

THE MESSENGER

2017

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

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The Company We Keep

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:1-2

January is a month of celebration.

We begin January 1 with the sometimes raucous bringing in of the New Year. Parties, feasts, dancing, noisemakers and shouts of jubilee welcome a day of promise, hopes and dreams. (The Chinese New Year is late in the month. On January 27, Beijing and much of Asia celebrate the “Year of the Rooster.”)

We observe the Epiphany of our Lord on January 6. This “Day of Light” recalls how the Three Wise Men (Kings, Magi) followed the Star of Bethlehem to the place where Jesus was. There they worshipped Him and offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

We commemorate the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on January 15 and remember his valiant struggle for civil rights. We also remember him as a courageous man of faith.

January is also National Bath Safety Month, National Blood Donor Month, National Braille Literacy Month, National Hobby Month, Hot Tea Month, National Oatmeal Month and National Soup Month. The month also includes National Pie Day on the 23rd and Chocolate Cake Day on the 27th.

Towards the end of the month we celebrate my Mother’s Birthday! (January 29). Well, maybe not “we,” but my sisters and I do. Considering my mother is 22 years older than I, she must be pushing close to 60 by now.

My mother shares her birthday with at least two outstanding, famous and faithful people. She’s in very good company! Hometown Hero, Favorite Native Son and 25th President of the United States, William McKinley was born on January 29. So, too, was Harriet Tubman, often referred to as the “Moses” of the Underground Railway. In a few years, her face will adorn the twenty dollar bill. (McKinley’s visage is on the 500 dollar bill! Take my word on it. My Mother’s is on her driver’s license.)

January 29 is also the Fifth Sunday of the Month which means it is an Our Favorite Hymns Sunday. This year, Our Favorite Hymns will feature songs favored by the birthday persons mentioned above. My Mother’s favorite hymn is “Great Is Thy Faithfulness.” We’ll also sing President McKinley’s favorite, “Nearer My God to Thee,” a song that was also the favorite of his mother, Nancy McKinley. “Go Down, Moses” was Harriet Tubman’s favorite hymn. In fact, its tune is named after her.


So, on January 29, we will gather as a faith-filled part of that “great cloud of witness” in worshipping God and praising our Savior, Jesus Christ. Joining our voices with saints above and saints below, we will be in very good company, indeed. Amen.

Senior Pastor Donald L. Rice Jr.

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Planning Council

**PLANNING
COUNCIL**
Next Meeting
January 10th, 2017
@ 6:30 PM



Facts and Figures

<p>Attendance November 2016 Weekly Average: 172 Difference: +4 (+2%)</p> <p>Offerings November 2016 Total: \$13,725.25 Difference -\$4805.37 Weekly Average: \$3443.81 Weekly Difference: -\$402.35 (-10%)</p>	<p>Attendance November 2015 Weekly Average: 168</p> <p>Offerings November 2015 Total: \$18,530.82 Weekly Average: \$3846.16</p>
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* Five Sundays in November 2016. Four Sundays in November 2015

2016-2017 BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

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Since You Asked...

I know the New Year for the Church begins with the First Sunday in Advent, while the civil New Year begins January 1. But, what about the Jewish New Year? When is it celebrated? Why?

The Jewish New year is known as **Rosh Hashanah** which literally means the "beginning [of] the year." The Biblical name for this holiday is **Yom Teruah**, literally "the day of shouting/blastng." It is sometimes translated as the **Feast of Trumpets**. It is the first of the Jewish High Holy Days or "Days [of] Awe." The holidays are specified by Leviticus 23:23-32. These celebrations usually occur in the early autumn. In 2017, the two-day Jewish New Year will be celebrated on September 20-22 and will begin year 5778 on the Jewish calendar.

According to Judaism, the fact that **Rosh Hashanah** is the beginning of the year is explained by it being the traditional anniversary of the creation of Adam and Eve, the first man and woman according to the Hebrew Scriptures, or "Old Testament." of the Holy Bible. Rosh Hashanah customs include sounding the *shofar* (a hollowed-out ram's horn), as prescribed in the Torah, following the prescription of the Hebrew Bible to "raise a great noise" on **Yom Teruah**. Among its customs is the eating of apples dipped in honey to evoke a "sweet new year."

