

THE MESSENGER



2009

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

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Giving with **GENEROSITY AND JOY...**

Fall is the time of the year when many farmers in our area are harvesting their corn and soybean crops. It is the time when they celebrate the harvest. And for many, part of that celebration are prayers of thanks to God no matter how plentiful or how sparse the harvest may be.

Fall is also the time of year when many congregations also give thanks to God and express their thanks by making decisions about sharing time, talents, and dollars with the church, no matter what the economic conditions may be, or how great the time pressures may be, or what the talent level may be. Here at Grace, **Sunday, November 22nd at both worship services**, we will have the opportunity to express our willingness to share time, talents, and dollars. It will be a Sunday to think, pray, and give thanks to God for all of what God has given us, both personally and as a congregation. It will also be a Sunday to express our thanks with **GENEROSITY AND JOY** by making commitments to share God's gifts that have been placed in our care. Sharing, without a deep sense of generosity and joy, can quickly become a burden. Sharing, without generosity and joy, can also lead to a sense of resentment, or guilt, or weariness. My prayer for all of us who are part of the body of Christ called Grace Lutheran Church is that we will come together with hearts filled with thankfulness, generosity, and joy on November 22nd. Can we do anything less when we remember that what we have been given is all that we are and all that we have? Can we do anything less when we remember that the giver is the gracious, merciful and loving God of all creation?

Pastor Eilert & The Stewardship Board

Pastor Lee Eilert, Interim Pastor
Pastor Marlin Drake, Visitation Pastor

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Planning Council

CATCHING UP WITH COUNCIL

Dear Congregation,

In October, Planning Council reviewed and approved the 2010 budget. The final budget will be submitted to the Congregation at the Annual Meeting on November 15, 2009 10:00 a.m.

The financial outlook for 2010 was brightened by the receipt of funds from the Marian Lewis Revocable Trust ("Trust"). In September, Planning Council received a check for \$22,500 made payable to our Church. It is anticipated that we will receive a gift of \$90,000 annually from the Trust. The gift will be made in quarterly installments and represents payments of one third of the income from the Trust. The remaining two thirds of the Trust income will be divided among First United Church of Christ and the Tuscarawas County University Foundation. The Trust funds are managed by the Huntington National Bank. Proceeds of the Trust will be deposited into a separate checking account for our Church entitled The Brinley R. Lewis Memorial Fund. The funds are to be used for additions, maintenance and repairs to the Church building.

Did you know Marian and Brinley Lewis?

Marian Lewis passed away on September 11, 2008. Her husband, Dr. Brinley Lewis passed away in 1988. The couple were married for 55 years. Dr. Lewis was a naval dental officer in WWII and practiced for over 48 years. He was a Board Member of the AAA, the Board of Health, YMCA, the Union Country Club and the Reeves Banking and Trust. He was also a member of the Masonic Lodge, American Legion and Tadmor Shrine. He was a lifetime member of Dover Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church and also was a graduate of Wittenberg University where he played football and baseball.

Marian was born in New Philadelphia and was the daughter of Fred and Emma Strine. She graduated from Oberlin University and taught school in the New Philadelphia and Alliance Schools. She assisted her husband in his practice and volunteered at the General Health Department in Dover and was a lifetime member of First United Church of Christ in New Philadelphia. It is my understanding that there are no descendants of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis.

Marian outlived her husband by 20 years and was not a member of our Church, yet she still desired to honor her late husband's wishes in her Trust and made sure our Church received one-third of the annual income of her Trust. It is my understanding that Marian scrupulously saved and invested her money to ensure that it was maximized for the benefit of her charitable beneficiaries. As you can imagine, it takes a significant amount of money to generate \$270,000 in annual income. The last few years of her life, Marian Lewis was not purchasing extravagant jewelry, going on luxury cruises or building a mansion. Rather, she remained in her ordinary yellow home on East Iron Avenue (with the wheelchair ramp), ironically 5 houses up from Pastor Jim. In fact, Marian Lewis could not even use the upstairs of her home during the last few years of life and lived exclusively on the first floor.

