



# THE MESSENGER

**2012**

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

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## The "I's" Have It

**Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for in you my soul takes refuge;  
 in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge, until the destroying storms pass by. Psalm 57:1**

As I write this article, Hurricane **Isaac** is headed for New Orleans, the northern Gulf Coast and beyond. Parts of Louisiana expect twelve to eighteen inches of rain from this slow moving deluge. **Isaac** will disrupt and devastate thousands of lives and cost billions in damages.

By the time you receive this newsletter, we will be experiencing a much weakened remnant of the storm. Our time with **Isaac** should be a breeze compared with that of our southern neighbors endured. At least I pray so.

What is it about "**I**" hurricanes? They tend to be monsters!

In 2004, **Ivan** reached **Category 5** strength and became one of the most intense Atlantic hurricanes ever recorded. In *his* wake, Ivan took 34 US lives and caused an estimated \$18 billion in damages, making it the fifth costliest hurricane ever to strike the country.

Another "**I**" storm, **Ike** was the second-costliest hurricane (\$29.6 billion) ever to make **landfall** in the United States. One hundred twelve Americans were killed, and 23 are still missing.

In my book, **Ike** was the worst!

**Ike** made *his* U.S. landfall near **Galveston**, Texas as a strong Category 2 hurricane, on September 13, 2008. The storm was immense and wrought devastation all the way east to the panhandle of Florida.

Then, **Ike** began a slow turn north, then northeast. Early on September 14, **Ike** merged with a large cold front moving from west to east over the central U.S. This deep low pressure continued toward the north-east spreading heavy rains and damaging winds with hurricane-force gusts across a large portion of the **Midwest**—including Ohio.

*He* got me! (*He* probably got you, too.) **Ike** hit me with such force that *he* knocked out my power in Louisville for eight days! Since I lived in an all-electric home, I really had it bad. There was no wake-up coffee. Morning showers were especially quick. Fast foods comprised most my menu. And, "lights out" came very early. Fortunately, I was able to salvage most of my freezer foods by carting them off to my mother's Louisville home which had power less than a mile away. Go figure.

Every life has its share of storms. Some are easily weathered. Others hurt, damage, even destroy. This is true for the life of a congregation, too.

On September 16, we celebrate our congregation's 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of mission and ministry. Our history has been one of achievements, triumphs and hope. Indeed, God has been so good to us.


There have also been some times of storm—disappointments, confusion and hurt. **But, we never lost power!** God's grace was and always will be sufficient even in the darkest days. It is the grace of power and strength; the grace of refreshment and renewal; the grace of hope and confidence.

As we continue our faith journey together, the forecast looks bright. The wind is at our backs. God's light goes before us. God's gracious power is ours to do great, new things as we build on our blessed heritage with a renewed and dynamic hope. Amen.

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# Planning Council

**PLANNING  
COUNCIL**  
**Next Meeting**  
**September 11th, 2012**  
**@ 6:45 PM**



**Grace  
Notes**

## Facts and Figures

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| <p><b>Attendance July 2012*</b><br/>Weekly Average: 155<br/>Difference +24 (+18%)<br/>*includes Trumpet Singers on July 15</p> <p><b>Offerings July 2012</b><br/>Total: \$16,186.12<br/>Difference: -\$232.88<br/>Weekly Average: \$3237.22<br/>Difference: -36.58 (-1%)</p> | <p><b>Attendance July 2011</b><br/>Weekly Average: 131</p> <p><b>Offerings July 2011</b><br/>Total: \$16,369.00<br/>Weekly Average: \$3273.80</p> |
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### 2012-2013 BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

|                             |                              |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Robert Viereck - President  | Jimm Morris - Vice President |
| Susan Zimmerman - Secretary | Beverly Frantz - Treasurer   |

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*Director of Music/Gallery Choir: Roberta Myers*  
*Youth & Family Ministries Coordinator: Rev. Sharman Hartson*  
*Secretary: Lisa Morris*  
*Treasurer: Beverly Frantz*  
*Custodian: Adrian Mathias*

Since You Asked...

## Since You Asked...

**During the most recent “Our Favorite Hymns” Sunday, you mentioned that one of your most favorite hymns, “He Leadeth me, O Blessed Thought” is no longer included in the Lutheran hymnal. What other popular hymns did not make it from the Lutheran Book of Worship (Green Book) to the Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Cranberry Book)?**

The 2006 ELW contains nearly 700 hymns, but it does not include all the hymns from the green 1978 LBW. Its “official color” is “cranberry,” lest it be confused with the “Red Book” or The Lutheran Hymnal first printed in 1941 and used for over 35 years.

