

THE MESSENGER

2016

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

Puppies and Paradise

I go to prepare a place for you. John 14:2b

I really enjoy Paul Harvey stories. I also really enjoy puppies, especially Quincy!

I recently came across a Paul Harvey story that features a puppy, so how could I resist sharing it with you?

A sick man turned to his doctor, as he was preparing to leave the examination room and said, "Doctor, I am afraid to die. Tell me what lies on the other side."

Very quietly, the doctor said, "I don't know."

"You don't know? You, a Christian man, do not know what is on the other side?"

The doctor was holding the handle of the door; on the other side of which came a sound of scratching and whining, and as he opened the door, a puppy sprang into the room and leaped on him with an eager show of gladness.

Turning to the patient, the doctor said, "Did you notice my dog? He's never been in this room before. He didn't know what was inside. He knew nothing except that his master was here, and when the door opened, he sprang in without fear. I know little of what is on the other side of death, but I do know one thing...I know my Master is there and that is enough."

What is heaven really like? What can we expect on the other side?

When we turn to Scripture, we are given no detailed descriptions. It includes no full account of the glory that awaits us. But, it gives us enough. Actually, it gives us more than enough.

While giving His life for us on the cross, Jesus turns to the thief next to him and says, "Today, you will be with Me in Paradise." Jesus promises him a place of eternal bliss and joy, a place of everlasting love and peace. Knowing and believing that same Paradise awaits us, too, is enough.

When Jesus declares, "I go to prepare a place for you," we can be sure it's the best of all possible places. After all, Jesus always and only wants the best for us. Here, He promises and guarantees it. That is surely enough.

All the wonderful Biblical imagery of heavenly streets of gold, pearly gates, jasper walls and the bright, crystal river of life merely tease our imaginations and give us but a faint glimpse of the "other side." But for now, it is enough.

Most of all our Master, our best and truest Friend, our Savior is there eagerly waiting to welcome us. "If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you to Myself, so that where I am, there you may be also." Paradise. Heaven. Eternal Glory. With Jesus forever. And that is enough. More than enough. Thanks be to God. Amen.

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Planning Council

PLANNING COUNCIL

Next Meeting September 13th, 2016 @ 6:45 PM



Facts and Figures

Attendance June 2016

Weekly Average: 154

Difference: +2 (+1%)

Attendance June 2015

Weekly Average: 152

Offerings June 2016

Total: \$14,946.14

Difference +1,045.14

Weekly Average: \$3736.54

Weekly Difference: +261.29 (+7%)

Offerings June 2015

Total: \$13,901.00

Weekly Average: \$3475.25

2016-2017 BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

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Since You Asked

Since You Asked...

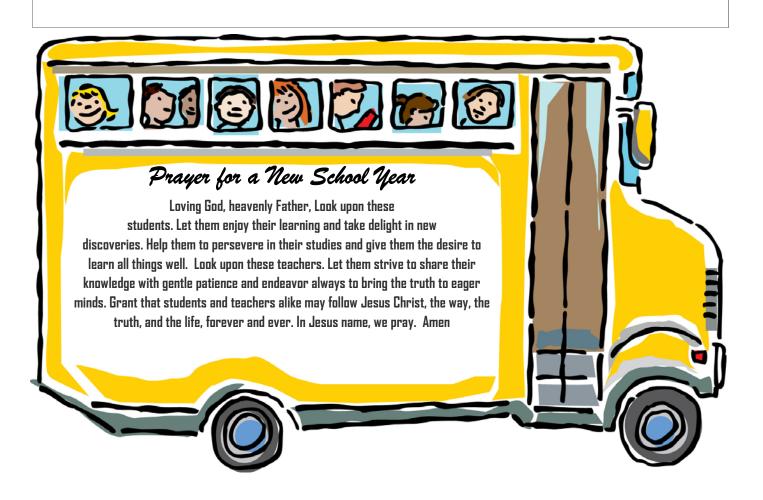
I love singing "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing." It's one of my favorite hymns. However, I've always wondered about the phrase, "Here I raise my Ebenezer." What's an Ebenezer?

Many people have wondered the same thing. It's not a familiar allusion for most Christians.

In I Samuel 7, the prophet Samuel and the Israelites found themselves under attack by the Philistines. Fearing for their lives, the Israelites begged Samuel to pray for them in their impending battle against the Philistines. Samuel offered a sacrifice to God and prayed for God's protection. God listened to Samuel, causing the Philistines to lose the battle and retreat back to their own territory. After the Israelite victory, the Bible records: "Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen, and called its name Ebenezer, saying, 'Thus far the Lord has helped us' " (1 Samuel 7:12).

