



# THE MESSENGER

**2023**

**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,

We are starting February 2023 off full swing into the Epiphany season of our liturgical calendar. What does that mean to Grace Lutheran, Dover, besides my wearing a green stole and all the beautiful green paraments? Well, in our gospel messages, we are discussing our moments of epiphany, the moments the light of Christ is revealed in us and among us, and how that changes us to be more like Christ as our truest selves.

Where is the light of Christ being revealed in us and among us as a church? I had an epiphany in our last Planning Council meeting when we were discussing the Midweek Lenten services that will start soon. (Yes, February ends with the start of the Lent season in our liturgical calendar!) We wanted to start our refreshments back up with our Midweek Lenten services, but we have no Hospitality Board Director. It was suggested by our VP that each Board do a week of refreshments, and I immediately saw Christ revealed in us and among us! I said out loud, "A light bulb just went off in my head!" If one Board is struggling, all the Boards can easily come together to accomplish God's work.

Epiphany happens all the time here at Grace Lutheran in Dover!  
 Thanks Be to God!

Blessings,  
 Pastor Bonnie

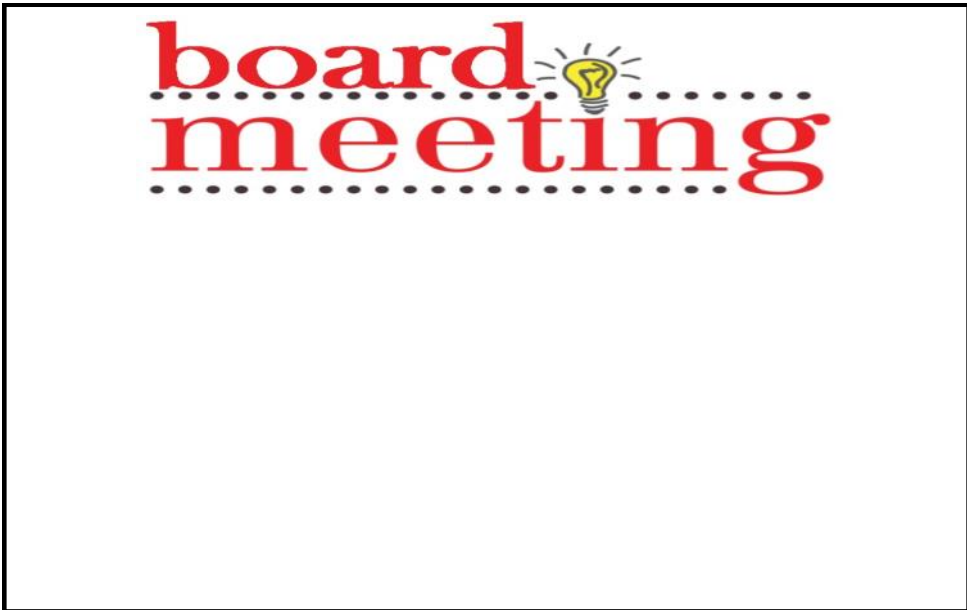
**Pastor**  
**Rev. Bonnie L. Grimaldi**

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# Planning Council

**PLANNING  
COUNCIL**

**Next Meeting**  
**Tuesday,**  
**March 21st , 2023**  
**@ 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  
Liz Miller  
Melody Rader  
Jim Heller

### Property

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

### Christian Faith and Life

**Ashley Eick** - Director  
Karla Burrier  
Debbie Flood  
Tiffany Shepherd  
Deb Foust  
(Cody Jerles, Coordinator YFM)

### Hospitality

**Still Needed** - Director  
Marcie Castricone  
Melissa Engstrom  
Cindy Jerles  
Traci Smith  
Bobbie Cox  
Julie Vanfossen

### Stewardship Development

**Ron Stahl** - Director  
Charles Castricone  
Keith Lands  
Sarah Kneuss

### Outreach

**Paul McFadden**– Director  
Joe Erickson  
Tanna Loveday  
Judy Martin  
Joe Penrod  
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: John Wolfe*  
*Custodian: Ed Robinson*

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

Announcements



Dear Grace Lutheran Church Congregation,  
The Friends of the Homeless is very grateful for your ongoing gift of the evening meal. Our guests and staff look forward to your meals with great anticipation.

The meals not only nourish the body and soul, but also brings hope that people care.

God Bless, and many thanks for your willingness to serve those in need.

Calvin White, Executive Director  
Gail Baldwin, Volunteer Manager



Dear Church Members,

Thank you for donating personal care items and paper products to OhioGuidestone's Harbor House Domestic Violence Shelter. We value our partnership with you, and thank you for your recent act of kindness. The generosity of donors like you assists us in fulfilling our mission to help clients reset their paths, reclaim their autonomy and restore their purpose.

