

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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Who's Buried in Grant's Tomb?

[The angel] said to them, "Do not be afraid; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look! There is the place they laid him..." Mark 16:6

The Great Pyramids are famous because they contain the mummified bodies of ancient Egyptian kings, queens and pharaohs.

The splendiferous Taj Mahal in India is a major attraction, not only for its beauty, but also because it holds the body and tells the story of a queen who was greatly loved and adored by her husband.

Westminster Abbey in London is renowned because in it lays the bodies of English nobility, national heroes and acclaimed authors and artists.

Arlington National Cemetery and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Washington, D.C. are revered as the final resting place of brave soldiers and outstanding Americans.

In nearby Canton, thousands climb hundreds of steps to reach McKinley Monument and pay tribute to an entombed president.

The garden tomb of Jesus is famous because it is empty!

Though Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the other women expected the garden tomb to hold the body of their beloved Jesus, they were the first to learn otherwise and hear the glorious Easter news. "He has been raised! He is not here! Look! **The tomb is empty!**"

Peter could not believe it! He clearly doubted the women. So he rushed to the tomb, and without hesitation, ran inside. He saw for himself. **It is empty!**

Throughout May and into June, we celebrate Easter and the promise of the empty tomb. Jesus lives so that we will live forever. "I am the resurrection and the life," Jesus declared. "Whosoever believes in me shall never die."

Though we celebrate the **empty tomb**, these are not days of emptiness. Not at all! Jesus lives to give us each and all lives full and overflowing with his grace. "I have come that you may have life, and have it more abundantly," Jesus said.

As children of the resurrection we are promised a life filled-up with God's steadfast love, his peace that passes all human understanding, and his unspeakable joy. As St. Paul reminds us, because **the tomb is empty**, we are accounted by God as raised with Christ and are accorded the many blessings and benefits of God's grace already and always. (Ephesians 2)

So, back to the question: "Who's buried in Grant's Tomb?" It is certainly not Jesus! Jesus lives and so shall we—now and forever. Alleluia! Amen.


Senior Pastor Donald L. Rice Jr.

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Planning Council

PLANNING COUNCIL
Next Meeting
May 3rd, 2011
@ 6:45 PM

MINISTRY NIGHT
Next Meeting
May 10th, 2011
@ 6:45 PM



Attendance March 2011
 Weekly Average: 164
 Weekly Difference: +7 (+5%)
 Mid-Week Average: 60
 Difference: +21 (+54%)

Offerings March 2011*
 Total: \$16706.05
 Difference: +776.75 (+5%)
 Weekly Average: \$4176.52
 Weekly Difference: +194.19 (+5%)
 *includes Mid-Week offerings

Facts and Figures

Attendance March 2010
 Weekly Average: 157
 Mid-Week Average: 39

Offerings March 2010*
 Total: \$15,929.30
 Weekly Average: \$3982.33

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Since You Asked...

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I really enjoyed the *Hot Chicken Salad* served at the Women of the ELCA cluster luncheon. Several of us are hoping to get the recipe. Can you help us with this?

This was a wonderful event! Grace Lutheran hosted close to ninety women on April 12. In addition to devotions, a Bible Study led by Deaconess Judy Hoshek and a business meeting, Grace offered its finest hospitality and provided a delicious lunch. Many there requested the recipe for the *Hot Chicken Salad* entrée.

There are several variations on this dish. This is my favorite. Enjoy!

3 c. chicken breast, cooked and diced	3 T. lemon juice
2 c. celery, sliced	2-3 T. finely grated onion
½ c. slivered almonds, toasted	½ tsp. salt
½ c. sliced water chestnuts	¼ tsp. ground pepper
¼ c. pimento	1 c. cheddar or Colby cheese, shredded
1 c. Miracle Whip	½-1 c. crushed potato chips
½ c. sour cream	

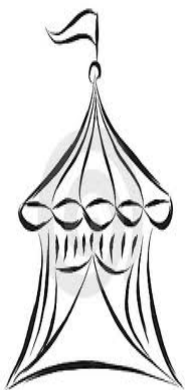


Mix chicken, celery, toasted almonds, water chestnuts and pimento. In separate bowl, combine Miracle Whip, sour cream, lemon juice, onion, salt, pepper and ½ cup cheese. Mix with chicken mixture. Adjust seasoning to taste.

