

THE MESSENGER

2020

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

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One of the things we often forget is that President Abraham Lincoln was a man of deep faith. On October 3, 1863, three months to the day after the terrible last day of the battle of Gettysburg, even as the Civil War raged on, President Lincoln issued the following proclamation:

The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies... We are prone to forget the source from which they come... which are of so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful providence of Almighty God. In the midst of a civil war of unequalled magnitude and severity... peace has been preserved with all nations, order has been maintained, the laws have been respected and obeyed, and harmony has prevailed everywhere except in the theatre of military conflict.... Needful diversions of wealth and of strength from the fields of peaceful industry to the national defense, have not arrested the plough, the shuttle or the ship; the axe has enlarged the borders of our settlements, and the mines, as well of iron and coal as of the precious metals, have yielded even more abundantly than heretofore. Population has steadily increased, notwithstanding the waste that has been made in the camp, the siege and the battlefield; and the country... is permitted to expect continuance of years with large increase of freedom. No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy. It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American People. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States... to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens. And I recommend to them that while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility and Union.

As we gather later this month to celebrate the holiday of Thanksgiving, even in the midst of the pandemic, look for and give thanks for the blessings God has given us. We still truly are a blessed people. We also pray for those who have suffered loss and lift up our country and ask for healing.

May God bless you as you celebrate Thanksgiving however you are able.

Interim Pastor
Rev. Daniel J. Cammarn

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Planning Council

**PLANNING
COUNCIL**
Next Meeting
Nov. 10th, 2020
@ 6:30 PM

Pastor Dan's Office Hours

Pastor Dan's office hours will be Mondays and Thursdays from 9 AM -3 PM. He will attempt not to schedule any meetings on those days. He is available by appointment on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

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

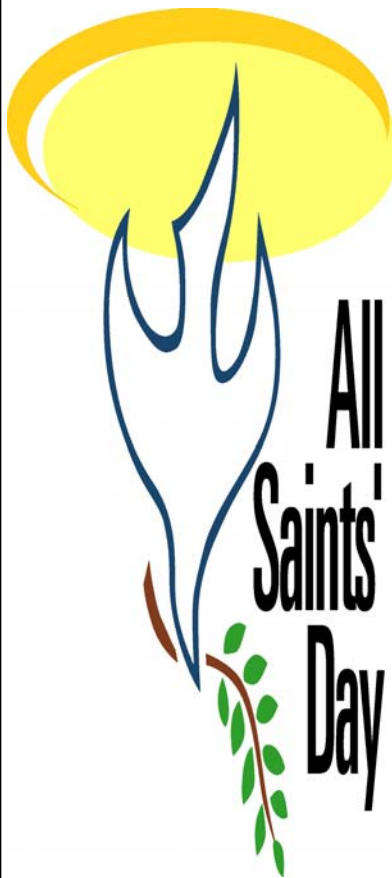
Nancy Wharmby - Director
 Charles Castricone
 Keith Lands
 Craig Rader
 Sarah Kneuss

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



A Time to Remember

All Saints Sunday is November 1. This gives us an opportunity to remember, honor and thank God for our loved ones who have gone to be with our Lord during the past year. We mark the occasion with both solemnity and joy, always believing in Jesus' promises of eternal life.

May God embrace us with His love and fill our hearts with peace as we remember:

* James R. Rosenberry	* Lura Jean "Lu" Kreisher
* Constance "Connie" Lahr	* Jerome B. "Jerry" Nelson
* Joe Hammond	* Janet Phillips
* Raymond McCoy	* Robert E. "Bob" Bertle
* Howard J. Stein	* Bonita R. "Bonnie" Beem



HAPPY Thanks Giving

*Give Thanks For
Unknown Blessings
Already On Their Way!*

Weekly offering needed \$4326.92
*Total offerings needed by
the end of October \$168,749.88*

Month offering thru Oct. 27th \$12,079.00
Year To Date Difference -\$6777.56

**We Are Thankful
For Your Giving!!**



Congregational Meeting

Our annual congregational meeting to approve the 2021 church budget will be held during two sessions on **Sunday, November 15.**

Planning Council will meet to approve the draft budget on November 10. A draft of the Budget Committee-endorsed budget is provided as an insert in the November **Messenger.**

The first session will be held immediately after the 8:00 a.m. service. The second session will commence at 10:10 a.m. Both meetings will be led by President Ron Stahl in the sanctuary.

