



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 in Christ,

Your love overwhelmed me at my retirement party! As Julie and Gale handed me your exquisite gift of Warther's knives and engraved cutting board and card, I looked out among you and saw your faces all smiling at me with the most loving expressions I think I've ever seen at one time for me. I meant what I said when I said that I will carry you all with me in my heart wherever I go! The food was so good with pulled pork sandwiches, macaroni and fruit salads, chips and yummy cake with the most beautiful writing and decorations! Thanks to the Hospitality Committee for the great luncheon, and Planning Council for the gift and card!

We started saying goodbye, which will continue through June 5th, and I will miss you all greatly! Your cards, words, hugs, gifts, and smiles are carrying me through this whirlwind point in time as I prepare for the next chapter of my life with my family in retirement. Grace, you are a top notched church in every way, growing in Christ's love, generous with your gifts and talents, and ripe for the picking for your next pastor to harvest for the Dover area community. I am so excited for what you will be doing next to show Christ's love!

It is my hope that you will embrace your next pastor with the same love and trust you have given me as you partner together doing Christ's work. When I leave June 5th, I am done with my pastoral work at Grace and have every confidence in church leadership that all will be well. Please contact your next pastor or if necessary, Julie Brothers, President of Planning Council if you have a pastoral need.

Lift each other up in joy during this time! Your cohesiveness and faithfulness in continuing to worship together as often as you are able will strengthen and keep you in God's will with hearts at peace.

Blessings,
 Pastor Bonnie

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Planning Council

**PLANNING
COUNCIL**

Next Meeting
Tuesday,
July 15th, 2025
@ 6:30 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
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Melody Rader
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Traci Smith
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Judy Martin
Pam Keller
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Coordinator of Youth & Family Ministries: Cody Jerles
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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, June 19th 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.



Please join us in welcoming Pastor Phil Shuart as Grace's new part time Interim Pastor. Pastor Shuart is planning to start leading us on June 8. Please welcome him warmly and stay tuned for more information in the July Messenger!



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

Dear members and friends of Grace Lutheran Church,

As you are aware, Pastor Bonnie concluded her ministry with us on June 5th, 2025. The congregation council and Pastor Bonnie have discussed the importance of the termination of a pastor's relationship with a congregation upon a pastor's departure. In recognition of this, we have signed a "Covenant for Departing Pastors" as provided by the Northeastern Ohio Synod. Such a covenant is necessary to emphasize the termination of the pastoral relationship with the congregation so that an appropriate pastoral relationship may develop with the next pastor. To help the congregation understand the expectations of this covenant, we want to share that Pastor Bonnie has pledged:

- to not be involved in any leadership or advisory role (public or private) in this congregation and to refrain from behaviors that seek in any way to influence or control the transition process, including any attempt to influence the call of a successor;
- to refrain from language or behavior that could undermine the development of the relationship between the congregation and their new pastor, regardless of whether it is an interim or called successor;
- to not support or give advice to anyone involved in a congregational disagreement;
- to promptly refuse requests for pastoral services made by members of the congregation (including but not limited to baptisms, weddings, funerals, anniversaries, and visiting the sick and homebound), except as invited by the current pastor;
- to consult with the current pastor regarding my attendance at worship and any events of the congregation;
- to encourage my family members to support me in maintaining this covenant and to support the ministry of the congregation's new pastor.

It is important that we as members of Grace Lutheran Church honor this covenant by not asking Pastor Bonnie to do anything that would be in violation of this covenant. We recognize that this will be difficult for all of us, but if we were to approach Pastor Bonnie or her successor with such a request, it would put them in a very awkward position.

It is important to note that the covenant does not preclude personal friendships. Pastor Bonnie and her family may remain friends with members of the congregation. The covenant simply recognizes and underscores that Pastor Bonnie will no longer be our pastor and will not engage in any pastoral acts or exert any influence in the congregation.

Your Congregation Council

Announcements



Coffee & Conversation

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!



Spring is in bloom! And what a better way to celebrate than to join your sisters in Christ at Camp Frederick, Rogers, OH, for a day of fellowship, fun, renewal and good food.

We gather at the Lodge dining hall at 10am and spend some time in song and reflection before moving to activity stations, where we can reflect and grow, create a craft and tie some blankets to keep our neighbors warm.

The lunchtime salad buffet (bring a salad to share) will be delicious, with everyone's favorite dish. The afternoon will include a nature walk, or time to enjoy the camp in a gentle way, and closing outdoor worship. Please share this information with your congregation and friends encourage them to join you for a relaxing day in God's creation.

Reservations are appreciated to aid in planning.

