



THE MESSENGER

2016

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

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Alone Again, Naturally

All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet [Isaiah]: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." Matthew 1:22-23

By now, I think everyone knows how much I enjoy **Black Friday**. I eagerly anticipate the day after Thanksgiving Day sales and capturing the best bargains. I cannot keep away. It's in my blood.

Usually, I go with my Mother and two sisters. But alack and alas, this year I had to go all by myself. There'd be no one to compete with for the best deal; no one to share my glee and gloating as I made a purchase of tremendous, almost unbelievable savings.

So all alone, but valiantly, I ventured to the mall. And, wow! What an incredible journey! It was like winning the play-offs and taking home all the good hardware.

Slam dunk! I found a parking space just two spots away from the front door of JC Penney. (I've got the picture to prove it.)

Pick six! I found an eight-piece Pyrex sculptured glass mixing bowl set (something I've wanted and asked for, but never got) retailing for \$56 that I bought for \$10!

Grand Slam! I got a \$60 sweater for \$16.99 and a \$36 dress shirt for only \$9.

Shut out! Shout Out! I did good!

And to think I did this all by myself with no help, no advice from anyone.

Or, did I?

Not to make too much of a theological point about my Black Friday adventure, but I do know and truly believe I did not venture out alone. God was with me. Whether He was winking or rolling His eyes, I don't really know. But, the fact remains, God was with me all along.

That is one of the wonderful promises of Christmas. In Jesus Christ, we have God's Emmanuel, God's ever real and always loving presence. God is with us!

"Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the age," Jesus tells us. "I will never leave you or forsake you," He reminds us. Our Emmanuel is here and always will be! We're never, ever alone.

With apologies to David and his 139th Psalm,
 As I shop through the aisles of Elder-Beerman, You walk with me;
 While I stand in long lines at Kohl's, You wait patiently next to me;
 When I make a phenomenal deal at JC Penney's, You are there;
 And, as I travel safely home, You ride beside me.


Merry Christmas! God is with you! Amen.

Senior Pastor Donald L. Rice Jr.

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Planning Council

**PLANNING
COUNCIL**
Next Meeting
January 10th, 2017
@ 6:30 PM



Facts and Figures

<p>Attendance October 2016 Weekly Average: 161 Difference: +12 (+8%)</p> <p>Offerings October 2016 Total: \$16,139.25 Difference +\$2374.25 Weekly Average: \$3227.85 Weekly Difference: -\$213.40 (-3%)</p>	<p>Attendance October 2015 Weekly Average: 149</p> <p>Offerings October 2015 Total: \$13,765.00 Weekly Average: \$3441.25</p>
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*Four Sundays in October 2015. Five Sundays in October 2016.

2016-2017 BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

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Since You Asked

Since You Asked...

Merry Christmas! I'm already listening to and enjoying Christmas carols. I have a religious Christmas song CD which includes *Good King Wenceslas*. Is that a Christian Christmas carol?

I consider *Good King Wenceslas* to be a "day-after Christmas" carol since it celebrates "The Feast of Stephen" on December 26. St. Stephen was among the first deacons of the church who were selected to care for the poor, widows and orphans. He was the first Christian martyr (Acts, chapter 6-7).

Good King Wenceslas was considered a "St. Stephen" of his time. He is highly regarded by the Bohemian (Czech) people for his saintly example and benevolent rule.

King Wenceslas ruled Bohemia (Czech Republic) from 924-929 AD. During his reign he promoted Christianity throughout his kingdom, much of which was yet to be evangelized. He was known for being exceptionally kind and generous to the poor, especially children. King Wenceslas was assassinated by his brother Boleslaw who had invited him to a religious festival. He attacked and murdered the King on his way there.

King Wenceslas is regarded as a saint and martyr by Bohemian and many other Christians. The Roman Catholic and Anglican churches commemorate Good King Wenceslas on September 28.

Advent 2016: The Road to Bethlehem

Our Advent Sundays this year will take us on a road trip to Bethlehem. We will begin our journey in Jesus' hometown of Nazareth and make the 70-mile, four-day trip south to his Bethlehem birthplace. Our Advent journey will include a side trip with Mary as she visits her dear relative Elizabeth in the Judean hill country. We will also spend some time along the way in the historical city of Jericho which would figure significantly in Jesus' ministry.

Advent Sundays will also include the lighting of the Advent Wreath at the beginning of each Sunday Worship Service. As we prepare our hearts and minds to welcome anew the Holy Christ Child, we remember and rejoice in God's Christmas blessings of **Hope, Peace, Joy and Love**.