Planning Council

I have spoken with many individuals from the Congregation who did not know who Marian Lewis was or whether she even went to our church. I don't recall seeing her name on our prayer list over the years or on our shut in list. In fact, I don't know if our Church had any contact with Marian in the last few years. All I do know is that Marian continued to save and lived an ordinary life in an effort to benefit our Church. Marian Lewis did not ask anything from us. Yet, she gave one third of her entire life savings to our Church. This alone is a significant gift, but when your life spans 102 years like Marian's, it is simply extraordinary. In sum, Marian Lewis' gift to our Church is truly a Christ like gift.

This story brings up the inevitable question, when was your last Christ like gift? It doesn't have to be a gift of money, it can be a gift of time, food, assistance, or prayer. A Christ like gift is simply a selfless desire to help others, without any expectation of return or benefit.

Each time you take a drive down East Iron Avenue, look for the yellow home several doors up from Pastor Jim's old house, and say a little thank you to Marian and Brinley Lewis. They have done so much for us without asking, let us do the same.

Special thanks to Jo Ann Hammond for the background information on Marian and Brinley Lewis.

On a separate note, the Call Committee also had the opportunity to meet on October 27, with Judy Hoshek of the Bishop's Office. Please ensure you keep the Call Committee in your prayers as they continue to move forward in the selection of our next pastor. For those of you having input or desire to provide input to the Call Committee, a list of names and contact information for the Call Committee can be found outside the Church Office. Please ensure you follow-up with a representative of the Call Committee as input and direction from all members of Grace is important in the next selection of our pastor.

Thanks for your time,

Nathan Faughan

Planning Council

PLANNING COUNCIL
Next Meeting
November 3rd
@ 6:45 PM

MINISTRY NIGHT
Next Meeting
November 10th
@ 6:45 PM



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 John Wolfe
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Announcements & Thank You's

The St. Luke Lutheran
Community Annual Corporate Meeting
November 17th, 2009 at 7:30 pm
St. Luke
220 Applegrove St., NE
North Canton, Ohio
We are in need of delegates from our congregation to attend this meeting. If you have any interest please contact Nathan Vaughan at 330-447-3637 or nvaughan@kwgd.com.



Red Cross Pasta Dinner

Proceeds Benefit Red Cross Disaster Services

Saturday, November 7th, 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm

First United Church of Christ-New Phila

\$6.00 –Adults \$3.50 –Children

Carry out will be available.

Dinner includes: Salad, Bread, Pasta, Dessert & Drink



American Red Cross

Help us give a local family a Happy Thanksgiving by donating a canned good at the dinner!

Thank You

My sincere thank you goes out to the members of the Hammerstrom Scholarship Committee for the scholarship.

The money I received will be used towards my mechanical engineering degree at the University of Akron.

Thank you again,
Kyle Nelson

Dear Hammerstrom Scholarship Committee,

I would like to thank those members on the scholarship committee for this generous gift. I have been fortunate to have had the opportunity to apply for this scholarship through the years. It is wonderful to have a church community that cares about its student members and our career paths. Your gift for my education is a constant reminder of the fantastic support I have from my congregation. I hope to repay the same kindness you all have shown me in the future. Thank you again for the opportunity to receive this scholarship.

God Bless,

Alyssa Bonta

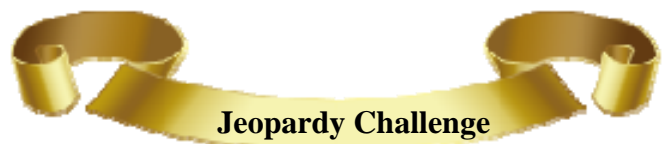


OPERATION FALL CLEAN UP

There is still a lot of work to be done to organize all our supplies, props, etc. If you would like to join this work in progress, get dirty, and have a lot of fun we would love to have you join us.

We are meeting on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 am.

(This is not all heavy manual work, we need people who could be willing to sort crayons, pencils, check markers to see if they work, sort items, ect.) Everyone is welcome.



ATTENTIONS STUDENTS AND ADULTS OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

You are invited to take part in the Jeopardy Challenge after current curriculum and adults will be sparring with the students of our Sunday School Program to see who will capture the trophy. As you read your Bibles and study your lessons, make mental notes of facts that might be included during the match.



