

# THE MESSENGER

#### 2014

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

#### He's Back!

...Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup>and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas (Peter), then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>2</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. I Corinthians 15:3-7

I have had several requests for a story I used for a sermon illustration on Easter Sunday 2012. I figure one of the best ways to honor those inquiries is to print a condensed version below. (Of course, I think it is a story better told than read, but here it is.)

Mark was about four years old when his pet lizard died. Since it was her grandson's first brush with death, Grandma suggested that Mark and his older brother Matthew hold a "funeral" for the lizard. Plus, she hoped, a funeral would be an opportune "teaching moment" and help bring "closure" to his loss.

Mark had never been to a funeral before, so he asked, "Grandma, what's a funeral? What are we supposed to do?" She explained as simply as possible, "A funeral is a ceremony where you say a prayer, sing a song, and bury your loved one."

The boys thought having a funeral for their pet lizard was a great idea. Grandma went to her closet and provided a shoe box for the lizard's coffin. She then marked out a burial place in her backyard.

The family procession started from the back porch and made its way to the freshly dug burial plot. Taking the lead, the older brother Matthew said a solemn prayer. Then he turned and asked little Mark if he wouldn't like to sing a song. With tears in his eyes, Mark clasped his hands, bowed his head, and belted out *Hit the Road, Jack! And don't you come back no more, no more, no more, no more, no more. Hit the road, Jack. And don't you come back no more.* "\*

That's very close to what Pilate, Herod, the Scribes, Pharisees, Sadducees, Caiaphas, Ananias and everyone else who had plotted the death of Jesus may have been singing on that first Good Friday. It was their most fervent wish. "Hit the road **Jesus** and don't you come back no more, no more, no more, no more. Hit the road **Jesus** and don't you come back no more." Jesus was dead, gone and buried. They wouldn't have to put up with him any longer.

Imagine their surprise and great dismay when they learned, "He's back!" Our Good News of Easter, "Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!" was bad news to them. Jesus came back, risen from the dead, so that we might have eternal life in his name.

What is more, he is coming back again. As Jesus ascended into heaven, angels appeared to the disciples saying, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come again in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." (Acts 1:11)

Before his death and resurrection, before he left them, Jesus told his disciples, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe\* in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?\* <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also."

Back again? Yes, sooner or later, he's back! On a day more splendid than any earthly Easter, Jesus comes back and we shall see him and live with him in unimaginable and unfathomable glory forever. Amen.

\*The story was originally told by Billy D. Strayhorn, Global Christian Networks, Inc.

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#### Planning Council

#### PLANNING COUNCIL

Next Meeting May 13th, 2014 @ 6:45 PM



#### **Facts and Figures**

Winter cold, ice and snow continue to impact attendance & offerings in February 2014

Attendance February 2014

Weekly Average: 156 Difference: +7 (+4%)

**Offerings February 2014** 

Total: \$13,358.00 Difference -365.32

Weekly Average: \$3339.5 Weekly Difference:-\$91.33 (-2%) **Attendance February 2013** 

Weekly Average: 149

Offerings February 2013

Total: \$13,723.32

Weekly Average: \$3430.83

#### 2012-2013 BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

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#### Since You Asked...

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I remember hearing a story about Jesus and the dogwood tree. I also remember it had something to do with Easter. What is that legend?

Legend says Jesus was crucified on the wood of a dogwood tree. Of course, the Bible does not state what kind of wood was used for the cross. No Roman or Jewish history gives a clue, either.

There are several sources for this legend and all are very similar. Here is the most common rendition. Remember, it is from folklore, not Scripture.

At the time of Crucifixion the dogwood had been the size of the oak and other forest trees. So firm and strong was the tree that it was chosen as the timber for the cross. To be used thus for such a cruel purpose greatly distressed the tree, and Jesus nailed upon it, sensed this.

In His gentle pity for all sorrow and suffering Jesus said to the tree: "Because of your regret and pity for My suffering, never again shall the dogwood tree grow large enough to be used as a cross. Henceforth it shall be slender and bent and twisted and its blossoms shall be in the form of a cross--two long and two short petals. And in the center of the outer edge of each petal there will be nail prints, brown with rust and stained with red, and in the center of the flower will be a crown of thorns, and all who see it will remember."

# The Cross Refore Me

Wednesday evening Lenten worship services will continue each week until Holy Week. All services will be preceded by a Lenten Soup and Sandwich Supper at 5:30 p.m. in Luther Hall.

This year's Lenten theme is **The Cross Before Me.** Each Wednesday a visitor from the Old Testament will present his perspective on the cross of Christ from the vantage point of one anticipating the Messiah and the Savior of the world.

