



THE MESSENGER

2016

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

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Roses Are Vermilion. Violets Are Perse.

I have set My bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the everlasting covenant between Me and the earth.
 Genesis 9:13

It's one of the hottest days of the year and here I am wearing fur pants.

No, wait. That's not right. I'm wearing **fir** pants. Not fur ones. There's a big difference, you know.

A little while ago, I started looking for a pair of olive-colored dress pants. I couldn't find them anywhere. I searched the stores. I hunted online. Nothing. No olive dress pants available anywhere.

But I wouldn't give up. I found some olive Dockers for sale. But they were casual "work to weekend" pants. I needed dress pants, so they wouldn't do. Besides, I already had them.

Finally, there they were waiting for me at Macy's. They were just what I had been looking for. But to my surprise they were not olive. The color on the tag was listed as **fir**. I guess fir is the new olive. (I bought them and ended up getting a great deal, but that's another story.)

It's the same way with tan. There seems to be no tan pants anymore. Designers now insist you choose among taupe, khaki, sand and string; each a shade lighter than the previous hue.

And, get this, in certain fashion houses; navy blue is now midnight. That one really bothers me. A lot! My navy blazer is a reliable, flexible, timeless and always stylish wardrobe standard. And, it is navy! Not sapphire. Not ultramarine. Not midnight. So hear me now and get it right, Michael Kors, Ralph Lauren, Perry Ellis and all you guys at Nautica, "It's navy, Navy, **NAVY!**"

This has me wondering. What would these fashionistas call the colors of the rainbow? We've always learned them to be red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet. Maybe those colors are too common and way too boring. We need to make that celestial bow more chic. More au courant. Today our rainbow could be cerise, tangerine, lemon, lime, cobalt, cerulean and plum.

Whatever the colors may be called, they really remain the same. Their naming and renaming doesn't change their beautiful hues event a tint. More importantly, God's rainbow promise doesn't change. God's covenant with the earth and every living creature remains in effect today just exactly as it was made to Noah and his family. "Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life." (Genesis 9:11)

When God makes a promise, God always keeps it. God never alters the terms or conditions. God never changes His mind. God's word remains true, sure, unchanging and everlasting. "Heaven and earth [including rainbows] may pass away, but My word remains forever." (Matthew 24:35) So, when Jesus says, "Your sins are forgiven," we can count on it. When He promises us eternal life and a place prepared for us in heaven, it's a guarantee.


The skies may be bright and blue today. Tomorrow they may be gloomy and gray. Skies change. Colors fade. Yet God remains the same today, tomorrow and always. (Hebrews 13:8) God is our Alpha and Omega; our beginning, our end and everything in between. God remains with us and for us. God's promises never fade, falter or fail. As *Project Runway's* Tim Gunn might say, "Now that's what I call the 'Wow Factor!'" Amen.

Senior Pastor Donald L. Rice Jr.

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Planning Council

**PLANNING
COUNCIL**
Next Meeting
September 13th, 2016
@ 6:30 PM



Facts and Figures

<p>Attendance July 2016*</p> <p>Weekly Average: 126 Difference: +2 (+1%)</p> <p>Offerings July 2016*</p> <p>Total: \$18,963.35 Difference +5,927.85 Weekly Average: \$3792.67 Weekly Difference: +533.80 (+16%)</p>	<p>Attendance July 2015</p> <p>Weekly Average: 124</p> <p>Offerings July 2015</p> <p>Total: \$13,035.50 Weekly Average: \$3258.88</p>
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*Five Sundays in July 2016. Four Sundays in July 2015

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Since You Asked

Since You Asked...

What is that light hanging down from the ceiling at the front of the sanctuary? A visiting family member asked me and I didn't know what to tell her.

That light is known as the **Eternal Light**. It may also be called the **Sanctuary Lamp** or **Eternal Flame**. It represents God's constant and abiding presence with us. The light reminds us of Jesus' words, "Wherever two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of them." (Mathew 18:20) We also recall Jesus proclaiming, "I am the light of the world." (John 8:12)

Most Lutheran churches have sanctuary lamps which are usually suspended from the ceiling by a chain over the altar area. Another variant is to have a lamp attached to the sanctuary wall behind or on either side of the altar.

