



THE MESSENGER

2011

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

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Small Town Wonders

Nathaniel said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?"
Philip said to him, "Come and see." John 1:46

Back when I was in high school (*just a few years ago*), a few of my church friends and I would make occasional after-dark visits to "Bill and Ida's." We would climb the steep 108 steps to their place and always find the door wide open and welcoming us inside.

We would walk around their enormous circular stone home. The echoes of our shouts, laughter and conversation would bounce off the 77-foot high walls. On a clear night, we could see the stars shining through the blue skylight that capped the domed ceiling.

Through all of this, Bill and Ida remained asleep. Never once, were they disturbed by our antics. Quietly and respectfully we would pay our respects; make our way back down the steps; and bid them adieu until another night.

I especially remember these excursions this time of year. January is "Bill's" birthday month—January 29th to be exact. I am one of his biggest fans. I've got a wonderful picture of his "current home" in my great room. I've diligently and enthusiastically studied his life and career. And, I'm eager to learn more.

If you haven't put it together, yet, I am referring to Canton's favorite son, William McKinley, the 25th President of the United States. His wife was Ida Saxon McKinley. (If you haven't already, check out the First Ladies' Museum in the former Saxon home on South Market Ave.) Both now "reside" atop the 108 steps in the grand McKinley Monument.

It has always been fascinating to me that Canton was home to the President of the United States. As you walk its streets or travel through its neighborhoods, it's hard to imagine that this small city was once the center of American political intrigue and influence. Can anything good or great really come out of Canton? Well, there's a monument there boldly proclaiming, "Yes! It did and it can!"

In the Holy Gospel of St. John, Nathaniel wonders the same thing about another small town. He asks, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Soon Nathaniel would meet Jesus and follow him. He would listen and learn. Now and forever, a blood-stained cross and an empty tomb boldly proclaim, "Yes! The best, the greatest and the highest good comes to us from Nazareth. From that small town comes God's eternal salvation for us and for all."

We all live in small towns. Can anything good or great come from us?

Yes, indeed. We, the people of Grace, are a reputedly good people and we worship and serve a great and awesome God. God's good grace and great love fills us and moves us toward an exciting future. We are both a monument to what God has done and a signpost to what God will do.

Happy New Year! And, Happy Birthday, Bill.


Senior Pastor Donald L. Rice Jr.

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Planning Council

PLANNING COUNCIL
Next Meeting
January 4th, 2011
@ 6:45 PM

MINISTRY NIGHT
Next Meeting
January 11th, 2011
@ 6:45 PM



Facts and Figures

Attendance November 2010	Attendance November 2009
Weekly Average: 193	Weekly Average: 152
Difference: + 41 (+27%)	
Offerings November 2010	Offerings October 2009
Total: 16,888.00	Total: \$19,067.25 (five weeks)
Weekly Average: \$4222.00	Weekly Average: 3813.45
Weekly Difference: +408.55 (+11%)	

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Since You Asked...

Since you asked...

Pastor, please share your recipe for your Corn Casserole. It sounds delicious!

I have had many requests for this recipe. It is a family favorite. I am expected to bring it to all holiday gatherings. It comes from a most impeccable source—a church cookbook! I hope you enjoy it, too.



EASY CHEESY CORN BAKE

1 can (15 oz) whole kernel corn (drained)	1 c. (8 oz.) sour cream
1 can (15 oz) creamed corn	2 eggs
1 box (8-1/2 oz.) Jiffy corn muffin mix	1/2 c. butter, melted
1 cup grated cheddar, Colby or Colby jack cheese	

Pre-heat oven to 375 degrees.

In a large mixing bowl, combine all ingredients except 1/2 c. cheese. Stir well.

Pour into a greased/buttered 2-quart casserole or 8x8 baking dish.

Cover top with remaining cheese.

Bake at 375 for 35-40 minutes, or until center is cooked and set.

Serves 8.

I double the recipe and bake in a buttered 9x13 baking dish and cook for 50 minutes.

You can prepare this the night before and refrigerate. Be sure to remove from refrigerator and **bring to room temperature before cooking**. (Otherwise the sides will cook before the center cooks and sets.)

Bon appétit, y'all!



Dear Smile Train Supporter,

Thank you for your donation and welcome to the President's Circle!

