



THE MESSENGER

2015

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

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Happy Christmas Greetings

Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace, goodwill to all people! Luke 2:14

"Look, what I found!" I exclaimed to my sister while Black Friday shopping. "Sock monkey Christmas cards!"

I snatched them up and bought the three boxes remaining. But now I had a dilemma. To whom do I send them?

Here's the thing. I'm a pastor and with that position come certain expectations. I usually send out Christmas cards to family, friends and associates with nativity scenes, snow-covered churches or other such religious images on the front. Inside there is often a Bible verse and an appropriate Christian sentiment and greeting. Sock monkeys just don't cut it.

Just so you know, I love monkeys! I collect them. I have a wonderful collection of Curious George memorabilia. I have stuffed monkeys of all shapes, sizes and species. And, I have quite an array of sock monkeys, too, including sock monkey Christmas ornaments I joyfully place on the tree.

I think it all stems from my earliest childhood. You see, an uncle was returning to the States for Christmas after being stationed with the armed forces in Germany. He was going to meet his first-born, six-month old nephew (me!) for the first time and wanted to bring him a gift. Instead of a teddy bear, he presented me with a squeaky, stuffed monkey. It was love at first sight! I've been hooked ever since.

I'm not the only one with holiday sock monkey issues. I hear if you drive up Darrell Drive NE in New Philadelphia, there is a gigantic sock monkey blow-up on a front lawn. ALL the neighbors are jealous and wish they had one, too. They're not alone.

During the days and weeks ahead, we'll all have our own special ways of sharing our Christmas greetings and Christmas joy with family, friends and neighbors. *Merry Christmas! Happy Holidays! Season's Greetings! Noel! God bless us everyone!* What's most important is not the parsing of words, but what's in our hearts. And if Jesus is in our hearts, then the specific words don't really matter, do they? It's all about love. It's all about peace. It's all about goodwill. It's all about Jesus!

After all, none of us can top the first Christmas greeting proclaimed by the angel. "Fear not! Behold I bring you tidings of great joy! For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior who is Christ the Lord!"

As for my simian Christmas cards, I've decided to share them as a "second card" accompanying Christmas gifts to family and friends. My "official Christmas card" features a lovely rendering of that first Christmas announcement, a greeting from heaven for all the earth.


Glory to God in the highest! Merry Christmas to you!

Senior Pastor Donald L. Rice Jr.

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Planning Council

**PLANNING
COUNCIL**
Next Meeting
January 12th, 2016
@ 6:45 PM



Facts and Figures

<p>Attendance October 2015</p> <p>Weekly Average: 145 Difference: -10 (-6%)</p> <p>Offerings October 2015</p> <p>Total: \$13,765.00 Difference – \$563.5 Weekly Average: \$3441.25 Weekly Difference: -140.88 (-3%)</p>	<p>Attendance October 2014</p> <p>Weekly Average: 155</p> <p>Offerings October 2014</p> <p>Total: \$14,328.50 Weekly Average: \$3582.13</p>
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Since You Asked

Since You Asked...

Is the King Herod who tried to have the baby Jesus killed the same King Herod who put Jesus on trial before his crucifixion?

No. These were two different King Herods. They were father and son.

The first of the Herods is often known as “Herod the Great” and is the one who sought to kill Jesus in [Matthew 2](#) by slaughtering all the infant boys. This Herod also tried to enlist the wise men to reveal the whereabouts of the baby Jesus.

The son of Herod the Great was Herod Antipas, who was referred to as Herod the tetrarch ([Matthew 14:1](#); [Luke 3:1](#)). The word *tetrarch* signifies that one who governs a fourth part of a kingdom. His father Herod the Great divided his large kingdom into four parts and bequeathed them to his four sons, an action confirmed by the Roman senate. This Herod Antipas was tetrarch of Galilee, the part of the kingdom assigned to him. This is the Herod who had John the Baptist murdered ([Matthew 14](#)). He is the one Jesus was sent to during His trials and eventual crucifixion ([Luke 23](#)).

