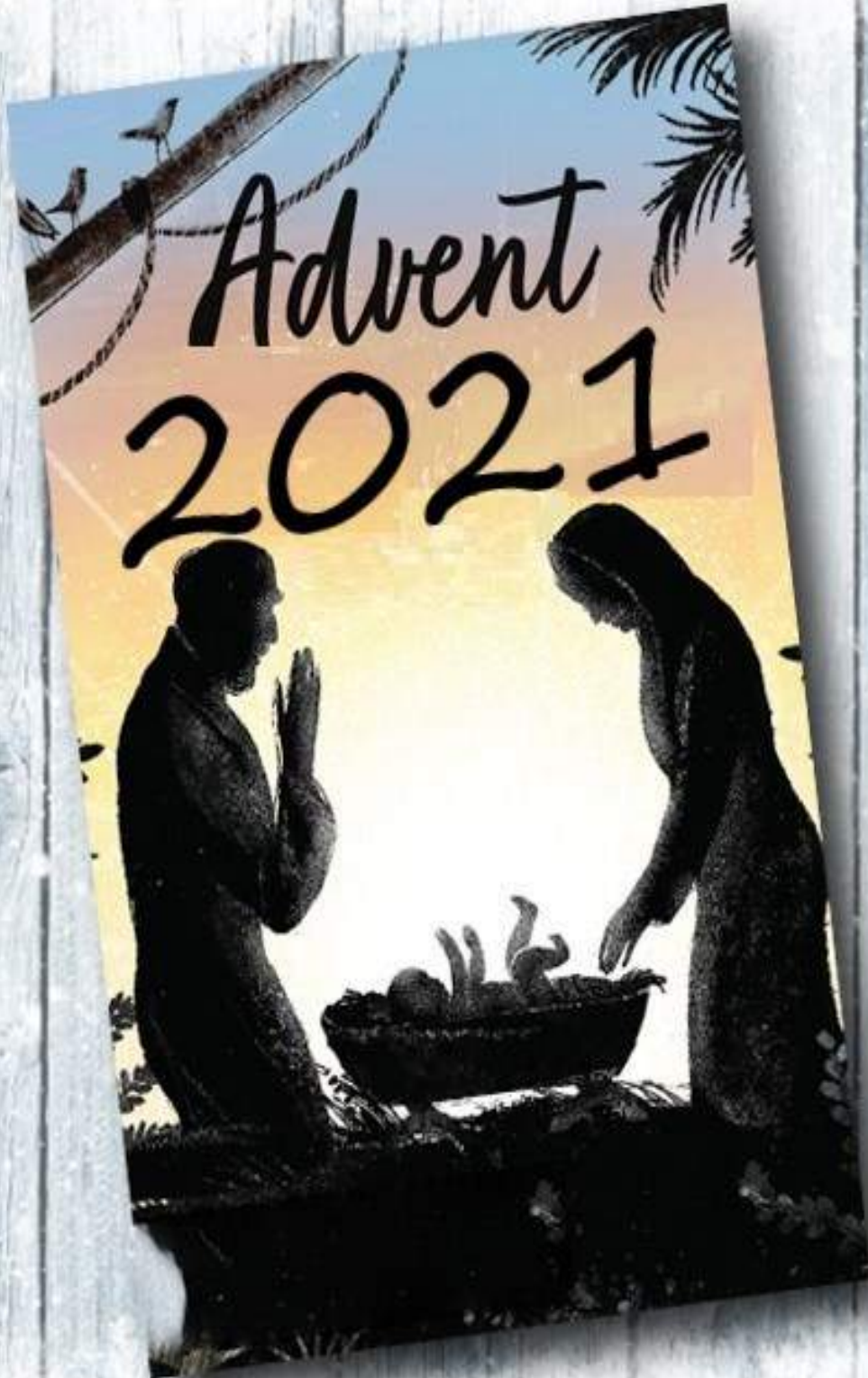


Grace and Truth

Grace Lutheran Church - Fremont, Ohio

December 2021



MID-WEEK

ADVENT WORSHIP

Mid-Week Advent Worship will be a part of Dinner Church! Join us Wednesdays in December at 5:15 p.m. in the Dining Room. We will reflect on and discuss a different verse of scripture each week. Supper is served beginning at 5 p.m. and worship will begin at 5:15 p.m. (*You do not need to eat dinner to attend worship.*) Worship will include Holy Communion. All are welcome!

DECEMBER 1 - *In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."*
Jeremiah 33:16

DECEMBER 8 - *By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us.* *Luke 1:78*

DECEMBER 15 - *In reply [John the Baptist] said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise."*
Luke 3:11



FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund
As of OCTOBER 2021

	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2021 Budget</u>	<u>2020 Actual</u>
Year to date receipts:	416,578	384,406	412,657
Year to date expenses:	<u>365,807</u>	<u>416,269</u>	<u>385,094</u>
Receipts less expenses:	50,771	(31,863)	27,563

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Morris
Financial Assistant

CHURCH COUNCIL

Minutes November 8, 2021

- Transition Team Update - The Ministry Site Profile is near completion and will be sent to Synod for review. Upon review, if no changes are needed, will be submitted for Bishop approval.
- Budget planning for 2022 continues. A Budget Hearing meeting will take place at a date yet to be determined.
- The Annual Congregational Meeting will take place Sunday, January 30, 2022. Meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. in between worship services. Meeting will be in person and also on Zoom.
- Stewardship "Intent Cards" to be returned during worship weekend of November 13 & 14.
- Call Committee names have been submitted and will be chosen by Church Council
- Midwest Maintenance completing outside building repairs and maintenance
- Property Committee will revisit project list; will plan a church work day to get some jobs completed
- Youth Committee reported the Children's Christmas program will be digital, and they will sponsor a family at Christmas time.
- Noah's Ark "Crop N Craft" fundraiser raised \$700 in support of the preschool.



