

# THE MESSENGER



## 2010

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

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### **BEGINNING A NEW YEAR**

How does one begin a new year? With resolutions? With cleaning closets, attics and garages – both in our homes and in our minds and on our calendars? I guess all of those would be good ways to begin a new year. But we all know that resolutions often don't last to the end of the month. And cleaning can quickly become an overwhelming task. So are there some alternatives?

How about beginning a new year with a simple prayer that will be said every morning no matter how much we may dread the coming day? The simple phrase, "Thank you God for this new day" will work. And if you want to expand on that, say the Lord's prayer at least once a day. It is certainly a very familiar prayer that speaks to the best and worst of what life may seem to be throwing at us on any day.

How about calling one friend each day, or maybe once a week to simply ask, "How things going for you?" The reason for the call is primarily to listen. The conversation may be very brief, or it may become an hour long listening session. And it may very well lead to prayer, either on the phone, or silently in your mind while you are listening. The alternative is sending a simple note, or card to that friend.

How about setting aside five dollars worth of food, paper products, soap, toothpaste, etc. for the food pantry, or simply donate the \$5 and let the food pantry folk use it to purchase food? For some, the \$5 may be a stretch. Good, stretch! For some, the \$5 may be, what some may call "chump change", in other words, not really a significant amount. If that's the case, make it \$20 a week. Whatever the amount, it would remind us that while we may have enough, there are those brothers and sisters who do not have enough. And we are called to share with those in need. It says so in the Bible! In red letters, which means that is what Jesus is telling us to do.

I hope that is enough to get you started in figuring out how to begin a new year. You might have already have given that some thought. But I will add one more suggestion just in case. Begin the new year with a recognition that "good intentions" of the old year were often simply that – "good intentions". Being realistic about what we can and what we will do is part of the challenge of getting off to a good start in 2010. However, what we can and will do will probably not be a great deal unless we recognize that we can ultimately do nothing without the help of God.

May we grow in our ability to recognize our limitations. But may we also grow in our ability to recognize our limitless potential with the help of God as we begin the year 2010.

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Pastor Eilert

**Pastor Lee Eilert, Interim Pastor**  
**Pastor Marlin Drake, Visitation Pastor**

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## Planning Council

Planning Council did not meet in December. On January 31, 2010 we will hold our annual meeting to review the annual reports of our Ministry Boards. Please turn in all annual reports to Nathan Vaughan by January 18, 2010.

*Nathan D. Vaughan*

## Call Committee Update

The call committee is moving forward in our effort to call our next pastor. We have completed the first two of three scheduled meetings with staff from the Northeast Ohio Synod. We have completed a congregational mission profile which the synod will use to tell potential candidates about Grace. We are scheduled to meet again with Deaconess Judy Hoshek on January 27, 2010 at which time we should have the names of three candidates to interview.

Please feel free to contact any member of the call committee as we move forward with any questions or suggestions. You may e-mail the call committee at [callcommittee@gracedover.org](mailto:callcommittee@gracedover.org). Additionally, the names and telephone numbers of all committee members are available on the church web site, in the monthly Messenger or may be obtained from the office."

Submitted by: David Haverfield

# Planning Council

**PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**Next Meeting**  
**January 5th, 2010**  
**@ 6:45 PM**

**MINISTRY NIGHT**  
**Next Meeting**  
**January 12th, 2010**  
**@ 6:45 PM**



**Grace Lutheran Church  
Call Committee**

- Tracey Viereck 330-343-8024
- James Gibb 330-343-8437
- Robert Sclater 330-343-3120
- James Morris 330-364-3683
- Cynthia Jerles 330-364-2313
- David Haverfield 330-364-4632
- Lizabeth Nelson 330-364-3730
- John Wolfe 330-364-1761
- Christine Sergent 330-364-3037

## 2008-2009 BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Nathan Vaughan - President Dave Haverfield - Vice President

Pam Keller - Secretary

Beverly Frantz - Treasurer

### Evangelism

Wendy Mady - Director

Liz Miller

Dorothy Morrison

Janice Weber

Melody Rader

### Fellowship

Denise Carpenter

Deb Foust

Marcie Tinlin

Frances Moser

### Property

Howard Stein - Director

Richard Elliott

Ruth Stein

John Stahl

Tim Keplinger

### Lay Ministry

Larry Lloyd - Director

Carolyn Delphia

Jim Gibb

Evan Cameron

Dale Weaver

Glenda Sclater

Michelle Haverfield

### Personnel

Dave Haverfield - Director

Mike Sergent

Bob Sclater

Darlene Bonta

Ron Stahl

Jeff Hootman

### Christian Education

Esther Philabaum- Director

Betsy Morris

Dorothy Huff

Susan Seifert

### Public Relations

Keith Lands - Director

Sue Hartz

David Elliott

Scott Ebert

### Stewardship

Michael Thomas-Moore - Director

Tom Hardin

Richard Homrighausen

### Young People's

Jaclyn Sergent - Director

Chris Sergent

Ashley Eick

John Wolfe

Brendan Hardin

Shane Porter

# Moser Mission

## NEWS FROM EL SALVADOR

December 10, 2009



### KID'S CAMP



What a tremendous week! Thank you so much for all your prayers and words of encouragement during the past several months as we prepared for this very special week... the first ever week of children's camp for Word of Life El Salvador.

