
Grace and Truth

Grace Lutheran Church - Fremont, Ohio - September 2016



Please Join Us

For our 4th Annual

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

**Sunday, September 25
Sandusky County Fairgrounds**

- * Music begins at 9:30 a.m.
- * Worship with Holy Communion at 10 a.m.
- * Guest Preacher - Bishop Daniel Beaudoin
- * Offering will be collected
(you may use your own church envelope)
- * BBQ Chicken or Hot Dog Lunch
(served immediately following service, carryout available)
- * Meals delivered to those worshipping in cars
- * Handicap Parking Available
- * If able, please bring a lawn chair to sit on during worship

See you there!

Upcoming Events

THANK YOU LUNCHEON FOR USHERS & GREETERS

We want to say thank you to our ushers and greeters on **September 11** following the late service. You will be receiving an invitation in the mail, but please mark your calendars now!

GRACE FELLOWSHIP will meet on **Tuesday, Sept. 13** at Williams Park in Gibsonburg at 1:30 p.m. We will tour the Veterans Museum and there will also be a presentation about the 9/11 Memorial. All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you there!

CREATIVE COOKING CLASS - Share & Care, 129 Bidwell Ave., is offering a series of cooking classes. These classes are scheduled for Thursday mornings at 10:30 a.m. Classes will teach the basics of food preparation and participants will be involved in preparing the food. All registered participants will receive a food basket at the end of the class that will allow you to make the meal at home. Each class will last approximately one hour. For more information or to register call Share & Care at 419-332-2832.

THE FAITH LUTHERAN WOMEN OF THE CHURCH will hold their September general meeting on **Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 7 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. There will be food, fellowship and fun for all! The speaker for the evening will be Laura Lammie, who will be there to talk about aprons. Please RSVP by calling Yvonne at 419-307-1774, or Deb at 419-463-3119.

LUTHER HOME OF MERCY, 5810 N. Main St., Williston, will host their **FALL FEST 2016** on **Sept. 18 starting at 2:30 p.m.** The theme of this FREE event is "Hand-Picked by God." There will be a picnic supper, craft and bake sale, games and activities, along with live entertainment. RSVP's are needed by Sept. 14. Please contact Arielle Semer for more information by email at asemer@lutherhome.org, or by phone at 419-972-4431.

DISCOVER GRACE LUNCHEON - If you are interested in knowing more about Grace Church, what Lutherans believe, and the possibility of becoming a member, you are invited to Discover Grace on **Sunday, Sept. 18**. The luncheon begins at 11:15 a.m., and will last about an hour and a half.

Please call the church office at 419-332-1558 to sign up. Those attending the luncheon will be invited to join Grace on Oct. 2 at the service of their choice.

GRACE BOOKWORMS met on July 25 to discuss the book *Divergent* by Veronica Roth. We are now reading the book *The Martian* by Andy Weirs. We will meet to discuss this book on **Monday, Sept. 26**. Anyone interested in reading and being a part of the discussion is welcome. Call the church office for the location of the next gathering.

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR DAY is quickly approaching on **October 1!** If you are in need of help with a small household project or if you are willing to give four hours to be the hands of Christ at work in our community, please fill out one the enclosed forms and return it to the church office. Grace has also been asked to donate desserts for the luncheon, so if you are able to help by preparing a dessert please call the church office, 419-332-1558.

EASTERN CONFERENCE FALL RETREAT is scheduled for **Saturday, October 1 from 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.** at Zion Lutheran Church, 500 S. Brentwood Dr., Gibsonburg. The theme for this year's event is "Leadership." Take a few hours out of your busy schedule for a time of prayer, devotion, fellowship and growing in God's word. The cost is \$5. There will also be a collection for the Gibsonburg Food Pantry. Please RSVP by Sept. 25 by calling Beth Schlea at 419-637-7378 or by email at bschlea@amplex.net

WOMEN'S FALL BRUNCH

Ladies, mark your calendars for **Saturday, Oct. 8** for the Women's Fall Brunch. Brunch will be served at 10 a.m. followed by our guest speaker, Alisa Florio. Alisa is a face you will recognize from our community. She owns her own business, is an artist and now author! She will discuss what her life was like before knowing Jesus. While battling cancer, experiencing divorce, and watching loved one deal with mental illness and addition, Alisa feared she was at her breaking point. It was at this point that she opened her heart to Jesus and now wears His armor everyday. Please save your spot for this incredible morning by calling the church office at 419-332-1558.

