



# THE MESSENGER

**2021**

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

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Dear Friends,

When I came to Grace, I warned the Planning Council that I am semi-retired. I work full-time nine months of the year working full-time, but I winter in Texas. I leave on Christmas Eve and will return on Palm Sunday of next year. However, I told the Planning Council I would provide coverage for the time which I am away.

The Reverends Hal Robarge and Richard Weaver will be leading Sunday worship during the winter months. Both are retired ELCA clergy.

- December 27 The service will be a pre-recorded Service of Lessons and Carols
- January 3 The service will be led by Pastor Robarge
- January 10 The service will be led by Pastor Weaver
- January 17 The service will be led by Pastor Robarge
- January 24 The service will be led by Pastor Weaver
- January 31 The service will be led by Pastor Weaver
- February 7 The service will be led by Pastor Robarge
- February 14 The service will be led by Pastor Weaver
- February 21 The service will be led by Pastor Robarge
- February 28 The service will be led by Pastor Weaver
- March 7 The service will be led by Pastor Robarge
- March 14 The service will be led by Pastor Weaver
- March 21 The service will be led by Pastor Robarge

Ash Wednesday and Lenten Services will be led by the Reverend David Wing, a retired Four Square Gospel Pastor

Emergency coverage will be provided by Revered Bob Linsz, the interim pastor at Emmanuel, New Philadelphia. Please contact him for pastoral care. His cell is 330.815.1286.

**The Monday Night Bible Studies will continue. I will lead it from Texas.**

**The Thursday Morning Devotions will continue. I will lead it from Texas.**

**Linda McFadden will continue to teach the Confirmation Class on Zoom.**

**Deb Flood will take over the Sunday Evening Children's Time on Zoom.**

If Tuscarawas County goes to Orange or Yellow, normal activities will resume at Grace, including Sunday School for all ages, Kindergarten and up. Sunday Evening Children's Time will end. The Confirmation Class will go to in-person classes.

Please watch the county's color code. It is announced on Thursdays at 2:00. If we go to in person worship and activities, there will not be enough time for the Church Office to notify congregational members.

Blessings,  
 Pastor Dan

**Interim Pastor**  
**Rev. Daniel J. Cammarn**

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# Planning Council

**PLANNING  
COUNCIL**  
**Next Meeting**  
**Jan. 12th, 2021**  
**@ 6:30 PM**



**Holiday Office Hours**

To accommodate the Holidays, the church office will be closed  
 Thursday, Dec. 31st. and  
 New Year's Day  
 Friday, Jan. 1, 2021.

## 2020-2021 BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Ron Stahl - President

Richard Elliott - Vice President

Becky Lands - Secretary

Beverly Frantz - Treasurer

### Congregational Life

**Richard Elliott** - Director  
 Susie Erickson  
 Elaine Margo  
 Liz Miller  
 Melody Rader

### Property

- Director  
 Audra Miceli  
 Nathan Vaughan  
 Larry Wallick  
 Brad Wharmby

### Christian Faith and Life

- Director  
 Julie Brothers  
 Karla Burrier  
 Debbie Flood  
 Tiffany Shepherd  
 Deb Foust  
 (Cody Jerles, Coordinator YFM)

### Hospitality

**Sarah Wolfe** - Director  
 Marcie Castricone  
 Melissa Engstrom  
 Cindy Jerles  
 Traci Smith  
 Bobbie Cox  
 Julie Vanfossen

### Stewardship Development

**Nancy Wharmby** - Director  
 Charles Castricone  
 Keith Lands  
 Craig Rader  
 Sarah Kneuss

### Outreach

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

## Announcements

Goodbye 2020...  
Hello 2021

**We Made It!!!**  
*Happy New Year!*

**Weekly offering needed \$4326.92**  
*Total offerings needed by  
the end of December \$225,000.00*

**Month Offering Total  
thru December 20th \$13,675.00**

*Year To Date Difference -\$20,094.06*

**Thank You for your  
Continued Support!**

Share-A-Christmas



Dear Friends,

Thank you for your recent donations to Share-A-Christmas. As you can imagine, things are going to look very different with our program this year. In spite of changes we have had to make, we are confident that the families who need our help are going to be able to receive it. We also anticipate having more people than usual requesting assistance, which makes your donation even more valuable to us.