Moser Mission News

NEWS FROM EL SALVADOR

October 3, 2009



GAME TIME



Last week we had the opportunity to help out another ministry... Compassion International. You have probably heard of them before. They connect sponsors in the States with needy children all over the world. We, ourselves, had sponsored a child in Bolivia, through Compassion, for many years. The main office here in the capital city had contacted us and asked if Palabra de Vida could help them with an event. They gathered children and youth from several of their centers all over the country for a day of learning and fun. These particular young people have been involved with praise teams at their local centers. While the Compassion staff conducted workshops with half of the 300 plus young people, our small group of Palabra de Vida staff kept the other half busy playing games and having fun. Please pray with us that God continues to open doors of opportunity to work with the young people of El Salvador.

TEENS INVOLVED

This past Saturday was the annual "Teens Involved" competition. Young people from WOL Bible clubs from all over El Salvador showed off their gifts and talents. We (the staff) judged and scored them, and then awarded the winners in the different categories; preaching, music, illustrated evangelism, Bible quizzing, etc. It was a great time!



PRAYER REQUEST

Please pray with us that God will provide a new computer for ministry use. Our laptop is on its "last legs" and we need it daily to do all our work of writing and preparing materials for children's ministry. It also serves as our "life line" to you our friends and family in the States.

Word of Life Fellowship



Word of Life Fellowship, Inc. Giving to Missionaries

Many of you include missionaries in your giving practices at Christmastime, birthdays, anniversaries, etc. Sometimes questions arise as to how to send cards, letters, packages and personal monetary gifts. We would like to make the following suggestions.

1. Cards and letters should be sent directly to the missionaries. If mailing to overseas missionaries during the Christmas holiday season, you should send at least 4-6 weeks prior to the desired date of arrival. If you need to know the field address of a missionary, please contact Word of Life Fellowship in Schroon Lake.

If you plan to send a parcel to an overseas missionary and are not familiar with customs policies of the country involved, we suggest you contact the missionary first to inquire concerning such policies. The missionary could be subject to customs fees for receiving the package.

2. Money sent to missionaries fall into two categories for tax purposes-donations for ministry support and personal gifts. The intention of the donor is important to distinguish between the two.
 - a. A tax-deductible donation for ministry support purposes should be made payable to Word of Life Fellowship, Inc. This will be applied to the designated missionary's support account and you will receive a tax-deductible receipt.
 - b. You may send your personal monetary gift to Word of Fellowship in Schroon Lake with a note indicating this is a personal gift and we will notify then of your gift. You will not receive a tax-deductible receipt for a personal gift.

Thanks so much for your care and support. Please call us at 518-494-6212 any time you have questions.

H1N1– What You Need to Know

H1N1 –WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW -WHAT WE NEED TO DO

“H1N1” is the original name -”Swine Flu” is also the name given to a new strain of flu that has spread nationwide. A vaccine has been developed, tested, and is ready for distribution. However, supplies are limited. Health officials are now focusing on getting the vaccine to the most vulnerable in the population first. The following information was provided by various government public health agencies.

- How does H1N1 differ from ordinary flu? (seasonal flu)

This is a new strain of flu, unrecognized by most of our immune systems, making us more vulnerable to infection. So far, symptoms have not been particularly severe, nor has the strain been especially deadly. It was initially called swine flu because many genes in the virus were similar to those found in the viruses that normally occur in pigs. **There is no risk of infection from eating pork.**

- How do I avoid getting sick?

Once the H1N1 vaccine arrives, get vaccinated when public health experts advise. Flu spreads from person to person through coughing or sneezing. Sometimes People become infected by touching something that is contaminated. You can help reduce the risk of infection by washing your hands frequently, avoiding touching your eyes, nose and mouth and avoiding close contact with sick people.

- How do I tell the difference between flu and a cold?

It can be difficult to tell based on symptoms alone. In general, the flu is worse than the common cold and symptoms such as fever, body aches, extreme tiredness and dry cough are more common and intense. People with colds are more likely to have a runny or stuffy nose and less likely to have a fever.

- What should I do if I am sick?

