



THE MESSENGER

2025

Worship Schedule
Sunday: 10 am

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Dear Grace Lutheran Family!

As an interim pastor the biggest challenge is getting to know people. I have learned some names, but I am still working on it. When I meet you if I have a blank look, please don't hesitate to remind me of your name. Thanks.

Our work together as a *congregation in transition* continues! I invite you to three gatherings in August on Sundays at 9:00 am. I can guarantee that these meetings will *not* be boring. Over the course of three Sundays (August 10, 17, 24 at 9:00am) we will explore our past, present and future. We'll meet in Luther Hall.

Session 1 *Heritage* (Aug. 10) Did you know that everything we are today has been built on what has happened here since the 1920's and before? Do you remember which of the many pastors confirmed you?

Session 2 *Present* (Aug. 17) We will address questions like, where are we; to whom do we minister; what are our strengths and weaknesses?

Session 3 *Future* (Aug. 24) This might be the most fun of all! Where is God calling us? Who is God calling us to be? What is our mission? If we became what our mission statements offer, what would this congregation look like?

All are welcome to participate in these meetings. See you there!

With joy,

Pastor Phil Stuart

Interim Pastor
Rev. Phil Stuart

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Planning Council

PLANNING COUNCIL

**Next Meeting
Tuesday,
Sept. 16, 2025
@ 6:30 PM**

**board
meeting**

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: *John Williamson*

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



A new monthly Women's Bible Study on Untangling Faith by Amberly Neese is being led by Sarah Wolfe. The last study will be Wednesday, Aug. 13th at 6 pm in the Outreach Center. Have you ever felt you struggled to find your faith footing? Join Amberly Neese in she explores the questions Jesus asked as a way to reclaim that faith. Amberly's unique humor and wit help the whole group find their way through deep and rich issues of personal faith, doubt, and growth.



Blessing of the Backpacks

We invite all children to have a special blessing on August 17, 2025 as we prepare to head back to school. Children are encouraged to bring their backpacks for a blessing during Worship and a special treat following the service.



The Christian Faith and Life Committee would like to cordially invite the entire congregation to attend our Rally Day Breakfast Potluck on September 7, 2025 at 9 AM in Luther Hall.

Bring your favorite breakfast food to share. The church will provide table service and drinks. We hope to see you there for a time of fellowship and fun.

Announcements



The Property Board wanted to thank Scott and Cody Jerles for striping the back parking lots. They saved the church several thousand dollars for donating the work. Please tell Scott and Cody thank you if you see them.



Hammerstrom Scholarship Committee,
Thank you very much for awarding me with this scholarship! I appreciate the support and generosity of this congregation as I work to complete my bachelors this fall, bringing me one step closer to my dream of being a speech-language pathologist.

Thanks again,
Reagan Brothers



Hammerstrom Scholarship Committee,
Thank you for awarding me with the scholarship. It means so much to me knowing I have the congregation's support while I'm away studying and playing soccer at the University of Findlay. The scholarship will be a great help as I continue my college journey.
Sincerely,
Jesse Austin Brothers



Hammerstrom scholarship committee,
I feel very blessed and honored to be a recipient of this award! I'm very excited to begin my PTA program at Stark State and with the financial help, I can focus on my classes and be able to serve my community as a PTA.

Thank you,
Peyton Brothers

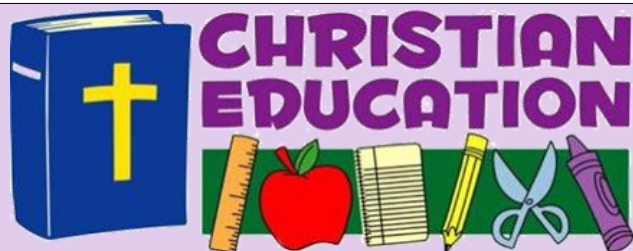
Announcements



Pastor Phil's usual office hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. He is always happy to speak with you by phone or in person. You are encouraged to make an appointment by phone or email, pastorphil@gracedover.org.

Men's Corn Roast

Wednesday,
August 13th,
6:00 pm
Fellowship Hall



Christian Education for 2025-2026

Christian Education Classes will begin on September 14, 2025.

Adult Class: Led by Keith & Becky Lands in Luther Hall from 9-9:45.

High School / Young Adult Class: Led by Nicole Willey in Youth Hall from 9-9:45.

Middle School / Catechism Class: Led by Cody Jerles in Youth Hall from 9-9:45.

Preschool / Elementary Class: Led by Ashley Eick in Luther Hall during Worship at 10 AM.

Anyone interested in helping to lead any of the Christian Education classes, should contact Ashley at 330-407-0823 by August 31st.



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

8:30 - 9:30 am

This time of fellowship is open to women off all ages. Our time together will include coffee, conversation, prayer, devotion and a short program. We will also do a free will offering.

Bring your coffee mug and a friend!

Announcements

As the Jamies sang:

It's summertime summertime sum sum summertime
 Summertime summertime sum sum summertime
 Summertime summertime sum sum summertime
 Summertime summertime sum sum summertime
 summertime...