Two more Herods appear in the Acts of the Apostles and continue the dynasty.

Herod Agrippa I was the grandson of Herod the Great ([Acts 12](#)). It was he who persecuted the church in Jerusalem and had the apostle James, the brother of John and son of Zebedee, put to death by the sword.

Agrippa’s son, Herod Agrippa II, was instrumental in saving Paul from being tried and imprisoned in Jerusalem by the Jews who hated his testimony of Jesus as the Messiah. Out of consideration for Paul being a Roman citizen, he allowed Paul to defend himself, thereby giving Paul the opportunity to preach the gospel to all who were assembled ([Acts 25—26](#)). Herod Agrippa II was the last of the line of Herods. After him, the family fell out of favor with Rome.

Hark, the Glad Sound!

The Church Year begins with the First Sunday in Advent, November 29. The 10:30 worship service that day will include a celebration of our youth who will be receiving their First Communion.

Sundays in Advent will highlight the theme **Hark, the Glad Sound!** Services will focus on the songs of the season, including the first hymns celebrating Christ’s birth. These will include *The Song of Zechariah*, *Mary’s Magnificat*, the angels’ *Gloria in Excelsis Deo* and *Songs of the Church*. The 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. services will begin with the lighting of the candles on the Advent Wreath with representing the “song of the day.” An Advent bookmark will be included in the November 29 bulletin depicting the season’s theme. Additional bookmarks will be available on the table in the narthex.

Children’s Christmas Pageant

Youth of all ages will present **the Surprising Christmas Pageant** at 9:30 a.m. on December 20. There will be **only one service** this day. In this play, our children tell the story of Christ’s birth with humor, music, mystery and awe. After the pageant, the worship service continues with Holy Communion.

Christmas Eve

Holy Communion Worship Services will be offered at 7:00 and 10:00 p.m. on December 24. Come, join us for this festival of love, light and love as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sunday after Christmas

There will be only one worship service on Sunday, December 27. It will be a “Service of Word and Song.” Pastor Rice will preside and preach. (Pastor Rice will then be on vacation December 28 through January 5, 2016.)



Announcements

First Day, First Communion

Five Grace youth will celebrate their **First Communion** on the **First Sunday in Advent**, November 29 during the 10:30 a.m. service. Family and friends are invited to join these young people as they take their next big step in their journey of the faith and life.

Instruction was offered November 14 by Pastor Rice. Learning time included an introduction to basic Lutheran teachings and Grace Lutheran practices. This was followed by a pizza lunch provided by the congregation.

This year's First Communicants are:

- Maxwell Bambeck, son of Douglas and Faith Bambeck of Dover
- Peyton Brothers, daughter of Mike and Julie Brothers of Zoarville
- Evan Burrier, son of Brett and Karla Burrier of Dover
- Emma Haverfield, daughter of David and Michele Haverfield of Dover
- Ava Penrod, daughter of Joe and Jenna Penrod of Dover



Having the youth prepared to take Holy Communion by the First Sunday in Advent allows them to fully participate in our worship with their families throughout the coming Holy Season. It could be considered an early Christmas gift from our Savior to them who offers himself to us all in this Blessed Sacrament.

Congratulations! May God bless you and forever keep you in His grace.

Over the River and Through the Woods

To accommodate the Holidays, the church office will be closed for Christmas December 24-25. It will close again for New Year's January 1, 2016.

Pastor Rice will be on vacation December 28-January 6. He will return to the office on January 6.

Pastor Lisa Aldredge of Oasis Opportunity Outreach in Akron will return to Dover and preside at our Holy Communion worship services on January 3. She is the Executive Director of Oasis ministries and visited with us last year. We welcome her back and look forward to hearing her share God's Word and the latest news from Oasis.