The congregation will also elect two new members to the Grace Endowment Board. Mike Sergent and Andrea Samsa have completed two 3-year terms and are ineligible for re-election.

Please plan to attend either session as we prepare for our Grace mission and ministries in 2021. Thank you.

Announcements

Youth Group Pizza Sale

Pizza Pickup is at the Outreach Center scheduled 11 AM – 1:00 PM on Sunday, November 1. We will use contactless pickup, putting your pizzas in your trunk or back seat as you request. Please note that the pickup will take place regardless of the county Covid status. Thanks to everyone who purchased pizzas to support youth




Wedded Love & Happiness

Congratulations to Joshuah and Madisyn (Johnson) Fisher who were united in marriage at Willowdale Lake County Club, North Canton on October 10. Pastor Rice officiated.

Joshuah is the son of member Rhonda Fisher of Strasburg and Paul Fisher of Canton. The bride is the daughter of Brian and Pam Johnson of Strasburg.

We offer them our prayers and support and ask God to bless Joshuah and Madisyn

The Rev. Dr. Laura Barbins Elected Bishop

The Rev. Dr. Laura Barbins, Mentor, Ohio, was elected Sept. 12 to serve a six-year term as the fifth bishop of the **Northeastern Ohio Synod** of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). The election took place during an online synod assembly.

Barbins was elected on the fifth ballot, with 171 votes. The Rev. Angela Freeman-Riley, pastor of Bethesda on the Bay Lutheran Church in Bay Village, Ohio, received 148 votes.

The bishop-elect has served as pastor of Celebration Lutheran Church in Chardon since 2001 and adjunct faculty at Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University in Columbus, Ohio, since 2018. Trinity is one of seven ELCA seminaries. Barbins served as interim pastor at Messiah Lutheran Church in Fairview Park, Ohio, from 1999 to 2000 and associate pastor for youth at Holy Trinity Lutheran in Nashville, Tenn., from 1995 to 1997.

The Rev. Dr. Barbins received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Roanoke College in Salem, Va., in 1990 and a Master of Divinity degree from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg (now United Lutheran Seminary) in Gettysburg, Pa., in 1994. United is one of seven ELCA seminaries. She received a Doctor of Philosophy degree from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tn., in 2004.

Bishop-Elect Barbins is married to the Rev. Dr. Paul Barbins, pastor of the Latvian Baptist Church of Cleveland and Program Coordinator of the Spiritual Program for Adults at St. Ignatius High School in Cleveland, Ohio. The Revs. Barbins have four daughters and live in Mentor, Ohio.

The Rev. Abraham D. Allende has served as bishop of the Northeastern Ohio Synod since 2014. Information about the Northeastern Ohio Synod is available at neos-elca.org/.

Announcements

Congratulations!

Join us in welcoming to our Grace family, Barrett Allen Stull. Barrett was born on September 2nd, weighing 8lbs. 10 oz. and 19 1/2 inches long.

Barrett is the son of Jaclyn (Sergent) and David Stull. His grandparents are Mike & Chris Sergent and Charles and Joan Stull of New Philadelphia.

May God bless Barrett as he grows in God's love and grace.



Thankful Giving

In addition to November starting the Holiday Season, it is also the time of year when we plan Grace's Operating Budget for the coming year.

A separate insert in this Messenger includes the usual Budget Summary Sheet and also an expanded itemized Budget Spreadsheet.

The spreadsheet is a comparison between the current 2020 Budget and the proposed 2021 Budget.

Note: The largest difference in the two budgets is the Full-time On Staff Pastor Package (pension, health insurance, disability, SS allowance, life insurance, housing, auto, etc), and the Full-time Interim Pastor Package (salary, housing, auto) There will be a bit of a savings until a new pastor is hired.

Overall savings with the proposed 2021 Budget is \$18,405.

Please save these Budget Sheets and take a few minutes to review them before we "hopefully" have the annual November Congregational Meeting to approve the Budget.

