for the upcoming Sunday.



The Tuscarawas County Literacy Coalition and the Tuscarawas County One Book, One Community Committee appreciate your generous donation of \$750.00 for this year's One Book, One Community program. Your donated funds will be critical in supplying nearly 1,500 area middle schoolers with a copy of this year's selected title, *Wonder*, by R. J. Palacio; in doing so, you will be furthering the book's message of kindness and compassion. We are so pleased that Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church could be a sponsor of this important project within our Tuscarawas County community.

Thank you again for your donation and community support.

With gratitude, Andrea Legg

# Thank You's

To the people of Grace Lutheran –

I write with gratitude for your recent scholarship gift to help cover tuition cost for my seminary education. As I enter my final year at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, I am beyond grateful for all the support I have received from my home church during college and graduate school. I will complete my second year of internship in Des Moines, Iowa and graduate from Trinity in May 2018.

As seminary enrollment continues to decline, I pray that Grace can continue to be a place that enriches and forms youth and young adults to care deeply about living out faith to be change makers in the world. When I wonder about what led me toward a career in ministry, I can say clearly that it started through youth trips and church experiences during my high school years at Grace. Those opportunities allowed me to dig deep into questions of vocation, and they allowed me to taste firsthand that a life serving others is so much more meaningful than other types of careers. Thank you for continuing your support of these experiences of our young people, and a special thank you to Cody Jerles, my longtime trip partner and now trip leader, who continues to make this a priority.

I have no idea where I'll be assigned next, only knowing that God calls all of us to adventures of which we cannot see the ending when we begin. But we trust that God accompanies us on the journey, just as you all have accompanied me through my 25 years of formation up to this point. Thank you for surrounding me with a loving community of Christ, and thanks for your financial generosity.

All the best –

Evan Cameron, Intern Pastor – St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Urbandale IA



To Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church,

I would like to thank everyone at the church for helping to make my year in Ohio a very welcoming and fulfilling one. I grew closer to God and my family, due in no small part to the church and all its activities and members.

I would especially like to thank the Hammerstrom Scholarship Committee for selecting me to receive this more than hoped for scholarship. This money will go a long way in helping me in financial supporting myself through college as I progress to my Master's.

I hope to always be around people as good as the worshippers at Grace. I hope to help others in my own way as well by using the knowledge I obtain with the help of this scholarship in the Air Force, serving my country as best I can.

Thank you & God bless,  
Christian Holt

Dear Phillip Jr. and Marceil  
Hammerstrom Scholarship fund,



Thank you very much for the scholarship and for your generous donation to my education. I was very glad that I managed to get a generous scholarship from a local source. Mr., Mrs. Hammerstrom were very hard working people and I hope to be able to advance in my education and grow to be as successful as they were.

Thanks again, Jason Dreher



Dear Hammerstrom Scholarship Committee,

Thank you so much for considering me for the award. This money will really help me in going forward to further my education as well as continue to play football. I really appreciate it.

Grace is an awesome church and I am proud to call it my home.

Thanks again, Maguire Morris

# Hammerstrom Scholarship Essays

Jason Dreher

## Phillip Jr. and Marceil Hammerstrom Scholarship

God works in mysterious ways and I may not know what his plan is for me, but I can be sure that if I do well for myself, then I am sure that his plan will lead me in the right direction. I am almost finished with my freshmen year of college in the Russ College of Engineering at Ohio University. I could not have picked a better place to go to college. I am pursuing a four-year Chemical Engineering Degree and I am doing very well. I have made the Deans List in the past semester and I am working as hard as I can. My career plans are to get my degree and pursue a job in the industrial chemicals or pharmaceutical industry.

I have learned the value of hard work and leadership from past experiences such as obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout and being an active member of the National Association of College scholars. The position that I currently hold as a member of the National College Scholars has given me the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of other incoming college freshmen. One of the biggest things that I tell incoming college students is that college is 90% just hard work and 10% ability. You have to be willing to work hard to get what you want and you may not get it over night. It takes time and patience and studying.

“God declares I think of you and I have plans for your prosperity and a future filled with hope” (Jeremiah 29:11). I think of this quote often, and in the end, if I do what is right god will have a plan for me. I thank you for your time and please consider me for this scholarship.