Pour into buttered/greased 9x13 baking dish. Top with crushed chips and remaining cheese.

Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Serves 8-12.

**If you were wondering... GRACE will be part of Dover's 2011
CANAL DAYS MEMORIAL DAY weekend!**



Pit Stop Creamery will again partner with us during the Canal Days Festival. They will take care of everything regarding the Ice Cream using their food vending stand.

We are going to try something a little different this year by using displays explaining some of our programs and activities. There will be information on this year's VBS and our Food Pantry along with large photos of our youth events, choirs and special gatherings under our tents. We will be giving out FREE tickets for a chance to win a Gift Basket and for a Grand Prize...a "red, white and blue" themed quilt handmade by one of our members!

More information will follow in the weekly bulletin inserts as details are finalized.

Moser Mission



Our first month in Bermuda has been both a busy and a rewarding one. Shortly after we arrived on February 15th, we began to be “plugged into” the hard working Word of Life Bermuda staff. Each week, we are ministering to the boys and girls who attend the Olympians Club (children’s Bible club) at Paget Gospel Chapel. Just last Friday, after Tina taught the lesson and shared the Gospel, one young lady prayed and received Jesus Christ as her personal Lord and Savior. Praise God! This is a new club this year, but already the children are excited about learning God’s Word and hiding it in their hearts. It’s so exciting to see the older kids taking notes during the lesson time each week. And many of them are memorizing Bible verses for the first time in their lives.



March 4th and 5th was the annual Word of Life Superbowl – an extreme, all night, adrenaline-pumping event for teens. At 7pm on Friday, 512 middle and high school students gathered at the Cedarbridge High School auditorium and many were selected to participate in two “game shows” for a chance to win some great prizes. Next, Dr. Wendell Calder took the stage and powerfully and clearly shared from the Bible how they could have hope in this hopeless world. And when he invited them to make the decision to accept God’s free gift of grace through faith, 105 teens came forward.



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Moser Mission

Along with our weekly responsibilities with clubs, Steve is assisting with the web site (www.wolbermuda.org) and Tina is helping with the bookstore. Plus, there are several upcoming events to plan and prepare for. As you read the list of events in the box to the right, please keep us and each of these events in your prayers. Word of Life events are always a time to come along side of local churches, and to give them opportunities to reach their communities with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to teach and train their youth workers. It is such a privilege to be a part of what God is doing through His Church!

We are "settling in" here in Bermuda and getting used to daily life as well as the ministry. A special project fund was started to help with the purchase of a motor scooter and some household items, and thanks to your generous support, we are very near to 100% of that goal. Right now we are depending on the generosity of the staff and the reliability of public transit (buses) to get from place to place. Although this has provided us with wonderful opportunities to meet people and be an encouragement, it does make timing our arrivals tricky, or at times, impossible. The scooter will be a huge blessing, and it will save money as well as time.

Stuart and Kearstin are doing very well at the Word of Life Bible Institute. Their second year has allowed God to make the path ahead a little more clear to them. Please pray for them as they will both be traveling to Hungary in May as a part of a mission team from the Bible Institute. Also, pray with them for wisdom as they continue the process of being accepted for a two year international missionary internship with Word of Life which will begin after their graduation in August.

Many thanks to all of you, our prayer warriors and supporters, who faithfully come along side us to serve our Savior. You are a huge blessing and encouragement to us. We could not do this without you!

Steve and Tina Moser



UPCOMING EVENTS

April 9 – Teens Involved
This annual Christian service event is designed to encourage teens to discover and use their God given Spiritual gifts.

