

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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Can't Buy Me Love

In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent His Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. I John 4:10-11

Watch out, Kohl's! Watch out, Penney's! Watch out Sears! And especially you, Elder-Beerman, watch out! Here I come!

I love to shop! I have no fear of crowded malls. Long lines do not faze me. I welcome Black Friday. So, watch out! I'll be there hunting for bargains; armed with coupon; and selecting just the right gift at just the right price.

Not to boast, but I have been acclaimed as a great shopper. I can regale you with tales of amazing bargains and dollars saved. I can relate how an item selected was a perfect, delightfully accepted gift. (Ask me, I dare you, about how I just recently purchased a really fine \$59.99 coffee maker, on sale for \$44.99 but paid only \$27.50! Go ahead. Ask me.)

Several of my friends, well acquainted with my shopping acumen, have suggested I become a professional shopper. They have noted that some people might pay good money to have someone do their shopping for them—especially during the busy Christmas season. Maybe this isn't such a bad idea...

Still, after going from store to store and after all the perusing up and down the aisles, I can't buy me love. In fact, I can't buy anybody love. It's not for sale. Yet is it the greatest bargain of all—a free gift to us from God through His beloved Son Jesus Christ.

No discount here. Jesus paid the full price. He gave himself, all of himself, for us and for our eternal salvation.

Christmas give us the wonderful opportunity to remember and cherish the greatest gift—the gift of love. As St. John reminds us, "God is love." On that first Christmas morning, love was born in Bethlehem. And love is born in our hearts through our faith in that Holy Babe—an innocent child who would one day die for us and be raised for us out of love for us.

So, as we shop and share, let us also remember to love the one who first loved us. May our love for Christ and our love for one another be the greatest and most treasured gift of the season. Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.


Senior Pastor Donald L. Rice Jr.

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Planning Council

PLANNING COUNCIL
Next Meeting
January 4th, 2011
@ 6:45 PM

MINISTRY NIGHT
Next Meeting
January 11th, 2011
@ 6:45 PM



Grace Notes

Facts and Figures

<p>Attendance October 2010 Weekly Average: 159 Difference: + 26</p> <p>Offerings October 2010 Total: \$19,477.73 (five Sundays) Difference: +\$5964.53 Weekly Average: \$3895.55 Weekly Difference: +\$517.25</p>	<p>Attendance October 2009 Weekly Average: 133</p> <p>Offerings October 2009 Total: \$13,513.20 (four Sundays) Weekly Average: \$3378.30</p>
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Since You Asked...

Since you asked...



Did Martin Luther write “Away in a Manger”?



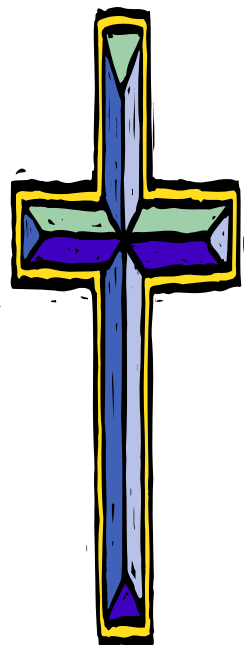
“Away in a Manger” is often subtitled “Luther’s Cradle Hymn” and thus is attributed to the great Christian reformer. It is imagined Martin Luther composed this song as a lullaby and sang it to his son Hans one Christmas Eve long ago. Later, he shared it with mothers, fathers and little children in Germany and a classic Christmas carol was born.

This legend is largely consigned to the publication of the carol in an 1887 children’s songbook, *Dainty Songs for Lads and Lasses*. “Away in a Manger” bore the title “Luther’s Cradle Hymn” and was accompanied with the note “Composed by Martin Luther for his children, and still sung by German mothers to their little ones.”

Truth is, in 1887 you would find nary a German mother singing this Christmas lullaby to her children. The carol is American and its origin is connected to the celebration of Luther’s 400th birthday in 1883. The first two verses are written anonymously, but can be traced to Pennsylvanian Lutherans who first sang this song as part of a “Luther birthday pageant.” Later, it became a featured favorite of annual children’s Christmas programs and worship services.

The earliest publication of the beloved carol can be found in *Little Children’s Book for Schools and Families*, part of the 1885 Evangelical Lutheran Sunday School collection printed in Philadelphia. In 1892, Charles H. Gabriel added the third verse. In his *Gabriel’s Vineyard Songs*, he credited the entire text to Luther and so the musical myth continued.