END OF YEAR GIVING:

All end of year donations should be received in the church office by NOON on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2021 to be credited to your 2021 giving.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PLEDGES: As we begin to move forward again, having been put on hold from COVID, we encourage you to continue with completing your Capital Campaign pledges. The Capital Campaign Pledge time frame runs through December of 2022.



In November Grace conducted a stewardship campaign under the theme “Live Generously.” We heard generosity stories about how we learned to be generous. Our bulletin inserts reminded us to

- Recognize our need to give
- Seek in prayer God’s will for our giving
- Place God first in our budgeting and spending
- Have faith and assume sufficiency, not scarcity
- Decide to give sacrificially, and
- Continue to grow in Christ

Thank you for your generous responses! Your belief that God is in fact in control during these uncertain times is evident as you are declaring your generosity for next year! If you haven’t yet responded, please mail your card today, or complete our online form at <https://bit.ly/3nPNFiJ>

Your generosity will make a tremendous difference as together we seek to strengthen our ministry through Grace. One of the ways we can do that is to tell “impact” or “outcome” stories, stories of how God has been at work in our lives, and through the ministry of Grace. We recently received the following story from Grace member Annette Fisher, who describes the impact that SLAM has had on her life:

I have always been raised in the church and still remember my early Sunday School days at St. Mark’s Church. My parents brought my brother and me here to Grace when we were elementary age, and it has been that influence of my parent’s strong faith that began my journey. The journey that has only been strengthened through my times at SLAM. Insights into Bible stories from others in the group that I never thought of. In depth knowledge and explanations of what is still hard to comprehend but has built my faith beyond what I could have ever imagined.

The relationships that I have made during SLAM over the years have come to mean so much to me and I could not imagine being without them. We are there for each other through good times and bad. We have been through the births of children and grandchildren, trying times in our families, difficulties with jobs, and loss of friends and family members. With the assurance of my SLAM family during my own personal times of trials and tribulations I have made it through the valley and have come out the other side stronger in faith and able to be that shoulder for the next person that needs one.

Yes, it is Bible study but when circumstances in life outweigh the planned discussion, we take care of each other first and foremost. Knowing that I have such a strong network of friends supporting me, praying over me, and checking in on me when they know I am struggling has pulled me through some dark times. They have taught me that my faith walk is one that I do not have to walk alone.

I could never say that I attend SLAM on Wednesday nights solely so that I don’t have to cook dinner for my family, which is true, but it has come to be so much more.

Wednesday nights are nights that I look forward to each week. It is time to be with my church family and build myself up for what the rest of the week has in store for me.

In case you are wondering, the meals are fantastic, so I hope to see you there!

Annette Fisher

Thanks, Annette, for your inspiring story! Do you have an impact, outcome, or faith story to tell? We’d love to hear it!

A Note From Pastor Mark

Many of you know by now that my wife, Marcy, is a 5th grade teacher in the Norwalk Public Schools system. She teaches four sections of science, which means she has over 100 students that cycle through her classroom each school day. Over the past 23 years, Marcy has come to know thousands of young people and has hoped to teach them all to love science.

One of her students, Lilly, who was also one of my church kids, is now a college sophomore, in her second year of college, and has set medical school as a goal. Two of Marcy's students this year are children of previous 5th graders.

One of the interesting things about being married to a teacher is that you get some glimpses into the culture of families who gave birth to a child ten or eleven years ago. A part of that culture is the names that parents give their children. Some of the names are "different" because they reflect one of many ethnic identities other than Caucasian.

But some of the names are just plain "different." Or it may be a more common name but spelled in a different or unusual way. Marcy says that of her 100+ students, six of them are named Aiden, but spelled six different ways. A web search indicated over 25 different ways to spell that name. Another web search revealed the most popular names that parents are giving their babies today: Atley, Lively, Makenna, River.

I'm not suggesting that naming your baby is easy. For help, prospective parents often consult baby name books and websites which give the meanings of names and rate their popularity and uniqueness. Parents may also consider how the name sounds with the last name as well as a middle name, and whether or not the name they are thinking about will still be cool when the child enters middle school.

As we enter December and the season of Advent and move toward Christmas, three names that we will begin to hear often are Mary, Joseph, and Jesus.

The name Joseph comes from the Hebrew root Yosef, which means "He will add," or "God increases." This name aptly applies to both the Old Testament Joseph, who was sold into slavery in Egypt by his brothers, and Mary's fiancé Joseph, who allowed God to use him to advance God's purposes.

The name Mary is a bit more complicated. The Egyptian roots of the name suggest "beloved" or "cherished." But the Hebrew word *miryam*, from which Mary comes, means "rebellion." Good name for a two-year old, right? But both meanings apply well to Mary, who was cherished, a favored one, and a bit rebellious in that she said yes to being used by God.

