



THE MESSENGER

2014

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

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Ode to Punxsutawney

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. May my meditation be pleasing to Him, for I rejoice in the Lord. Psalm 104:33-34

*The snow lay on the ground, the crowd grew still,
 Waiting for a groundhog well-known as Phil.*

*Venite, Punxsutawney! Dormez-vous? Venite, Punxsutawney! Dormez-vous?
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Decisions. Decisions. What to do?

Sunday, February 2 presents a challenge this year. There are so many choices for our "Theme of the Day." Which one should we choose?

Even the church calendar provides options. The lectionary offers a choice between the **Fourth Sunday after Epiphany** and the **Presentation of Our Lord**. The "Fourth Sunday" introduces Jesus' "Sermon on the Mount" and includes "The Beatitudes." The **Presentation of Our Lord** is also known as *Candlemas*. It celebrates Mary and Joseph bringing their firstborn son Jesus to the Temple to be dedicated to the Lord. There Simeon holds Jesus in his arms and declares him to be "a light to the Gentiles and the glory of God's people Israel."

Both options are great for the day's worship. Of course, we could step out of the lectionary box and pursue other alternatives.

This year, February 2 is also Super Bowl Sunday. I suppose we could tie the day's contest to some Biblical principle or Old Testament battle. But I think that would be a stretch too far. Besides, I couldn't find the words Bronco or Seahawk in the Bible. So much for that.

The day is also Groundhog Day! It's a day of celebration, tradition, expectation and hope. Though there are no groundhogs in Scripture, there are teachings about God creating the seasons and his year round blessings. Maybe, we could go with that.

Just one problem... What do we sing?

Problem solved. I've written a Groundhog Day anthem. I'm sure it will be an instant classic. After all, it's written in three languages. Here's the second verse.

*Please, sage little groundhog, don't dare be late.
 We're waiting patiently to hear our fate.*

Oh! No! It's six more months of winter drear

That groundhog just confirmed our greatest fear.

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OK. You say you're not quite ready for a Sunday groundhog song?

Fortunately, there's always Option A and Option B. Thank God for the lectionary.

Since the **Presentation of Our Lord** falls on a Sunday this year, I think that makes for a fine choice. Plus, I discovered a lovely hymn of the day, "In His Temple Now Behold Him" (ELW 417). It's sung to the tune of "Angels, from the Realms of Glory." I hope you enjoy singing it and find its words inspirational.

In the event you want more groundhog lyrics, here's verse three.

*O, come, rejoice and sing! It's Groundhog Day!
 Shadow or no shadow, spring's on its way!*

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Whatever the day, it is always a day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Amen.

Senior Pastor Donald L. Rice Jr.

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Planning Council

**PLANNING
COUNCIL**

**Next Meeting
March 11th, 2014
@ 6:45 PM**



**Grace
Notes**

Facts and Figures

<p>Attendance December 2013 Weekly Average: 192 Difference: - 9 (-4%)</p> <p>Offerings December 2013 Total: \$17,677.00 Difference -1303.50 Weekly Average: \$3535.40 Weekly Difference:-\$-260.70 (-6%)</p> <p>Christmas Eve 2013 Attendance: 348 Christmas Eve Offering: \$2066.00 Christmas Offering: \$13,623.00</p>	<p>Attendance December 2012 Weekly Average: 201</p> <p>Offerings December 2012 Total: \$18,980.50 Weekly Average: \$3796.10</p> <p>Christmas Eve 2012 Attendance: 325 Christmas Eve Offering: \$1,466.00 Christmas Offering: \$4,182.00</p>
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2012-2013 BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

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Since You Asked...

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**Pastor, Will we be having “Bathrobe Monologs” again during Lent this year?
I have really enjoyed them the last few years and find them very inspirational. Thank you.**

Yes! We will continue with “Bathrobe Monologs” for our 6:45 p.m. Wednesday evening Lenten services. Our robed visitors will also present during Holy Week on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Please refer to **The Cross Before Me** article below. These “Bathrobe Monologs” have been well-received in the past as evidenced by your kind question and service attendance. Perhaps even more members, friends and neighbors will attend this year.

