



# THE MESSENGER

**2021**

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

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Advent and Christmas is a time the children and youth really get excited, and it is contagious for us all at Grace! Jr. and Sr. High youth made Advent wreaths that were delivered, and the Sr. High helped decorate our sanctuary for Christmas. Our Advent dinner was delicious and our children made wonderful keepsakes that will last through the years. The Christmas pageant will feature our youth and children and it will be sure to surprise all who attend! Our children and youth are a joy to us all.

This is also a time that is difficult for many of you due to the loss of loved ones and other losses and hardships that have happened. I want to encircle you with God's love and let you know it's OK not be OK.

So, there is a mixture of joy and sadness that we all get to share this season. Listening to and helping each other is always something we can do at Christmas time. I have started spending a little time before services talking to you as you come in. And I'm starting to call you all to get to know you, and to find out your joys as well as your needs. Maybe we each can check in with each other, especially those who we haven't seen for a while.

I look forward to spending our first Christmas at Grace together filled with Christ's hope, love, peace, and joy.

Blessings,  
 Pastor Bonnie

**Pastor**  
**Rev. Bonnie L. Grimaldi**

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# Planning Council

**PLANNING  
COUNCIL**

**Next Meeting**  
**Jan. 18th, 2022**  
**@ 6:30 PM**



**board  
meeting**

Congregational Life Meeting  
10 am Tuesday, December 7th, 2021

## 2020-2021 BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Ron Stahl - President                      Richard Elliott - Vice President  
Becky Lands - Secretary                Beverly Frantz - Treasurer

### Congregational Life

**Richard Elliott** - Director  
Susie Erickson  
Elaine Margo  
Liz Miller  
Melody Rader

### Property

**Jim Gibb** - Director  
Audra Miceli  
Nathan Vaughan  
Larry Wallick  
Brad Wharmby

### Christian Faith and Life

- Director  
Julie Brothers  
Karla Burrier  
Debbie Flood  
Tiffany Shepherd  
Deb Foust  
(Cody Jerles, Coordinator YFM)

### Hospitality

**Sarah Wolfe** - Director  
Marcie Castricone  
Melissa Engstrom  
Cindy Jerles  
Traci Smith  
Bobbie Cox  
Julie Vanfossen

### Stewardship Development

**Nancy Wharmby** - Director  
Charles Castricone  
Keith Lands  
Sarah Kneuss

### Outreach

**Paul McFadden** - Director  
Joe Erickson  
Tanna Loveday  
Judy Martin  
Joe Penrod  
John Wolfe  
Scott Ebert (church sign)  
David Elliott (church website)

*Coordinator of Youth & Family Ministries: Cody Jerles*  
*Director of Music/Organist: Linda Hanna*  
*Secretary: Lisa Morris*  
*Treasurer: Beverly Frantz*  
*Custodian: Ed Robinson*



The youth group is planning on attending the Winter Jam 2022 in Columbus on January 8th, 2022! This is a 3.5 hours of fun including music headlined by Skillet and Tauren Wells as well as Shane Pruitt as the keynote speaker. Tickets to this are a donation of \$10 at the door and then there are group rates available for \$44.99 that includes early access into the building, a t-shirt, lanyard with commemorative pass and much more! If you are interested in joining the youth or would like more information, please contact Cody Jerles at 330-418-0393 or his email [cjerles2@gmail.com](mailto:cjerles2@gmail.com) by December 5th!



## ALTAR GUILD DINNER

Tuesday, December 7th, 2021  
5:45 pm Outreach Center

Current Altar Guild Member: **FREE**  
Retired Altar Guild Member: **FREE**



We treasure your valuable input. Grace Lutheran Church is interested in adding a Contemporary Worship service to the two Traditional Worship services that we already have. The Contemporary Worship service will not interfere with Traditional Worship services. With our same commitment to God's word and sacraments, Grace Lutheran Church wants to engage those in and around our community who want to worship in a non-traditional way. **Please have each member of your household fill out a survey, including youth.** Surveys are being sent in the Messenger and more are located in the narthex. Please return this 2-sided form to the church office by December 13. Thank you for your valuable input! Grace Task Force for Contemporary Worship.



## Holiday Office Hours

To accommodate the Holidays, the church office will be closed for Christmas Dec. 24 & 27. It will close again for New Year's Dec. 31, 2021.

Announcements



There will be a congregational meeting to discuss and vote on Grace Lutheran's proposed 2022 budget on December 5<sup>th</sup> for each service. One meeting immediately following the 8 am service and one meeting at 10:10 am before the 10:30 am service will be held for your convenience. A copy of the proposed 2022 budget is included in this Messenger or you can pick one up on the table in the Narthex.

