

# THE MESSENGER



2011

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

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## I'm Not Afraid of You!

*In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I am not afraid;  
what can mere mortals do to me? Psalm 56: 4*

(Louisville) **Leopards** and (Dover) **Tornadoes** are scary things! If a leopard appeared in your backyard, you'd be sure to stay inside and call the police, sheriff or Jack Hanna. A tornado heading your way would make you run for cover. There would be no thinking twice. You'd be in danger! You'd be frightened!

The same with lions and tigers and bears! (Oh my!) Bobcats, too!

With some other mascots, not so much.

Think about it. What is so scary or intimidating about Quakers? They are a very peace-loving and peacemaking Christian sect. They are traditionally quiet and pious. What are they going to do? Meditate you off the field?

Recently, Dover played the Dresden Tri-Valley Scotties. The team was tough and threatening. But Scotties? Again, not so much. I wondered, are the Scotties referring to the Scotsmen or the cute little doggies? Neither one is terribly frightening. What's a Scotsman going to do? Make you wear a kilt and force you to listen to the incessant drone of a bagpipe? A yippity-yapping Scottish terrier may be annoying, but its bark is far worse than its bite.

Don't even let me get started about those ferocious Buckeyes! Who'd feel threatened by a bunch of nuts running up and down the field? Unless you're Goliath and David puts one in his slingshot, you have nothing to worry about.

I'll concede, there may be someone somewhere who is afraid of buckeyes or Scotties or even Oregon Ducks. Perhaps someone has endured the horrible nightmare of William Penn pushing and holding him under in a big vat of hot, steaming oatmeal, hence the fear of Quakers. It could happen, I guess.

The thing is, all of us come with our own set of fears and phobias? Afraid of the dark? Thunder and lightning? Snakes? Speaking in public? Death?

Whatever our fear, the Psalmist reminds us we can trust God to be with us to strengthen and protect us. God is always there to embrace his with His love and enfold us in His tender care.

Jesus' promise, "Lo, I am with you always" comforts us in the dark, through life's storms and when we close our eyes in eternal rest. "Peace. Be still," echoes throughout the ages from the Sea of Galilee to where we are today.

What? Me afraid? With God at our side, all fears diminish. Peace surrounds us and grace abounds. Amen.


**Senior Pastor Donald L. Rice Jr.**

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# Planning Council

**PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**Next Meeting**  
**October 4th, 2011**  
**@ 6:45 PM**

**MINISTRY NIGHT**  
**Next Meeting**  
**October 11th, 2011**  
**@ 6:45 PM**



## Facts and Figures

**Worship Attendance and Offerings**

<p><b>Attendance August 2011</b>                  (Five Sundays) Weekly Average: 141                  Weekly Difference: -5 (-3%)</p> <p><b>Offerings August 2011</b>                  Total: \$14,326.48                  Weekly Average: \$3581.62                  Weekly Difference: +53.67 (+2%)</p>	<p><b>Attendance August 2010</b>                  Weekly Average: 146</p> <p><b>Offerings August 2010 (Five Sundays)</b>                  Total: \$17,639.75                  Weekly Average: \$3527.95</p>
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Since You Asked...



## Since You Asked...

**With Reformation Day being celebrated this month, can you give us a little background on Luther's 95 Theses?**

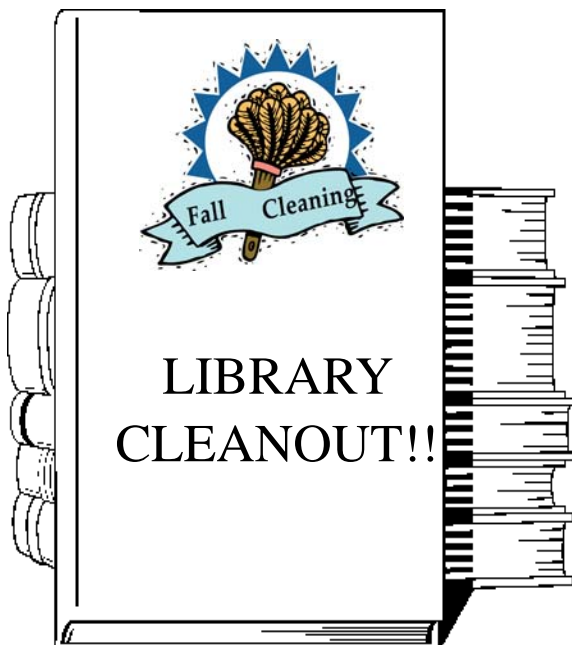
In 1514, in addition to his teaching duties at Wittenburg University, Luther began to serve as a priest for Wittenburg's Castle Church, and people flocked to hear God's Word preached like never before. He spoke passionately about Christ's role as the only mediator between God and man, and that by grace and not through works, are men justified and forgiven of sin. Salvation, Luther now felt with all assurance, was God's free gift. It didn't take long for his radical ideas to get noticed. Not only did these revelations of God's truth change Luther's life, they would forever change the direction of church history.