The history surrounding the use of these lamps is difficult to determine. Often the origins are linked to references in the Old Testament. God gave directions for the building of the tabernacle that included a lamp stand (Exodus 25:31-40) and told the Israelites to have oil burning lamps in the meeting tent "from evening to morning" as a perpetual ordinance (Exodus 27:20-21).

Knowing Jesus. Showing Jesus. Acclaiming Grace Ministries

Bravo! Brava! Bravi!

And, thank you! Thank you for showing Jesus!

During 2016-17 we will be celebrating our Grace ministries. On the second Sunday of the month we will highlight, commend and thank the various Ministry Boards and auxiliaries for their service to God, our congregation and our neighbors. This will help us better understand the work of the church, open our eyes to new opportunities and encourage us all to be a more integral part of what we do together as a community of faith.

The theme for the year and these Sundays in particular is **Knowing Jesus. Showing Jesus**. The Hymn of the Day for these Sundays will be a congregational favorite, *They'll Know We Are Christian by Our Love*.

September 11: A Family of Ministers Knowing and Showing Jesus

October 9: Hospitality Ministries

November 13: Stewardship Development Ministries

December 11: Christian Faith and Life Ministries (Education)

January 8: Property Ministries

February 12: Congregational Life Ministries

March 12: Outreach Ministries



Announcements

THE DIDACHE

The Most Important Book You've Never Heard Of

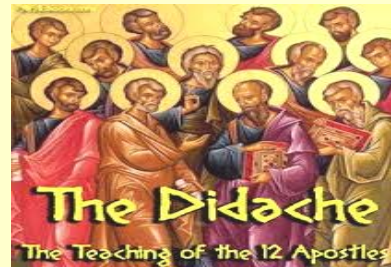
How did the first Christians practice their faith? How did they live and worship? How did they function as a community of believers? **The Didache** gives us invaluable information and insight to these questions and more.

The Didache simply means "The Teaching" and is often called "The Teaching of the Twelve Apostles." It is one of the earliest Christian documents, earlier than most writing of the New Testament. It is regarded as the first catechism of the church, providing direction for worship, church policy, community and personal behavior. The small, concise book highlights sayings of Jesus common to the Gospels of Matthew and Luke and shows how they are to be understood and practiced by his followers as "the way of life."

During our Fall 2016 Bible Study, we will explore "The Teaching" and discover its timeless and still relevant truths. The sessions will meet in Luther Hall on Wednesday evenings at 6:45 beginning September 28 and continuing through October. A copy of **The Didache** will be offered to all participants. Bring your Bibles as we connect "The Teaching of the Twelve Apostles" to those of Jesus.

The Didache class schedule:

September 28: The Way of Life
 October 5: The Way of Death
 October 12: The Welcoming Church
 October 19: Worship, Baptism and Holy Communion
 October 26: The Last Days



Welcome, Linda!
Thank You, Beverly!



We extend a warm Christian welcome to **Linda Hanna** who will begin her duties as our new permanent organist on Sunday, September 4. She will also be accompanying the Gallery Choir and making herself available for church weddings and funerals.

Linda comes to us from St. Paul Methodist Church in Massillon. She had previously served our congregation as Assistant Organist so she is very familiar with our liturgy and worship traditions.

Linda is a long-time Dover resident and retired as Dover High School Guidance Secretary and Registrar in 2014. She is an active member of the MacDowell Music Club and the American Guild of Organists, Canton Chapter.

We offer our great and deeply heart-felt appreciation to **Beverly Frantz** for serving as our interim organist since August 2015. Beverly stepped in without hesitation in our time of need and has served us most capably for over a year. We are truly thankful for her excellent musical selections, fine talent and goodwill.



Hark!
The Glad Sound

Peebles-Herzog, Inc., *The Pipe Organ Company* of Columbus, OH will begin the repair and refurbishment of our pipe organ in September. As of this writing, no firm start date has been set for the project. Updates and a specific timeline will be included in upcoming Sunday bulletin inserts.

It is expected the work will take three to four weeks. During that time, the organ will be unavailable for Sunday worship and other church services. Our concert piano and keyboard will be used instead.

The work includes repairs to the console, the positive organ wind regulator and the Great Organ pallet box. We have also agreed to shutdown the "solo organ" which was added to the original organ in 1987. It has proven to be more of a hindrance than a compliment to the original instrument and has additional repairs issues that are not worth the effort, according to Peebles-Herzog assessors.

