



THE MESSENGER

2024

Summer Worship Schedule
 Sunday: 9:30 am
 Sunday Church School for all ages
 returns Aug. 25th
 Second Saturday of the month at 5:00 PM

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Dear Friends in Christ,

As we approach and celebrate Rally Day on Aug. 18th, I want to talk about what Rally Day is really all about for us. First let us begin with what Jesus commands us to do:

Mark 12:29-31: Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

Jesus is quoting from the "Shema" which is **Deuteronomy 6:4-7:** Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

We here at Grace are committed to keeping these commands in our hearts, teaching them and talking about them in our Sunday Schools, worship services, boards, groups, homes, work, vacations, all day, every day.

Rally Day is when we recommit ourselves to a new church year of doing what Jesus commands us do. Let us all make it a priority to come to church on Rally Day and to the meal and program that follows to reset our hearts, minds, bodies and souls to follow what Jesus commands us to do.

And finally, by our baptisms, we have the Holy Spirit to give us the wisdom and power we need to follow Jesus' commands, and the peace, joy, hope, and love that comes with doing it. Let us rally together as one body in Christ at Grace Lutheran Church, Dover!

Blessings, Pastor Bonnie

Pastor
Rev. Bonnie L. Grimaldi

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Planning Council

PLANNING COUNCIL
Next Meeting
Tuesday,
Sept. 17, 2024
@ 6:30 PM



2024-2026 BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Julie Brothers - President Gale Limron - Vice President
 Michelle Durben - Secretary John Wolfe - Treasurer

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 Cindy Jerles
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 Charles Castricone
 Keith Lands
 Sarah Kneuss

Outreach

Pam Beller– Director
 Tim Durben
 Joe Erickson
 Irene McCoy
 Judy Martin
 Pam Keller
 David Elliott (church website)

Coordinator of Youth & Family Ministries: Cody Jerles
Director of Music;/Organist : Jeff Beshore
Secretary: Lisa Morris
Treasurer: John Wolfe
Custodian: Nathan Bingham

To Know Christ, To Live Christ, To Share Christ, and To Be One in Christ

Congregational Survey August 2024

Planning Council agreed July 16th that we will return to two services (8 and 10:30) for now. The change to one service was originally intended for the slower summer months with the plan to return to the regular (2) services at the end of summer when Sunday school restarts.

Planning council agreed to a congregational survey that will help determine if we should permanently adopt one (9:30) service each Sunday. If adopted, it will also be necessary to decide which Sunday School class will be held before the service or afterwards. Each Sunday School class will be given the choice to meet before or after service.

Surveys will be available in the August Messenger, in the Narthex and on Rally Day in the Fellowship Hall following service.

Please return completed survey to the church office by Sept 1.

1. Do you prefer **one** (9:30 am) or **two** (8:00 am and 10:30 am) Church services on Sunday mornings? (circle one)

Comments:

2. If one service is adopted, please state which Sunday School class(es), **preK thru 5th grade, Confirmation, High School, Adult**, (circle one or more) you prefer to be held **before** the single service?

Comments:

3. If one service is adopted, please state which Sunday School class(es), **preK thru 5th grade, Confirmation, High School, Adult**, (circle one or more) you prefer to be held **after** the single service?

Comments:

Announcements




Coffee & Conversation

Join us the 3rd
Saturday of each month
in Luther Hall.
8:30 - 9:30 am


This time of fellowship is open to
women off all ages.

I want to show my appreciation to Grace Lutheran Church for the support for me to pursue higher education solely because of the Hammerstrom Scholarship. I am beyond thankful that I am part of a community that values education and has given me the ability to continue mine. Thank you so much,
Brody Morris



Dear Grace Lutheran Church,

I am absolutely honored to be awarded the Hammerstrom Scholarship. Not only will this aid me financially, but this scholarship has given me motivation to carry out my dream as a future speech-language pathologist. As I enter my final year of graduate school, I am confident God will guide me every step of the way. I pray he will use me as a vessel to serve and heal those around me. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!



Olivia Wellman




Hammerstrom Scholarship Committee,

Thank you so much for the generous gift of a scholarship to help financially support my goal of becoming a nurse. I greatly appreciate your support and care!

Thank you again,
Katelyn Foust

Truly I want to thank everyone for considering me for this scholarship and deeming me worthy of it. This has made such a difference in my life, and I thank you all for the support and love I have gotten. Everyone from our small town has been nothing but loving and supportive of me pursuing both my undergrad and graduate degree and I will forever be grateful. I hope you all know that this is very appreciated, and Truly I cannot thank you enough for this.

Respectfully,
Luke W. Marsh
Clemson Graduate Research Assistant



Men's Corn Roast

Wednesday,
August 14th,
6:00 pm

Fellowship Hall



Announcements

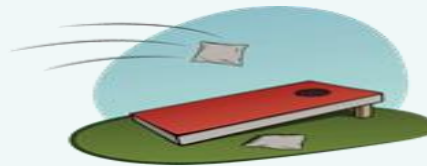
Grace Happens Worship and Community Game Night

Come join us in August for the first installment of our game night at Grace Lutheran Church in Dover! After our Grace Happens contemporary service, we will have corn hole set up to enjoy with your family. All are welcome and we encourage anyone who enjoys fellowship to join us!