Though Martin Luther had nothing to do with “Away in a Manger,” if you want to sing a Luther Christmas carol, you will find one in our hymnbook. “From Heaven Above” (ELW 268) was written by Luther in 1535. It was originally titled “Children’s Hymn for Christmas Eve” and included 15 verses.

<p style="text-align: center;">  <i>A Special</i> THANK YOU  </p> <p> Not to “mince” words... </p> <p> Thank you for the exquisite Warther Cutlery in honor of my 25th Anniversary of Ordination. The gift is a wonderful surprise and something I will enjoy using in my new kitchen. Thanks, also, for the many expressions of congratulations, appreciation and support. I am extraordinarily blessed in my call to serve you and to live in such a fine town as Dover. </p> <p> God Bless you and your many kindnesses to me. Pastor Rice </p>	<p> The Property Board would like to thank Jim and Deborah Horn for donating the new lighted cross for the front of Luther Hall. The cross is dedicated in memory of Virginia Horn and is a beautiful addition to our property. </p> 
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Christmas Worship Schedule



!!Sunday Christmas Worship Notice!!

The Children's Christmas Pageant will be featured during the **9:30 a.m.** Sunday morning worship service on **December 19**. The service will include Holy Communion. There will be only **one service** on December 19.

There will be only **one service on Sunday, December 26 at 9:30 a.m.** Lay minister, Mr. Ken Reinoelh will be leading the service. There will be no Holy Communion.

Regular Sunday morning worship times (8:00 and 10:30 a.m.) and schedules (Sunday School and Christian Education at 9:15) resume on Sunday, January 2, 2011.

Pastor Rice will be on vacation December 25-January 1.

Mitten & Gift Tree

The donation trees for the Salvation Army will be displayed in the Narthex and in the connecting room of Luther Hall.

All donations will be removed from the tree on Friday, December 17th by 9:00 am.



CHRISTMAS EVE
MUSICAL PRELUDE
 BY OUR ORGANIST
 JOSEPH PALMER, AND
 OUR HANDBELL CHOIR WILL
 BEGIN AT 10:40 PM.
 PLEASE JOIN US.

Moser Mission



moser family

ministry update



This past weekend we made a trip up to Schroon Lake, NY. Besides the obvious motive of wanting to see Stuart and Kearstin at the Bible Institute, we also needed to stop by the International Ministries office to collect additional papers to add to the package that contained our documents and the application for a Work Permit/Visa. Praise God it was all sent off to Bermuda on Friday.

Please pray with us that this paperwork will be processed and approved quickly, so that we can soon begin ministering to the children of Bermuda. We are so thankful for you, the team of prayer partners and financial supporters that God has assembled, and we are blessed to work with you to reach young people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Pray that we will be able to raise the additional \$1200 a month needed to live and work in Bermuda.

While we were in upstate New York, we joined Stuart, and the team of BI students, in their weekend ministry in Schenectady. Each weekend, they travel to Harmony Fellowship Church in what the pastor describes as "the hood". This team of students aids Harmony

Fellowship by helping out with youth meetings at the church on Friday nights, canvassing the neighborhood and sharing the Message of God's free gift of Salvation, and taking part in the Sunday morning services (see picture of the choir below).

Saturday evening, we joined the team at the weekly open gym event at a nearby Boys and Girls Club. Harmony Fellowship Church is reaching out to this adjacent neighborhood, one of the roughest areas in the state. Each Saturday they play basketball and other games with the young people as they build relationships and just "love on them", as Pastor Grantley puts it. That night, they asked Steve to organize some group games, and then bring a short Bible lesson. Stuart spent a lot of time talking with and playing basketball with a young man who came for the first time. Unfortunately, Stuart sprained his ankle and had to sit down, but the Pastor stepped in, and before the young man left, he understood the Gospel and prayed to receive Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. Amen!



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<http://missions.wol.org/mepages/index/stevemoser>

Announcements & Thank You's



ADVENT WORKSHOP

Come one Come all to the Advent Workshop!