Raising money has been very difficult during these challenging economic times so the support of our President's Circle donors is more crucial - and appreciated the EVER! Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

In a couple months I am going to send you a picture of a child we are able to help thanks to your support. I bet it will put a smile on your face, too.

Thanks again for helping us help these kids.

Brian
Co-Founder

THANK YOU!
THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

I would like to thank everyone who donated money at the Thanksgiving dinner to help my friend Stacia find a cure in the fight against Cystic Fibrosis. With your help, I was able to collect \$70.00.

Sincerely,
Samantha Herman

Moser Mission



moser family

2010 year in review



JANUARY 2010



FEBRUARY 2010

MARCH 2010

What an amazing year the Lord has given us! He has allowed us to be involved in a huge variety of ministry opportunities all over the Eastern US. At the beginning of the year we took Stuart and Kearstin back to the Bible Institute after Christmas break, and stayed there for the annual Missions Conference. For the month of February we were with a veteran missionary couple in PA. John and Karen taught us much about the Word of Life Olympian Clubs for children, and allowed us to participate with them in club meetings and evangelistic events. Our favorite times were the FASCAR events at local churches. The kids in the clubs invited their friends to come and race their Matchbox cars, and to hear the life changing message of saving grace through faith in Jesus Christ. Some left with trophies and ribbons, but all left with hope and a future.

APRIL 2010



MAY 2010

JUNE 2010

The month of May was full of unbelievable ministry opportunities in Bermuda. The Word of Life staff on the islands welcomed us with open arms, and gladly plugged us into their busy schedule. We helped with three or four Bible clubs each week, half of them in the public schools. (see picture) On Saturday the 15th of May, 224 young people, from several different Bible clubs, came to the Olympian Games Day. They had a great time participating in 25 different games and activities, and then they all gathered together to listen to a clear, simple presentation of the Gospel. Praise God that 59 children came forward to talk with a leader about accepting Jesus as their Lord and Savior! The first week of June we traveled from Bermuda to Schroon Lake for a Missionary Training Conference, and then we joined the Ranch staff preparing for eight weeks of children's summer camp.

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Moser Mission

JULY 2010

AUGUST 2010

SEPTEMBER 2010

June, July, and August seemed to fly by. Each Saturday afternoon we welcomed another group of children to the Word of Life Ranch. As part of the Program staff, we helped to coordinate and run all the meetings, games, and large group activities. Steve was privileged to be the Bible Hour speaker for the first two weeks of camp. The young ladies working as counselors loved spending time with "Ma Moser" and she enjoyed helping them with their cabins of little girls. Most weeks she would be asked to be a part of their campfire and would share a devotional challenge. By the end of the summer, 2038 children had attended camp, and 322 left having accepted God's free gift of Salvation in Jesus Christ! These were the hardest eight weeks we have ever worked... but it was also the most rewarding.

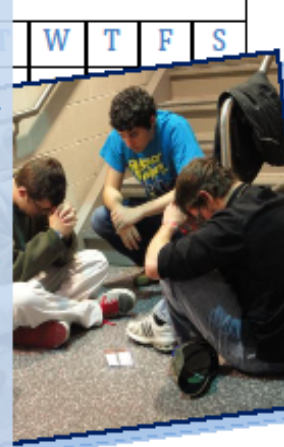


OCTOBER 2010

NOVEMBER 2010

DECEMBER 2010

The last part of this year, we have been traveling to see supporters and friends to tell them what God has been doing in our lives, and to share our excitement about the work in Bermuda. Lord willing, we will be back in Bermuda the first part of next year. After serving there for two years, the director of that ministry (who is also the regional director for all of Word of Life Caribbean) will decide whether it will be best for us to remain in Bermuda, or go out to a Caribbean country where the churches are asking for help from Word of Life. Recently, we were part of the staff at two different Word of Life Superbowl events... one in Hershey, PA and the other in Binghamton, NY. Between these two high-energy, all-night events, 3600 young people heard the Gospel message, and hundreds responded. We praise God for an awesome year, and we are looking forward to an even greater year as we serve Him throughout 2011.



As always, we are thankful for your prayers and support. God bless.

Steve and Tina Moser

Philippians 1:6

Announcements

SWIMMING & GAMES!



Been a while since you have
played a game of euchre?

