



THE MESSENGER

2018

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

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Get Off of My Lawn!

Jesus said to them, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." And they marveled at him. Mark 12:17

Who knew the separation between Church and State could be measured by a few inches? Well, apparently it can. In fact, here in Dover, church and state appear to border each other. There's no wall, no discernable barrier, no drawn line. You need a surveyor to determine the boundary.

I'm sure most of you have noticed the Ten Commandments monument has moved from its place under the trees at the back of the adjacent W. 3rd and N. Wooster greenspace to a position front and center next to the church. It's placed where our former church sign and heirloom bell once rested. (The bell has been moved to the west corner of the church).

Before, the monument was almost hidden, barely noticeable. Now, it highly visible to anyone walking or driving down the street. After the move, someone remarked, "It's like an 'in your face' reminder of God's Law."

So, what's behind this move?

It seems some outside group filed a complaint and threatened a law suit against the City of Dover because the Ten Commandments monument was on city (public) property. To them, it was an infringement of the separation of church and state. It had to go, they warned.

It went, all right! It went from a dark little corner on a city lot, to a "can't miss it" placement out front for all to see and read. I sure hope they're happy now.

The mayor and other city administrators had approached our Property Ministries Board and me and asked if they could donate the monument to us for placement on our property. Of course, we said "Sure!" We coordinated the project together. Moving day was a joint effort, though the city bore most of the work and all the expense. It was much cheaper than fighting a law suit and with a much better outcome.

The separation of Church and State is a much treasured, greatly beneficial and most essential legal concept. It protects both from harmful intrusions from the other. Yet, because the line of separation is not clearly demarcated, it is often hard to determine where it lies. Yes, sometimes the legal concept may be abused. Yet, usually it serves as a great protector of both religious and civic interests.

Jesus understood this when confronted with a question concerning paying taxes. "Give to Caesar what is his and to God what is due Him," he taught.

As citizens, we serve our country and our community in many different ways. As Christians, we also have many wonderful opportunities to serve God. Both are exercises of love—loving neighbor and loving God. And where there is love, there is no separation; no wall keeping us apart.


(P.S. For those who thought this article would be Part II of my fallen tree saga, sorry to disappoint you. The tree is now gone! Hallelujah! Next project, fill that big hole it left and landscape.)

Senior Pastor Donald L. Rice Jr.

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Planning Council

**PLANNING
COUNCIL**
Next Meeting
Sept. 11th, 2018
@ 6:30 PM



Facts and Figures

<p>Attendance June 2018 Weekly Average: 131 Difference: -19 (-12%)</p> <p>Offerings June 2018 Total Offerings: \$15,287.00 Difference: +\$265.85 Weekly Average: \$3821.75 Difference: +66.29 (+2%)</p>	<p>Attendance June 2017 Weekly Average 150</p> <p>Offerings June 2017 Total Offerings: \$15,021.15 Weekly Average: \$3755.46</p>
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Since You Asked

Since You Asked...

I was surprised to learn the name of the man sheltering Saul (Paul) in Damascus after his conversion was named Judas. The only Judas I've ever hear mention is Judas Iscariot who betrayed Jesus. Are there more?

Indeed, the most famous Judas in Scripture is the notorious betrayer, Judas Iscariot. Judas of Damascus who lived on Straight Street gave Saul (later Paul) a place to stay and pray while waiting for Ananias to restore his sight and baptize him. The two are among several Judas mentioned in the Bible.

Judas is the Greek form of the Hebrew name Judah, a son of Jacob. The name means *praised*. King David was of the house and lineage of Judah and so was Jesus. He is mentioned as an ancestor of Christ in Luke 3:30.

Judas, brother of our Lord is mentioned in Matthew 13:55 and Mark 6:3. Jesus' brothers did not believe in him during his ministry (John 7:5) but are numbered among the believers after Jesus resurrection in Acts 1:14. It is believed the author of the epistle **Jude** is this Judas.

