

DECEMBER

THE MESSENGER

2023

Worship Schedule
Sunday: 8 AM and 10:30 AM
Sunday Church School for all ages: 9:15 AM
Second Saturday of the month at 5:00 PM

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Utmost in my mind and heart these days is the Tusky Valley community. We have at least one family in our church in the TV community who needs our prayers. Let us surround them in our prayers for God's healing and comfort. We are grateful that our youth were not involved in the bus accident.

Our youth wrote cards to a TV student who is still in the hospital, and also to TV students who were on the bus. They are all friends of people in our congregation. We are all connected, especially in our small town, and I have my antennae up for more ways that Grace Lutheran, Dover can help the TV community.

So, I got an email from T4C and ADAMHS, who is working with TV schools, asking if we could offer grief counseling for TV students at our church in December. I immediately thought of a colleague at Mercy Med Center in Canton who is a chaplain specializing in grief counseling. I contacted Rev. Doug Gregory and he responded with a "yes" for both him and his wife, a counselor, at no charge!

I am grateful that Grace is a beacon for Christ in our greater community.

Blessings, Pastor Bonnie

Pastor
Rev. Bonnie L. Grimaldi

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Planning Council

**PLANNING
COUNCIL**

Next Meeting
Tuesday,
Jan. 16th, 2024
@ 6:30 PM



2020-2021 BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Richard Elliott - President Julie Brothers - Vice President
Becky Lands - Secretary John Wolfe - Treasurer

Congregational Life

Julie Brothers - Director
Susie Erickson
Elaine Margo
Betsy Morris
Melody Rader
Jim Heller

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Outreach

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Tanna Loveday
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Scott Ebert (church sign)
David Elliott (church website)

Coordinator of Youth & Family Ministries: Cody Jerles
Director of Music;/Organist : Jeff Beshore
Secretary: Lisa Morris
Treasurer: John Wolfe
Custodian: Ed Robinson

To Know Christ, To Live Christ, To Share Christ, and To Be One in Christ

Announcements

RIGATONI DINNER

Please join us on December 10th after the 10:30 am service for a rigatoni dinner benefiting the youth group on their mission trip and other group events. The youth group will be serving rigatoni and meatballs, salad and desserts and are asking for free will donations. If you are interested in joining us, there is a sign up sheet in the Narthex.



Holiday Reminder



Altar Guild Dinner

Tuesday, December 5th, 2022
5:45 pm Outreach Center

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



Ladies of Grace Knotters

Lutheran World Relief
Final Project Numbers
for 2023

Quilts: 37
Health Kits: 10



Announcements



A family in our church is in need of in home nursing care for their mom.

Please let the office know if you are interested in this paid job in her nice home.

Share -A- Christmas

The Outreach committee would like to help the Tuscarawas County Council for Church and Community (T4C) with the 2023 Share-A-Christmas campaign. If you would like to donate, envelopes can be found in the Narthex and should be turned in by December 4th . Thank you for helping us bless our Tuscarawas County families in need and put a smile on a child's face at Christmas.



SEATS & FEET



This year the Salvation Army is in need of underwear, t-shirts and socks. The donation trees will be displayed in the Narthex and in the connecting room of Luther Hall beginning Sun., Nov. 19th.

All donations will be removed from and around the trees on Mon., Dec. 4 by 9:00 am.



CREATED TO BE 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering
 including **MYLE the tAble** Young Adult Gathering

The youth will be traveling to New Orleans, LA next summer to attend the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering! We are offering the congregation to be a part of this once in a lifetime event by sponsoring our youth. Sponsorships are split into tiers: Silver is \$1-100, Purple is \$101-300 and Gold is \$301-500. Sponsorships include a handwritten postcard as well as a special dinner after the trip to talk with the youth about their experience! Forms will be offered in the Narthex starting October 29th if you are interested. Please consider helping our youth!

Announcements

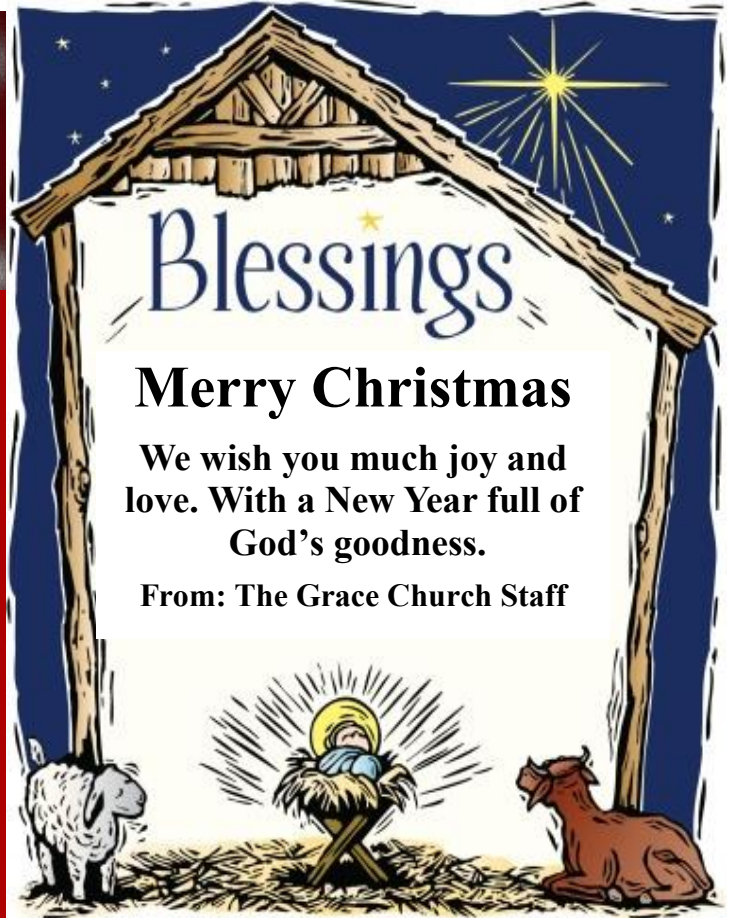


Join Us

Grace Happens

Saturday,
Dec. 9th, 2023

5:00 PM



Blessings

Merry Christmas

We wish you much joy and love. With a New Year full of God's goodness.