Old Testament visitors will also be with us during the 6:45 p.m. Holy Week services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

Please join us during Lent for a time of meditation, reflection and spiritual insight.

#### **April Wednesdays**

April 2: **Isaiah** and the "Suffering Servant" **Jonah**: Prophet of the "Sign"

#### Holy Week

April 17, Maundy Thursday: **Zechariah**: Temple Prophet and Martyr

April 18, Good Friday: **Dodya** and the Bronze Serpent



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#### Thank Yous & Announcements



Thank you so much for all the cards & letters I received and the beautiful flowers.

V. Marie Lorson and Family



Spaghetti Dinner Benefit for Logan Martin April 5th 5-8 PM at Dover High School

Logan Martin is a 17 year old Dover High School senior that has been a patient at the Cleveland Clinic for the past several weeks and is now in need of a heart transplant.

In order to offset the cost of treatment and everything this family is facing, Logan's extended family and friends are looking for help from fellow community members. The cost will be \$8 for adults, \$4 for kids and younger than 3 are free. There will be silent auction items and t-shirt available as well.



## **WVBS: Your Good News Station**

This year's Vacation Bible School (VBS) program is **WVBS: Your Good News Station.** It is an original and locally-designed program highlighting familiar Bible Stories showing us how **Jesus is the Good News** for our lives. We also learn how others have shred the **Good News** with others. VBS is one of our most important ministries to our youth and neighborhood young people.

This year's program will include evening "newscasts" and explore the many ways we share news with those around us. It will also feature the always popular decorating of the **Jesus Trees.** 

Grace's 2014 VBS program will be held June 23-27. An evening meal will be offered at 5:30. Opening exercises begin at 6:05, followed by music, classroom activities, crafts and recreation.

Teachers, music leaders, craft coordinators, recreation leaders and helpers are needed. It's not too early to volunteer by signing-up on the volunteer list posted on the narthex bulletin board. For a detailed schedule or to discover more about volunteering, please contact this year's VBS Director, Pastor Rice.

#### **WVBS: Your Good News Station**

Monday: Jesus Shares the Good News with His New Jewish Friend (Nicodemus) Tuesday: Philip Shares the Good News with an Important African Official Wednesday: Peter Shares the Good News with an Italian Centurion (Cornelius)

Thursday: Paul Shares the Good News with His Greek Jailer

Friday: We Share the Good News with our American Family, Friends and Neighbors

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#### **Announcements**

#### EASTER LILIES FOR EASTER SUNDAY

The flowers this year will be at a **cost of \$9.50 each**. Your order form and payment may be placed in the envelope provided in the Narthex and either placed in the offering plate, or given to the church office.

Orders and payment are due by Friday, April 4th, 2014

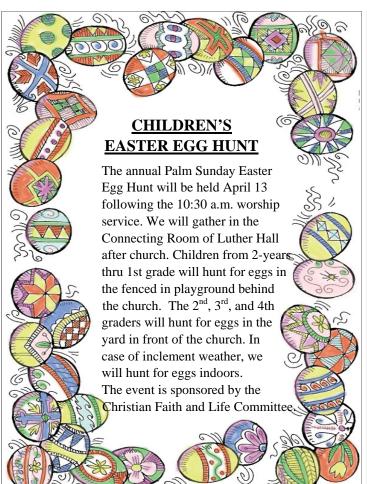
Your flowers may be taken home following the 10:30 a.m. Easter worship service on April 20th, 2014



## THE EASTER FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED IN HONOR OR IN MEMORY OF PERSONS NOTED BELOW.

PLEASE CIRCLE:	INDICATE MESSAGE BELOW:
IN HONOR OF:	
IN MEMORY OF:	
FLOWERS GIVEN BY:	

Please make all checks payable to Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, and write Easter Flowers in the memo line.





# Easter Sunday, April 20, at 9:15 a.m. Fellowship Hall

The annual Easter Breakfast will feature: scrambled eggs, French toast, bacon, sausage, biscuits, sweet rolls, fresh fruit and drinks. There will be sign-up sheets for food donations and reservations in the Narthex, beginning March 16. The free will offering will support the youth mission to the Youth-Works site in Newport, Tennessee in June.

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#### Hammerstrom Scholarship

# Phillip Jr. and Marceil Hammerstrom Scholarship Fund Application

This scholarship was setup by Phillip Jr. in memory of his wife, Marceil, who was in the medical field. Also, in memory of his father, Phillip Sr, who was a machinist. If your field of study is in the **MEDICAL/HEALTH** area, or the **TRADE/INDUSTRY/ENGINEERING** area, you will be considered for this scholarship. Please complete this application and return to the church office no later than April 30<sup>th</sup>. If awarded a scholarship, the check will be sent directly to your school. Also, the scholarship can be applied for in subsequent years. Any age may apply.