Our day will be full of events so plan on attending and spending the afternoon at Grace with your extra special church family. We will have a very blessed day full of activity for all! Come join us for worship at the 10:30 service, followed by the reading of the Christmas Story, next will be a wonderful Rigatoni and Meatball lunch with all the fixings a la Tony Lecce, followed by at least a bakers' dozen of crafts for all ages! The last event will be the decorating of our very own Christmas tree in the church. What a wonderful way to start off the month of the Advent season by spending it here with your church family. This event is for all ages! We will have family crafts as well as children crafts.

See you there on Sunday December 5th at 10:30!
Come and eat and see who you meet!



Looking for volunteers to provide care in the nursery during the Sunday School hour from 9:15 to 10:15 each Sunday. Our hope is that we can start providing

this service consistently so parents with young children can attend Sunday School. Maybe if you have a young child or children and would like to attend Sunday School, you can sign up for a week every so often and attend Sunday School on other Sundays. A sign up sheet is located outside the door to the Nursery. Questions, call John or Sarah Wolfe 330-364-1761.



The Youth Ministry Board would like to thank everyone for your donations, time and contributions to make the 2010 Thanksgiving Dinner a huge success. Without your love and support we would not have been able to do this.

Thank you again,
The Youth Ministry Board

Announcements

Traveling Church on the Roll

The Grace congregation and its Lay Ministries Board wish to extend a big, heart-felt **thank-you to Charles Lanz** for the gift of five portable CD players in memory of his wife Cheryl. The CD players will be placed with Grace members who are homebound or live in long-term care facilities. This will allow them to listen to the Sunday worship services recorded each week with comfort and convenience.

Charles remarked that since he had spent so many weeks with his late wife in the hospital, he could immediately see the great need for this service. We thank Charles for his generosity and recognize it as a wonderful memorial tribute to Cheryl who went to be with the Lord this past October.

The Lay Ministry Board is looking for persons or couples to visit our homebound and elderly residents by volunteering some time once or twice a month. Volunteers would share church happenings, deliver church news and provide the weekly recorded worship services. The board will hold an informational /instructional meeting in January. If you would like to participate in this important ministry, please contact Liz Nelson, Michele Haverfield or Pastor Rice.
Thank you.



Grace Members Make Dover History

Several members of Grace Lutheran Church participated in the opening ceremonies for two Dover bridges. The first bridge opened is located in downtown Dover and spans the Tuscarawas River on Tuscarawas Street. It will do much to ease congestion on Wooster Avenue and the center of town. The other bridge is part of the new I-77 Schneider's Crossing (Rt. 80/Ohio Ave.) interchange. This highway construction will provide readier access to Dover's north side and open the door to expanding commercial development.

Grace member Mayor Rick Homrighausen was the featured speaker for the November 12 events and officially opened the bridges by cutting a Dover red ribbon. Pastor Rice offered opening prayers at both sites. The Dover High School Band led the first grand march across the bridges. Band members include Grace teens Olivia Bauer (majorette), Katie Cameron (mellaphone) and Kristin Miceli (trumpet).

Christian Education



Fa la la la la, la la la la!

Grace's Board of Christian Education invites you to go caroling on Sunday, December 19. Carolers will visit our homebound members and others to offer them melodic gifts of Christmas cheer.

You are asked to meet at the church in Luther Hall at 4:30 p.m. After the tuneful rounds, a light, hot supper will be provided.

Join us as we share the musical gifts of Christmas with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

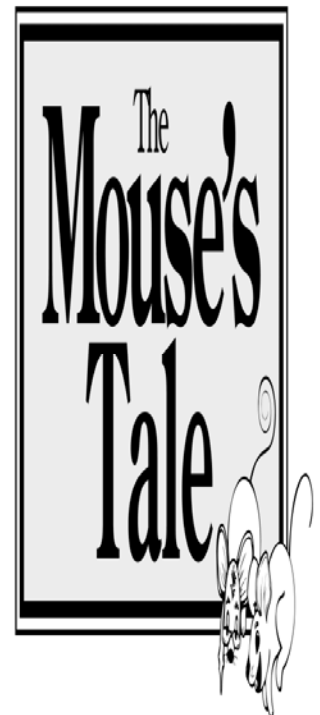
For more information or questions, please contact Esther Philabaum or Betsy Morris. Thank you.