We stand firm in believing that we will be able to make dreams become reality at Christmas in spite of any difficulty we may face. As part of our donor community, you have shown time and again that our 2020 theme is so very true... "Love is Caring and Sharing". Thank you!

Sincerely,  
Louie Worsham  
Executive Director

## On-Line Church Schedule

Confirmation Class –  
Sunday Mornings at 9:15

Worship - Sunday Mornings at 10:30 -  
on YouTube & Facebook

Sunday Evening with the Pastor – 7:00  
Bible Study - Monday Evenings - 7:00  
Thursday Morning Devotions – 10:00

**Note - Grace will resume its regular weekly schedule the Sunday after the county turns orange or yellow.**

## Attention Members!! *Please Note*

Grace Lutheran Church  
2020 Treasurer's Books  
Will Close End of The Day  
On December 31, 2020

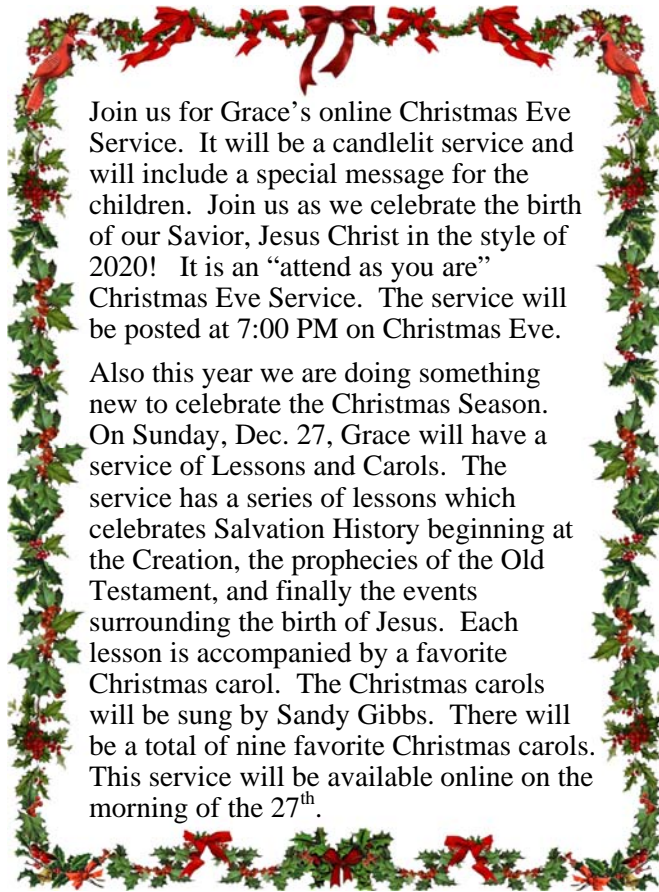
***Donations received after  
December 31, 2020  
will be entered as 2021 offering.***

Thank You for your continued weekly offerings.  
Any questions please contact the Church Office  
or Beverly Frantz 330-343-0277.