Thank you again for your donation.

With gratitude,  
Erica Matisz  
Director of Advancement





**HopeWood**  
Outdoors

Dear Members of Grace,

Thank you for your faithful support. Your partnership in ministry and financial gifts make a huge impact on the faith lives of many through summer camps and year round retreats.

Blessings,  
Penny Christenson  
Executive Director



Harry & Barbara Thompson would like to extend a warm thank you to Pastor Bonnie for her visit and time and also to the youth of Grace for the wonderful gift bag at Christmas. God Bless You All.

## Announcements

# THE MESSENGER

We will be reducing the physical size of our paper Messenger by ½ and reducing the number of our mailings to only 1 Messenger per household. This is because we can no longer sustain the 200 bulk rate minimum quota due to multiple reasons – the main one being people are opting for email only. This will better steward our environment and resources. If you haven't opted for email only and want to do it now, please notify the church office.



## ATTENTION BOARD DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

It's that time of year again for annual reports. Please prepare your board or committee's report and turn them in to the office or email them to Lisa by Feb. 14th.

gracehappens@gracedover.org  
Thank you.

### **Our Mid-week Lenten Series: "Created for Community"**

*Using readings from Mark's gospel, this series invites us to reflect on what it means to be in community with one another, with the world, with creation, and with God.*

**Wednesdays March 1- March 29 @ 6:30 pm followed by light refreshments in the Narthex**

**Week 1 – March 1: In community with creation**

**Mark 4:35-41: Jesus calms a storm**

**Cookies and lemonade/punch provided by: Christian Faith and Life Board**

**Week 2 – March 8: In community with all the saints**

**Mark 9:2-8: Jesus is in conversation with those who have gone before**

**Cookies and lemonade/punch provided by: Congregation Life Board**

**Week 3 – March 15: In community with our neighbor**

**Mark 2:1-12: A community comes together to bring a neighbor to Jesus**

**Cookies and lemonade/punch provided by: Stewardship Board**

**Week 4 – March 22 In community with those on the margins**

**Mark 5:1-20 Jesus crosses barriers to attend to those on the margins**

**Cookies and lemonade/punch provided by: Executive Board**

**Week 5 – March 29 In community with Christ**

**Mark 10:32-45 Jesus reminds us that we are walking the way of the cross.**

**Cookies and lemonade/punch provided by: Property Board**

## Announcements

## FIRST Communion



If your child is in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade or older and has not had their First Communion, you and your child are invited to attend Pastor Bonnie's First Communion instruction and pizza lunch on February 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 – noon! First Communion Sunday will be February 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am. Please let Lisa know in the church office who and how many will be attending on February 11<sup>th</sup>.

## Men's Fellowship

### SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER

**TUESDAY,  
Feb. 21st**

The Men's Fellowship will again be hosting the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner in Fellowship Hall, 4:30-6:30 pm.

**EVERYONE IS INVITED!**  
Come and enjoy fellowship and some very fine pancakes!  
**Pancakes, sausage and beverage.  
Bring a hearty appetite!**



## Grace Happens

You are invited to come as you are to our Grace Lutheran Contemporary Worship Service, called Grace Happens, Sat., Feb. 11th at 5pm in our sanctuary! Before, during and after the service, you can enjoy refreshments in the Narthex. Grace Happens every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month and everyone is welcome!

# Children's Corner



## Christian Valentine Word Search

S N I R S S E N D N I K B B X D S E S O R F R  
 T O S J S M R L I K W Z D E O P V X Q L X D K  
 Y U X M O S V N F R Z P T T R F A P Y Y E D S  
 L Y H Y H H W O R L N U D A U E L E L V U Y W  
 E G T E K E R I I J A A C L K B E K L K C R H  
 T K W P B A S T E L W F W O K R N X B B L C X  
 S J K C U R M C N O Y A I C O U T Y E A G A O  
 E F O H A T O E D V E N L O F A I A L N M N B  
 R K S R G S O F S E W V M H A R N H I U D D K  
 A Z J I N C C F Q X Q R J C K Y E S E T A Y H  
 E V P S I R H A F L O W E R S V C I V E C I T  
 D L O T R O D E V O T I O N G U B R E D S Y X  
 K A V I A C R A D Y Q J T B C Z A E S D U N G  
 P C W A H U Y G D C E L L J M I Y H N Y F N F  
 G I J N S S F T S U R T Y Q B R J C D Q O W Y  
 E S A G M L G F G R U F P U O W L A I C E P S

- Affection
- Believes
- Devotion
- Kindness
- Heart
- Trust
- Love
- February
- Friends
- Candy
- Dearest

- Chocolate
- Teddy
- Valentine
- Flowers
- Smooch
- Roses
- Special
- Crocus
- Christian
- Sharing
- Cherish



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 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, Gary Dean Morrison and Jeffrey Huff.