Stay home and avoid contact with other people, except to get medical care. Anyone concerned about their illness should consult a healthcare provider, but those with the following conditions are at particular risk: cancer, blood disorders, chronic lung disease, diabetes, heart disease, kidney disorders, liver disorders, neurological disorders and weakened immune systems.

- What medicine can I take? Are there medicines that are unsafe?

The antiviral medications Tamiflu and Relenza can be helpful, but most people do not need to take them to recover from flu. Because of fears that there won't be enough for those who need them most, the CDC is advising doctors to be judicious when proscribing antivirals and to focus on hospitalized patients or those at increased risk of complications. Some over the counter medications can be helpful in lowering fever and alleviating other symptoms, but **any products containing aspirin should not be given to children or teenagers, who might develop a serious illness called Reye's Syndrome. Do not give over-the-counter cold medications to children younger than 4 without speaking to a doctor.**

H1N1 – What You Need to Know

Continued

- How do I know whether it's the H1N1 strain or just ordinary flu?

You probably won't. Most of us won't have laboratory testing done to confirm flu type now that H1N1 is well-established within the U.S. Most of the flu circulation now is believed to be H1N1 because ordinary seasonal strains typically arrive later in the season.

- How do I know whether I should go to the hospital or take my child to the hospital?

Emergency warning signs in children include fast breathing or trouble breathing; bluish skin color; not drinking enough fluids; not waking up or interacting; a child so irritable that he or she does not want to be held; flulike symptoms improve then return with fever and a worse cough; fever with a rash.

Emergency signs in adults include difficulty breathing or shortness of breath; pain or pressure in the chest or abdomen; sudden dizziness; confusion; severe or persistent vomiting.

You should not go to the emergency department with mild flulike illness. Going there might expose you to the virus if you don't already have it.

- Do I need to get a regular flu shot or an H1N1 shot if I've already been sickened with flu?

Officials recommend vaccination with both even if you've already experienced flulike illness.

- Do I have to get vaccinated?

No. Vaccination is not mandated by the government.

- Should I try to get infected now to avoid potentially more severe illness later?

No. The CDC says there is no way to predict what the outcome will be for an individual or those whom that individual might infect.

REMEMBER: “Clean your hands, cough in your sleeves, stay home if you're sick. If you do not have a thermometer at home, buy one so if/when you call your doctor, you can tell them your symptoms. This will help them to help you faster,” said Dr. Julie E. Mangino, medical director of clinical epidemiology at Ohio State University Medical Center.

Christian Education & Stewardship

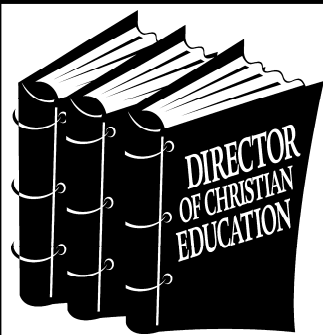


Due to the busy schedules all of us seem to have, the Christian Education Board has a plan to help eliminate conflicting scheduling, times appointed for various service that don't suit, and at the same time solve the problem of eliminating programs necessary for the people of our congregation. A bulletin board has been placed in the Narthex near the Baptistry door. On it are various volunteer programs we are trying to fill. Please, take time to check your schedule or the schedules of your children, sign up where it suits, and write it on your schedule. This is a new concept we are trying, we are open to any suggestions you might have that would help us with this endeavor. Please contact Linda McFadden at (330) 343-3911 with any of your concerns, helpful hints, or questions. Thank you for being patient with us and God Bless You!

COOPERATIVE CATECHISM STUDENTS



This year's Confirmation Retreat will be November 21st & 22nd. Be sure to come and join in the fun, learning and excitement as we spend a night at Camp Buckeye, 10055 Camp Rd. NW, Beach City, Ohio. We'll be joined by a group of college students from Capital University in Columbus called FISCh. Friends in Serving Christ (FISCh) which started in 1985. They regularly go to churches in the Ohio area to host weekend retreats for junior high and high school students. This year's retreat will begin at 1:00 P.M. on Saturday, November 21st and end on Sunday, November 22nd. All meals are provided and there is no cost for students to participate.