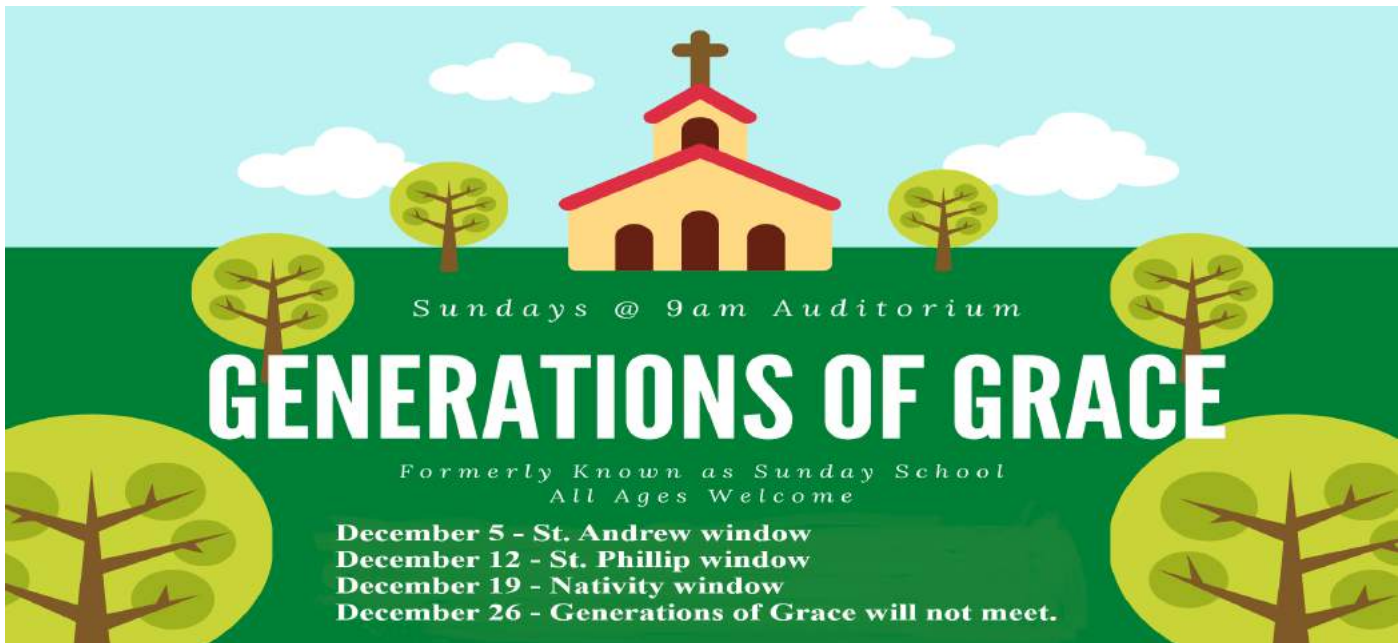
Joseph and Mary didn't have to worry about searching the web for a name for their new baby. An angel came to Joseph, and said, "Call him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

What can we learn from these names to help us in our life of faith? We need to be a little more like Joseph, allowing God to add to our lives by surrendering our will to his. We need to be little more like Mary and be stubborn in our determination to say yes to God's purpose for us over our own.

And we need to remember that Jesus saves us from our sin and offers us true freedom to live life to its fullest as his disciples.

Finally, as 2021 comes to a close, we can remember another name for Jesus, "Immanuel," which means God is with us. Which means we never travel alone. Which means we are always in the presence of God.

I wish all of you Immanuel's richest blessings during this most holy season.



MAUREEN'S VIRTUAL PRAYER GROUP will meet again via Zoom on *Sunday, December 5 at 6 p.m.* If you are interested, please email Maureen at Maureenpump@yahoo.com and she will send you the link.

GOOD MORNING DEVOTION WITH MOE - takes place weekday mornings at 8:30 a.m. via Facebook Live. You can find Maureen on Facebook at Maureen McClure Pump.

NEW BIBLE STUDY - Maureen has started a new study on Christian Character. This study meets in-person on Monday's at 1 p.m. in the lounge or virtually on Tuesday's at 1 p.m. via Zoom. If you are interested in attending the virtual group contact Maureen by email at maureenpump@yahoo.com and she will send you a link.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST A SPOUSE

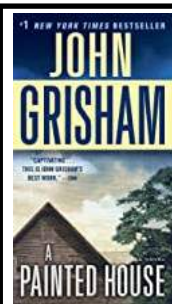
If you have lost your spouse and could benefit from the support of others who are experiencing the same grief, this group is open to you. Join us on **Monday, December 20 at 6 p.m.** in the church lounge. This is a time when we share a devotion, prayer and mutual support through discussion and shared experiences. Questions? Call Maureen in the church office or send an email to maureenpump@yahoo.com



DINNER CHURCH - *"Halfway through the week I feel like I am spiritually empty, and I need to worship."* Worship doesn't just happen on the weekend. If you find your cup running low in the middle of the week and could use a spiritual refill, come, and worship in a whole new way! It's called Dinner Church and it happens every Wednesday evening at 5:15 p.m. in the dinning room. While you eat dinner there will be a short worship. It's casual, conversational and couldn't be easier. We look forward to seeing you!

S.L.A.M. (Scripture Life And Me) - This group gathers each Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the large Sunday School Room. We are currently discussing the book of Genesis. Anyone is welcome to jump in at any time, so come, and enjoy great conversation and fellowship in SLAM.

JUGGLING ACT - HEY LADIES, do you feel like your days are spent doing a juggling act? So many of us do. We juggle family, work and social issues every day. Sometimes it feels like no one understands what we are dealing with. But that is not true! Many of us are doing our own juggling acts! Come and join with other women who are juggling just like you. We have dinner together at 5:30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Currently we are meeting at The Garrison. The group will meet again on December 28. Please call the church office at 419-332-1558 if you will be joining us.



BOOKWORMS - The group will meet on *January 24, 2022 at 2 p.m.* in the lounge to discuss *A Painted House* by John Grisham. This is a story inspired by Grisham's childhood in Arkansas. *A Painted House* is narrated by seven year-old, Luke Chandler, tells the story of his families rented farm and events that will change the lives of the entire family. All are welcome! Participants purchase or borrow their own books.

CALL PROCESS UPDATE

Reported by Pastor Mark

In the November issue of Grace and Truth I reported that the Grace Transition Team will be completing and submitting the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) "in the coming weeks." The MSP is the document that explains Grace to potential candidates, one of whom will become your next Senior Pastor.

The Transition Team has worked very hard to not only gather information and input from members of Grace, but also to translate that information into an accurate description of Grace in the MSP. I am happy to report that the final draft of the MSP has been submitted to the Synod office.

A person called the Call Process Facilitator (CFP) then reviews the MSP, and sometimes asks the Transition Team to edit or clarify elements of the profile. Once the MSP is cleared by the CFP, it goes to Bishop Beaudoin for his approval. When a required written reference is received (Pr. Matt at St. John's will be doing this for Grace), the profile then goes "Live" on the ELCA website.