We are thankful the repairs are an "off-budget" expense and will be paid through the Lewis Memorial Fund account. Grace Planning Council, as advised by Music Director Bobbie Myers, interim organist Beverly Frantz, Pastor Rice and the experts from Peebles-Herzog, approved the repairs and funding.

Announcements



CELEBRATION 2016

Our 2016 **Rally Day** and **Church Picnic** will be celebrated Sunday, September 11.

Rally Day will begin at **9:30 a.m.** in Fellowship Hall. Continental breakfast foods and beverages will be available. Children and youth will be promoted, introduced to their teachers and the 2016 curriculum. **Christian Faith and Life Ministries** is coordinating this event.

Our **Annual Church Picnic** will be held outdoors in the green space next to the Grace Outreach Center following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. The event will include a 70-foot obstacle course for the kids and other activities. The centerpiece of the picnic will be our homemade covered dishes. Each family is asked to bring a family favorite covered dish and/or dessert to share. Beverages and tableware will be provided. **Hospitality Ministries** is planning a delicious and fun-filled time for all.

Mark your calendars now and plan to join the day's festivities.



Grace Lutheran Church and Hammerstrom Scholarship Committee,

Thank you so much for the generous scholarship. I am very thankful to receive this scholarship for a third time. It is always an immense help in paying for college towards my mechanical engineering degree at the University of Akron. It will be such a massive help towards paying for my education. I am truly blessed to be part of this church.

Thank You,
Joshuah Fisher



I would like to send a special thank you to our volunteers that helped out in the office while I was on vacation.

Deborah Horn, Rhonda Fisher, Shirley Grafe, Linda Miller and Sue Hartz.

Your help was greatly appreciated.
Thanks again,
Lisa Morris, Church Secretary



Thank you so much for the scholarship money! I will use it to better my education in Emergency Medical Care.

Thanks,
Anthony Miceli



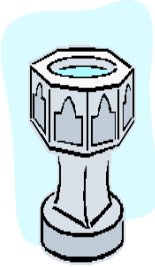
Dear Grace Lutheran Church,
Thank you so much for the use of your Outreach Center. The Red Cross blood drive sponsored by the Dover Noon Lions Club was very successful!!

29 volunteers to donate blood.
Again thank you.

Sincerely,
Susan Botdorf

Announcements

Baptism Blessings



Three infant boys were brought into the family of God through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism during the month of August. We thank God for these young lives and the many blessings they bring to their families and our community of believers.

Aaron James Gibb was baptized during the 10:30 a.m. church service on August 14. He is the son of Darin Gibb and Karen Thornhill. His grandparents are Jim and Sandy Gibb and Marjorie Baer and David Thornhill. Aaron was born June 21, 2016 at Union Hospital in Dover.

Graham Edward Huffman is the son of Andrew and Michelle Huffman. He was baptized during the second worship service on August 21. Graham was born November 26, 2015 at St. Ann's Hospital in Columbus. His grandparents are Janie Huffman, Robert and Cindy Huffman and Barb and Mark Hanners.

Brody Christopher Mears was born January 24, 2016 at Dover's Union Hospital and was baptized in a family ceremony on Saturday, August 27. He is the son of Timothy "Chris" and Kellee Mears. Brody's grandparents are George Kail and Tim and Ada Mears.

We pray these young boys will grow healthy and strong in God's grace as they are nurtured in their baptismal faith. Congratulations and God bless you always.

Let the Rehearsals Resume



Thursday, September 8th the Gallery Choir and Handbell Choir will resume rehearsals in the Gallery.

Handbells will begin at 6 pm with the Gallery Choir beginning at 7 pm.

If you are considering making one or both of these choirs one of your offerings to Grace and were not a member last season, please call Bobbie Myers (330-343-3268) and let her know so music will be ready.

We offer the enrichment, healing and friendship of music and look forward to seeing you on the 8th.



Thank you so much for the scholarship. It will help me tremendously with paying for school. This scholarship has opened so many schooling opportunities for me.

Thanks again!
God Bless,
Kristin Miceli

Joy In Your Prayer Journey!



Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, Sept. 21st
Evening 7:00pm

Come and join us
as we learn about the

POWER OF PRAYER!

All Adult women are invited to join us for our Bible Study. We will be meeting in the Outreach Center at 7:00pm.

