



THE MESSENGER

2025

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,

I want you all to join me in saying THANK YOU!!! to Glenda Sclater for her many, many years of service as Altar Guild director! She finished in December and will stay on Altar Guild serving as an active member.

Glenda has set up and organized several small groups that will carry out most of the Altar Guild's duties. Glenda will stay part of her small group and also participate in a new "specialty group" that divides up her previous tasks as director.

During her time as Altar Guild Director, she has led the Altar Guild in creating a beautiful worship space for every kind of service you can think of, with utmost expertise, care and reverence. She always knows the right day, name and color for the liturgical season. Our flowers and decorations are always perfect for the occasion. I could go on and on even more about her exquisite attention to the details of preparing candles, communion, paraments, etc. She has continuously shared her knowledge with Altar Guild members in verbal and written guidelines with detailed demos in her monthly meetings or impromptu as needed.

Glenda's humor and wit are qualities that brighten every gathering that I'm sure will continue to grace Altar Guild and Grace Lutheran Church as a whole. I have many fond memories of working with her and look forward to many more in her new capacity on Altar Guild.

Isaiah 43:19 ~ "I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth..."

Blessings, Pastor Bonnie

Pastor
Rev. Bonnie L. Grimaldi

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Planning Council

**PLANNING
COUNCIL**

Next Meeting
Tuesday,
Jan. 21st, 2024
@ 6:30 PM



Congregational Life - Wed., January 8th at 3 pm

2024-2026 BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

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

Congregational Life

Gale Limron - Director
Susie Erickson
Elaine Margo
Betsy Morris
Melody Rader
Jim Heller
Jenna Limron

Property

Jim Gibb- Director
Nathan Vaughan
Jeff Hootman
Larry Wallick
Richard Elliott

Christian Faith and Life

Ashley Eick - Director
Karla Burrier
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

Ron Stahl - Director
Charles Castricone
Keith Lands
Sarah Kneuss

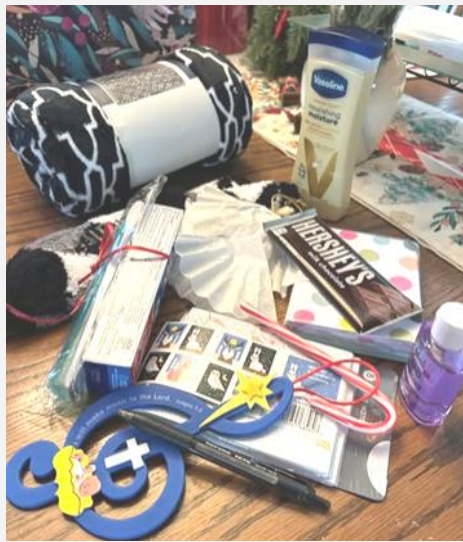
Outreach

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:

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

Announcements



Thank you to all of our Grace Lutheran Church Dover members who donated to our gifts for our nursing home members. A special thank you to the merry elves Ashley Eick and Keith & Becky Lands for helping to deliver.

Our Children's Christmas Pageant and Cast



Announcements



Exciting News! The church has been looking at options for e-giving over the past year and we are excited to announce we are going to use an application called Tithely. Tithely has a website where a member can go to contribute to the church electronically, a smartphone app for both iPhone and Android that will permit giving, and we can link to Tithely site through the church website. The church is only adding this as another way to give, if anyone prefers this method; Tithely is NOT replacing regular check or cash giving which will still be available. Members are invited to give however they prefer; through cash or check as occurs now or through Tithely. This is brand new to the church, but we plan to have this capability in place prior to the end of 2024. Look for more announcements to come!

Join us in 2025 on the 3rd Saturday of each month in Luther Hall for

Coffee & Conversation



8:30-9:30 am

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

Our time together will include coffee, conversation, prayer, devotion and discussion. We will also do a free will offering to benefit our church programs and our community.

Bring your coffee mug and a friend!

Sharing the Joy!

The **Ladies of Grace** have presented the Head Start children attending classes here with Christmas gift bags. This is an expression of their Christian love for our neighbors during this happy and holy season. The gift bags include toys, books, socks, hats, gloves and a small stuffed animal. They are presented to the children of both morning and afternoon classes.





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 until supply runs out. 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.

Grocery size paper bags are also needed.



Please be Praying for...

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

Rita Young
Paula Wolfe
Bruce Siber
Ruth Patrick
Peggy Miller

Evelyn Ralston
Glenn Siber
Brinley Davis
Kay Bambeck
Jayli Rine

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 Harold "Butch" Morris.

May the Lord embrace this family 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.



- Jan. 12th - 2 vases
- Jan. 19th - 2 vases
- Jan. 26th - 2 vases



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

Tuesday,
Jan. 28th
9 am

Sunday, Jan. 5th

Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

Sunday, Jan. 12th

Isaiah 43:1-7
Psalm 29
Acts 8:14-17
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Sunday, Jan. 19th

Isaiah 62:1-5
Psalm 36:5-10
1 Corinthians 12:1-11
John 2:1-11

Sunday, Jan. 26th

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
Luke 4:14-21



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 10:00 AM WORSHIP

<u>ACOLYTES</u>	<u>LAY READERS</u>	<u>DEACON/COMM. ASST.</u>
1/5	1/5 John Stahl	1/5
1/12	1/12 Gale Limron	1/12
1/19	1/19 Jim Gibb	1/19
1/26	1/26 Kim Gray	1/26

USHERS

Jan. 5 John Lorenz, Tom Margo, Ron Stahl, Jim Heller
Jan. 12 Mike Sergent, Jim Gibb, Richard Elliott
Jan. 19 John Stahl, Keith Lands, Edward Harper
Jan. 26 Jeff Keller, Jeff Hootman, John Wolfe, Joe Vanfossen



ALTAR GUILD

January: Sue Case, Janie Huffman, Mel Rader
February: Pam Keller, Elaine Margo, Jan Ochsenbine

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





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Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
			1  Church Office Closed	2 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Gallery Choir	3 10 am Grocery Bag Drive Thru	4
5 9 am SCS 10 am Worship Communion	6 7 pm Valley Voices	7 12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 6:30 Cub Scouts	8 2 pm Park Village - Communion 3 pm Congregational Life - LH 5:30 pm BCC - FH 7 pm Boy Scouts	9 12pm Bible Study 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Gallery Choir	10	11 8 am Men's Breakfast 5 pm Grace Happens Contemporary Service
12 9 am SCS 10 am Worship Communion	13 9 am Knotters 5:30 pm BCC - FH 7 pm Valley Voices	14 9 am Knotters 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	15 5:30 pm BCC - FH 7 pm Boy Scouts	16 12pm Bible Study 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Gallery Choir	17 10 am Grocery Bag Drive Thru	18 8:30 am Women's Group - LH
19 9 am SCS 10 am Worship Communion	20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Church Office Closed	21 12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 6:30 Cub Scouts	22 5:30 pm BCC - FH	23 12pm Bible Study 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Gallery Choir	24 Messenger Deadline	25
26 9 am SCS 10 am Worship Communion 6 pm Meal to the Homeless Shelter	27 5:30 pm BCC - FH 7 pm Valley Voices	28 12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 6:30 Cub Scouts	29 5:30 pm BCC - FH	30 12pm Bible Study 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Gallery Choir	31 Messenger Assembly	