May 14 – Olympian Games
A full day of over 20 fun games with a children's Bible message for ages 6 to 11.

July 4-15 – VBS at 4 local churches
The WOL staff along with Bible Institute students from Canada and the US will assist local churches with their VBS programs.

July 18 to August 13 – WOL Bermuda Summer Camps

August 13-19 – Steve and Tina teaching at the WOL Ranch in NY



Steve and Tina Moser

Thank You's



Dear Pastor Rice and fellow members of our Grace family,

Thank you so much for the cards, meals, visits and encouragement we received during the past six weeks. Death, family and personal illnesses were easier to bear with your support and love that was shown to us and our family.

A very special thank you to members of the Catechism Class for their notes of sympathy and caring. They were a beautiful expression of your growing faith and outreach to others.

May God continue to bless all of you as we grow in faith and love & caring for one another!

Paul & Linda McFadden



Dear Church Members,
Thank you for your participation in our community-based outreach program. We have received the diapers and formula donated by you. Jobs have been lost, and our families and children are in dire need. Families come to our agency in need of the most basic necessities — diapers and formula. Your donations are very much appreciated and will be distributed to help children in our county.

It is individuals like you who help us to better serve those in need in Tuscarawas County, and you are appreciated for your caring and giving attitude.

Thank You.

Sincerely,
Katie Wilson - Funding/Grants Committee



Pastor Rice,

Just a note to let you know how much we appreciated your officiating mother's funeral. Your words were kind and reassuring. She attended the church while living in Dover and wanted your participation at this time.

Thank-you from the Iona Crites Family



We would like to extend a special thank you to Pastor Rice, the staff and women of the church for their help and service for the funeral of Bob Snyder.

Thank you for the many cards that were received and expressions of condolences from our church family.

Reba Snyder & Family

Announcements

Jesus Loves Me This I Know!

The Grace congregation will be collecting a special offering during May to help fund our 2011 Vacation Bible School program. Please look for the marked envelopes in the weekly bulletins or send your gift to the church office.

This year's VBS program is *Jesus Loves Me! This I Know*. It is an original and locally-designed program highlighting the wonderful life and promises of Jesus. The week will abound with holiday cheer and goodwill as students, teachers, coordinators and helpers rediscover Jesus' life-giving and life-affirming love for them and all people.

Grace's 2011 VBS program will be held June 20-24. An evening meal will be offered at 5:30. Opening exercises begin at 6:15 p.m. followed by music, classroom activities, crafts and recreation and decorating the **Jesus Tree**.

A great big **THANK-YOU!** to all who have volunteered to help with this year's Vacation Bible School program. More volunteers are needed. Please see the sign-up sheet posted in the narthex for this and other opportunities. For a detailed schedule or to volunteer, please contact this year's VBS Director, Pastor Rice.

The VBS program will be celebrated during the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, June 26. VBS youth will present a musical program and the Jesus Tree will be on display.

Afterwards, a church picnic will be held in the lawn area between the church office and the Outreach Center. All are invited to bring a covered dish and/or dessert. Beverages will be provided. More details on this event will be published in the June *Messenger*.

Jesus Loves Me! This I Know.

Monday: Merry Christmas! – Love Is Born

Tuesday: Happy Valentine's Day! – Jesus Loves the Little Children

Wednesday: Good Friday Blessings! – No Greater Love

Thursday: Happy Easter! – Love Is Alive

Friday: Love Today! – and Everyday

Announcements



Congratulations, Graduates!

We will honor our Grace **graduates** during both worship services on Sunday, June 5. We take this opportunity to show our appreciation for our students' years of hard work, diligent study and perseverance. We also thank God for schools, colleges and educators who prepare our young people to meet the challenges of the future and the responsibilities of living and working together as a caring and hope-filled community.

If you have a family member who is graduating from high school, college or receiving an advanced degree, please contact the church office before Sunday, May 29. Thank you.