VETERANS THANK YOU DINNER

On *November 6* following the late service. We will honor those here at Grace who have served our country in the armed forces. Please mark your calendars and watch for an insert in the bulletin, where we will be asking for those of you who are veterans to sign up.

Bible Studies

PASTOR'S SUNDAY AND MONDAY BIBLE STUDIES are continuing their year-long study based on the book *Introducing the New Testament: A Historical, Literary, and Theological Survey* by Mark Allen Powell. The group meets on Sundays at 9 a.m. in the dining room and on Mondays at 1 p.m. in the lounge.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WITH MAUREEN

This class has moved to the conference room and is studying current events. This is a casual setting with lively conversation. Please join us to share your voice and point of view!

MAUREEN'S TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP is studying the book of James each Tuesday at 1:15 p.m. in the lounge.

SLAM (Scripture, Life And Me) will begin again on *Wednesday, Sept. 7*. This fall we will be doing a study based on the movie *War Room*. SLAM meets in the large Sunday School room each Wednesday. All are welcome!

NOAH'S ARK PRESCHOOL is currently docked, but will soon be boarding for a new school year soon!



If your 3-5 year old is ready for school, please e-mail TLMcElfresh@gmail.com or text/call 419-603-9477.

OPEN HOUSE is
Thursday, Sept. 1, 6:30 p.m.
School begins the week of Labor Day.

LOCAL MISSIONS

LIBERTY CENTER JULY 2016 - report of those served: mom & 3 children, 5 single men, and 4 single women.

Tickets for the Baumann Car Raffle are available, \$5 per ticket.

THE NEXT FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE

will be **September 17 & 18**. Let's see how full we can fill our carts with jars of peanut butter and beans. Thank you for your generous support of this mission.

NOISY OFFERING UPDATE: Thanks to your generous donations during the Noisy Offering we collected \$220.70 in August. The next Noisy Offering will be collected the weekend of September 3 & 4. The offering for the third quarter will be donated to the Women of the Church to help with the cost of shipping the quilts and kits that they make to send to other countries in need.

SHARE & CARE! Thank you to everyone who gave of their time to help at Share and Care during the month of August. There are many of you who give your time every month and to you we give a big thank you! To date Share and Care has given out: 60 packs of diapers, 132 bags of items at no cost, \$602 in prescriptions, \$6,229 in financial assistance, 676 food vouchers, 58 pieces of furniture, along with \$1,739 in miscellaneous assistance. As you can see Share and Care is a powerful ministry in our community! They are still in need of volunteers, so if you have a few hours to give weekly or monthly please contact Lynette, at 419-334-2832.

SANDUSKY COUNTY PET FOOD BANK - offers assistances to pet owners when they are in financial need. The Pet Food Bank is open the second Thursday of the month from 5:30 - 7 p.m. An application must be filled out upon arrival and must bring with you identification and proof of pet ownership (vet records, adoption paperwork, or breed registration etc...). Eligibility will be handled on a case by case basis. The pet food bank is located in Share and Care, 129 Bidwell Ave.

Council Minutes

August 8, 2016

- Summer Interns - commitment with all summer youth programs will be complete on August 13.
- 2017 Budget planning has begun
- Veteran's Appreciation Dinner scheduled for November 6
- Stewardship All Member Campaign approved and planning will proceed
- Approved - offering plates to be re-lined
- Approved - Kitchen/dining room floors to be professionally cleaned this fall
- Tricia McElfresh resigned from part-time position as Youth Minister for 6th - 12th grades

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund
As of JULY 2016

	<u>2016 Actual</u>	<u>2016 Budget</u>	<u>2015 Actual</u>
Year to date receipts:	258,753	266,534	250,611
Year to date expenses:	<u>282,914</u>	<u>297,618</u>	<u>274,418</u>
Receipts less expenses:	(24,161)	(31,084)	(23,807)

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Armstrong
Financial Assistant

A Note from your Church Council...

Holy Communion or the Lord's Supper is a sacrament instituted by Jesus Christ. The elements (bread & wine) are consecrated on an altar or communion table. We believe that the true body and blood of Christ are present "in, with, and under" the bread and wine.

The manner of receiving the Eucharist differs in the world. Throughout the history of Grace Lutheran Church, we have practiced a variety of distribution methods: at the altar, from the sanctuary floor, intinction, private communion at homes and hospitals, and even at outdoor worship.