Well shut them books and throw em away
 Say goodbye to dull school days
 So come on and change your ways
 It's summertime...

Unfortunately, we are approaching the end of Summer.

Fall is coming fast, and the gallery choir will once again resume practicing on Thursdays and singing most Sundays. I am currently expecting 3 new members to the choir and looking for more. The more the merrier. If you enjoy singing, please consider joining the choir for the upcoming year. Please let me know that you will be joining, so that I can have music and a folder ready to go for you. I am currently putting things together to begin the season, Thursday, Sept 4th.

Jeff



Join the Choir...

**You'll Be Glad
You Did!**

THANK YOU!

Thank you for your support and for considering me for this scholarship. This opportunity has truly made a meaningful difference, and I sincerely appreciate the encouragement and generosity from the community.

Respectfully,
 Luke Marsh



Altrusa International of Tusc. Co. is a newly formed chapter of Altrusa a civic organization, that is meeting at 6:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the Outreach Center. Michele Haverfield is our president and we are always seeking new members. Please come and check us out. See Toni Ferritto for details.

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.



*Please be
Praying for...*

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

Rita Young
Paula Wolfe
Glenn Siber
Kay Bambeck
Pastor Bruce Roth
Steve Strohl

Evelyn Ralston
Ruth Patrick
Bruce Siber
William Cerett
Theodore St. Clair

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 Norma Grywalski, Robert "Bruce" Mears and Kent Snyder (son of Reba Snyder).

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.



Aug. 3rd - 2 vases

Aug. 10th - 1 vase

Aug. 17th - 1 vase

Aug. 24th - 2 vases

Aug. 31st - 2 vases



Ladies of Grace Knotters

Our Grace knotters are in need of flat bed sheets (any size) to make quilts.

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

Worship Readings

Altar Guild

Tues., Aug. 26th
9 am

Sunday, Aug. 3rd

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23

Psalms 49:1-12

Colossians 3:1-11

Luke 12:13-21

Sunday, Aug. 10th

Genesis 15:1-6

Psalms 33:12-22

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Luke 12:32-40

Sunday, Aug. 17th

Jeremiah 23:23-29

Psalms 82

Hebrews 11:29—12:2

Luke 12:49-56

Sunday, Aug. 24th

Isaiah 58:9b-14

Psalms 103:1-8

Hebrews 12:18-29

Luke 13:10-17

Sunday, Aug. 24th

Proverbs 25:6-7a

Psalms 112

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Luke 14:1, 7-14

online

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

<u>ACOLYTES</u>	<u>LAY READERS</u>	<u>DEACON/COMM. ASST.</u>
8/3	8/3 Sandy Gibb	8/3
8/10	8/10 Lynn Foust	8/10
8/17	8/17 Gale Limron	8/17
8/24	8/24 Still Need	8/24
8/31	8/31 John Stahl	8/31

USHERS**Aug. 3** John Lorenz, Jim Heller, Ed Harper, Tim Keplinger**Aug. 10** Mike Sargent, Jim Gibb, Richard Elliott**Aug. 17** John Stahl, Keith Lands, Edward Harper**Aug. 24** Jeff Keller, Jeff Hootman, John Wolfe, Joe Vanfossen**Aug. 31** WELCA**SOUND****Aug. 3** Keith Lands**Aug. 10** Richard Elliott**Aug. 17** Tim Durben**Aug. 24** Richard Elliott**Aug. 31** Keith Lands**ALTAR GUILD****August:** Pam Keller, Elaine Margo**September:** Glenda Sclater, Marcie Castricone, Paula Wolfe**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 10 am Grocery Bag Drive Thru	2
3 10 am Worship Communion	4 8 am Harcatus - FH, LH, ORC 7 pm Valley Voices	5 12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 6:30 Cub Scouts	6 67 pm Boy Scouts	7 8 am Harcatus - FH	8 8 am Harcatus - FH	9
10 9 am Grace in Transition - LH 10 am Worship Communion	11 9 am Knotters 7 pm Valley Voices	12 10 am - 1 pm Dress-A-Child - LH 5pm-7pm Dress-A-Child - LH 6 pm Altrusa - ORC 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	13 6 pm Men's Corn Roast - FH 6 pm Women's Bible Study -ORC 7 pm Boy Scouts	14 7 pm Beekeepers - ORC	15 10 am Grocery Bag Drive Thru	16 8:30 am Women's Group - LH
17 9 am Grace in Transition - LH 10 am Worship Communion Blessing of the Backpacks	18 7 pm Valley Voices	19 12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 6:30 Cub Scouts	20 7 pm Boy Scouts	21	22 <u>Messenger Deadline</u>	23
24 9 am Grace in Transition - LH 10 am Worship Communion 6 pm Meal to the Homeless Shelter	25 7 pm Valley Voices	26 9 am Altar Guild 12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 6:30 Cub Scouts	27 7 pm Boy Scouts	28	29 <u>Messenger Assembly</u>	30
31 10 am Worship Communion				 <p>Stay Connected to the Youth Activities by joining the Grace Youth Group on the GroupMe app. Contact Cody Jerles to join.</p>		