The Road to Bethlehem

November 27: **Nazareth:** Small Town Home of Mary and Joseph
 December 4: **Ein Kerem:** Hill Country Home of Zechariah and Elizabeth
 December 11: **Jericho:** Historical Stopover
 December 18: **Bethlehem:** A Nativity Carol
 Children's Christmas Pageant at 9:30 a.m. (One Sunday Service)



Announcements



Make Your Reservations!

** Deadline is Sunday, December 4th **

Women's Bible Study
Christmas Love & Prayers
 Wednesday, Dec. 14


The meeting will start at 7pm in the Outreach Center and end 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.

Make your reservations by contacting:
 Linda McFadden at 330-343-3911 or Beverly Frantz at 330-260-6817.
Please Note: No Reservations Will Be Taken Through Church Office



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

Remember



You're Invited

Altar Guild Dinner

Tuesday, December 6th, 2016
 5:30 pm Outreach Center

Current Altar Guild Member: \$12.00
 Retired Altar Guild Member: FREE

2016 Congregational Meeting

The Grace Lutheran congregation met for its annual fall meeting on Sunday, November 20. Planning Council President Lynn Foust led two sessions held immediately after the 8:00 a.m. service and just prior to the 10:30 a.m. service.

Eighty three voting members overwhelmingly approved the proposed church budget for 2017. The \$276,695.00 budget is a two per-cent increase above this year's projected income.

Voters also elected Dwayne Shepherd and Lizabeth Nelson to second three-year terms on the Grace Lutheran Endowment Board. Dwayne currently serves as the board's President. Liz serves as its Treasurer.

Thanks to all who participated. Your vote was a vote of confidence as we carry God's mission and Grace ministries into a hope-filled future together.



Calling all Youth 3rd grade and up, we are going to the R. A.C. again this year. We have reserved the facility on Thursday, December 29, 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 hole.



Celebrate Christmas! Celebrate Jesus!

December 18: Children's Christmas Pageant 9:30 a.m. (One service only)

December 24: Christmas Eve Services with Holy Communion 7:00 and 10:00 p.m.

December 25: Christmas Day Worship 9:30 a.m. (One service only)

January 1: First Sunday of Christmas 9:30 a.m. (One service only)



Announcements

Knowing Jesus. Showing Jesus. Celebrating Christian Faith and Life Ministries

This month, on Sunday, December 11, we celebrate Grace Christian Faith and Life Ministries. The board may often be referred to as "Christian Education", which is an apt description of the group's primary responsibility.

Our board of serving members share their particular gifts and talents by providing careful and prayerful oversight and guidance for our congregation's educational ministries. They seek to develop variety of opportunities that enhance our relationships with God and one another. In addition to education's intellectual component, the board is careful to attend to its social component, as well.

Christian Faith and Life Ministries various programs include: Sunday School for all ages; Vacation Bible School; Confirmation instruction; Atwood Youth Retreat, Grace Youth Mission Trip; and more. Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner, Advent Workshop, Oktoberfest activities and Palm Sunday Breakfast are among its social activities.

Faith Bambeck serves as the ministry board director. Other ministry board members include Julie Brothers, Ashley Eick, Debbie Flood, Kim Gray and Karen Slovak. Rhonda Fisher, our Youth and Family Ministries Coordinator, serves as the board's advisor. We truly appreciate all they do to enhance our educational ministries here at Grace.

Welcome to the Lord's Table

Two Grace youth will celebrate their **First Communion** on the **Second Sunday in Advent**, December 4 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.

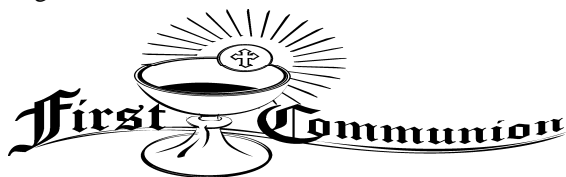
Instruction was offered November 12 by Pastor Rice. Learning time included an introduction to basic Lutheran teachings and Grace Lutheran practices. This was followed by a pizza lunch provided by the congregation.

This year's First Communicants are:

Isaac Roman-Willey, son of Drs. Chris Roman and Nicole Willey of New Philadelphia

Taylor Vaughan, daughter of Nathan and Jennifer Vaughan of Dover

Having the youth prepared to take Holy Communion early in the in Advent season allows them to fully participate in our worship with their families throughout the coming Christmas 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.