God is with us through the word and elements of bread and wine. Whether we offer Holy Communion in church, in fox holes, or at a traffic accident, God comes to us.

Starting on Sunday, October 2, we will be having Holy Communion on the floor like we do at the Saturday evening service and 10:00 Sunday service. We are doing this for several reasons:

1. God is with us no matter where we take Holy Communion.
2. For the safety of our members, we will no longer require them to climb the stairs.

Please be patient with us as we begin to try this new method of distribution. May we celebrate the gifts given to us by a loving God.

Grace and peace,
John Avers, President
Pastor Jody Rice

in **YOUTH** **Action**

Preschoolers - Fifth Grade

RALLY DAY!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Mark your calendars now! All children are invited to the auditorium at 9 a.m. for doughnuts and juice while they meet their teachers. It's going to be a great year!

The Installation of Sunday School Teachers and Spirit volunteers will take place during the 10 a.m. worship. Also, during this service there will be a Blessing of Student Backpacks. So, bring your backpack to worship for this special blessing service. We look forward to seeing you!

LET'S PLAY BINGO!

All children (1st - 5th grade) are invited to stick around after worship on **Sunday, Sept. 11** for Bingo after the late service! Lunch will be provided and prizes will be awarded! We will meet in the auditorium from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. As always friends are welcome!

FOR SOME, THE BEST PART OF SUMMER IS THE COUNTY FAIR!

If you placed in any category throughout the week of the fair (this includes children through adults) please submit your results to Stacey Reau so that we can include your accomplishments in the next newsletter. Please email your results to Stacey Reau at stacey.reau@gmail.com

ATTENTION PARENTS - as the children's events and activities start for the new school year, please remember to walk your child into the building to their appropriate activity. Then when activities are wrapping up please come in to pick your child up from their activity. Your child's safety is a top priority, so no child will be permitted to leave the building and meet you outside. Thank you!

SPIRIT

The first night of Spirit will be **Wednesday, Sept. 7!**
The schedule for the evening:

- 5:00 p.m. - Meal
- 5:30 p.m. - Kid's Club & Little Lambs
- 6:15 p.m. - Children's Choirs
- 6:15 p.m. - Adult Bible Study
- 7:15 p.m. - Confirmation

A staffed nursery is also available for the evening beginning at 6 p.m. There is something for everyone ... infants through adults. We look forward to seeing you!

GOD'S ARMY BOOT CAMP for all little "soldiers" in preschool - 3rd grade is marching to a new date! The Boot Camp has been rescheduled from September to **February 25 at 9:30 a.m.** Please mark the new date on your calendar and watch for more details to will follow in the months to come.

Middle & High School

CONFIRMATION CLASSES for all 7th & 8th graders will begin on **September 7**. If your child has not received a letter please contact the church office, 419-332-1558. Classes will take place each Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. in the auditorium at Grace.

A PARENTS INFORMATIONAL MEETING will be held on **Wednesday, August 31 at 7 p.m.** in the lounge.

AWESOMEFEST 2016 - This event is sponsored by Northern Ohio Youth For Christ and will be held on **Saturday, September 10 from 3 - 8 p.m.**, at 1441 Fangboner Rd. Tickets are \$10. The event will feature: Yaves, Turnaround, Brothers and Safekept. For more information call 330-391-0714.



THANK YOU NOTES



LIFT Westside Campus Vacation Bible School was held the week of July 24 - 28. It was an incredible week full of fun, sun and stories! Thank you to the following individuals from Grace who donated their time and energy during the week: Annette Fisher, Kaitlyn Fisher, Cheryl Troxel, Meredith Troxel, Connie Haaser, Lynne Russell, Cindy Waggoner, Brianna Fraley, Cheryl Paeth, Reagan Reau, Heather Hawn, Aaron Klohn, AJ Mehlow, Sharon Watkins, Ainsley Rutkowski, and Ginny McAfee. Thank you to everyone who donated snack supplies for the week.

Stacey Reau

The Back to School Supply Giveaway was held on Saturday, Aug. 13. This year there were two locations, one at the Eastside Campus (St. Mark) and one at the Westside Campus (St. John's). Hundreds of children received bags full of school supplies and will receive one complete uniform. Thank you to Cindy Waggoner, Gregg, Heidi, Grant & Gillian Gallagher, Briallen Reau, Brooklyn Reau and Pr. Jody Rice, who helped fill bags in advance and/or worked the day of the event. Thank you for your willingness to serve! Thank you to all of the individuals who donated school supplies for the Giveaway!