The camps (two camps of 3 days each) were attended by over 110 children. And best of all, more than twenty of them prayed to receive Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior! The staff did such an awesome job.



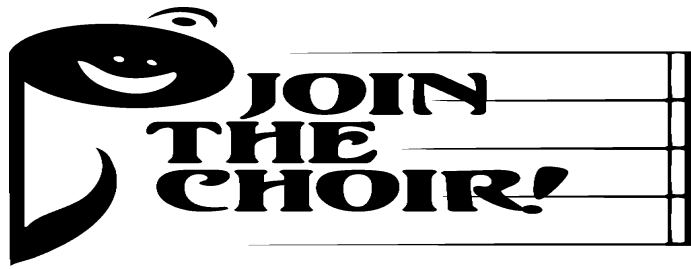
The Word of Life missionaries did everything from cooking to counseling, and teaching to trash pickup. There were also some terrific volunteers from local churches. And special thanks to the group of eleven from our home church (First Baptist Port Charlotte, Florida) who gave up their Thanksgiving to help us.

Yes, the kids had a great time playing games, swimming in the pool, and eating great food. But more importantly, they had a great time hearing and learning the Word of God. In those three days, we were able to squeeze in six teaching times.



Our theme was "Joseph, a Life of Many Colors". From the story of Joseph's life, the children learned that God will never leave them or forsake them, and that He works all things together for good for them that love Him and are called according to His purposes. (Romans 8:28) Many of these children have huge difficulties in their lives, and we pray that they will be able to hold on to the promises of God and trust Him to bring those promises to pass in His perfect timing.

## Announcements & Thank You's



### YOU ARE INVITED

to join the Gallery Choir for their first rehearsal of 2010.

Why not share your time and talent with Grace and join us Thursday, January 7th at 7:00 pm in the choir room.

Maybe it was already one of your new year's resolutions!



Thank you, everyone, for the cards, gifts and Christmas greetings.

Pastor Lee & Judy



Thank you for the cards and your thoughtfulness. They are much appreciated.

*Margaret Howard*

# ANNUAL CATECISM RETREAT



Atwood Lake Cabins

JANUARY 29th, 30th & 31st

6th grade - freshman

Mark your calendars for a weekend of learning and fun! It's an experience you will hold with you for a lifetime!

We will also be helping with the worship service on that Sunday morning!

Questions??? Contact Audra Miceli at 330-364-8260

# Christian Education



## Christian Education

# We would like to thank everyone who made this year's Christmas Program a Success!!

Madeline Bauer  
Evan Cameron  
Katie Cameron  
Grace Castricone  
Shawna Cox  
Josh Fisher  
Noah Fisher  
Naomi Hallman  
Noah Hallman  
Emma Haverfield  
Will Haverfield  
Samantha Herman

Ashley Jerles  
Cody Jerles  
Lindsey Jerles  
Anthony Miceli  
Kristin Miceli  
Brody Morris  
Maguire Morris  
Ethan Nelson  
Aaronn Sergent  
Jaclyn Sergent  
Morgan Swartz  
Stephanie Wott

Bobbie Myers, the Gallery Choir  
and Joe Palmer for playing.

**EVERYONE DID A GREAT JOB!**

**Thank You!  
Beckie, Esther  
& Betsy**



## Young People's Ministries

# SUMMER 2010 MISSION TRIP

**YouthWorks Eastern Shore of Virginia**

**JULY 4th –JULY 9th, 2010**

**Grades 8-12th**

**Mission trip fundraising event. ALL ARE WELCOME!  
January 10th after the 10:30 am service in Fellowship Hall.**

**LUNCH for \$3.00**

**Menu: Ham and Bean Soup or Turkey Noodle  
Soup, Hot Ham & Cheese Rolls, Dessert & Drink**

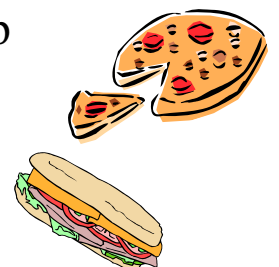


Watch for future fund raising events for the 2010 YouthWorks Mission Trip.