Join Us for
Caroling

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

On Sunday, December 19th, the church sanctuary will be the place to come to see how the stable animals observed the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. All of them from the donkey, cow, sheep, camels a bird and the mice will tell you what happened in the stable that glorious night! The audience will also participate in the story by helping sing the hymns that we and the animals love.

Please join the children of Grace Lutheran in their production of "The Mouse's Tale" on Sunday, December 19th at the 9:30 am service for a different view of the Christmas Story.



Young People's Ministry



Young Peoples

Ministry Board

Is requesting information on all College Students or Military Personnel

We would like to keep these members in touch with what is going on at Grace and send them greeting cards for special events.

Please complete as much of the following information as possible and return it to the church office or YPMB mail box. Please return this information by November 20th 2010.

Name _____

Address _____

DOB _____

If Married Anniversary _____

E-mail address _____

Date of Baptism _____

Winter Break date _____

Spring Break date _____

Final day of classes for year _____

College Graduation date _____

2011 YOUTH MISSION TRIP



be like jesus

Our young people will be heading to Taylorsville, North Carolina, July 3rd-8th, 2011 for their annual Youth Mission Trip. This years site is located in the scenic Blue Ridge Mountains. The next planning meeting will be held Sunday, January 9th after the 10:30 am worship service. For more information contact Christine Sergent (330) 340-5377.

Announcements

Breaking News... Grace Garners Great Grant

Imagine my surprise and amazement when I opened the e-mail printed below. As I've mentioned to others, it's a good thing I was sitting down.

Rev. Donald Rice, Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
Dover OH

Congratulations from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Foundation! Your congregation has been chosen to receive a **\$5,000 Economic Outreach Bridge grant** in recognition of the significant impact being made via your outreach service programs. This grant is also in recognition of the fine efforts your congregation has made to respond to the current economic conditions and still find a way to continue to provide important services. You will be contacted shortly by our local staff regarding presentation of this grant award.

We would also like to offer your congregation the opportunity to earn an additional \$10,000 challenge grant. Attached below is the application for that offer. If you have any questions on how to proceed with the challenge activities, feel free to contact myself or the Manager of Lutheran Engagement (MLE) from the local Thrivent Financial regional office. The contact information for your local MLE is in the carbon copy addressing area above.

It is our privilege to thank and recognize your congregation for the important work you do in your community serving local needs!

The grant application was made to support our food pantry and grocery bag ministry. This \$5000 will sure buy a lot of groceries! Plus, with the challenge grant opportunity, all money we raise in support of our food pantry from November 15, 2010 to February 28, 2011 will be matched dollar for dollar. This includes the funds raised from our November Thank You envelopes which are specifically designated for our food pantry and our grocery bag ministry.

A special Thank-you goes to Evangelism Board Director Wendy Mady and Treasurer Bev Frantz for their help in providing important facts, figures and information needed to complete the grant application. Also, a debt of gratitude is due Wendy and Liz Nelson for initiating the grocery bag ministry close to ten years ago.

When the program started, we gave out approximately 15-18 bags a month. Now we are giving out 65-70 groceries bags monthly. The Grace congregation is to be highly commended in meeting the increasing need during these dire economic times. It is definitely a tribute to God's love working in us and through us to the benefit of our neighbors in need.

Thank you Thrivent! Thank you Grace members! Thank the Lord for this great gift of love!



Thank You's



Dear Pastor Rice,

Thank you for initiating the process that has resulted in a grant from Grace Evangelical Endowment Fund in support of Lutheran Chaplaincy Service (LCS). Your check in the amount of \$1280 has been received and will be used to cover the cost of lunches for the eight LCS chaplain staff meetings that will be held during 2011.

Your gift is a generous expression of support for the LCS chaplains who give so much to others through their work. Thank you for your contribution to the ongoing efforts of LCS chaplains to provide hope, healing and promise to individuals experiencing the blessings and brokenness of human life.

Sincerely,

The Rev. Mary C. Carson
Interim Executive Director



Dear Friends at Grace Lutheran Church,

The Board of Directors of the Friends of Tuscarawas County wishes to thank you for your generous contribution in the amount of \$999.00 to the homeless shelter for a new dishwasher.

We appreciate your thoughtfulness and support to the shelter. The needs of the homeless population in our community are greater than most would imagine. The state of our recent economy has affected many lives in the area as well as the shelter donations. It has taken the support of many willing people, like you, to bring the shelter where it is today.

