



THE MESSENGER

2023

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,

Welcome to January 2023! We have a fresh, new year to step into as we say farewell to the last one. I loved seeing new as well as long time members and faces on Christmas Eve. The altar guild decorated our sanctuary so beautifully. The choir sang and rang bells to inspiring harpsichord and organ tones. We rang the New Year in with our beloved Lessons and Carols to make Christmas last just a little bit longer. I appreciate the work that each and every one of you did and do with such gladness.

Grace Lutheran Church in Dover is active and alive in Christ in 2023, as it has been since 1837. I've talked to so many confirmands and their proud families who are pictured in Confirmation Hall throughout the many years. Generation and after generation cares deeply about our Grace Lutheran Church in Dover and it shows!

Let us continue to nurture our children, youth, families and each other; take care of our shut-ins, sick, and elderly; and reach out with God's love outside our church walls. Let us stay strong through gathering at worship as often as we can to keep God's spirit burning bright.

Blessings,
 Pastor Bonnie

Pastor
Rev. Bonnie L. Grimaldi

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Planning Council

PLANNING COUNCIL
Next Meeting
Tuesday,
January 17th , 2023
@ 6:30 PM



Jan. 3rd - Outreach Board Meeting - 7 pm
 Jan. 10th - Christian Faith & Life Board Mtg. 6:30 pm
 Jan. 11th - Congregational Life Board Mtg. 3 pm

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
 Liz Miller
 Melody Rader
 Jim Heller

Property

Jim Gibb- Director
 Audra Miceli
 Nathan Vaughan
 Larry Wallick
 Brad Wharmby

Christian Faith and Life

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

Hospitality

Still Needed - 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: Linda Hanna
Secretary: Lisa Morris
Treasurer: John Wolfe
Custodian: Ed Robinson

To Know Christ, To Live Christ, To Share Christ, and To Be One in Christ

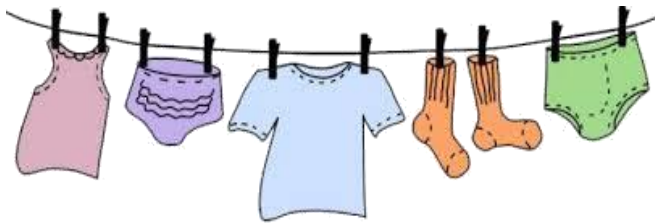
Announcements



Thank You *for your* Generosity

The kind and generous members of Grace Lutheran Church contributed children & adult size underwear & socks for the Salvation Army this Christmas season. The donations are given to our less fortunate neighborhood families to keep them warm and comfortable during the cold winter months. This year, Grace members contributed **45 packs** of socks, **28 packs** of underpants, **one pack** of T-shirts .

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



Children's Choir!!!

Rehearsals for the Children's choir begins January 8th after the 10:30 service. All children in grades 3 through 5 and any younger children are invited to sing. If you are interested in your child/children singing, please see Linda Hanna, Organist after either church service.

There is a signup sheet in the Narthex.



To all of you at Grace Lutheran Church,

Thank you for thinking of me with your nice cards and the lovely gift bag!

It was so thoughtful of you and everything was useful and needed.

I brought Lee here to Park Village 4 years ago and after he passed, I just stayed because of my knees. It gets lonely at times but it is where I need to be.

Thank you again for keeping me in your thoughts and prayers.

Judy Plunk



Butch and Betsy Morris and their family would like to thank you for all the thoughts, cards and prayers for Butch when he had heart surgery. No words can express how grateful we are for our church family and your love and concern. Thank you and God bless all of you.