During this time Luther learned of the Catholic Church's unbiblical practice of selling indulgences. The Pope, according to his discretion from the "treasury of merits from the saints," sold religious merits in exchange for building funds. Those who purchased these indulgence documents were promised a reduced punishment for their sins, for the sins of departed loved ones, and in some cases, total forgiveness from all sin. Luther publicly objected to this dishonest practice and abuse of church power.

On October 31, 1517 Luther nailed his famous *95-Thesis* to the University's bulletin board—the Castle Church door, formally challenging church leaders on the practice of selling indulgences and outlining the biblical doctrine of justification by grace alone. This act of nailing his Thesis to the church door has become a defining moment in Christian history, symbolic of the birth of the Protestant Reformation.

Luther's vocal criticisms of the church were seen as a threat to papal authority, and he was warned by the Cardinals of Rome to recant his position. But Luther refused to change his stand unless someone could point him to scriptural evidence for any other attitude.

Article adapted from Mary Fairchild's **Martin Luther Biography** on About.com Christianity



Attention Grace Members- The library will be getting a much needed fall cleaning the beginning of October, so if there is a book or video that you would like to have please feel free to go in and help yourself before October 12th. Our lay ministry board is cleaning out and making room for our new youth ministry director! The items that are not claimed will be boxed and taken to the hospice building for their benefit. Thank you!

## Stewardship

Stewardship Sunday has been set for November 13th, 2011. Everyone will be receiving their third quarter Giving Statement that will include the prayer and promise card that they pledged last year. It should also include a new prayer and promise card for 2012 which will be collected by the ushers on Stewardship Sunday, November 13, 2012. For those who were not with us last year, this approach represents a significant departure from our past pledging process. It emphasizes the fact that your pledge is a promise between you and God. The process will be the same as last year and once the sealed envelopes are collected, they will be placed in the church safe and mailed back to you with your 2012 third quarter Giving Statements. For those who, for whatever reason, don't receive a prayer and promise card in October, please contact the church office and one will be provided.

We want to stress that this approach has greatly increased the number of responses we received over past practice. We look forward to your participation on this coming Stewardship Sunday.



### OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE AND HELP OTHERS IN NEED

The Stewardship Committee is in the preliminary stages of determining whether there is interest among our members in serving during times of disaster in affected areas locally and across the United States. All types of skills are needed but the only requirements are time, energy, and willingness to help others. This would be coordinated with both the local Red Cross and the E.L.C.A. More information will be forthcoming. If you are interested, please contact Tom Margo at 330-364-8223.

## Announcements

**Altar Guild Retirees Honored**

The following retired members of the Altar Guild have been honored by receiving a small token of appreciation. There are 321 years of service to this very important ministry represented in this list of names. Please tell them how appreciative we are in having such wonderful and devout people prepare the church for worship all these years.



In grateful appreciation we honor:

Mary Ann Gray, Reba Snyder, Joann Hammond, Jane Lanz, Janet Phillips, Jeanette Vasbinder, Kay Bambeck, Marie Lorson, Norma Buehler, Roseanne Patterson, Norma Grywalski, Barbara Marshall, Shirley Johnson, Joyce Dessecker, Sue Grafe, Mary Shonk, Polly Bergquist

Thank you to all the present members of the Altar Guild for their hard work.

Glenda Sclater, Director  
Altar Guild

To the retirees: If you have a red Altar Guild notebook, please bring it to the church office. Thanks

**Grace Warmly Receives New Members**

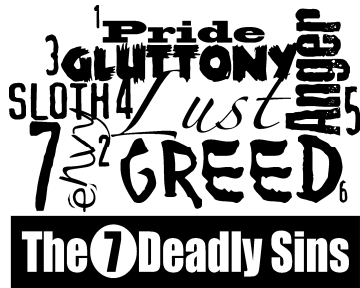
We are so pleased and excited to welcome eight persons into our Grace family of faith and community of believers. We pledge them our Christian care and spiritual support as they live with us in God's love and grow in God's grace.

