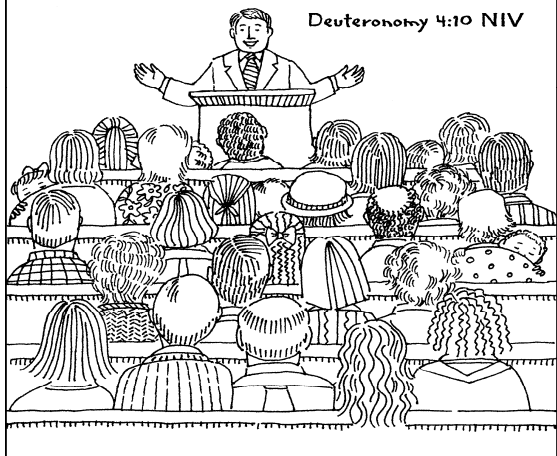


THE MESSENGER

"Assemble the people before me to hear my words so that they may ... teach them to their children."

Deuteronomy 4:10 NIV



2007

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

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Back to School

September is upon us, parents are rejoicing, kids are grumbling (though many with a degree of excitement about seeing their classmates more often again), and we at Grace are scrambling to get everything in order for the myriad of ministry programs that kick into high gear with the onset of those three little words, "Back to School." How appropriate then, in the midst of all this scrambling and cramming still more activities into already full schedules, that we take time during worship over the next six weeks to focus our hearts and minds on the essentials of the faith. That's the idea behind our preaching series for the next month, appropriately titled "Back to School." Throughout the series we will zero in on the basics, the standards of the Christian faith, taking a fresh and thorough look at what it means to live, work, study, and serve like a Christian. The word School also provides an acronym to help you remember those essentials and the order we'll tackle them. The acronym works as follows

S alvation	August 26
C onnection with God through prayer	September 2
H oliness	September 9
O ne Source: the Bible	September 16
O ne God: three persons	September 23
L iving a Spirit-filled Life	September 30

Be sure to join us each week and discover what God can do in your life when we begin to open ourselves to the truth of the Gospel that saves us from sin, connects us with the living God, works in us daily to make us more like Christ as we learn about God through the Word of God, and relate to a God who in very nature is relational and longs above all else to fill each one of us with the life giving Spirit that directs our steps, orders our days, and gives purpose to our lives.

Peace and prayers,

Pastor Jim

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“MINISTRY NIGHT”
FOR ALL OFFICERS, BOARD DIRECTORS & BOARD MEMBERS
 Tuesday, September 4th—6:30 p.m.

PLANNING COUNCIL
FOR ALL OFFICERS & BOARD DIRECTORS
 Tuesday, September 11th—6:30 p.m.
 Luther Hall

RING... RING... RING...

Hello! Summer is ending and it's time to start rehearsals with the Handbell Choir again. **Thursday, August 30th** will be our first rehearsal beginning at **6:00 pm**. This season we will continue rehearsing at 6:00 on Thursdays in the handbell room at the SW corner of Youth Hall.

We welcome all who would like to join us. We will teach you if you have never played or are rusty. We are all learning new techniques of handbell ringing and improving our skills.

Come join in the fun, the team spirit, and the satisfaction of making music with Grace Handbell Choir.



WE'RE HAVING A REUNION AND YOU ARE INVITED!

The **Gallery Choir** will gather in the Choir Room **Thursday, September 6th at 7:00 pm** for a reunion and to begin their 2007-2008 season.

If Gallery Choir is something you have been considering, why not circle September 6th on your calendar and give it a try.

CHURCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Thanks to everyone who played on the Church Softball League this year. We had a great season. In regular season, we were 10-0. We were undefeated! Then we took it all. We are the champions!

Don't forget to sign up next year!

John McFadden Scott Jerles



Saturday, September 8th
 8:00 a.m.
 Luther Hall

Come join us for some good food and fellowship!



Youth Rummage Sale—September 28th & 29th

Clean, quality, workable and usable household or business goods, furniture and clothing will be accepted. **It would be appreciated if you could price your items.** Then, drop off in the connecting room during the month of September during normal church hours.

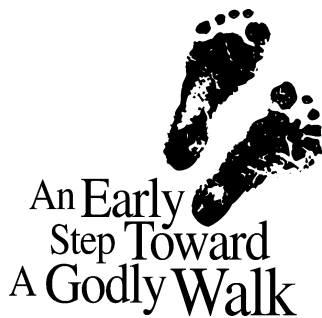
If you have any clothes racks we can borrow, please clearly mark them with your name and phone number. Raised funds will go toward Youth activities.