Congregational Meeting Report

The Grace Lutheran congregation met for its annual fall meeting on Sunday, November 15. Planning Council President Jimm Morris led two sessions held immediately after the 8:00 a.m. service and just prior to the 10:30 a.m. service.

Eighty-nine Grace Lutheran members voted and overwhelmingly approved the proposed church budget for 2016. The budget increased from \$260,988 in 2015 to \$264,221 next year.

Voters also elected Dr. Nicole Willey to her first three-year term on the Grace Lutheran Endowment Board. She succeeds Ron Stahl who completed the allowed two terms on the board and served as its president the last two years.

Thanks to all who participated. Your vote was a vote of confidence as we move forward with God's mission and Grace ministries into a bright future together.



Congregational Meeting

Essay & Announcements

John Wolfe

Hammerstrom Scholarship Essay

The Hammerstrom Scholarship will help me complete my studies in nursing at Kent State Tuscarawas. I am just completing my first year of nursing school at Kent, and I have one more year to go before I can become a registered nurse. The profession of nursing will allow me to serve God and benefit my community by helping to heal the sick and to help those who cannot help themselves. As a nurse, I will provide competent and compassionate care to those who are sick. I will provide comfort to those who are grieving. I will console family members and patients who need a better understanding of their plan of care or their medical diagnosis. It is for all these reasons, in addition to many others, that I desire to become a nurse.

During my first year of nursing school I have already provided care to many patients in both long-term and the acute care settings. I helped patients who were confused and scared. I also helped patients who were grouchy and demanding. For all the patients I have cared for, they've all had different health issues, come from different circumstances, and have had very different personalities. Through it all, I have provided them with care with a smile, helped them to heal, improved their mood, and maintained their dignity at a time when some of them were feeling like their situations couldn't be any worse. So far, I have taken great joy in helping other people in this way, whether it was the patients, their families, other students, doctors, nurses or other medical personnel. I look forward to continuing to help and make a difference in the lives of others throughout the rest of my schooling and in my nursing career.



Christmas Caroling December 13th

The youth group, grades 7-12 will be going caroling on December 13th from 1:00-3:00. Anyone wanting to join us is more than welcome.

Confirmation Wall of Fame



Congregation Life Ministries is working on a display of Confirmation Day group photos. They will be arranged along the hallways in Luther Hall.

The board is seeking Confirmation Day group photos from the 20s, 30s and 40s. If you have one available, the ministry team will have it professionally copied and the original returned to you.

If you have a picture for our "Confirmation Wall of Fame," or any question, please contact board director Lynn Foust. Thank you.

Announcements



Sunday, December 6, 2015 at 3 p.m.

First United Church of Christ
201 Fair Ave. N.W.

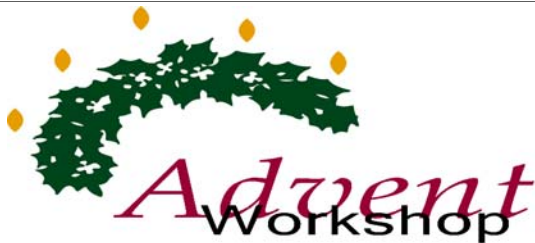
New Philadelphia, Ohio

This free concert is a gift to the community by the Tuscarawas Philharmonic Orchestra and Chorus.



Organ and handbell selections will be offered twenty minutes prior to the beginning of the 7 p. m. and 10 p. m. worship services.

You are invited to prepare your heart and mind as you quietly await the birth of our Savior.



Fifth Annual Rigatoni Dinner & Advent Workshop

Please mark your calendar and plan to join your family and friends at Grace for the **Fifth Annual Rigatoni Dinner and Advent Workshop** following the 10:30 a.m. worship service on December 6. 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.

Christian Faith and Life Ministries sponsors the Advent Workshop this year. It will offer an interesting array of easy-to-make Christmas crafts at tables located in Luther Hall.