Do you have a passion for working with children and fostering a relationship with Christ for our youth? We are looking for someone to serve as the Christian Education Director of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church from

November, 2009 until June, 2010. The Director will help oversee a number of our Christian Education programs including our Sunday School Program, First Communion, Confirmation, Christmas Program, Rally Day, Reformation Sunday and our Vacation Bible Study program. Anyone interested should be detail oriented, good at organizing volunteers and teaching Christian education to our youngsters. Those interested should contact Nathan Vaughan at nvaughan@kwgd.com or 330-447-3637 for a full job description.

Hunger

"Facts of Life"
In Ohio



In any given week, 207,700 different Ohioans receive emergency food assistance. 35% are children under the age of 18, with one out of ten, under 5 years old. 9% are seniors who are often deciding between meals, utilities and medications. What do these "facts of life" say to each of us about our stewardship of all that we have been given by God?

Young People's Ministries



St Paul's senior high youth group would like to invite their friends at Grace

to Laser Quest in Canton on Sunday, December 6th. They will be leaving St. Paul at 12:15 pm.

Bring money for tickets and lunch at Steak and Shake.

Service Project

SATURDAY DECEMBER 12TH FROM 8:45 AM TO 11:00 AM
ST PAUL'S YOUTH GROUP WILL BE



Young People's Ministry Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 17th, 2009
at 7:00 pm
in Luther Hall



Advent Sunday

November 29th at 6:30 pm

All are welcome to help decorate the Christmas tree in the Sanctuary, listen to a Christmas story and do a craft.

Cookies and punch will be served.

Calling All Lutheran Youth, Tuscarawas County

Are you in 8-12th grade?

Would you like to go on a Mission Trip in July 2010?

Youth Works Mission planning meeting at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Dover in Luther Hall on Sunday, November 8th at 1 PM. Registrations with \$60.00 fee will be collected at this time. Plans will be made for fundraising activities. Please come with ideas. If you're at all interested in going on this trip to the Eastern Shore of Virginia July 4th -9th. (this does not include travel time) please be at this meeting.



Thanksgiving Dinner

Sunday, November 22nd after the 10:30 Service

Menu: Turkey, Ham, Sweet Potato Casserole, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Green Beans, Corn, Noodles, Stuffing, Rolls/Butter, Dessert, Coffee, Iced Tea, and Punch

Cost: 13 and up \$6.00, ages 5 to 12 \$3.00, under 5 Free

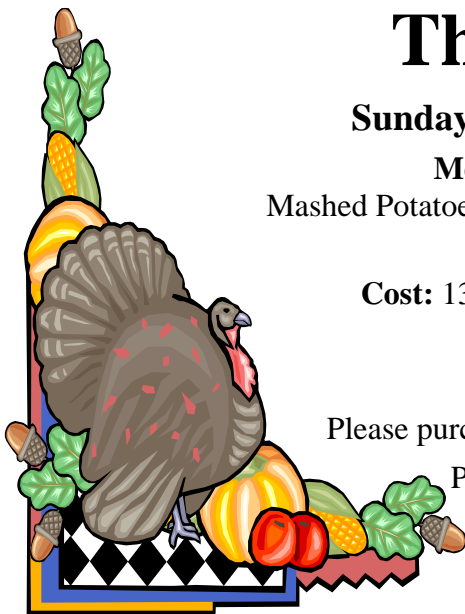
Tickets will be sold after Sunday Church services on November 1st, 8th & 15th.

Please purchase a ticket so we may be sure to have enough food for everyone.

Proceeds will go towards 2010 Youth Works Mission Trip. Matching funds from Thrivent will be applied for.

Any food donations would be appreciated.

A sign up sheet will be on the table when you purchase your tickets.



Women ^{of the} ELCA

Final Count for Lutheran World Relief

Quilts: 51 Soap: 134
Health Kits: 39 Layettes: 8
School Kits: 16

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



Dr. Mary Baer Circle
Sunday, November 8th
Thank Offering
Sunday

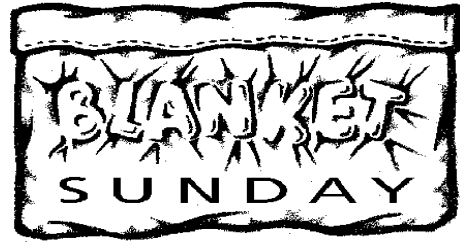
SWINGLES

Tuesday, November 17th
6:30 pm

WELCA QUARTERLY
Wednesday, December 9th
at 11:30 am
Outreach Center

Thank Offering Sunday
November 8th, 2009

November is the month of Thanksgiving— so we of WELCA are collecting an offering this year for our own food pantry.