## Maguire Morris

As I went through the tough search trying to find the right college for me, my idea of what I wanted to do never changed. I always wanted to help others. The best way I feel to reach out and help others in a way that suits me the best is Sports Med. Through my high school career, I have been a 3 sport athlete all 4 years of high school. This took a tole on my body, getting lots of bumps and pains. I even tore my meniscus at the beginning of my senior year of basketball. Throughout these rough times I was fortunate enough to have the school's athletic trainer standing by my side through it all. He made what seemed like a dark time for me to make me stronger than I was before. I want to become the same man who helped me through this. Galatians 5:13 says, “through love serve one another”. In athletes hardest times, I want to love and serve them to make them healthier and better just as God asked me to do. Give a helping hand in the time of sorrow and fear. Serving with a loving, caring heart just as God wants us to do. In John 13: 1-17 is the story of Jesus washing the disciples feet. Jesus put others before himself cleaning the feet of his disciples. Helping them learn the right way of the Lord. I plan to follow in Jesus's footsteps and put others ahead of myself. Serving them as others have done for me. Giving back to others what I was so fortunate to receive. A caring hand, the hand God has wanted for all. A hand I plan to give to everyone in need.

## Announcements

**Thank You!**  
**THANK YOU!**

Dear Hammerstrom Scholarship Committee,

I would like to thank you for the generosity shown to me and fellow recipients of this scholarship. The money will go towards my tuition at the University of Akron. This scholarship is always a tremendous help in me achieving my goals in becoming an engineer. I am truly blessed to be a member of this congregation.

Thank you and God bless

Joshuah Fisher

## Prayer for Summertime



Loving God, Creator of all times and places, we thank you for the gift of summertime, the days of light, warmth and leisure.

Thank you for the beauty that surrounds us everywhere we look: the multi-colored flowers, the deep blue of the sky, the tranquil surface of lakes, the laughter of children at play, people strolling in park, families gathered around picnic tables and the increased time to spend with family and friends.

As we open our eyes and ears to the landscape of nature and people, open our hearts to receive all as gift.

Give us that insight to see you as the Divine Artist. Help us to realize and appreciate that you are laboring to keep all in existence.

And warm our souls with the awareness of your presence.

Let all the gifts we enjoy this summer deepen our awareness of you love so that we may share this with others and enjoy a summertime of re-creation.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

# Renovation, Repair and Relief

Luther Hall renovations are proceeding as planned. Projects should be completed during the week of August 6. Look for updates in the weekly bulletin insert.

Access to the building will be limited during this time. Please pay attention to the signs posted of entry doors directing access to the building and church offices. This is for **your safety** and the convenience of the workers.

**Church offices remain open and accessible.** Church operations and services have been largely unaffected by the construction.

Sunday School classes are meeting in Youth Hall. Junior and Senior High classes are combined and meet in the Youth Room. Grades 3-6 meet together in the "Boy Scout" room. The adult class meets in the Junior High classroom (formerly Confirmation classroom). Pre-School and 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> grade classes will meet in their usual classrooms. All are air conditioned spaces.

Work project includes:

- Renovating both restrooms making both handicapped accessible;
- Remodeling the lounge including fireplace, walls, flooring and furniture;
- Replace flooring in kitchen and multipurpose room;
- Painting walls and replacing ceilings throughout the hall and connecting room; and
- Installing safer railing in the connecting room.

The Lewis Memorial Fund resources are paying for the project. Proceeds from the fund are available only for capital improvement projects as approved by both the Property Ministries Board and Grace Planning Council. Some furniture and decorative improvements are paid from the Building Fund as approved by the Property Board.





Lutheran World Relief  
Final Project Numbers  
for 2016



Quilts: 37  
Personal Care Kits: 21  
Soap: 42  
School Kits: 4



**KNOTTERS**

**Tuesday, August 15th  
9:00 am**

# PEACE BE WITH YOU

In the Gospel of John, Jesus says to his disciples, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me” (14:1).

In my little circle, we’re all kind of stressed out right now. We’re all anxious about a friend’s health. We’re all worried about projects getting done on time. We’re all uneasy about the state of the world. We’re all annoyed about—well, you name it, we’re annoyed about it.

What’s worse, we’re passing stress around to each other like a bad cold.