Calling all Youth 3rd grade and up, we are going to the R. A.C. again this year. We have reserved the facility on Wednesday, December 30, from 9:30 pm – midnight. This event is open to you and your friends, the cost is \$15.00*. We need a minimum of 20 participants. We will have available Battlefield Live, Bubble Soccer and corn hole. Snacks and drinks will be provided.*This cost is for all who are playing Battlefield Live and/or Bubble Soccer – no charge for corn



Announcements

The Surprising Christmas Pageant

Calling all children (and interested adults) of Grace Lutheran for "The Surprising Christmas Pageant." We will be performing this story of the birth of Christ, as told with humor, mystery, and awe, on Sunday, Dec. 20, 2015. If your child is interested in participating, please e-mail Nicole Willey at nwilley@kent.edu or text at 330.987.0241, and let her know your child's name, age, and if s/he would like a speaking part. We have plenty of room for those who would like to read from a script, and those who would prefer to be in the angel chorus. We know that the advent season is a precious time for family, and so we will not demand much in the way of rehearsals, but we would ask that you make every effort to receive your script on Sunday Dec. 6 before or during the Advent Workshop. Actors with speaking parts will have their first rehearsal at 4 pm that Sunday.

The other two rehearsals will be on Sunday, Dec. 13 at 4 pm, and Saturday, Dec. 19, at 4 pm, followed by a pizza party. We look forward to hearing from those who wish to be involved, and we hope the whole congregation will enjoy this comedic and grace-filled look at the Christmas Story, one that we hope will help you see this old story with new childlike wonder.



A Service of Lessons and Carols

St. Joseph's Catholic Church

A Service of Lessons and Carols will be offered Sunday, December 13, at 6 p. m. with handbell, and organ/piano preludes beginning at 5:30 p. m. This service will include choirs from Dover High School's ARS NOVA, First United Methodist Church, St. John's United Church of Christ, First Moravian and Grace Lutheran.

This program will include scripture readings along with choral/hymn responses, creating a wonderful prayer setting for the Advent season.

The Shepherd's Journey Of Joy!

Make Your Reservations!

* *Deadline is Sunday, December 6th* *

For the Women's Bible Study
Christmas Tea on Wednesday, Dec. 16th

There will be a special guest to help us explore The Shepherd's Journey of Joy! Our meeting starts at 7pm in the Outreach Center and ends about 8 or 8:30pm. Please feel free to invite a friend or family member to attend.

It is important that you let us know how many will be attending so we can plan for seating. There will be Christmas treats for refreshments.

All Reservations need to be made **NO LATER** than Sunday, December 6th by contacting: Linda McFadden at 330-343-3911, Bobbie Myers at 330-343-3268 or Beverly Frantz at 330-260-6817.

*Please Note:
No Reservations Will Be Taken Through Church Office*

Just Bring Your Bible!



Thank You's



I would like to say a special thank you to the youth group who prepared a care package for me. I appreciated it very much, and I also enjoyed their artwork.

Sincerely,
Verna Arnold Park Village

Dear Pastor, Choir & Congregation,
Thank you for the generous love gift for Joe Palmer, my brother. He loved being your organist and serving both you and God with his talent. I appreciate all the care and love you gave him over the years.

Yours in Christ,
Joada Hiatt



Thank You

To the Youth of Grace Lutheran Church,



Thank you so much for the gift bag. It is very useful. It brightened my day and brought a smile to my face.

God Bless You. Anne Stancu

for your kindness

Dear Friends,

I sooo appreciate your nice note & card. Sure made me feel better.

Love to you all,
Janet Phillips



To Our Youth Group,

I am not too good at writing thank you notes but I have to try and write all of you- A Big Thank You!



It was such a lovely "gift" of all that I received for my birthday - 91 years- this was the best!

I take out one each day and my Prayer Bear was the first thing "In God We Trust" - How wonderful and it was so nice to be remembered by the young people and I want to thank you all from the bottom of my heart!

