



# THE MESSENGER

2013

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

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## Bathrobe Season

*I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness. Isaiah 61:10*

As the nights grow colder, it is a special pleasure to put on a warm, comfortable bathrobe and snuggle up with a good book. Whether soft, cushy and new or well-worn and cozy, a bathrobe can soothe, secure and shield us from the harsh, winter cold. With an engrossing, entertaining read and a cup of hot chocolate, it is **bathrobe season** for all to enjoy.

It's also **bathrobe season** at the church. Soon our children will be donning their bathrobes depicting Christmas characters. Bathrobe-wearing shepherds, wise men, Joseph and Mary will recreate that glorious night in Bethlehem when Jesus Christ was born. Surely, our children's Christmas pageant is one of the highlights of the church year.

Even though I have a bathrobe, in fact I have several of them, and even though I have extensive stage experience playing a variety of roles from Sophocles to Neil Simon, I was not cast in this year's pageant. Again! It seems there is an age restriction of three years old through eighth grade. I didn't make the cut. Wouldn't even be considered—bathrobe or not.

Maybe I'll put on a bathrobe anyway and sneak onto the set and steal a scene or two. Come and see! Will he or won't he? (To be or not to be?)

Or, I'll wear my bathrobes the other Sundays in Advent when I am in no danger of being upstaged by cuties and cherubs. That might be a better idea.

It will be **Bathrobe Season** all Advent long this year. I will be presenting "bathrobe monologues" during each Sunday worship service using the theme: **Holiday Greetings from Bethlehem**. Different characters close to the manger will offer their impressions and reflections on their experiences surrounding the birth of Jesus. Come and hear what Caesar Augustus' tax collector, the innkeeper and a sleepy neighbor have to say about that night of love and salvation.

As for wearing a bathrobe for the December 22 children's pageant, I'm still thinking about it.


Merry Christmas! Happy New Year! And, a most Blessed **Bathrobe Season** to all!

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

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# Planning Council

**PLANNING  
COUNCIL**  
**Next Meeting**  
**January 14th, 2014**  
**@ 6:45 PM**



## Facts and Figures

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| <p><b>Attendance October 2013</b></p> <p>Weekly Average: 145<br/>Difference: - 2(-1%)</p> <p><b>Offerings October 2013</b></p> <p>Total: \$13,666.05<br/>Difference -1987.27<br/>Weekly Average: \$3416.26<br/>Weekly Difference:-\$359.32 (-9%)</p> | <p><b>Attendance October 2012</b></p> <p>Weekly Average: 145</p> <p><b>Offerings October 2012</b></p> <p>Total: \$15,102.32<br/>Weekly Average: \$3775.58</p> |
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### 2012-2013 BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

|                             |                              |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Robert Viereck - President  | Jimm Morris - Vice President |
| Susan Zimmerman - Secretary | Beverly Frantz - Treasurer   |

#### Congregational Life

Jimm Morris - Director  
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Keith Lands  
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Liz Miller

*Senior Pastor: Rev. Donald L. Rice Jr.*  
*Coordinator of Youth & Family Ministries: Barbara DeBord*  
*Organist: Joseph W. Palmer*  
*Assistant Organist: Linda Hanna*  
*Director of Music/Gallery Choir: Roberta Myers*  
*Secretary: Lisa Morris*  
*Treasurer: Beverly Frantz*  
*Custodian: Adrian Mathias*

Since You Asked...

## Since You Asked...

**In previous years' newsletters, we've learned the Advent Candles around the Advent Wreath can represent different persons, places or ideas. What's in store for us this year?**

Traditionally, the Advent candles represent the prophets, Bethlehem, the shepherds and the angels, in that order. A more contemporary schematic has the candles representing the heavenly virtues of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. In either case, the center candle and the focus of our expectation and celebration is always the Christ candle, shining brightly as the Light of the World.

This year at Grace, we will draw close to the manger with each candle representing personage nearest the crèche. Our candles will remember, in this order, Joseph, Mary, the angels and the shepherds. Of course, the Christ candle remains at the center giving meaning, purpose and salvation to all who come, worship and live in Jesus' light of life.



## Congregational Meeting

### Church Meeting Results

The Grace congregation met in two sessions on Sunday, November 17 to approve the 2014 budget and new Grace Endowment Board members.