Some, if not most, of the names on this year’s roster may be unfamiliar. Here is some biographical information in advance.

Nathan was the prophet to King David who confronted him over his sins connected to Bathsheba.

Japeth was the son of Noah, survivor of the Great Flood and witness to God’s rainbow covenant.

Kinoe was the son of Job who taught him about God’s promised faithfulness in life and death.

Joseph was the son sold into slavery and thought to be dead. Yet, he lived to save his family.

Isaiah is the prophet most quoted by Jesus and who foretold the suffering’s of God’s servant in Christ.

Jonah’s three-day stay in the bell of the great fish would be a sign of Jesus’ death and resurrection.

Zechariah was a Temple priest and prophet who was martyred for his bold, truthful message.

Dodya is a “historical representative” of the Exodus and God’s power of healing and forgiveness.

The Cross Before Me

Lent begins March 5 with an **Ash Wednesday** worship services at 6:45 p.m. The service will include the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion.

Wednesday evening services will continue each week until Holy Week. All Wednesday evening services will be preceded by a Lenten Soup and Sandwich Supper at 5:30 p.m. in Luther Hall.

This year’s Lenten theme is **The Cross Before Me**. Each Wednesday a visitor from the Old Testament will present his perspective on the cross of Christ from the vantage point of one anticipating the Messiah and the Savior of the world. Even though the cross lay before him in the distant future, each guest presenter will tell how are its promises still connected to his ancient experience and understanding? We will learn how the shadow of the cross is timeless; its shadow cast past, present and future.

Old Testament visitors will also be with us during the 6:45 p.m. Holy Week services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

Please join us during Lent for a time of meditation, reflection and spiritual insight.

The Cross Before Me schedule

Wednesdays

March 5:

March 12:

March 19:

March 26:

April 2:

April 9:

Nathan: Prophet of Forgiveness

Japeth: Son of Noah

Kinoe: Son of Job

Joseph: the Dead Son Lives

Isaiah and the “Suffering Servant”

Jonah: Prophet of the “Sign”



Holy Week

April 17, Maundy Thursday:

April 18, Good Friday:

Zechariah: Temple Prophet and Martyr

Dodya and the Bronze Serpent

Thank Yous & Announcements



Thank you to Grace Lutheran Fellowship for the very welcome gifts. They are much appreciated.

Ann Stancu



Thanks to Pastor Rice & friends of Grace Lutheran Church. Your prayers, lovely cards , food and visits were greatly appreciated after my knee surgery. I am so thankful.

God Bless,
Jean Geyer



SWEET SURPRISE

Celebrate the Valentine’s holiday with a special meal with loved ones. Grace Hospitality Ministries hosts a “Sweet Surprise” covered dish dinner following the 10:30 a.m. worship service on February 16 for church families, friends and neighbors.

You are invited to bring a favorite covered dish or two to share with others. Hospitality Ministries will provide a variety of tasty Valentine desserts and beverages.

Come and eat and See who you meet!

Honor Begins at Home

Honor begins with courage, but what does that look like? Come join us as we rethink these values and focus on our families and each of our roles. We are inviting mothers, fathers, grandparents, and all our friends as we discover what the movie “Courageous” reveals to us today and how as Christians we can love and support each other and our families.

A Bible Study and discussion continues in Luther Hall on Sundays in February at 4:00 p.m. Each session lasts for about one hour.

Babysitting will be provided.

We look forward to seeing you and hope you will join us as we discover what honor and courage look like and how important they are in building families that last.



Announcements

NEWS RELEASE**Contacts:**

Rev. Donald L. Rice Jr., Senior Pastor,
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Grace Lutheran receives \$5,000 “Neighbors in Need” Grant

DOVER (January 6, 2014) – Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Dover, recently received a \$5,000 “Lutheran Community Matthew 25: Neighbors in Need” grant from the Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Foundation. The funding was awarded to Grace’s *Grocery Bag Ministry* based on its effectiveness in addressing physical, emotional and/or spiritual needs in the local community such as food, clothing, shelter, fellowship, and care for the sick based on Jesus’ words in Matthew 25: 35-36.