If you have questions please feel free to call Beverly Frantz - Treasurer 330-260-6817



Poinsettias may be ordered in honor or in memory of loved ones. **The cost will be \$11.00 each.** Please complete and return this form along with your payment to the church office by **Wed, December 2nd.** (if paying by check, please make payable to Grace Lutheran Church)

This Poinsettia is dedicated to the Glory of God

Please circle:

In Memory of

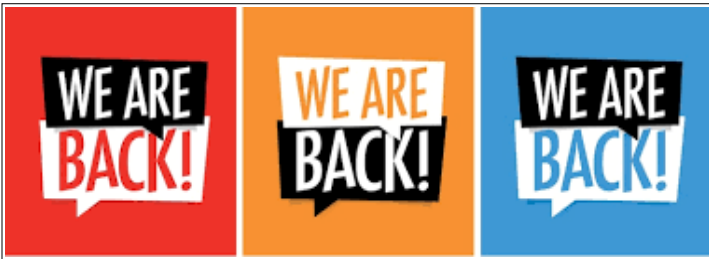
or

In Honor of

Print Names:

Ordered By:

Thank you for purchasing a poinsettia which will decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas



At the October meeting the Planning Council approved the use of the building for church groups as long as:

- The attendance is 10 or below.
- Participants are masked at all times
- Proper Social Distancing is observed
- Room usage is scheduled ahead of time with the Church Office

In keeping with the guidelines, the elementary Sunday School Classes (K thru 4th Grade) have resumed this Sunday. It will be good to hear the sound of children in the building once again!

The Church also approved the use of the building by the Boy Scout Troop!

Grace Lutheran Church's COVID Closure Policy

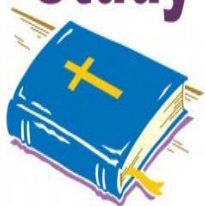
At the October meeting the Planning Council approved the following policy:

If Tuscarawas County reaches "Red" or "Purple" in the state's Public Health Advisory System we will cancel all activities including worship until the county goes back down to "Orange" or "Yellow."

At "Red" county residents are to limit activities and gatherings as much as possible. At "Purple" county residents are to leave their homes as little as possible. The color for each county is announced each Thursday afternoon at 2:00 PM. If activities are canceled at the church the office will notify WJER, Channel 5 and our Facebook site.

When In-person service are canceled, Grace will offer online worship at 10:30 AM on Sunday mornings. Beginning Sunday, November 1, we will offer worship services on Zoom. When Facebook Live is ready to go (hopefully soon)

Bible Study



Online Bible Study

Grace will begin offering an online Bible Study on Mondays at 7:00 PM beginning November 9. We will be studying the Gospel According to Mark. Scholars believe that Mark was the first of the four gospels. It is the shortest of the gospels and concentrates on the story of Jesus life. The Bible Study is for Bible Study novices and veterans alike.

zoom Instructions

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, paste:

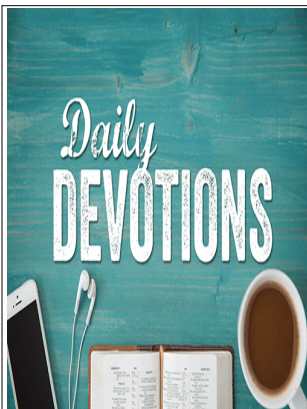
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into your browser. If you cannot paste the address go to <https://us02web.zoom.us>. The meeting number is 9738937444. The password is 0300. Respond "yes" when asked if you would like to use video and your computer/tablet's audio. It might be a few moments before you can participate as I have to "let you in".

Using any phone. Call 646.558.8656 - at the prompt enter 9738937488. The password is 0300. You may then participate without video. Unfortunately long distance rates to apply.

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

GROCERY BAG MINISTRY

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

Grocery bag distribution is temporarily suspended. We expect when it resumes, the need will be great. We are still accepting food and monetary donations.

What goes into a bag to feed the hungry? The basic food items are: peanut butter, canned meat, vegetables, fruit, cereal, soup, macaroni & cheese, canned white potatoes, spaghetti sauce and spaghetti noodles. We also pack a roll of toilet paper and a bar of soap when available.

We welcome all packaged/canned donations. We will pack any kind of soup, fruit, vegetable, soap or toilet paper that is donated, as well as extra items not on the list. **Grocery size paper bags are also needed.**

Thank you to all who bring food in for the grocery bags that are filled each month. Look in the Sunday bulletins to see which items are most urgently needed.



FEED THE HUNGRY

Please be Praying for...