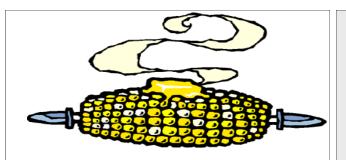
The word Ebenezer comes from the Hebrew words 'Eben hà-ezer (eh'-ben haw-e'-zer), which simply mean "stone of help." When Robert Robinson wrote his lyrics to the hymn in 1758, he followed the word Ebenezer with the phrase, "Here by Thy great help I've come." An Ebenezer, then, is simply a monumental stone set up to signify the great help that God granted the one raising the stone. In Robinson's poem, it figuratively meant that the writer—and all who subsequently sing the song—acknowledge God's bountiful blessings and help in their lives.

With acknowledgements to Kyle Butt, M.Div., "Here I Raise My Ebenezer," Apologetics Press, Inc. 2003.



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Announcements



MEN'S CORN ROAST

Wednesday, August 10th at 6:00 pm DEIS HILL SHELTER #3



Please join us August 14 to hear the mission trip group present their experience. This year eight students and three adults went to Taylorsville, NC and helped the community there. They will speak at both services. We are so thankful this congregation supports their efforts as they spread God's love through their service.

Wedding Congratulations



We offer our heartfelt congratulations to Patty Keener and Brent Haynes who were united in marriage here on Saturday, July 9. Patty is the daughter of members Art and Doris Keener. Brent is the son of Amy Haynes. Following their wedding, the newlyweds will reside in Fresno, Ohio.

We wish Patty and Brent many years of wedded love and happiness. May their love for God and for each other continue to grow as they venture into a wonderful future together.



Wednesday, Aug. 17th
Evening 7:00pm
Come and join us
as we learn about the
POWER OF PRAYER!

All Adult women are invited to join us for our Bible Study. We will be meeting in the Outreach Center at 7:00pm.

Mark your calendar with these additional dates:

Sept 21st - Wednesday Oct 18th - **Tuesday** Nov 16th - Wednesday Dec 14th - Wednesday

Bring Your Bible and Your Favorite "Joy In The Journey" Coffee Mug.

"To Know Christ, To Live Christ, To Share Christ, To Be One In Christ"

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CELEBRATION 2016

Our 2016 **Rally Day** and **Church Picnic** will be celebrated Sunday, September 11.

Rally Day will begin at **9:30 a.m.** in Fellowship Hall. Continental breakfast foods and beverages will be available. Children and youth will be promoted, introduced to their teachers and the 2016 curriculum. **Christian Faith and Life Ministries** is coordinating this event.

Our **Annual Church Picnic** will be held outdoors in the green space next to the Grace Outreach Center following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. The event will include a 70-foot obstacle course for the kids and other activities. The centerpiece of the picnic will be our homemade covered dishes. Each family is asked to bring a family favorite covered dish and/or dessert to share. Beverages and tableware will be provided. **Hospitality Ministries** is planning a delicious and fun-filled time for all.

Mark your calendars now and plan to join the day's festivities.



TRINITY LUTHERAN SEMINARY

We at Trinity Lutheran Seminary gratefully acknowledge the contribution of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in the amount of \$1000.00 on June 24th, 2016, to be applied to the student account of Evan Cameron.

Your support is making a significant difference in the life of Evan and assisting Trinity to graduate students with less financial debt. We appreciate the continued support you offer our student financial aid program.

Please continue to remember Trinity in your prayers. May God's blessings be yours.

Trusting in the promise of the empty tomb, Rick Barger, Brad Gee and Melissa Curtis Powell



Thank you for all your prayers, thoughts, concerns, cards and flowers during my cancer surgery and complications there after. And to Pastor Rice for his visits to various hospitals.

Larry Lloyd



Dear Phillip Jr. and Marciel Hammerstrom Scholarship Fund,

Thank you very much for the scholarship and for your generous donation to my education. I was very glad that I managed to get a generous scholarship from a local source. Mr. & Mrs. Hammerstrom were very hard working people and I hope to be able to advance in my education and grow to be as successful as they were.

Thanks again, Jason Dreher Page 6 THE MESSENGER

Hammerstrom Scholarship

Grace Lutheran in Dover Awards 12 Scholarships

Twelve local college students received awards totaling \$51,000 from the Hammerstrom Scholarship Fund. The fund is administered by Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Dover. Another student was awarded \$1000 to continue his seminary studies from the congregation's Professional Ministry Scholarship fund.

The Hammerstrom Scholarship Fund was established to assist college students pursuing degrees in the medical field or engineering. Trade school educational assistance is also acceptable for consideration. First preference is given to active members of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church.