The 2014 budget was approved overwhelmingly with 55 voters' approval with one voter not approving. Next year's budget totals \$259,980.00. Lewis Memorial and Hammerstrom Scholarship funds are not included in the budget since they specifically designated monies.

The congregation elected Liz Nelson (51-4) and Dwayne Shepherd (56-0) to serve on the Grace Endowment Fund Board. This is the first three-year term for both. Members may serve two terms (six years) total. John Nelson retired from the board after serving two terms, including one term as the board's president. Penny Huff declined a second term.

Liz Nelson is married to John Nelson and is the mother of Dirk (wife Jacey), Kyle and Ethan Nelson. She works for A W Tipka Oil and Gas as an accountant and bookkeeper and lives with her family in Dover.

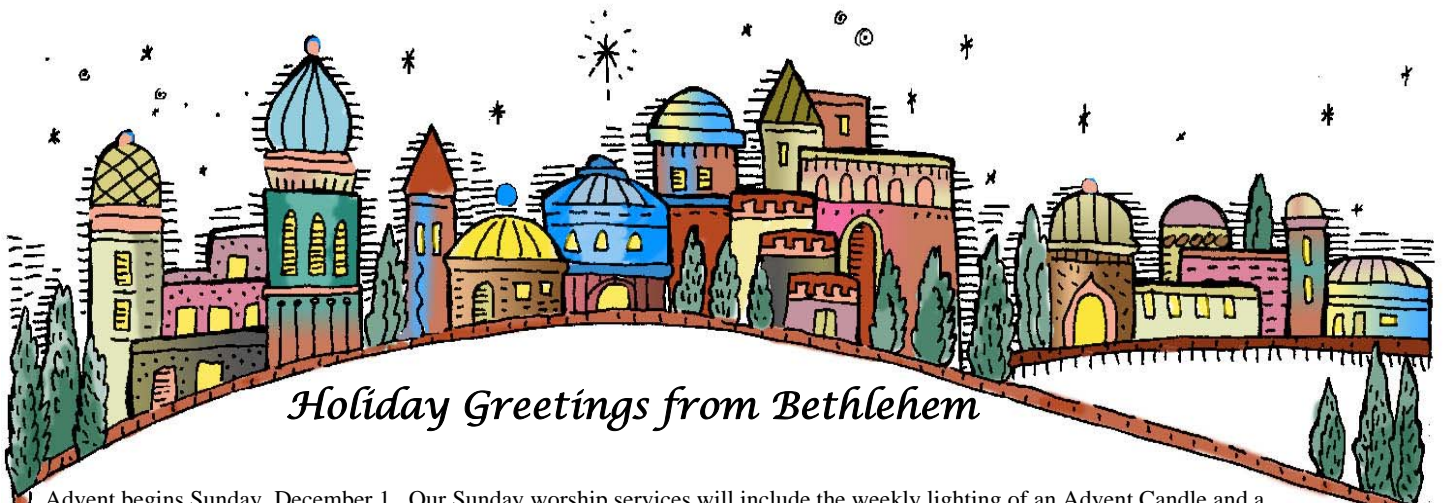
Dwayne Shepherd is the Executive Director of Riverside Manor in Newcomerstown. He resides in New Philadelphia with his wife Tiffany and his infant daughter Alexa.

## Announcements



This year's Christmas Pageant, Is It Really Christmas, will take place during our church service on December 22. We look forward to having all of the children who have signed up come to our practices in the sanctuary at 4 pm on December 1, 8 and 15. Dress rehearsal will be Saturday, December 21 at 2 pm, followed by a pizza party. We hope this will be a fun experience for everyone involved, one that will make the advent season even more meaningful. If you have any questions, please contact Nicole Willey at 330.987.0241.

Thank you so much for your help in making this year's Christmas Pageant a success!



### *Holiday Greetings from Bethlehem*

Advent begins Sunday, December 1. Our Sunday worship services will include the weekly lighting of an Advent Candle and a visit from a special guest traveling from Bethlehem to Dover. Each guest will share his impressions and reflections from his first Christmas.

December 1: A **tax collector** recounts his special duties that take him to a small Judean town where he meets a tired Joseph and an exhausted, expectant Mary.

December 8: The much-maligned **innkeeper** tells his side of the story and finds his place in God's plan of salvation.

