



THE MESSENGER

2024

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,

As we enter Lent, we begin our 2024 Midweek Lenten Series, "Making Change." We live in a world of constant change. Certain changes signal gradual shifts in time, such as the change from day to twilight or winter to spring. Others occur within a blink of an eye, dividing time into "before" and "after," Some changes are imposed upon us, while others are decisions we make after giving them serious thought.

The disciples also went through changes in the weeks, days, and hours leading up to Jesus' crucifixion: they had to change their venue when the gates of Jerusalem drew near; they had to rearrange their plans when their long-awaited Messiah was taken into custody and put on trial; and they had to change circumstances when the masses chanted "Crucify!"

It's difficult to change. We yearn for the known and the predictable, but we are all too frequently thrust into the uncharted territory of uncertainty. We are unable to foresee the outcome.


This Lent on Wednesday evenings we are in conversation with the holy scriptures in our changes of season, habit, circumstances, heart and plans. What an opportunity to grow in our faith journey as Grace Lutheran Church!

Blessings, Pastor Bonnie

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Planning Council

PLANNING COUNCIL
Next Meeting
Tuesday,
Mar. 19, 2024
@ 6:30 PM



board meeting

Christian Faith & Life Meeting
 Tues., Feb. 20th - 6:30

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
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Jim Gibb- Director
 Audra Miceli
 Nathan Vaughan
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Ashley Eick - Director
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Sarah Wolfe - 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 : 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

*Thank
you*



Dear Church Members,

Thank you for donating personal care items and blankets 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 all for your support!

With gratitude,
Brant Russell
President and CEO



Men's Fellowship

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER

**TUESDAY,
Feb. 13th**

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!



Midweek Lenten Series: Making Change

Wednesdays February 21-March 20 @ 6:30 pm
followed by light refreshments in the Narthex



February 21: Change of Season

"For everything there is a season." We hear those familiar words telling us that life is full of changes. Jesus' parables are also filled with images of life transformed. Just as the mustard seed grows into a tree or yeast turns flour into bread, we too are called to be agents of change in the kingdom of God. Christ did not come to earth to maintain the status quo, but rather to usher in a change of season.

February 28: Change of Habit

Bad habits are hard to break. The letter to the Galatians urges us to replace them with the fruits of the Spirit. Love, patience, generosity, and self-control are just some of the good habits practiced by those whose foundation is built on Christ.

March 6: Change of Circumstances

We move from elementary to middle school, or from our hometown to a new community. We lose a job, or gain a child, or accomplish a goal, or relinquish a dream. Through it all, we learn to give thanks to God in all circumstances.

March 13: Change of Heart

Jesus' words to the Pharisees give us pause: "You honor me with your lips, but your hearts are far from me." Jesus invites us to experience a change of heart that will in fact change every part of our lives.

March 20: Change of Plans

God's ways are not our own. We expect a conquering king and hero, but Jesus instead leads us down the road to Jerusalem and humbles himself on the cross. God changes our plans and replaces them with a love broader and deeper than anything we could imagine.

Announcements



Share Your Love

Sunday, February 11th

Help support the mission trip to New Orleans

DONATION SUNDAY

Before and after each service.

⇒ *Donut Holes*

⇒ *Cookies (Gluten Free also available)*

Will be provided by the youth.



Dear Prospective Altar Guild Member:

Worship is our adoring response to the eternal God; it is the central and unique act of the church. Without it there would be no church. Worship is what identifies the church as the church. To serve in the Altar Guild is a privilege of the highest order. It is a service of faith and love to the Holy One. It involves humility in the presence of our God and Father, humility which is renewed by confession and absolution. Remembering who we are in the sight of God gives us hearts grateful for his forgiveness and hands eager to serve him in this unique ministry. Members of the Altar Guild are servants of the liturgy, that is, caretakers of the church's worship life. (From The Altar Guild by S. Anita Stauffer)

Monthly meetings are held the last Tuesday of each month beginning at 9:00 a.m. A meeting schedule is given to each Altar Guild Member.

Please feel free to call me at home, 330.204.1868, or the church office at 330.343.6915 with questions or comments.

The Altar Guild needs you! Call today.