And Jesus says not to let our hearts be troubled? Doesn’t he know what’s going on here? Is he trying to tell us not to stress, not to worry, not to freak out?

Well, yes. Yes, he is. And he says it again, even stronger, just a few verses later: “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid” (14:27).

Jesus talks about peace all the time. Whenever he shows up, he says, “Peace be with you.” But he’s not saying “Peace and love, dudes and dudettes” like our favorite old hippie brother-in-law.

This kind of peace doesn’t mean that all the worrisome things outside of us are changed—it doesn’t mean that suddenly our friends are all healthy and our computers are all cooperating and our world leaders are all a whole lot wiser. No, it means that *we* are changed. Our hearts are changed. *We know*, deep in our hearts, that in the end, everything will be all right. And with this kind of peace in our hearts, we can trust and love and serve and give with joy and hope and generosity.

*This* is the peace Jesus talks about all the time. *This* is the peace Jesus gives us. *This* is the peace of Christ.

May the peace of Christ be always with you. And also with you, and with you, and with you too. Pass it on!

*Audrey Novak Riley serves Women of the ELCA as director for stewardship and development.*

Cost of stocking the food pantry for one month.

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.

Product	Price / piece	Days in a month	Total
Peanut Butter	\$ 2.29	X 30	\$ 68.70
Fruit	\$ 0.89	X 30	\$ 26.70
Cereal	\$ 1.59	X 30	\$ 47.70
Meat	\$ 1.30	X 30	\$ 39.00
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	\$ 0.45	X 30	\$ 13.50
Spaghetti	\$ 1.00	X 30	\$ 30.00
Spaghetti Sauce	\$ 1.00	X 30	\$ 30.00
			<b>\$ 455.10</b>

<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	

## Outreach

### GROCERY BAG MINISTRY

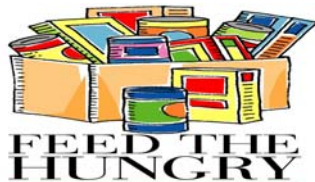
Thanks to all who have volunteered to be packers for the Grocery Bag Ministry this year.

Donations to the Food Pantry have increased in response to a greater need for our food bags. In June, we distributed 79 bags, and have already distributed 62 in July. We are seeing a greater demand for this outreach program. Monetary and food donations are very much appreciated.

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.

We welcome all packaged/canned donations. We will pack any kind of soup, fruit, vegetable, soap or toilet paper that is donated, as well as extra items not on the list. **Grocery size paper bags are also needed.**

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.



## *Please be Praying for...*

All those serving in the armed forces, especially Christopher Smith, Seth Erickson, Gerald Case, Richard Martineau.

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| Ella DeVore             | Carol Davidson       |
| William Page            | Glenn Siber          |
| Mildred Schauer         | Geraldine Kiehl      |
| Dale Kreisher           | Joe Palmer           |
| Francis Moser           | Tim Tarulli          |
| JoAnn Hammond           | Richard Bleininger   |
| Walter Heck             | Jackson Kinsey       |
| John Page               | Mary Marino          |
| Rachelle Coulter Sensel | Karen Page           |
| Norma Grywalski         | Wayne Page           |
| Elaine Ritterling       | Tom Margo            |
| Cathy Nardecchia        | Barb Bollon          |
| Dorothy Hanna           | Phyllis Espenschied  |
| Jim Gipson              | Rebecca Cahill-Smith |
| Lexi Gray               | Rick Homrighausen    |

### 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 Rice 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.



*With Deepest Sympathy*

**Our deep and heartfelt sympathies are with the family and friends of .**

**May the Lord embrace this family with His love and bless them with peace.**

## Outreach

**OUTREACH 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 the September meal to the homeless shelter. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex.

**PERSONAL CARE KITS**

**The power of a small package**

Personal Care Kits especially help cleanliness and prevent disease outbreaks that can so frequently happen in foreign countries or right here in the United States after natural disasters. LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF is asking congregation participation to help restock their supply of personal care kits. Consider making a kit or dropping off one or more of the items listed below to the church office. Thanks for helping!