"We are so very blessed to have this opportunity to support these students as they continue their adventures in learning," says Senior Pastor Donald L. Rice, Jr. "Each has expressed a strong commitment to pursue a profession serving God and community."

The twelve students received \$4300 one-year scholarships.

Olivia Bauer and **Madeline Bauer**, daughters of Erick and Molly Bauer of Dover, both are enrolled at The Ohio State University. Olivia is pursuing a career as a physician's assistant in dermatology. Madeline will be studying occupational and music therapies.

Shauna Cox has been accepted into the honors program at Cleveland State University where she will study music therapy. She is the daughter of Tom and Bobbie Cox of Newcomerstown.

Jason Dreher will be attending Ohio University, Athens, where he will major in industrial chemical engineering. He is the son of James and Deborah Dreher of Strasburg.

Melissa Engstrom of Dover is studying to become a nurse practitioner at Stark State College in North Canton.

Joshuah Fisher, son of Rhonda Fisher of Strasburg and Paul Fisher of Canton, attends Akron University. He is working on a degree in mechanical and electrical engineering with his sights on work in the automotive industry.

Taylor Marsh, daughter of Gregory and Rebecca Marsh, will be attending Ohio University, Athens, with the goal of becoming a registered trauma nurse.

Kristin Miceli and **Anthony Miceli** are the daughter and son of Jim and Audra Miceli of Dover. Kristin is working on her nursing degree at Stark State University. Anthony plans to become a firefighter and paramedic. He is enrolled at Belmont College in St. Clairsville.

Aaronn Sergent attends The Ohio State University where he is studying automotive and aerospace engineering. He is the son of Michael and Christine Sergent of Dover.

Hunter Stein of New Philadelphia is the son of Paul and Susan Stein. He attends Kent State University-Tuscarawas with plans to become a trauma or emergency care nurse.

Jana Keller Woodby attends Otterbein University with plans to become a family nurse practitioner.

The Hammerstrom Scholarships reflect the benefactors' academic and professional interests. Phillip Hammerstrom, Jr. worked forty years for B&O and C&X railroads in various capacities, including terminal freight agent. Marceil "Maysie" Hammerstrom was a graduate of Ball State School for Nursing and a graduate nurse anesthetist. Over the years she was employed at University Hospital in Cleveland and the Cleveland Clinic. She worked at Union Hospital for over twenty-five years.

Evan Cameron of Dover was granted a \$1000 scholarship to continue his preparation for the ordained ministry. He attends Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus.

Members of the 2016 Grace Hammerstrom Scholarship Committee included Treasurer Beverly Frantz, Linda Homrighausen, Janie Huffman, Tom Margo, President Jimm Morris and Pastor Rice.

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Hammerstrom Essays

Olivia Bauer

I have learned many lessons through serving God and being a member of Grace Lutheran Church. Many of these lessons I have carried over into my college career and everyday life. However, it all started by going on mission trips in high school with the church youth group; I learned the values of hard work and service to others through God. While these were some of the best memories during high school, I realized the value in serving others and always giving back to the community. A few weeks ago for my spring break, I got the opportunity to go on a Buck-I-Serv trip in New York City through Ohio State. During this time, my fellow peers and I painted a homeless shelter, delivered meals to the elderly, and experienced kids living in the poorest congressional district in the country.

As I sit here ready to graduate from my undergraduate career at Ohio State, my educational plan has not changed and is still to become a dermatologist Physician Assistant. I know the path ahead of me will be challenging, but I know of the plan God has for me (Jeremiah 29:11). Within this next year, I plan to complete the rest of my pre-requisite science courses. As well as work as a Patient Care Assistant at the James Cancer Hospital where I have recently been hired. Additionally, I still plan to continue volunteering weekly/every Tuesday through the James Cancer Hospital. This is a very rewarding experience that I get to a part of. The patients really appreciate all the volunteers and are grateful for the time we dedicate to visiting them. On a personal level, I get to take time away from my busy schedule and get to be a part of a bigger picture. This is a humbling experience, and every Tuesday I look forward to my time at the hospital.

In the future, I hope my profession will greatly benefit the community in which I live. As my experience has taught me, it is much better to give back to others. I want to help others, and try to live and serve by God's word in my everyday life.