Text your reservation, name, church/city, to Janet at 330-506-3604. Note that last minute walk-ins are also welcome! **See you at Camp Fred on June 7th.**

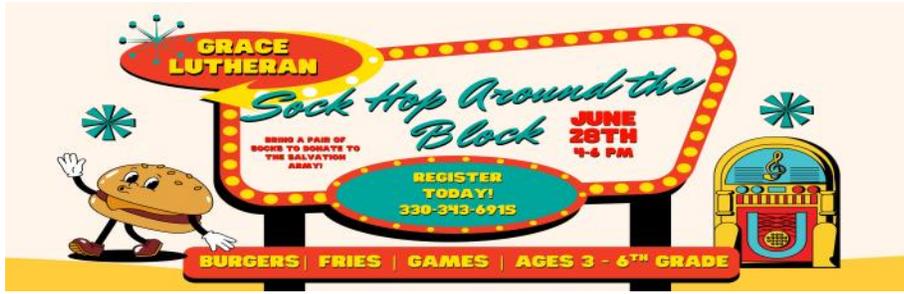
Back to the '50s
Sock Hop
AROUND THE BLOCK

All children ages 3 – 6th grade, dust off your poodle skirts and slick back that hair — it's time to rock and roll at Grace Lutheran Church's 50's Style Sock Hop! Join us on Saturday, June 28th from 4 to 6 PM for a real boss time filled with diner-style hamburgers and fries, soda fountain, toe-tapping music, classic games, craft, and a costume contest that'll have you twisting and shouting! Whether you're a cool cat or a greaser, there's fun for everyone, so don't miss out. Sign up by giving the church office a call at 330-343-6915 — it's gonna be the bees knees! Bring a pair of socks to donate to the Salvation Army.



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.

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sock Hop Around the Block at Grace Lutheran 216 N. Wooster Ave. Dover on Sat. June 28th 4 to 6pm

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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: _____

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
William Cerett

Evelyn Ralston
Ruth Patrick
Bruce Siber
Lori Meese

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.



- June 1st - 2 vases**
- June 8th - 1 vase**
- June 29th - 2 vases**
- July 6th - 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!

Altar Guild

Decorate

Sat., June 7th
9 am

Meeting

Tues., June 24th
9 am

Worship Readings

Sunday, June 1st

Acts 16:16-34
Psalm 97
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
John 17:20-26

Sunday, June 8th

Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Romans 8:14-17
John 14:8-17 [25-27]

Sunday, June 15th

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
Psalm 8
Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15

Sunday, June 22nd

Isaiah 65:1-9
Psalm 22:19-28
Galatians 3:23-29
Luke 8:26-39

Sunday, June 29th

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21
Psalm 16
Galatians 5:1, 13-25
Luke 9:51-62



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

<u>ACOLYTES</u>	<u>LAY READERS</u>	<u>DEACON/COMM. ASST.</u>
6/1	6/1 Betsy Morris	6/1 Deborah Horn
6/8	6/8 Gale Limron	6/8
6/15	6/15 John Stahl	6/15
6/22	6/22 Lynn Foust	6/22
6/29	6/29 Jim Gibb	6/29

USHERS

June 1 John Lorenz, Jim Heller, Ed Harper, Tim Keplinger
June 8 Mike Sergent, Jim Gibb, Richard Elliott
June 15 John Stahl, Keith Lands, Edward Harper
June 22 Jeff Keller, Jeff Hootman, John Wolfe, Joe Vanfossen
June 29 WELCA

SOUND

June 1 Keith Lands
June 8 Richard Elliott
June 15 Tim Durben
June 22 Richard Elliott
June 29 Keith Lands



ALTAR GUILD

June: Becky Lands, Ashley Eick, Betsy Morris
July: Sue Case, Janie Huffman, Melody Rader

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.
<p>1</p> <p>9 am SCS 10 am Worship Communion</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7 pm Valley Voices</p>	<p>3</p> <p>12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 6:30 Cub Scouts</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10 am Grocery Bag Drive Thru</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>9 am SCS 10 am Worship Communion</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9 am Knotters 7 pm Valley Voices</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9 am Knotters 12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 6 pm Altrusa - ORC 6:30 Cub Scouts</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7 pm Beekeepers - ORC</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8 am Men's Breakfast 5 pm Grace Happens Contemporary Service</p> 
<p>15</p> <p>9 am SCS 10 am Worship Communion</p> 	<p>16</p> <p>7 pm Valley Voices</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:30 pm Cub Scouts</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6 pm Women's Bible Study - ORC</p>	<p>20</p> <p>10 am Grocery Bag Drive Thru</p>  <p><u>Messenger Deadline</u></p>	<p>21</p> <p>8:30 am Women's Group - LH</p>
<p>Youth Mission Trip</p>						
<p>22</p> <p>9 am SCS 10 am Worship Communion 6 pm Meal to the Homeless Shelter</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7 pm Valley Voices</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9 am Altar Guild 12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 6:30 Cub Scouts</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p><u>Messenger Assembly</u></p>	<p>28</p> <p>4 pm Sock Hop Around the Block</p>
<p>29</p> <p>9 am SCS 10 am Worship Communion</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7 pm Valley Voices</p>	 <p>GRACE LUTHERAN Sock Hop Around the Block BRING A PAIR OF SOCKS TO DONATE TO THE SALVATION ARMY! JUNE 28TH 4-6 PM REGISTER TODAY! 330-343-6915 BURGERS FRIES GAMES AGES 3 - 6TH GRADE</p>				