STUDENT NAME	
ADDRESS	
PHONE E-MAIL	
ARE YOU A MEMBER OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH IN DOVER	
INTENDED COURSE OF STUDY	
CAREER OR PROFESSIONAL GOALS	
NAME, ADDRESS, AND PHONE OF SCHOOL	
HAVE YOU BEEN ACCEPTED	
EXPECTED DEGREE AND COMPLETION DATE	
ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER COMPOSE A BRIEF 250 WORD ESSAY	

ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER, COMPOSE A BRIEF 250-WORD ESSAY THAT DESCRIBES HOW YOUR EDCATIONAL PLAN AND CAREER/PROFESSIOANL GOALS SERVE GOD AND BENEFIT YOUR COMMUNITY.

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#### **Announcements**



# CHICKEN BBQ SUNDAY, April 13th

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for YOUTH MISSION TRIP

THERE will BE LOTS of CHICKEN BBQ for EVERYONE TO ENJOY on SUNDAY, April 13th, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The High School Youth of Grace Lutheran Church will be serving ½ BBQ chicken, baked beans, roll and cookie.

**TICKETS ARE \$10.00.** You may "eat-in" at the **Outreach Center** where beverages will also be available. Drive-thru dinners can be picked up beginning at 11:00 a.m. All leftover chicken will be sold by 1:00 p.m. All funds will be used for the Youth Mission Trip to Newport, Tennessee, in June.



# FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION IS APRIL 5

Pastor Rice will offer First Communion Instruction on Saturday, April 5. The class begins at 10:30 and includes a pizza luncheon.

Youth in grades 3 and older along with their parents are invited. Lutheran teachings based on Scripture and Luther's Small Catechism along with a demonstration of Grace Lutheran practices will be presented.

First Communion Sunday for the students will be Palm Sunday, April 13. This will have them ready and prepared to take the Sacrament for Holy Week and Easter.

Letters were sent to eligible children's parents in March 2014. If you have not received such a letter and you believe your child is eligible for the class, please contact the church office or e-mail Pastor Rice at

pastor@gracedover.org.

# Loved Beyond Measure

May 4, 2014 - Luncheon & Tea

You are invited to pick up your **FREE** personalized reservation(s) after Church Services April 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Reservations may also be made by contacting Bev Frantz at 330-343-0277 or Bobbie Myers at 330-343-3268.

Note: Deadline for reservations is Thursday, April 24th!

ALL women are welcome but reservations will be needed to help us plan so we know the total number attending. Invite Mom, Grandmothers, Daughters, Sisters or Friends.

The luncheon will begin at noon in the Fellowship Hall.

The light lunch menu includes:

Choice of Ham or Chicken Salad Sandwich, Potato Salad, Fruit Cup, Cupcakes and Coffee or Tea.



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#### **Announcements**

#### **CASE DISMISSED**



There will be no 12:00 p.m. Thursday Bible Study throughout April 2014.

As you may know, Pastor Rice is currently serving on the Tuscarawas County Grand Jury. The County Prosecutor announced the Grand Jury will need to meet an extra session on April 3. This is largely due to a backlog of cases and a defendant's constitutional right to a speedy trial. The Grand Jury had already been scheduled to meet April 10 and April 24.

The only April Thursday the Grand Jury is not scheduled to meet is April 17. That is Maundy Thursday when no study is session is usually held because of the evening worship service.

Pastor Rice's service concludes April 30. Thursday noon Bible Studies will resume May 1.

Thank you for your understanding and consideration.

# We've Met Our Match!

Congratulations! Great Job, Everybody! We have exceeded our goal of raising \$10,000.00 in matching funds from Thrivent for Lutherans for our Grocery Bag Ministry. Thrivent matches 50 cents for each dollar raised up to \$5,000.00. The organization gave us an initial grant of \$5,000.00 last December and challenged us to raise matching funds by March 31, 2104. We beat the deadline and we beat our goal!

Thank you for your generosity. We are reaching out to our community and helping so many neighbors in need thanks to you.

### The B-I-B-L-E Yes, that's the Book for me!



We believe the Bible is the Word of God. This is a simple statement, yet one full of great significance, consolation and power. When we claim the Holy Scriptures as God's Word, what do we mean by this? What do we expect from its sacred pages? Why is it the "Greatest Story Ever Told" and our faithful guide for daily living?