“We are absolutely thrilled to receive this funding,” remarked Grace Senior Pastor Donald Rice, Jr. “With recent food stamp cuts and the possibility of unemployment benefits ending for many in our county, I am sure we will see an increase in need. Grace is fully committed to following Jesus’ commandment to love our neighbor. This generous grant will greatly help us continue in that effort.”

Grace’s Grocery Bag Ministry typically serves 110-120 households each month. A grocery bag holds such non-perishable food items as cereal, peanut butter, spaghetti sauce and pasta, macaroni and cheese, fruit, vegetables and more.

Grace Lutheran has also elected to participate in a complementary two-to-one challenge grant program sponsored by the Foundation. For every dollar raised by the church from donors by March 31, 2014, the Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Foundation will provide an additional 50 cents—up to \$5,000—in support of the organization’s ministry.

“We are delighted to assist Grace Lutheran through this grant, said Richard Kleven, vice president of the Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Foundation. “We trust that this support will strengthen Grace Lutheran’s Grocery Bag Ministry to those it serves.”

About the Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Foundation

Founded in 1982, the Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Foundation is a private foundation that operates exclusively for charitable, educational and religious purposes. Grants are provided for projects and missions that reflect Thrivent Financial for Lutherans’ charitable interests. The primary charitable interest of the foundation is assisting nonprofit organizations and those they serve in achieving economic security and sustainability. To learn more about the foundation and its programs, visit:

www.thrivent.com/foundations.

Treasurer's Report

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church - Dover, OH **Treasurer's 2013 Year End Report**

Dear Members of Grace,

As the economy has affected each of our personal households, it has also affected the financial health of our Church. We are only able to "carry over" \$1775.20 from 2013 into 2014 for starting the new budget. Each year this figure changes depending on the previous year's actual final total income vs. the total expenses. During the past year we have just been covering our week to week expenses without being able to build any "cushion" in our General Operating Fund. The \$25,000 Tuscarawas County Community Fund Grant is normally received around the middle of February and helps to support our planned budget. Please remember that any money received from the Brinley R. Lewis Memorial Fund is designated and NOT available for general expenses such as utilities, payroll or teaching supplies. This year with Planning Council's approval, it was necessary to transfer \$7000.00 from the Undesignated and Un-Named Memorial Fund to cover operating expenses.

During 2013, all invoices were paid on time with no overdue or interest charged. We took advantage of any discounts for early payment when available.

The "Benevolence" that was given to the ELCA as approved by the congregation was decreased to 7.5% in 2013. For 2014, the amount will be decreased to 5% of the General Offering Envelopes and Plate donations. Starting in 2013, we designated that the amount is equally divided four ways among World Hunger, Disaster Response, Lutheran World Relief and LOMO. Any member offerings that are given as Synod Support have been sent in as General Benevolence.

Starting in January 2014, the World Hunger special offering envelopes will be replaced with Grace Lutheran Food Pantry envelopes. Our Stewardship Development Board along with Planning Council felt this would be a way of reminding each of us to support our own Grace Pantry. As mentioned above, World Hunger support will still be given through our monthly Benevolence.

The Hammerstrom Scholarship Fund, invested as the guidelines stated by the estate with 75% in insured or guaranteed bonds and 25% in low risk stocks is continuing to grow and be a blessing to many of our students. We were able to award ten \$5000 scholarships in June of 2013. The Grace "General Scholarship" fund has increased to \$19,000.22 with \$ 18,799.61 being invested. Craig Begley with Edward Jones is managing this account as well as the Hammerstrom Fund. The board that oversees the Hammerstrom Scholarships will also be overseeing the new Grace General Scholarship Fund. We were also able to give a \$1000.00 grant from the Grace Lutheran Ministry Fund to one of our members. We can be very proud of these students and pleased that we have the resources to help in their educations.