Grab your Grace friends and come to
Parrish Fellowship's Pool & Games Party.

Pizza & pop provided. Bring your cards, board games and yourself!

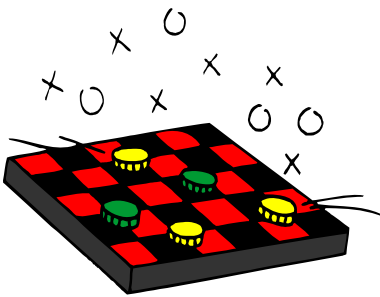
JANUARY 9th, 2011, 3-7 PM

RAMADA INN - STRASBURG

Bring your favorite dessert!

P.S. If swimming, wear appropriate suit.

Bring a Towel!



Looking for volunteers to
provide care in the
nursery during the
Sunday School hour from
9:15 to 10:15 each
Sunday. Our hope is that
we can start providing

this service consistently so parents with
young children can attend Sunday
School. Maybe if you have a young
child or children and would like to
attend Sunday School, you can sign up
for a week every so often and attend
Sunday School on other Sundays. A
sign up sheet is located outside the
door to the Nursery. Questions, call
John or Sarah Wolfe 330-364-1761.

New Year Service Opportunities

Traveling Church Ministries

The Lay Ministry Board invites you to
participate in its **Traveling Church Ministry**.
This would involve visiting our homebound and
long-term care members and delivering recorded
CDs of the Sunday worship service. If need be,
you can also take them a CD player. Two visits
to your assigned members and a few hours a
month is all that is required—that plus a cheerful
heart and a ready smile.

If you can help with this needful ministry, please
contact Liz Nelson, Michele Haverfield or Pastor
Rice. Help us share the good news of Christ and
the happenings at Grace with others.

Worship Assistants

If you would like to serve as a Lector (Scripture
lesson reader), Communion Assistant or Deacon,
please contact Pastor Rice. He will arrange for
your training at your convenience. Thank you
for your careful and prayerful consideration of
this important ministry to our congregation.

Stewardship

Prayer and Promise Update

The Stewardship Committee would like to thank everyone for completing and returning their Prayer and Promise Cards. The Stewardship Committee received over 100 Prayer and Promise Cards, which more than doubled the return under our previous pledge card program. We are hopeful the Prayer and Promise Card Program will continue to be a great success for our congregation in the future. The Prayer and Promise Cards are still sealed and will be locked in our safe until they are returned to you next year. Again thank you for your commitment to Stewardship at Grace!



Sincerely,

Stewardship Committee

New Years Resolution Time!

The Stewardship Committee is seeking New Year's resolutions from all members at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church. Enclosed with this Messenger, you will find a Time and Talent Survey which will allow you to make your commitment of time and talents for 2011. The time and talent survey is used by our Ministry Boards and Congregation to locate individuals to assist in our ministries. **How can your gifts be used to help our congregation, our community and Christ?** Please let the Stewardship Committee know in the Time and Talent Survey. Surveys should be submitted in the Sunday offering plate by January 16, 2011. Those with questions should contact Nathan Vaughan at (330) 447-3637 or vaughan@kwgd.com.

Sincerely,
Stewardship Committee



**A New-Year's
Resolution**

Christmas Pageant 2010



Women of the ELCA

FINAL COUNT

For Lutheran World Relief

Quilts: 38

Soap: 207

Health Kits: 46

Layettes: 23

School Kits: 21



We are continuing to collect bath size bars of soap in its original wrapping. Place in basket in the Narthex.

The ladies of Swingles and the Dr. Mary Baer 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.



Evangelism Board

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 November, we distributed 75 bags, and have already distributed 65 in December. 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 welcome all packaged/canned food donations. We will pack any kind of soup, fruit or vegetable that is donated, as well as extra items not on the list.

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.



Due to steady decrease in attendance, the Evangelism Board has decided to discontinue the Free Lunch program. The Board compared attendance figures in 2010 with those of previous years and decided that other programs could make better use of our congregation's time and talents. The last free lunch was December 15th. Those who ate that day were told of our decision and given information of other food programs in the area. The primary provider is the Salvation Army, which provides a meal Monday-Friday, from noon to 1:00 p.m. The Evangelism Board plans to expand and introduce other outreach programs in the new year to help our neighbors in need. Be sure to read further issues of the Messenger for details.