Join us as we seek to discover the answers to these and other questions during our Spring 2014 Bible Study. Our study theme is: The B-I-B-L-E: Our Basic Beliefs about the Bible. Sessions will be held the four Wednesdays in May at 6:45 p.m. in Luther Hall.

The B-I-B-L-E course explores our foundational Christian doctrines about Holy Scripture. We'll delve into what it is we believe about the Bible and why we believe it. (We may even learn how to use fancy church words like "efficacy" and "perspicuity" in a sentence.)

Bring yourself and bring your Bible for what should be a time of insightful learning and interesting discussions. Refreshments are provided, too.

#### Schedule

May 7: The Authority of Scripture: God's Work of Inspiration, Revelation and Credibility

May 14: The Power of Scripture: God's Promise and Means of Grace

May 21: The Sufficiency of Scripture: God's Perfect Word and Plan of Salvation

May 28: The Clarity of Scripture: God's Direct and Open Communication to the World

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# Women ELCA

#### Lutheran World Relief Projects final count for 2013



Quilts: 44 Personal Care Kits: 30 Soap: 200 Baby Care Kits: 17

School Kits: 16

Check out the poster in Luther Hall to see where all our

hard work is going!



#### KNOTTERS

Tuesday, Apr. 8th, 2014 9:00 AM



#### NO MEETING IN APRIL

Next Meeting: May 20th @ 6:30 pm



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

Women of the Southern Cluster Spring Meeting

#### April 23rd, 2014

9 am - 1 pm

Hosted by: Winfield - Zion Lutheran Church at Shanesville Lutheran Church 1006 W. Main St., Sugarcreek

\$9.00 per person due by April 6th.

(Checks made out to NEOSWO)

Reservations required. Non refundable.

**Speaker: Mary Ann Schwabe** 

Northeastern Ohio Synod - Associate in Ministry

Lunch catered by:

**Schoenbrunn Healthcare Catering** 

Roasted Pork Loin with apples,
Roasted Red Potatoes and Vegetable Medley
Tossed Salad, Rolls, Beverage,
Peach or Cherry Cobbler

special Offering: Operation Warm and Cozy Inc.

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#### 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 February, we distributed 112 bags, and have already distributed 85 in March. 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.





All those serving in the armed forces, especially Christopher Smith, Seth Erickson, Tim Case.

Ella DeVore **Carol Davidson** William Page Logan Martin **Brinley Brown Penny Luthy** Mary Ann Gray Vic Gessner Dick Gray Dan Urfer **Genny Peterson Tom Hardin** Roberta Brokaw Mildred Schauer **Rosann Patterson** Geraldine Kiehl **Doris Devine Marie Lorson Holly Hillen Donald Roseblossom** Wendy Harrison **Marcie Castricone** Richard Smallwood **Adrian Mathias** Frances Moser Ricky Page Sherri Weidman **Tom Armstrong** 

IN OUR PRAYERS...

Liz Miller

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.

# Mathias Benefit Update

On March 13th Adrian was given a check for \$1544.00 as a result of your support of the Gallery Choir's beef stew sale, the Men's Shrove Tuesday pancake supper and your generous donations. Thank you for your outgoing support of these benefits.

Adrian had surgery March 20th.

Please continue to pray for his recovery.

Get well wishes may be sent to:

Adrian Mathias

Dennis Weaver

848 Goshen Ave. SE Apt. #4

New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663

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#### 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 volunteers and need to provide the meal and to deliver it to the Friends of the of Tuscarawas **HOMELESS** Homeless 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 April meal to the homeless shelter. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex.

#### PERSONAL CARE KITS AND SCHOOL KITS

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

#### **Personal Care Kits**

1 light weight bath towel (dark color) 2 bath size bars of soap, 1 wide tooth comb 1 adult size toothbrush, 1 nail clipper with file

#### **School Kits**

4 - 70 sheet notebooks of ruled paper approx. 8 1/2" X 11"; 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

5 new, unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band

1 box of 16 or 24 crayons, 5 black or blue ball point pens - no gel ink; secure with a rubber band.

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!

Thank you to the volunteers who will prepare and deliver food for the **Homeless** Shelter on April 27th.

May's dinner at the Homeless Shelter is on Sunday, May 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.

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#### 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.



Apr. 13th - 2 vases Apr. 20th - 2 vases Apr. 27th - 1 vase June 1st - 2 vases June 22nd - 2 vases June 29th

#### **Nursery Care Available**

Karla Burrier attending.