Announcements

★ Pastor Bonnie wants to thank everyone who were involved in WOW! A Christmas nativity play, for our 2022 Sunday School Christmas Pageant. It was a big hit! She thanks:

★	Cody Jerles:	Play Director	Hailey Huff:	Choir
★	Ashley Lands:	Choir Director	Sybil Cronebaugh:	Choir
★	Linda Hanna:	Pianist	Ryder Vanfossen:	Choir
★	Jacob Roman-Willey:	Angel	Jamey Wolfe:	Choir
★	Ava Penrod:	Narrator	Ava Eick:	Choir
★	Natalie Bambeck:	Mary	Olivia Eick:	Choir
★	Niall Hallman:	Joseph	Pence Hershberger:	Choir
★	Isaac Roman-Willey:	Shepherd	Brystal Gunnoe:	Choir
★	Reagan Brothers:	Wiseperson 1	Brayden Gunnoe:	Choir
★	Katelyn Foust:	Wiseperson 2	Aaron Gibb:	Choir
★	Naomi Hallman:	Wiseperson 3	Amelia Homrighausen:	Choir
★	Tommy Foust:	Stagehand	Isaac Homrighausen:	Choir
★	Sophia Cronebaugh	Stagehand		



Announcements

Sharing the Joy!

For the past several years, the **Ladies of Grace** have presented the Head Start children attending classes here with Christmas gift bags. This is an expression of their Christian love for our neighbors during this happy and holy season. The gift bags include toys, books, socks, hats, gloves and a small stuffed animal. They are presented to the children of both morning and afternoon classes on the last day of school before their Christmas holiday recess.



Happy New Year 2023

Grace Happens

You are invited to come as you are to our Grace Lutheran Contemporary Worship Service, called Grace Happens, Sat., Jan. 14th at 5pm in our sanctuary! Before service, you can enjoy a beverage at Magic Mugs (on 3rd St.), and after the service, gather in Luther Hall for refreshments. Grace Happens every 2nd Saturday of the month and everyone is welcome!

Children's Corner



NEW YEAR'S



- FIREWORKS
- FRIENDS
- HATS
- JANUARY
- KISS
- MEMORIES
- MIDNIGHT
- CALENDAR
- CANDLES
- CELEBRATION
- CONFETTI
- COUNTDOWN
- FAMILY
- FATHER TIME
- NOISEMAKERS
- PARADE
- PARTY
- RESOLUTION
- TIMES SQUARE
- TOAST
- TRADITIONS

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 are 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 every Friday 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

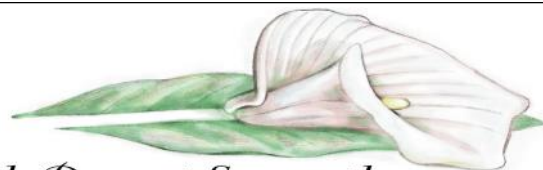
Please be Praying for...

All those serving in the armed forces, especially Christopher Smith, Seth Erickson, Gary Dean Morrison and Jeffrey Huff.

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| Ella DeVore | Judy Wells |
| Larry Wilson | Rachelle Coulter Sensel |
| Glenn Siber | Kerri Jones |
| Jason Phillips | Dottie Shott |
| Norma Grywalski | Patti Stull |
| Rita Young | |

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 Pastor Fred Grosse, Ed Wilson, David Beem, Eugene "Duby" Miller and Wayne Bleininger (brother of Donna Fox and Betty Kaser).

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.



- Jan. 8th - 2 vases
- Jan. 15th - 2 vases
- Jan. 22nd - 2 vases
- Jan. 29th - 2 vases
- Feb. 5th - 1 vase
- Feb. 12th - 2 vases



- Jan 1st - No Children's Church
- January 8th - Erika Homrighausen
- January 15th - Deb & Katelyn Foust
- January 22nd - Karla & Evan Burrier
- January 29th - Jen & Taylor Vaughan

Worship Readings

Altar Guild

Tues., Jan. 31st
9 am

Sunday, Jan. 1st

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

Sunday, Jan. 8th

Isaiah 60:1-6
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

Sunday, Jan. 29th

Micah 6:1-8
Psalm 15
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Matthew 5:1-12



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 10:30 am on Sundays.