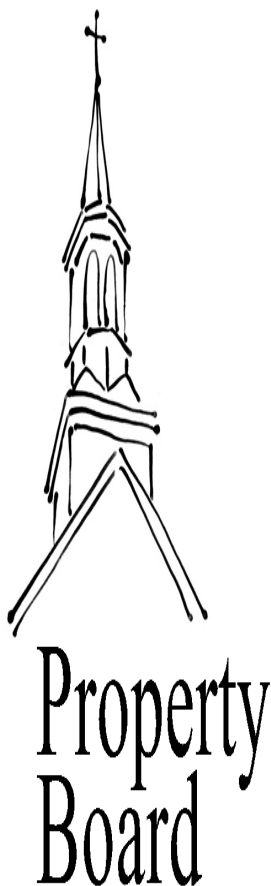
Knowing Jesus. Showing Jesus. Celebrating Grace Property Ministries

This month, on Sunday, January 15, we celebrate Grace Property Ministries.

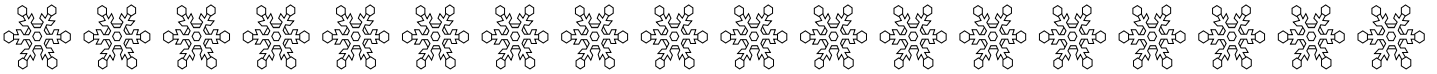
Our board of serving members share their particular gifts and talents by providing careful and prayerful guiding of church maintenance, unexpected repairs, general upkeep of church buildings and grounds and short-term and long-term facility planning projects. During the past year, Property Ministries has seen to the re-painting of the Sanctuary, the re-paving of the parking lot behind Luther Hall and the Outreach Center, the installation of LED lighting throughout the our buildings, the installation of a new stage curtain in Fellowship Hall, improvements in our sanctuary sound systems and more. Every project is greatly appreciated and each enhances our ministry opportunities here at Grace.

John Nelson serves as the ministry board director. Other ministry board members include Ed Harper, Jeff Hootman, Audra Miceli, Betsy Morris, Nathan Vaughan and Larry Wallick. We truly appreciate their willingness to share their time and talent in maintaining our facilities and wisely planning ahead for their future use.

We also extend our gratitude to several members who have recently retired from the board after years of excellent and helpful service. Our special thanks is extended to Richard Elliott, Howard Stein, John Stahl and Tim Keplinger. Thanks for all you did and continue to do as valuable resources to the congregation.



Announcements



Record Warmth!



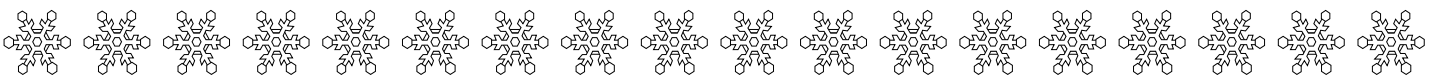
Thank you for your kind-hearted donations of children's underwear for Christmas distribution by T4C (Tuscarawas County Council for Church and Community). The gifts will help our less fortunate neighborhood youth as part of the organization's *Share-a-Christmas* outreach. Grace members contributed **a record collection of 407 items** of socks (179 pair), underpants (204) and T-shirts (24) during our **Undie Sunday** collections, November 27 and December 4. Pastor Rice delivered our hefty and heart-warming donations to the T4C warehouse on December 5.

This is a new record for this holiday giving project! **THANK YOU** for your holiday generosity.

Our congregation's goodness was also extended to the Salvation Army's efforts to keep our neighborhood children warm during these cold winter months. A large collection of mittens, gloves, scarves, hats and other gifts adorned Christmas trees in the narthex and Luther Hall and donated to this worthy cause on December 15.

Our youth offer their deep appreciation for those who so generously contributed to the 2017 Youth Mission Trip to Virginia during the Sixth Annual Rigatoni Dinner and Advent Workshop. The free-will offering garnered an awesome \$637.00 for their summer ministry program. Look for their summer service event details in upcoming newsletters.

May God bless you for your Christmas compassion and expressions of goodwill to all.