Several excellent and favorite hymns did not “make the cut” from the older hymnal to the new one. In addition to “He Leadeth Me...,” others left by the wayside include, but are not limited to:

O Love that Will Not Let Me Go; I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus; I Love Your Kingdom, Lord; God Himself Is Present; Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain; In the Time of Trial; Jesus, Your Blood & Righteousness; Onward, Christian Soldiers Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus; ...and one of my all-time favorite Easter hymns, Welcome, Happy Morning.

Of course there are several welcome additions, including Blessed Assurance, Great Is Thy Faithfulness, Shine, Jesus, Shine and many more.

## HERITAGE and HOPE

### Celebrating 175 Years of Grace Mission and Ministry



Happy Anniversary! We celebrate our 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as God’s people called to be Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church on September 16. Our grace-empowered presence in Dover and greater Tuscarawas County has been a wonderful, eventful journey of faith in God and love for our neighbor. And our journey continues with hope and confidence into the purposeful future God has planned for us.

Our September 16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration will highlight both our heritage and our hope. The day’s events will include:

Church Picnic including a potluck covered dish dinner and special activities for children. It will be held in the church parking lot area behind Luther Hall.

A reception of new members who have joined our fellowship of faith in 2012.

Anniversary gift bags for each member family or household. It will include a Wendell August medallion ornament keepsake, a 16-page coloring book for children and a color brochure featuring our many ministries.

Anniversary balloons, posters, special music and more...

Congregation members and friends are invited to make a special Heritage and Hope Anniversary Offering. Gift suggestions include the **Grace Memorial Scholarship Fund** or **Grace Mission and Ministry Funds** (general funds). Other designated anniversary gifts are most welcome, too.

A yellow anniversary gift envelope is attached to this page in the newsletter and will be available in the pews. You may place your Anniversary envelope in the offering plate or send them to the church office at 216 N. Wooster Ave., Dover OH 44622. Please carefully and prayerfully consider making a special offering of thanksgiving for God’s goodness to us for the past 175 years and God’s work among us now and in the future.

Come, celebrate with us on September 16 and make a memory. Our heritage gives us hope as we continue to live, love and serve in God’s **GRACE**.

## Youth &amp; Family Ministries

## Children to Visit “Enchanted Forest,” Wilderness Center, Wilmot



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13th**

Meet the creatures of the night at The Wilderness Center’s “Enchanted Forest” on October 13, 6:30p.m. The center will offer an evening walk along a pumpkin lit trail. The creatures of the night, spider, owl, tree frog, mole, and mouse, will tell the children what life is like in the forest . Children and adults may dress-up in costumes. This is a non-scary nature walk. Cider and pretzels will be served at the end of the walk.

We will meet in the Wooster Ave. parking lot at 5:30pm to carpool to Wilderness Center. Admission is \$8/person (non-member) or \$6/person (member of The Wilderness Ctr.) for children 4-10 years old and adults. Children under 3 years old are free.

Contact Sharman Hartson, Youth and Family Ministries Coordinator, if you are interested in attending. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Children’s Church room. You may email Sharman at: [sharman@gracedover.org](mailto:sharman@gracedover.org), if you and your children plan to attend.

### Young Families and Children – Mark your Calendar for September 23



*VeggieTales® Live!* – *God Made you SPECIAL* will be coming to the Performing Arts Center, KSU at Tuscarawas, on Sunday, September 23. We have reserved a block of seats for Grace Lutheran families. This will be an opportunity for you to sit with your church friends for the 2:00 p.m. performance. All tickets are \$17.00, with discounted ticket of \$10.00 for each child. (Grace Lutheran will donate \$7.00 for each child’s ticket.) Please bring a can of vegetables or fruit for each discounted ticket.

Reservations for seats will be taken after the Sunday school hour and after 10:30 worship service in Luther Hall – Connecting Room. You will need to pay for each seat at time of reservation. Checks are to be made out to Grace Lutheran Church. **Ticket reservations continue through Sunday, September 9.**

## Announcements

# A Love for Jesus and a Love for Learning

Students and teachers for all ages will celebrate our annual **RALLY DAY** on Sunday, September 9. The festivities will be held at 9:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

A brief opening program will recognize and thank our Sunday School teachers and assistants for their years of dedicated service. Students “moving up” to a new class will meet their teachers and receive a Bible for personal and classroom use.