May God Bless each and every one of you.
In God We Trust! Norma Grywalski



Grace Youth Group,

Thank you so much for the bag of goodies.

My prayer bear sits on my tray- table.

Thanks again.

Blessings, Norma Buehler



Via Helen Sherman:

Dorothy Borland and Verna Arnold would like to thank the youth group for the gift bags and let them know how much they appreciated the surprise.

They were so thrilled and thought it must be Santa Clause time because such nice gifts came.

Thank You!

Dear Friends and Family of Grace Lutheran Church,

We thank you for all the beautiful cards and anniversary wishes we received as we celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary.

Many of you came and joined us in the celebration. This made that special day even more memorable.

Your friends in Christ,
Jim & Sandy Gibb





Lutheran World Relief
Projects for 2015



Quilts: 33
Personal Care Kits: 16
Layettes: 6
School Kits: 11



Tuesday, Dec. 8th
Christmas Party
Sunnyside at 11:30 am
We will have a Christmas
ornament exchange.



KNOTTERS

Tuesday,
Jan. 12th
9:00 am

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 trees on Monday, Dec. 14th by 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.

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
			\$ 455.10

<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 September, we distributed 155 bags, and have already distributed 165+ in October. 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...

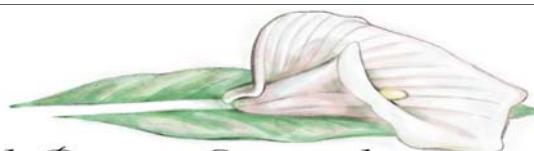
All those serving in the armed forces, especially Christopher Smith, Seth Erickson, Tim Case, Richard Martineau & Kent Philabaum.

Ella DeVore	Carol Davidson
William Page	Shirley Smith
Mary Ann Gray	Roberta Brokaw
Mildred Schauer	Waldine Krantz
Rosann Patterson	Geraldine Kiehl
Dorothy Borland	Thelma Phillips
Francis Moser	Jeff Matlick
JoAnn Hammond	Richard Bleininger
Walter Heck	Larry Lloyd
Dick Huff	Jodi Bowman
Norma Grywalski	Becky Watson
Wayne Page	Barbara Pringle
Brandon Myers	Bob Sclater
Robert Vesco	Dorothy Morrison
Bob Jones	Don Smith
Cathy Nardecchia	John Page
Melanie Roth	Jim Swinderman
Glenn Siber	Joe Palmer

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 Robert Bleininger.

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

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 (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 will prepare and deliver food for the **Homeless Shelter on November 22nd.**

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

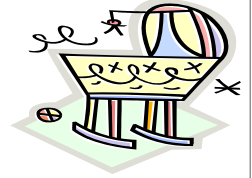
Altar Flowers are available for the following dates.



Dec. 13 - 1 vase

Nursery Care Available

Karla Burrier



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Dec. 6th - Marcie & Grace Castricone

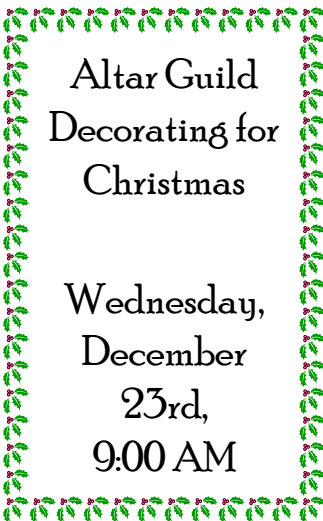
Dec. 13th - Marcie & Grace Castricone

Dec. 20 - Christmas Pageant

Dec. 27th - One Service

No Children's Church

Worship Readings



Sunday, Dec. 6th

Malachi 3:1-4
Luke 1:68-79
Philippians 1:3-11
Luke 1:39-56

Sunday, Dec. 13th

Zephaniah 3:14-20
Isaiah 12:2-6
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 2:8-20