With the combined help of WELCA, Swingles and the Dr. Mary Baer Circle. Together they were able to deliver 51 quilts, 39 health kits, 16 school kits, 8 layettes & 134 bars of soap to Jerusalem Church in Seville on October 10th. It was loaded into a semi-truck, donated and driven by a member of Jerusalem congregation to Detroit where they are loaded onto a train. The train then delivers it to the Maryland warehouse or (Lutheran World Relief). They are then distributed here and abroad where needed.

A special thank you goes out to Art Siber for delivering the items to Seville and to the Knotters who assembled and packed the blankets:

Marie Lorson, Irene Nelson,
Helen Sherman, Donna Fox, Ruth Stein,
Norma Grywalski, Shirley Grafe,
Jane Lanz and Dorothy Morrison.

Also, thank you to the congregation for their donations. A total of **\$582.00** was collected to go to Church World Services and will buy **116** blankets.

Announcements

ANNUAL ALTAR GUILD LUNCHEON

All present and previous members of the Altar Guild are cordially invited to the annual luncheon to be held at the Union Country Club on **Tuesday, December 1, 2009, at 12:00 noon**. The cost is \$12.95, payable at the time of the luncheon. To make a reservation, please call Glenda Sclater at 330.343.3120 or the church office at 330.343.6915, by November 23, 2009.



TRINITY LUTHERAN SEMINARY

A seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Dear Friends,

A grand feeling of hope is evident in the minds and hearts of the Trinity Lutheran Seminary faculty, staff and students as we enter into this academic year. I am glad to have such optimistic news to report:

- 50 new students began study at Trinity this fall.
- The number of alumni donors at Trinity increased by 14 percent in the last academic year.
- 42 percent more congregations included Trinity in their benevolence last year.

I have hope and energy as we enter into this year, but we need your support and encouragement more than ever. There are still financial hurdles to overcome. Synodical giving is stretched and endowment income has not returned to levels of years past. Yet I am confident you will view these challenges to Trinity as opportunities for you to increase your support. Your financial gifts make a difference for the church. Trinity's 50 new students, along with those returning for another year, can only benefit from your generosity.

I ask you again, as this new school year begins, to offer your support to our students through a financial gift. Also take a moment to identify a person in your congregation –like first year student Ben Sloss– that may have a heart for ministry and introduce them to Trinity. Inform members of your congregation of the importance of financially strong seminaries, and encourage them to include Trinity students, faculty and staff in both personal and congregational prayers.

As we enter into this new school year, I remember the importance of our mission:

Trinity Lutheran Seminary form leaders for Christ's work in the world.

We cannot fulfill this mission without your generosity. I look forward to your ongoing support and partnership.

Very Sincerely,

Mark R. Ramseth
President

Evangelism Board

GROCERY BAG MINISTRY

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

On a very positive note, donations to the Food Pantry have increased in response to a greater need for our food bags. In September, we distributed 49 bags, and have already distributed 23 in October. We are seeing a greater demand for this outreach program. Monetary and food donations are very much appreciated.

So, what goes into a bag to feed the hungry? The food items are: peanut butter, canned meat, vegetables, fruit, cereal, soup, macaroni & cheese, ***canned white potatoes**, spaghetti sauce and spaghetti noodles.

***New item added.**

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.



FEED THE HUNGRY

Thank you to the following volunteers who will help serve our free lunch on **Wednesday, November 18th.**

Leader: Jill Hootman

Volunteers: Carol Betche, Carolyn Delphia & Barbara Marshall

Volunteers for the Free Lunch should deliver their food donations to the church to Luther Hall kitchen on **Tuesday, November 17th.**

The Free Lunch program at Grace will continue on the third Wednesday of every month. The Evangelism board decided to provide a lunch for our neighbors in Dover (many who walk to our free lunch) as opposed to joining the meal program at the Salvation Army. Attendance has increased to almost 25 at September's & October's lunches, so the need still exists for our free lunch program. As always, we depend upon our members to prepare the food and serve it. The lunch menu for November 18th is posted in the Narthex. Check it out and see how you can help!