December 15: A **sleepy neighbor** is awakened by exuberant shepherds who share the Good News of Christmas.

December 22: Our young people offer the glad tidings of Bethlehem as they present their annual **Christmas Pageant** at 9:30 a.m. There will be only one Sunday service on this day.

December 24: Celebrate the joy of Bethlehem and God's gift of love during our **Christmas Eve Worship Services** at 7:00 and 10:00 p.m. Both services will offer Holy Communion.

December 29: Coordinator of Youth and Family Services, Barbara DeBord will preside at the one Sunday worship service at 9:30 a.m.

Announcements



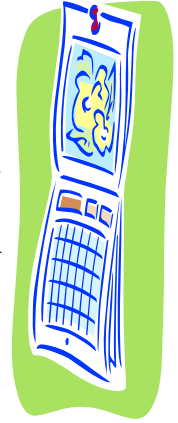
The Altar Guild would like to thank Jean Geyer for her many years of devotion to the Church and the Altar Guild. It was such a pleasure working with Jean and getting to know her. We are saddened by her retirement; but also very thankful to have had her very capable help for the last 17 years. Best wishes, Jean and a great big Thank You for your service to God and Church.  
 Many Blessings,  
 GELC Altar Guild

2014 Wall Calendars  
Needed

These wall calendars are donated to the residents of Amber House Nursing Home. Lets help out and donate a wall calendar today.

Please drop them off  
 in the office.

Thank you for your help!



A Service of Lessons  
and Carols

Sunday, December 15th, 7 PM  
 St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

More information to follow in  
 your bulletin insert.



*Luncheon*

**REMINDER**

Tuesday,  
 December 3rd  
 12:00 noon  
 at the Pro's Table



**Altar Guild**  
 Come  
 Decorate for  
 Christmas

Altar Guild will  
 be decorating for  
 Christmas  
 Monday,  
 December 23rd  
 at 9:00 am.

# Announcements



Dear Friends,

Thank you for making such a generous gift through *The Most Important Gift Catalog in the World!* Your gift provides the tools, animals and training that hard working families need to rise out of poverty and combat hunger. Your gifts are the catalyst for change.

Best of all, through our cornerstone principle of Passing on the Gift, your gift keeps on giving - providing a sustainable source of food, income and transformative opportunities to villages and communities around the world.

It is your kindness, generosity and compassion that makes Heifer gift catalog and our programs worldwide such a success. We truly value and appreciate your support. I look forward to updating you on the progress of our work and the impact of your gifts. Thank You!

Sincerely,  
Pierre U. Ferrari  
President and CEO



Dear Friends,

We thank you so much for the donation of \$1000.00 to Community Hospice received on October 24, 2013. Please know that this donation provides essential support for both patient and family care.

Over the past year, your Community Hospice has served 759 patients and families. Unlike a "for-profit" Hospice program, we are able to offer extra services that have proven to be beneficial such as music, art and massage therapy thanks to generous donors such as you.

Again, please know how meaningful your support is to us at Community Hospice as we continue to enhance the lives of those we touch by empowering them to reach their goals.

Sincerely,  
Norm Mast RN, BSN  
Executive Director/President



### Welcome to the family of God

We welcome Jory Swihart and Kellen Thomas Swihart into the family of God and our community of faith. Both were baptized on November 24th, 2013.

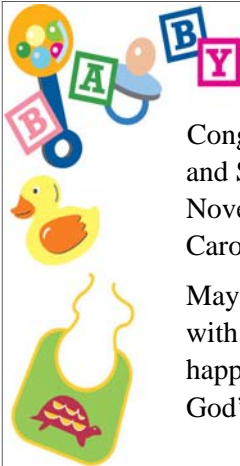
Jory is the husband of Emily (nee Hootman) Swihart and are the parents of Kellen.

May God bless them and they live in God's love and grace.



Thank you Pastor Rice & congregation for your thoughts & prayers in the loss of our father.

The Cleo Miller Family



### A TRIPLE BLESSING

Congratulations to Sarah (nee Huffman) and Steve Kim on the birth of triplets on November 20, 2013. They are named Caroline, Carter and Benjamin.

May God bless this young family with years of health and happiness as they thrive in God's goodness and grace.



