

THE MESSENGER

2026

Worship Schedule
Sunday: 10 am

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Lord of all the worlds, guide this nation by your Spirit to go forward in justice and freedom. Give to all living in these lands the blessings of well-being and harmony, but above all things give us faith in you, that our nation may bring glory to your name and blessings to all peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen. (Prayer of the Day for July 5, 2026, Sundays and Seasons)

We are celebrating the United States' 250 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence. It must have been a very brave and bold decision on the signers' part because, if this rebellion failed, it meant certain death for each of them. I have always marveled at the extraordinary commitment, to possibly give your life for something in which you truly believe.

I can't help but think of the many martyrs who gave their lives for the kingdom of God, too. Many have been executed as they were seeking to renew the church and reform certain practices. I am fond of remembering the phrase from the reformers such as Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, who came to his country in 1742 from Halle, Germany. He and others used the Latin phrase, ecclesia semper reformanda est: the church is always reforming.

Amid the tumultuous days of our own time, through the bloody battles and wars over the past two hundred-fifty years, God has been leading and guiding the church in every land, including the USA. While it is good and fine to pray God Bless America, we dare not forget as disciples of Jesus, that God's love is for every nation and every people, not just our beloved United States.

We thank God for our county and may our celebrations in this Semiquincentennial year foster liberty and justice for all.

Blessings at Summertime!

Pastor Phil Shuart

Interim Pastor
Rev. Phil Shuart

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Planning Council

PLANNING
COUNCIL

Next Meeting
Tuesday,
July 21,2026
@ 6:30PM



2026-2028 BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

GaleLimron - President -VicePresident
Michelle Durben - Secretary JohnWolfe - Treasurer

Congregational Life

- Director
SusieErickson
ElaineMargo
BetsyMorris
MelodyRader
JimHeller

Property

Jeff Hootman- Director
JimGibb
LarryWallick
RichardElliott
MikeSergent
NathanVaughan

Christian Faith and Life

Lindsey Jerles - Director
KarlaBurrier
TiffanyShepherd
(Cody Jerles, Coordinator YFM)

Hospitality

Deb Foust-Director
Marcie Castricone
CindyJerles
BobbieCox
Julie Vanfossen

Stewardship Development

David Johns - Director
Charles Castricone
SarahKneuss

Outreach

Ron Stahl-Director
Tim Durben
PamBeller
JudyMartin
PamKeller

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

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

DRESS-A-Child

Dress A Child will again provide assistance to Tuscarawas County families for the 2026-2027 school year.

Wednesday, July 15: Grace Lutheran Church-Luther Hall at 216 N Wooster Ave, Dover. The registration hours will be from 10am to 1pm and 5pm to 7pm.

This year instead of giving school kits out, our WELCA would like to collect a monetary donation. Envelopes are on the table in the narthex and need to be turned in by July 12th so that the church can make out one check to distribute. If donating a check please make it out to Grace Lutheran Church and put Dress-A-Child in the memo.

Thank you for your compassion to this important need in our community.



CARD SHOWER



Ashley Luthy is turning 70 years old!

A surprise card shower is being held to celebrate Ashley turning 70 years old on July 8th. To wish him a 'Happy Birthday!' please send a card to:

Ashley Luthy
192 Jessica Dr.
Dover, Ohio 44622



The Grace Endowment Board is a board developed to help organizations that need assistance. The board sends funding to help our congregation, local community and the world. The board members meet four times per year to gift earnings from the Endowment Fund. The gifts are to help benefit Christian and charity work from missionary work, disaster relief and social programs.

- **To request a gift: endowment forms are available in the church office. The forms must be in good order and turned into the church office at least 2 weeks prior to Endowment Board meetings.**

The Endowment Board members for this year's term are: Jimm Morris, Jenna Limron, Faith Bambeck, Toni Ferritto, Susan Seifert and Joe Vanfossen.



The Hammerstrom Scholarship Committee,

Thank you for giving me a scholarship this year! I now have my RN license and I am going back for my bachelors online as I work as a nurse fulltime!

I am so excited to start working as a nurse, and being able to earn my bachelors degree while doing so!

Thank you again,
Katelyn Foust, RN

Congregational Meeting Results VOTE

Gracemembers gave a unanimous approval to the ministry boards and officers during its June 7th congregational meeting lead by council president, Julie Brothers.. The vote was 64-0.

Voters also gave substantial support to retaining the flags in the sanctuary. Votes were as follows: 48 to retain, 13 to move to the back of narthex and 3 did not vote on the flags position.

The Grace Planning Council wishes to thank all those who participated in the meeting. Your commitment to the future mission and ministry of Grace Lutheran church is greatly appreciated.

Men's Corn Roast

Wednesday, August 12th, 6:00 pm

Fellowship Hall



Greetings from the Call Committee.

Following our second interview with the candidate and consultation with the Synod, we have decided to hold a third, in-person interview with the candidate. During this interview we will also tour the Church facilities* and the Dover area. Due to committee member vacations, an upcoming mission trip, and the candidate's schedule at their current out-of-state congregation, this interview will take place in mid-August. We will provide a further update to the congregation following the August interview.