*A Special Note of Thanks!*

After serving as Treasurer here at Grace Lutheran for 20+ years, it's time for me to step down and join the "retired". There were times of challenges and stress but the overall reward of serving God, far out-weighed any negatives! Your trust and faith in my ability have been the fuel that kept me going and happy to fill the important position as your treasurer. Your support and commitment to your Church and God are to be praised and applauded. With your continued contributions of Finance, Time and Your Talents, Grace has and will continue to grow and thrive. You have a huge potential for a great future ahead.

I've given my best to protect the wishes of Grace's members and follow the guidelines in the use of the different accounts, regular or special designated offerings and various income sources. It has truly been a Blessing and Honor to serve God, Grace "the Church", Grace's Planning Council and Grace's Members. Your confidence in my work, trust in my integrity, continued encouragement, kindness and friendships have been priceless to me. The time serving as your treasurer will always be a part of my most cherished experiences and memories!

*Blessings To You Always! - Beverly Frantz*



Poinsettias may be ordered in honor or in memory of loved ones. **The cost will be \$11.00 each.** Please complete and return this form along with your payment to the church office by **Wed, December 1st.** (if paying by check, please make payable to Grace Lutheran Church)

*This Poinsettia is dedicated to the Glory of God*

Please circle: *In Memory of* or *In Honor of*

Print Names:

Ordered By:

Thank you for purchasing a poinsettia which will decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas Eve Service. You may pick up your poinsettia after the 10:00 pm Christmas Eve Service on Friday, December 24th or beginning Tuesday, December 28th.

# Children's Corner

**You're Invited**


to

**“God’s Greatest Gift”**

Dec. 19th at 9:30 am

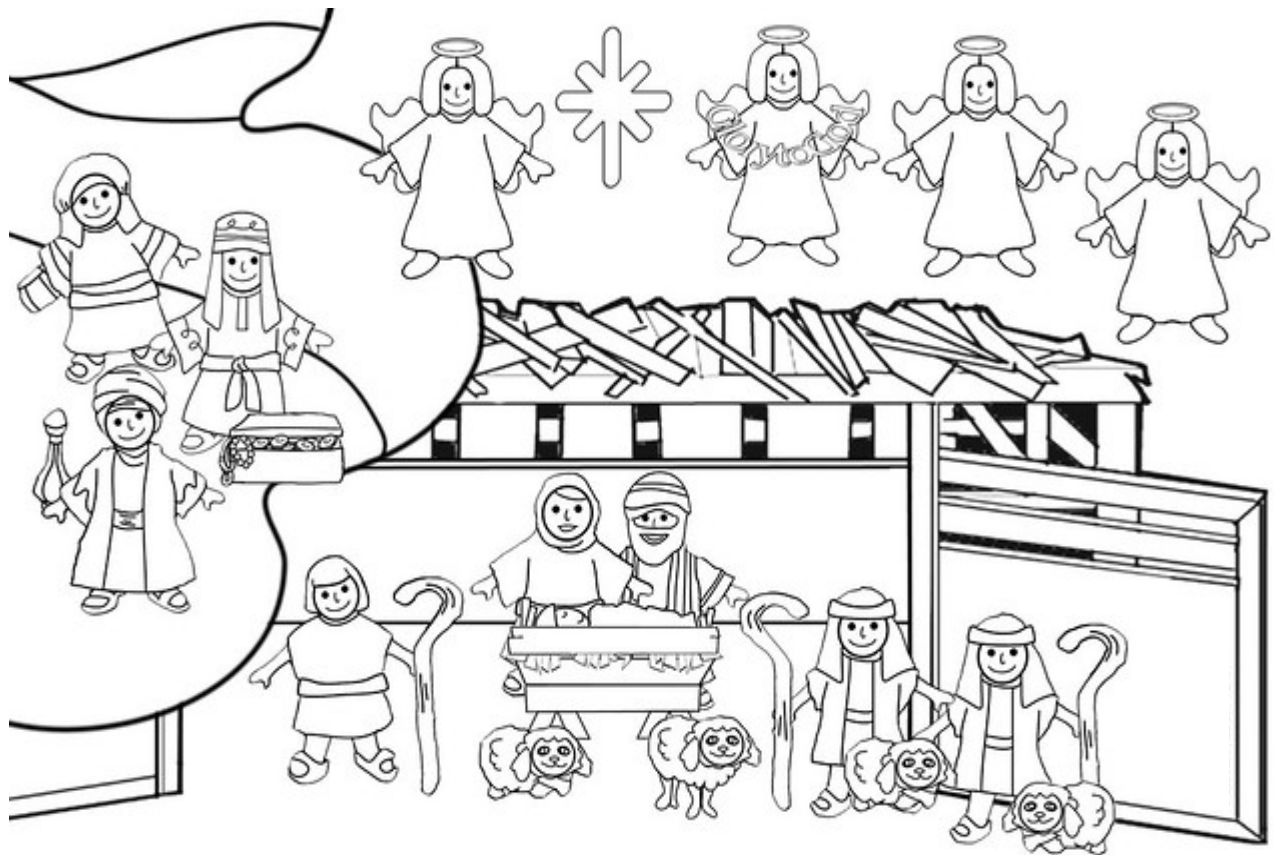
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Grace Lutheran’s  
Sunday School Classes