There will be sign-up sheets in the Narthex starting September 2nd for individuals who would be interested in:

Helping with the sorting and set-up	Thursday, September 27th	5:00—9:00 pm
Working the day of the sale	Friday, September 28th	5:00—9:00 pm
Working the day of the sale	Saturday, September 29th	8:00 am—3:00 pm
Helping to clean up	Saturday, September 29th	3:00—5:00 pm

Items not sold will be donated to local charities.





My Bible: Stepping Stone Wednesdays in September & October

Second graders and their parents are invited to join us for My Bible Stepping Stones which begins on Wednesday, September 5th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. My Bible runs eight weeks and helps families to learn 120 key Bible verses that capture the major stories and teachings of the Bible. At the end of the eight weeks the Second graders in the program will receive the Bibles their parents have taught them to use during a special blessing service on **Reformation Sunday, October 28th.**

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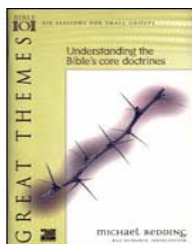
Upcoming Worship Series: *Body Building*

In order to build a strong body you have to do a number of things like eating healthy, exercising daily, sleep well, and more. We all know how easy it is to neglect one or more of the things that we need to do to keep our bodies in top condition. So it is not too surprising that we, the body of Christ, also have to pay attention to a number of things to make sure the "body" is in the best shape it can be. The church word for growing a healthy church body is fellowship. And while it seems from time to time that all that is necessary for good fellowship is good food, there's actually a lot more to it than that.

In October, we will begin our new worship series called "**Body Building.**" We hope that as you hear about the ways we can build the body of Christ together through **Loving, Serving, Caring For, Accepting, Bearing With, and Being United With... One Another**, our fellowship will grow and Christ's body will be built among us. If you want to go deeper into the challenge of fellowship in the Body of Christ, sign up to be a part of the worship connection course "**Connecting With God's Family**" which will begin on **October 14** and run through November 18. This time of year will also feature several opportunities to put your fellowship learning into practice as you join in the fun with our new youth programs, **Family First days** on **October 7** and **November 4**, and of course the annual **Thanksgiving Dinner** that will wrap everything up on **November 18**.

CHRISTIANS WHO TALK THE TALK, ALSO WALK THE WALK!

As part of our "The #1 Thing" way of thinking for the new year, Pastor Jim and the Christian Education Board have prepared a schedule of interesting Bible studies for the next year. We will be keeping you informed of the Bible studies being given for each quarter and ask that you sign up early for them so that we are able to provide you with the appropriate study material.



GREAT THEMES—UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE'S CORE DOCTRINES—September 2nd through October 7th

This Bible study will be starting September 2nd, 2007 and will be held during the Sunday school hour in Luther Hall. It is a six week Bible study that will be discussed based and the key themes can be traced through the stories and teachings of Scripture. Creation, sin salvation, sanctification and community -- these are the themes that make up the essentials of our faith. As we understand the place of these doctrines in Scripture, we will better understand God's good news for our lives and His church today.



CONNECTING WITH GOD'S FAMILY—October 14th through November 18th

This Bible study will start in October and also will be held during the Sunday School hour in Luther Hall. It is a six week Bible study that will emphasize how God longs for us to have rich, genuine connections with Him and also other people. These sessions will help us connect more deeply with Jesus Christ and build genuine relationships with Christian friends. Christ's love makes it possible for us to be known and to know others, to be loved and to love, to resolve conflict effectively, and to move outwards together in faith. We hope you will join others in this Bible study as the writers take us on a spiritual journey, discovering not only what God created us for but how we can turn a dream into an everyday reality.



ATTENTION! More people are needed to help at the Free Lunch on the third Wednesday of the month. We need for you to volunteer in the area of leader or a helper. We are trying to get enough involved so that everyone serving only has to do it once or twice a year. Sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex. Those who have been a volunteer at the Free Lunch could now be a leader in showing others what to do. Please consider and sign up in the Narthex.

FOOD PANTRY Thank you to all who bring food in for the grocery bags that are filled each month. We are seeing a great increase in the giving of these groceries. We gave 37 bags out this past month to those in need. May God continue to use us in this outreach to others.