According to Luke 6:16, Jesus had two disciples names Judas. They were **Judas, son of James**, and **Judas Iscariot**. He is distinguished in John 14:22 as "Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord how is that you will manifest yourself to us..." This Judas may be the disciple called Thaddaeus in Matthew and Mark so as not to confuse him with Judas Iscariot.

Judas of Galilee was a false Messiah and imposter who rose to prominence near the time of Jesus' birth. He perished and afterwards his followers scattered. (Acts 5:37).

At the Council of Jerusalem, **Judas Barsabbas** was selected by the Early Christian apostles and elders to

**CELEBRATION 2018**

Our 2018 **Rally Day** and **Church Picnic** will be celebrated Sunday, September 9.

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 2016 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. You may choose to dine al fresco under the picnic tent or inside the Outreach Center. Each family is asked to bring a family favorite covered dish and/or dessert to share. Fried chicken, 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



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MODERN DAY GLEANING

In the biblical book of Ruth, Ruth and her mother-in-law, Naomi, are widows during a famine. In those times, there were customary provisions for widows and the poor to ensure they had adequate food. They were allowed to “glean” from the fields, meaning they could gather the extra abundance following a harvest at no cost to them.

Boaz, one of Naomi’s relatives, allowed Ruth to glean from his fields and ordered workers to make sure to leave enough barley behind so that she and Naomi would be well fed. Boaz was blessed for his generosity—soon after, he gained a family in Ruth and Naomi and had a son, Obed. The blessings continued as Obed became the grandfather of King David.

As the Lord provided Boaz with abundance, he shared it with others. And we can do likewise. We may have an abundance of wealth, time or talents. Whatever gifts we have—large or small—the story of Ruth and Boaz models generous sharing.

National Volunteer Month is an ideal time to share your abundance and offer your gifts. Volunteering locally:



Brings people together. Gather a group of your friends and brainstorm ways to work together for a common goal of helping out in your community.



Is a great chance to learn something. God reveals new gifts in our lives, even as we are getting older. Volunteering may help you discover hidden talents you didn’t know you had!



Saves the community resources. Volunteering your time provides valuable community services so more funds can be directed toward other needs.



Grows gratitude. Whether you’re on the giving or receiving end of a gift, that gift can elicit feelings of gratitude—either expressing gratitude or instilling gratitude in the receiver.

Being open and willing to live generously not only blesses others, but blesses you, too. Knowing that you’re making a difference in someone’s life can bring you unspeakable joy!

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Announcements

Youth Mission Trip Sunday

Our Grace Youth Mission Trip Team will present highlights from their June trip to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Houston during both worship services on August 19. We are eager to hear all about their adventures in **Texas** and how they experienced and shared God’s love through worship, learning opportunities, service projects and fellowship.

The 2018 Grace youth mission team included Claire Bauer, Grace Castricone, Nick Castricone, Sarah Dreher, Noah Fisher, Cody Herman, Lindsey Jerles, Lauren Samsa and Brady Winters. Youth and Family Ministries Coordinator Rhonda Fisher, Cody Jerles, Ashley Jerles and Larry Wallick served as chaperones.

The Mission Trip Team will meet during the 9:15 a.m. Sunday School hour on August 11 hour to make final preparations for the services.



New York State of Mind

Pastor Rice will be on vacation August 21-28. He will be visiting New York’s Hudson Valley and schmoozing with the Roosevelts and Vanderbilts. He will also be touring West Point and other local sights. (Who knows? He may even run into Billy Joel to serenade his travels.)

While Pastor Rice is away, Pastor Steve Patrick will handle any “pastoral emergencies.” He can be contacted through the church office.

Mayor Richard Homrighausen will preside and preach at both worship services on August 26. It will be a “Service of the Word” with no Holy Communion.

Homrighausen is an ordained deacon and has served as Vice President of the Northeastern Ohio Synod- his willingness to serve us and us.

ELCA. We thank him for share God’s Word with



Women's Bible Study



Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, August 15th at 7:00pm

Join us, as we continue to study the
"Seven Miracles Of Jesus" and how they can help you

Find Joy In Your
Life's Journey!

