



THE MESSENGER

2024

Worship Schedule

Sunday: 8 AM and 10:30 AM

Sunday Church School for all ages: 9:15 AM

Second Saturday of the month at 5:00 PM

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Dear Friends in Christ,

After installing our new 2024-2026 board members and officers at the end of June, I'm so grateful for everyone who has served, are serving, and will be serving here at Grace! It is such a blessing to me as your pastor to have the people we need step up to serve Christ his church.

In John 12:26 Jesus says, "Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor."

The apostle Paul says to his church in I Corinthians 15:31, "I die every day! That is as certain, brothers and sisters, as my boasting of you—a boast that I make in Christ Jesus our Lord."

I'm struck by the self-sacrificial love of Grace's leadership. This self-sacrificial love that Christ shows us from the cross is what the power of Christ is all about. And I get to witness this first hand! Our leaders are true servant leaders.

On any given day these days, I will talk to one or more of our leaders passionate about their ministries. Being in the "green" liturgical season means that July is good time for new ideas to grow and develop. There are so many new things coming to Grace, so hold on to your hats!

Blessings, Pastor Bonnie

Pastor

Rev. Bonnie L. Grimaldi

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PLANNING COUNCIL

**Next Meeting
Tuesday,
July 16th, 2024
@ 6:30 PM**

board meeting

**Wednesday, July 10th -
Congregational Life Board Mtg.
3 pm Luther Hall**

2024-2026 BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Julie Brothers - President Gale Limron - Vice President
Michelle Durben - Secretary John Wolfe - Treasurer

Congregational Life

Gale Limron - Director
Susie Erickson
Elaine Margo
Betsy Morris
Melody Rader
Jim Heller
Jenna Limron

Property

Jim Gibb - Director
Nathan Vaughan
Jeff Hootman
Larry Wallick
Richard Elliott

Christian Faith and Life

Ashley Eick - Director
Karla Burrier
Tiffany Shepherd
Deb Foust
(Cody Jerles, Coordinator YFM)

Hospitality

Sarah Wolfe - Director
Marcie Castricone
Melissa Engstrom
Cindy Jerles
Traci Smith
Bobbie Cox
Julie Vanfossen

Stewardship Development

Ron Stahl - Director
Charles Castricone
Keith Lands
Sarah Kneuss

Outreach

Pam Beller - Director
Tim Durben
Joe Erickson
Irene McCoy
Judy Martin
Pam Keller
David Elliott (church website)

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

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



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

216 North Wooster Avenue, Dover www.gracedover.org

VBS 2024

JULY 22nd - 26th

Learning Activities

6 pm – 7:30 pm

Ages 3 thru completion of 5th Grade

Deadline for registrations is Friday, July 12th. gracehappens@gracedover.org

Child's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address:

Home Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Home Email Address: _____

Child's Age: _____ Last School Grade Completed: _____

Home Congregation (if any): _____

In case of emergency (when the parent /guardian cannot be reached) please contact:

Name: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Relationship to Child:

Please list any allergies the VBS staff should be aware of:

Person responsible for picking up this child at the end of each VBS day:

Name: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

(Please pick up all children at the back entrance of Luther Hall.)

I grant permission to use photographs and/or videos taken of my child during VBS in publications, news releases, online, and in other communications related to the mission of Grace Lutheran Church. Yes No

Signature of parent/guardian: _____

Date: _____

Announcements

Help Needed to make VBS a success...

Ashley is looking for camping gear to borrow in July for VBS. Items such as sleeping bags, small tents, lanterns, fire pit, etc will make our theme of Camp Firelight come to life. Please let Ashley know at 330.407.0823 if you have any of these items that we can borrow. Thank you!



A New Women's Bible Study, "Common Ground" led by Sarah Wolfe continues through August 14th the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 – 7:30 pm in the Outreach Center. Please join us.

Thank you!

Thanks to everyone for their good thoughts, cards, and prayers during my recent illness and hospitalization

Keith Lands

Coffee & Conversation



Join us the 3rd Saturday of each month in Luther Hall.