**Today we welcome:**

**JoAnn Bower, Sydney and Lily  
Debbie Flood, Jacob and Emily  
Joseph and Jennifer Mathey**

Our new members were officially received during both worship services. A covered dish dinner featuring some of our congregation's best recipes was held in their honor following the 10:30 a.m. service.

## Announcements



## The Seven Deadly Sins

Fall 2011 Bible Study  
Luther Hall  
Wednesday Evenings 6:45-8:00 p.m.

**The Seven Deadly Sins** are relationship killers! They ruin our relationship with God. They destroy our relationships with family, friends and neighbors.

What are the **Seven Deadly Sins**? How do we recognize them? How do we overcome them?

To find out the answers to these questions and more, join us for our Fall 2011 Bible Study, **Wednesday** evenings at 6:45 in Luther Hall. Just bring your Bible and an inquisitive mind.

### October Schedule: Featured Sins and Bible Stories

October 5:	Anger: Jonah 4:1-11
October 12:	Lust and Gluttony: II Samuel 11:1-12:15 and Luke 12:13-21
October 19:	Greed: I Kings 21:1-29
October 26:	Sloth: Luke 16:19-31

## Your Feedback Requested

Do you have a question you would like to see Pastor Rice answer in the next newsletter? (What's your favorite color does not count.) Please write out your question and place it in the ***Since You Asked...*** box located on the table in the narthex.

Questions about the Bible, church policy and practice, theology and more are welcome. Pastor Rice promises to research your question and provide a helpful answer. ***Since You Asked...*** is a new monthly feature in **The Messenger**.

***Also...*** Do you have a favorite hymn you would like to sing during an upcoming service? It does not have to be in the current ELW hymnal, it just has to be a hymn that is special to you. Jot it down and place it in the ***Since You Asked...*** box. Thank you.



## Coordinator of Youth & Family Ministries

# Grace Welcomes Sharman Harston

Sharman Hartson has been hired and begun her duties as our Coordinator of Youth and Family Ministries following a most favorable interview by the screening committee, a recommendation from the Personnel Board and approval by the Executive Committee of Planning Council. She was introduced to our young people and their families during Rally Day activities on Sunday, September 11.

Sharman comes to us from Springfield, Tennessee. She has served as a youth minister, an associate minister, interim minister and museum curator. She now lives in Dover. Sharman's sister along with some nieces and nephews reside in nearby Sugarcreek. Her mother lives in Mansfield where Sharman grew up.

This first weeks, Sharman has been busy meeting with parents, church leaders and others in order to get a good perspective on our needs and opportunities and to begin planning upcoming faith-based social programs and service projects. "Getting to Know You" and planning events with youth and families will be scheduled soon. Watch the bulletin and The Messenger for updates.

How did I get to Grace Lutheran Church? It all started just over a year ago. I lived in Springfield, Tennessee for over 24 years, and I realized the time was right to move back to Ohio. I sold my house, said good-bye to many good friends, and packed the U-Haul truck for one more long drive north to beautiful Ohio. I was born and raised in Mansfield, Ohio, where my mother still lives. My sister and her family live in the Sugarcreek area. I have been traveling to Tuscarawas County for many, many years, and was familiar with the area: the mall, restaurants, and attractions. But, I had never seen Dover Park! I like to walk (about 2-3 miles each day), and the beauty and serenity of the park provided an unexpected gift!

A friend of the family told me about the position at Grace Lutheran Church, and I felt like my ministry experiences would be a good fit for the position. I have served as a minister with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) for over ten years. I graduated from Vanderbilt Divinity School in 2002, and was ordained the same year. I heard a call to ministry after serving as a lay leader, teacher, volunteer, and member of Central Christian Church, Springfield. My ministry has included: directing church camps, over-sight of women's fellowship groups and programing, interim ministry, mission trips, Christian Education and Youth pastor, and curator at Disciples of Christ Historical Society for over eight years. Most of these ministries were in or near Nashville, but I traveled extensively throughout Tennessee.