Mark Your Calendar

For those who have asked and for those who have previously attended and enjoyed St. Joseph's Service of Lessons and Carols, this year's date is Sunday, December 11, at 6 pm. (Prelude begins at 5:30) Come celebrate the season.



Christmas Eve Music Preludes will begin one half hour before each service in the sanctuary of Grace.

You are invited to prepare your heart and mind as you reverently anticipate the birth of our Lord and Savior.

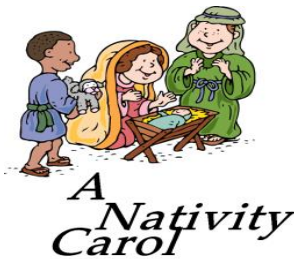
Announcements

A Nativity Carol *Grace Children's Christmas Pageant*

Grace children from age three through eighth grade will present this year's Christmas pageant, **A Nativity Carol**, on December 18 at 9:30 a.m. In this Christmas play, two biblical era carpenters are visited by an angel of Christmas past, present and future to learn the real meaning, importance and impact of Christmas. Follow their journey as they witness the birth of Christ, His resurrection and Christmas celebrations of the future.

This year's pageant is directed by Dr. Nicole Willey. Rhonda Fisher, Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator, is arranging props, costumes and logistics. Christian Faith and Life Ministries is providing lunch preceding the Sunday rehearsals.

The 9:30 a.m. service will be the only worship service on December 18. It will include Holy Communion and special activities during Children's Church.



QUILT RAFFLE

The youth group has been blessed by receiving a California King Quilt made and donated by a member of the congregation. The tickets for this raffle are 1 ticket for \$10.00 and 3 tickets for \$20.00. The winner will be drawn December 18th at the 10:30 service. Tickets will be sold on Sundays after service and by any member of the youth group going on the mission trip.

Quilt Facts:

- Log Cabin Pattern
- All cotton material
- Batting is a natural material
- Backing is a soft muslin
- Long Arm Quilted
- California King - 119" X 119"
- Date is on the back of quilt (in one corner)
- There is no top or bottom to this quilt
- Washable in cold water with mild detergent
- Line dry - Do not put in dryer
- Value of quilt if purchased: \$600 - \$700



Baptism Blessings

Three infant boys and a baby girl were brought into the family of God through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism during the months of October and November. We thank God for these young lives and the many blessings they bring to their families and our community of believers.

Nolan James Harshey and **Nicolai Joseph Harshey** were baptized during a family ceremony October 22, 2016. They are the sons of Nicholas and Ciara (Thompson) Harshey of Carrollton, OH. Their grandparents are Ron and Shelly Stahl, Troy and LuAnn Thompson, Bart and Judy Harshey and Mike and Terri (Brown) Tice. Grace members John and Katherine Stahl are the boys' great-grandparents.

Amelia Carmel Homrighausen is the daughter of Peter and Erika (Picone) Homrighausen of Dover. She was baptized during the 10:30 a.m. worship service on October 30. Her grandparents include Richard and Linda Homrighausen.

Jack William Swihart was baptized following the 10:30 a.m. worship service on November 20, 2016. He is the son of Jory and Emily (Hootman) Swihart of New Philadelphia. Jack's grandparents are Jeff and Jill Hootman and Holly Swihart.

We pray these young children will grow healthy and strong in God's grace as they are nurtured in their baptismal faith. Congratulations and God bless you always.

Hammerstrom Essays

Kristin Miceli

My educational plan is to obtain my Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. To better benefit my knowledge and to expand my thinking and learning skills, I have altered my path to achieving my nursing career. I am currently enrolled in EMT classes and plan to go to paramedic school in the fall. By taking this path, I will be able to attend a bridge program, giving me the opportunity to go from Paramedic to RN. Accomplishing these goals will allow me to better serve my community, thanks to my ability to work and help those in need—whether it be in the surrounding hospitals, in doctors' offices around town, or through ambulance companies. In addition to working within the community, a paramedic and nursing degree will provide me with the opportunity to serve and take part in trips to assist low-income regions in the United States or developing countries. Not only will I be working to improve the lives of those around me by giving medical attention where needed, I will congruently be working to improve my own relationship with God. Serving on mission trips will significantly contribute to my spiritual growth because it seems that in areas of low income, people have faith that God will lead them to better lives, even through hardships. People who have less to live on tend to care more about the intangibles in life, a notion that I find inspiring. Even though they have so little, they choose to put all trust in God. The biggest reward of any goal that I may accomplish is that I get to serve God's people in doing so. I truly believe that I was put on this Earth not only to serve God, but also to serve his people. Choosing to dedicate my life and career to unselfishly helping other people both in health and in life, I hope to personally make a difference in the lives of those I meet.