Happy Holiday Vacations



Pastor Rice will be on vacation January 2-9. He will return to the office on January 10.

Pastor Lisa Aldredge of Oasis Opportunity Outreach in Akron will return to Dover and preside at our Holy Communion worship services on January 8. She is the Executive Director of Oasis ministries and visited with us several times before. We welcome her back and look forward to hearing her share God's Word and the latest news from Oasis.



There was a knock on my door and when I opened it, I found a porch full of young people from our church, who sang Christmas carols for me. It was Beautiful and it made my day.

Thank you so much,
Shirley Johnson

Dear Hammerstrom Scholarship Committee,

I am extremely grateful to have been awarded the Phillip Jr. and Marceil Hammerstrom Scholarship for the 2016-2017 school year. Having financial support enables me to learn not just in the classroom, but also, through extracurricular projects. As an engineering student, project experience is critical to learning, and having to work through school would make it very difficult to find time to engage in those projects. My success in school thus far has been in part to the continued support of this church, and I cannot thank you enough for that.

God Bless,
Aaronn Sargent

Christmas Thank-You

**Dear Friends in Christ,
Thank you for the lovely Christmas cards and other expressions of Christmas cheer and goodwill. I deeply appreciate your many holiday kindnesses to me.**

May God bless you with full measures of love, peace and joy in the New Year.

**Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Rice**

Announcements

The Salvation Army would like to take this opportunity to say "thank you" for your support. We are blessed to see that even during hard times there is still wonderful people like you who continue to give. Without your support, we would not be able to provide help to those individuals and families that need it so much. We at the Salvation Army really appreciate your donation, especially during this time, when people are really struggling due to the economy. On behalf of the many needy campers that receive assistance from the Salvation Army, I wish to thank you for your generous donation of a Box and Bag of Hats, Mittens, & Toys. Once again, thank you for your generous donation. Your trust and support of our ongoing ministry is greatly appreciated. May God continue to bless you.
 God Bless You! Lieutenants Andrew & Amanda Allen



Thank You
 Thank you so much for providing the delicious meals to the shelter this year. We look forward to the meals in 2017. Have a great Christmas and a Happy New Year.
 Thank you again, Phyllis Boyce and the FOTH Family



Thank You!

Thank you to those who participated and those who attended St. Joseph's Service of Lessons and Carols December 11, 2016. Grace had a good representation at this ecumenical service, for which I was very thankful. I hope you enjoyed the music given by church choirs, instrumentalists, hand bells and Dover High Schools ARS NOVA and as you were leaving your heart and souls were more prepared for the birth of our Savior. Participants were Carolyn Delphia, Wendy Mady, Bobbie Myers, Glenda Sclater, Chris Sergent and Donna Walker. Many thanks to all of you.
 Happy New Year,
 Bobbie



Thank You!

Dear Pastor Rice and Friends in Christ, On behalf of Chaplain Partnership's Chaplains & staff. Thanks to the members of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church for your gracious support of our annual retreat! Your kindness is most appreciated!
 May God bless you all!



Dear Endowment Board,

Thank you for your generous support of my participation on the International Engineering Service-Learning Ghana trip. Through the church, I have learned the importance and value of helping others and am eager to use my engineering experience to do just that. And, in the future, I plan on continuing to do so.

The following is a little bit of background on the trip for those of you not aware:

In collaboration with in-country partners, the Offinso North District Assembly (ONDA) and the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, our group of students will be working to develop a number of sustainable technologies; namely a family-capacity water filter, a continuous running water filter, a solar power device-charging kiosk, and a biogas generator; and will travel to Ghana for two weeks in December to implement these technologies and to teach the Ghanaians how to use, maintain, and replicate them. The end goal is for the technology to be self-sustaining – simple construction, use and maintenance; effective at performing its prescribed function, low-cost to be available to all, durable as any product should be, and all-together accepted into their culture. Specifically, my team is working on the family-capacity water filter. To update you to our current status, we have decided on a filter design and are in the process of construction, aiming to begin testing at the end of this month, and in continuous communication with ONDA to assess the locals' specific needs and the availability of materials, tools, and skilled labor.

