

THE MESSENGER

2018

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

She Said, "She-Shed"

Where can I go from your Spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? Psalm 139:7

Without a doubt, my favorite TV commercial involves Cheryl, her husband Victor and their insurance agent Zachary. It's a tragicomedy.

"Well, it's finally happened, Zachary," Cheryl tells her agent. "Somebody burned down my she-shed!"

"Nobody burned down your she-shed, Cheryl," Victor interjects. "It was struck by lightning."

Not at all convinced of her husband's conclusion, Cheryl wants to be sure her property is covered. Her agent assures her that it is.

"You hear that, Victor?" Cheryl elates. "I'm getting a shi-shier she-shed!"

"Shi-shier?" Victor inquires.

"Um-huh," she affirms.

Under-enthused and underwhelmed, Victor bemoans, "That's wonderful news."

This commercial always stops me in my tracks. I turn up the volume and then re-watch it again and again on You-Tube. Cheryl's reveling and Victor's exasperation are priceless. Check it out. It's hilarious!

To tell you the truth, before this commercial, I had never heard of a she-shed. So, I investigated this new and novel phenomenon.

It turns out she-sheds are becoming ever more popular as get-away, all-by-yourself havens where women can relax and recharge without being interrupted or otherwise bothered. I'll bet Weaver Barns is doing a great business with this concept.

Some of them are quite posh and luxuriously decorated. A few are even sound-proofed.

It seems they are the female answer to man caves which have been around for years. Both are places of escape, to get away from troubles, annoyances or even fears.

Still, no matter how shi-shi your she shed or how manly your man cave, there's no escaping God. God is ever present at all times and in all places.

That's the wonderful assurance of Psalm 139. Here David rejoices in God's promised presence. "If I take wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea," he writes, "even there your hand will lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast."

We also find great comfort and peace in God's sure word, "I will never leave you or forsake you" (Deuteronomy 31:6, Hebrews 13:5). Jesus' last and lasting promise affirms, "Lo, I am with you, even unto the end of the world." (Matthew 28:20)

So, if you find yourself relaxing in a shi-shi she shed or enjoying a most manly man cave, remember God is right there with you. God is there to share your troubles, annoyances and fears. God is there to add comfort and joy to the moment. God is there. God is always there.

P.S. Since I don't have any place in my house for a man cave, I'm thinking of building a "he hut." After the storm of May 23, I've sure got the lumber for it. Timberrrr!

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Planning Council

PLANNING COUNCIL

Next Meeting July 10th, 2018 @ 6:30 PM



Facts and Figures

Grace Notes

Attendance April 2018*

Weekly Average: 174 Difference: =/-27 (-12%)

Offerings April 2018*

Total Offerings: \$19,388.33 Difference: \$1,499.42 Weekly Average: \$3877.67

Difference: -\$299.88 (-7%)

Attendance April 2017

Weekly Average 202

Offerings April 2017

Total Offerings: \$20,887.75

Weekly Average: \$4177.55

2016-2017 BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Lynn Foust - President Jim Heller - Vice President Christine Sergent - Secretary Beverly Frantz - Treasurer

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Coordinator of Youth & Family Ministries: Rhonda Fisher

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Since You Asked

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I noticed Communion Services at Park Village on the first and second Mondays of the month. Could you describe them for us readers?

Certainly! I'd be pleased to share this with you. The Park Village Communion services are such a joy and a blessing to me.

On the first Monday of the month, I offer a Holy Communion service for the residents at "Park Village South." This is the one-story complex and includes assisted living and skilled nursing care residents.

On the second Monday, I'm at "Park Village North," which is the two-story building. It houses assisted living independent living residents.

The Holy Communion services include Scripture readings, prayers, a brief homily, the Lord's Prayer and Holy Communion. I serve most residents Communion by way of intinction.

My time at Park Village also includes time to greet, chat and individually bless and dismiss the attendees. We talk about the weather and share stories both recent and from days long past. What a joy!