Growing in God's Grace

First Communion

Two Grace youth, **Claire Bauer** and **Logan Tinlin**, received First Communion instruction on Saturday, April 2. They were prepared to take the Holy Sacrament for the first time on Palm Sunday, April 17. This allowed them to take Communion with their families in time for Holy Week observances and Easter celebrations.

Confirmation

Four Grace young people will be confirmed on Sunday, May 15 after completing two years of catechism classes. The course work included studies of Lutheran faith and doctrine and a review of the Holy Scriptures.

Our four confirmands for 2011 include:

Madeline Bauer **Sauna Cox**
Samantha Herman **Anthony Miceli**

Congratulations! May God bless you as you continue to grow in God's grace.

Beatitude Attitudes

Spring 2011 Bible Study
May 4-June 8
Wednesdays at 6:45-8:00 p.m.
Luther Hall

The Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12) are Jesus' introduction to his Sermon on the Mount and his public teaching ministry. The words establish Jesus' basic ethical principles for discipleship and everyday Christian living.

The Beatitudes are written in two "stanzas." The first stanza identifies persons in great need of God's love and grace. The second stanza names those God calls to minister to our neighbors in need. All of us, at some time or another, have found ourselves in both groups.

Though the Beatitudes are comprised of only a few verses in Scripture, they are rich with meaning, significance and application. As we explore these words of Jesus, we can expect a closer look at our lives; a deeper understanding of those around us; and growing appreciation of how God works for us and through us. By God's grace, we can develop **Beatitude Attitudes** to God's glory and the benefit of our neighbors in Christ.

Class Schedule

May 4: The Beatitudes and the "Sermon on the Mount"

May 11: Blessed are the "poor in spirit" and the merciful

May 18: Blessed are they who mourn and the "pure in heart"

May 25: Blessed are the meek and the peacemakers

June 1: Blessed are they who hunger justice and those persecuted for righteousness sake

June 8: Blessed are you...

Stewardship

The comments from the time and talent survey are below:

- I. ONE OF THE THINGS WE SHOULD CELEBRATE AS A CONGREGATION IS:
- That we are all growing and retaining new members.
 - Growth in attendance, giving, and participation.
 - Pastor Rice.
 - Our wonderful choir and music. We have a great organ—maybe have guest organist.
 - Hospitality time between services, like coffee and donuts, bagels, etc.
 - The new improved attitude of our members and the number of new members.
- II. I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH SHOULD:
- Have Committee Guidelines (help new people in their gift and annual reports).
 - Send reminders by email when upcoming events draw near. The Messenger is great, but I don't always get items entered on the calendar. So, an occasional reminder would be appreciated.
 - Love activities for families with younger kids. Keep those up and/or provide more.
 - Revamp its kitchen in fellowship hall.
 - Have more fellowship, but we are doing that now—great luncheons and dinners.
 - Continue the practice of having families with children read during Advent. Different family each week.
 - Have a internal coffee-fellowship.
 - Have a weekly evening bible study whether in small groups or as a whole.
 - Have an alternative style of worship with a more contemporary feel.
 - Have more upbeat music.
 - Be publicized as a leader in community service.
- III. A NEW PROJECT WE SHOULD UNDERTAKE IS:
- Replace worn out equipment (dishwashers—etc.)
 - Love activities for families with younger kids. Keep those up and/or provide more.
 - Kitchen updates.
 - Perhaps more family-oriented projects—Advent Fair and family picnic are great.
 - Sacred silence during Holy Communion other than music, there should be no talking.
 - An outreach to those who are in the hospital.
 - Redecorate.
- IV. A WAY TO INCREASE MEMBER PARTICIPATION WITHIN THE CONGREGATION IS:
- Make effort to contact those who have left.
 - Love activities for families with younger kids. Keep those up and/or provide more.
 - Stronger emphasis on appeals for help/volunteer opportunities.
 - Just continue our projects, dinners, and programs. I think we are on the right path!
 - To contact by phone every person who returns a time/talent form. We have completed these before, but it doesn't seem like there is any follow through.
 - Bible study.
 - Engaging our youth and shut-ins with more activities.
 - Include and have more children's programs.
 - Make sure we are offering programs that appeal to singles that are divorced.
 - Keep doing what we are doing.
 - To invite them to assume positions of responsibility on church committees and alter guild.