Mark your calendar with these additional dates:

Oct 18th - **Tuesday**
Nov 16th - **Wednesday**
Dec 14th - **Wednesday**

*Bring Your Bible and Your Favorite
"Joy In The Journey" Coffee Mug.*

"To Know Christ, To Live Christ, To Share Christ, To Be One In Christ"



We would like to thank you for sponsoring an award at the Downtown Dover Show. This is a very nice show, and because of sponsors like you it makes it possible to have a show like this. Our silver 1963 Chevy Biscayne won your award! Again, thank you for being a Dover Downtown Car Show sponsor!

Sincerely, Al and Michele Carli
Alliance, Ohio

Thank you!



Dear Hammerstrom Scholarship Committee,

Thank you so much, this scholarship is in honor and a huge help financing my educational goals. I am truly blessed. Phillip Jr. and Marceil Hammerstrom were amazing people, full of tremendous amounts of knowledge, ambition, and faith. I am honored to have been awarded this scholarship. Their story is motivating and I hope to achieve my career goals with this amazing opportunity. Thank you with all my heart.

Sincerely, Taylor Marsh

Hammerstrom Essays

Shauna Cox

Hammerstrom Scholarship Essay

This fall, I will be attending the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Honors College at Cleveland State University to study music therapy. After studying for four years and completing a six month internship, I will be able to take my certification test and become a licensed music therapist.

Music therapy will enable me to serve God by giving me a simple and direct pathway to show people His love. No matter what age group of people I end up working with, whether it be children, adults, or senior citizens, I will be in a position where I am often surrounded by people who are looking for the type of love and acceptance that God offers.

This line of work can benefit the community in many different ways, depending on what age group and what type of people I'm working with. For example, if I'm working with children with special needs, I will hopefully be able to help them develop into adults who will be leading the most fulfilling lives they can lead. If I'm working with adults, I may be placed in addiction centers or rehabilitation facilities where I will be able to help them overcome their addictions or disabilities and become active participants and productive members of their families and communities.

Wherever I go, I will have the capacity to influence my patients and teach God's love and grace. I'm excited to find out where God leads me in these next few years, and I cannot wait to see how many lives in which He gives me the ability to make a difference.

Jason Dreher

Phillip Jr. and Marceil Hammerstorm Scholarship

I was confirmed in 2013 and became a member of the Grace Lutheran Church. Since then, I have had the opportunity to meet new people as well become closer to my faith. I am also a member of the youth group at Grace and have taken part in some of the many fundraisers that the youth group has to offer. I have obtained the rank of Eagle Scout and understand what it means to set a goal and work hard until you reach it.

Currently, I am looking to pursue a career in engineering at Ohio University. I am looking forward to becoming a full time college student in a career that I really enjoy. More specifically, I am looking in the direction of Chemical Engineering. The program is a four-year program that also includes a co-op. The co-op will prepare me for my career as well as give me valuable job experience. Currently the unemployment rate for engineers is near nothing and they are in high demand. Combined with a co-op and the skills that will have learned in college I will be able to immediately begin working as an engineer.

"Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us" (Hebrews 12:1). As I embark on the next chapter of my life I keep this quote in the back of my mind for inspiration. My friends and my family will always be there to support me. I thank you for your time and please consider me for this scholarship.

Announcements

Thank You for Serving Our Country!

Grace member Seth Erickson left for a nine-month tour of duty in Afghanistan on August 15. He is the husband of Belinda Erickson and the father of 20-month old Karley Joy who live in Tennessee. He is the son of Joe and Susie Erickson.

We pray that God will keep Seth safe as he selflessly and courageously serves our country. We look forward to his return home and his happy reunion with his family and friends. May God bless him, protect him and keep in His grace.



We are looking for a responsible adult or teen to take care of our nursery (children 3 and younger) during the Sunday School hour and 10:30 a.m. morning worship. This is a paid position. Nursery care begins at 9:15 and continues through approximately 11:45. It begins the first Sunday in September and ends the last Sunday in June.

If you are interested in this children's ministry, please contact Pastor Rice or the church office for an application.

We are also looking for a volunteer or two to teach our 3rd-4th grade Sunday School class. The students meet for learning activities at 9:15 a.m. If you would like to share God's wonderful words of life with these young people, contact Faith Bambeck, Director of Christian Faith and Life, or Pastor Rice.