We are also happy to announce a new raffle that will include a trophy to take home. One lucky winner will take home a trophy they will then decorate with a small knickknack that represents their family and bring back to the next game night!

We are also doing a silent raffle by free-will donation with gift baskets as the prize. Pastor Joe Svancara, president, Friends of Homeless of Tuscarawas County will give info on what they're doing and need during Grace Happens.

Come join us August 10th at 5pm!

**Youth Bell Choir**

This fall, I would like to start a youth bell choir. This would be students in 5th – 12th grade. You do not need to be able to read music to begin this group. All you need to do is be able to count to 12, and attend practice regularly. I am beginning the search for members now. I know schedules are difficult and it may take some time to create a practice time. If you are interested in playing in this group, please contact me.

Jeff Beshore 330-415-4909

Jebeshore@aol.com

Rally Day, Blessing of Backpacks and Prayer Walk

Join us on Sunday, August 18th following the 9:30 service to celebrate and get ready for the upcoming school year. Students should bring their backpacks for a blessing. Donuts, fruit and drinks will be provided. Following breakfast there will be a Prayer Walk for families near the church. We hope that you will join us.

Sunday School will resume the following week (August 25th) at 9:15 AM.

Please RSVP on the sheet in the Narthex or by contacting the church office or Ashley at 330.407.0823.



Outreach



Our support of the Tuscarawas County Friends of the Homeless continues. We still offer meals one Sunday a month. Unfortunately during COVID-19 we were forced to help in a different manner. We are taking monetary donations to support the ministry rather than provide homecooked meals. Your financial support is always appreciated.

GROCERY BAG MINISTRY

Grace Outreach Board continues their Drive-Thru Grocery Bag Ministry the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month from 10 am to 2 pm. The Outreach Board is looking for both monetary gifts and gifts of kind to support this vital ministry.

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.

Grocery size paper bags are also needed.



FEED THE HUNGRY

Please be Praying for...

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

Rita Young
 Kay Bambeck
 Pastor Steve Patrick
 Glenn Siber
 Brinley Davis
 Tyler Nathan
 Mildred Schauer
 Jean Geyer

Evelyn Ralston
 Paula Wolfe
 Bertha Carroll
 Bruce Siber
 Lutheran Camps
 Ruth Patrick
 Paul McFadden
 Scott Kaser

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 Bonnie 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 Lloyd Bleininger (brother of Donna Fox and Betty Kaser) and Dottie Shott (cousin of Randy Case).

May the Lord embrace these families with His love and bless them with peace.

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.



- Aug. 11th - 1 vase
- Aug. 18th - 1 vase
- Aug. 25th - 1 vase
- Sept. 1st - 1 vase



Ladies of Grace Knotters

Our Grace knotters are in need of flat bed sheets (any size) to make quilts. If you have any you wish to donate, you may drop them off at the church office. Thank You!

Worship Readings

Altar Guild
Tues., Aug. 27th
9 am

Sunday, Aug. 4th
Exodus 16:2-4,9-15
Psalm 78:23-29
Ephesians 4:1-16
John 6:24-35

Sunday, Aug. 11th
1 Kings 19:4-8
Psalm 34:1-8
Ephesians 4:25—5:2
John 6:35, 41-51

Sunday, Aug. 18th
Proverbs 9:1-6
Psalm 34:9-14
Ephesians 5:15-20
John 6:51-58

Sunday, Aug. 25th
Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18
Psalm 34:15-22
Ephesians 6:10-20
John 6:56-69



Yes, on-line services are here to stay!

Now that the pandemic is over we are continuing to record our 10:30 service each Sunday and our 5 pm Contemporary service the second Saturday of the month. Weekly on-line services are part of our on-going ministry here at Grace.

Worship Assistants

SUNDAY 8 AM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP

8 AM LAY READERS	LAY READERS	DEACON/COMM. ASST.
8/4	8/4 9:30 am Susan Elliott	8/4 9:30 am Deborah Horn
8/11	8/11 9:30 am Kim Gray	8/11
8/18	8/18 9:30 am Jan Ochsenbine	8/18
8/25 Gale Limron	8/25 10:30 am Betsy Morris	8/25 10:30 am Deborah Horn

**8 am & 9:30 am
USHERS**

Richard Elliott
 Jim Heller
 Scott Ebert
 Edward Harper
 David Elliott

**9:30 am & 10:30 am
USHERS**

Aug. 4th John Lorenz, Larry Wallick, Tom Margo, Ron Stahl
Aug. 11th Jim Gibb, Mike Sergent
Aug. 18th John Stahl, Keith Lands
Aug. 25th Jeff Keller, Jeff Hootman, Joe Vanfossen, Jon Wolfe



ALTAR GUILD

August: Holly Vesco, Susan Zimmerman, Chris Randles
September: Betsy Morris, Becky Lands, Ashley Eick

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.

Remember you can also view the current and archived Messengers online at www.GraceDover.org