An ELCA pastor looking for a new call can go to the following web address: <https://www.elca.org/Call-Process/Current-Openings> and enter search criteria. In the section "Geographical Preference," selecting 6D Northwestern Ohio Synod will reveal 11 congregations in our synod whose profiles are listed. Once Grace's profile is added there will be 12. There are an additional 13 congregations in our synod that are in the Transition phase as Grace has been until now, and will also be seeking to call a pastor.

The Grace Call Committee will be appointed by Council at their December 13 meeting, choosing from the many excellent suggestions provided by Grace members through the nominating forms that were received last month.

Please continue to surround the Call Process with your prayers.

in **YOUTH** **Action**

CONFIRMATION will meet at 11:45 a.m. on **December 5** at St. John's Lutheran Church. For more information please contact Heather Hawn by email at HeatherRHawn@gmail.com

ACOLYTES

at Grace serve at the 7:45 a.m. and 10 a.m. services. We ask that youth help once a month. To sign up please scan the QR code.



We are once again planning a digital version of our annual Christmas play. This year our program is titled *Go Tell It On The Mountain!* If your child is interested in participating please contact HeatherRHawn@gmail.com to be assigned a part. We will be filming December 6 – 16. The Christmas play will PREMIER at both services on December 19 and will be posted to our website and Social Media closer to Christmas.



FOODIE NIGHT - Jesus gathered with his people for meals. Do you like to make fun things to eat? Would you like to learn more about cooking? Middle and high school youth are invited to meet in the kitchen on **Monday, December 13 at 5 p.m.** We will make our dinner and have some time to relax.

YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING will be held on **Monday, December 13 at 6:45 p.m.** in the youth room. Parents and youth are invited. We value and welcome your input on activities held for our children and youth here at Grace. We look forward to seeing you!



BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS - We will have our annual Birthday Party for Jesus on **Saturday, December 18** from 10 to 11:30 am in the auditorium. There will be food, crafts, & games for the children. Please RSVP by December 16 to Heather Hawn at HeatherRHawn@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS EVE BAGS - Activity bags will be passed out at our Christmas Eve services to those children who attend in person services. If you are unable to attend in person and wish to receive a bag please email HeatherRHawn@gmail.com.

LET'S SPONSOR A FAMILY FOR COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS - Once again the Youth & Family Committee will be sponsoring a family for community Christmas. When we receive our match a tree with gift ideas will be placed in the Activities Office. Gifts should be returned, unwrapped to the church office or the activities office by **Sunday, December 12**. If you have any questions please contact HeatherRHawn@gmail.com.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER FOR THE ELCA YOUTH GATHERING! Are you interested in attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis July 24-28, 2022? There is still time to register! The gathering is open to youth currently in grades 8th – 12th. Youth who are interested should contact Heather Hawn at HeatherRHawn@gmail.com. A \$190 non-refundable deposit will be due February 15, 2022 for those who missed the early registration deadline.



NEWS

As LIFT Pastor, I love seeing our congregations collaborate and work together. The LIFT Blessing of the Animals was held at St. Mark on October 3. Thanks to all the four-legged friends and their participating humans! Gratitude and appreciation are given to all who help make the rescheduled block party on October 24 a success.

Advent Study: Pastor Paul Bailie will lead an online Advent Bible study on Sunday nights at 7 PM on LIFT's Facebook page. We will use a study from ELCA World Hunger. You can find it online at <https://tinyurl.com/AdventELCA21>.

Trinity Lutheran Church: With much prayer, the congregation of Trinity has voted to begin the process of dissolving as a congregation. In conversation with leadership of the Northwestern Ohio Synod, Trinity is taking steps to celebrate its ministry. Currently, Trinity is worshipping in the conference room at St. John's on Sundays at 8:30 a.m.

Bridge of Hope: LIFT's food pantry, housed at Hayes Memorial United Methodist Church is expanding hours to include Thursday mornings. Together with Bridge of Hope and Camino de Vida, a Posada will be held on December 11 at Hayes Memorial UMC as a holiday event primarily for our migrant neighbors. This is a traditional Mexican celebration remembering Mary and Joseph's search for lodging and welcome on the way to Bethlehem.

Welcome back! Pastor Mary Carmen Padilla, from Camino de Vida, LIFT's ecumenical Spanish language ministry, along with her husband, Leo, are back in Fremont after over a year in Mexico with bureaucratic complications in renewing their visas. We celebrate their homecoming and look forward to future mission collaboration. Thanks to all who contributed to their welcome basket. *(Pictured here with LIFT Board President Steve Hottinger).*



VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED - Bridge of Hope and Camino De Vida are partnering to host a Christmas "Posada" dinner for our ministry recipients. The dinner will be held on **Saturday, December 11 from 4 - 6:30 p.m.** If you would like to help or make a contribution to the celebration please contact the Bridge of Hope Coordinator, Ashley Wynn, 419-463-2683.



November 7 - Brody Allen Russell, son
of Anthony Russell & Krystina Rutter

November 7 - Charlee Rae Kieffer,
daughter of Gregory & Bailey (Eishen) Kieffer

NEW BABY

November 8 - Gianna Marie Consolo,
daughter of Ralph & Tiffany
(Lawrence) Consolo



*Mark & Brooke
(Baumann) Wyziak*

THANK YOU

Dear church family,
Thank you for all your prayers and support
during Jim's illness and passing.
We have many great memories of his life here on
earth. But now he has no more suffering and is
celebrating in heaven until we meet again.
Special thanks to our friends and family and
especially Joy Circle and to Maureen for the
wonderful service.