Thanks to all the members of the Grace Lutheran family and to Pastor Rice for the cards, visits, food and prayers Butch and I received during my knee surgery. We felt truly blessed to have such a caring church family.

God's blessings to you all,  
Betsy Morris

## Announcements

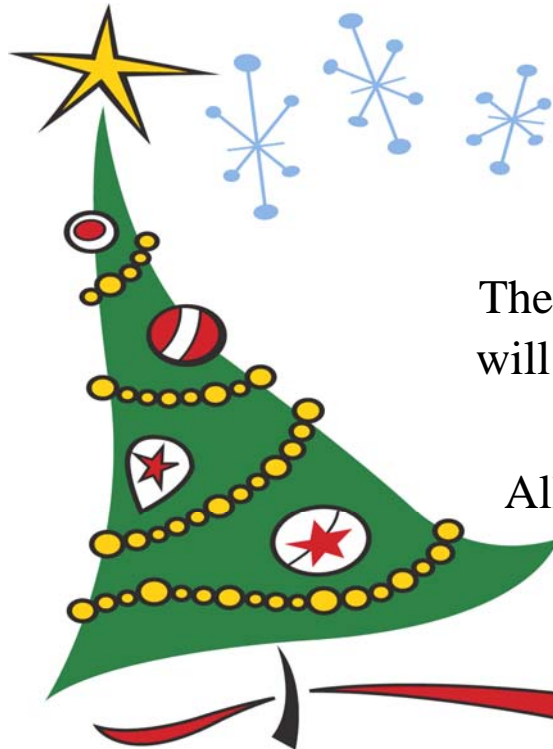


Please mark your calendar and plan to join your family and friends at Grace for the **Third Annual Rigatoni Dinner and Advent Workshop** following the 10:30 a.m. worship service on December 1. There will be plenty of delicious food, time for friendly fellowship and wide variety of seasonal crafts for all to enjoy. A free-will donation will be collected to support the 2014 Youth Mission Trip.

Hospitality Ministries is planning a scrumptious meal in Fellowship Hall featuring homemade meatballs made by our Grace youth. Rigatoni with a hearty and tasty red sauce will be served along with salad, bread, desserts and beverages and more. Audra Miceli serves as the chair of this ministry board and includes Bobbie Cox, Rhonda Fisher, Deb Foust, Cindy Jerles and Liz Nelson.

Christian Faith and Life Ministries sponsors the Advent Workshop this year. It will offer an interesting assortment of easy-to-make Christmas crafts at tables located in Luther Hall. Marcie Castricone heads this ministry board and is ably assisted by Faith Bambeck, Ashley Eick, Debbie Flood, Linda McFadden and Kingsland Pretorius.

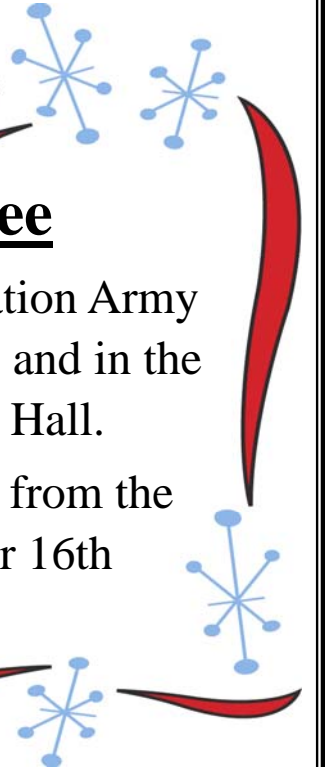
Come and eat and see who you meet.



### Mitten & Gift Tree

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

All donations will be removed from the trees on Monday, December 16th by 9:00 am.



## Announcements



Dear Rev. Rice,

Thank you for your gift of \$500.00, which we received on October 28th, 2013. Your generosity and your involvement as a member of Bread for the World are very encouraging.

Your financial support is especially helpful as we seek to provide more opportunities for more people to turn their faith into action to end hunger.

Thank you again for your extraordinary generosity. My very best wishes during these busy fall days.

Sincerely,  
James R. Lund  
Vice President for Development and Membership



## Family Swim Party!

EVERYONE - Come to the FAMILY POOL PARTY at Ramada Inn, Strasburg! The fun begins at 2:00 pm. Please bring a 2 liter bottle of pop and a dessert (or bag of chips.) Pizza will be provided at 4 pm by the Christian Faith and Life Committee.