Grace Lutheran has several members residing at Park Village in both complexes. Many Lutherans from other area congregations also live there and attend services. We also invite all our non-Lutheran neighbors in Christ to join us, too. Quite a few do.



Congregation Meets on June 17

Our biennial Election of Officers and Ministry Boards will be held during Congregational Meetings on **June 17, 2018**. Sessions will be held immediately after the 8:00 a.m. worship service and before the 10:30a a.m. worship service at 10:10 a.m.

Congregation President Lynn Foust will preside over the sessions and present the 2016-2018 slate of officers, board directors and board members.

The full slate will be available on the table in the narthex beginning Sunday, June 3. The listing will be distributed again to each voting member prior to congregational voting sessions on June 17.

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VBS Registration



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 t	he parent/guardian cannot be reached) please contact:	
Name:		
Telephone:	Cell Phone:	
Relationship to child:		
	BS staff should be aware of:	
51 6955555 950	g up this child at the end of each VBS Day:	
Name:		
Telephone Number:	Cell phone:	
(Please pick up all children at	the back entrance of Luther Hall.)	
Signature of parent/guardian:		
Date:		

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Announcements



SUMMER FUN

ALL CHURCH POOL PARTY!

Thursday, July 19th 6:30-8:30pm

Summer is for baseball, vacation, reading, and SWIMMING!
Let's all get together at the Dover City Pool on Thursday evening
July 19th! Grace Lutheran Church has the pool reserved for two
hours. If you don't want to swim, come with your lawn chair, and
spend an evening by the pool with your Grace Lutheran friends.
We ask that each family or individual bring a snack food (chips,

ELCA Youth Gathering News

Our mission trip participants have been working hard preparing for the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston. We are finishing up our nine hours of instruction and classes for the trip. This year's theme is "This Changes Everything". We are learning to shift our perspective on many social issues like homelessness, mental illness and justice. We have also had a special guest, Dr. Lori Sigrist, retired Lt. Kernel Army, who was stationed in San Antonio, Texas. She taught us how to pack, how to survive the Texas heat and other

travel tips.

I would also like to thank this congregation for all your support during the year. You've helped us with our fundraisers, dinners, Easter Breakfast and so much more. We appreciate all your prayers and encouragement. Please Page 6 THE MESSENGER

Bible Study



Wednesday, June 20th at 7:00pm

We are going to be studying the "Seven Miracles Of Jesus" and how they can help you

Find Doy In Your Life's Journey!



Second Miracle . . . Jesus Heals Soldier's Son



Announcements



Thursday Bible Study on Summer Break

The Thursday Noon Bible Study will be on summer hiatus June 14 through August 16. Classes will resume on August 23.

Study Guides for that date will be mailed to all current participants ahead of time. If you wish to join the study group, you pay pick up a copy of the study at the church office or contact us and we will send you a copy.

When in session, the Bible Study meets on Thursdays for one hour, 12:00-1:00 p.m., in Luther Hall. The group currently examines the New Testament Epistle lesson for the upcoming Sunday. We may decide to study the weekly Gospel lesson when sessions resume.



Email Addresses Needed

The church offices have installed new computers with the latest technology to assist us in our ministries. We are pleased with the significant improvements and all seems to be working very well. The upgrades were approved by the Grace Planning Council and paid for through the Lewis Memorial Fund.

The transition has not been without a hitch. With the new computer system, we were unable to transfer our email addresses. This means we will need to rebuild our email contact list.

If you receive the church newsletter by email or are expecting any email correspondence from the church, please email us at gracedover.org so that we can add you to our contacts. Please indicate if you receive or would like to receive the Messenger by email. We apologize for any



We wish the newly weds many years of health and happiness as they share in God's steadfast and faith love for them. Best wishes and God

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Announcements

Hosanna! Hosanna! Here Comes Jesus!

Hosanna! Here Comes Jesus! is this year's Vacation Bible School theme.

We're still looking for volunteers. At this writing, we especially needed help serving our evening suppers. All meals are prepared ahead of time. It's a simple matter of heating, serving and some clean-up afterwards.