There are many ways to assist with the shelter and the Board is counting on the whole community to support this effort. For tax reporting purposes, we wish to emphasize that no goods or services were provided to you the donor in return of this gift; therefore, your entire contribution is tax deductible.

We wish to thank you on behalf of the people who will be served.

Gratefully yours,

Jack Ream
President of the Board
Friends of the Homeless of Tuscarawas County

2011 Wall Calendars Needed

Norma Grywalski donates these wall calendars to the residents of Amber House Nursing Home. Lets help Norma out and donate a wall calendar today.

Please drop them off in the office.

Thank you for your help!



Women of the ELCA

FINAL COUNT

For Lutheran World Relief

- Quilts: 38
- Health Kits: 46
- School Kits: 21
- Soap: 207
- Layettes: 23



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



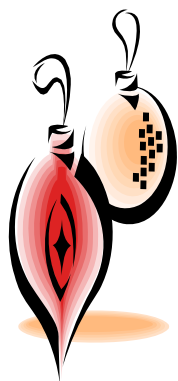
Dr. Mary Baer Circle

Christmas Party

Wednesday,
December 1st

1:00 pm

Hostesses: Donna Fox
Marie Lorson



WELCA QUARTERLY

Come join us
for lunch on
Wednesday,
December 8th



11:30 am in the Outreach Center.

4 ladies from Valley Voices
will entertain us with
Christmas songs.

Offering to go to our food pantry.

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 October, we distributed 64 bags, and have already distributed 70 in November. 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

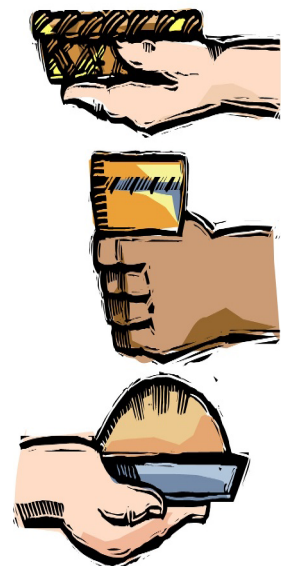
Thank you to the following volunteers who will help serve our free lunch on **Wednesday, December 15th**.

Leader: Michelle Hallman

Volunteers: Jim Heller, Dianne Heller, Bob McCulloch, Tom Patton

Volunteers for the Free Lunch should deliver their food donations to the Outreach Center on **Tuesday, December 14th** 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 December 15th 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 December'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.

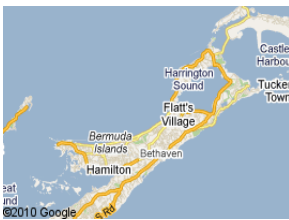
To provide this "gift of Grace" requires planning and cooperation. Often there are so many blank spaces on the sign-up sheets that menus may need to be quickly revised and last-minute phone calls made to assure the meal is available.

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 December 26th.**

December's dinner at the Homeless Shelter is on Sunday, December 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.



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.



- Dec. 19th - 1 vase
- Jan. 2nd - 2 vases
- Jan. 9th - 2 vases
- Jan. 16th - 2 vases
- Jan. 23rd - 2 vases
- Jan. 30th - 2 vases

NURSERY

- Dec. 5 - Charles & Marcie Castricone
- Dec. 12 - John & Sarah Wolfe
- Dec. 19 - No Nursery
- Dec. 26 - No Nursery



CHILDREN'S CHURCH



- Dec. 5 - Sarah Wolfe
- Dec. 12 - Michele Haverfield
- Dec. 19 - Christmas Pageant
- Dec. 26 - No Children's Church

Worship Readings

Order of St. Luke

Tuesday,
Dec. 28th, 2010
1:00 pm

Sunday, Dec. 5

Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
Romans 15:4-13
Matthew 3:1-12

Sunday, Dec. 12

Isaiah 35:1-10
Psalm 146:4-9
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