Adults, if you have the "winter blues," come join the fun. Bring a game or cards; watch the kids swim and enjoy an afternoon with your church family. A sign-up sheet will be on the table in the Narthex.



Tuscarawas Philharmonic Orchestra,  
Chorus and Soloists.

Sunday, December 8th, 2013, 3:00 PM

First Baptist Church  
878 Commercial Ave. SW  
New Philadelphia, Ohio

This FREE concert - a Christmas gift to you - is made possible in part by the generosity of The Geib Family & Staff, Basec Management, Inc. DBA Wendy's & Barbour Publishing



Carols and other music by our Hand Bell Choir and organist will be presented twenty minutes before each service as you prepare for the birth of our Savior.





**Lutheran World Relief  
Projects final count for 2013**



Quilts: 44                      Personal Care Kits: 30  
 Soap: 200                      Baby Care Kits: 17  
 School Kits: 16

Check out the poster in Luther Hall to see where all our hard work is going!



**KNOTTERS**

Tuesday, Jan. 14th, 2014

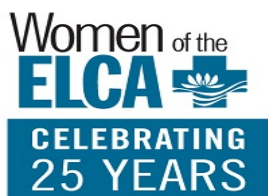
9:00 AM

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.



Through various program areas, Women of the ELCA's community of women provide services in their churches, communities, and even the world. We engage in ministry; we take action through advocacy; we promote healing and wholeness; and we support one another in our callings. We offer anti-racism training; address domestic violence, commercial sexual exploitation, and human trafficking; and support families with special needs. We assist participants in their desire to discern God's call in their lives and to discover their spiritual gifts through workshops, retreats, resources, scholarships, and global education. We offer grants to not-for-profit organizations, both domestic and international, that support healing and wholeness for women of all ages through the affirmation and advancement of women's emotional, physical, and spiritual health. Join us as we make a difference in the world. -



| 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

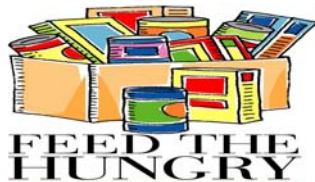
Thanks to all who have volunteered to be packers for the Grocery Bag Ministry this year.

Donations to the Food Pantry have increased in response to a greater need for our food bags. In October, we distributed 114 bags, and have already distributed 125 in November. 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, Tim Case.**

Ella DeVore  
Caden Rufener  
Ann Burrier  
Mary Ann Gray  
Dick Gray  
Genny Peterson  
Julie Fisher  
Rosann Patterson  
Norma Grywalski  
Holly Hillen  
Donald Roseblossom  
Richard Smallwood  
Adrian Mathias

Carol Davidson  
William Page  
Brinley Brown  
Vic Gessner  
Dan Urfer  
Tom Hardin  
Quenten Fabiano  
Geraldine Kiehl  
Marie Lorson  
Sherri Weidman  
Betsy Morris  
Louise Keplinger

### 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



*With Caring Christian Condolences*

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

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

**PERSONAL CARE KITS AND SCHOOL KITS**

Two of our Lutheran World Relief Projects are making Personal Care Kits and School Kits. These kits provide much needed supplies to many people around the world. Items that go into each kit are:

**Personal Care Kits**

- 1 light weight bath towel (dark color)
- 2 bath size bars of soap, 1 wide tooth comb
- 1 adult size toothbrush, 1 nail clipper with file

**School Kits**

- 4 - 70 sheet notebooks of ruled paper approx. 8 1/2" X 11" ; do not include loose leaf paper
- 1 blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- 1 30-centimeter ruler, or ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- 1 pencil sharpener, 1 eraser approx. 2 1/2 " long
- 5 new, unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- 1 box of 16 or 24 crayons,
- 5 black or blue ball point pens - no gel ink; secure with a rubber band.

If you would like to provide any of the items used in these kits please drop them off at the church office and we will assemble them.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!**

Thank you to the volunteers who will prepare and deliver food for the **Homeless Shelter on December 23rd.**

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

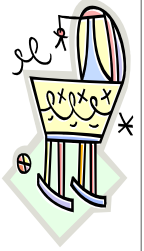
Altar Flowers are available for the following dates.