I was married to Ollie Hartson for over 25 years. He died in 2005. I have three step-sons and six grand-children, and they are scattered from California to Indiana to Ohio. I have a little dog, Casey, a 13 year old Dachshund. She has adjusted well to her new home in Dover. I enjoy reading, playing golf, walking, cooking, and playing cards. My greatest joy in the past two months has been spending more time with my three great nieces and nephew, ages 1 to 5. There will be another "great" little person in December.

I like exploring the area. I found a pottery shop in Holmes County, re-discovered the historic town of Zoar, visited Warther Museum, played golf in Sugarcreek, and shopped at Belding Village Mall. I saw the Dover band march through downtown and at the Band Preview! I like watching football, baseball, and golf. I have always been a Cleveland Browns and Indians fan.

I'm looking forward to being in relationship with Grace Lutheran Church through our service to God, the Dover community, and our children and youth. Peace and blessings, Sharman Hartson

## Announcements

# COME & EAT AND SEE WHO YOU MEET

Please mark your calendars for these fellowship and other “food” events.

**Oct. 8: Men’s Breakfast** at 8:00 a.m. in Luther Hall features great breakfast food, devotions and an informational presentation. Rich Elliott coordinates the monthly events September through May.

**Oct. 30: Oktoberfest** featuring brats, kraut and other tasty fare. (If you’re not a brats & kraut person, there will be hot dogs and other foods available.) Follows 10:30 a.m. worship service in Fellowship Hall.

**Nov. 6: Chicken BBQ** fundraiser for the youth ELCA Youth Gathering. Tickets \$8. Eat-in or Carry-out. See announcement on page 10.

**Nov. 12: Men’s Breakfast** at 8:00 a.m. in Luther Hall

**Nov. 21: Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner** following 10:30 a.m. worship service in Fellowship Hall. Free will offering supports youth camp. Church youth prepare and serve the meal.

**Dec. 4: Second Annual Rigatoni & Meatballs Dinner and Advent Workshop** following 10:30 a.m. worship service. Dinner is held in Fellowship Hall. Craft workshops are located throughout Luther and Youth halls.



To My Church Family & Friends,

This is just a little note with a BIG thank you for giving all the greeting cards, both blank and ones with words on them.

Thank you for the kind words of appreciation. I enjoy doing the ministry and hope it conveys Christ’s love for our members in ways which are needed.

Take care, each and everyone of you at Grace. Pastor Rice, that includes you too.

Sincerely,  
Patti Stull



### Thrivent Choice Dollars

Dear members of Grace, for those of you purchasing products through Thrivent Financial, please remember that you can earn Thrivent Choice Dollars. Your Thrivent Choice Dollars are designated monies resulting from your purchase of product from Thrivent Financial. They can be donated to the charity of your choice. In order to use Thrivent Choice Dollars, you will need to designate the specific charity you wish to receive the Thrivent Choice Dollars. For more information about your Thrivent Choice Dollars please go to [www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice/index.html](http://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice/index.html).



## Announcements



## Volunteering Can Change A Life... Maybe Your Own

Community Hospice needs highly motivated and compassionate individuals who want to make a difference by volunteering their time.

Our Volunteer Teams offer many opportunities to share gifts and talents. You may be interested in helping patients, delivering supplies, working in our resale shop, working with military veterans, fundraising, sewing/quilting, helping in the office, Hospice House or many other ways.

Call our office **330-343-7605** with any questions and to reserve your place.

Fall Training Dates are: **October 18, 20, 25 and 27 - 5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

Community Hospice Office: **201 West Third Street, Dover 44622**

Thank you for your continued support,  
Vicki Indorf, Certified Volunteer Manager



Area Agency on Aging, Region 9

## CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP TUSCARAWAS SENIOR CENTER

425 Prospect Street, Dover

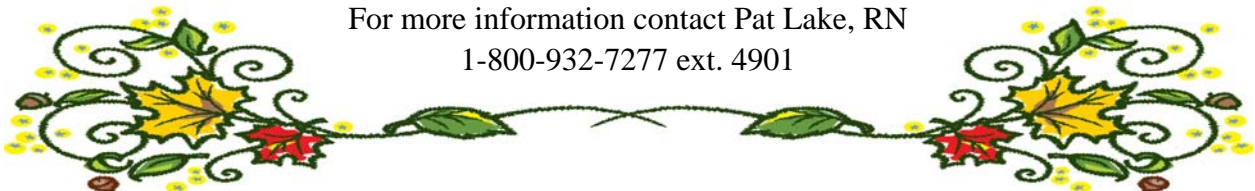
**2nd Monday of each month 12:00 noon - 1:30 pm**