A continental breakfast will be provided by the Christian Faith and Life Ministries board. Students will then be invited to get acquainted with their teachers and classroom settings.

### Our Faithful Teachers and Teaching Assistants

Pre-School-K: Nicole Willey, Faith Bambeck, Debbie Flood and Marcie Castricone

Grades 1-2: Betsy Elliott and Becky Tedesco

Grades 3-4: Esther Philabaum

Confirmation: Pastor Rice and Linda McFadden

Grades 7-8: Sharman Harston

High School: Larry Wallick

Adults-JC Miller Class: John Stahl

Adults: Richard Elliott

**RALLY DAY** will be celebrated during both Sunday worship services. Our mission trip youth will share their experiences of learning, fellowship and service from their July 2012 trip to New Orleans.



## Our Relationship with Jesus: Images of Christ and His Church

Fall 2012 Bible Study  
September 19-October 24 Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m.  
Luther Hall

How do we see Jesus? How does Jesus see us?

The Holy Scriptures provide many remarkable images of Christ and his Church which can help us better understand and appreciate our relationship with our Savior. These are “teaching pictures” that can deepen our faith and draw us closer to Him.

Please join us on Wednesday evening as we learn more about our life in Christ and what it means to live in the wonders of His love and the power of His grace. Just bring yourself and your Bible and join us for a lively discussion of important and insightful Biblical truths.

### Schedule

Sept. 19: The Good Shepherd and the Sheep

Sept. 26: The Head and the Body

Oct. 3: The Chief Cornerstone and the “Building Blocks”

Oct. 10: The High Priest and the Royal Priesthood

Oct. 17: The Vine and the Branches

Oct. 24: The Light and the Children of Light



## Announcements

THE GREATER TUSCARAWAS  
CHILDREN'S CHORUS



The Greater Tuscarawas Children's Chorus is for all children in grades 3-8. They will begin voice testing and registration Monday, Sept. 10th & 17th at 5:45 pm at the First Presbyterian Church, 217 E. High Ave., New Philadelphia.

Parent(s) should attend with their child for this testing.



## Begins Sunday, Sept. 23

Our children will be singing together again in September. Michele Haverfield will be teaching the children some new songs. They will meet on the second and fourth Sunday each month, beginning Sunday, Sept. 23rd, from 9:00 – 9:30 a.m. All children in grades K thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to learn some new songs, sing some familiar ones. They will be offering their gift of music during morning worship services.



## Children's News



### Nursery Care

We are pleased to announce that Grace will provide Nursery Care from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon every Sunday beginning Rally Day, September 9 through June. As this publication goes to print, final details are being "worked out" with Stewardship Development Ministries and Planning Council.

Having contracted Nursery Care will assure reliability, add continuity and familiarity and allow families with infants to attend Sunday School and 10:30 worship services knowing their children are well-tended.

### Children's Church

Children's Church resumes September 2 during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Children are dismissed from the sanctuary for activities following the "Children's Message." The program is designed for children ages three through second grade. Marcie Castricone, Director of Christian Faith and Life Ministries, coordinates the program.

### First Communion

Pastor Rice will offer First Communion instruction to young people in the third grade and older on Saturday, November 10. The morning class begins at 10:30 a.m. and concludes with a pizza luncheon. Youth **and** their parents are encouraged to attend. More details will be included in next month's *Messenger*.

## Announcements



## Gallery Choir News

Gallery Choir Members  
As my note to you said -

**GET READY! GET SET!! SING!!!**

Rehearsals begin Thursday,  
Sept. 6th at 7 pm in the choir room.

\*Please let me know ahead of time of  
the name(s) of your guest(s) or new  
member(s). See you soon!



## PROPERTY BOARD

The Property Board is looking for a “gently used” sofa to replace the one in the lounge.

If you have a sofa that would coordinate with the décor in the lounge and would consider donating it, please contact the board.

# Packed with Love

One of our best and most blessed expressions of Christian love for our neighbors is our Grace Grocery Bag Ministry. Each weekday, we reach out with care and compassion to local families who would have little if anything to eat without our help. Our operating policy is to provide needful households with one bag of groceries per month. I picture ID is required at pick-up.

When the ministry began twelve years ago, our congregation gave out 15-18 bags of groceries per month to our neighbors in need. Today, we distribute well over 100 bags every month. This means our operating expenses now total close to \$1200 a month.