Stacey Reau

Dear Members of Grace,
Thanks so much for the prayers and thoughts following my surgery. The chicken soup Mrs. Mary Kay Farrell brought was so delicious and a morale booster. The visits by Pr. Jody at the hospital and at home were comforting and most appreciated.

God bless you all,
David McNelly

A warm note of thanks to say people like you help make the world a brighter place by the things you do. Thank you for your continued support.

Sandusky County Food Pantry

Pastor Jody, Grace staff and Members,
Thank you for sending me the alter flowers. They were beautiful. Thank you also for the *Christ in Our Home* booklet. I have been reading a page every day and enjoying the messages and prayers. Thanks to Pastor Jim and Sharon & Dick Zilles for bringing Communion to my home. I would like to get back to church, but that doesn't seem possible. I appreciate your concerns and prayers.

Yours in Christ,
Harold Knudsen

Thank you for all the get well wishes and prayers following my recent heart attack. The chicken soup and prayer shawl were much appreciated.

Blessings,
Jodi Weltin & family

We would sincerely like to thank Pastor Jody for honoring us by presenting us with a beautiful gold cross adorned with two gold wedding rings in commemoration of our 50th wedding anniversary. It is very special to be remembered by the congregation in this manner. We will always treasure such a beautiful reminder of a very important milestone in our lives together. May God bless each and everyone of you. We know He certainly has blessed us. Thank you so much!

Rick & Bev Bradford

Dear Grace Lutheran Church
Thank your for your donation of \$375 to Lutheran Social Services Ministries. It is always uplifting and encouraging to receive gifts from generous people who support the individuals and families that are served by LSS. Thank you so much for your generous support!

With gratitude,
Lucy Wayton
Vice-President of Operations



Thankoffering

“... gifts from individuals in gratitude for blessings.”
- Women of the ELCA Constitution

THANKOFFERING ENVELOPES

Thankoffering Weekend will be observed the weekend of September 17 & 18 at all services. Your Thankoffering envelope is included in this newsletter. Please bring it to worship with you that weekend.

THE GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN (GLCW) invite the congregation to attend one of the services on Thankoffering weekend, September 17 & 18. We will celebrate Thankoffering at each service that weekend. All the quilts made this year will be displayed on the back of each of the pews. A blessing will be said at each service for the quilts and kits before we pack them for shipping. We invite everyone in the congregation to help us pack the quilts and kits on Monday, September 19 beginning at 9 a.m.

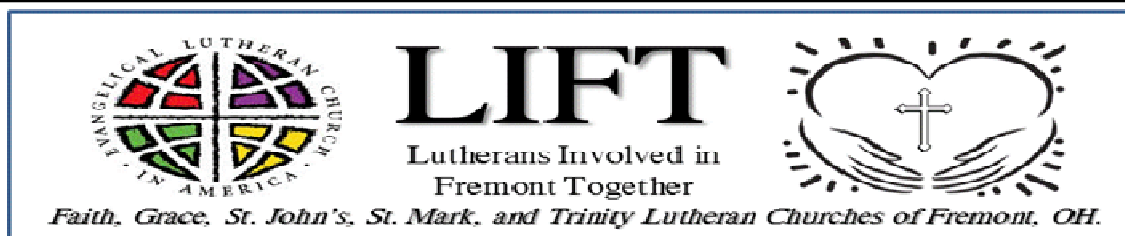
We are especially grateful to the congregation for donating their Noisy Offerings for the months of July, August and September to Project Comfort. Project Comfort helps to cover the cost of shipping the quilts and kits to where they are so desperately needed. Thank you for all your generous donations to the Noisy Offering.

This year we are giving the congregation an opportunity to take part in this ministry. There are several items that are needed to complete our kits for Lutheran World Relief. The items are listed below. We ask you to bring them with you to the service of your choice on Thankoffering weekend. During the service we will ask you to come forward and place the items in a wooden box located on the steps to the altar.

We are in need of the following items: #2 pencils (unsharpened), 2 1/2" eraser, ball point pens, blunt scissors, pencil sharpener, 70 sheet notebooks, ruler with centimeters, bath-sized bars of soap, bath-size towel (light weight, dark color), hand towel (dark color), large-tooth comb, metal nail clipper, adult-size toothbrush.

WHY DO THE WOMEN CELEBRATE THANKOFFERING?