Yours in Christ
 Glenda Sclater, Director
 GELC Altar Guild



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



Dover First Moravian
COMMUNITY GAME NIGHT
bring your favorite games to play

**FRIDAY
FEB. 9
6-8:00 PM**
in the social hall
319 N. Walnut St., Dover

**BRING YOUR OWN
PIZZA**

BRING PIZZA, APPS OR OTHER FOOD TO SHARE
drinks & paper products provided

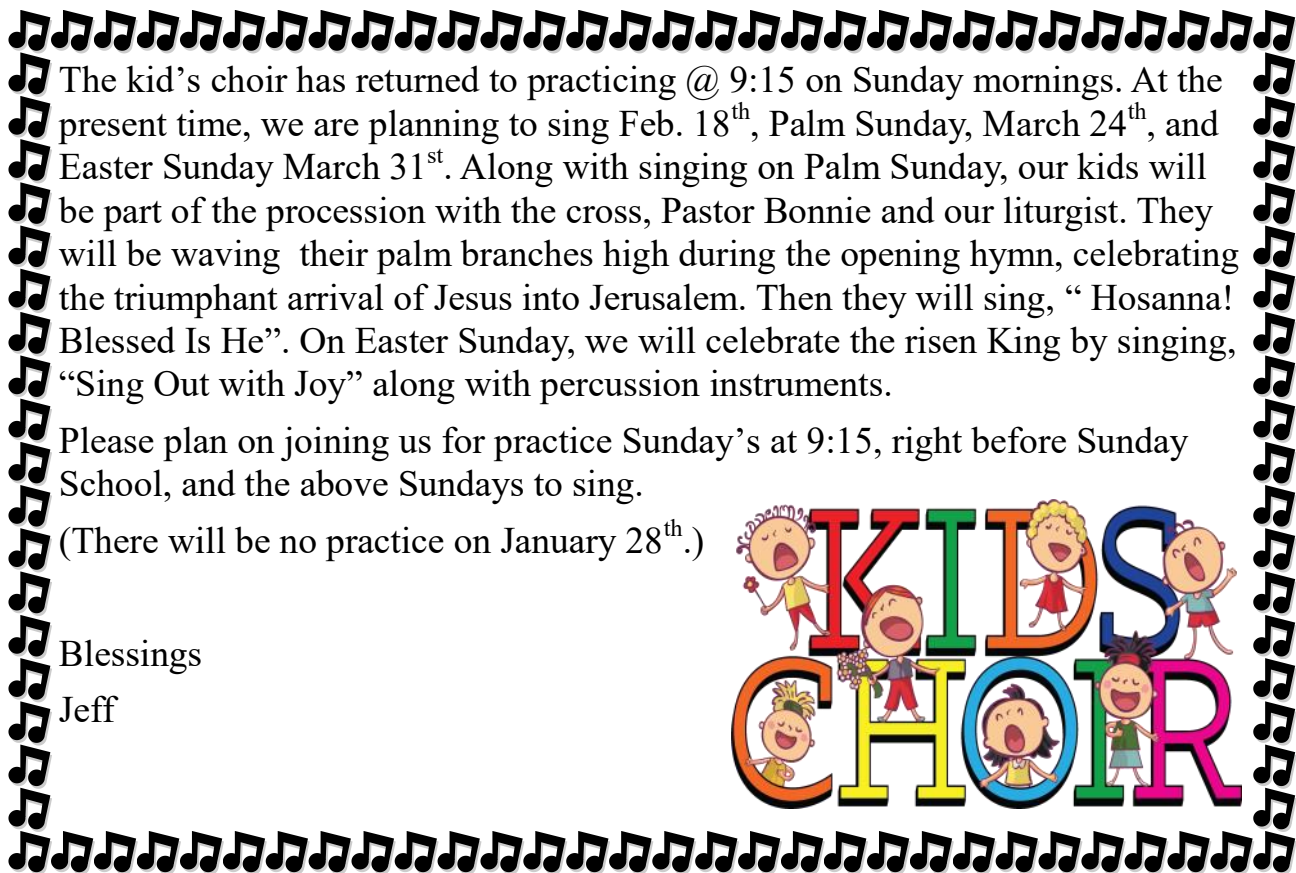
Thank You 

To Pastor Bonnie & fellow members of Grace, especially the youth,

This is to thank you even if it is late, for the “Joy Bag” of goodies of all kinds. It was such a great surprise.

I was shown that “my” church cares for the shut-ins.