The 2013 Treasurer's Report has a comparison to 2012 Year End totals. Information and figures for 2013 are printed in **BOLD TYPE**. If you have any questions please contact Beverly Frantz or the Church Office.

As each of us sees our utility bills, home maintenance and general cost of living increase, please remember that our Church's expenses will also be feeling the economy crunch. During 2014, there will be more opportunities to "contribute" by giving not only our monetary gifts but also our "time and talents". Grace Lutheran needs each of us to be a supporting part of it's continued growth and success. We can't do it without YOU!

"Thank You" for your faithful support and investment in Grace's future.
 Beverly Frantz, Treasurer

Treasurer's Report

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church 2013 End of Year Treasurer's Report

	Jan - Dec 2012	2012 Budget	Jan - Dec 2013	2013 Budget
<i>Operating Income</i>				
Bank Account Interest	67.24		39.31	
Initial Offering	276.00		312.00	
GoodSearch.com	109.25		154.23	
Grace Endowment Interest (General Fund)	8,006.74		7,873.71	8,000.00
Misc Income	25.00		0.00	
Regular Offerings-Envelope & Plate	193,862.94		186,239.16	210,000.00
Rent Income From Headstart	14,910.00		15,125.00	14,910.00
Seasonal / Midweek Offerings	8,883.00		18,504.00	8,400.00
Stock Dividends - JPMorgan Chase	147.20		174.08	
Sunday School Offering	807.48		306.84	
Thrivent Choice Dollars Deposit Program (Undesignated)	2,200.00		1,565.00	2,500.00
Tusc. Cty. Community Fund	25,000.00		25,000.00	25,000.00
Wedding Deposit	600.00		0.00	
Previous Year Carryover Money Available (For Next Year)	3,375.24		1,775.20	
Total Operating Income	258,270.09		257,068.53	
<i>Operating Expense</i>				
Total 001-Congregational Life Board	5,508.10	5,000.00	4,090.74	3,450.00
Total 002-Evangelism Board	2,824.72	4,075.00	2,469.61	3,000.00
Total 003-Christian Faith & Life Board (Received Add'l Grant Money For Catechism Retreat, VBS)	4,415.94	6,720.00	3,108.54	5,000.00
Total 004-Hospitality Board (Received Add'l Grant Money For Congregational Meals, Advent Workshop, Church Picnic)	336.63	1,000.00	606.40	500.00
Total 005-Stewardship Development Board	185,504.33	186,496.00	187,952.88	187,016.00
Total 006-Church Property Board	51,427.47	52,119.00	45,061.14	52,750.00
Church Office and Treasurer Expense	9,587.93	9,500.00	9,817.26	10,000.00
Benevolence - Envelope and Plate Offerings 2012 (10% Jan. - July, With An Additional \$400 In Dec.) 2013 (7.5% Equally Divided Between World Hunger, Disaster Response, Lutheran World Relief, LOMO)	12,106.00	21,000.00	13,982.24	15,750.00
Total Operating Expense	271,711.12	285,910.00	267,088.81	277,466.00
<i>Other Income</i>				
Transfer from Memorial Fund (Money Transferred From Undesignated Memorials For Expenses)	0.00		7,000.00	
<i>Designated Account Expense</i>				
Brinley R. Lewis Memorial Fund Expenditures	34,196.11		83,092.66	
Building Fund Expenditures	2,740.23		13,174.85	
Total Designated Accounts Expense	36,936.34		96,267.51	
NOTE: ALL FIGURES REFLECT MONEY ENTERED THROUGH TREASURER'S BOOKS. SOME OFFERINGS COLLECTED FOR SPECIFIC PROJECTS MAY NOT SHOW ON THIS REPORT.				

Announcements

When Duty Calls



Pastor Rice has been selected to serve on the Tuscarawas County Grand Jury for the current term. It began January 9 and continues through April 30, 2014. The Grand Jury meets every other Thursday beginning January 16. This includes Jan. 16 & 30; Feb. 13 & 27; Mar. 13 & 27; and April 10 & 24. The jury convenes at 9:00 a.m. and usually meets until 4:00 p.m.