#### **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

Apr. 6th - Bobbie & Shauna Cox

Apr. 13th - Marcie & Grace Castricone,
Deb Foust & Deb Flood

Apr. 20th - No Children's Church - Easter

Apr. 27th - Sarah Wolfe & Ashley Eick

#### **Worship Readings**

#### **Altar Guild**

Saturday, April 19th, 2014, 9:00 am Decorate for Easter

Monday, April 28th, 2014, 6:30 pm

Tuesday, April 29th, 2014, 9:00 am

#### Sunday, Apr. 6th

Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 130 Romans 8:6-11 John 11:1-45

#### Sunday, Apr. 20th

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Colossians 3:1-4
Matthew 28:1-10

#### Sunday, Apr. 13th

Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Matthew 21:1-11; 26:17-30

#### Sunday, Apr. 27th

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

#### 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.

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#### Worship Assistants

**USHERS** 

Tim Keplinger

#### **SUNDAY 8:00 AM WORSHIP**

ACOLYTES	LAY READERS	DEACON/COMM. ASST.	Richard Elliott
			Steve Zimmerman
4/6 Lexi Gray	4/6 Gale Limron	4/6	Jim Heller
4/13 Lexi Gray	4/13 Terry Miller	4/13	Scott Ebert
4/20	4/20 Lynn Foust	4/20	Edward Harper
4/27	4/27 Susan Elliott	4/27	David Elliott

#### **SUNDAY 10:30 AM WORSHIP**

#### **USHERS**

Apr. 6 John Lorenz, Larry Wallick, Tom Margo, Art Siber
Apr. 13 Jim Gibb, Mike Sergent, Jimm Morris, Butch Morris, Maguire Morris
Apr. 20 John Stahl, Robert McCulloch, Keith Lands, Howard Stein
Apr. 27 Art Keener, William Page, Jeff Keller, Jeff Hootman, Joe Vanfossen

ACOLYTES	LAY READERS	DEACON/COMM. ASST.
<ul> <li>4/6</li> <li>4/13 Brody Morris</li> <li>4/20 Brody Morris / Will Haverfield</li> <li>4/27</li> </ul>	<ul><li>4/6 Barbara Debord</li><li>4/13 Betsy Morris</li><li>4/20 Rick Homrighausen</li><li>4/27 Jim Gibb</li></ul>	4/6 4/13 Deborah Horn 4/20 Deborah Horn 4/27

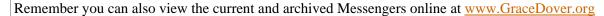


#### **ALTAR GUILD**

**April:** Louise Keplinger, Joan Davis, Linda Bertle, Janice Weber, Marcie Castricone **May:** Judy Martin, Bonnie Richardson, Pam Keller, Carole Betche, Elaine Margo

#### Get the Messenger By Email

If you'd like to receive the Messenger by email please send an email to GraceHappens@GraceDover.org with the words "Email Messenger" in the subject heading.





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### **April 2014**

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 4 pm TOPS - ORC 6 pm Girl Scouts - LH 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	2 5:30 pm Lenten Supper 6:45 pm Lenten Service 7 pm Boy Scouts	3 12 pm Sr. Fun Day 6 pm Bell Choir	4	5 10:30 am First Communion Training
8 am Worship Communion 9:15 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion  13 8 am Worship Communion 9:15 am SCS 10:30 am Worship	7 2:30 pm Communion Park Village - South 6:30 pm Girl Scouts-LH 6:30 pm Property Board 7 pm Valley Voices  14 10:30 am Communion Park Village - North 6:30 pm Girl Scouts-LH 7 pm Valley Voices	8 9 am Knotters 10 am Rejoice Women 4 pm TOPS - ORC 6:30 pm Cub Scouts  15 4 pm TOPS - ORC 6 pm Girl Scouts - LH 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	9 5:30 pm Lenten Supper 6:45 pm Lenten Service 7 pm Boy Scouts  16 7 pm Boy Scouts	10 12 pm Sr. Fun Day 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Gallery Choir  17 12 pm Sr. Fun Day 6:45 pm Maundy Thursday Service	18 6:45 pm Good Friday Service	8 am Men's Breakfast  MEN'S BREAKFAST  19 9 am Altar Guild
Communion  First Communion Chicken BBQ Easter Egg Hunt Palm Sunday	21	22	23	Maundy Thursday	FRIDAY  Church Office Closed	26
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27 8 am Worship Communion 9:15 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion 6 pm Meal to the Homeless Shelter	28 6:30 pm Altar Guild 6:30 pm Girl Scouts-LH 7 pm Valley Voices	9 am Altar Guild 4 pm TOPS - ORC 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	30 7 pm Boy Scouts  Hammerstrom Scholarship Deadline			