Sunday, Dec. 20th

Micah 5:2-5a
Luke 1:46b-55
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 2:25-33

Sunday, Dec. 24th

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

Sunday, Dec. 27th

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26
Psalm 148
Colossians 3:12-17
Luke 2:41-52

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. 6
Dec. 13

LAY READERS
Dec. 6 Kim Gray
Dec. 13 Terry Miller

COMMUNION ASST.
Dec. 6
Dec. 13

USHERS

Tim Keplinger
Richard Elliott
Steve Zimmerman
Jim Heller
Scott Ebert
Edward Harper
David Elliott

SUNDAY 9:30 AM WORSHIP

ACOLYTES
Dec. 20
Dec. 27

LAY READERS
Dec. 20 Gale Limron
Dec. 27 N/A

COMMUNION ASST.
7 pm
Dec. 24 Deborah Horn

Christmas Eve Worship

LAY READERS
Dec. 24 - 7:00 pm Lynn Foust
Dec. 24 - 10:00 pm Rick Homrighausen

USHERS

Dec. 6 John Lorenz, Larry Wallick, Tom Margo, Art Siber
Dec. 13 Mike Sergeant, Jim Gibb, Butch Morris, Jimm Morris, Maguire Morris
Dec. 20 John Stahl, Robert McCulloch, Keith Lands, Howard Stein
Dec. 27 William Page, Jeff Keller, Jeff Hootman, Joe Vanfossen, John Wolfe

SUNDAY 10:30 AM WORSHIP

ACOLYTES
Dec. 6
Dec. 13

LAY READERS
Dec. 6 John Stahl
Dec. 13 Jim Gibb

DEACONS
Dec. 6
Dec. 13

ALTAR GUILD

December: Glenda Sclater, Joan Davis, Janice Weber, Marcie Castricone, Liz Miller

January: Judy Martin, Bonnie Richardson, Pam Keller, Carol Betche, Elaine Margo



Get the Messenger By Email

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 11 am Senior Crafters - ORC 5:45 pm Altar Guild Dinner 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	2 7 pm Boy Scouts	3 12-1 pm Bible Study 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Gallery Choir	4	5
6 8 am Worship Communion 9:15 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion <u>Rigatoni Dinner</u> <u>Advent Workshop</u>	7 2:30 pm Communion Park Village - South 6:30 pm Girl Scouts-LH 7 pm Valley Voices	8 10 am Rejoice Women 11:30 am Ladies of Grace - Christmas Party - Sunnyside 4 pm TOPS - ORC 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	9 7 pm Boy Scouts	10 12-1 pm Bible Study 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Gallery Choir	11	12 8 am Men's Breakfast
13 8 am Worship Comm. 9:15 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion	14 10:30 am Communion Park Village - North 6:30 pm Girl Scouts-LH 7 pm Valley Voices	15 12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 4 pm TOPS - ORC 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	16 7 pm Boy Scouts	17 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Gallery Choir	18 <u>Messenger Deadline</u>	19
20 9:30 am Worship Communion <u>Children's Christmas Pageant</u>	21 6:30 pm Girl Scouts-LH 7 pm Valley Voices 	22 12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 4 pm TOPS - ORC 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	23 9 am Altar Guild 7 pm Boy Scouts <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> 9 am Messenger Assembly </div>	24 7 pm Christmas Eve Worship 9 pm Gallery Choir Rehearsal 9:15 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 10 pm Christmas Eve Worship <u>Church Office Closed</u>	25  <u>Church Office Closed</u>	26
27 9:30 am Worship 6 pm Meal to the Homeless Shelter	28 6:30 pm Girl Scouts-LH 7 pm Valley Voices Pastor on Vacation	29 12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 4 pm TOPS - ORC 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	30 7 pm Boy Scouts <u>Youth Night at the RAC</u>	31  New Year's Eve	1  <u>Church Office Closed</u>	2