We still need a classroom teacher for students completing grades 2-3 and a few classroom helpers.

A volunteer sign-up sheet seeking teachers, teaching assistants, and helpers is posted on the narthex bulletin board this month. Registration sheets for participating children will be printed in this month's and the June newsletters.

VBS 2018 will be held June 18-22. A summer supper for children, parents and teachers will be offered at 5:30 p.m. Learning activities, including Bible Stories, crafts and recreation, begin at 6:05 and continue until 8:15.

This year's Bible Stories and learning activities focus on Holy Week events, from Palm Sunday through Easter. Each day the children will learn a Hebrew word which captures the day's special meaning for our faith and life together. On Friday, we will celebrate our week's learning activities with a potluck supper and children's program.

If you have any questions, please contact VBS Director, Pastor Rice. Thank you.

Hosanna! Hosanna! Here Comes Jesus!

Monday: Hosanna! Jesus Comes to Save Us!

Palm Sunday: Mark 11:1-11

Tuesday: Shammash! Jesus Comes to Serve Us!

Maundy Thursday: John 13:1-17

Wednesday: Ahabah! Jesus Comes to Love Us!

Good Friday: Luke 23:33-47; I John 4:7-11

Thursday: L'Chaim! Jesus Comes to Give Us Life!

Easter Sunday: Luke 24:1-12





Congratulations, 2018 Graduates!



We celebrate with our 2018 graduates this time of achievement. We are thankful God has kept them in His grace during their educational endeavors. We pray for God's continued blessings along their lives' journeys.

Our High School Graduates

Sabrina Beal graduates from Dover High School and is the daughter of Todd and Rhonda Beal. Sabrina will begin her nursing studies this fall at Kent State—Tuscarawas.

Sarah Dreher is the daughter of Jim and Debbie Dreher and graduates from Strasburg High School. She with attend Ohio University this fall with plans to become an optometrist.

Cody Herman is a 2018 graduate of New Philadelphia High School and the son of Jonathan and Susan Herman. He begins fall studies in Environmental Sciences at Notre Dame College in Cleveland.

Lindsey Jerles will enter Muskingum University this fall with plans on becoming a Physical Therapy Assistant. She is the daughter of Scott and Cindy Jerles and graduates from Dover High School.

Lauren Samsa is the daughter of Mark and Andrea Samsa and graduates from Dover High School. She will enter the University of Mount Union this fall to study accounting.

Kooper Smith will attend Ohio University this fall in pursuit of a degree in chemical engineering. He is the son of Kurt and Traci Smith and graduates from Dover High School.

Our College Graduate

Aaronn Sergent graduates from The Ohio State University on May 6 with a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering. He will return to OSU this fall to begin his graduate studies in the same discipline. Aaronn is the son of Mike and Christine Sergent of Dover.

Hunter Stein earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from Kent State University-Tuscarawas. He is the son of Paul and Susan Stein of New Philadelphia.

Jana (Keller) Woodby completed her Master of Science degree in Nursing-Family Nurse Practitioner from Otterbein

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Women ELCA

Lutheran World Relief Final Project Numbers for 2017

Quilts: 32

Personal Care Kits: 8

Soap: 21

School Kits: 3





KNOTTERS

Tuesday, June 12th





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 to keep the pantry stocked. Soap and toilet tissue are purchased and paid by cash donations.

Product	Price / piece		Bags per month*	Total
Peanut Butter	\$	2.29	X 120	\$ 274.80
Fruit	\$	0.89	X 120	\$ 106.80
Cereal	\$	1.59	X 120	\$ 190.80
Meat	\$	1.30	X 120	\$ 156.00
Chicken Soup	\$	1.00	X 60	\$ 60.00
Tomato Soup	\$	1.00	X 60	\$ 60.00
Potatoes	\$	0.65	X 120	\$ 78.00
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	\$	0.69	X 120	\$ 82.80
Spaghetti	\$	1.00	X 120	\$ 120.00
Spaghetti Sauce	\$	1.00	X 120	\$ 120.00
				\$ 1369.20

*Average

ALDI	Buehlers	Wal Mart	Big Lots
Peanut Butter	Vegetables (1)	Spaghetti Sauce	Soup (1)
Mac-N-Cheese	Corn		Chicken
Potatoes	Green Beans	Dollar General	Tomato
Fruit Cocktail	Peas	Spaghetti	
Cereal	Pork/Beans	Luncheon Meat	

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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 April, we distributed 129 bags, and have already distributed 94 in May. 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, Gerald Case, Richard Martineau.