Aaronn Sergent

Professionally, I hope to aid in the design of the next generation of vehicles. Being a member of Buckeye Current, an electrical motorcycle race team, I have become passionate about the use of alternative fuels in automobiles. I strongly believe that global warming is real, and I am passionate about pushing for the development and implementation of sustainable technologies. Being a believer in global warming, I see working on sustainable technology as doing my part in helping others and the Earth. Sustainable technologies will improve the quality of life by reducing emissions and, eventually, being affordable, and maintainable, by everybody. In addition, as cars become fully autonomous and able to communicate with one another, the number of accidents will be greatly reduced in number and severity. In summary, I hope to make transportation safer, more accessible, and more environmentally friendly.

In general, I hope to serve God and benefit my community simply by helping others, as I see my career goals also doing. Throughout my studying and working, I hope to develop skills that are applicable in a variety of areas, so that I may continue to participate on service trips to serve those in need. Continuing from the mission trips I participated on with the Grace Lutheran in High School, I have been serving on a Buck-I-Serv trip every year. During next winter, I hope to be participating on a service trip to Ghana, where I will be implementing a sustainable technology to solve a problem the people there are facing. And, I aim to continue serving others through similar trips or more frequently through local organizations utilizing the knowledge and skills gained through my studies and work.

Announcements

Sixth Annual Rigatoni Dinner & Advent Workshop

Please mark your calendar and plan to join your family and friends at Grace for the **Sixth Annual Rigatoni Dinner and Advent Workshop** following the 10:30 a.m. worship service on December 4. A free-will donation will be collected to support the 2017 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.



A NOTE OF



I'd like to express my sincere thanks to my Grace Church family for the beautiful cards and flowers I received and for all their prayers for my recovery during my recent hospital stay. I would like to thank Pastor Rice for his visits and prayers. He helped to lighten my load.

Dale Kreisher

Thank You for Your Generosity!

Outreach Ministries thanks everyone who contributed gifts of hope for **Harbor House**. A very large and wide assortment of personal care items were collected on October 23 and October 30. It is estimated the collection is worth well over \$350. We pray your generosity will provide comfort the women and children at **Harbor House** in their hour of dire need.

The Oktoberfest free-will offering for the Grace Professional Ministry Scholarship Fund totaled \$376.00. The scholarship assists Grace youth and adults attending seminary or pursuing an advanced degree in preparation for professional church ministry. This fund is currently assisting Evan Cameron as he prepares for the ordained ministry through Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus. Again, thank you for your support.



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church,

Thank you for donating personal care items to the Harbor House. Your donation was so generous and so kind. Our house should be stocked up for quite some time! Thank you for choosing the Harbor House. Because of your donation we are able to continue providing safe shelter to the victims of Tuscarawas County.

Thank you!
Harbor House Alli Miller, Resource Advocate



Thank you so much for the generous scholarship. It's been a big help, and I can't stress enough how thankful I am!

Shauna Cox



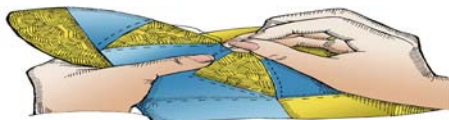
Lutheran World Relief
Final Project Numbers
for 2016



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



**Will resume after the
first of the year.**



KNOTTERS

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first of the year.**

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. 12th 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

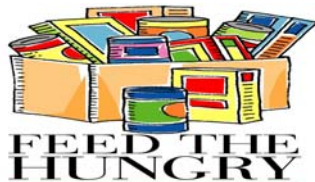
Thanks to all who have volunteered to be packers for the Grocery Bag Ministry this year.

Donations to the Food Pantry have increased in response to a greater need for our food bags. In October, we distributed 127 bags, and have already distributed 142 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, Gerald Case , Richard Martineau.