Sarah, Julie, Nick & Kellie Auen

To the congregation of Grace,

Our heartfelt thanks to all members of Grace who
remembered Jim these last three years with
prayers, cards, altar flowers and home communion.
We were so very thankful for Pr. Mark's visits and
ministry to Jim while he was hospitalized.

Linda Avers & family

Happy Anniversary

*To those couples celebrating 50
or more years of wedded bliss!*

December 1, 1962 - Ronald & Helen Jess
4666 W. Lakeshore Dr., Port Clinton

December 8, 1962 - Leslie & Marcella Widmer
7415 US HWY 6, Gibsonburg

December 31, 1960 - Gerald & Patricia Gallagher
532 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Fremont

FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE

During the month of
December, we will collect
mashed potato flakes and
noodles. **Please place your
donations in the grocery
carts that are located in
the Narthex and by the
Baker Street entrance.**



With Sympathy

Nancy King



REMINDER: To our friends
who are heading to a warmer
climate for the winter months,
don't forget to let the church
office know your "Winter"
address. We want to keep you
updated on Grace happenings.

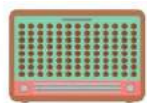
*(The Post Office does not forward the newsletters, so
if we do not have your current address or if you leave
an order of "Temporarily Away", we are charged
postage when your mail is returned to us. If this hap-
pens, it will be necessary to take your name off the
mailing list until we are notified of your return, to
prevent recurring charges.)*

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

December 1	Mary Nossaman	42 Linda Dr.
December 3	Nancy Mills	1677 Celek Dr.
December 4	Sandra Houghtaling	1690 Maple Ln.
December 7	Barbara Klohn	1740 Co. Rd. 229
December 7	Linda Wadsworth	1730 Port Clinton Rd., #52
December 9	Richard Burkett	1170 Muskellunge Rd.
December 10	Patricia Gallagher	532 S. Pennsylvania Ave.
December 10	Nancy Lawrence	699 Rambo Ln.
December 12	Edwin Lamalie	1519 Co. Rd. 129
December 13	Thomas Antesberger	2621 St. Rt. 412
December 13	Jean Watts	1117 Morrison Rd.
December 19	Wilfred Schling	822 Bush St.
December 25	William Armstrong	2124 Martin Ave.
December 26	Judy Overmyer	541 Elizabeth St.
December 29	Nancy Balziser	2310 Co. Rd. 213, Clyde

DID YOU KNOW THERE IS FINANCIAL HELP FOR MEMBERS? If you could use a little help with rent, house payment, utilities, medical bills or living expenses, help is available. My Brother's Keeper is a member-to-member ministry found here at Grace. Everything is kept confidential. If you find yourself in need of help in one of the areas mentioned and you are a member of Grace, contact Maureen by calling the church office, 419-332-1558.



MEN IN MISSION - GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH RADIO BROADCASTS

The unprecedented times that we are all experiencing has changed the way we interact with the world around us. During these unusual times our radio ministry has an even more important role in making the Sunday message available for more people. We want to thank and make special mention of all the faithful supporters of the radio ministry during the last few months. Without you this ministry would not be possible. If you are interested in sponsoring a radio broadcast please contact Les Widmer, 419-341-1850. The cost to sponsor a broadcast is \$72.50 (*please make checks payable to Men in Mission*). The broadcast can be heard each Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. on Eagle 99.1.

November 7 - given in memory of the families of Howard Druckenmiller.

November 14 - given in memory of Bob Guthrie, by Jan Guthrie and family.

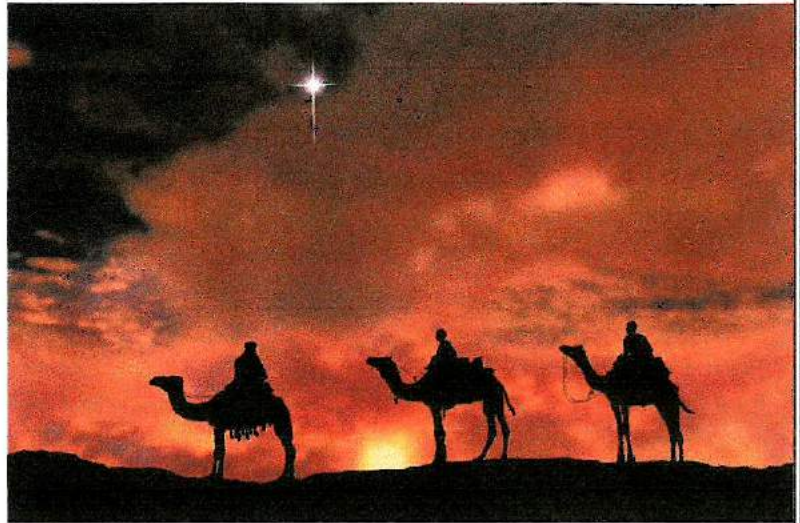
November 21 - given in memory of parents Randall & Lois Polter and sister Renda Lammers,
by Dan & Carol Polter and Larry & Christine Polter.

November 28 - given as a gift to the congregation.

Sharing God's Bounty

Gold, Incense, and Myrrh . . . and a Message to All

How much do babies appreciate the gifts they receive when they are born? Did Jesus, being the Son of God as well as the son of Mary, value the gifts the Magi brought? We would think those gifts impractical for a baby, but then this was not an ordinary baby. That gold bought food and lodging and everything that was needed by the holy family as they fled to Egypt and then got established in a new home. The incense was burned as their prayers ascended to the Father in Heaven, and the myrrh was used some thirty years later to anoint the body later of the Baby grown to be our Savior.



"The gifts are traditional gifts of the East," the Concordia Commentary on Matthew 2:11 tells us. We can be sure that these gifts were appreciated by our Lord, for St. Paul writes, *"If the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have"* (2 Corinthians 8:12).