In 2010, we were the grateful recipients of a one-time only \$5000 economic bridge grant from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Thrivent matched another \$4700 raised by the congregation between November 2010 and February 2011. Other food donation and cash gifts have kept our ministry operating successfully, but with growing need, our funds are getting low. We pray there never comes a Mother Hubbard day when “our cupboards are bare.”

With the approaching “season of harvest,” please consider making a special donation of food gifts or cash to our ministry of neighborly love. An update on the ministry with needed grocery bag items is listed in a related article on page 10.

We offer a special thank you to Dorothy Morrison and Art Siber for being faithful and frugal shoppers. We also thank the folks who volunteer their time to pack the grocery bags. Thank you and God bless you for your helpful and life-affirming gifts of compassion.



# Announcements

## HARSHA ABEYARATNE RETURNING TO



Harsha Abeyaratne, pianist and associate professor of music at Muskingum University will return to Grace Sunday, October 21, 2012 at 3:00 pm.

He will perform the program he will be presenting at Carnegie Hall.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

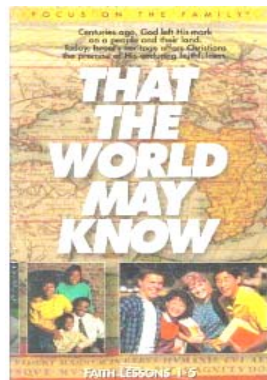
**SPREAD THE NEWS!**

More information will follow in the October Messenger.



**Bible  
STUDY**  
Join us!

We will be starting a new bible study called: Faith Lessons – That The World May Know. This is a 12 volume series that provides even more reason to believe the Bible. These videos were filmed in Israel and the Middle East, where Bible events actually took place. They weave together historical, cultural, and geographical contexts to reveal keen insights into how people of biblical times understood God and Jesus’ teaching. This will be a long term study starting with the Promised Land and continuing through the life and teaching of the Messiah, the early church, and beyond. The first class will be Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> during the Sunday School hour. Come and join this new Bible study. We will be meeting the Luther Hall in the room next to the kitchen.



The Gallery Choir invites you to join them Thursday, Sept. 6th at 7 pm in the choir room.

Come sing for the evening, the month of Sept., until Reformation Sunday Oct. 28th, 2012, Christ the King Sunday, Nov. 25th, 2012 or for the year.

If you enjoy singing and are interested in giving and serving through music, the choir room door is open. Hope to see you.

Call Bobbie Myers (330) 343-3268 if this is something you plan to do.





For Lutheran World Relief



Quilts: 32                      Personal Care Kits: 33  
 Soap: 69                        Baby Care Kits: 13

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



**KNOTTERS**

Tuesday, September 11, 2012  
 9:00 AM

Lutheran World Relief  
 Baby Care Kits

- 2 - lightweight cotton t-shirts
- 2 - long or short sleeve gowns or sleepers (without feet)
- 2 - receiving blankets medium weight (cotton or flannel) up to 52" square
- 4 - cotton diapers flat folded preferred
- 1 - sweater set
- 2 - pairs of socks
- 1 - hand towel (dark color recommended)
- 2 - bath size bars of gentle soap
- 2 - diaper pins or large safety pins

If you would like to provide any of the items used in this kit please drop them off at the church office and we will assemble it.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!**

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.

| Product         | Price / piece | Days in a month | Total            |
|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Peanut Butter   | \$ 2.29       | X 30            | \$ 68.70         |
| Fruit           | \$ 0.89       | X 30            | \$ 26.70         |
| Cereal          | \$ 1.59       | X 30            | \$ 47.70         |
| Meat            | \$ 1.30       | X 30            | \$ 39.00         |
| 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    | \$ 0.45       | X 30            | \$ 13.50         |
| Spaghetti       | \$ 1.00       | X 30            | \$ 30.00         |
| Spaghetti Sauce | \$ 1.00       | X 30            | \$ 30.00         |
|                 |               |                 | <b>\$ 455.10</b> |

| <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         |                 |

## Outreach

### 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 July, we distributed 112 bags, and have already distributed 149 in August. 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. Grocery size paper bags are also needed.