Foods needed for the pantry are canned meats (Treet, hams, tuna), cereal, pancake mix, syrup, peanut butter, 1 lb. boxes of pasta, spaghetti sauce, Mac & Cheese, soups (tomato, noodle, vegetable), fruit and vegetables. We are in great need of 1 lb. boxes of pasta, peanut butter, meat, and fruit.

We also need you to bring in your **empty paper bags** for these groceries to be packed in.



FREE LUNCH FOR THE NEEDY

We will be sponsoring a free lunch for those in need on Wednesday, September 19th from 11:00 to 1:00 in our Outreach Center.

How can YOU help? Donate food, drinks or money. Help serve/cook/clean up on that day (9:30 to 1:30). Questions? Call Jen McCulloch at 330-364-5426.

Thank you to the following volunteers who will help serve our free lunch on:

Wednesday,

September 19th

Barb Thompson, Leader

Chris Sargent

Dorothy Morrison

Norma Grywalski



Volunteers providing Macaroni & Cheese, Smoked Sausage, Buns, Chips, Fruit Cocktail & Bread for the Free Lunch should deliver their food donations to the church to the Luther Hall kitchen on **Tuesday, September 18th.**

Thank you to the following volunteers:

Janice Weber, Holly Vesco, Marcie Tinlin, Jen McCulloch, Deborah Horn, Shirley Grafe & Louise Keplinger

We are in great need for you to volunteer to help at the Free Lunch.

We are in need of 6 more leaders and 12 more helpers.

If we all pitch in to help, we would only have to serve once or twice a YEAR. Sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

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, your family or your group or board would like to participate, please call **Jen McCulloch at 330-364-5426** for more information. Also, there is an opportunity for anyone interested in leading a Bible study at the shelter.

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 those of our brothers and sisters in need.

Thank you to the following volunteers who will prepare and deliver a meal of **hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, vegetable, tossed salad, Italian bread, dessert, coffee & milk** on September 23rd:

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| Liz Nelson | Donna K. Fox | Kelly Fishley |
| Polly Bergquist | Sue Grafe | Randy & Sue Case |
| Bob & Jen McCulloch | Christine Sergent | Babs & Mike Thomas-Moore |
| Marcie Castricone | Holly Vesco | |
| Janice Weber | Susan Butler | |



PARISH FELLOWSHIP BOARD

Have you ever looked at the sky when there is about to be a thunderstorm? The sky is dark and gray with thick, charcoal-colored, ominous clouds rolling in. The wind gets rather warm and quickly blows across the streets, hills and valleys. There is a low rumbling from distant clouds and you begin to look for cover because you know that it is about to rain. Well, that was the case on Sunday, August 5th as Parish Fellowship was setting up the Family picnic!!! Were our spirits dampened though? NO WAY! We had once again a record crowd and a record amount of food!!! As a matter of fact, a few had to sit inside due to lack of space under the tent!! A great day was had by all, we were all damp, especially Pastor Jim, but laughter and smiles were everywhere. Hannah will always remember being the first one to “dunk” her father in the dunking machine! We are blessed with such a great congregation to follow the spirit of the previous week’s Bible School theme “Take the Plunge.” You certainly took the “plunge” into a wet day! Thank you to all who hung around to help clean up and all who helped set up. It was a big task which was completed quickly and efficiently. May we continue to be blessed with opportunity to get closer to each other through such great fellowship times!!!



**Coffee and donuts
Fellowship Hall
Sundays at 9:00
“Come and eat and see
who you meet!”**

It is that time of year!!! The days will be getting cooler and we will want COFFEE!

Stop by Parish Fellowship’s coffee table before class and have a cup of “Fair Trade Coffee.” This is a small project of our church that helps the farmers in Africa get a fair price on their coffee and teas which enables them to live a decent lifestyle. The sign-up sheet will be available on “Rally Day” in Fellowship Hall for treat sign-up. Thanks to all who made this a success last year.