Thank you to the volunteers who will prepare and deliver food for the **Homeless Shelter on January 23rd.**

January's dinner at the Homeless Shelter is on Sunday, January 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.

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 & Announcements

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.

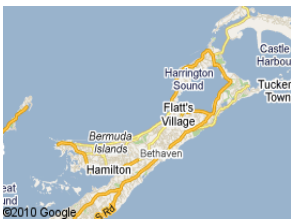
Let's continue to work together as the body of Christ and serve our brothers and sisters in need.

New sign up sheets are posted for January's meals to the homeless shelter. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex.



Our young people will be heading to Taylorsville, North Carolina, July 3rd-8th, 2011 for their annual Youth Mission Trip. This year's site is located in the scenic Blue Ridge Mountains. The next planning meeting will be held Sunday, January 9th after the 10:30 am worship service.

For more information contact Christine Sergent (330) 340-5377.

**MOSER FAMILY**

Please continue to support the Moser Family Mission. Steve and Tina will return to Bermuda in January to teach young children about Jesus. Envelopes are provided in the pews if you wish to financially support this mission.

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.



- Jan. 9th - 2 vases
- Jan. 16th - 2 vases
- Jan. 23rd - 1 vase
- Jan. 30th - 2 vases
- Feb. 6th - 2 vases

NURSERY

- Jan. 2 - Cindy & Ashley Jerles
- Jan. 9 - Pam Keller & Julie Vanfossen
- Jan. 16 - Bobbie & Shauna Cox
- Jan. 23 - Paula Wolfe & Karla Burrier
- Jan. 30 - Chris & Aaronn Sergent



CHILDREN'S CHURCH



- Jan. 2 - Still needed
- Jan. 9 - Still needed
- Jan. 16 - Charles & Marcie Castricone
- Jan. 23 - Still needed
- Jan. 30 - Still needed

Order of St. Luke

Tuesday,
Jan. 25th, 2011
1:00 pm

Altar Guild

Tuesday,
Jan. 25th, 2011
9:00 am

Monday,
Jan. 31st, 2011
7:00 pm

Worship Readings

Sunday, Jan. 2

Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

Sunday, Jan. 9

Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalm 29
Acts 10:34-43
Matthew 3:13-17

Sunday, Jan. 16

Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm 40:1-12
1 Corinthians 1:1-9
John 1:29-42

Sunday, Jan. 23

Isaiah 9:1-4
Psalm 27:1, 5-13
1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Matthew 4:12-23

Sunday, Jan. 30

Favorite Hymn Service

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
Jan. 2
Jan. 9
Jan. 16
Jan. 23
Jan. 30

LAY READERS
Jan. 2 Gale Limron
Jan. 9 Steve Zimmerman
Jan. 16 Terry Miller
Jan. 23 Lynn Foust
Jan. 30 Gale Limron

DEACONS
Jan. 2
Jan. 9
Jan. 16
Jan. 23
Jan. 30

USHERS
Michael Thomas-Moore
Tim Keplinger
Richard Elliott
Steve Zimmerman
Jim Heller
Scott Ebert
Edward Harper

SUNDAY 10:30 AM WORSHIP

USHERS
Jan. 2 John Lorenz, Larry Wallick, Tom Margo, Art Siber
Jan. 9 Mike Sergent, Ron Philabaum
Jan. 16 John Stahl, Robert McCulloch, Keith Lands, Howard Stein
Jan. 23 Art Keener, William Page, Jeff Keller, Jeff Hootman, Joe Vanfossen
Jan. 30 WELCA

ACOLYTES
Jan. 2
Jan. 9
Jan. 16
Jan. 23
Jan. 30

LAY READERS
Jan. 2 Pastor Fred Grosse
Jan. 9 Jimm Morris
Jan. 16 Rick Homrighausen
Jan. 23 John Stahl
Jan. 30 Jim Gibb

DEACONS
Jan. 2 John Stahl
Jan. 9 Jim Gibb
Jan. 16
Jan. 23
Jan. 30



ALTAR GUILD

January: Judy Martin, Lu Kreisher, Bonnie Richardson, Pam Keller, Carol Betcher

February: Donna Fox, Katherine Stahl, Jill Hootman, Dorothy Morrison, Shirley Grafe

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January 2011

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

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