I am thrilled for my first opportunity to travel internationally and for the opportunity to make a huge impact on the lives of the people in Ghana. It should be an extremely rewarding experience, and I look forward to sharing it with the congregation!

Thank you again, Aaronn Sergent

Endowment Fund 2016

GRACE LUTHERAN ENDOWMENT FUND

2016 ANNUAL REPORT

The Grace Endowment trustees are pleased to announce that the 2016 donations exceeded \$66,000. Please see the attached treasurer's report for details of donations. Rebecca Eberle and Mark Wilhelm, trust officers from Huntington Bank, met with our trustees for an annual review prior to the July meeting. They reviewed the current investment strategy and answered any questions from the committee.

The Grace Endowment fund was established to fund Christian endeavors within our congregation, community and the world. The trustees meet four times per year to gift most of the earnings from the Endowment. The trustees are approved by the congregation and can serve two consecutive terms for three years each.

The following trustees serve on the board, Liz Nelson-Treasurer, Mike Sergent-Secretary, Andrea Samsa, Nicole Willey and myself Dwayne Shepherd-Chair. The pastor, church treasurer, and council president may attend the trustee's meeting as ex-officio.

To request a gift, contact the church office to pick up a requisition form. The requisition must be in good order and submitted back to the church office no later than two weeks prior to the next trustee meeting. Meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of January, April, July and October at 7:00 pm. Requests are reviewed and discussed at each meeting to determine if it meets the criteria set forth in the founding documents of the fund.

The trustees look forward to carrying out this valuable mission throughout 2017 and beyond.

Respectfully submitted,
Dwayne Shepherd
Chair

Memo:

<u>GRANTS PAID 2016</u>	<u>1/26/2016</u>	<u>4/26/2016</u>	<u>7/19/2016</u>	<u>10/25/2016</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u>
GLC Building Fund	\$ 2,773.33	\$ 2,844.75	\$ 2,844.75	\$ 2,844.75	\$ 11,307.58
GLC General Fund	2,773.33	2,844.75	2,844.75	2,844.75	11,307.58
Boy Scout Troup 87	728.56			1,230.00	1,958.56
GLC Vacation Bible School	2,500.00				2,500.00
GLC Hospitality Ministry	1,100.00			3,000.00	4,100.00
GLC General Scholarship Fund	4,000.00				4,000.00
Underground Railroad Museum		2,500.00			2,500.00
Chaplaincy Partnership			1,600.00		1,600.00
WELCA Kitchen Project			2,000.00		2,000.00
WELCA School Kits			1,259.20		1,259.20
Harbor House		2,000.00			2,000.00
Tusc Co Literacy Coalition			750.00		750.00
Samaritans Purse			1,000.00		1,000.00
Aaronn Sergent Mission Trip to Ghana			3,500.00		3,500.00
Leadership Tuscarawas				1,200.00	1,200.00
Belco Works Inc				1,000.00	1,000.00
Oasis Outreach				3,000.00	3,000.00
The Compass Center				5,000.00	5,000.00
ELCA Disaster Relief Fund				3,250.00	3,250.00
Lutheran Immigration Relief Fund				3,250.00	3,250.00
TOTAL	\$ 13,875.22	\$ 10,189.50	\$ 15,798.70	\$ 26,619.50	\$ 66,482.92

Hammerstrom Essays

Joshuah Fisher

My goals as an engineer is to aid the community and help to make lives easier as a whole. I am attending the University of Akron for mechanical engineering. In pursuing my degree, I hope to create products that will extend the life of our fossil fuels. I believe in extending the life of our limited resources, which will in return help to extend the time to better perfect our use of other resources for transportation and electrical power. My plan to extend the available life of natural resources through integrating biofuels into our fuel regime. One of the key issues in using bio-fuels is the lack of availability. In our area there is a lack of fuel pumps that offer biogas, biodiesel or quick charge stations such as Tesla's supercharger. Through creating engines that can use biofuels or electricity, it will hopefully prolong our usage of fossil fuels.