Last August, a "Call" of necessity, became a "Calling" to serve as Interim Organist. I had been assistant Organist for Sara Riel and also for Joe Palmer before, but this would be different and turn into a chance to serve for 13 months!

I must Thank Pastor Rice for his support and encouraging words, and the Gallery Choir for their patience and generous warm welcoming into their musical family.

To you the wonderful members of Grace Lutheran, you have been so very kind, loving, caring, complimentary and appreciative of my time and style of music. I tried to select music that would help and promote in the worship of the lessons and theme of the Sunday service.

Playing from my heart with feeling, I hope that I've helped you to feel moved by the music, message and sounds of the older traditional church music and hymns.

The last year has been a wonderful opportunity to serve both God and my church. It's been an honor and a Blessing that has given me a chance to grow spiritually and to have a "Closer Walk With God"!

God's Love And Blessings To All Of You!

Respectfully, *Beverly Frantz* 



Lutheran World Relief
Projects for 2016



Quilts: 35
Personal Care Kits: 15
Soap: 34



Tues., Sept. 13th
following
knotting.



KNOTTERS

Tues., Sept. 13th
9:00 am

Women of the ELCA
Special Request



Our Grace knotters are in need of flat twin, full or queen size bed sheets to make quilts.

If you have any you wish to donate, you may drop them off at the church office.

Thank You!



All women of Grace are members of WELCA, Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (WELCA). It is not a board, a circle or a club. It is women of the church working together as servants of our Lord.

The women of Grace combine their talents, resources and effort to do many things: suppers and dinners, Sunday School, music, school kits, knotters (quilting), meals for the homeless shelter and more. Grace WELCA also raises funds and complete projects for Salvation Army, Head Start children, T4C, Dress-a-Child and Lutheran World Relief.

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.

Product	Price / piece	Days in a month	Total
Peanut Butter	\$ 2.29	X 30	\$ 68.70
Fruit	\$ 0.89	X 30	\$ 26.70
Cereal	\$ 1.59	X 30	\$ 47.70
Meat	\$ 1.30	X 30	\$ 39.00
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	\$ 0.45	X 30	\$ 13.50
Spaghetti	\$ 1.00	X 30	\$ 30.00
Spaghetti Sauce	\$ 1.00	X 30	\$ 30.00
			\$ 455.10

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

Outreach

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 July, we distributed 165 bags, and have already distributed 121 in August. 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 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.



Please be Praying for...

All those serving in the armed forces, especially
**Christopher Smith, Seth Erickson, Tim Case,
 Richard Martineau & Kent Philabaum.**

**Ella DeVore
 William Page
 Mary Ann Gray
 Mildred Schauer
 Rosann Patterson
 Joe Palmer
 Sherri Weidman
 JoAnn Hammond
 Walter Heck
 Mary Etta Light
 Norma Grywalski
 Brandon Myers
 Cathy Nardecchia
 Rick Vesco
 Mary Akins
 Pastor Robert Young**

**Carol Davidson
 Glenn Siber
 Roberta Brokaw
 Waldine Krantz
 Geraldine Kiehl
 Francis Moser
 Judy Frutig
 Richard Bleininger
 John Page
 America Bon
 Wayne Page
 Robert Vesco
 Larry Lloyd
 Phyllis Espenschied
 Judy Wells
 Jill McCreery Denbow**

Family and friends of Roberta Brokaw as they mourn her death.

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. Thank You.



Grace Lutheran Church,

Thank you for having us as guests in your church and for allowing us to have our wedding. It meant so much to have our wedding in my grandparents church.

Thank you again!

Love,
 Kyle & Jenna (Hammond) Pagel

Outreach

**OUTREACH 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 the September meal to the homeless shelter. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex.

PERSONAL CARE KITS

The power of a small package

Personal Care Kits especially help cleanliness and prevent disease outbreaks that can so frequently happen in foreign countries or right here in the United States after natural disasters. LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF is asking congregation participation to help restock their supply of personal care kits. Consider making a kit or dropping off one or more of the items listed below to the church office. Thanks for helping!

Personal care items that go into each kit are:

Personal Care Kits

- 1 light weight bath towel
- 20" X 40" to 52" X 27" (dark color)
- 2 bath size bars of soap
- 1 wide tooth comb
- 1 adult size toothbrush
- 1 nail clipper with file

Thank you to the volunteers who prepared and delivered food to the **Homeless Shelter on August 28th.**

September's dinner at the Homeless Shelter is on Sunday, Sept. 25th, at 6:00 pm. The sign-up sheet is posted in the Narthex. 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. Please check to see how you can help.