YOUNG PEOPLES' MINISTRY

Get Connected to Youth and Family Ministry

14 Youth and 5 Adults traveled to LaserQuest in Canton on August 19 to have a ton of fun, polish off a bunch of pizza, and get a first look at the new opportunities for youth and families at Grace this year. The event was a good jumpstart to what looks to be a very exciting year of growing, playing, serving and worshipping together. A **Youth and Family Ministry Catalog** which highlights the variety of programs, events, trips, and classes that are offered to youth and to families throughout the year is available in the Narthex and a copy will be mailed to all families with children school age and younger. Be sure to read every word and share the excitement with your friends and neighbors too. Also be sure to check out the new website graceyouthandfamily.org for even more ways to get connected to the variety of ministry opportunities we can all share together. You'll be able to sign up for events online, get updates on schedules, topics, and service opportunities, participate in online Bible studies, discussion groups, get email newsletters, view photos, and more on the website. Let's make this year the year your faith life takes off as we get connected with each other and with the God who loves us all.

Renovare
Cafe

206 West 3rd St
Dover, Ohio 44622
330-602-3271

Renovare Cafe is preparing to offer a 5th Quarter event following the Dover home football games this fall. It will provide a safe, youth friendly place for High School youth to meet, interact, and celebrate living a life that is fueled by the things that matter most at Renovare - Identity - Purpose - Hope - Life. Adults from our congregation are needed to help provide staffing for 2 nights this fall.

If you haven't discovered all of the awesome people, bands, food, and happenings at Dover's newest youth hangout Renovare Cafe then it is high time you got in on the excitement. Stop by and check out all the upcoming events.

Coastal Carolina Mission Trip

The trip to Coastal Carolina (Swanquarter) was a great success. Our youth, Evan Cameron, Cody Jerles, Elizabeth Mady, Montana Miller, Jaclyn Sergent, and Morgan Swartz, all did a fantastic job of representing the heart of Christ and the character of our congregation to the people of Hyde County North Carolina. The relationships they formed with each other, with the community members, and with the youth who joined them in service from Delaware and North Carolina will be treasured forever. We returned tired but full of joy and eager to continue finding ways to serve both here and wherever God calls us in small but significant ways.



Plans are already underway for another Mission Trip next summer. The dates for the trip will be July 12-19. Check out the High School page on the new website graceyouthandfamily.org for info on the seven possible locations and vote for your preference.

ONE TWO:1

ONE TWO:1 High School ministry is built on the belief that God builds His kingdom one life at a time. You are invited to come explore the joy of a one-to-one relationship that calls you to live a Romans 12: 1 kind of life. The second Sunday of each month from 6-8 PM.

Get ready to connect with other High School youth, encourage each other in your lives of faith, and discover the amazing joy God has in store for you everyday.

**Kickoff Pool Party - Sunday, Sep. 9
at Sergent's house
310 S Grant St Dover OH**



*Girls & Guys
Growing in Grace*

G4 is a monthly gathering designed for middle school youth (6th-8th) to get together, play together, grow in faith together, and prepare for a full life together with Christ. G4 meets each month on the fourth Sunday from 6-8 PM.

**First Things First - Pool Party
Sunday, Sep. 23
at Sergent's house
310 S Grant St. Dover OH**



Family First Ministries are designed as intergenerational learning and fellowship events that help equip and encourage families to value one another, find support by forming relationships with other families, and establish healthy & faithful patterns for living together and forming faith that lasts. Plus there is a whole lot of fun for all ages. Whether you're a family of one or part of an extended family of 100+ all are welcome at Family First..

**Reformation Festival
Sunday, October 7
Fellowship Hall - Noon-3 PM
(begins with potluck dinner)**



***Join us on October 13
for Halloweekend at Cedar Point.***

We'll leave at 10 AM from Grace travel to Sandusky, OH and enjoy the park for the day. We'll return to Grace by 11 PM. Cost for the day is \$35 and you must register by September 30. Be sure to bring extra \$ for snacks, souvenirs, and dinner at the park. We'll have sack lunches for you to eat on the way to Sandusky.

Sign up online or on the bulletin board in Youth Hall.
(Drivers are needed and go for free.)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



CRADLE ROLL

New curriculum for children under the age of 2 will be starting. It is called "Splash." Also, the bulletin board with sheep by the Nursery will have all children in Cradle Roll. Thank you Betsy Morris for all your help.

Beckie Grafe, Co-Director Betsy Morris, Co-Director

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children's Church, which begins on September 2nd, will be using the Hands-on Bible curriculum for ages 3 through second grade. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to lead or help in this ministry.

SEPTEMBER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Nursery (Birth—3 years old) —We will be studying about How God Made Families.

Pre-K-K (Ages 4-6) — We will be studying the Creation Story.