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, Kenny Burrier.

|  |                  |
|--|------------------|
| Ella DeVore                                  | Rosann Patterson |
| Linda Domer                                  | Pastor Drake     |
| Helen Blackson                               | Pauline Mazzy    |
| William Page                                 | Ann Burrier      |
| Mary Ann Gray                                | Janet Phillips   |
| James Horn                                   | Liz Barbero      |
| Tom Patton                                   | Vic Gessner      |
| Dan Urfer                                    | Julie Fisher     |
| Bonnie Ravine                                | Amy Rufener      |
| Tom Hardin                                   | Kolsen Fleming   |
| Len Powers                                   | Dorothy Borland  |
| Jane Lanz                                    | Amy Beitzel      |
| Gerard Dorn                                  | Larry Davidson   |
| Genny Peterson                               | Sue Hummel       |
| Fran Brogan                                  |                  |
| Gaynelle K. Myers (Friend of Glenda Sclater) |                  |
| Caden Rufener (Great Grandson of Donna Fox)  |                  |

### 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



*With Caring Christian Condolences*

**Our deep and heartfelt sympathies are with the family and friends of Lydia Bode, (mother of Judy Eilert) & Doris Hootman, (mother of Jeff Hootman).**

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

## Outreach

**OUTREACH 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.

**PERSONAL CARE KITS AND SCHOOL KITS**

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

**Personal Care Kits**

- 1 light weight bath towel (dark color)
- 2 bath size bars of soap, 1 wide tooth comb
- 1 adult size toothbrush, 1 nail clipper with file

**School Kits**

- 4 - 70 sheet notebooks of ruled paper approx. 8 1/2" X 11" ;  
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
- 5 new, unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- 1 box of 16 or 24 crayons,
- 5 black or blue ball point pens - no gel ink; secure with a rubber band.

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!**

Thank you to the volunteers who will prepare and deliver food for the **Homeless Shelter on September 23rd.**

October's dinner at the Homeless Shelter is on Sunday, October 28th at 6:00 pm. The sign-up sheet is posted in the Narthex. We have cut down on the expense of the items needed (less meat, more casseroles) or have divided the donations into smaller units to make it financially easier for you to donate. Please check to see how you can help.

## 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.

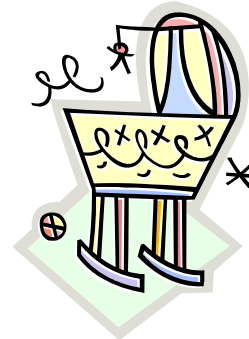
Altar Flowers are available for the following dates.



- Sept. 2nd - 1 vase
- Sept. 9th - 1 vase
- Sept. 16th - 1 vase
- Sept. 23rd - 1 vase
- Sept. 30th - 2 vases

### NURSERY

Nursery Care resumes  
Sept. 9th for Sunday  
School and 10:30 am  
worship service.



### CHILDREN'S CHURCH



- Sept. 2 - Marcie Castricone
- Sept. 9 - Esther Philabaum
- Sept. 16 - Deb Foust
- Sept. 23 - Debbie Flood
- Sept. 30 - Sarah Wolfe

## Worship Readings

### Order of St. Luke

Tuesday,  
September 25th, 2012  
1:00 pm

### Sunday, Sept. 2nd

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9  
Psalm 15  
James 1:17-27  
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

### Sunday, Sept. 9th

Isaiah 35:4-7a  
Psalm 146  
James 2:1-17  
Mark 7:24-37

### Sunday, Sept. 16th

Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Psalm 116:1-8  
James 3:1-12  
Mark 8:27-38

### Altar Guild

Tuesday,  
Sept. 25th, 2012  
9:00 am

### Sunday, Sept. 23rd

Jeremiah 11:18-20  
Psalm 54  
James 3:13-4:3; 4:7-8a  
Mark 9:30-37

### Sunday, Sept. 30th

Favorite Hymns  
  
Mark 9:38-50

### **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**  
 9/2  
 9/9  
 9/16  
 9/23  
 9/30

**LAY READERS**  
 9/2 Lynn Foust  
 9/9 Steve Zimmerman  
 9/16 Terry Miller  
 9/23 Gale Limron  
 9/30 N/A

**USHERS**  
 Tim Keplinger  
 Richard Elliott  
 Steve Zimmerman  
 Jim Heller, Scott Ebert  
 Edward Harper  
 David Elliott

**SUNDAY 10:30 AM WORSHIP**

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

**ACOLYTES**  
 9/2  
 9/9 Maguire Morris  
 9/16 Claire Bauer  
 9/23 Claire Bauer  
 9/30 Grace Castricone

**LAY READERS**  
 9/2 Jim Gibb  
 9/9 Tony Lecce  
 9/16 Pastor Grosse  
 9/23 John Stahl  
 9/30 N/A

**DEACON/  
 COMMUNION ASSISTANT**  
 9/2  
 9/9  
 9/16 Deborah Horn  
 9/23  
 9/30

**ALTAR GUILD**

**September:** Judy Martin, Lu Kreisher, Bonnie Richardson, Pam Keller, Carol Betche  
**October:** Donna Fox, Katherine Stahl, Jill Hootman, Dorothy Morrison, Shirley Grafe