**Your 2020 Giving Statements should be  
ready to mail by the end of January.**

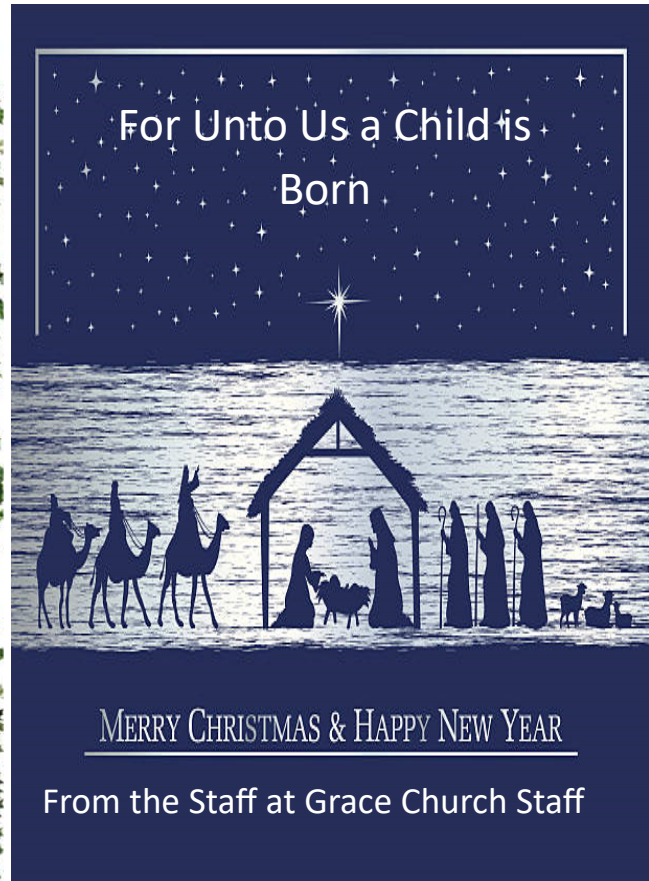
*Beverly J. Frantz - Grace Lutheran Church Treasurer*

## Announcements



Join us for Grace’s online Christmas Eve Service. It will be a candlelit service and will include a special message for the children. Join us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ in the style of 2020! It is an “attend as you are” Christmas Eve Service. The service will be posted at 7:00 PM on Christmas Eve.

Also this year we are doing something new to celebrate the Christmas Season. On Sunday, Dec. 27, Grace will have a service of Lessons and Carols. The service has a series of lessons which celebrates Salvation History beginning at the Creation, the prophecies of the Old Testament, and finally the events surrounding the birth of Jesus. Each lesson is accompanied by a favorite Christmas carol. The Christmas carols will be sung by Sandy Gibbs. There will be a total of nine favorite Christmas carols. This service will be available online on the morning of the 27<sup>th</sup>.



The beautiful poinsettias adorning the front of the sanctuary on Christmas Eve are in honor or in memory of the following:

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| Dave Beem                                      | In Memory of My Sweetheart Bonnie   |
| Glenn Bosler                                   | In Memory of Loved Ones   |
| Deborah Horn                                   | In Memory of Mom, Dad, Grandparents, George & Mary Vlad Sr. & Albert & Ida Horn |
| Bob & Glenda Sclater                           | To the Glory of God   |
| Butch & Betsy Morris                           | In Memory of Ann Elizabeth Morris   |
| Barb & Paul Pringle<br>(daughter & son-in-law) | In Memory of Howard Stein & In Honor of Ruth Stein                              |
| Joan Davis & Family                            | In Memory of Loved Ones   |

## Announcements



### A Note from the Pastor

One of my favorite Christmas holiday songs, is not a Christmas carol, but an “Epiphany carol.” It is “The March of the Kings.” I have sung the piece with several choirs and always wished I could sing the bass part but have had to settle for the tenor part.

*Three wise men were seen at early morn with all their retinue were proudly marching,  
Trappings fine their camels did adorn, for they were hasting to the recent born  
With gifts of gold brought from far away and valiant warriors to guard their kingly treasure,  
With robes of splendor and banners gay, and shields all shining in their bright array.*

I have often wondered about those wise men. What possessed them to come leave their own country with such regal gifts and travel so far to find the infant Jesus? The wise men tell Herod that they had seen a star rising in the heavens which told them of his birth. But the question is still unanswered, why would they leave the comfort of their own homes and travel to a distant land to worship present gifts and *worship* the new-born king?

The stars must have told these sages that this was no ordinary king if they were to *worship* him. Isaiah describes this infant child as “Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace.” The angel tells Joseph that this infant is Emmanuel or “He saves.” This child is not just a new-born king. This child was God’s presence in our world.