1st-2nd Grade— We will be studying God's Creation.

3rd Grade—We will be studying Created by God.

4th-5th Grade—We will be studying Kids All Around Me.

HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM

Unit One—Beliefs to Beware Of

Session 1. What is a cult?

Session 2. Mormons and Jehovah's Witness

Session 3. Christian Science & Scientology

Session 4. The New Age Movement & the Unification Church

Session 5. Astrology, Witchcraft and Satanism

Confirmation

Confirmation Class will be studying the following:

- 9/2 Creation, the Human Condition and the Flood
- 9/7 Abraham to Isaac
- 9/16 Jacob to Joseph
- 9/23 Moses, the 10 Commandments and the Wilderness
- 9/30 Judges and Ruth



JC MILLER CLASS

The JC Miller Class is studying God Created a People (Genesis).

- 9/2 God Created the Heavens and the Earth
- 9/7 God Created Humankind
- 9/16 Abraham, Sarah, Isaac
- 9/23 Abraham, Hagar, and Ishmael
- 9/30 Isaac and Rebekah



Christmas Program

December 16, 2007 at 10:30 Worship Service

The Christmas Program this year is a play about "The No-So-Silent Night."

The story is about Josiah, Abel and Seth, the shepherd brothers. They are on trial charged with disorderly conduct and disturbing the peace.

If you would be interested in a **speaking part** (11 speaking parts), **sign up by September 9.**

Please contact Beckie Grafe at 330-364-4096 or beckrah10@yahoo.com, Betsy Morris at 330-343-7381 or Esther Philabaum at 330-364-9995.

First Meeting

September 16th right after 10:30 worship service, long enough to receive your script.

Thank You to Everyone Who Helped With VBS 2007!



Our beach towels are drying and the sun is setting on our **Take the Plunge! Make a Splash with Jesus!** VBS. The week was filled with excitement as kids heard Bible stories, played games, sang songs, and made great crafts. They *plunged* right in to the Word of God and it made a *splash* in their lives' for Jesus!

The week wouldn't have been possible without a GREAT group of volunteers. Over 50 people gave of their time to help in the classrooms, games, crafts, drama, music, and in the kitchen. Those people are:



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| Michelle Haverfield | Chris Sergent | Elizabeth Mady |
| Dave Haverfield | Jaclyn Sergent | Tina Bartholomew |
| Pastor Jim Lewis | Jen McCulloch | Liz Nelson |
| Ron Philabaum | Carrie Yeager | Evan Cameron |
| Morgan Swartz | Katie Hootman | Katie Cameron |
| Ashley Lands | Elizabeth Herman | Hannah Marlowe |
| Jim Morris | Betsy Morris | Ashley Jerles |
| Larry Wallick | Lisa Morris | Kristin Miceli |
| Aaron Philabaum | Cindy Jerles | Molly Bauer |
| Kent Philabaum | Esther Philabaum | Olivia Bauer |
| Shane Porter | Audra Miceli | Fred Grosse |
| Ethan Nelson | Sue Grafe | Glenda Sclater |
| Brendan Hardin | Kathy Lands | Barb Thompson |
| Cody Jerles | Kathy McCulloch | Ruth Stein |
| Marcie Tinlin | Beckie Grafe | Susan Herman |
| Jane Prem | Linda McFadden | Bobbie Myers |
| Tracey Viereck | Amy Festi | Dana Lewis |

A **big thank you** goes out to the many people who donated items to help make the church turn into a waterpark, those who provided the tasty food for our daily dinners, and those of you who prayed for this ministry to be a success. It couldn't have been done without every last one of you.

Thanks to the generosity of our congregation, we have **exceeded our VBS Mission goal of \$1,000** to provide one well for the community of Kadinzi, Uganda. These monies will be forwarded to Lutheran World Relief.

1st and 2nd Grade VBS Class Wins Decorating Award

In the first annual classroom decorating contest at VBS, the 1st and 2nd grade classroom came out the winner. The walls of this room were adorned with underwater sea creatures, sandy beaches and fun fish hanging from the ceiling. The teachers in this room were Audra Miceli and Liz Nelson. Congrats!



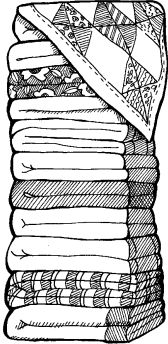
VBS Meeting—September 10th at 7:00 pm

All teachers and coordinators are invited to the last VBS meeting of Take the Plunge, **September 10th at 7:00 pm** in Luther Hall. Remember to turn in your evaluation to Beckie Grafe by September 2nd.