**Come join other caregivers in the Tuscarawas County area for fellowship and sharing.**

**The support group will address questions, concerns and problems of caregivers who are caring for their loved ones. Only another caregiver can fully understand the pressures, demands, sacrifices and joys of caregiving.**

For more information contact Pat Lake, RN

1-800-932-7277 ext. 4901



# Young People's Ministry

## Chicken Barbecue Fund Raiser for 2012 ELCA Youth Gathering, July 18-22 in New Orleans

**DATE: Sunday – Nov. 6 – 11:30 am to 1:00 pm**

**COST: \$ 8.00**

**Place: Outreach Center – Eat in (parking off alley) – OR**

**DRIVE THRU: Enter from Wooster Ave.**

**Dinner includes: ½ chicken, baked beans, roll/butter, cookie, drink**



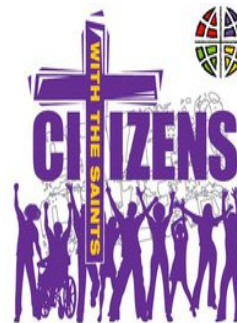
**If you make a donation of a personal hygiene item, you will get a free drink.  
If dinner is not picked up by 1:00 pm, it will be sold.  
From 1:00 – 1:30 pm, extra dinners will be sold at the Drive Thru.**

**Tickets can be purchased through October 30 before or after church from any youth.**



Parents with children in grades K-7 are invited to stay after church on Sunday, October 9, for lunch. Childcare and activities for children will be provided. We will talk about this year's plans for family and children activities at Grace Lutheran Church. Please RSVP to the Office at 330-343-6915 by October 6 for your family's lunch reservation.

The youth are asking for donations of individual serving size of water to be used for the Chicken Barbecue. Donations may be dropped off at the church office weekdays 9-3.



A bottle of water will be given to each person who makes a donation to the homeless shelter of a personal hygiene item.



Thank you in advance for your kind support of our youth programs.

Young People's Ministry



# New Orleans, Louisiana

## July 18-22, 2012

2012 ELCA Youth Gathering registration is October 9th, 2011. If you know you are going please complete the pre-registration form and return it with your deposit ASAP. If you are unsure, come to the meeting on Sunday, Oct. 9th during the Sunday school hour in the high school room. All questions will be addressed at that time.

Everyone planning on attending the Youth Gathering should be at this meeting or a parent should attend.



### **NEW ADDRESSES** FOR COLLEGIANS & MILITARY PERSONNEL

**Young Peoples Ministry Board is requesting information on all College Students or Military Personnel. We would like to keep these members in touch with what is going on at Grace and send them greeting cards for special events.**

**Please complete as much of the following information as possible and return it to the church office or YPMB mail box.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

DOB \_\_\_\_\_

If Married Anniversary \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Baptism \_\_\_\_\_

Winter Break date \_\_\_\_\_

Spring Break date \_\_\_\_\_

Final day of classes for year \_\_\_\_\_

College Graduation date \_\_\_\_\_



## OCTOBER 30th



OKTOBERFEST

We will be serving a traditional brat and kraut lunch with all the trimmings! We will also offer hot dogs and coneys for those of you who prefer. There will be games by Cody Jerles and the high school class, treat bags and games for the kids, and lots of fellowship for the adults.

# CRAFTERS NEEDED!!!

We are in need of crafters for the Advent Workshop and Rigatoni Dinner!!! If you are interested please contact Audra Miceli 330-447-4567 or Cindy Jerles 330-364-2313.



We had 15 tables last year and are praying for the same this year!! We will also need desserts for that day! Thanks for being such a great congregation! Everyone always gives us great support for all we do!

Advent Workshop Parish Fellowship

# Women of the ELCA

For Lutheran World Relief

- Quilts: 34
- Health Kits: 44
- School Kits: 16
- Soap: 96
- Layettes: 26



We are continuing to collect bath size bars of soap in its original wrapping. Place in basket in the Narthex.