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.



Sept. 18th - 2 vases

Oct. 2nd - 1 vase

Oct. 9th - 1 vase

Oct. 16th - 2 vases

Oct. 30th - 1 vase

Nov. 27th - 2 vases

Nursery Care

Looking for Sunday nursery attendant.
See pg. 8 for details.



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Sept. 4th - Marcie & Grace Castricone

Sept. 11th - Ashley Eick & Melissa Engstrom

Sept. 18th - Deb Foust & Deb Flood

Sept. 25th - Andrea & Lauren Samsa

Worship Readings

Sunday, Sept. 4th

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalm 1

Philemon 1:21

Luke 14:25-33

Sunday, Sept. 11th

Exodus 32:7-14

Psalm 51:1-10

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-10

Altar Guild

Tues. Sept. 27th
9:00 am

Sunday, Sept. 18th

Amos 8:4-7

Psalm 113

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Luke 16:1-13

Sunday, Sept. 25th

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Psalm 146

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Luke 16:19-31

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
9/4	9/4 Terry Miller	9/4	Tim Keplinger
9/11	9/11 Gale Limron	9/11	Richard Elliott
9/18	9/18 Still Needed	9/18	Steve Zimmerman
9/25	9/25 Lynn Foust	9/25	Jim Heller
			Scott Ebert
			Edward Harper
			David Elliott

SUNDAY 10:30 AM WORSHIP

USHERS

Sept. 4 John Lorenz, Larry Wallick, Tom Margo, Ron Stahl

Sept. 11 Jim Gibb, Mike Sergent, Jimm Morris, Butch Morris, Maguire Morris

Sept. 18 John Stahl, Robert McCulloch, Keith Lands, Paul McFadden

Sept. 25 William Page, Jeff Keller, Jeff Hootman, Joe Vanfossen, John Wolfe

ACOLYTES	LAY READERS	DEACON/COMM. ASST.
9/4	9/4 Jan Ochsenbine	9/4
9/11 Katelyn Foust	9/11 John Stahl	9/11
9/18	9/18 Betsy Morris	9/18 Deborah Horn
9/25	9/25 Jim Gibb	9/25

ALTAR GUILD

September: Barbara Thompson, Melody Rader, Wendy Mady, Debbie Smith, Betsy Morris

October: Glenda Sclater, Joan Davis, Janice Weber, Marcie Castricone, Liz Miller



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<p>1 12-1 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4 8 am Worship Communion 9:15 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion</p>	<p>5  Church Office Closed</p>	<p>6 12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 4 pm TOPS - ORC 6:30 pm Cub Scouts</p>	<p>7 7 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>8 12-1 pm Bible Study 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Gallery Choir</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 8 am Men's Breakfast</p>
<p>11 8 am Worship Communion 9:30 am Rally Day - FH 10:30 am Worship Communion <u>Church Picnic</u> </p>	<p>12 10:30 am Communion Park Village - North 7 pm Valley Voices</p>	<p>13 9 am Knotters & Ladies of Grace 10 am Rejoice Women 4 pm TOPS - ORC 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Planning Council</p>	<p>14 7 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>15 12-1 pm Bible Study 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Gallery Choir</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18 8 am Worship Communion 9:15 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion</p>	<p>19 7 pm Valley Voices</p>	<p>20 12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 4 pm TOPS - ORC 6:30 pm Cub Scouts</p>	<p>21 7 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Women's Bible Study - ORC</p>	<p>22 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Gallery Choir</p>	<p>23 <u>Messenger Deadline</u></p>	<p>24</p>
<p>Pastor on Vacation</p>						
<p>25 8 am Worship Communion 9:15 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion 6 pm Meal to the Homeless Shelter</p>	<p>26 7 pm Valley Voices</p>	<p>27 9 am Altar Guild 12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 4 pm TOPS - ORC 6:30 pm Cub Scouts</p>	<p>28 6:45pm Bible Study - LH 7 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>29 12-1 pm Bible Study 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Gallery Choir</p>	<p>30 <u>9 am Messenger Assembly</u></p>	
<p>Pastor on Vacation</p>						