This tradition dates back to the early 1900's when small Thankoffering boxes were given to Lutheran women to place in a special location in their homes. The women would add coins to the boxes as particular blessings were noted. These Thankofferings show our gratitude for God's blessings. From the use of these boxes came the idea of an annual church service to celebrate the collecting of these boxes. These Thankofferings are sent to the churchwide women's organization. Each year, in thousands of Lutheran congregations, Thankofferings are collected and sent to support the life-changing ministries of the ELCA. Together, we do more than we could ever do apart. In gratitude for all God has given to us, and with hope for all that is to come, we collect our Thankofferings. Here at Grace, while the women still bring in their Thankofferings, we have included the blessing of the quilts and kits in our Thankoffering service as a part of our offerings. These quilts and kits are given to Lutheran World Relief (LWR) to be distributed to families all over the world as a helping hand, a sign of comfort and hope for the future.



News & Updates: August 2016

LIFT has been an organization for several years. LIFT is a parish ministry that allows our congregations to do projects together that a single congregation could not or at the very least would be very difficult to do by themselves. It also allows smaller congregations to continue to worship with a shared ministry.

Earlier this year LIFT became a formal organization by registering as a LLC (limited liability corporation). This formal organization was voted on and approved overwhelmingly by Grace, St. John's, St. Mark, and Trinity. What has really changed? Well nothing really as far as our ministry goes. We are still doing many of the same activities together as we did before. The formal organization does open up many possibilities that can be very beneficial to all the member congregations. Some of them are:

- LIFT events can be covered under the LIFT insurance liability coverage thereby protecting individual congregations.
- Copyright and licenses can be purchased through LIFT instead of each congregation such as music copyrights, Shepherds Staff (accounting program), etc.
- LIFT could be used as an insurance purchasing agent for the member congregations - if all property and liability insurance for all congregations were purchased under a single policy the cost would be cheaper for everyone.
- more able to receive grants as a single source for LIFT projects

These are just some possibilities that can be explored for the future.

Our shared ministry is very exciting in the respect that you get to see firsthand the impact it has. The many activities Love Your Neighbor Day, LOMO Summer Camp, Vacation Bible School, Iglesia Camino de Vida, Puente De Esperanza, Back to School Give Away, and Outdoor Worship are some of the many activities that we do together. These ministries are important for reaching out to the community to share the love of Christ.

Earlier this month we had a LIFT meeting at St. John's. There were about 70 people there to share thoughts and ideas for future activities. Aside from member and associate member congregations also in attendance were representatives from St. Paul's Episcopal and Emmanuel in Hessville. Both of these congregations have expressed interest in learning more about LIFT and possibly joining LIFT.

It was at this meeting that we announced that the LIFT name change. LIFT may include more denominations than Lutherans in the future. I think this a very appropriate change since we are all Christian and on the same team. The new name is "Living In Faith Together." It is exciting to see that the ministry we share has great growth possibilities with more members in the future. Faith is planning to vote on joining LIFT as a member this fall. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to make this decision.

Some upcoming events are the tent at the Sandusky County Fair and the outdoor worship. The theme at the fair tent will be "Let Your Light Shine." We will be giving glow sticks out to children and handing out pamphlets to the adults that give a brief overview of LIFT and all the member congregations and activities. The booth will be staffed by members from each of our congregations. We thank St. Paul's Episcopal for allowing us to share their tent. The outdoor worship is September 25 at the fairgrounds at 10:00 a.m. Each year the event gets better. This is a great opportunity for fellowship and worshipping together as one body in Christ - Living In Faith Together.

On August 30 we will have a LIFT Board meeting at St. Johns. I would encourage you to contact any of the board members if you have an activity or event you would like to be considered. LIFT is an extension of your congregation. I would also encourage you to join any one of the seven small groups of LIFT that you have an interest in. These groups play a critical role in planning and carrying out the activities we do together. I have included the names of the LIFT Board members for your convenience.

The last topic is a vision of sorts. I look at our congregations and we all look the same i.e. we are getting old. Who is there to take our place? I hear from many myself included the younger folks just don't go to church. They have too many other things going on. I say to you we need to look no farther than Grace Community, Victory Christian, Sacred Heart, Trinity Evangelical (Upper Sandusky) to see that young people do go to church and are active in their faith and therefore our premise is wrong. We need to pray and ask for God's guidance to adjust our ministry to be more attractive to youth and young families. I believe we must also do the same for our minority community. We have plenty of worship space and could have a variety of worship services from the traditional to contemporary and

LIFT continued.

everything in between. The church must go to the people as opposed to the people going to the church. This will take us out of our comfort zone - but we must become a little uncomfortable to fulfill our mission.