This will mean a revised schedule for the Thursday Bible Study group. A letter with meeting dates has been sent to current Thursday Bible Study participants.

Though this may be considered a major inconvenience, it is an opportunity to perform an important civic duty. Rescheduling and other adjustments will be made in a timely manner to help the cause of justice and community service.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

YOU ARE INVITED



You are invited to attend a recital of varied musical selections presented by the Ohio Teacher's Association (O.M.T.A.) of Tuscarawas County, Sunday, February 9th, 2014 at 3:00 PM in the Sanctuary of Grace.



PLEASE PLACE YOUR ORDER



Advanced orders are being taken for tomato based beef stew available for pick-up **Sunday, February 23rd** in Luther Hall following the 8 am and 10:30 am worship services.

Cost if **\$6.00** per quart container. (Container provided) by calling Music Director, Bobbie Myers (330-343-3268) and leaving your name, phone number and number of quarts desired.

Proceeds will be used to help Adrian Mathias, our custodian, defray expenses.

In November 2013 Adrian was diagnosed with esophageal cancer. On January 20th he began radiation and chemotherapy. Surgery will follow.

Please watch future Messengers and bulletin inserts for other upcoming benefit projects.

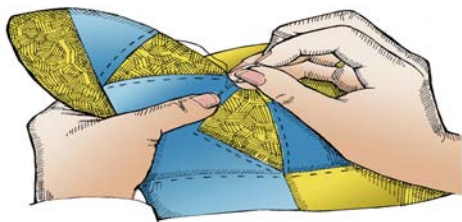
Gallery Choir Benefit



**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, Feb. 11th, 2014
9:00 AM**



**Tuesday, February 18th, 2014
1:00 pm**

**Hostesses: Judy Martin &
Betsy Morris**

Topic: Jen McCulloch

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

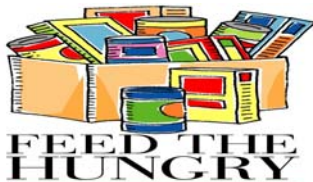
Thanks to all who have volunteered to be packers for the Grocery Bag Ministry this year.

Donations to the Food Pantry have increased in response to a greater need for our food bags. In December, we distributed 121 bags, and have already distributed 78 in January. 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.

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| Ella DeVore | Carol Davidson |
| Caden Rufener | William Page |
| Ann Burrier | Brinley Brown |
| Mary Ann Gray | Vic Gessner |
| Dick Gray | Dan Urfer |
| Genny Peterson | Tom Hardin |
| Barbara Pea | Wendy Harrison |
| Rosann Patterson | Geraldine Kiehl |
| Norma Grywalski | Marie Lorson |
| Holly Hillen | Sherri Weidman |
| Donald Roseblossom | Richard Smallwood |
| Louise Keplinger | Adrian Mathias |
| Frances Moser | Pat Hobart |
| Mildred Schauer | Kelli Mason-Devlin |
| Fred Penix | Logan Martin |

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 Paula Jeffers (grand daughter of Jack & Margaret Haas.) 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 March 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 February 23rd.**

March's dinner at the Homeless Shelter is on Sunday, March. 23rd 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.

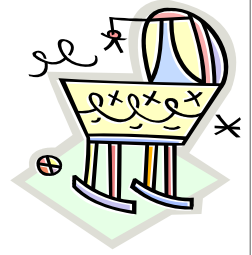
Altar Flowers are available for the following dates.



- Feb. 9th - 1 vase
- Feb. 23d - 2 vases
- Mar. 2nd - 1 vase
- Mar. 16th - 1 vase
- Mar. 23rd - 2 vases

Nursery Care Available

Karla Burrier attending.