8:30 - 9:30 am

Men's Corn Roast

Wednesday, August 14th,
6:00 pm Fellowship Hall



Thank You

Thanks for the card and thoughts and prayers! They are all working! Home from surgery and all went well. Home health people were here and impressed with my progress. A BIG thanks to Gym Heller for all his help, driving me to and from..... very early in the AM. Hope to get back to "normal" in the coming weeks. Again, my thanks to All!!! Scott

Grace HAPPENS

2nd Saturdays @5pm

July 14th featuring *Olivia Eick*, vocalist

Grace Lutheran Church



Live Guitar Music, Vocals
Singing
Healing Prayer
Word
Communion

108 W. 3rd St. Dover, OH 44622

Announcements



Please join us for the Annual Church Pool Party on Saturday, July 27th from 6:30 to 8:30 PM at the Dover City Pool. The church will provide pizza, plates, cups and napkins. Please bring a bag of chips, dessert or 2 liter of your favorite drink to share. If you do not want to swim, you can still join us for a night of fellowship by bringing your favorite lawn chair and game.

Please RSVP on the sheet in the Narthex or by contacting the church office or Ashley at 330.407.0823.

We look forward to a nice evening with our church family. See you there!

Neighborhood Block Party

Join Grace Lutheran, Dover First Moravian and St. John's U.C.C. on Wednesday, July 31st from 5:30 to 7:30 pm for our second annual Neighborhood Block Party. Each church will provide food, drinks, music and games along with a chance to win a raffle prize. The event is rain or shine. We hope to see everyone there!

A donation sheet is available in the Narthex or online at Sign Up Genius.

Contact Becky Lands with any questions.



Youth Bell Choir

This fall, I would like to start a youth bell choir. This would be students in 5th – 12th grade. You do not need to be able to read music to begin this group. All you need to do is be able to count to 12, and attend practice regularly. I am beginning the search for members now. I know schedules are difficult and it may take some time to create a practice time. If you are interested in playing in this group, please contact me.

Jeff Beshore 330-415-4909 Jebeshore@aol.com



We are in need of volunteers to help out in the office on Mon., July 22nd through Fri., July 26th while the secretary is on vacation. The hours are 9 am to 3 pm.

Please let Pastor or Lisa know in the office if you would be available to help out. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Rally Day, Blessing of Backpacks and Prayer Walk

Join us on Sunday, August 18th following the 9:30 service to celebrate and get ready for the upcoming school year. Students should bring their backpacks for a blessing. Donuts, fruit and drinks will be provided. Following breakfast there will be a Prayer Walk for families near the church. We hope that you will join us.

Sunday School will resume the following week (August 25th) at 9:15 AM.

Please RSVP on the sheet in the Narthex or by contacting the church office or Ashley at 330.407.0823.



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 to 2 pm. The Outreach Board is looking for both monetary gifts and gifts of kind to support this vital ministry.

What goes into a bag to feed the hungry? The basic food items are: peanut butter, canned meat, vegetables, fruit, cereal, soup, macaroni & cheese, canned white potatoes, spaghetti sauce and spaghetti noodles. We also pack a roll of toilet paper and a bar of soap when available.

Grocery size paper bags are also needed.



Please be Praying for...

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

Dottie Shott
Kay Bambeck
Pastor Steve Patrick
Glenn Siber
Scott Ebert
Tyler Nathan
Mildred Schauer
Jean Geyer
Keith Lands
Evelyn Ralston
Jeff Gray

Rita Young
Larry Coulter
Bertha Carroll
Bruce Siber
Brinley Davis
Ruth Patrick
Paul McFadden
Scott Kaser
Paula Wolfe
Lutheran Camps

IN OUR PRAYERS...

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



With Deepest Sympathy

Our deep and heartfelt sympathies are with the family and friends of Carol Zifer (mother of Cara Shumaker).

May the Lord embrace this family with His love and bless them with peace.

Worship

OPEN ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to provide altar flowers in memory or in honor of loved ones, please either sign up on the list in the Narthex or call the church office at 330-343-6915.