Peace Be with You,
Alan Weickert, LIFT Chair

LIFT BOARD MEMBERS

Alan Weickert, Chair	Doug Morris, Vice-Chair
Becky Seibert, Secretary	
Bill Armstrong, Treasurer	Gail DeFrance, Assistant Treasurer
Robin Weickert, Financial Secretary	
Kerri Hosang, Children, Youth, & Family - Dave Shoub, Alternate	
Penny Walther, Worship & Music - Debbie, Schiets, Alternate	
Becky Seibert, Caring - Sharon Evans, Alternate	
Chad Schwochow, Evangelism	
Mary Nossaman, Alternate	
Diane Schwochow, Hospitality - Marcella Widmer, Alternate	
Dick Ritzman, Property - Adam David, Alternate	
Doug Morris, Finance & Administration - Robin Weickert, Alternate	

We recently had two youth groups use Grace Lutheran as an overnight stop as they were travelling through the area. The youth groups from St. Peter Lutheran Church in Iowa (July 23) and Fish Lake Lutheran in Minnesota (July 30) were more than grateful to have a comfortable place to spend the night. Both times, these groups were welcomed and served breakfast before heading back to their home church. A big thank you to George and Jean Dupey for being here to help the groups get settled in for the night and serving them breakfast in the morning!



YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE...

As many of you know, the Youth Dinner Auction is quite an event at Grace Lutheran Church. It is an annual event held in the early Spring and is our key fundraiser to support our youth who attend the National Youth Gathering that is held every three years.

This year however, due to scheduling conflicts, we moved this event to September. We have received many wonderful items, but also feel that we don't have what we need to make this September event as successful as in the past. And, because we know that September is a busy month for everyone with school events, football games, etc., the Auction Committee has decided to make one more change.

We are going to host a ***HAT BOX AUCTION***.

For this event, the items we have collected will be presented as SILENT AUCTION items. These SILENT AUCTION packages will be on display in the Narthex area beginning September 3. Bidding tickets will be sold at \$5/ticket and you may buy as many tickets as you like. You will then put your ticket in the appropriate "HAT BOX" for that SILENT AUCTION package. The more tickets you buy, the greater chance of winning!

Items will be on display September 3 & 4, September 10 & 11, and September 17 & 18 - so you will have several opportunities to participate. Tickets will include your name and phone number and you will not need to be present to win! Winners will be notified by phone on September 19.

In closing, we ask for your continued support of this event.

And, we also want to share that we do have some exciting changes in the works for next year's Auction which will take place once again in early Spring.

Thank you!

CHOIR REHEARSALS TO RESUME

The month of September will be a busy time for the choirs at Grace Lutheran. Each group will begin a regular rehearsal routine and take its turn providing leadership and special music at our worship services. The rehearsal schedule is listed below:

CHERUB CHOIR: Rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m., and sings once a month during the 10:00 service. The choir is directed by Nancy Burmeister and assisted by Lori Wise. Children ages 3, 4 and 5 are welcomed into this choir. **Rehearsals begin Sept. 7.**

KIDS OF THE KINGDOM: Encompasses children in grades one through seven and meets on Wednesday evenings from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. The "Kids" will sing one Sunday each month at the 10:00 service during the Offertory. Peggy Rutherford is the director and Jan Serwin is the pianist. **Rehearsals begin Sept. 7.**


HANDBELL CHOIR: Has a fixed membership and utilizes substitutes when a member can't be at worship. We are in need of as many substitutes as we can find. We meet on Wednesdays from 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. in the church. The group plays the special music once a month at each Sunday service. Jim Gardner is the director. **Rehearsals begin Sept. 7.**

SENIOR CHOIR: This choir alternates singing between the 7:45 and 10:00 a.m. services. This choir is open to youth in grades eight through high school, along with adults. Rehearsals are held Sunday mornings between services from 8:55 to 9:45 a.m. in the basement choir room. The choir specializes in leading liturgy and hymns as well as singing special music each week. If you enjoy part singing and can carry a tune, this choir is for you. Jim Gardner is the director. **Rehearsals begin Sept. 11.**

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to those who are celebrating 75 years and more!