Don't Miss . . . The Miracle!
All Meetings Are Held in the Outreach Center

Fourth Miracle . . .



*Jesus Feeds
The 5000*



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

Announcements



Thursday Bible Study Returns

The Thursday noon Bible Study resumes after a summer hiatus on August 30. The group meets in Luther Hall.

Study guides for that date will be 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 Discipleship study guide, which takes a look at the Gospel Lesson for the upcoming Sunday. All are invited to join us for an



August 5th -

8 & 10:30 am services

Ron Barkett - Vocalist

August 12th -

10:30 am service

Valley Voices

August 26th -

8 & 10:30 am services

Donna Keller - Hand Bells

Dear Phillip Jr. & Marceil
Hammerstrom Scholarship
Committee,



I would like to greatly thank you for the scholarship this year! It is going to help me tremendously when it comes to continuing my goal of receiving my college degree!

Thanks again,



Dear Phillip Jr. and Marceil Hammerstrom
Scholarship Committee,

Thank you so much for awarding me this scholarship. It will help a great deal in my studies at Muskingum University.

Announcements

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Children's Church

Now seeking volunteers to help serve at Children's Church starting in September. If you have interest email or text Jen Vaughan at jenvaughan2@yahoo.com or 330-447-6790.



Men's Corn Roast
Thursday,
August 9th,
6:00 pm
Deis Hill
Shelter #3



Thanks to our church family for joining us on our special day for our 60th wedding anniversary & all the beautiful cards.

THANK YOU!
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Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church,
On behalf of Leadership Tusc., we would like to thank you for supporting our Conference of Excellence for 2018. It was a wonderful learning opportunity. Thank you for investing in our community!



Lutheran World Relief
Final Project Numbers
for 2017



Quilts: 32
Personal Care Kits: 8
Soap: 21
School Kits: 3



KNOTTERS

Tuesday, August 14th



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 to keep the pantry stocked. Soap and toilet tissue are purchased and paid by cash donations.

Product	Price / piece	Bags per month*	Total
Peanut Butter	\$ 2.29	X 120	\$ 274.80
Fruit	\$ 0.89	X 120	\$ 106.80
Cereal	\$ 1.59	X 120	\$ 190.80
Meat	\$ 1.30	X 120	\$ 156.00
Chicken Soup	\$ 1.00	X 60	\$ 60.00
Tomato Soup	\$ 1.00	X 60	\$ 60.00
Potatoes	\$ 0.65	X 120	\$ 78.00
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	\$ 0.69	X 120	\$ 82.80
Spaghetti	\$ 1.00	X 120	\$ 120.00
Spaghetti Sauce	\$ 1.00	X 120	\$ 120.00
			\$ 1369.20

*Average

<u>ALDI</u>	<u>Buehlers</u>	<u>Wal Mart</u>	<u>Big Lots</u>
Peanut Butter	Vegetables (1)	Spaghetti Sauce	Soup (1)
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

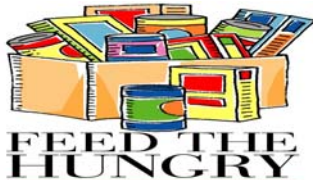
Thanks to all who have volunteered to be packers for the Grocery Bag Ministry this year.

Donations to the Food Pantry have increased in response to a greater need for our food bags. In June, we distributed 100 bags, and have already distributed 72 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.

Ella DeVore
Glenn Siber
Mildred Schauer
Francis Moser
JoAnn Hammond
Jim Gipson
John Page
Rachelle Coulter Sensel
Norma Grywalski
Cathy Nardecchia
Holly Young
Karen Page
Molly Bauer
Tom Cox
Tom Grezlik
Tracy Debord
Susan Zimmerman

William Page
Tom Hardin
Dale Kreisher
Janet Murphy
Msgr. Ken Sheafer
JoAnn Miller
Mary Marino
Jim Horn
Wayne Page
Dorothy Hanna
Robert Ryan
Jim Rosenberry
Evan Cameron
Jane Buehler
Buffy Gray
Art Keener
Violet Tomcho

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

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 22nd, 2018.**

August's dinner at the Homeless Shelter is on Sunday, August 26th, 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.