So what really brought the wise men to travel so far to seek the infant Jesus? It was not a star, nor was it signs in the heavens. It was the Holy Spirit. It was the Holy Spirit which brought the wise men to the infant Jesus.

That very same Spirit rests upon each and every one of us. At our baptisms we were given the same Spirit. That same Spirit drives us to seek the Lord Jesus. That same Spirit calls us not to give gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh; but rather a gift infinitely more precious, the gift of ourselves to the infant Jesus. The odd thing is that when we give the gift of ourselves, we find the blessings the king offers us in return are much greater than what we could ever offer him.

This Epiphany Season may we join the wise men on their journey to the infant Jesus. May we offer him the most precious gift of all – ourselves.

I will see you again at the end of March. Keep healthy and safe.

Have a Blessed Christmas and Epiphany season!

Pastor Dan



## **Corrected Zoom Instructions**

**Meeting ID – 9738937488**

**Password - 0300**

There are two ways to participate in Zoom events at Grace.

**Using your computer or tablet.** Before you log on for the first time log on to <https://zoom.us/download> and download “Zoom Client for Meetings.” Tablet users should download the app.

Then to participate in an event:

1. Paste: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9738937488?pwd=RU0yYjdJOVpRYmE5YXV0cmdZSDh2dz09>

into your browser, OR

2. Log on to [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us). Enter the Meeting ID and Password, OR
3. Click on the Camera Icon on your home page . Enter the Meeting ID and Password.

Respond “yes” when asked if you would like to use video and your computer/tablet’s audio. It might be a few moments before you can participate as I have to “let you in”.

**Using any phone.** Call 646.558.8656 - at the prompt enter the Meeting ID and Password.

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Grace had a Parking Lot Congregational Meeting on Sunday, December 5.

The 2021 budget was presented and passed.

**Faith Bambeck and Jimm Morris** were elected to the Endowment Board.

**Deborah Horn, Cody Jerles, Keith Lands, Joe Penrod, Ron Stahl and Nathan Vaughn** were elected to the Call Committee. Thank you for commitment! Now they can get to work!

## BIBLE STUDY

Come Join Us



### Online Bible Study

Pastor Dan is continuing an online Bible Study on Mondays at 7 PM. Monday, Dec. 28th will be cancelled due to Pastor traveling. We are studying the Gospel According to Mark. You are welcome to join us. We would be happy to catch you up!

**Log on using the Zoom instructions.**

## Online Thursday Morning Devotions

Grace will be offering at time of devotions each Thursday at 10:00 am. This will be an informal service based upon Luther’s Morning Prayer Service. There will be a time for sharing and prayer requests.

**Join us at 9:30 if you would like an opportunity simply to visit. Log on using Zoom Instructions.**



# Outreach



Our support of the Tuscarawas County Friends of the Homeless continues. We still offer meals one Sunday a month. Unfortunately during Covid we are forced to helping 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 had its first Drive-In Grocery Bag Ministry on Saturday, Dec. 19. A second distribution is tentatively planned for Saturday, January 16, from 10AM to 2PM. 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.**



All those serving in the armed forces, especially Christopher Smith, Seth Erickson, Gerald Case, Gary Dean Morrison.

Ella DeVore  
 Fred Grosse  
 Mildred Schauer  
 Tim Clark  
 Glenn Siber  
 Dwayne Mann  
 Mark Donahoe  
 Jason Phillips  
 Wayne Page  
 Shirley Johnson  
 Ethel King  
 Louise Harris  
 Karen Page  
 Steve Strohl  
 Bob Sclater  
 Jason Clinker  
 David Peoples  
 Kay Bambeck  
 Ruth Stein

Holly Hillen  
 Florence Fenton  
 Judy Wells  
 Alan Brooks  
 Rachelle Sensel  
 Lisa Myers  
 Buffy Gray  
 Norma Grywalski  
 Carol Betche  
 Edward King Sr.  
 Molly Bauer  
 Jane Buehler  
 Judy Arrington  
 Rob Strohl  
 Alan Brooks  
 Maryann Brothers  
 Donna Fox  
 David Hawk

### 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 Dan 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 Thomas Price, 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.