September 2	Charlotte Urban	301 S. Pennsylvania Ave.
September 5	David Souder	2459 Buckland Ave.
September 6	Wayne Lieske	147 Briarwood Cir.
September 6	Nancy Gruver	1507 Cleveland Rd. E, #432, Huron, OH. 44839
September 7	Joanne Hirt	1561 Co. Rd. 226
September 9	Gerald Gallagher	532 S. Pennsylvania Ave.
September 15	Kennard Hirt	236 St. Paul Dr.
September 15	Barbra McNelly	30 Fox Run Dr.
September 16	James Ginnever	1545 Fangboner Rd., Rm. 107
September 18	Donna Auen	805 S. Buchanan St., Apt. 131
September 18	June Knepper	3745 W. Hayes Ave.
September 18	Harold Knudsen	27 Ponds Side Dr.
September 20	Geri Shimer	1213 June St.
September 26	Marlene Mullholand	15 Meadowbrook Dr.
September 28	Marlene Smith	P.O. Box 174, Lindsey, 43442



THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON Monday, September 5 in observance of Labor Day. The office will reopen on Tuesday. Have a safe and relaxing holiday weekend!



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES IS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14.

The newsletter will be assembled on Thursday, September 22.

Baptism

August 13 - *Harper Grace Dearth* - daughter of Chad & Nicole (Bartson) Dearth.

August 14 - *Jaxon Allen Pratt*, son of Jason & Kourtnei (Foster) Pratt.

New Babies

August 6 - *Olivia Ray Sharp*, daughter of Jason & Christy (Linder) Sharp.

August 18 - *Eliza Ann Prescott*, daughter of Josh Prescott & Kelsey Rosenberger.

Take some time to check out what's new in our Church Library ... from **CRAZY TALK**

Transcendence of God: The rope lowered into the pit you have fallen in: the power that lifts you out.

Immanence of God: The glasses on your face, the rings in your ear, what you search for even though you have it already.

ALTAR GUILD - AUGUST

Connie Amor
Becky Seibert

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Worship Services

Saturday 5:00pm - Traditional Worship
Sunday 7:45am - Liturgical Worship
9:00am - Christian Education
10:00am - Celebration Worship/
Holy Communion



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SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



2016

				<p>1</p> <p>11:30 Soup Kitchen</p> <p>6:30 Noah's Ark Open House</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>5:00 Worship/Communion/ Noisy Offering/ Hat Box Auction Bidding ticket sales begin!</p>
<p>5</p> <p>NOISY OFFERING</p> <p>Hat Box Auction Bidding Tickets \$5/each</p> <p>7:45 Worship/Communion 9:00 Christian Education 10:00 Celebration Worship/ Communion</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>1:15 Bible Study - Lounge</p>	<p>7</p> <p>SPIRIT BEGINS</p> <p>5:00 Meal 5:30 Kid's Clubs 6:15 Kid's Choirs 6:15 Adult Bible Study 7:15 Confirmation 7:15 Bell Choir</p>	<p>8</p> <p>11:30 Soup Kitchen</p> <p>2:00 Symphony Meeting</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>5:00 Worship/Communion/ Hat Box Auction</p>
<p>11</p> <p>RALLY DAY Backpack Blessing/Installation of Sunday School Teachers/ Spirit Volunteers Hat Box Auction</p> <p>7:45 Worship/Communion 8:55 Senior Choir Practice 9:00 Christian Education 10:00 Celebration Worship/Com. 11:15 Usher/Greeter Brunch - D. Rm. 11:15 Bingo Event (1st-5th) Auditorium</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:00 Project Day</p> <p>1:00 Bible Study-Lounge</p> <p>2:00 LIFT Evangelism Meeting - Lounge</p> <p>7:00 Church Council Devotions 7:15 Standing Committees 8:00 Church Council</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Noon Noah's Ark Board Meeting - Lounge</p> <p>1:15 Bible Study - Lounge</p> <p>1:30 Grace Fellowship - Vets Museum - Gibsonburg</p>	<p>14</p> <p>G & T DEADLINE</p> <p>5:00 Meal 5:30 Kid's Clubs 6:15 Kid's Choirs 6:15 Adult Bible Study 7:15 Confirmation 7:15 Bell Choir</p>	<p>15</p> <p>11:30 Soup Kitchen</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>5:00 Worship/Communion/ Thankoffering Weekend</p> <p>Food Pantry Challenge (peanut butter, beans)</p> <p>Hat Box Auction</p>
<p>18</p> <p>THANKOFFERING SUNDAY FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE (peanut butter, beans) Last Day for HAT BOX AUCTION!</p> <p>7:45 Worship/Communion 8:55 Senior Choir Practice 9:00 Christian Education 10:00 Celebration Worship/Com. 11:15 Discover Grace Noon - 3 The Point @ Reservoir</p>	<p>19</p> <p>GLCW Packing Day</p> <p>1:00 Bible Study - Lounge</p>	<p>20</p> <p>1:15 Bible Study - Lounge</p> <p>2:30 Joy Circle - Dining Room</p>	<p>21</p> <p>5:00 Meal 5:30 Kid's Clubs 6:15 Kid's Choirs 6:15 Adult Bible Study 7:00 Men's Bible Study - Conference Room 7:15 Confirmation 7:15 Bell Choir</p>	<p>22</p> <p>G & T ASSEMBLED</p> <p>11:30 Soup Kitchen</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Mom to Mom Sale</p> <p>5:00 Worship/Communion</p>
<p>25</p> <p>OUTDOOR WORSHIP AT SANDUSKY COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS</p> <p>9:30 Music Begins 10:00 Worship with Holy Communion (lunch will follow worship)</p>	<p>26</p> <p>1:00 Bible Study - Lounge</p> <p>7:00 Bookworms</p>	<p>27</p> <p>1:15 Bible Study - Lounge</p>	<p>28</p> <p>5:00 Meal 5:30 Kid's Clubs 6:15 Kid's Choirs 6:15 Adult Bible Study 7:00 Men's Bible Study - Conference Room 7:15 Confirmation 7:15 Bell Choir</p>	<p>29</p> <p>11:30 Soup Kitchen</p>	<p>30</p>	