Were the gifts of the shepherds that first Christmas night acceptable as well? What did the shepherds bring? The Bible does not record their bringing any gift at all – except, that is, the gift of their running to the stable with anticipation, the gift of their humble worship as their anticipation turned to realization, and the gift of their *"spread[ing] the word concerning what had been told them"* as they returned to their flocks, *"glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen"* (Luke 2:17, 20). It is obvious the willingness was there as the shepherds brought gifts according to what they had. Therefore, according to Scripture, their gifts were acceptable.

We, too, can be sure that our gifts are appreciated by our Lord – the gifts of our treasures – our gold and silver and the gifts of our praise and adoration as we witness to what we have heard and seen. Like the Magi and the shepherds, we are drawn to the manger bed. Like them, we kneel in awe and adoration. Like them, we use the gifts God gives us, wherever we are, wherever God places us, to *"spread the word concerning what [has] been told [us]."*



"If you want to live longer give the other driver the right of way."

"There will always be roses, but someone has to take care of them."

"People who spend their time finding fault usually have little else to do."

"A church member who feels no responsibility for his church does not really belong."

SNAP MINISTRIES (Supporting Native African Pastors) We Have Completed Our Mission!

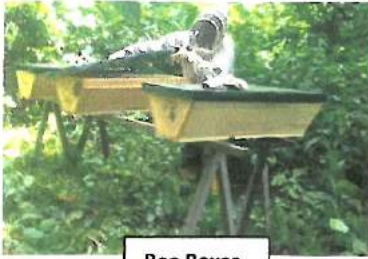
SNAP Ministries is a non-profit organization devoted to training and equipping men as pastors and ladies to minister in the church enabling them to plant true Bible-believing healthy churches that can one day be self-supporting and self-reproducing. We are a team of volunteers that joyfully work together with the team in Cameroon so that 100% of what is given benefits their work. Pastor Claude and our Cameroon and American teams sincerely thank you for all your help in developing this mission and contributing all the way to the end. God has been very active through it all as you can see by His many blessings.

What SNAP Ministries, Inc. was able to do in Cameroon with the help of other ministries contributing, many personal donations, and God's many blessings!

1. Support 5 main qualified pastors so they could continue their ministries.
2. Purchased 2 and ½ hectares of land for Pastor Claude's ministry. He has title to all the land. The main campus church is built on that property and Claude lives across the street. It will also be used for the training center. The pastors built 2 church buildings and set up 5 outside and inside churches in eastern Cameroon.
3. Tyndale Theological Seminary, out of Texas, gave material to teach students to become qualified pastors.
4. PROfac Bible Institute, out of Canada, set up a Bible Institute so both women and men could get undergraduate degrees in different ministries to help in the churches.
5. A well was dug to supply water to the property. Also there is a large pond for fishing.
6. Ohio Amish men taught Pastor Claude to plant organic vegetables and fruit. They taught him how to build bee boxes for distributing honey. That has really grown into a great profit making venture.
7. Cocoa trees were planted which brought money into the ministry. Many supporters sent money for these trees.
8. American churches gave money to buy chickens, goats, and pigs to raise for eating and sale.
9. Special designated money was given for the education of the pastors' girls and boys.
10. Special designated money was given for illnesses of the pastors and their children and glasses for pastors and children who needed them.
11. Special designated money was given for a corn grinder and a chain saw which brings in extra money to the pastors. The corn grinder helped with food for their animals and for selling ground corn to other farmers. The chain saw cut down many trees and bushes to clear the land and can be rented to help others.

This could not have been done without the help of all of you. Both our teams have seen how God works and continue to be amazed!

*Thank you so much for your continued support. 100% of your support benefits the ministry in Cameroon.
Email addresses: saraloutanner@gmail.com or saralou@woh.rr.com*



Bee Boxes



Five Working Pastors



Drinking Well



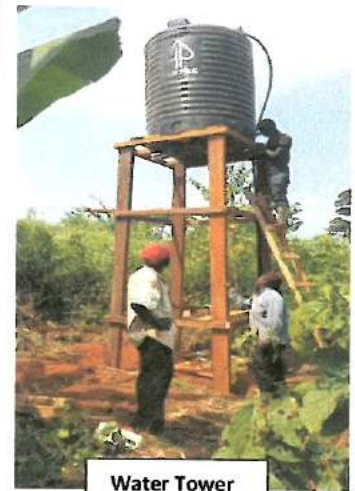
Corn crib



Praying for the Main Church Builder's Safety



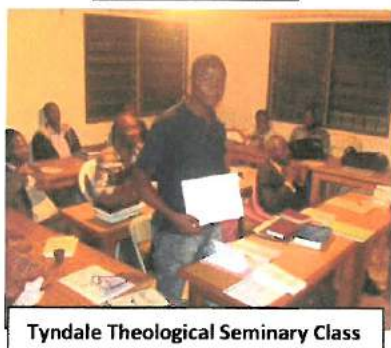
Avocados



Water Tower



Cocoa Trees



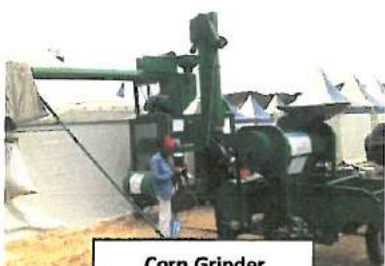
Tyndale Theological Seminary Class



Goats



Motorcycle



Corn Grinder



Graduating Class



Chain Saw

Christmas *EVE* *Volunteers Needed*

6:00 CELEBRATION WORSHIP

- ☐ USHER
- ☐ GREETER
- ☐ ACOLTYE

9:00 CELEBRATION WORSHIP

- ☐ USHER
- ☐ GREETER
- ☐ ACOLTYE

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**DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES
IS WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8.**

*The newsletter will be assembled
on Thursday, December 16.*



**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24,
MONDAY, DECEMBER 27, and
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2021.**

We hope that you have a safe and joyous holiday season.