Worship Assistants

SUNDAY 8:00 AM WORSHIP

ACOLYTES	LAY READERS	DEACON/COMM. ASST.	USHERS
1/1	1/1 John Stahl 9:30 am	1/1	Richard Elliott Jim Heller Scott Ebert Edward Harper David Elliott
1/8	1/8 Lynn Foust	1/8	
1/15	1/15 Gale Limron	1/15	
1/22	1/22 Kim Gray	1/22	
1/29	1/29 Liz/Terry Miller	1/29	

SUNDAY 10:30 AM WORSHIP

Jan. 1 John Lorenz, Larry Wallick, Tom Margo, Ron Stahl
Jan. 8 Jim Gibb, Mike Sergent
Jan. 15 John Stahl, Keith Lands, Paul McFadden
Jan. 22 Jeff Keller, Jeff Hootman, John Wolfe, Joe Vanfossen
Jan. 29 WELCA

ACOLYTES	LAY READERS	DEACON/COMM. ASST.
1/1	1/1 N/A	1/1
1/8	1/8 Betsy Morris	1/8 Deborah Horn
1/15	1/15 Sandy Gibb	1/15 Jim Gibb
1/22	1/22 John Stahl	1/22
1/29	1/29 Jim Gibb	1/29

ALTAR GUILD

January: Glenda Sclater, Marcie Castricone, Paula Wolfe
February: Judy Martin, Pam Keller, Elaine Margo, 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 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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Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	
<p>1</p> <p>9:30 am Worship Communion</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7 pm Valley Voices</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC</p> <p>6:30 pm Cub Scouts</p> <p>7 pm Outreach Board Mtg. - LH</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>5</p> <p>12 pm Bible Study - LH</p> <p>6 pm Handbell Choir</p> <p>7 pm Gallery Choir</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10 am Grocery Bag Drive Thru</p>	<p>7</p>	
<p>8</p> <p>8 am Worship Communion</p> <p>9:30 am SCS</p> <p>10:30 am Worship Communion</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7 pm Valley Voices</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6:30 pm Cub Scouts</p> <p>6:30 pm Christian Faith & Life Board Mtg. - LH</p>	<p>11</p> <p>3 pm Congregational Life Mtg. - LH</p> <p>7 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>12</p> <p>12 pm Bible Study - LH</p> <p>6 pm Handbell Choir</p> <p>7 pm Gallery Choir</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10 am Grocery Bag Drive Thru</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8 am Men's Breakfast</p> <p>5 pm Contemporary Service</p>	
<p>15</p> <p>8 am Worship Communion</p> <p>9:15 am SCS</p> <p>10:30 am Worship Communion</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7 pm Valley Voices</p>  <p>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</p>	<p>17</p> <p>12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC</p> <p>6:30 pm Cub Scouts</p> <p>6:30 pm Planning Council</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>19</p> <p>12 pm Bible Study - LH</p> <p>6 pm Handbell Choir</p> <p>7 pm Gallery Choir</p>	<p>20</p> <p>10 am Grocery Bag Drive Thru</p> <p>Messenger Deadline</p>	<p>21</p>	
<p>22</p> <p>8 am Worship Communion</p> <p>9:30 am SCS</p> <p>10:30 am Worship Communion</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7 pm Valley Voices</p>	<p>24</p> <p>12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC</p> <p>6:30 pm Cub Scouts</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>26</p> <p>12 pm Bible Study - LH</p> <p>6 pm Handbell Choir</p> <p>7 pm Gallery Choir</p>	<p>27</p> <p>10 am Grocery Bag Drive Thru</p> <p>Messenger Assembly</p>	<p>28</p>	
<p>29</p> <p>8 am Worship Communion</p> <p>9:30 am SCS</p> <p>10:30 am Worship Communion</p> <p>6 pm Meal to the Homeless Shelter</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7 pm Valley Voices</p>	<p>31</p> <p>9 am Altar Guild</p> <p>12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC</p> <p>6:30 pm Cub Scouts</p>	