September



GREETERS

September 4 & 18

7:45 - M. & J. Damschroder (Front)
J. Sachs (Baptistry)
S. Watkins (Chapel)

10:00 - L. & B. McElfresh (Front)
C. Slemmer (Baptistry)
L. Stewart (Chapel)

September 11

7:45 - L. & D. Garner (Front)
B. & P. Smith (Baptistry)
M. Widmer (Chapel)

10:00 - D. & J. Linder (Front)
K. Burmeister (Baptistry)
T. McElfresh (Chapel)

USHERS

September 4, 11 & 18

7:45 - G. Dupey
K. Watkins
D. Zilles
P. Pelphrey

September 4 & 18

10:00 - L. Stewart
D. Curliss
B. Williams
G. Nossaman

September 11

10:00 - L. McElfresh
T. Troxel
S. Nossaman
M. Mullholand

SEPTEMBER 4

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - L. & R. Reau
10:00 - R. & C. Overmyer
DEACONS: 7:45 - D. Burmeister, J. Damschroder, M. Spriggs, A. Klohn
10:00 - D. Linder, M. Billings
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - S. Brickner, L. Stewart, L. Wadsworth, F. Keller
SOUND SYSTEM: D. Pump (5:00), J. Oliver (7:45), R. Hawn (10:00)

SEPTEMBER 11

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - R. Dabrunz
10:00 - A. Moses, D. Seem
DEACONS: 7:45 - H. Aspacher, B. Klohn, K. Lindsey, J. Scranton
10:00 - G. Jess, D. Linder
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - Gedeon Family
SOUND SYSTEM: N. Mayer (5:00), L. Klohn (7:45), D. Prasuhn (10:00)

SEPTEMBER 18

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - A. Klohn
10:00 - K. Fisher, K. Seem
DEACONS: 7:45 - B. Seibert, M. Spriggs, B. Klohn, J. Damschroder
10:00 - G. Jess, B. Prasuhn
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - Dabrunz Family
SOUND SYSTEM: D. Pump (5:00), J. Oliver (7:45), E. Muffler (10:00)

SEPTEMBER 25

OUTDOOR WORSHIP AT THE FAIRGROUNDS
(for more information see the front cover of the Grace & Truth)

OCTOBER 2

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - M. Dupey
10:00 - B. Fraley, I. Fraley
DEACONS: 7:45 - B. Seibert, A. Klohn, M. Spriggs, B. Klohn
10:00 - M. Billings, J. Serwin
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - L. & J. Overmyer, L. Stewart, L. Wadsworth
SOUND SYSTEM: D. Pump (5:00), G. Dupey (7:45), M. Dupey (10:00)