



THE MESSENGER

2025

Worship Schedule

Sunday: 10 am

**Sunday Church School for all ages
at 9 am**

Second Saturday of the month at 5:00 PM

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Dear Friends,

I am grateful to be serving as your Interim Pastor. The work we do together is significant because the *interim* period in the life of an organization, when leadership changes, needs careful attention. The time we have together will be used well by asking some “discernment” questions. Discernment is a process which digs a little deeper than just figuring something out. It takes some time.

In our prayerful discernment process we ask this question: *What is God calling us to do now?* That question cannot be addressed in a day or a week. The process of often asking that question is itself part of discerning how God is calling us.

Many of us are disciples who want to know the answer right away. God’s time usually runs on a much slower schedule than is comfortable for us. But here is where we need to remember that God’s promise is to be with us always, even to the end of the age – even when we are not sure of what comes next.

Thank you for the very warm welcome I have received. I am eager to continue this journey with you as we walk together as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Blessings at Pentecost,
Pastor Phil Stuart

**Interim Pastor
Rev. Phil Stuart**

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Planning Council

PLANNING COUNCIL

Next Meeting
Tuesday,
July 15th, 2025
@ 6:30 PM
in the ORC

board **meeting**

Outreach Meeting

July 8th, 6 pm

Property Meeting

July 9th, 6:30 pm

Congregational Life Mtg.

July 16th, 3 pm

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 next study will be Thursday, July 24th at 6 pm in the Outreach Center. Watch your Messenger for future dates. 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.



Tithe.ly

Tithe.ly is now fully operational! We have added Tithe.ly just as another way for people to give to the church, if you desire to give electronically. This option is NOT replacing regular giving via cash or check.

There is now a link on the church website in the upper right hand corner that says "Online Giving" and clicking on this link will take you directly to our church's Tithe.ly giving site. The church's website is www.gracedover.org

Additionally there is a Tithe.ly app available for both Android and iOS if you wish to download the app to your smartphone and give that way. See the information provided below from Tithe.ly about different ways to give.

As Tithe.ly is a business there are fees associated with this type of giving. When you give you have an option to "Cover Fees." This gives you the option to pay the associated fee for the transaction; otherwise the church will pay the fee.

Give on Your Church Website

The recommended way to give is to go through your church's website. They likely have a section titled "Giving" or "Online Giving" where you can give using the Tithe.ly platform. If they do not have that, you can use one of the methods listed below.

Give Online

If you're on a computer (or any device with an internet connection), you can easily give to your church by locating your churches giving link. This is typically located on your churches website. (www.gracedover.org) Or you can go to <https://give.tithe.ly/> and search for your church there!

Give in App

Want to give to your church using the convenience of your smartphone? No problem! Download the Tithe.ly App from the **App Store** (iPhone) or **Google Play Store** (Android). Once you've downloaded the app, create an account or log in, locate your church and tap "Give Now" to complete your gift!

If you have any questions about Tithe.ly please reach out to me. John Wolfe, Treasurer

Announcements

Grace Lutheran Church Awards 8 Scholarships

6 college students received a \$5000.00 scholarship from the Hammerstrom Scholarship Fund and 2 received \$2500.

The Hammerstrom Scholarship Fund was established by Philip and Marceil Hammerstrom 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, participating members of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church.

These six students received a \$5,000 one-year Hammerstrom scholarship.

Jesse Austin Brothers, son of Mike & Julie Brothers of Dover, is attending the University of Findlay to study to become a strength and conditioning coach.

Peyton Brothers, daughter of Mike & Julie Brothers of Dover, is attending Stark State College and plans to study to become a Physical Therapy Assistant.

Katelyn Foust, daughter of Tom & Deb Foust of Dover, is attending Kent State Tuscarawas and is studying nursing.

Lucas Marsh, son of Greg and Becky Marsh of Dover, will continue his education at Clemson University, SC, studying Medical Biology/Research.

Ava Penrod, daughter of Jenna Limron & Joe Penrod will be attending Akron University to become a nurse specializing in pediatric oncology.

These two students received \$2500 from the Hammerstrom scholarship.

Reagan Brothers, daughter of Mike & Julie Brothers of Dover, is attending Bowling Green University to complete her Bachelor of Science in Communication Sciences & Disorders.

Brody Morris, son of Jimm and Lisa Morris of Dover is attending Miami University of Ohio and will be completing his master's in chemistry this fall.

Another first-year student received a \$2500 award from the Grace Lutheran General Scholarship Fund.

The Grace Lutheran General Scholarship is awarded to active, participating members who are first-year college students.

Receiving a \$2500.00 Grace General Scholarship is:

Evan Burrier, son of Brett and Karla Burrier of Dover, Evan will be attending Malone University to study accounting.

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.



We are in need of volunteers to help out in the office on Mon., July 21st through Fri., July 25th 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.

Men's Corn Roast

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



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



The Hammerstrom Scholarship Committee,

Thank you very much for awarding me a scholarship! This money will go towards my final year of nursing school.

I appreciate your generosity that will help me get through nursing school in order to work in my dream career field, nursing. I am very thankful for your financial support.

Thank you again,
Katelyn Foust



Dear Friends and Family of Grace,
Thanks to each and every one of you who took the time to call, send cards and for your prayers during my recent illness.

Blessing to all of you.

Paula Wolfe



I would like to extend a thank you to the Hammerstrom Scholarship committee for awarding me this scholarship. I truly appreciate the financial assistance as I pursue my masters in chemistry this fall.

Sincerely,
Brody Morris



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**

**Evelyn Ralston
Ruth Patrick
Bruce Siber
William Cerett**

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

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 6th - 2 vases

July 13th - 2 vases

July 20th - 1 vase

July 27th - 1 vase

Aug. 3rd - 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., July 29th
9 am

Sunday, July 6th

Isaiah 66:10-14
Psalm 66:1-9
Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Sunday, July 13th

Deuteronomy 30:9-14
Psalm 25:1-10
Colossians 1:1-14
Luke 10:25-37

Sunday, July 20th

Genesis 18:1-10a
Psalm 15
Colossians 1:15-28
Luke 10:38-42

Sunday, June 22nd

Genesis 18:20-32
Psalm 138
Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]
Luke 11:1-13

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 10:00 AM WORSHIP**ACOLYTES**

7/6
7/13
7/20
7/27

LAY READERS

7/6 Kim Gray
7/13 Betsy Morris
7/20 John Stahl
7/27 Gale Limron

DEACON/COMM. ASST.

7/6
7/13 Deborah Horn
7/20
7/27

USHERS

July 6 John Lorenz, Jim Heller, Ed Harper, Tim Keplinger

July 13 Mike Sargent, Jim Gibb, Richard Elliott

July 20 John Stahl, Keith Lands, Edward Harper

July 27 Jeff Keller, Jeff Hootman, John Wolfe, Joe Vanfossen

SOUND

June 1 Tim Durben

June 8 Richard Elliott

June 15 Keith Lands

June 22 Richard Elliott

**ALTAR GUILD**

July: Sue Case, Janie Huffman, Melody Rader

August: Pam Keller, Elaine Margo

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