Altar Guild

Wednesday,
Dec. 22nd, 2010
8:30 am

Friday, Dec. 24

Titus 3:4-8
Psalm 145:13b-21
Luke 2:1-120

Sunday, Dec. 26th

Isaiah 63:7-9
Psalm 148
Hebrews 2:10-18
Matthew 2:13-23

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
Dec. 5
Dec. 12

LAY READERS
Dec. 5 Lynn Foust
Dec. 12 Gale Limron

DEACONS
Dec. 5
Dec. 12

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

SUNDAY 9:30 AM WORSHIP

ACOLYTES
Dec. 19
Dec. 26

LAY READERS
Dec. 19 Steve Zimmerman
Dec. 26 Jim Gibb

DEACONS
Dec. 19
Dec. 26

Christmas Eve Worship

LAY READERS
Dec. 24 - 7:00 pm Still Needed
Dec. 24 - 11:00 pm Rick Homrighausen

USHERS
Dec. 5 John Lorenz, Larry Wallick, Tom Margo, Art Siber
Dec. 12 Mike Sergent, Ron Philabaum
Dec. 19 John Stahl, Robert McCulloch, Keith Lands, Howard Stein
Dec. 26 Art Keener, William Page, Jeff Keller, Jeff Hootman, Joe Vanfossen

SUNDAY 10:30 AM WORSHIP

ACOLYTES
Dec. 5 Shauna Cox
Dec. 12

LAY READERS
Dec. 5 Jim Gibb
Dec. 12 Jimm Morris

DEACONS
Dec. 5 John Stahl
Dec. 12 Jim Gibb



ALTAR GUILD

December: Rosann Patterson, Louise Keplinger, Joan Davis, Linda Bertle, Janice Weber

January: Judy Martin, Lu Kreisher, Bonnie Richardson, Pam Keller, Carol Betche

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<p>1</p> <p>1 pm Dr. Mary Baer Christmas Party</p> <p>6:30 pm Cub Scouts</p>	<p>2</p> <p>12-1 pm Bible study</p> <p>12 pm Sr. Fun Day</p> <p>5:30 pm Girl Scouts</p> <p>6 pm Handbell Choir</p> <p>7 pm Gallery Choir</p> <p><u>Poinsettia Orders Due</u></p>	3	4
<p>5</p> <p>8 am Worship Communion</p> <p>9:15 am SCS</p> <p>10:30 am Worship Communion</p> <p>4:00 pm Christmas Pageant Rehearsal</p> <p>Rigatoni Dinner</p> <p>Advent Workshop</p> <p>Tree Decorating</p>	<p>6</p> <p>3:00 pm Communion Park Village</p> <p>6:30 pm Girl Scouts-LH</p> <p>6:30 pm Girl Scouts-YH</p> <p>6:30 pm Property Board</p> <p>7 pm Valley Voices</p>	<p>7</p> <p>12- 4 pm Rejoice Women</p> <p>5:30 pm Head Start - FH</p> <p>6:30 pm Cub Scouts</p>	<p>8</p> <p>11:30 am WELCA Quarterly- ORC</p> <p>6:30 pm Cub Scouts</p>	<p>9</p> <p>12-1 pm Bible study</p> <p>12 pm Sr. Fun Day</p>	10	<p>11</p> <p>8:00 am</p> 
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<p>19</p> <p>9:30 am Worship Communion</p> <p>Children's Christmas Pageant</p> <p>4:30 pm Caroling</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6:30 pm Girl Scouts-LH</p> <p>6:30 pm Girl Scouts-YH</p> <p>7 pm Valley Voices</p>	<p>21</p> <p>6:30 pm Cub Scouts</p>  <p>First Day of Winter</p>	<p>22</p> <p>8:30 am Altar Guild</p>	<p>23</p> <p>12-1 pm Bible study</p> <p>12 pm Sr. Fun Day</p> <p>6 pm Handbell Choir</p> <p>7 pm Gallery Choir</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship</p> <p>10:15 pm Gallery Choir</p> <p>11:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship</p> <p><u>Church Office Closed</u></p>	
<p>26</p> <p>9:30 am Worship</p> <p>6 pm Meal to the Homeless Shelter</p>	<p>27</p> <p>6:30 pm Girl Scouts-LH</p> <p>6:30 pm Girl Scouts-YH</p> <p>7 pm Valley Voices</p> 	<p>28</p> <p>1 pm Order of St. Luke</p> <p>6:30 pm Cub Scouts</p>	<p>29</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> <p>9 am Messenger Assembly</p> </div>	<p>30</p> <p>12-1 pm Bible study</p> <p>12 pm Sr. Fun Day</p> <p>6 pm Handbell Choir</p>	31	