Take care and God Bless!
Patti Stull


 The kid’s choir has returned to practicing @ 9:15 on Sunday mornings. At the present time, we are planning to sing Feb. 18th, Palm Sunday, March 24th, and Easter Sunday March 31st. Along with singing on Palm Sunday, our kids will be part of the procession with the cross, Pastor Bonnie and our liturgist. They will be waving their palm branches high during the opening hymn, celebrating the triumphant arrival of Jesus into Jerusalem. Then they will sing, “Hosanna! Blessed Is He”. On Easter Sunday, we will celebrate the risen King by singing, “Sing Out with Joy” along with percussion instruments.

Please plan on joining us for practice Sunday’s at 9:15, right before Sunday School, and the above Sundays to sing.

(There will be no practice on January 28th.)

Blessings
Jeff



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 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.



FEED THE HUNGRY

Please be Praying for...

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

Ella DeVore
Norma Grywalski
Janice Cronebaugh
Brinley Davis
Bertha Carroll
Glenn Siber
Bruce Siber
Xavier Miller

Dottie Shott
Rita Young
Kay Bambeck
Pastor Steve Patrick
Jan Ochsenbine
Pastor Brandon Keck
Larry Coulter

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 Charles "Chuck" Illig & Robert "Bill" Loveday.

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.



- Feb. 4th - 2 vases
- Feb. 11th - 2 vases
- Feb. 25th - 1 vase
- Mar. 3rd - 1 vase
- Mar. 10th - 2 vases



Jennifer & Taylor Vaughan

Worship Readings

Altar Guild

Tues. Feb. 27th
9 am

Sunday, Feb. 4th
Isaiah 40:21-31
Psalm 147:1-11, 20c
1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Mark 1:29-39

Sunday, Feb. 11th
2 Kings 2:1-12
Psalm 50:1-6
2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Mark 9:2-9

Sunday, Feb. 18th
Genesis 9:8-17
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Peter 3:8-22
Mark 1:9-15

Sunday, Feb. 25th
Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
Psalm 22:23-31
Romans 4:13-25
Mark 8:31-38



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	DEACON/COMM. ASST.	USHERS
2/4	2/4 Susan Elliott	2/4 Deborah Horn	Richard Elliott Jim Heller Scott Ebert Edward Harper David Elliott
2/11	2/11 Kim Gray	2/11	
2/18	2/18 Lynn Foust	2/18	
2/25	2/25 Gale Limron	2/25	

SUNDAY 10:30 AM WORSHIP

Feb. 4 John Lorenz, Larry Wallick, Tom Margo, Ron Stahl
Feb. 11 Jim Gibb, Mike Sergent
Feb. 18 John Stahl, Keith Lands, Paul McFadden
Feb. 25 Jeff Keller, Jeff Hootman, John Wolfe, Joe Vanfossen

ACOLYTES	LAY READERS	DEACON/COMM. ASST.
2/4	2/4 Jan Ochsenbine	2/4
2/11	2/11 John Stahl	2/11
2/18	2/18 Sandy Gibb	2/18 Jim Gibb
2/25	2/25 Jim Gibb	2/25

ALTAR GUILD

February: Holly Vesco, Susan Zimmerman, Chris Randles

March: Betsy Morris, Becky Lands, Ashley Eick



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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				1 12pm Bible Study 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Gallery Choir	2 10 am Grocery Bag Drive Thru	3
4 8 am Worship Communion 9:30 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion 	5 7 pm Valley Voices	6 12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	7 2 pm & 2:30 pm Communion Park Village 7 pm Boy Scouts 6 pm Grief Support - ORC	8 12pm Bible Study	9 5:30 pm Harcatus - ORC 6 pm Community Game Night	10 8 am Men's Breakfast 5 pm Contemporary Service
11 8 am Worship Communion 9:30 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion	12 9 am Knotters 7 pm Valley Voices	13 9 am Knotters 4:30 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 	14 6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service 7 pm Boy Scouts 	15 12pm Bible Study 5 pm Harcatus - LH 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Gallery Choir	16 10 am Grocery Bag Drive Thru	17
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25 8 am Worship Communion 9:30 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion 6 pm Meal to the Homeless Shelter	26 7 pm Valley Voices	27 12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	28 6:30 -Lenten Service 7 pm Boy Scouts	29 12pm Bible Study 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Gallery Choir <u>Messenger Assembly</u>		