Mission Investors

YOUTHWORKERS MISSION TRIP 2011

Grace Evangelical
 Lutheran Church, Dover, OH
 YouthWorks! Blue Ridge
 Mountains, Taylorsville, NC
 July 3, 2011
 Youth Missions Investors

I am supporting _____, who is attending the trip.
 _____ # in immediate family (for stock dinner & program, date TBA)

Mission Investors



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Announcements



Youth & Family Ministries Update

The Youth Ministries Board, under the direction of Jimm Morris, is in the initial stages of developing a job description for a proposed Coordinator of Youth and Family Ministries. The coordinator would plan, communicate and implement activities for youth of all ages and their families. Activities would include social, educational and service opportunities. The person would also be available to teach a junior or senior high Sunday School class. This position is designed to be part-time (10-15 hours per week).

The initiative was approved in march by the congregation's Planning council. Now that the Youth Ministry Board has completed its Job Description, it is being sent to the Personnel Board for review. That board would also recommend a compensation package. Both the job description and compensation would then go to Planning Council for approval. With council's OK, the Personnel Board and representatives from Youth Ministries would begin the interview process.

Look for future updates in the **Messenger**. Also, pray for God's guidance as we seek to nurture God's children and their families with love and in God's grace.

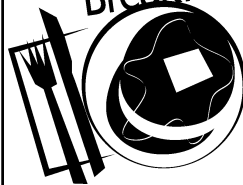
Canal Days Worship Service

Grace Lutheran Church has been invited to host the Canal Days worship on Sunday, May 29 at 10:30 a.m. It will be held on the town square (3rd & N. Wooster). Bleacher seating will be provided or you can bring your lawn chairs.

The service will feature some of "Our Favorite Hymns." Because this is the Sunday before Memorial Day, the hymns will be "national hymns" and include "Before You, Lord, We Bow," "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies," and "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory." Invite your friends and neighbors to worship with us and learn the story behind these famous and time-honored songs.

We will also have our usual 8:00 a.m. worship service in the sanctuary. It will also include "Our Favorite Hymn" and offer Holy Communion.

Pancake Breakfast



\$5.00 ages 6
and up

CUB SCOUT Pack 87

Saturday, May 28, 2011

7:00 am - Noon

before the Canal Days Parade
Grace Lutheran Church
Downtown Dover (on the Square)

Open to
the public.

Chicken BBQ Success

A big thank you goes out to all who helped make the YouthWorks Mission Chicken BBQ a success. To everyone who donated drinks or purchased a chicken dinner, Thank You! We had a great time!

Women of the ELCA

For Lutheran World Relief

- Quilts: 10
- Health Kits: 17
- School Kits: 61
- Soap: 92
- Layettes: 3



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



HELP WANTED:

KNITTERS & STITCHERS



Our Prayer Shawl Ministry touches our members when they are ill with God's comfort, love and peace. It reminds them that they are remembered and in our prayers.

Volunteers are needed to knit the prayer shawls and to stitch labels to them. Materials and appreciation are provided. If you can help, please contact Jane Lanz (330) 343-5071. Thank you.

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. These are the best prices in the area thanks to a lot of comparison shopping. The stores listed are the ones that usually have the best prices on these items. The bottom line is that it costs approximately \$12.00 to fill one bag.