My other goal is to move back to this area and to assist the transportation industry. There are several area businesses that I would love to work at, while attaining my dream of a greener world. I hope to take my enthusiasm for engines and designing new ways to use biofuels or electrical vehicles. I would love to aid companies such as Tesla who is working on mass producing an affordable all electric car. In attending University of Akron I hope to become a mechanical engineer to make my goals become a reality. I understand that it is difficult task to accomplish, however it is possible. At the University of Akron I hope to learn the methods to create a more diverse and eco-friendly range of vehicles, for both transportation and for commercial use.

Announcements

EVERYONE - Come to the FAMILY POOL PARTY at Ramada Inn, Strasburg on Sunday, January 22nd, 2017! The fun begins at 2:00 pm. Please bring a 2 liter bottle of pop and a dessert (or bag of chips.) Pizza will be provided at 4 pm by the Christian Faith and Life Committee.

Adults, if you have the “winter blues,” come join the fun.

Bring a game or cards; watch the kids swim and enjoy an afternoon with your church family. A sign-up sheet will be on the table in the Narthex.



SAVE THE DATE!
Atwood Youth Retreat
February 24th-26th, 2017

Calling All Gutter Dusters

We will combine cleaning and dusting the sanctuary with dusting the gutters at Boulevard Lanes. So mark your calendar for the bowling outing on January 15. We will meet here at the church at 3:00 to clean the sanctuary then we will be off to the bowling alley.



Special Thank You

We would like to thank Nicole Wiley-Roman for directing the Christmas Pageant. She did an amazing job coordinating all the practices and casting all the parts. Thank you for all your hard work and effort.



Quilt

Congratulations to our very own Deb Dreher who won the beautiful log cabin quilt. I also want to thank the anonymous donor who blessed us by generously donating the quilt to the youth group. We raised over \$800.00 for their mission trip.





Lutheran World Relief
Final Project Numbers
for 2016



Quilts: 37
Personal Care Kits: 21
Soap: 42
School Kits: 4



**Will resume after the
first of the year.**



KNOTTERS

**Will resume after the
first of the year.**



Ladies of Grace handed out
Christmas gift bags to 32 children of Headstart on
Dec. 22nd.

Thank you Ladies of Grace for this wonderful
ministry.



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

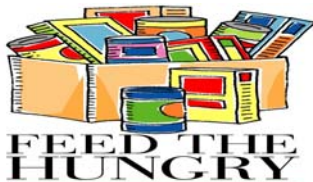
Thanks to all who have volunteered to be packers for the Grocery Bag Ministry this year.

Donations to the Food Pantry have increased in response to a greater need for our food bags. In November, we distributed 151 bags, and have already distributed 136 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 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, Gerald Case , Richard Martineau.

Ella DeVore	Carol Davidson
William Page	Glenn Siber
Mary Ann Gray	Mildred Schauer
Waldine Krantz	Rick Vesco
Rosann Patterson	Geraldine Kiehl
Joe Palmer	Francis Moser
JoAnn Hammond	Barbara Stull
Richard Bleininger	Walter Heck
John Page	Mary Marino
Rachelle Coulter Sensel	Norma Buehler
Norma Grywalski	Wayne Page
Brandon Myers	Robert Vesco
Cathy Nardecchia	Jill McCreery Denbow
Mary Akins	Mary Etta Light
Phyllis Espenschied	Karen Page
Pastor Robert Young	Dale Kreisher
Marty Weber	Donna Bennett
Larry Lloyd	Dorothy Hanna

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 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 Jack 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 February meal to the homeless shelter. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex.

PERSONAL CARE KITS

The power of a small package

Personal Care Kits especially help cleanliness and prevent disease outbreaks that can so frequently happen in foreign countries or right here in the United States after natural disasters. LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF is asking congregation participation to help restock their supply of personal care kits. Consider making a kit or dropping off one or more of the items listed below to the church office. Thanks for helping!

Personal care items that go into each kit are:

Personal Care Kits

- 1 light weight bath towel
- 20" X 40" to 52" X 27" (dark color)
- 2 bath size bars of soap
- 1 wide tooth comb
- 1 adult size toothbrush
- 1 nail clipper with file

Thank you to the volunteers who prepared and delivered food to the **Homeless Shelter on December 27th.**

December's dinner at the Homeless Shelter is on Sunday, Jan. 22nd, 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.