The cost for one vase is \$19.
You will be billed by Blossom's Florist.

Altar Flowers are available for the following dates.



July 14th - 1 vase

July 28th - 1 vase

Aug. 4th - 2 vases

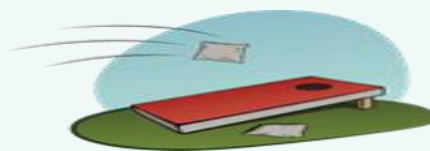
Grace Happens Worship and Community Game Night

Come join us in August for the first installment of our game night at Grace Lutheran Church in Dover! After our Grace Happens contemporary service, we will have corn hole set up to enjoy with your family. All are welcome and we encourage anyone who enjoys fellowship to join us!

We are also happy to announce a new raffle that will include a trophy to take home. One lucky winner will take home a trophy they will then decorate with a small knickknack that represents their family and bring back to the next game night!

We are also doing a silent raffle by free-will donation with gift baskets as the prize. Pastor Joe Svancara, president, Friends of Homeless of Tuscarawas County will give info on what they're doing and need during Grace Happens.

Come join us August 10th at 5pm!



Worship Readings

Altar Guild

**Tues., July 30th
9 am**

Sunday, July 7th

Ezekiel 2:1-5
Psalm 123
2 Corinthians 12:2-10
Mark 6:1-13

Sunday, July 14th

Amos 7:7-15
Psalm 85:8-13
Ephesians 1:3-14
Mark 6:14-29

Sunday, July 21st

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm 23
Ephesians 2:11-22
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Sunday, July 28th

2 Kings 4:42-44
Psalm 145:10-18
Ephesians 3:14-21
John 6:1-21

online

Yes, on-line services are here to stay!

Now that the pandemic is over we are continuing to record our 10:30 service each Sunday and our 5 pm Contemporary service the second Saturday of the month. Weekly on-line services are part of our on-going ministry here at Grace.

Worship Assistants

SUNDAY 9:30 AM WORSHIP

ACOLYTES	LAY READERS	DEACON/COMM. ASST.
7/7	7/7 Susan Elliott	7/7 Deborah Horn
7/14	7/14 Lynn Foust	7/14
7/21	7/21 Jim Gibb	7/21
7/28	7/28 John Stahl	7/28

USHERS

Richard Elliott
Jim Heller
Scott Ebert
Edward Harper
David Elliott

July 7 John Lorenz, Larry Wallick, Tom Margo, Ron Stahl

July 14 Jim Gibb, Mike Sergent

July 21 John Stahl, Keith Lands, Paul McFadden

July 28 Jeff Keller, Jeff Hootman, Joe Vanfossen, Jon Wolfe

**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 Valley Voices	2 12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	3 2 pm & 2:30 pm Communion Park Village 7 pm Boy Scouts	4  <u>Church Office Closed</u>	5 10 am Grocery Bag Drive Thru	6
7 9:30 am Worship Communion	8 9 am Knotters 7 pm Valley Voices	9 9 am Knotters 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	10 3 pm Congregational Life Mtg. - LH 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study - ORC 7 pm Boy Scouts	11 7 pm Beekeepers Assoc. - ORC	12 <u>VBS Registration Deadline</u>	13 5 pm Contemporary Service
14 9:30 am Worship Communion	15 7 pm Valley Voices	16 12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Planning Council	17 7 pm Boy Scouts	18	19 10 am Grocery Bag Drive Thru <u>Messenger Deadline</u>	20 8:30 am Women's Group - LH
Youth Gathering Trip						
21 9:30 am Worship Communion VBS Meeting for all volunteers following service..	22 7 pm Valley Voices 	23 12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	24 7 pm Boy Scouts	25	26	27 6:30 pm Pool Party Dover Park 
Vacation Bible School - 6pm - 7:30 pm						
28 9:30 am Worship Communion 6 pm Meal to the Homeless Shelter <u>VBS Presentation</u>	29 7 pm Valley Voices	30 12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	31 7 pm Boy Scouts <u>Messenger Assembly</u> <u>Block Party</u>			