Walnut Creek Pizzas and Subs for pick-up on Super Bowl Sunday, February 7th.

Flowers and chocolate sale for Valentine's Day, February 14th.

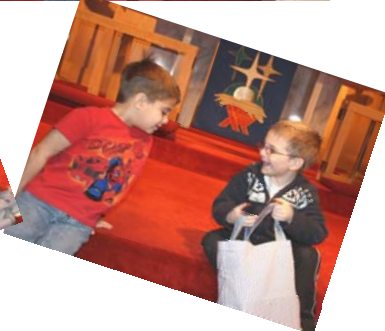
Look for a table in the Narthex after church worship services starting January 17th through the 31st.





# Women of the ELCA

The ladies of Swingles and the Dr. Mary Bear Circle made up gift bags for the children of our Harcatus Head Start classes. The children were very appreciative and loved their gifts. The smiles on their faces were priceless. Thanks to all who made up the bags and helped hand them out.



## HEALTH KITS AND LAYETTES

Two of our Lutheran World Relief Projects are making Health Kits and Layettes. These kits provide much needed supplies to many people around the world. Items that go into each kit are:

### Health Kits

- 1 hand towel (dark color)
- 1 wash cloth (dark color)
- 1 bath size bar of soap
- 1 adult size toothbrush
- 1 nail clipper with file
- 1 wide tooth comb
- 6 band-aids

### Layettes

- 2 shirts
  - 2 sleepers
  - 2 receiving blankets
  - 4 cloth diapers
  - 1 sweater or sweatshirt
  - 2 wash cloths
  - 1 bath size bar of soap
  - 2 diaper pins
- (sizes up to 24 months)*

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!**

## Evangelism Board

### GROCERY BAG MINISTRY

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

On a very positive note, donations to the Food Pantry have increased in response to a greater need for our food bags. In November, we distributed 58 bags, and have already distributed 54 in December. We are seeing a greater demand for this outreach program. Monetary and food donations are very much appreciated.

So, what goes into a bag to feed the hungry? The food items are: peanut butter, canned meat, vegetables, fruit, cereal, soup, macaroni & cheese, **\*canned white potatoes**, spaghetti sauce and spaghetti noodles.

**\*New item added.**

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.



**FEED THE HUNGRY**

Thank you to the following volunteers who will help serve our free lunch on **Wednesday, January 20th.**

**Leader: Jill Hootman**

**Volunteers: Jim Heller, Dianne Heller, Bob McCulloch, Tom Patton**

**Volunteers for the Free Lunch** should deliver their food donations to the church to Luther Hall kitchen on **Tuesday, January 19th.**

The Free Lunch program at Grace will continue on the third Wednesday of every month. The Evangelism board decided to provide a lunch for our neighbors in Dover (many who walk to our free lunch) as opposed to joining the meal program at the Salvation Army. Attendance has increased to almost 25 at November's & December's lunches, so the need still exists for our free lunch program. As always, we depend upon our members to prepare the food and serve it. The lunch menu for January 20th is posted in the Narthex. Check it out and see how you can help!



### GRACE CHURCH POSTCARDS

Are you missing someone who has not been here for awhile? Postcards are available on the narthex table for you to send to someone you have missed. Stop by and take a few home to send.

## Evangelism Board

### EVANGELISM 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 November's meals to the homeless shelter. Please sign up in the narthex.

Thank you to the volunteers who will prepare and deliver food for the **Homeless Shelter on January 24th.**

January's dinner at the Homeless Shelter is on Sunday, January 24th at 6:00 pm. The sign-up sheet is posted in the Narthex. In recent months, response to this outreach program has declined. Members of the Evangelism Board are aware that some members of the congregation don't fully support this service for a variety of reasons. If you have concerns, positive or negative, please contact a member of the Evangelism Board or leave a message in the church office. We need congregational support if this program is to continue. 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.



### MOSER FAMILY

Please continue to support the Moser Family Mission. Envelopes are located in the pews. Steve, Tina, and daughter Kearstin arrived in El Salvador in early January. Please pray for them as they share God's word with the children of Latin America.

# 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.



- January 10 - Two Available**
- January 17 - One Available**
- January 24 - One Available**
- January 31 - One Available**

## Nursery

- January 3** **Bonnie Richardson & Tracy Hochstetler**
- January 10** **Paula Wolfe & Karla Burrier**
- January 17** **Chris Sergent & Jaclyn Sergent**
- January 24** **Esther Philabaum & Beckie Grafe**
- January 31** **Cindy Jerles & Ashley Jerles**

## CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH PROGRAM

Anyone wishing to volunteer to teach or help during Children of the Church are asked to contact the church office. If we have enough volunteers we will hold an instructional class, orienting everyone to the curriculum which is to be used. The curriculum is not difficult to prepare or teach. So, please help us in our endeavor to keep this program and continue to instruct our children in Christian living. (This could be a family affair, with mom and dad teaching and assisting and their children attending!-GREAT THOUGHT!)