Product	Price / piece	Days in a month	Total
Peanut Butter	\$ 1.39	X 30	\$ 41.70
Fruit	\$ 0.85	X 30	\$ 25.50
Cereal	\$ 1.19	X 30	\$ 35.70
Meat	\$ 1.15	X 30	\$ 34.50
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	\$ 0.35	X 30	\$ 10.50
Spaghetti	\$ 0.90	X 30	\$ 27.00
Spaghetti Sauce	\$ 0.98	X 30	\$ 29.40
			\$ 403.80

SWINGLES

Tuesday, May 17th, 2011
6:30 PM

Dr. Mary Baer Circle

Wednesday, May 25th, 2011

Hostesses: Thelma Phillips
Helen Sherman

Topic: TAPE



ALDI	Buehlers	Wal Mart	Big Lots
Peanut Butter	Vegetables-	Spaghetti Sauce	Soup-
Mac-N-Cheese	Corn		Chicken
Potatoes	Green Beans	Dollar General	Tomato
Fruit Cocktail	Peas	Spaghetti	
Cereal	Pork/Beans	Luncheon Meat	

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 March, we distributed 71 bags, and have already distributed 45 in April. 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.

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.

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, Tim Case & Steven Viereck.

Ella DeVore	Rachel Matus
Rosann Patterson	Lewis Stump
David Beamer	Linda Domer
Tom Lenger	Bev Plute
Mildred Schauer	Cheryl Holloway
Pastor Drake	George Mayer
Dorothy McCulley	Jim Seymour
Helen Blackson	Jack Marshall
Larry Davidson	Bob Bertle
Hilda Schneider	William Page
Agnes Dorn	Ann Burrier
Harold & Loretta Edie	Darlene Bonta
Mary Ann Gray	Liz Barbero
Brittany Page	Lindsey Giannobile
Frances Filkins	Bert Kohler
Helen Sherman	Tom Margo
Pastor Dave Barringer	Jim Horn

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.

Thanks You.

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



HOMELESS SHELTER

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 April's meals to the homeless shelter. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex.

HEALTH KITS AND LAYETTES

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

Health Kits

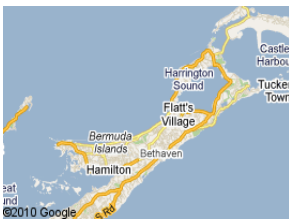
- 1 hand towel (dark color)
- 1 wash cloth (dark color), 1 bath size bar of soap
- 1 adult size toothbrush, 1 nail clipper with file
- 1 wide tooth comb, 6 band-aids

School Kits

- Padded or spinal notebooks of ruled paper approx. 8 1/2" X 11" totaling 150-200 sheets; do not include loose leaf paper
- 1 blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- 1 30-centimeter ruler, or ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- 1 pencil sharpener, 1 eraser approx. 2 1/2 " long
- 6 new, unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- 12 sheets of construction paper in assorted colors
- 1 box of 16 or 24 crayons

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!

**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.



May 22 - 1 vase

May 29 - 1 vase

June 26 - 1 vase

July 3 - 2 vases

July 17 - 2 vases

NURSERY

May 1 - Carol Betche & Bonnie Richardson

May 8 - Paula Wolfe & Karla Burrier

May 15 - Toni Ferrito & Katie Cameron

May 22 - Lisa & Maguire Morris

May 29 - Katie Hootman & Betsy Morris

CHILDREN'S CHURCH



May 1 - Still Needed

May 8 - Still Needed

May 15 - Charles & Marcie Castricone

May 22 - Still Needed

May 29 - Esther Philabaum & Samantha Herman

Worship Readings

Order of St. Luke

Tuesday,
May 24th, 2011
1:00 pm

Sunday, May 1

Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Psalm 16
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

Sunday, May 8

Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17
1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35

Altar Guild

Tuesday
May 24th, 2011
9:00 am

Sunday, May 15

Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 23
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10

Sunday, May 22

Acts 7:55-60
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

Sunday, May 29

Acts 17:22-31
Psalm 66:7-18
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

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	DEACONS
May 1	May 1 Terry Miller	May 1
May 8	May 8 Lynn Foust	May 8
May 15	May 15 Steve Zimmerman	May 15
May 22	May 22 Gale Limron	May 22
May 29	May 29 Terry Miller	May 29