- angel
- bell
- candles
- candy
- chimney
- December
- eggnog
- gifts
- greetings
- happy
- holiday
- jolly
- lights
- merry
- mistletoe

V K G N A C R D E T B B K O  
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# Announcements



The COVID pandemic continues to affect our lives. We are unable to collect and distribute to the outreach programs such as Harbor House, T4C & Salvation Army. We are asking for cash donations again this year and plan to donate to these programs in December. You will find an envelope in your bulletin or on the table in the Narthex. Offerings should be in by Dec. 12th. Thank you for helping our neighbors in need.



## Ladies of Grace Knotters

Lutheran World Relief

Final Project Numbers for 2021

Quilts: 36      Health Kits: 26

Soap: 52      School Kits: 16

Thank you to everyone that

Affiliated with A Chorus for a Cause



December 4 at 4 p.m.:  
First Moravian Church  
319 N. Walnut Street,  
Dover, Ohio

Free Admission;  
Donations accepted  
Masks are required

### thrivent

## A Virtual Christmas Concert

Featuring Six-Time GRAMMY® Award  
Winning Artist Amy Grant



### Join Us

Join the Thrivent Member Network for an  
Exclusive Virtual Christmas Concert  
featuring six-time GRAMMY® award  
winning artist Amy Grant.

### Event Details

Exclusive Virtual Concert  
Sunday, December 5  
7:00 p.m. EST

Register Today  
[bit.ly/AmyGrantChristmasConcert](http://bit.ly/AmyGrantChristmasConcert)

Take some time to treat your friends and family to the sounds of this joyous season. Catch up on exciting Thrivent updates and celebrate Christmas as a community!



Register Here

### About Amy Grant

Amy Grant has built a long, successful career on music that matters. Ever since she burst on the scene as a fresh-faced teenager bringing contemporary Christian music to the forefront of American culture, the Nashville native gained a reputation for creating potent songs that examined life's complexities with an open heart and keen eye. She became the first artist in Christian music to have a platinum record and went on to become a crossover sensation, her musical gifts transcending genre boundaries to make her a household name. She's earned six Grammy Awards and numerous Gospel Music Association Dove Awards as well as three multi-platinum albums, six platinum albums and four gold albums. She's achieved 10 Top 40 pop singles and placed 17 hits on the Top 40 Adult Contemporary chart as well as scoring numerous hits on the contemporary Christian charts. A longtime and active Nashville resident, Grant is as well known for her philanthropy as her music. She and husband, Vince Gill, are tireless in their efforts to aid worthy causes.

# Outreach



Our support of the Tuscarawas County Friends of the Homeless continues. We still offer meals one Sunday a month. Unfortunately during COVID-19 we are forced to help in a different manner. We are taking monetary donations to support the ministry rather than provide homecooked meals. Your financial support is always appreciated.

## GROCERY BAG MINISTRY

Grace Outreach Board continues their Drive-Thru Grocery Bag Ministry every Friday from 10AM to 2PM. The Outreach Board is looking for both monetary gifts and gifts of kind to support this vital ministry.

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.

**Grocery size paper bags are also needed.**



**FEED THE HUNGRY**



All those serving in the armed forces, especially Christopher Smith, Seth Erickson, Gerald Case, Gary Dean Morrison.

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|----------------|-----------------|
| Ella DeVore    | Melody Rader    |
| Fred Grosse    | Shirley Sackett |
| Glenn Siber    | Brenda Wallick  |
| Ruth Stein     | Jim Miceli      |
| Jason Phillips | Shirley Johnson |
| Karen Page     | Norma Grywalski |
| Waldine Krantz | Gail Danford    |

### 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 Bonnie 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 Wilford R. Miller, (brother of Duby Miller) & Ron Whetstone.

May the Lord embrace these families with His love and bless them with peace.

# 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 \$19. You will be billed by Blossom's Florist

Altar Flowers are available for the following dates.