GRACE CHURCH POSTCARDS

Are you missing someone who has not been here for awhile? Postcards are available on the narthex table for you to send to someone you have missed. Stop by and take a few home to send.

Evangelism Board

EVANGELISM NEWS... HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO BE A BLESSING TO OTHERS

We at Grace have volunteered to provide one meal per month — **the 4th Sunday of each month** — and need volunteers to provide the meal and to deliver it to the *Friends of the Homeless of Tuscarawas County* which is a group of



concerned citizens from various churches and social service agencies in the county who have recognized the need to assist persons experiencing homelessness. The residents eat dinner at 6:00 each evening. All tableware is provided by the shelter, and they ask that if we are just dropping the food off to bring it in disposable pans.

If you are unable to deliver your portion of the meal, please contact someone else who has signed up to deliver food.

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

New sign up sheets are posted for November's meals to the homeless shelter. Please sign up in the narthex.

Thank you to the volunteers who will prepare and deliver food for the **Homeless Shelter on November 22nd.**

November's dinner at the Homeless Shelter is on Sunday, November 22nd at 6:00 pm. The sign-up sheet is posted in the Narthex. In recent months, response to this outreach program has declined. Members of the Evangelism Board are aware that some members of the congregation don't

fully support this service for a variety of reasons. If you have concerns, positive or negative, please contact a member of the Evangelism Board or leave a message in the church office. We need congregational support if this program is to continue. 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.



MOSER FAMILY

Please continue to support the Moser Family Mission. Envelopes are located in the pews. Steve, Tina, and daughter Kearstin arrived in El Salvador in early January. Please pray for them as they share God's word with the children of Latin America.

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.



November 8 - One Available

December 27 - One Available

Nursery

November 1	Lisa Morris
November 8	Cindy Jerles & Ashley Jerles
November 15	Pam Keller & Julie VanFossen
November 22	Betsy Morris & Juanita Page
November 29	Marcie Tinlin & Beckie Grafe

CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH PROGRAM

Anyone wishing to volunteer to teach or help during Children of the Church are asked to contact the church office. If we have enough volunteers we will hold an instructional class, orienting everyone to the curriculum which is to be used. The curriculum is not difficult to prepare or teach. So, please help us in our endeavor to keep this program and continue to instruct our children in Christian living. (This could be a family affair, with mom and dad teaching and assisting and their children attending!-GREAT THOUGHT!)



Worship Readings

Order of St. Luke

**Tuesday,
November 24
7:00 pm**

Sunday, Nov. 1

Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 24
Revelations 21:1-6a
John 11:32-44

Sunday, Nov. 8

1 Kings 17:8-16
Psalm 146
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44

Altar Guild

**Tuesday,
November 24
9:00 am**

Sunday, Nov. 15

Daniel 12:1-3
Psalm 16
Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25
Mark 13:1-8

Sunday, Nov. 22

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
Psalm 93
Revelation 1:4b-8
John 18:33-37

Sunday, Nov. 29

Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Luke 21:25-36

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, crayons and snacks 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 snacks 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
Nov. 1
Nov. 8
Nov. 15
Nov. 22
Nov. 29

LAY READERS
Nov. 1 Lynn Foust
Nov. 8 Terry Miller
Nov. 15 Lynn Foust
Nov. 22 Steve Zimmerman
Nov. 29 Dale Weaver

DEACONS
Nov. 1 none
Nov. 8 none
Nov. 15 Gale Limron
Nov. 22 none
Nov. 29 Sue Grafe

USHERS
Michael Thomas-Moore
Tom Patton
Tim Keplinger
Richard Elliott
Steve Zimmerman
Jim Heller
Scott Ebert