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

SUNDAY 10:30 AM WORSHIP

USHERS
May 1 John Lorenz, Larry Wallick, Tom Margo, Art Siber
May 8 Mike Sergent, Ron Philabaum
May 15 John Stahl, Robert McCulloch, Keith Lands, Howard Stein
May 22 Art Keener, William Page, Jeff Keller, Jeff Hootman, Joe Vanfossen
May 29 WELCA

ACOLYTES	LAY READERS	DEACONS/ COMMUNION ASSISTANTS
May 1	May 1 Ron Philabaum	May 1
May 8	May 8 Pastor Fred Grosse	May 8 John Stahl
May 15 Shauna Cox	May 15 Rick Homrighausen	May 15 Jim Gibb
May 22 Madeline Bauer	May 22 John Stahl	May 22 Deborah Horn
May 29	May 29 Canal Day's Service	May 29

ALTAR GUILD

May: Louise Keplinger, Joan Davis, Linda Bertle, Janice Weber

June: Judy Martin, Lu Kreisher, Bonnie Richardson, Pam Keller, Carol Betche



Get the Messenger By Email

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>8 am Worship Communion 8 am Hoening Baptism 9:15 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion</p>	<p>2</p> <p>2:30 pm Communion Park Village South 6:30 pm Girl Scouts-LH 6:30 pm Girl Scouts-YH 6:30 pm Property Board</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6:30 pm Cub Scouts 6:45 pm Planning Council</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:45 pm Bible Study 7 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>5</p> <p>12 pm Sr. Fun Day 12-1 pm Bible Study 5:30 pm Girl Scouts 6 pm Handbell Choir 7 pm Gallery Choir</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8 am </p>
<p>8</p> <p>8 am Worship Communion 9:15 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion</p> 	<p>9</p> <p>10:30 am Communion Park Village North 6:30 pm Girl Scouts-LH 6:30 pm Girl Scouts-YH 7 pm Valley Voices</p>	<p>10</p> <p>12-4 pm Rejoice Women 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 6:45 pm Ministry Night 6:45 pm VBS Orientation Night</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10 am Tusc. County Caregivers Coalition 6:45 pm Bible Study 7 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>12</p> <p>12 pm Sr. Fun Day 12-1 pm Bible Study 6 pm Handbell Choir 7 pm Gallery Choir</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>8 am Worship Communion 9:15 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion</p> <p><u>Confirmation Sunday</u></p>	<p>16</p> <p>6:30 pm Girl Scouts-LH 6:30 pm Girl Scouts-YH 7 pm Valley Voices</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:30 pm Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Swingles</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:45 pm Bible Study 7 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>19</p> <p>12 pm Sr. Fun Day 12-1 pm Bible Study 5:30 pm Girl Scouts 5:30 pm Modern Homemakers 6 pm Handbell Choir 7 pm Gallery Choir</p>	<p>20</p> 	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>8 am Worship Communion 9:15 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion 6 pm Meal to the Homeless Shelter</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6:30 pm Girl Scouts-LH 6:30 pm Girl Scouts-YH 7 pm Valley Voices</p>	<p>24</p> <p>1 pm Order of St. Luke 6:30 pm Cub Scouts</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6:45 pm Bible Study 7 pm Boy Scouts 7:30 pm Dr. Mary Baer Circle</p>	<p>26</p> <p>12 pm Sr. Fun Day 12-1 pm Bible Study 6 pm Handbell Choir 7 pm Gallery Choir</p>	<p>27</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> <p>9 am Messenger Assembly</p> </div>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>8 am Worship Communion 9:15 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6:30 pm Girl Scouts-LH 6:30 pm Girl Scouts-YH 7 pm Valley Voices</p>  <p><u>Church Office Closed</u></p>	<p>31</p> <p>9 am Altar Guild 6:30 pm Cub Scouts</p>				