*Altar Flowers*

- December 5th - 1 vase**
- December 12th - 2 vases**
- December 19th - 1 vase**



## Our volunteers:

- Dec. 5th - Julie Vanfossen
- Dec. 12th - Faith & Natalie Bambeck
- Dec. 19th - One Service - No Children's Church
- Dec. 26th - One Service - No Children's Church

## Worship Readings

### **Altar Guild**

**Thurs., Dec. 23rd**

9 am  
Decorate for Christmas  
(Poinsettias)

**Mon., Dec. 27th**

9 am  
Take Decorations  
Down

### **Sunday, Dec. 5th**

Malachi 3:1-4  
Psalm – Luke 1:68-79  
Philippians 1:3-11  
Luke 3:1-6

### **Sunday, Dec. 12th**

Zephaniah 3:14-20  
Psalm - Isaiah 12:2-6  
Philippians 4:4-7  
Luke 3:7-18

### **Friday, Dec. 24th**

Isaiah 9:2-7  
Psalm 96  
Titus 2:11-14  
Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]

### **Sunday, Dec. 19th**

Micah 5:2-5a  
Psalm - Luke 1:46b-55  
Hebrews 10:5-10  
Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]

### **Sunday, Dec. 26th**

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



**Yes, on-line services are here to stay!**

Once the pandemic is over we will continue to record our 10:30 service each week. You still will be able to attend worship at your leisure. Weekly on-line services will become part of our on-going ministry here at Grace. The service will be available at 10:30 am on Sundays.



## Worship Assistants

### SUNDAY 8:00 AM WORSHIP

**ACOLYTES**

Dec. 5  
Dec. 12

**LAY READERS**

Dec. 5 Terry Miller  
Dec. 12 Kim Gray

**COMMUNION ASST.**

Dec. 5  
Dec. 12

**USHERS**

Richard Elliott  
Jim Heller  
Scott Ebert  
Edward Harper  
David Elliott

### SUNDAY 9:30 AM WORSHIP

### Christmas Eve Worship

**ACOLYTES**

Dec. 19  
Dec. 26

**LAY READERS**

Dec. 19 N/A  
Dec. 26 John Stahl

**COMMUNION ASST.**

Dec. 19 N/A  
Dec. 26 N/A

**LAY READERS**

Dec. 24 - 7:00 pm Lynn Foust  
Dec. 24 - 10:00 pm Jan Ochsenbine

**USHERS**

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

### SUNDAY 10:30 AM WORSHIP

**ACOLYTES**

Dec. 5  
Dec. 12

**LAY READERS**

Dec. 5 Jan Ochsenbine  
Dec. 12 John Stahl

**DEACONS**

Dec. 5  
Dec. 12



### ALTAR GUILD

**December:** Donna Fox, Katherine Stahl, Shirley Grafe, Betty Kaser

**January:** Sue Case, Holly Vesco, Susan Zimmerman, Chris Randles

### Get the Messenger By Email

If you'd like to receive the Messenger by email please send an email to [Gracehappens@gracedover.org](mailto:Gracehappens@gracedover.org) with the words "Email Messenger" in the subject heading.

Remember you can also view the current and archived Messengers online at [www.GraceDover.org](http://www.GraceDover.org)



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# December 2021

## Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
			<b>1</b> 2 pm & 3 pm Communion Park Village 7 pm Boy Scouts	<b>2</b> 12 Bible Study - LH	<b>3</b> 10 am Grocery Bag Drive Thru	<b>4</b>
			<b>5</b> 8 am Worship Communion 9:30 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion	<b>6</b> 7 pm Valley Voices	<b>7</b> 10 am Congregational Life Meeting 12 pm Senior Crafters -ORC 5:45 pm Altar Guild Dinner - ORC 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	<b>8</b> 7 pm Boy Scouts
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<b>19</b> 9:30 am Worship Communion  	<b>20</b> 7 pm Valley Voices	<b>21</b> 12 pm Senior Crafters -ORC 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	<b>22</b> 7 pm Boy Scouts	<b>23</b> 9 am Altar Guild Decorating 12 Bible Study - LH	<b>24</b> 7 pm Worship Communion 10 pm Worship Communion  	<b>25</b>  
<b>26</b> 9:30 am Worship Communion 6 pm Meal to the Homeless Shelter	<b>27</b> 7 pm Valley Voices  	<b>28</b> 12 pm Senior Crafters -ORC 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	<b>29</b> 7 pm Boy Scouts	<b>30</b> 12 Bible Study - LH  <u>Messenger                      Assembly</u>	<b>31</b>  	