



# THE MESSENGER

**2023**

**Worship Schedule**

**Sunday: 8 AM and 10:30 AM**

**Sunday Church School for all ages: 9:15 AM**

**Second Saturday of the month at 5:00 PM**

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Dear Friends in Christ,

When the Holy Spirit moves, it is a powerful thing! There is a gentleman in our greater community who has come to our office before in genuine need. One time he had a house fire and he smelled like the kind of smoke I remember when my kitchen stove caught fire and ashes and soot were everywhere. He needed cleaning supplies and we helped him with those through my pastor's discretionary fund. Another time, he needed groceries to make it through the week and our Food Pantry gave him a grocery bag of food. Last week, he desperately needed back-to-school clothing for his two grandsons who live with him and his wife since school was starting. I thought to myself that this will be a lot more than I have in my pastor's discretionary fund. So, after trying to get these boys help from Dress A Child and finding that they are delayed, I did something I haven't done yet at Grace – I asked Lisa to post an urgent notice on our Facebook page to help them.

Immediately responses started coming in and the post was shared 34 times during the week. Sole Purpose donated vouchers for new shoes from Encore at New Town Mall! One woman who had previously bought clothing that were still in the bag with the tags on in the sizes the boys needed had just been wondering what to do with them when she saw our post. She said it was clear that God was speaking to her. She was thrilled to be able to help these boys! Another went shopping and brought in some new clothes that are returnable if needed. Some donated gently used clothing and shoes their boys had outgrown.

The gentleman cried and thanked our church when he received the clothing. I gave him a blessing prayer for his family and the school year. The boys are all set for their school year thanks to your hearts and generosity for those in need that spread out far to our greater community! Ultimately, the gospel of Jesus Christ was shared 34 times on our church's Facebook page reaching many. This week I also found new resources from a few of you to try when people need clothing. Thank you, Grace Lutheran Church, for being "the church" to our greater community!

Blessings,  
 Pastor Bonnie

**Pastor**  
**Rev. Bonnie L. Grimaldi**

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# Planning Council

**PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**Next Meeting**  
**Tuesday,**  
**Sept. 19th 2023**  
**@ 6:30 PM**



Sept. 5th - Outreach Board - LH - 7pm  
 Sept. 13th - Congregational Life - LH - 3 pm

## 2020-2021 BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Richard Elliott - President      Julie Brothers - Vice President  
 Becky Lands - Secretary      John Wolfe - Treasurer

### Congregational Life

**Julie Brothers** - Director  
 Susie Erickson  
 Elaine Margo  
 Betsy Morris  
 Melody Rader  
 Jim Heller

### Property

**Jim Gibb**- Director  
 Audra Miceli  
 Nathan Vaughan  
 Larry Wallick  
 Brad Wharmby

### Christian Faith and Life

**Ashley Eick** - Director  
 Karla Burrier  
 Debbie Flood  
 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

**Paul McFadden**– Director  
 Joe Erickson  
 Tanna Loveday  
 Judy Martin  
 Joe Penrod  
 Scott Ebert (church sign)  
 David Elliott (church website)

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

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

## Announcements



You've heard of tough luck, blind luck, and beginner's luck, but the best luck of all is....POT LUCK!!

Bring your family and your favorite dish for some great food and fellowship.

**Sunday, September 17th**

**Following the 10:30 am service in Fellowship Hall.**

The Hospitality Committee will provide beverages and fried chicken!

Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex so we can be sure to have enough for everyone.



I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, donations, time and support that enabled us to have a successful 2023 Block Party. We had over 150 attendees on a very hot and threatening weather day. I was so excited to see so many members of our church enjoying hot dogs, games, and interacting with each other. It was fun to walk to St. John's and Dover Moravian for brownies and ice cream, nachos, and cider and more games. Our three churches are planning more community outreach programs. Stay tuned for more information on upcoming events.

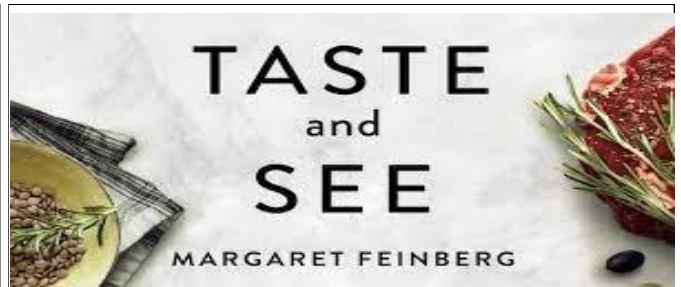
Thanks again,  
Becky Lands



I wish to thank everyone for the your welcoming to Grace Church on August 6<sup>th</sup>. I met many new faces, and will work at remembering names along with meeting others that I have not had the pleasure to yet meet, as we continue to get to know one another. Special thanks to our hospitality committee for the coffee, juice and delicious pastries in the fellowship hall between services.

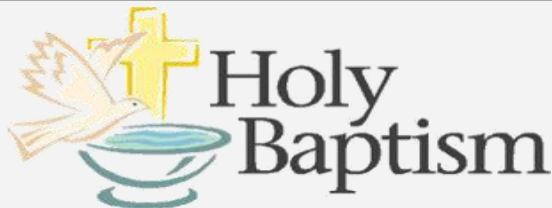
Blessings  
Jeff

# Announcements



## New Women’s Bible Study Started in May!

Pastor Bonnie is leading a new Women’s Bible Study, “Taste and See” by Margaret Feinberg starting Wednesday May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Outreach Center, and meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month ending in October. Join Margaret in this deeply nourishing video Bible study sprinkled with step-by-step recipes and biblical insights. After all, it’s at the table where we learn to taste and see the goodness of God. Pastor Bonnie will be serving tasty treats to go along with the study!