Sept. 2nd - 1 vase

Sept. 9th - 1 vase

Sept. 16th - 1 vase

Sept. 23rd - 1 vase

Sept. 30th - 2 vases



Children's Church will resume in September.

Worship Readings

Altar Guild

Tuesday,
August 28th, 2018
9:00 am

Sunday, August 5th

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

Psalm 78:23-29

Ephesians 4:1-16

John 6:24-35

Sunday, August 12th

1 Kings 19:4-8

Psalm 34:1-8

Ephesians 4:25—5:2

John 6:35, 41-51

Sunday, August 19th

Proverbs 9:1-6

Psalm 34:9-14

Ephesians 5:15-20

John 8:12-20

Sunday, August 26th

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Psalm 34:15-22

Ephesians 6:10-20

John 6:56-69

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
8/5	8/5 Liz Miller	8/5 Terry Miller	Tim Keplinger
8/12	8/12 Nancy Wilson	8/12	Richard Elliott
8/19	8/19 Lynn Foust	8/19	Steve Zimmerman
8/26	8/26 Gale Limron	8/26	Jim Heller
			Scott Ebert
			Edward Harper

SUNDAY 10:30 AM WORSHIP

Aug. 5 John Lorenz, Larry Wallick, Tom Margo, Ron Stahl
Aug. 12 Jim Gibb, Mike Sergent, Jimm Morris, Brody Morris
Aug. 19 John Stahl, Robert McCulloch, Keith Lands, Paul McFadden
Aug. 26 Jeff Keller, Jeff Hootman, John Wolfe

ACOLYTES	LAY READERS	DEACON/COMM. ASST.
8/5	8/5 Jan Ochsenbine	8/5
8/12	8/12 John Stahl	8/12
8/19	8/19 Sandy Gibb	8/19 Deborah Horn
8/26	8/26 Jim Gibb	8/26

ALTAR GUILD

August: Donna Fox, Katherine Stahl, Jill Hootman, Shirley Grafe, Jan Ochsenbine

September: Sue Case, Holly Vesco, Susan Zimmerman, Chris Randles, Bonnie Beem



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7 pm Boy Scouts	2 6:30 pm Girl Scouts	3	4
5 8 am Worship Communion 9:15 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion	6 2:30 pm Communion Park Village - S 6:30 pm Girl Scouts - YH 6:30 pm Girl Scouts - LH 7 pm Valley Voices	7 12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	8 7 pm Boy Scouts	9 6:30 pm Girl Scouts	10	11
12 8 am Worship Communion 9:15 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion	13 10:30 am Communion Park Village - N 6:30 pm Girl Scouts - YH 6:30 pm Girl Scouts - LH 7 pm Valley Voices	14 9 am Knotters 10:00 am Rejoice Women 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	15 6 pm Little Theatre Youth - FH 7 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Women's Bible Study - ORC	16 6:30 pm Girl Scouts	17	18
19 8 am Worship Communion 9:15 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion <u>Youth Mission Trip Service</u> <u>Blessing of the Backpacks</u>	20 6:30 pm Girl Scouts - YH 7 pm Valley Voices	21 12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	22 7 pm Boy Scouts	23 6:30 pm Girl Scouts	24 <u>Messenger</u>	25 <u>Choir Camp</u> - FH
26 8 am Worship 9:15 am SCS 10:30 am Worship 6 pm Meal to the Homeless Shelter Pastor on Vacation	27 6:30 pm Altar Guild 6:30 pm Girl Scouts - YH 7 pm Valley Voices	28 9 am Altar Guild 12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	29 7 pm Boy Scouts	30 12-1 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Girl Scouts	31 <u>Messenger</u> <u>Assembly</u>	