## HELP WANTED:

### KNITTERS & STITCHERS



Our Prayer Shawl Ministry touches our members when they are ill with God's comfort, love and peace. It reminds them that they are remembered and in our prayers.

Volunteers are needed to knit the prayer shawls and to stitch labels to them. Materials and appreciation are provided. If you can help, please contact Jane Lanz (330) 343-5071. Thank you.

## 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. These are the best prices in the area thanks to a lot of comparison shopping. The stores listed are the ones that usually have the best prices on these items. The bottom line is that it costs approximately \$12.00 to fill one bag.

Product	Price / piece	Days in a month	Total
Peanut Butter	\$ 1.39	X 30	\$ 41.70
Fruit	\$ 0.85	X 30	\$ 25.50
Cereal	\$ 1.19	X 30	\$ 35.70
Meat	\$ 1.15	X 30	\$ 34.50
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	\$ 0.35	X 30	\$ 10.50
Spaghetti	\$ 0.90	X 30	\$ 27.00
Spaghetti Sauce	\$ 0.98	X 30	\$ 29.40
			<b>\$ 403.80</b>



## KNOTTERS

Tuesday, Oct. 11th, 2011

9:00 AM

## Dr. Mary Baer Circle

Hostesses: Shirley Johnson & Helen Rosenberry

Topic: TAPE

Wednesday,  
October 26th, 2011

1:00 pm



<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	

## Evangelism Board

### 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 August, we distributed 88 bags, and have already distributed 79 in September. 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.

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.

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 & Steven Viereck.

Ella DeVore	Rosann Patterson
Linda Domer	Pastor Drake
Helen Blackson	Richard Webber
William Page	Ann Burrier
John Bartholomew	Mark Mathias
Mary Ann Gray	Liz Barbero
Tom Patton	Vic Gessner
Dan Urfer	Larry Davidson
Trent Marty	Christine Randles
Bonnie Ravine	Cheri Vance
Christina Minor	

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.

Thanks You.

### A Prayer For You

We are resuming our Healing Prayers at the Altar rail during Holy Communion.

They are offered at 8 am on the 3rd Sunday of the month and at 10:30 am on the 4th Sunday of the month. We thank Tom Price and Tony Lecce for providing this invaluable and much appreciated service.



## Evangelism Board

### EVANGELISM 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 October meal to the homeless shelter. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex.

### HEALTH KITS AND LAYETTES

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

#### Health Kits

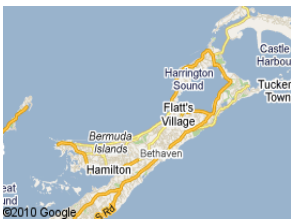
- 1 hand towel (dark color)
- 1 wash cloth (dark color), 1 bath size bar of soap
- 1 adult size toothbrush, 1 nail clipper with file
- 1 wide tooth comb, 6 band-aids

#### School Kits

- Padded or spinal notebooks of ruled paper approx. 8 1/2" X 11" totaling 150-200 sheets; 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
- 6 new, unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- 12 sheets of construction paper in assorted colors
- 1 box of 16 or 24 crayons

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!**



### MOSER FAMILY

Please continue to support the Moser Family Mission. Steve and Tina will return to Bermuda in January to teach young children about Jesus. Envelopes are provided in the pews if you wish to financially support this mission.

## 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.



October 2 - 2 vases  
 October 9 - 2 vases  
 November 20 - 2 vases  
 November 27 - 1 vase

### NURSERY

10/2 - Bonnie Richardson & Carol Betche  
 10/9 - Pam Keller & Julie Vanfossen  
 10/16 - Paula Wolfe & Karla Burrier  
 10/23 - Elaine Margo & Gale Limron  
 10/30 -



### CHILDREN'S CHURCH



10/2  
 10/9  
 10/16  
 10/23  
 10/30

### Order of St. Luke

Tuesday,  
 October 25th, 2011  
 1:00 pm

### Altar Guild

Monday,  
 October 24, 2011  
 7:00 pm  
 Tuesday,  
 October 25th, 2011  
 9:00 am

## Worship Readings

### Sunday, Oct. 2nd

Isaiah 5:1-7  
 Psalm 80:7-14  
 Philippians 3:4b-14  
 Matthew 6:25-34

### Sunday, Oct. 9th

Isaiah 25:1-9  
 Psalm 23  
 Philippians 4:1-9  
 Matthew 22:1-14

### Sunday, Oct. 16th

Isaiah 45:1-7  
 Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]  
 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10  
 Matthew 22:15-22