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|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Ella DeVore     | Judy Wells              |
| Larry Wilson    | Rachelle Coulter Sensel |
| Glenn Siber     | Kerri Jones             |
| Jason Phillips  | Dottie Shott            |
| Norma Grywalski | Rita Young              |
| April Range     | Pastor Steve Patrck     |
| Jim Gibb        |                         |

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 Augusta VanSickle (mother of Anthony (Georgie) Korns) & Steven Bigler (brother of Sandy Gibb).

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*

- Feb. 5th - 1 vase
- Feb. 12th - 2 vases
- Feb. 26th - 2 vases
- Mar. 5th - 1 vase
- Mar. 12th - 1 vase



- Feb. 5th - Julie Vanfossen
- Feb. 12th - Nanette McFadden
- Feb. 19th - Faith & Natalie Bambeck
- Feb. 26th - Jen & Taylor Vaughan

## **Worship Readings**

**Altar Guild**  
Tues., Feb. 28th  
9 am

**Sunday, Feb. 5th**  
Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]  
Psalm 112:1-9 [10]  
1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]  
Matthew 5:13-20

**Sunday, Feb. 12th**  
Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
Psalm 119:1-8  
1 Corinthians 3:1-9  
Matthew 5:21-37

**Sunday, Feb. 19th**  
Exodus 24:12-18  
Psalm 2  
2 Peter 1:16-21  
Matthew 17:1-9

**Saturday, Feb. 26th**  
Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7  
Psalm 32  
Romans 5:12-19  
Matthew 4:1-11



**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	LAY READERS	DEACON/COMM. ASST.	USHERS
2/5	2/5 Lynn Foust/Boy Scouts	2/5	Richard Elliott Jim Heller Scott Ebert Edward Harper David Elliott
2/12	2/12 Kim Gray	2/12	
2/19	2/19 Liz/Terry Miller	2/19	
2/26	2/26 Gale Limron	2/26	

**SUNDAY 10:30 AM WORSHIP**

Feb. 5 John Lorenz, Larry Wallick, Tom Margo, Ron Stahl  
 Feb. 12 Jim Gibb, Mike Sergent  
 Feb. 19 John Stahl, Keith Lands, Paul McFadden  
 Feb. 26 Jeff Keller, Jeff Hootman, John Wolfe, Joe Vanfossen

ACOLYTES	LAY READERS	DEACON/COMM. ASST.
2/5	2/5 Jan Ochsenbine	2/5
2/12	2/12 John Stahl	2/12
2/19	2/19 Sandy Gibb	2/19 Jim Gibb
2/26	2/26 Jim Gibb	2/22 Deborah Horn
		2/26

**ALTAR GUILD**

February: Judy Martin, Pam Keller, Elaine Margo, Jan Ochsenbine  
 March: Donna Fox, Katherine Stahl, 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](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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## Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
			<b>1</b> 7 pm Boy Scouts	<b>2</b> 12 pm Bible Study - LH 6 pm Handbell Choir 7 pm Gallery Choir	<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> 12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	<b>8</b> 2 pm & 2:30 pm Communion Park Village 7 pm Boy Scouts	<b>9</b> 12 pm Bible Study - LH 6 pm Handbell Choir 7 pm Gallery Choir	<b>10</b> 10 am Grocery Bag Drive Thru	<b>11</b> 8 am Men's Breakfast 10:30 am First Communion Instruction—LH 5 pm Contemporary Service
<b>12</b> 8 am Worship Communion 9:15 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion	<b>13</b> 7 pm Valley Voices	<b>14</b> 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 	<b>15</b> 7 pm Boy Scouts	<b>16</b> 12 pm Bible Study - LH 6 pm Handbell Choir 7 pm Gallery Choir	<b>17</b> 10 am Grocery Bag Drive Thru  <u>Messenger Deadline</u>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 8 am Worship Communion 9:30 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion	<b>20</b> 7 pm Valley Voices 	<b>21</b> 12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 4:30 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 	<b>22</b> 6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service 7 pm Boy Scouts 	<b>23</b> 12 pm Bible Study - LH 6 pm Handbell Choir 7 pm Gallery Choir	<b>24</b> 10 am Grocery Bag Drive Thru  <u>Messenger Assembly</u>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 8 am Worship Communion 9:30 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion 6 pm Meal to the Homeless Shelter 	<b>27</b> 7 pm Valley Voices	<b>28</b> 9 am Altar Guild 12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 6:30 pm Cub Scouts				