Ella DeVore William Page Glenn Siber **Tom Hardin** Mildred Schauer **Dale Kreisher Francis Moser** Joe Palmer JoAnn Hammond **Howard Stein** Jim Gipson JoAnn Miller John Page **Mary Marino Rachelle Coulter Sensel** Jim Horn Norma Grywalski **Wayne Page** Cathy Nardecchia **Dorothy Hanna** Holly Young Robert Ryan Karen Page **Lvnn Foust Molly Bauer Evan Cameron** Tom Cox **Mary Etta Light** Tom Grezlik **Buffy Gray Tracy Debord** Art Keener Jim Rosenberry Jane Buehler **Margaret Ronning Chris Light**

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 You.



Our deep and heartfelt sympathies are with the family and friends of Harry Butler.

May the Lord embrace this family 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 July 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 May 27th, 2018.**

June's dinner at the Homeless Shelter is on Sunday, June 24th, 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.



June 3rd - 1 vase June 10th - 1 vase June 17th - 1 vase July 1st - 1 vase July 8th - 1 vase July 15th - 1 vase



June 3rd - Marcie & Grace Castricone
June 10th - Deb & Jacob Flood
June 17th - Andrea & Lauren Samsa
June 24th - Deb Foust &
Jennifer Vaughan

Worship Readings

Altar Guild

Tuesday, June 26th, 2018 9:00 am Monday,

June 30th, 2018 6:30 pm

Sunday, June 3rd

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

Psalm 81:1-10

2 Corinthians 4:5-12

Mark 2:23—3:6

Sunday, June 17th

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

2 Corinthians 5:6-17

Mark 4:26-34

Sunday, June 10th

Genesis 3:8-15

Psalm 130

2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1

Mark 3:20-35

Sunday, June 24th

Malachi 3:1-4

Psalm 119:89-96

Acts 13:13-26

Luke 1:57-80

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 <u>every</u> 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

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SUNDAY 8:00 AM WORSHIP

ACOLYTES	LAY READERS	DE A CONTCOMM. A CCT.	Tim Keplinger	
		DEACON/COMM. ASST.	Richard Elliott	
6/2	(12 N/A	6/2 Holler Vesse	Steve Zimmerman	
6/3	6/3 N/A	6/3 Holly Vesco	Jim Heller	
6/10	6/10 Lynn Foust	6/10	Scott Ebert	
6/17	6/17 Gale Limron	6/17		
6/24	6/24 Terry Miller	6/24	Edward Harper	

SUNDAY 10:30 AM WORSHIP

June 3 John Lorenz, Larry Wallick, Tom Margo, Ron Stahl
 June 10 Jim Gibb, Mike Sergent, Jimm Morris, Brody Morris
 June 17 John Stahl, Robert McCulloch, Keith Lands, Paul McFadden
 June 24 Jeff Keller, Jeff Hootman, John Wolfe

ACOLYTES	ACOLYTES LAY READERS	
6/3	6/3 Jan Ochsenbine	6/3
6/10	6/10 John Stahl	6/10
6/17	6/17 Jim Gibb	6/17
6/24	6/24 Jimm Morris	6/24

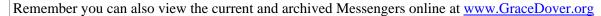


ALTAR GUILD

June: Glenda Sclater, Joan Davis, Marcie Castricone, Liz Miller July: Judy Martin, Bonnie Richardson, Pam Keller, Elaine Margo

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Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

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