KNOTTERS

Knotters meet on the third Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. in Luther Hall. Come join us for fellowship and help us once again more than reach our goal of **three quilts a month.**



With hurricanes and the worst winter in 50 years history in Afghanistan and Australia, we are getting ready to send our Church World Service blankets.

We have 50 quilts, 10 school kits, 10 health kits and soap which will also be sent.

You can help with your donation of \$5.00 to purchase a blanket like the one on display in the Narthex. Envelopes will be in the bulletin during the month of September. All your donations will be sent after **Blanket Sunday, October 7th.**

SOAP COLLECTION

As of August 16th, we have collected 445 bars of soap. Without soap, maintaining the level of cleanliness necessary to reduce disease and infection is very difficult. The soap we collect can be a life-saving gift to people in dire circumstances.

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



BIENNIAL CONVENTION OF THE NORTHEASTERN OHIO SYNODICAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION

of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will be held **on October 19-20** at the KSU Professional & Conference Center, Stark Campus, North Canton (near Belden Village). The Theme is "Use Your Gifts Boldly" based on the scripture 1 Corinthians 12:12. The Keynote Speaker is Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and the Bible Study Leader is Pastor Jim Kulma. Registration for this event is due by September 14.

WELCA FALL QUARTERLY

Wednesday, **September 12th**—7:00 p.m.—Luther Hall

Speaker: Debbie Smith on her trip to Japan

Hostesses: Swingles Circle

Menu: Sour Cherry Blossom Pie, Nuts, Mints & Coffee

KNOTTERS

Tuesday, **September 18th** — 9:00 a.m.—Luther Hall

SWINGLES

Tuesday, **September 18th**—7:00 p.m.—Luther Hall

We will resume "**Sisters: Knowing God**" Bible study on the 18th.

SOUTHERN CLUSTER RETREAT

Wednesday, October 10th—8:30 Registration, Bible Study, Sing-A-Long & Luncheon at Tuscora Park Pavilion. Registration forms will be available September 1st. Any questions, call Sue Case at 330-343-6450.

HEALTH KITS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

We have people working on putting together health kits to send to Lutheran World Relief.

If you would like to put together a Health Kit, this is what you will need:

- One hand towel, dark color recommended
- One washcloth, dark color recommended
- One bath-size bar of soap, any brand, in its original wrapping
- One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- One comb, wide tooth preferred (*remove packaging*)
- One metal nail file or nail clippers with file attached (*remove packaging*)
- Six Band-Aids (or similar brand), preferably 1/2" to 3/4" (*secure together with a rubber band*)

Do not include toothpaste!

Jingle Bell Walk-a-thon



Saturday, September 8

7:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

New Philadelphia Stadium

Benefits Share-A-Christmas Socks & Underwear Fund

We need you to:

- Form a team or as an individual recruit sponsors and participate in the walk
- Challenge another group in your church, another church or school group to raise more funds than you do
- Volunteer to help with the food stand, donate food or help with registration
- Sponsor individuals or teams who are walking
- Sponsor a team from your church

For registration packets and volunteer information, please call Donna at 330-343-6012, Barb at 330-339-5951 or Chuck at 330-339-7791, ext. 299.

This should be a fun and healthy way for you and your friends to help raise funds for Share-A-Christmas.

Sponsored by:

Tuscarawas County Council for Church and Community (T-4-C)

Tuscarawas County Job and Family Services

Tuscarawas County Chapter 30792 of the Thrivent Financial for Lutherans



CALLING ALL SCRAP BOOKERS, STAMPERS, AND CRAFTERS!!

Come join us **once a month from 7:00 p.m. to midnight** to get together to work on your scrapbooks, stamping, or whatever your craft may be. Come when you are able, stay as long as you like, but take advantage of this chance to get together, get to know each other better, and enjoy crafting with one another.

We will meet in the Outreach Center on **Friday, September 28th**. Don't forget to bring one or two canned food items for Grace's Food Pantry.

Please call Gretchen Grosse if you have questions at 330-364-1089. Thank you! And happy crafting!



To the Hammerstrom Scholarship Committee:

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to apply for this scholarship and your generosity in the distribution of the scholarship funds. Having the encouragement of the community and church is an important support system for young adults. The money will be greatly appreciated and will aid me in pursuing my goals.