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
 Molly Bauer
 Jane Buehler
 Judy Arrington
 Rob Strohl
 Bob Sclater
 Brian Reidenbach
 David Peoples
 Earl Yoder

Holly Hillen
 Florence Fenton
 Judy Wells
 Alan Brooks
 Rachelle Sensel
 Lisa Myers
 Buffy Gray
 Norma Grywalski
 Carol Betche
 Edward King Sr.
 Jane Rice
 Louise Harris
 Karen Page
 Steve Strohl
 Helen Rosenberry
 Jim Lands
 Maryann Brothers
 Jason Clinker

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 Jesse Brothers (father of Mike Brothers) and JoAnn Hammond.

May the Lord embrace these families with His

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.



Nov. 22nd - 1 vase

Dec. 6th - 1 vase

Dec. 13th - 1 vase

Dec. 27th - 1 vase




Grace is Online

Grace's worship services are going online! Our target date to begin streaming the 10:30 service on Facebook Live is Sunday, November 8. Look for a link on our Grace website.

Worship Readings

Altar Guild

No meetings until further notice.

Sunday, Nov. 1th

Revelation 7:9-17
Psalm 34:1-10, 22
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12

Sunday, Nov. 8th

Genesis 2:4-9, 18-24
Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26
1 Corinthians 15:42-49
John 3:16-18

Sunday, Nov. 15th

1 Kings 3:5-13
Psalm 9:1-2, 7-10
1 Corinthians 12:4-11
Matthew 25:14-30

Sunday, Nov. 22nd

Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Psalm 67
2 Corinthians 8:2-7
Luke 20:21-26

Sunday, Nov. 22nd

Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37

Replenishing the Children's Worship Bags

Our worship bag continues to be a blessing to children and parents in our worship each week! Most of the 10 bags are used every Sunday. The bags serve as a way for parents to have their young children in worship with them while they get a chance to worship. We will be purchasing new books, toys and crayons for the bags soon. If you would be interested in providing money for the purchase of these items you may make a donation by placing it in a special offering envelope with worship bags written on it. If paying by check please remember to write Children's Worship Bags in the memo line. Thank you for continuing to support this ministry.



Worship Assistants

SUNDAY 8:00 AM WORSHIP

ACOLYTES	LAY READERS	DEACON/COMM. ASST.	USHERS
11/1	11/1 Nancy Wilson	11/1	Tim Keplinger
11/8	11/8 Terry Miller	11/8	Richard Elliott
11/15	11/15 Gale Limron	11/15	Steve Zimmerman
11/22	11/22 Kim Gray	11/22	Jim Heller
11/29	11/29 Lynn Foust	11/29	Scott Ebert
			Edward Harper

SUNDAY 10:30 AM WORSHIP

Nov. 1 John Lorenz, Larry Wallick, Tom Margo, Ron Stahl
 Nov. 8 Jim Gibb, Mike Sergent, Jimm Morris, Karl Vitovic
 Nov. 15 John Stahl, Robert McCulloch, Keith Lands, Paul McFadden
 Nov. 22 Jeff Keller, Jeff Hootman, John Wolfe, Joe Vanfossen
 Nov. 29 WELCA

ACOLYTES	LAY READERS	DEACON/COMM. ASST.
11/1	11/1 Jimm Morris	11/1
11/8	11/8 John Stahl	11/8
11/15	11/15 Betsy Morris	11/15
11/22	11/22 Jim Gibb	11/22

ALTAR GUILD

November: Melody Rader, Wendy Mady, Betsy Morris, Becky Lands
December: Glenda Sclater, Marcie Castricone, Liz Miller, Paula Wolfe



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Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
<p>1</p> <p>8 am Worship Communion 9:15 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion</p> <p>PIZZA PICK-UP Dawlight Savings time Ends</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>7 pm Valley Voices</p>	<p>3</p>  <p>Election Day</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10 am Zoom Devotionals</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>8 am Worship Communion 9:15 am SCS - Leaf Raking 10:30 am Worship Communion</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7 pm Valley Voices 7 pm Zoom Bible Study</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6:30 pm Planning Council</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10 am Zoom Devotionals</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
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<p>29</p> <p>8 am Worship 9:15 am SCS 10:30 am Worship</p> <p>6 pm Meal to the Homeless Shelter</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7 pm Valley Voices 7 pm Zoom Bible Study</p>	