Madeline Bauer

Ever since I was a young girl, I have always wanted to help others. Helping others has always been an aspiration of mine because I knew that in doing so I was serving God's people. I always knew that I would end up in the medical field because of this desire to help those around me. I would like to become an Occupational Therapist in the near future in hopes that I can further carry out God's will. As an Occupational Therapist, I will work with people of all ages and disabilities to help them get back to their everyday lives and responsibilities. This could range from a variety of scenarios including helping someone recover after an accident to helping the elderly alter their daily routine to working with someone who is mentally disabled. In becoming an Occupational Therapist, I will be serving God because I will be helping all different scopes of his people. Being such a broad field, I will have the chance to assist and work with many different people in the community. I feel that this will benefit the community due to this chance to reach out to all those who need it. This will help the community be healthier as a whole. Becoming an Occupational Therapist would bring me so much joy and happiness because I know that I would be serving God through serving others, and nothing is of greater importance to me than this. By helping others to recover or better cope with their new lifestyle, I will also be helping them to enjoy their life to the best of their ability which will in turn help them to better serve God.

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Blessed Are the Backpacks

All school children are invited to a *Blessing* of the *Backpacks* following the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, August 21. Children will meet in the green space outside the church sanctuary where Pastor Rice will bless each child and his/her back pack individually. It is a celebration of thanksgiving as our young people begin a new school of year of learning adventures.

After the Blessing, children can enjoy ice cream, games and a special backpack gift. The event is sponsored by Stewardship Development Ministries. Tom Margo is the board director.



Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

Psalm 25:4

We are looking for a volunteer or two to teach our 3rd-4th grade Sunday School class. The students meet for learning activities at 9:15 a.m. If you would like to share God's wonderful words of life with these young people, contact Faith Bambeck, Director of Christian Faith and Life, or Pastor Rice.

We offer pour thanks and gratitude to Esther Philabaum who has taught this class for the last ten years (or more). She always had an interesting lesson and nifty craft to keep her students involved in learning more about Jesus and his Good News of mercy, love and grace. Esther also served two terms as Director of Christian Education (now Christian Faith and Life).



Thanks so much for all you did for the children and the church, Esther!

We also give a big Thank You to Charles and Marcie Castricone for teaching the class this summer. We sure appreciate their help!

Jesus Loves the Little Children And so do we!

We are looking for a responsible adult or teen to take care of our nursery (children 3 and younger) during the Sunday School hour and 10:30 a.m. morning worship. This is a paid position. Nursery care begins at 9:15 and continues through approximately 11:45. It begins the first Sunday in September and ends the last Sunday in June.

If you are interested in this children's ministry, please contact Pastor Rice or the church office for an application.

We wish to thank Karla Burrier for her wonderfully caring and faithful service the past three years. Karla has two growing boys and wishes to attend church services with them and her extended family. We truly appreciate her decision and thank her again for her service.





Repaving and Repainting
Completed

The parking area behind Luther Hall and the Grace Outreach Center was paved and striped the week of July 10. This is a marked improvement over current conditions, especially after a heavy rain or snow.

Repainting the sanctuary began Monday, July 11. To our surprise, the painting & clean-up was completed by Tuesday, July 19th. We are so pleased to be worshiping in the Sanctuary by Sunday, July 24th.

We wish to thank our Property Ministries Board for overseeing these much needed improvements. Thanks! Page 9 THE MESSENGER

Women ELCA

Lutheran World Relief Projects for 2016

Quilts: 25

Personal Care Kits: 8

Soap: 23





Tues., Aug. 16th **Hostess: Donna Fox**



Tues., Aug. 9th 9:00 am

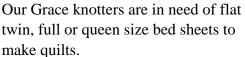
Cost of stocking the food pantry for one month.

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	Pr	ice / 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
				\$	455.10
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Buehlers ALDI Wal Mart **Big Lots Peanut Butter** Vegetables-Spaghetti Sauce Soup-Mac-N-Cheese Corn Chicken Potatoes Green Beans **Dollar General Tomato** Fruit Cocktail Peas Spaghetti Pork/Beans Luncheon Meat Cereal

Women of the ELCA **Special Request**





If you have any you wish to donate, you may drop them off at the church office.

Thank You!



All women of Grace are members of WELCA, Women of the **Evangelical Lutheran Church in** America (WELCA). It is not a board, a circle or a club. It is women of the church working together as servants of our Lord.

The women of Grace combine their talents, resources and effort to do many things: suppers and dinners, Sunday School, music, school kits, knotters (quilting), meals for the homeless shelter and more. Grace WELCA also raises funds and complete projects for Salvation Army, Head Start children, T4C, Dress-a-Child and Lutheran World Relief.

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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 June, we distributed 143 bags, and have already distributed 124 in July. 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 when available.

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.





All those serving in the armed forces, especially Christopher Smith, Seth Erickson, Tim Case, Richard Martineau & Kent Philabaum.