Deb Flood will be teaching a Sunday school class for Pre-K thru 4th grade at 9:15 am Sunday mornings starting Sunday, January 3rd. Watch Facebook for more information, or you may call the church office.



## **Altar Guild**

**No meetings until further notice.**

## **Worship Readings**

### **Sunday, Jan. 3rd**

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

### **Sunday, Jan. 10th**

Genesis 1:1-5  
Psalm 29  
Acts 19:1-7  
Mark 1:4-11

### **Sunday, Jan. 17th**

1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]  
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18  
1 Corinthians 6:12-20  
John 1:43-51

### **Thursday, Jan. 24th**

Jonah 3:1-5, 10  
Psalm 62:5-12  
1 Corinthians 7:29-31  
Mark 1:14-20

### **Sunday, Jan. 31st**

Deuteronomy 18:15-20  
Psalm 111  
1 Corinthians 8:1-13  
Mark 1:21-28



## **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 noon on Sundays. We are not able to record the service live so we will need some time to post them on the internet.



## Worship Assistants

### SUNDAY 8:00 AM WORSHIP

ACOLYTES	LAY READERS	DEACON/COMM. ASST.	USHERS
1/3	1/3 Terry Miller	1/3	Richard Elliott Steve Zimmerman Jim Heller Scott Ebert Edward Harper David Elliott
1/10	1/10 Lynn Foust	1/10	
1/17	1/17 Gale Limron	1/17	
1/24	1/24 Kim Gray	1/24	
1/31	1/31 Lynn Foust	1/31	

### SUNDAY 10:30 AM WORSHIP

**Jan. 3** John Lorenz, Larry Wallick, Tom Margo, Ron Stahl  
**Jan. 10** Jim Gibb, Mike Sergent, Jimm Morris, Karl Vitovic  
**Jan. 17** John Stahl, Robert McCulloch, Keith Lands, Paul McFadden  
**Jan. 24** Jeff Keller, Jeff Hootman, John Wolfe, Joe Vanfossen  
**Jan. 31** WELCA

ACOLYTES	LAY READERS	DEACON/COMM. ASST.
1/3	1/3 John Stahl	11/3
1/10	1/10 Betsy Morris	1/10 Deborah Horn
1/17	1/17 Jim Gibb	1/17
1/24	1/24 Rick Homrighausen	1/24
1/31	1/31 John Stahl	1/31

### ALTAR GUILD

**January:** Judy Martin, Pam Keller, Elain Margo

**February:** Donna Fox, Katherine Stahl, Ashley Eick, Shirley Grafe, Jan Ochsenbine



### 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 2021

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Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
					1  <u>Church Office Closed</u>	2
<b>3</b> 8 am Worship Communion 9:15 am SCS -Zoom 10:30 am Worship Communion	<b>4</b> 7 pm Zoom Bible Study	<b>5</b> 7 pm Outreach Board Mtg. - LH	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 10 am Zoom Devotionals	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 8 am Worship Communion 9:15 am SCS- Zoom 10:30 am Worship Communion	<b>11</b> 7 pm Zoom Bible Study	<b>12</b> 6:30 pm Planning Council	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 10 am Zoom Devotionals	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 8 am Worship Communion 9:15 am SCS - Zoom 10:30 am Worship Communion	<b>18</b> 7 pm Zoom Bible Study  <u>Church Office Closed</u>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 10 am Zoom Devotionals	<b>22</b>  <u>Messenger Deadline</u>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 8 am Worship Communion 9:15 am SCS - Zoom 10:30 am Worship Communion 6 pm Meal to the Homeless Shelter	<b>25</b> 7 pm Zoom Bible Study	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 10 am Zoom Devotionals	<b>29</b>  <u>Messenger Assembly</u>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> 8 am Worship Communion 9:15 am SCS - Zoom 10:30 am Worship Communion						