## Swingles

**Tuesday**  
**January 19th, 2010**  
**6:30 pm**

## Order of St. Luke

**Tuesday**  
**January 26th, 2010**  
**1:00 pm**

## Altar Guild

**Mon., January 25th, 2010**  
**7:00 pm**  
**Tues., January 26th, 2010**  
**9:00 am**

# Worship Readings

## Sunday, Jan. 3

Jeremiah 31:7-14  
 Psalm 147:12-20  
 Ephesians 1:3-14  
 John 1:[1-9] 10-18

## Sunday, Jan. 10

Isaiah 43:1-7  
 Psalm 29  
 Acts 8:14-17  
 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

## Sunday, Jan. 17

Isaiah 62:1-5  
 Psalm 36:5-10  
 1 Corinthians 12:1-11  
 John 2:1-11

## Sunday, Jan. 24

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10  
 Psalm 19  
 1 Corinthians 12:12-31  
 Luke 4:14-21

## Thursday, Jan. 31

Jeremiah 1:4-10  
 Psalm 71:1-6  
 1 Corinthians 13:1-13  
 Luke 4:21-30

## **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, crayons and snacks 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 snacks 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
Jan. 3
Jan. 10
Jan. 17
Jan. 24
Jan. 31

LAY READERS
Jan. 3 Terry Miller
Jan. 10 Lynn Foust
Jan. 17 Gale Limron
Jan. 24 Steve Zimmerman
Jan. 31 Dale Weaver

DEACONS
Jan. 3 none
Jan. 10 none
Jan. 17 none
Jan. 24 Sue Grafe
Jan. 31 none

USHERS
Michael Thomas-Moore
Tom Patton
Tim Keplinger
Richard Elliott
Steve Zimmerman
Jim Heller
Scott Ebert

## SUNDAY 10:30 AM WORSHIP

### USHERS

**January 3** John Lorenz, Larry Wallick, Tom Margo, Art Siber  
**January 10** Mike Sergent, Jack Marshall, Ron Philabaum, Jim Gibb, Kent Philabaum  
**January 17** John Stahl, Robert McCulloch, Keith Lands, Howard Stein  
**January 24** Art Keener, William Page, Jeff Keller, Jeff Hootman, Joe VanFossen  
**January 31** WELCA

ACOLYTES
Jan. 3
Jan. 10
Jan. 17
Jan. 24
Jan. 31

LAY READERS
Jan. 3 R. Homrighausen
Jan. 10 Jim Gibb
Jan. 17 Nathan Vaughan
Jan. 24 Fred Grosse
Jan. 31 R. Homrighausen

DEACONS
Jan. 3 none
Jan. 10 none
Jan. 17 none
Jan. 24 John Stahl
Jan. 31 none

### ALTAR GUILD

**January:** Barbara Thompson, Glenda Sclater, Wendy Mady, Debbie Smith, Betsy Morris  
**February:** Rosann Patterson, Louise Keplinger, Joan Davis, Linda Bertle



### 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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# January 2010

## Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

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10 8 am Worship Communion 9:15 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion YouthWorks Mission Trip Meeting following the meal.	11 10:30 am Communion Park Village 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 7 pm Valley Voices	12 9 am Knotters 12- 4 pm Rejoice Women 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 6:45 pm Ministry Night	13	14 12 pm Sr. Fun Day 12-1 pm Bible study 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Gallery Choir	15	16  Wedding of Kelly Snyder & Glenn Zdzenski
17 8 am Worship Communion 9:15 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion	18 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 7 pm Valley Voices  <u>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</u>	19 9:30 am Staff Meeting 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Swingles	20 11-1 pm Free Lunch ORC	21 12 pm Sr. Fun Day 12-1 pm Bible study 5:30 pm Modern Homemakers 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Gallery Choir	22 Messenger Newsletter Deadline 	23
24 8 am Worship 9:15 am SCS 10:30 am Worship 6 pm Meal to Homeless Shelter	25 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 7pm Valley Voices 7pm Altar Guild	26 9am Altar Guild 1:00 pm Order of St. Luke 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	27 6pm - Call Committee Meeting 7:30 - Dr. Mary Bear Circle	28 12 pm Sr. Fun Day 12-1 pm Bible study 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Gallery Choir	29  9 am Newsletter Assembly	30
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