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- Feb. 2nd - Sarah Wolfe & Ashley Eick
- Feb. 9th - Andrea & Lauren Samsa
- Feb. 16th - Nicole Willey & Jennifer Vaughan
- Feb. 23rd - Bobbie & Shauna Cox



Worship Readings

Altar Guild

Tuesday,
February 25th, 2014
9 am

Sunday, Feb. 2nd

Malachi 3:1-4
Psalm 84
Hebrews 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-40

Sunday, Feb. 9th

Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]
Psalm 112:1-9
1 Corinthians 2:1-12[13-16]
Matthew 5:13-20

Sunday, Feb. 16th

Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Psalm 119:1-8
1 Corinthians 3:1-9
Matthew 5:21-37

Sunday, Feb. 23rd

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18
Psalm 119:33-40
1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23
Matthew 5:38-48

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	LAY READERS	DEACON/COMM. ASST.	USHERS
2/2 Lexi Gray	2/2 Boy Scouts	2/2 Kingsland Pretorius	Tim Keplinger
2/9 Lexi Gray	2/9 Terry Miller	2/9	Richard Elliott
2/16	2/16 Lynn Foust	2/16	Steve Zimmerman
2/23	2/23 Gale Limron	2/23	Jim Heller
			Scott Ebert
			Edward Harper
			David Elliott

SUNDAY 10:30 AM WORSHIP

USHERS
Feb. 2 John Lorenz, Larry Wallick, Tom Margo, Art Siber
Feb. 9 Jim Gibb, Mike Sergent, Jimm Morris, Butch Morris, Maguire Morris
Feb. 16 John Stahl, Robert McCulloch, Keith Lands, Howard Stein
Feb. 23 Art Keener, William Page, Jeff Keller, Jeff Hootman, Joe Vanfossen

ACOLYTES	LAY READERS	DEACON/COMM. ASST.
2/2 Sydney Bower	2/2 Jimm Morris	2/2 Deborah Horn
2/9 Brody Morris	2/9 Rick Homrighausen	2/9
2/16	2/16 Barb DeBord	2/16
2/23 Sydney Bower	2/23 John Stahl	2/23

ALTAR GUILD

February: Glenda Sclater, Sue Case, Holly Vesco, Susan Zimmerman

March: Barbara Thompson, Glenda Sclater, Wendy Mady, Debbie Smith, Betsy Morris



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<p>2</p> <p>8 am Worship Communion</p> <p>9:15 am SCS</p> <p>10:30 am Worship Communion</p> <p>4 pm Courageous Bible Study</p> <p><u>Scout Sunday</u></p>	<p>3</p> <p>2:30 pm Communion 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>4</p> <p>4 pm TOPS - ORC</p> <p>6 pm Girl Scouts</p> <p>6:30 pm Cub Scouts</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>6</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>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>8 am Men's Breakfast</p> <p>MEN'S BREAKFAST</p>
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<p>16</p> <p>8 am Worship Communion</p> <p>9:15 am SCS</p> <p>10:30 am Worship Communion</p> <p>4 pm Courageous Bible Study</p> <p><u>Sweet Surprise Covered Dish</u></p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:30 pm Girl Scouts-LH</p> <p>7 pm Valley Voices</p> <p><u>Stew Order Deadline</u></p> <p>Presidents' Day</p>	<p>18</p> <p>1 pm Ladies of Grace</p> <p>4 pm TOPS - ORC</p> <p>6 pm Girl Scouts</p> <p>6:30 pm Cub Scouts</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>20</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>21</p> <p>DEADLINE: Newsletter Articles</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23</p> <p>8 am Worship Communion</p> <p>9:15 am SCS</p> <p>10:30 am Worship Communion</p> <p>4 pm Courageous Bible Study</p> <p>6 pm Meal to the Homeless Shelter</p> <p><u>Stew Order Pick-Up</u></p>	<p>24</p> <p>6:30 pm Girl Scouts-LH</p> <p>7 pm Valley Voices</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9 am Altar Guild</p> <p>4 pm TOPS - ORC</p> <p>6:30 pm Cub Scouts</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>27</p> <p>12 pm Sr. Fun Day</p> <p>6 pm Bell Choir</p> <p>7 pm Gallery Choir</p>	<p>28</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <p>9 am Messenger Assembly</p> </div>	