From: The Grace Church Staff



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 **Mon., December 4th.** (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 Sunday, December 24th or beginning Wednesday, December 27th.



Our support of the Tuscarawas County Friends of the Homeless continues. We still offer meals one Sunday a month. Unfortunately during COVID-19 we were 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 the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month from 10 AM to 2 PM. 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.



Please be Praying for...

All those serving in the armed forces, especially Christopher Smith, Seth Erickson.

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| Ella DeVore | Dottie Shott |
| Norma Grywalski | Rita Young |
| Janice Cronebaugh | Kay Bambeck |
| Pastor Brandon Keck | Martha Engel |
| Mildred Schauer | Shirley Grafe |
| Pastor Steve Patrick | Leo Rieger |
| Jan Ochsenbine | |
- Tusky Valley Schools and Community

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 Linda Cochenour. May the Lord embrace this family 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.



Dec. 3rd - 1 vase



**Jennifer & Taylor
Vaughan**

Worship Readings

Altar Guild
Sat., Dec. 23rd
9 am
Decorate

Sunday, Dec. 3rd
Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37

Sunday, Dec. 10th
Isaiah 40:1-11
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
2 Peter 3:8-15a
Mark 1:1-8

Sunday, Dec. 31st
Lessons & Carols
Isaiah 9:2, 6-7
Micah 5:2-5a
Luke 1:26-35, 38
Matthew 1:18-25
Luke 2:8-20
Matthew 2:1-11
John 1:1-14

Sunday, Dec. 17th
Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
Psalm 126
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28

Saturday, Dec. 24th
Isaiah 9:2-7
Psalm 96
Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]



Yes, on-line services are here to stay!

Now that the pandemic is over we are continuing to record our 10:30 service each Sunday and our 5 pm Contemporary service the second Saturday of the month. Weekly on-line services are part of our on-going ministry here at Grace.

Worship Assistants

SUNDAY 8:00 AM WORSHIP

ACOLYTES	LAY READERS	COMMUNION ASST.	USHERS
Dec. 3 Dec. 10	Dec. 3 Susan Elliott Dec. 10 Kim Gray	Dec. 3 Deborah Horn Dec. 10	Richard Elliott Jim Heller Scott Ebert Edward Harper David Elliott

SUNDAY 9:30 AM WORSHIP

Christmas Eve Worship

ACOLYTES	LAY READERS	COMMUNION ASST.	LAY READERS
Dec. 17 Dec. 31	Dec. 17 Dec. 31 Jim Gibb	Dec. 17 Gale Limron Dec. 31 N/A	Dec. 24 - 7:00 pm Lynn Foust Dec. 24 - 10:00 pm Jan Ochsenbine

USHERS

Dec. 3 John Lorenz, Larry Wallick, Tom Margo, Ron Stahl
 Dec. 10 Mike Sergent, Jim Gibb
 Dec. 17 John Stahl, Keith Lands, Paul McFadden
 Dec. 24 Jeff Keller, Jeff Hootman, John Wolfe, Joe Vanfossen

SUNDAY 10:30 AM WORSHIP

ACOLYTES	LAY READERS	COMMUNION ASST.
Dec. 3 Dec. 10	Dec. 3 Jan Ochsenbine Dec. 10 John Stahl	Dec. 3 Dec. 10

ALTAR GUILD

December: Judy Martin, Pam Keller, Elaine Margo, Jan Ochsenbine

January: Donna Fox, Betty Kaser, Shirley Grafe



Get the Messenger By Email

If you'd like to receive the Messenger by email please send an email to 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



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Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
					1 10 am Grocery Bag Drive Thru	2
3 8 am Worship Communion 9:30 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion	4 7 pm Valley Voices Deadline to order Poinsettias	5 12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 6:30 pm Cub Scouts Altar Guild Dinner - ORC	6 2 pm & 2:30 pm Communion Park Village 7 pm Boy Scouts	7 12pm Bible Study 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Gallery Choir	8	9 8 am Men's Breakfast 5 pm Contemporary Service
10 8 am Worship Communion 9:30 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion Congregational Meeting Advent Luncheon	11 9 am Knotters 7 pm Valley Voices	12 9 am Knotters 5:30 pm Harcatus - LH 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	13 7 pm Boy Scouts	14 12pm Bible Study 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Gallery Choir	15 10 am Grocery Bag Drive Thru	16
17 9:30 am Worship - Communion 	18 7 pm Valley Voices 6 pm Trunk or Treat @ St. John's Parking Lot	19 12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Christian Faith & Life Mtg.	20 7 pm Beekeeper Assoc. - ORC 7 pm Boy Scouts	21 12pm Bible Study 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Gallery Choir	22 Messenger Deadline	23 9 am Altar Guild - Decorate
24 6 pm Meal to the Homeless Shelter 7 pm Worship Communion 10 pm Worship Communion	25 Church Office Closed	26 Church Office Closed	27 7 pm Boy Scouts	28 12pm Bible Study Messenger Assembly	29	30
31 9:30 am Worship - Communion						