Personal care items that go into each kit are:

**Personal Care Kits**

- 1 light weight bath towel
- 20" X 40" to 52" X 27" (dark color)
- 2 bath size bars of soap
- 1 wide tooth comb
- 1 adult size toothbrush
- 1 nail clipper with file

Thank you to the volunteers who prepared and delivered food to the **Homeless Shelter on July 23rd, 2017.**

Augusts' dinner at the Homeless Shelter is on Sunday, August 27th, 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.

## 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.



- Aug. 27th - 2 vases
- Sept. 3rd - 1 vase
- Sept. 10th - 1 vase
- Sept. 17th - 2 vases
- Sept. 24th - 1 vase
- Oct. 1st - 1 vase



**Children's Church  
will resume in  
September.**

## **Worship Readings**

### **Altar Guild**

Tuesday,  
August 29th, 2017  
9:00 am

#### **Sunday, Aug. 6th**

Isaiah 55:1-5  
Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21  
Romans 9:1-5  
Matthew 14:13-21

#### **Sunday, Aug. 13th**

1 Kings 19:9-18  
Psalm 85:8-13  
Romans 10:5-15  
Matthew 14:22-33

#### **Sunday, Aug. 20th**

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8  
Psalm 67  
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32  
Matthew 15:21-28

#### **Sunday, Aug. 27th**

Isaiah 51:1-6  
Psalm 138  
Romans 12:1-8  
Matthew 16:13-20

### **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	LAY READERS	DEACON/COMM. ASST.	USHERS
8/6	8/6 Nancy Wilson	8/6	Tim Keplinger
8/13	8/13 Lynn Foust	8/13	Richard Elliott
8/20	8/20 Gale Limron	8/20	Steve Zimmerman
8/27	8/27 Terry Miller	8/27	Jim Heller
			Scott Ebert
			Edward Harper
			David Elliott

#### SUNDAY 10:30 AM WORSHIP

USHERS
<b>Aug. 6</b> John Lorenz, Larry Wallick, Tom Margo, Ron Stahl
<b>Aug. 13</b> Jim Gibb, Mike Sergent, Jimm Morris, Butch Morris, Maguire Morris
<b>Aug. 20</b> John Stahl, Robert McCulloch, Keith Lands, Paul McFadden
<b>Aug. 27</b> Jeff Keller, Jeff Hootman, Joe Vanfossen, John Wolfe

ACOLYTES	LAY READERS	DEACON/COMM. ASST.
8/6	8/6 Sandy Gibb	8/6 Jim Gibb
8/13	8/13 John Stahl	8/13
8/20	8/20 Rick Homrighausen	8/20
8/27	8/27 Jim Gibb	8/27

#### ALTAR GUILD

**August:** Glenda Sclater, Joan Davis, Marcie Castricone, Liz Miller

**September:** Judy Martin, Bonnie Richardson, Pam Keller, Elaine Margo



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 4 pm TOPS - ORC 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	<b>2</b> 7 pm Boy Scouts	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
	<b>6</b> 8 am Worship Communion 9:15 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion	<b>7</b> 2:30 pm Communion Park Village - South 7 pm Valley Voices	<b>8</b> 10 am Rejoice Women - ORC 4 pm TOPS - ORC 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	<b>9</b> 6 pm Men's Corn Roast 7 pm Boy Scouts	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>13</b> 8 am Worship Communion 9:15 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion	<b>14</b> 10:30 am Communion Park Village - North 7 pm Valley Voices	<b>15</b> 9 am Knotters 12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 4 pm TOPS - ORC 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	<b>16</b> 7 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Women's Bible Study - ORC	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  <u>Messenger                      Deadline</u>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 8 am Worship Communion 9:15 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion	<b>21</b> 7 pm Valley Voices	<b>22</b> 12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 4 pm TOPS - ORC 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	<b>23</b> 7 pm Boy Scouts	<b>24</b> 12-1 pm Bible Study	<b>25</b>  <u>Messenger                      Assembly</u>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 8 am Worship Communion 9:15 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion 6 pm Meal to the Homeless Shelter	<b>28</b> 7 pm Valley Voices	<b>29</b> 9 am Altar Guild 12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 4 pm TOPS - ORC 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	<b>30</b> 7 pm Boy Scouts	<b>31</b>	  SAVE THE DATE SEPTEMBER 10th	
Pastor on Vacation _____						