Thank you again and God bless.

Sincerely,

Alyssa Bonta

Order of St. Luke

Tuesday, September 25th—7:00 p.m.

Please note that OS� will be meeting the fourth Tuesday instead of the third Tuesday of each month.



Altar Guild will meet
Tuesday,
September 25th
9:00 a.m.

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 \$15. You will be billed by Blossom's Florist.

The next date that altar flowers are available is: **September 16th.**



Sunday, September 2nd

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 25:6-7
Psalm 112
Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16
Luke 22:39-46

Sunday, September 9th

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Psalm 1
1 Peter 1:13-16
Luke 14:25-33



Pack Your Lunch With Grace

You are invited to join Pastor Jim for a weekly time of fellowship and Bible Study. Pack your lunch and meet with friends at Luther Hall where you can eat together, share stories, and then spend a half-hour in Bible study as we look together at one of the lessons for the upcoming week. I hope you will join me for this excellent opportunity to be fed with the Word of God each week. **The group meets each Thursday from noon to 1:00 p.m. in Luther Hall. We will begin Sep. 6.**

Sunday, September 16th

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 32:7-14
Psalm 51:1-11
2 Timothy 3:14-17
Luke 15:1-10

Sunday, September 23rd

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 6:4-9
Psalm 113
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Luke 16:1-13

Sunday, September 30th

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 6:1a,4-7
Psalm 146
Galatians 5:16-25
Luke 16:19-31



NEWS FROM CAMP

www.lomocamps.org

Summer is over, but there are still a lot of things going on at our camps. Be sure to look at the Retreat Brochure for great opportunities for groups and families.

October 14th is a special day for LMC. It's the **Apple Butter Festival 11:00 am—5:00 pm.** There will be lots to do and enjoy—**apple butter over an open fire, horse drawn wagons, fresh corn bread, apple pies and other treats including a silent auction to raise money for camperships** so more children can enjoy learning about God in his creation. Come spend the day and see what great things camp is doing.






Donations are being accepted for the **silent auction** on the 14th. Gift baskets, gift certificates, sporting equipment, beanie babies, paintings, or anything large or small that is in good condition that you would like to donate will be accepted. Please contact Michelle Hallman at 740-922-5013 with any donations.

Summer Camp CD's—The summer staff at LMC made a CD this summer of camp songs. If you have someone who went to camp this summer, summers past or even a summer in the future, it is a great reminder of the fun songs they learned or will learn. They are being sold for \$12.00. Contact Michelle Hallman if you are interested. She will be going to camp at the end of September and again for the Apple Butter Festival and can pick them up for you.