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| <p><b>2</b></p> <p>8 am Worship<br/>Communion</p> <p>9:15 am SCS</p> <p>10:30 am Worship<br/>Communion</p>   | <p><b>3</b></p>  <p><u>Church Office Closed</u></p>  | <p><b>4</b></p> <p>6:30 pm Cub Scouts</p> <p>6:45 pm Stewardship<br/>Development</p>   | <p><b>5</b></p> <p>7 pm Boy Scouts</p>                             | <p><b>6</b></p> <p>12 pm Sr. Fun Day</p> <p>12-1 pm Bible Study</p> <p>7 pm Gallery Choir</p>                         | <p><b>7</b></p>   | <p><b>8</b></p> <p>8 am Men's<br/>Breakfast</p>  |
| <p><b>9</b></p> <p>8 am Worship<br/>Communion</p> <p>9:15 am Rally Day</p> <p>10:30 am Worship<br/>Communion</p>   | <p><b>10</b></p> <p>10:30 am Communion<br/>Park Village North</p> <p>6:30 pm Girl Scouts-LH</p> <p>6:30 pm Girl Scouts-YH</p> <p>6:30 pm Property Board</p> <p>7 pm Valley Voices</p> | <p><b>11</b></p> <p>9 am Knotters</p> <p>12-4 pm Rejoice Women</p> <p>6:30 pm Cub Scouts</p> <p>6:45 pm Planning Council</p> | <p><b>12</b></p> <p>7 pm Boy Scouts</p>                            | <p><b>13</b></p> <p>12 pm Sr. Fun Day</p> <p>12-1 pm Bible Study</p> <p>6 pm Bell Choir</p> <p>7 pm Gallery Choir</p> | <p><b>14</b></p>  | <p><b>15</b></p>  |
| <p><b>16</b></p> <p>8 am Worship<br/>Communion</p> <p>9:15 am SCS</p> <p>10:30 am Worship<br/>Communion</p> <p><u>175th Anniversary<br/>Celebration Picnic</u></p>                                   | <p><b>17</b></p> <p>6:30 pm Girl Scouts-LH</p> <p>6:30 pm Girl Scouts-YH</p> <p>7 pm Valley Voices</p>  | <p><b>18</b></p> <p>6:30 pm Cub Scouts</p> <p>6:30 pm Ladies of Grace</p> <p>7:30 pm Thrivent - LH</p>                       | <p><b>19</b></p> <p>6:45 pm Bible Study</p> <p>7 pm Boy Scouts</p> | <p><b>20</b></p> <p>12 pm Sr. Fun Day</p> <p>12-1 pm Bible Study</p> <p>6 pm Bell Choir</p> <p>7 pm Gallery Choir</p> | <p><b>21</b></p>   | <p><b>22</b></p>                               |
| <p><b>23</b></p> <p>8 am Worship<br/>Communion</p> <p>9 am Children's<br/>Chorus Rehearsal</p> <p>9:15 am SCS</p> <p>10:30 am Worship<br/>Communion</p> <p>6 pm Meal to the<br/>Homeless Shelter</p> | <p><b>24</b></p> <p>6:30 pm Girl Scouts-LH</p> <p>6:30 pm Girl Scouts-YH</p> <p>7 pm Valley Voices</p>  | <p><b>25</b></p> <p>9 am Altar Guild</p> <p>1 pm Order of St. Luke</p> <p>6:30 pm Cub Scouts</p>                             | <p><b>26</b></p> <p>6:45 pm Bible Study</p> <p>7 pm Boy Scouts</p> | <p><b>27</b></p> <p>12 pm Sr. Fun Day</p> <p>12-1 pm Bible Study</p> <p>6 pm Bell Choir</p> <p>7 pm Gallery Choir</p> | <p><b>28</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <p>9 am<br/>Messenger<br/>Assembly</p> </div> | <p><b>29</b></p>  |
| <p><b>30</b></p> <p>8 am Worship<br/>Communion</p> <p>9:15 am SCS</p> <p>10:30 am Worship<br/>Communion</p>  |   |  |  |   |   |   |