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|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Ella DeVore | Carol Davidson |
| William Page | Glenn Siber |
| Mary Ann Gray | Mildred Schauer |
| Waldine Krantz | Rick Vesco |
| Rosann Patterson | Geraldine Kiehl |
| Joe Palmer | Francis Moser |
| JoAnn Hammond | Barbara Stull |
| Richard Bleininger | Walter Heck |
| John Page | Mary Marino |
| Rachelle Coulter Sensel | Norma Buehler |
| Norma Grywalski | Wayne Page |
| Brandon Myers | Robert Vesco |
| Cathy Nardecchia | Larry Lloyd |
| Jill McCreery Denbow | Mary Akins |
| Phyllis Espenschied | Karen Page |
| Pastor Robert Young | Dale Kreisher |
| Marty Weber | |

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 June Thomas and Ronald Lorenz (brother of John Lorenz).

May the Lord embrace these families 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 November meal to the homeless shelter. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex.

PERSONAL CARE KITS

The power of a small package

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

Personal care items that go into each kit are:

Personal Care Kits

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

Thank you to the volunteers who prepared and delivered food to the **Homeless Shelter on November 27th.**

December's dinner at the Homeless Shelter is on Sunday, Dec. 25th, 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. 4th - Andrea & Lauren Samsa

Dec. 11th - Nicole Willey & Jennifer Vaughan

Dec. 18th - Christmas Pageant

Dec. 25th - One Service

Worship Readings

Altar Guild

Tues., Dec. 6th

5:45 pm

Altar Guild Dinner

Fri., Dec. 23rd

9:00 am

Decorate for Christmas

Sunday, Dec. 4th

Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19

Romans 15:4-13

Luke 1:39-45

Sunday, Dec. 11th

Isaiah 35:1-10

Psalms 146:5-10

James 5:7-10

Luke 18:35-43

Sunday, Dec. 18th

Isaiah 7:10-16

Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19

Romans 1:1-7

Matthew 1:18-25

Saturday, Dec. 24th

Isaiah 9:2-7

Psalms 96

Titus 2:11-14

Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]

Replenishing the Children's Worship Bags

Our worship bag continues to be a blessing to children and parents in our worship each week! Most of the 10 bags are used every Sunday. The bags serve as a way for parents to have their young children in worship with them while they get a chance to worship. We will be purchasing new books, toys and crayons for the bags soon. If you would be interested in providing money for the purchase of these items you may make a donation by placing it in a special offering envelope with worship bags written on it. If paying by check please remember to write Children's Worship Bags in the memo line. Thank you for continuing to support this ministry.



Worship Assistants

SUNDAY 8:00 AM WORSHIP

ACOLYTES

Dec. 4
Dec. 11

LAY READERS

Dec. 4 Gale Limron
Dec. 11 Kim Gray

COMMUNION ASST.

Dec. 4
Dec. 11

USHERS

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

SUNDAY 9:30 AM WORSHIP

ACOLYTES

Dec. 18
Dec. 25

LAY READERS

Dec. 18 Gale Limron
Dec. 25 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. 4 John Lorenz, Larry Wallick, Tom Margo, Art Siber
Dec. 11 Mike Sargent, Jim Gibb, Butch Morris, Jimm Morris, Maguire Morris
Dec. 18 John Stahl, Robert McCulloch, Keith Lands, Howard Stein
Dec. 25 Jeff Keller, Jeff Hootman, Joe Vanfossen, John Wolfe

SUNDAY 10:30 AM WORSHIP

ACOLYTES

Dec. 4
Dec. 11

LAY READERS

Dec. 4 Jim Gibb
Dec. 11 Jan Ochsenbine

DEACONS

Dec. 4
Dec. 11

ALTAR GUILD

December: Donna Fox, Katherine Stahl, Jill Hootman, Shirley Grafe

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



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 12-1 pm Bible Study 6 pm Bell Choir 6:30 pm Girl Scouts - YH 7 pm Gallery Choir	2	3
4 8 am Worship Communion 9:15 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion <u>Advent Workshop & Rigatoni Dinner</u>	5 2:30 pm Communion Park Village - S 6:30 pm Girl Scouts - LH 7 pm Valley Voices	6 11 am Senior Crafters - ORC 5:45 pm Altar Guild - ORC 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	7 7 pm Boy Scouts	8 12-1 pm Bible Study 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Gallery Choir	9	10 8 am Men's Breakfast 12 pm Boy Scouts - FH
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25 9:30 am Worship 6 pm Meal to the Homeless Shelter 	26 6:30 Girl Scouts 7 pm Valley Voices <u>Church Office Closed</u>	27 12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 4 pm TOPS - ORC 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	28 7 pm Boy Scouts	29	30 <u>Messenger Assembly</u>	31 