Jan. 1st - 2 vases

Jan. 8th - 2 vases

Jan. 15th - 2 vases

Jan. 22nd - 2 vases

Jan. 29th - 2 vases



Jan. 1 - 1 Service 9:30 am

Jan. 8th - Marcie & Grace Castricone

Jan. 15th - Ashley Eick & Melissa Engstrom

Jan. 22nd - Deb Foust & Deb Flood

Jan. 29th - Andrea & Lauren Samsa

Worship Readings

Altar Guild

Tuesday,
January 31st, 2017
9:00 am

Sunday, Jan. 1st

Numbers 6:22-27
Psalm 8
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:15-21

Sunday, Jan. 8th

Genesis 1:1-5, 14-19
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

Sunday, Jan. 15th

Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm 40:1-11
1 Corinthians 1:1-9
John 1:29-42

Saturday, Jan. 22nd

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

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
1/01	1/01 N/A	1/01 9:30 am Deborah Horn	Tim Keplinger
1/08	1/08 Terry Miller	1/08	Richard Elliott
1/15	1/15 Gale Limron	1/15	Steve Zimmerman
1/22	1/22 Lynn Foust	1/22	Jim Heller
1/29	1/29 N/A	1/29 Holly Vesco	Scott Ebert
			Edward Harper
			David Elliott

SUNDAY 10:30 AM WORSHIP

USHERS
Jan. 1 John Lorenz, Larry Wallick, Tom Margo, Ron Stahl
Jan. 8 Jim Gibb, Mike Sergent, Jimm Morris, Butch Morris, Maguire Morris
Jan. 15 John Stahl, Robert McCulloch, Keith Lands, Paul McFadden
Jan. 22 William Page, Jeff Keller, Jeff Hootman, Joe Vanfossen, John Wolfe
Jan. 29 WELCA

ACOLYTES	LAY READERS	DEACON/COMM. ASST.
1/01	1/01 One Service 9:30 am	1/01
1/08 Katelyn Foust	1/08 John Stahl	1/08
1/15	1/15 Jim Gibb	1/15
1/22	1/22 Rick Homrighausen	1/22
1/29	1/29 N/A	1/29 Deborah Horn

ALTAR GUILD

January: Sue Case, Holly Vesco, Susan Zimmerman, Chris Randles, Bonnie Beem

February: Barbara Thompson, Melody Rader, Wendy Mady, Debbie Smith, Betsy Morris



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 am Worship Communion 	2 <u>Church Office Closed</u> Pastor on Vacation	3 12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 4 pm TOPS - ORC 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	4 7 pm Boy Scouts	5 6 pm Bell Choir 6:30 pm Girl Scouts - YH 7 pm Gallery Choir	6	7
8 8 am Worship Communion 9:15 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion Pastor on Vacation	9 6:30 pm Girl Scouts - YH 7 pm Valley Voices	10 4 pm TOPS - ORC 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Planning Council	11 7 pm Boy Scouts	12 12-1 pm Bible Study 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Gallery Choir	13	14 8 am Men's Breakfast
15 7:30 am Handbell Reh. 8 am Worship Communion 9:15 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion <u>Youth Bowling</u>	16 6:30 pm Girl Scouts - YH 7 pm Valley Voices  <u>Church Office Closed</u>	17 12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 4 pm TOPS - ORC 5:30 pm Boy Scouts - FH 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	18 7 pm Boy Scouts	19 12-1 pm Bible Study 6 pm Bell Choir 6:30 pm Girl Scouts - YH 7 pm Gallery Choir	20 <u>Messenger Deadline</u>	21 Library Drama Club - FH
22 8 am Worship Communion 9:15 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion 1 pm Family Pool Party 6 pm Meal to the Homeless Shelter	23 6:30 pm Girl Scouts - LH 7 pm Valley Voices	24 12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 4 pm TOPS - ORC 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Endowment Board	25 7 pm Boy Scouts	26 12-1 pm Bible Study 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Gallery Choir	27 <u>Messenger Assembly</u>	28
29 8 am Worship Communion 9:15 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion	30 6:30 Girl Scouts 7 pm Valley Voices	31 9 am Altar Guild 12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 4 pm TOPS - ORC 6:30 pm Cub Scouts				