Teagan Marie Graziul was baptized during the 10:30 a.m. worship service on August 13th. She is the daughter of RJ and Ashley (Jerles) Graziul. She was born February 20th, 2023 in Canton.

Teagan Marie is the granddaughter of members, Scott & Cindy Jerles and Rob Graziul & Karen Anderson. Her sponsors were Lindsey Jerles & Austin Fearon

We welcome Teagan Marie into the family of God and pray she will know God’s love and grow in God’s grace. Congratulations!

## choir practice



Choir practice will resume on Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. in the gallery. If you have been thinking about becoming more involved in the Music Ministry at Grace, now would be a very good time to join. You could just show up, but it would be helpful if I know you are coming so I have enough copies of the music on hand for everyone to have their own. I hope to see you in September. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask. Blessings, Jeff

## Announcements



## Worship Assistants

Are you an 8 am service regular and would be willing to be a reader and communion assisting minister? We need you! You will get a robe and cross, and also get to wear a nice stole. Training is provided. Please contact Lisa in the office 330-343-6915 if you can serve on a regular basis.



"I don't get it. I prayed real hard, but I still have to go back go school?"



## Prayer for Students

Loving Father, I stand before You  
 in the midst of confusion and complexities of life.  
 My future sometimes seems distant and unknown.  
 Give me, O Lord, the vision to see the path You set before me.  
 Grant me the courage to follow Your way,  
 that through the gifts and talents You have given me,  
 I may bring Your life and Your love to others.  
 I ask this through Jesus, Your Son and my Brother.  
 Amen.



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.**



*Please be Praying for...*

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

Ella DeVore  
Dottie Shott  
Rita Young  
Martha Engel  
Brinley Davis  
Josh Archinal  
Matt Murphy

Shirley Grafe  
Norma Grywalski  
Glenn Siber  
Jo Ann & Jim Edie  
Brett Miller  
Sami Harris  
Mildred Schauer

#### 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" Baker (father of Tracy Schlegel and Tiffany Shepherd).

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.



- Sept. 10th - 1 vase
- Sept. 17th - 1 vase
- Oct. 1st - 2 vases
- Oct. 15th - 2 vases
- Oct. 29th - 1 vase



# Jennifer & Taylor Vaughan

## **Worship Readings**

### **Sunday, Sept. 3rd**

Jeremiah 15:15-21  
 Psalm 26:18  
 Romans 12:9-21  
 Matthew 16:21-28

### **Sunday, Sept. 10th**

Ezekiel 33:7-11  
 Psalm 119:33-40  
 Romans 13:8-14  
 Matthew 18:15-20

### **Sunday, Sept. 17th**

Genesis 50:15-21  
 Psalm 102:[1-7] 8-13  
 Romans 14:1-12  
 Matthew 18:21-35

### **Sunday, Sept. 24th**

Jonah 3:10—4:11  
 Psalm 145:1-8  
 Philippians 1:21-30  
 Matthew 20:1-16

### **Altar Guild**

Tues., Sept. 26th  
9 am



## **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 8:00 AM WORSHIP

ACOLYTES	LAY READERS	DEACON/COMM. ASST.	USHERS
9/3	9/3 Lynn Foust	9/3	Richard Elliott Jim Heller Scott Ebert Edward Harper David Elliott
9/10	9/10 Kim Gray	9/10	
9/17	9/17 Gale Limron	9/17	
9/24	9/24 Lynn Foust	9/24	

### SUNDAY 10:30 AM WORSHIP

**Sept. 3** John Lorenz, Larry Wallick, Tom Margo, Ron Stahl  
**Sept. 10** Jim Gibb, Mike Sargent  
**Sept. 17** John Stahl, Keith Lands, Paul McFadden  
**Sept. 24** Jeff Keller, Jeff Hootman, John Wolfe, Joe Vanfossen

ACOLYTES	LAY READERS	DEACON/COMM. ASST.
9/3	9/3 Betsy Morris	9/3 Deborah Horn
9/10	9/10 John Stahl	9/10
9/17	9/17 Jan Ochsenbine	9/17
9/24	9/24 Jim Gibb	9/24

### ALTAR GUILD

**September:** Sue Case, Holly Vesco, Susan Zimmerman, Chris Rundles, Janie Huffman

**October:** Melody Rader, 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](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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## Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
					<b>1</b> 0 am Grocery Bag Drive Thru	<b>2</b> 8 am Men's Breakfast
<b>3</b> 8 am Worship Communion 9:30 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion	<b>4</b> 7 pm Valley Voices  <b>Church Office Closed</b>	<b>5</b> 12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Outreach Board Mtg. - LH	<b>6</b> 2 pm & 2:30 pm Communion Park Village 7 pm Boy Scouts	<b>7</b> 12pm Bible Study 7 pm Gallery Choir	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 5 pm Contemporary Service
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<b>17</b> 8 am Worship Communion 9:30 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion	<b>18</b> 7 pm Valley Voices	<b>19</b> 12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Planning Council	<b>20</b> 7 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Women's Bible Study - ORC	<b>21</b> 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Gallery Choir	<b>22</b>  <u>Messenger Deadline</u>	<b>23</b> 
Pastor on Vacation						
<b>24</b> 8 am Worship 9:30 am SCS 10:30 am Worship 6 pm Meal to the Homeless Shelter	<b>5</b> 7 pm Valley Voices	<b>26</b> 9 am Altar Guild 12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	<b>27</b> 7 pm Boy Scouts	<b>28</b> 12pm Bible Study 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Gallery Choir	<b>29</b>  <u>Messenger Assembly</u>	<b>30</b>
Pastor on Vacation						