### Sunday, Oct. 23rd

Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18  
 Psalm 1  
 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8  
 Matthew 22:34-46

## 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	DEACONS
Oct. 2	Oct. 2 Steve Zimmerman	Oct. 2
Oct. 9	Oct. 9 Terry Miller	Oct. 9
Oct. 16	Oct. 16 Lynn Foust	Oct. 16
Oct. 23	Oct. 23 Tony Lecce	Oct. 23
Oct. 30	Oct. 30 Gale Limron	Oct. 30

USHERS
Michael Thomas-Moore
Tim Keplinger
Richard Elliott
Steve Zimmerman
Jim Heller, Scott Ebert
Edward Harper
David Elliott

#### SUNDAY 10:30 AM WORSHIP

USHERS
Oct. 2 John Lorenz, Larry Wallick, Tom Margo, Art Siber
Oct. 9 Mike Sergent, Ron Philabaum, Jim Gibb
Oct. 16 John Stahl, Robert McCulloch, Keith Lands, Howard Stein
Oct. 23 Art Keener, William Page, Jeff Keller, Jeff Hootman, Joe Vanfossen
Oct. 30 WELCA

ACOLYTES	LAY READERS	DEACONS/ CA
Oct. 2	Oct. 2 Tony Lecce	Oct. 2
Oct. 9	Oct. 9 Pastor Grosse	Oct. 9 Deborah Horn
Oct. 16	Oct. 16 Jim Gibb	Oct. 16
Oct. 23	Oct. 23 Rick Homrighausen	Oct. 23
Oct. 30	Oct. 30 John Stahl	Oct. 30

#### ALTAR GUILD

**October:** Louis Keplinger, Joan Davis, Linda Bertle, Janice Weber, Deborah Horn  
**November:** Judy Martin, Lu Kreisher, Bonnie Richardson, Pam Keller, Carol Betche



#### Get the Messenger By Email

If you'd like to receive the Messenger by email please send an email to [GraceHappens@GraceDover.org](mailto: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](http://www.GraceDover.org)



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 8 am Worship Communion 9:15 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion	3 2:30 pm Communion Park Village South 6:30 pm Girl Scouts-LH 6:30 pm Girl Scouts-YH 6:30 pm Property Board 7 pm Valley Voices	4 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 6:45 pm Planning Council	5 6:45 pm Bible Study 7 pm Boy Scouts	6 12 pm Sr. Fun Day 12-1 pm Bible Study 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Gallery Choir	7	8 8 am Men's Breakfast 
9 8 am Worship Communion 9:15 am SCS 9:15 am 2012 Youth Gathering Meeting 10:30 am Worship Communion <u>Youth Parent Lunch/Discussion</u>	10 10:30 am Communion Park Village North 6:30 pm Girl Scouts-LH 6:30 pm Girl Scouts-YH 7 pm Valley Voices <u>COLUMBUS DAY</u>	11 9 am Knotters 12- 4 pm Rejoice Women 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 6:45 pm Ministry Night	12 6:45 pm Bible Study 7 pm Boy Scouts	13 12 pm Sr. Fun Day 12-1 pm Bible Study 5:30 pm Girl Scouts 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Gallery Choir	14	15  <u>SWEETEST DAY</u>
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23 8 am Worship Communion 9:15 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion 6 pm Meal to the Homeless Shelter	24 6:30 pm Girl Scouts-LH 6:30 pm Girl Scouts-YH 7 pm Altar Guild 7 pm Valley Voices	25 9 am Altar Guild 11 am Endowment Board Mtg. 1 pm Order of St. Luke 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	26 1:00 pm Dr. Mary Baer Circle 6:45 pm Bible Study 7 pm Boy Scouts	27 12 pm Sr. Fun Day 12-1 pm Bible Study 5:30 pm Girl Scouts 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Gallery Choir	28 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;">                         9 am Messenger Assembly                     </div>	29
30 8 am Worship Communion 9:15 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion <u>OKTOBERFEST!</u>	31 					
<p><b>Dates to remember:</b>                      December 9, 10 &amp; 11, 2011                      Youth Retreat at Atwood Cabins                      Middle &amp; High School Students</p>						