- Dec. 29 - 1 vase
- Jan. 5th - 2 vases
- Jan. 12th - 2 vases
- Jan. 19th - 2 vases
- Jan. 26th - 2 vases

### **Nursery Care Available**

Nursery care will not be available for the 9:30 am service on Dec. 22nd or Dec. 29th.



### **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

- Dec. 1 - Sarah Wolfe & Ashley Eick
- Dec. 8 - Bobbie & Shauna Cox
- Dec. 15 - Andrea & Lauren Samsa
- Dec. 22 - No Children's Church
- Dec. 29 - No Children's Church



## Worship Readings

### **Altar Guild**

Tuesday,  
Dec. 23rd, 2013  
9:00 am

### **Sunday, Dec. 1st**

Isaiah 2:1-5  
Psalm 122  
Romans 13:11-14  
Matthew 9:9-13

### **Sunday, Dec. 8th**

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

### **Sunday, Dec. 15th**

Isaiah 35:1-10  
Psalm 146:4-9  
James 5:7-10  
Mark 1:35-39

### **Sunday, Dec. 22nd**

Isaiah 7:10-16  
Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18  
Romans 1:1-7  
Matthew 1:18-25

### **Sunday, Dec. 24th**

Isaiah 9:2-7  
Psalm 96  
Titus 2:11-14  
Luke 2:1-20

### **Sunday, Dec. 29th**

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

|                         |                             |                        |   |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|---|
| <b>ACOLYTES</b>         | <b>LAY READERS</b>          | <b>COMMUNION ASST.</b> | <b>USHERS</b><br>Tim Keplinger<br>Richard Elliott<br>Steve Zimmerman<br>Jim Heller<br>Scott Ebert<br>Edward Harper<br>David Elliott |
| <b>Dec. 1</b> Lexi Gray | <b>Dec. 1</b> Tony Lecce    | <b>Dec. 1</b>          |   |
| <b>Dec. 8</b>           | <b>Dec. 8</b> Gale Limron   | <b>Dec. 8</b>          |   |
| <b>Dec. 15</b>          | <b>Dec. 15</b> Terry Miller | <b>Dec. 15</b>         |   |

### SUNDAY 9:30 AM WORSHIP

### Christmas Eve Worship

|                             |                           |                                     |   |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| <b>ACOLYTES</b>             | <b>LAY READERS</b>        | <b>COMMUNION ASST.</b>              | <b>LAY READERS</b>                          |
| <b>Dec. 22</b> Brody Morris | <b>Dec. 22</b> N/A        | <b>Dec. 22</b> Deborah Horn         | <b>Dec. 24 - 7:00 pm</b> Steve Zimmerman    |
| <b>Dec. 29</b>              | <b>Dec. 29</b> John Stahl | <b>Dec. 24</b> Deborah Horn<br>7 pm | <b>Dec. 24 - 10:00 pm</b> Rick Homrighausen |

#### USHERS

**Dec. 1** John Lorenz, Larry Wallick, Tom Margo, Art Siber  
**Dec. 8** Mike Sergent, Jim Gibb, Butch Morris, Jimm Morris, Maguire Morris  
**Dec. 15** John Stahl, Robert McCulloch, Keith Lands, Howard Stein  
**Dec. 22** Art Keener, William Page, Jeff Keller, Jeff Hootman, Joe Vanfossen  
**Dec. 29** WELCA

### SUNDAY 10:30 AM WORSHIP

|                            |                                 |                            |
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| <b>ACOLYTES</b>            | <b>LAY READERS</b>              | <b>DEACONS</b>             |
| <b>Dec. 1</b> Sydney Bower | <b>Dec. 1</b> Jimm Morris       | <b>Dec. 1</b> Deborah Horn |
| <b>Dec. 8</b> Brody Morris | <b>Dec. 8</b> Rick Homrighausen | <b>Dec. 8</b>              |
| <b>Dec. 15</b> Ben Martin  | <b>Dec. 15</b> Jim Gibb         | <b>Dec. 15</b>             |

#### ALTAR GUILD

**December:** Judy Martin, Bonnie Richardson, Pam Keller, Carol Betche, Elaine Margo  
**January:** Donna Fox, Katherine Stahl, Jill Hootman, Dorothy Morrison, Shirley Grafe