What beautiful facilities we have here at Gracetouse and we are putting out a quick reminder that all groups leave the space ready for the next groupor gathering.

Before you head out, could you please make sure that you are checking the list posted on the doors or walls and clean up as noted.

- * Wipe down tables/counters.
- * Take out all trash and replace trash bags in all trash cans.
- * Sweep and mop floors as needed.
- * Return all tables and chairs back to their original position.

Thank you so much for your help in keeping our church clean and welcoming for everyone.

Outreach



Our support of the Tuscarawas County Friends of the Homeless continues. We still offer meals one Sunday a month. Unfortunately during COVID-19 we were forced to help in a different manner. We are taking monetary donations to support the ministry rather than provide homecooked meals. Your financial support is always appreciated.

GROCERY BAG MINISTRY

Grace Outreach Board continues their Drive-Thru Grocery Bag Ministry the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month from 10 am until supply runs out. The Outreach Board is looking for both monetary gifts and gifts of kind to support this vital ministry.

What goes into a bag to feed the hungry? The basic food items are: peanut butter, canned meat, vegetables, fruit, cereal, soup, macaroni & cheese, canned white potatoes, spaghetti sauce and spaghetti noodles.

Grocery size paper bags are also needed.



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Please be Praying for...

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All those serving in the armed forces, especially Christopher Smith, Connor Gwynne.

Rita Young
 Glenn Siber
 Steve Strohl
 Bob Shalosky
 Maryann Brothers

Richard Siber
 Bruce Siber
 Jeff Beshore
 Brooke Lester

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 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 Joe Erickson and Janice Weber.

May the Lord embrace these families 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.




- July 12th-2vases
- July 19th-2vases
- July 26th-1vase
- Aug. 2nd-2vases



Ladies of Grace Knotters
Lutheran World Relief
Final Project Numbers
for 2025

Quilts: 37
 Health Kits: 10
 Backpacks: 5



Worship Readings

Altar Guild
 Tuesday,
 July 28th
 9 am

Sunday, July 5th
 Zechariah 9:9-12
 Psalm 145:8-14
 Romans 7:15-25a
 Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Sunday, July 12th
 Isaiah 55:10-13
 Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13
 Romans 8:1-11
 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Sunday, July 19th
 Isaiah 44:6-8
 Psalm 86:11-17
 Romans 8:12-25
 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Sunday, July 26th
 1 Kings 3:5-12
 Psalm 119:129-136
 Romans 8:26-39
 Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52



Yes, on-line services are here to stay!

Now that the pandemic is over we are continuing to record our 10 am service each Sunday. Weekly on-line services are part of our on-going ministry here at Grace.

Worship Assistants

SUNDAY 10:00 AM WORSHIP

LAY READERS

July 5 Gale Limron
July 12 Jimm Morris
July 19 Lynn Foust
July 26 Kim Gray

COMMUNION ASST.

July 5 Gale Limron
July 12 Jimm Morris
July 19 Lynn Foust
July 26 Kim Gray

USHERS

July 5 John Lorenz, Ed Harper
July 12 MikeSergent, Jim Gibb, Richard Elliott
July 19 JohnStahl, Keith Lands, Edward Harper
July 26 JeffKeller,Jeff Hootman, John Wolfe, Joe Vanfossen

SOUND

July 5 Keith Lands
July12 Richard Elliott
July19 Tim Durben
July26 Richard Elliott

ALTAR GUILD

July: Donna Fox, Betty Kaser, Judy Martin
August: Holly Vesco, Susan Zimmerman, Chris Randles



Get the Messenger By Email

If you'd like to receive the Messenger by email please send an email to Gracehappens@gracedover.org with the words "Email Messenger" in the subject heading.
Remember you can also view the current and archived Messengers online at www.GraceDover.org



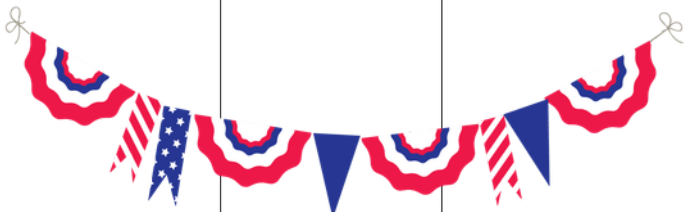

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Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
			1 7 pm Boy Scouts	2	3 <u>Church Office Closed</u>	
			5 10 am Worship Communion	6 7pm Valley Voices	7 12 pm Senior Crafters 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	8 7pm Boy Scouts
12 10 am Worship Communion	13 9 am Knotters 7 pm Valley Voices	14 9am Knotters 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	15 10 am - 1 pm Dress-A-Child - LH 7 pm Boy Scouts 5pm -7 pm Dress-A-Child - LH	16	17 <u>Messenger Deadline</u>	18 8:30 am Women's Group - LH
19 10am Worship Communion	20 7pmValley Voices	21 12pm Senior Crafters 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Planning Council	22 7pm Boy Scouts	23	24 10am Grocery Bag Drive Thru <u>Messenger Assembly</u>	25
26 10am Worship Communion 6pm Meal to the Homeless Shelter	27 7pmValley Voices	28 9 am Altar Guild 12 pm Senior Crafters 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	29 7pm Boy Scouts	30	31	