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September 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church 216 North Wooster Ave Dover OH 44622-2948 330-343-6915		 Handbell Choir began on Thursday, August 30th Gallery Choir resumes Thursday, September 6th				1		
2 14th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00a Worship/Communion 9:15a SCS 10:30a Worship	3  CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED No Communion at Park Village 7:00p Valley Voices—Lounge	4 9:30a Staff meeting 6:30p Ministry Night 6:30p Cub Scout 87	5 6:00p My Bible Stepping Stones 7:00p WELCA Fall Quarterly—LH	6 12:00p Bible Study—LH 12:30p Sr. Fun Day—ORC 6:00p Handbell Choir 7:00p Gallery Choir	7 6:00p Wedding Rehearsal	8 8:00a Men's Breakfast—LH 4:30p Music 4:00p Wedding Laura Kordon & Michael Kiser		
9 15th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00a Worship 9:15a SCS 10:30a Worship/Communion 6:00p One Two:1—HS pool party @ Sergeant's	10 10:30a Communion at Park Village North Building 6:30p Girl Scouts 7:00p VBS Mtg 7:00p Valley Voices—Lounge	11 9:30a Staff meeting 12:00-4:00p Rejoice Women—ORC 6:30p Planning Council 6:30p Cub Scout 87	12 6:00p My Bible Stepping Stones 7:00p WELCA Fall Quarterly—LH	13 12:00p Bible Study—LH 12:30p Sr. Fun Day—ORC 6:00p Handbell Choir 7:00p Gallery Choir	14	15		
16 16th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00a Worship/Communion 9:15a SCS 10:30a Worship Youth receive Christmas program script	Pastor Jim & family on vacation 9/17-19		17 6:30p Girl Scouts 7:00p Valley Voices—Lounge	18 9:00a Knotters No Staff meeting 6:30p Cub Scout 87 7:00p Swingles	19 11:00-1:00 Free Lunch for the Needy—ORC 6:00p My Bible Stepping Stones	20 12:00p Bible Study—LH 12:30p Sr. Fun Day—ORC 5:30p Modern Homemakers—ORC 6:00p Handbell Choir 7:00p Gallery Choir	21	22
23 17th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00a Worship 9:15a SCS 10:30a Worship/Communion 6:00p Deliver meal to Friends of the Homeless 6:00p G ⁴ —Middle School pool party @ Sergeant's	24 9:30a Full Staff meeting—LH 6:30p Girl Scouts 7:00p Valley Voices—Lounge	25 9:00a Altar Guild 6:30p Cub Scout 87 7:00p Order of St. Luke	26 6:00p My Bible Stepping Stones	27 12:00p Bible Study—LH 12:30p Sr. Fun Day—ORC 5:00-9:00p Sort & set up for Youth Rummage Sale—Luther Hall 6:00p Handbell Choir 7:00p Gallery Choir	28  5:00-9:00p Rummage Sale—Luther Hall 7:00p-12:00a Scrapbookers, Stampers & Crafters—ORC	29  8:00a—3:00p Rummage Sale 3:00-5:00p Clean up after Rummage Sale 6:00p Penny Huff—Outreach Center		
30 18th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00a Worship/Communion 9:15a SCS 10:30a Worship/Communion & Baptism 11:30-3:00 Persephone & Tom McCreery—Luther Hall Penny Huff—Outreach Center			Reminder: Cedar Point trip Sat., Oct. 13—10AM \$35 due Sept. 30	Tuesday, October 2nd—6:30 pm Ministry Night Tuesday, October 9th—6:30 pm Planning Council				



ASSISTANTS

SUNDAY 8:00 AM WORSHIP

ACOLYTES

Sep 2 Taylor Marsh
 Sep 9 Ty Miller
 Sep 16 Shane Porter
 Sep 23 Shelby Seifert
 Sep 30 Jordan Miller

LAY READERS

Sep 2 Steve Zimmerman
 Sep 9 Terry Miller
 Sep 16 Larry Lloyd
 Sep 23 Lynn Foust
 Sep 30 Dale Weaver

DEACONS

Sep 2 Larry Lloyd
 Sep 9 *None needed*
 Sep 16 Sue Grafe
 Sep 23 *None needed*
 Sep 30 Terry Miller

USHERS

Michael Thomas-Moore
 Tom Patton
 Tim Keplinger
 Richard Elliott
 Steve Zimmerman
 Jim Heller
 Scott Ebert

SUNDAY 10:30 AM WORSHIP

ACOLYTES

Sep 2 Andrew Yeager
 Sep 9 Ethan Nelson
 Sep 16 Alexis Stein
 Sep 23 Olivia Bauer
 Sep 30 Hunter Stein

USHERS

Sep 2 John Lorenz, Larry Wallick, Landon Wallick, Tom Margo, Logan Wallick, Art Siber
 Sep 9 Jerry Nelson, Jack Marshall, Ron Philabaum, Jim Gibb, Kent Philabaum
 Sep 16 John Stahl, Robert McCulloch, Keith Lands, Phil Hammerstrom
 Sep 23 Art Keener, Dale Kreisher, William Page, Jeff Keller, Jeff Hootman
 Sep 30 Women of the ELCA

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Sep 2 Marcie Tinlin & Noah Tinlin
 Sep 9 Cindy Jerles & Cody Jerles
 Sep 16 Esther Philabaum & Kent Philabaum
 Sep 23 Chris Sergent & Ashley Jerles
 Sep 30 Karen Marlowe & Hannah Marlowe

LAY READERS

Sep 2 Carolyn Delphia
 Sep 9 Richard Homrighausen
 Sep 16 Ron Philabaum
 Sep 23 John Stahl
 Sep 30 Jim Gibb

DEACONS

Sep 2 *None needed*
 Sep 9 John Stahl
 Sep 16 *None needed*
 Sep 23 Jim Gibb
 Sep 30 John Stahl



ALTAR GUILD FOR SEPTEMBER

Jane Lanz, Sue Grafe, Lu Kreisher,
 Bonnie Richardson, Pam Keller, Carol Betche