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December 4 & 5 -

GREETERS: B. Seibert (Narthex), V. Seville (Baker Street) (4:00 p.m.)
D. Zilles (Narthex); S. Zilles (Baker Street) (7:45 a.m.)
N. Bauer (Narthex); R. Bauer (Baker Street) (10:00 a.m.)
USHERS: G. & J. Dupey (7:45 a.m.); L. McElfresh, B. Bowlus (10:00 a.m.)
DEACONS: C. Scranton, N. Wilfong (7:45 a.m.)
DEACONS/CLOSERS: A. Fisher, B. Muffler (10:00 a.m.)

December 11 & 12 -

GREETERS: J. James (Narthex), V. Seville (Baker Street) (4:00 p.m.)
R. Burkett (Narthex); J. Gangwer (Baker Street) (7:45 a.m.)
R. Cooper (Narthex); D. Cooper (Baker Street) (10:00 a.m.)
USHERS: R. Haynes, K. Klohn (7:45 a.m.); M. Amor, J. Avers (10:00 a.m.)
DEACONS: T. Schling, R. House (7:45 a.m.)
DEACONS/CLOSERS: J. Overmyer, C. Amor (10:00 a.m.)

December 18 & 19 -

GREETERS: L. Stewart (Narthex), L. Wadsworth (Baker Street) (4:00 p.m.)
J. Guthrie (Narthex); S. Watkins (Baker Street) (7:45 a.m.)
L. Halm (Narthex); J. Overmyer (Baker Street) (10:00 a.m.)
USHERS: K. Overmyer, K. Watkins (7:45 a.m.); S. Burmeister, B. Bowlus (10:00 a.m.)
DEACONS: C. Scranton, N. Wilfong (7:45 a.m.)
DEACONS/CLOSERS: B. Hollister, K. Smith (10:00 a.m.)

CHRISTMAS EVE DEACONS

6:00 p.m.: B. Muffler, A. Fisher

9:00 p.m.: R. House, J. Overmyer

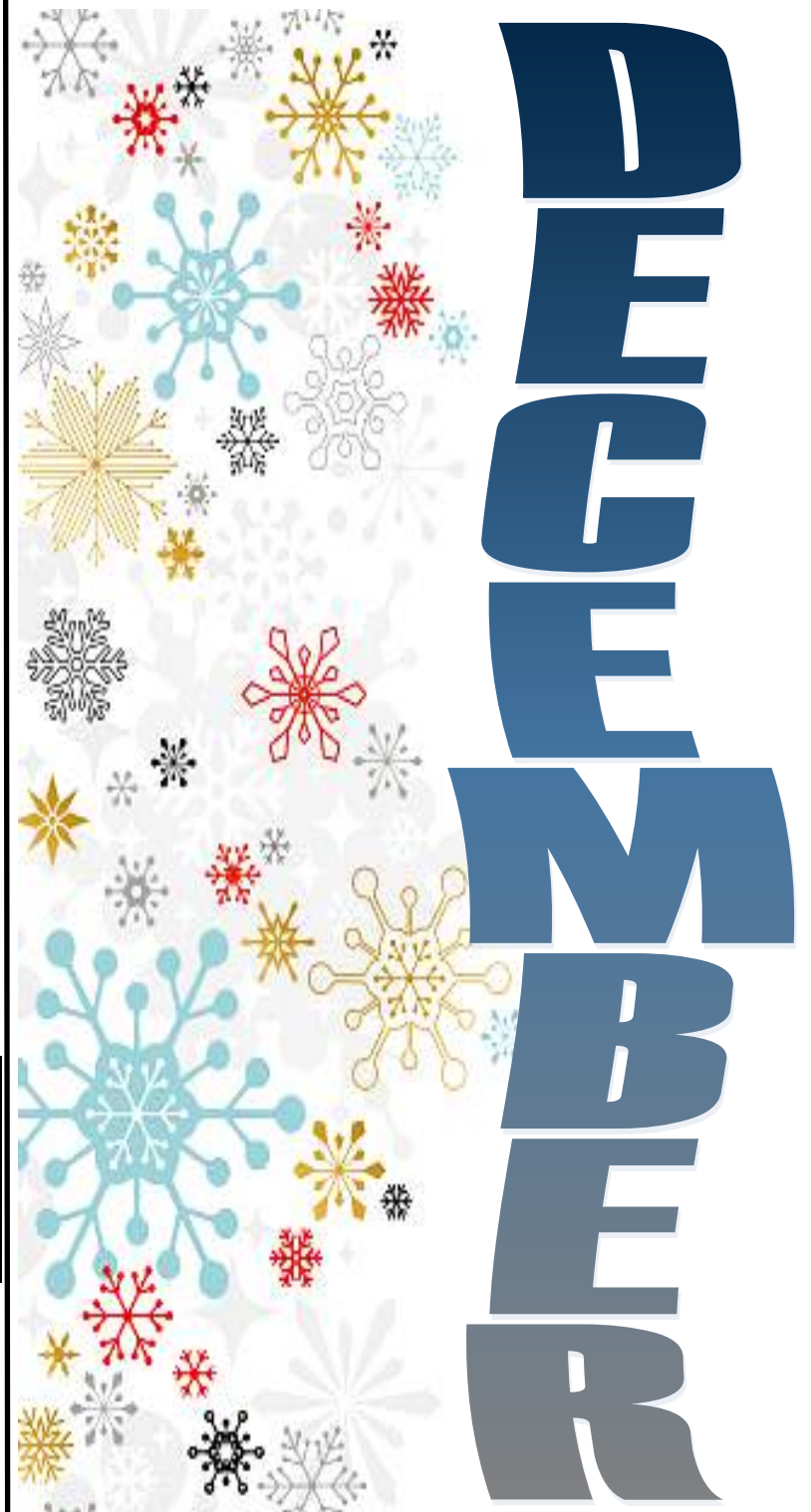


December 26 -

GREETERS: D. Polter (Narthex); C. Polter (Baker Street) (7:45 a.m.)
L. & B. McElfresh (Narthex); C. Slemmer (Baker Street) (10:00 a.m.)
USHERS: D. Zilles, S. Keller (7:45 a.m.); G. Nossaman, S. Nossaman (10:00 a.m.)
DEACONS: T. Schling, R. House (7:45 a.m.)
DEACONS/CLOSERS: C. Amor, B. Muffler (10:00 a.m.)