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| Sun   | Mon   | Tue   | Wed   | Thu  | Fri   | Sat   |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|---|
| <p><b>1</b></p> <p>8 am Worship<br/>Communion</p> <p>9:15 am SCS</p> <p>10:30 am Worship<br/>Communion</p> <p><u>Advent Workshop</u><br/><u>Rigatoni Dinner</u></p> | <p><b>2</b></p> <p>2:30 pm Communion<br/>Park Village - South</p> <p>6:30 pm Girl Scouts-LH</p> <p>6:30 pm Property Board</p> <p>7 pm Valley Voices</p> | <p><b>3</b></p> <p>12 pm Altar Guild<br/>Luncheon</p> <p>4 pm TOPS - ORC</p> <p>6 pm Girl Scouts</p> <p>6:30 pm Cub Scouts</p>        | <p><b>4</b></p> <p>7 pm Boy Scouts</p>  | <p><b>5</b></p> <p>12 pm Sr. Fun Day</p> <p>12-1 pm Bible Study</p> <p>6 pm Bell Choir</p> <p>7 pm Gallery Choir</p>                               | <p><b>6</b></p>   | <p><b>7</b></p>   |
| <p><b>8</b></p> <p>8 am Worship<br/>Communion</p> <p>9:15 am SCS</p> <p>10:30 am Worship<br/>Communion</p> <p>3 pm Handel's<br/>Messiah</p>                         | <p><b>9</b></p> <p>10:30 am Communion<br/>Park Village - North</p> <p>6:30 pm Girl Scouts-LH</p> <p>7 pm Valley Voices</p>                              | <p><b>10</b></p> <p>10 am Rejoice Women</p> <p>4 pm TOPS - ORC</p> <p>6:30 pm Cub Scouts</p>  | <p><b>11</b></p> <p>7 pm Boy Scouts</p>   | <p><b>12</b></p> <p>12 pm Sr. Fun Day</p> <p>12-1 pm Bible Study</p> <p>6 pm Girl Scouts - LH</p> <p>6 pm Bell Choir</p> <p>7 pm Gallery Choir</p> | <p><b>13</b></p>  | <p><b>14</b></p> <p>8 am Men's<br/>Breakfast</p>  |
| <p><b>15</b></p> <p>8 am Worship<br/>Communion</p> <p>9:15 am SCS</p> <p>10:30 am Worship<br/>Communion</p>   | <p><b>16</b></p> <p>6:30 pm Girl Scouts-LH</p> <p>7 pm Valley Voices</p>  | <p><b>17</b></p> <p>4 pm TOPS - ORC</p> <p>6 pm Girl Scouts</p> <p>6:30 pm Cub Scouts</p>   | <p><b>18</b></p> <p>7 pm Boy Scouts</p>                            | <p><b>19</b></p> <p>12 pm Sr. Fun Day</p> <p>12-1 pm Bible Study</p> <p>6 pm Bell Choir</p> <p>7 pm Gallery Choir</p>                              | <p><b>20</b></p>  | <p><b>21</b></p>  |
| <p><b>22</b></p> <p>9:30 am Worship<br/>Communion</p> <p>6 pm Meal to the<br/>Homeless Shelter</p> <p><u>Children's<br/>Christmas Pageant</u></p>                   | <p><b>23</b></p> <p>9 am Altar Guild</p> <p>6:30 pm Girl Scouts-LH</p> <p>7 pm Valley Voices</p>  | <p><b>24</b></p> <p>7 pm Christmas Eve<br/>Worship</p> <p>9 pm Gallery Choir<br/>Rehearsal</p> <p>10 pm Christmas Eve<br/>Worship</p> | <p><b>25</b></p>  <p><u>Church Office Closed</u></p>               | <p><b>26</b></p> <p><u>Church Office Closed</u></p>  | <p><b>27</b></p> <p>9 am<br/>Messenger<br/>Assembly</p> | <p><b>28</b></p>  |
| <p><b>29</b></p> <p>9:30 am Worship</p>   | <p><b>30</b></p> <p>6:30 pm Girl Scouts-LH</p> <p>7 pm Valley Voices</p>  | <p><b>31</b></p> <p>NEW<br/>YEAR'S<br/>EVE</p>     |  <p>Pastor's Christmas Vacation - December 25th - January 1st</p> |  |   |   |