SUNDAY 10:30 AM WORSHIP

USHERS

November 1 John Lorenz, Larry Wallick, Tom Margo, Art Siber

November 8 Jack Marshall, Ron Philabaum, Jim Gibb, Kent Philabaum

November 15 John Stahl, Robert McCulloch, Keith Lands, Howard Stein

November 22 Art Keener, William Page, Jeff Keller, Jeff Hootman, Joe VanFossen

November 29 WELCA

ACOLYTES
Nov. 1
Nov. 8
Nov. 15
Nov. 22
Nov. 29

LAY READERS
Nov. 1 R. Homrighausen
Nov. 8 John Stahl
Nov. 15 Nathan Vaughan
Nov. 22 Fred Grosse
Nov. 29 Jim Gibb

DEACONS
Nov. 1 none
Nov. 8 none
Nov. 15 none
Nov. 22 Jim Gibb
Nov. 29 John Stahl

ALTAR GUILD

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

December: JoAnn Hammond, Norma Buehler, Jean Geyer, Sue Case, Holly Vesco



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>8 am Worship Communion</p> <p>9:15 am SCS</p> <p>10:30 am Worship</p> <p><u>All Saints Sunday</u></p>	<p>2</p> <p>3 pm Communion Park Village</p> <p>6:30 pm Girl Scouts</p> <p>7 pm Valley Voices</p> <p>7 pm Property Board</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6:30 pm Cub Scouts</p> <p>6:45 pm Planning Council Meeting</p>  <p>TO VOTE</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>12-1 pm Bible study</p> <p>12 pm Sr. Fun Day</p> <p>6 pm Bell Choir</p> <p>7 pm Gallery Choir</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>8 am Worship Communion</p> <p>9:15 am SCS</p> <p>10:30 am Worship Communion</p> <p>1:00 pm Youth Works planning meeting</p> <p><u>Thank Offering</u></p>	<p>9</p> <p>10:30 am Communion Park Village</p> <p>6:30 pm Girl Scouts</p> <p>7 pm Valley Voices</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9 am Knotters</p> <p>12:00 – 4:00 pm Rejoice Women</p> <p>6:30 pm Cub Scouts</p> <p>6:45 pm Ministry Night</p>	<p>11</p> 	<p>12</p> <p>12-1 pm Bible study</p> <p>12 pm Sr. Fun Day</p> <p>6 pm Bell Choir</p> <p>7 pm Gallery Choir</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8 am Men's Breakfast</p> 
<p>15</p> <p>8 am Worship Communion</p> <p>9:15 am SCS</p> <p>10:00 am Annual Congregational Meeting</p> <p>10:30 am Worship Communion</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6:30 pm Girl Scouts</p> <p>7 pm Valley Voices</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:30 Staff Meeting</p> <p>6:30 pm Cub Scouts</p> <p>6:30 pm Swingles</p> <p>7:00 pm Young Peoples Board meeting</p>	<p>18</p> <p>11-1 pm Free Lunch ORC</p>	<p>19</p> <p>12 pm Sr. Fun Day</p> <p>12-1 pm Bible study</p> <p>5:30 pm Modern Homemakers</p> <p>6 pm Bell Choir</p> <p>7 pm Gallery Choir</p>	<p>20</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>Messenger Newsletter Deadline</p> </div>	<p>21</p> <p>Fall Retreat for Jr. High– Camp Buckeye</p>
<p>22</p> <p>8 am Worship Communion</p> <p>9:15 am SCS</p> <p>10:30 am Worship Communion</p> <p><u>Thanksgiving Dinner</u></p> <p><u>GENEROSITY & JOY</u></p> <p>Fall Retreat for Jr. High–Camp Buckeye</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6:30 pm Girl Scouts</p> <p>7 pm Valley Voices</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9:00 Altar Guild</p> <p>1:00 Order of St. Luke</p> <p>6:30 Cub Scouts</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>  <p>Happy Thanksgiving</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>8 am Worship Communion</p> <p>9:15 am SCS</p> <p>10:30 am Worship Communion</p> <p>6 pm Meal to Homeless Shelter</p> <p><u>First Sunday in Advent</u></p>	<p>30</p> <p>6:30 pm Girl Scouts</p> <p>7 pm Valley Voices</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>9 am Newsletter Assembly</p> </div>					