January 2 -

GREETERS: B. Schling (Narthex); P. Antesberger (Baker Street) (7:45 a.m.)
M. Widmer (Narthex); M. Amor (Baker Street) (10:00 a.m.)
USHERS: G. & J. Dupey (7:45 a.m.); L. McElfresh, J. Avers (10:00 a.m.)
DEACONS: C. Scranton, N. Wilfong (7:45 a.m.)
DEACONS/CLOSERS: J. Overmyer, B. Hollister (10:00 a.m.)



SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY



WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



<p>1</p> <p>5:00 - 6:00 Dinner Served 5:15 Advent Worship/Dinner Church 5:30 Cherub Choir, Open Youth Room, Creativity Club 6:00 Cherub Play Time 6:00 Pr. Mark's Study Group, SLAM 6:00 Voices of Praise Choir 6:15 Middle/High School Youth Group 7:00 Men's Bible Study 7:00 SR Bells</p>	<p>2</p> <p>11:30 Soup Kitchen</p> <p>6:00 - 9:00 Diakonia - Zoom</p> <p>7:00 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>4:00 Worship/Communion/ Noisy Offering</p>
<p>5</p> <p>NOISY OFFERING</p> <p>7:45 Worship/Communion 9:00 Generations of Grace - Auditorium 10:00 Worship/Communion 11:15 Instrumental Ensemble 11:45 Confirmation at St. John's 6:00 Sunday Virtual Prayer Group with Moe</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe</p> <p>9:00 Project Day - Dining Room</p> <p>1:00 Bible Study - Lounge</p> <p>7:30 Dartball in Dining Room</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe</p> <p>1:00 Bible Study via Zoom</p>	<p>8</p> <p>G & T DEADLINE</p> <p>8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 5:00 - 6:00 Dinner Served 5:15 Advent Worship/Dinner Church 5:30 Cherub Choir, Open Youth Room, Creativity Club 6:00 Cherub Play Time 6:00 Pr. Mark's Study Group, SLAM 6:00 Voices of Praise Choir 6:15 Middle/High School Youth Group 7:00 Men's Bible Study 7:00 SR Bells</p> <p>9</p> <p>8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe</p> <p>11:30 Soup Kitchen</p> <p>6:00 - 9:00 Diakonia - Zoom</p> <p>7:00 Chancel Choir</p> <p>10</p> <p>8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe</p> <p>11</p> <p>4:00 Worship/Communion 4 - 6:30 Christmas "Posada" at Hayes UMC</p>
<p>12</p> <p>7:45 Worship/Communion 9:00 Generations of Grace - Auditorium 10:00 Worship/Communion/ Baptism/Noah's Ark 11:15 Instrumental Ensemble</p>	<p>13</p> <p>8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe</p> <p>1:00 Bible Study - Lounge</p> <p>5:00 Foodie Night</p> <p>6:30 Executive Committee 6:45 Youth Committee 7:30 Church Council 7:30 Dartball in Dining Room</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe</p> <p>1:00 Bible Study via Zoom</p>	<p>15</p> <p>8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe 5:00 - 6:00 Dinner Served 5:15 Advent Worship/Dinner Church 5:30 Cherub Choir, Open Youth Room, Creativity Club 6:00 Cherub Play Time 6:00 Pr. Mark's Study Group, SLAM 6:00 Voices of Praise Choir 6:15 Middle/High School Youth Group 7:00 Men's Bible Study 7:00 SR Bells</p> <p>16</p> <p>G & T ASSEMBLED</p> <p>8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe</p> <p>11:30 Soup Kitchen</p> <p>6:00 Noah's Ark Christmas Program</p> <p>7:00 Chancel Choir</p> <p>17</p> <p>8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe</p> <p>18</p> <p>10 - 11:30 Birthday Party for Jesus - Auditorium 4:00 Worship/Communion</p>
<p>19</p> <p>FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE (mashed potato flakes & noodles)</p> <p>7:45 Worship/Communion 9:00 Generations of Grace - Auditorium 10:00 Worship/Communion Premier Youth Christmas Program 11:15 Instrumental Ensemble</p>	<p>20</p> <p>8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe</p> <p>1:00 Bible Study - Lounge</p> <p>6:00 Grief Support</p> <p>7:30 Dartball @ St. John's #33</p>	<p>21</p> <p>8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe</p> <p>1:00 Bible Study via Zoom</p>	<p>22</p> <p>NO SPIRIT</p> <p>8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe</p> <p>23</p> <p>8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe</p> <p>11:30 Soup Kitchen</p> <p>7:00 Chancel Choir</p> <p>24</p> <p>CHRISTMAS EVE Office Closed</p> <p>8:30 Morning Devotion with Moe</p> <p>6:00 Christmas Eve/ Celebration Worship/Communion/Candlelight</p> <p>9:00 Christmas Eve/ Celebration Worship/Communion/Candlelight</p> <p>25</p> <p>MERRY CHRISTMAS No Worship</p> 
<p>26</p> <p>7:45 Lessons & Carols with Communion</p> <p>10:00 Lessons & Carols with Communion</p>	<p>27</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>28</p> <p>1:00 Bible Study via Zoom</p> <p>5:30 Juggling Ace at The Garrison</p>	<p>29</p> <p>NO SPIRIT</p> <p>30</p> <p>END OF YEAR GIVING DEADLINE - NOON</p> <p>11:30 Soup Kitchen</p> <p>31</p>  <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>2021</p>