Carol Davidson Ella DeVore **Glenn Siber** William Page **Mary Ann Gray** Roberta Brokaw Mildred Schauer **Waldine Krantz** Rosann Patterson **Geraldine Kiehl** Joe Palmer **Phyllis Espenschied**

Francis Moser Rick Vesco

JoAnn Hammond **Richard Bleininger**

Walter Heck John Page **Barbara Stull Larry Lloyd** Norma Grywalski **Wayne Page Barbara Pringle Brandon Myers** Robert Vesco **Judy Beal**

Sherri Weidman Cathy Nardecchia

Glenda Stull

IN OUR PRAYERS...

Please take a moment to review the names on our church prayer list. If you know the current recovery status, condition, or needs of any person listed, please advise Pastor Rice or the church office. We rejoice in God's healing and grace when someone is well enough to come off the list and we promise our prayers to all who are added. Thank Упи.



Our deep and heartfelt sympathies are with the family and friends of Dorothy Morrison & Loy Lee Kempthorn. (Father of Penny Huff)

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 need volunteers and to provide the meal and to deliver it to the Friends of the Homeless of 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 August meal to the homeless shelter. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex.

PERSONAL CARE KITS

The power of a small package

Personal Care Kits especially help cleanliness and prevent disease outbreaks that can so frequently happen in foreign countries or right here in the United States after natural disasters. LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF is asking congregation participation to help restock their supply of personal care kits. Consider making a kit or dropping off one or more of the items listed below to the church office. Thanks for helping!

Personal care items that go into each kit are:

Personal Care Kits

1 light weight bath towel 20" X 40" to 52" X 27" (dark color)

2 bath size bars of soap

1 wide tooth comb

1 adult size toothbrush

1 nail clipper with file

Thank you to the volunteers who prepared and delivered food to the **Homeless Shelter on July 24th.**

August's dinner at the Homeless Shelter is on Sunday, August 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.

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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.



Aug. 28th - 2 vases

Sept. 4th - 1 vase

Sept. 11th - 2 vases

Sept. 18th - 2 vases

Sept. 25th - 1 vase

Nursery Care Available

Nursery will resume on September 4th.



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children's Church will resume on September 4th.

Worship Readings

Altar Guild

Tues. Aug. 30th 9:00 am

Sunday, August 7th

Genesis 15:1-6

Psalm 33:12-22

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Luke 12:32-40

Sunday, August 21st

Isaiah 58:9b-14

Psalm 103:1-8

Hebrews 12:18-29

Luke 13:10-17

Sunday, August 14th

Jeremiah 23:23-29

Psalm 82

Hebrews 11:29—12:2

Luke 12:49-56

Sunday, August 28th

Proverbs 25:6-7

Psalm 112

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Luke 14:1, 7-14

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.

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Worship Assistants

USHERSTim Keplinger

SUNDAY 8:00 AM WORSHIP

ACOLYTES	LAY READERS	DEACON/COMM. ASST.	Richard Elliott		
TOOLITES			Steve Zimmerman		
8/7	8/7 Nancy Wilson	8/7	Jim Heller		
8/14	8/14 Gale Limron	8/14	Scott Ebert		
8/21	8/21 Sandy Gibb	8/21 Holly Vesco	Edward Harper		
8/28	8/28 Lynn Foust	8/28	David Elliott		

SUNDAY 10:30 AM WORSHIP

USHERS

Aug. 7 John Lorenz, Larry Wallick, Tom Margo, Ron Stahl
Aug. 14 Jim Gibb, Mike Sergent, Jimm Morris, Butch Morris, Maguire Morris
Aug. 21 John Stahl, Robert McCulloch, Keith Lands, Paul McFadden
Aug. 28 William Page, Jeff Keller, Jeff Hootman, Joe Vanfossen, John Wolfe

ACOLYTES LAY READERS		DEACON/COMM. ASST.			
8/7	8/7 Jim Gibb	8/7			
8/14	8/14 John Stahl	8/14			
8/21	8/21 Jimm Morris	8/21 Deborah Horn			
8/28	8/28 Rick Homrighausen	8/28			

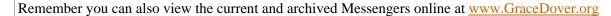


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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Back to School	1 2:30 pm Communion Park Village - South 7 pm Valley Voices	2 12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 4 pm TOPS - ORC 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	3 7 pm Boy Scouts	4	5	6
7 8 am Worship Communion 9:15 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion	8 10:30 am Communion Park Village - North 7 pm Valley Voices	9 am Knotters 10 am Rejoice Women 4 pm TOPS - ORC 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	10 6 pm Men's Corn Roast 7 pm Boy Scouts	11	12	13
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