

November 2025

Grace & Truth



TOLEDO SYMPHONY TICKETS AVAILABLE NOVEMBER 3

The Toledo Symphony will return to Grace Lutheran on
Thursday, December 18 at 7 pm
for the annual Community Christmas Concert.

Tickets are available to purchase in the church office:
\$15/adults; \$10/seniors (65 and up) & students (18 and under)



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A note from our pastor ...



*Come, ye thankful people, come;
raise the song of harvest home.*

*All be safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin.
God, our maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.*

ELW #693 Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871

We turn the page on yet another year of the calendar and we realize it is time for Thanksgiving. We might ask how did that happen so quickly? Soon, we'll be gathered with friends and family to share a feast, and beyond that, sleigh bells will be ringing. Soon, we will be enthralled with the hustle and bustle of everything the next few months will bring.

In the midst of all the chaos, I would invite you to take a moment to breathe. Deep breaths. Hold them for a moment or two and slowly exhale them back out. Breathe in. Breathe out. Center yourselves on the many blessings that God has poured out upon us. Breathe in. Breathe out. Listen to the sound of silence. Breathe in. Breathe out. Seek stillness for just a few moments.

As we journey into and beyond November, catching our breath seems to be the last thing we make time to do. We move from one deadline to another checking off every event as if everything is something to do. Perhaps we even think of giving thanks in the same way, especially as we sit down on Thursday, November 27. It could easy for us to say, "I made one day, said my thanks, and now it's time to move on." Sad reality, but true for some of us.

Thanksgiving is more than that. Thanks – Giving is a lifestyle. It is full of please and thank you's. It is full of door holding and lending a hand. It is random acts of kindness. It is living generously. Not just to God but to all of God's people.

Throughout the month, I would challenge you to live a life of Thanks – Giving. Still yourself. Breathe. Then, pour out kindness. Our world needs it. We all need it. It is our call as witnesses to the one to whom we are ever thankful for!

With Thanks – Giving!

Pastor Bailey

YOU'RE INVITED! Pastor & Wendy would like to invite you to a Fall Open House at their new home on **Sunday, November 16**. Their doors will be open from 3 - 5 pm for food and fellowship. Hopefully, it will be a beautiful day where we can enjoy some time outside by the river. In the midst of the afternoon Bishop Beaudion will be stopping by to share a "blessing of the home." Both Pastor and Wendy look forward to sharing this time with all of you!





ALL SAINTS DAY will be observed at both services the weekend of **November 1 & 2**. We will remember those beloved Saints who have gone before us in faith, into the Kingdom of Heaven. Names of the members and friends of Grace who have died during the preceding twelve months will be listed in the bulletin and they will be lifted up in our prayers. During the service a candle will be lit in remembrance of our departed loved ones.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPGAIN PLEDGE SUNDAY - Throughout October we have been reflecting on “Plant, Grow, Harvest.” While our stewardship gatherings may be over, we continue to grow, and the harvest is yet to come. As we “Plant, Grow, Harvest” many of you likely received (or will soon) a pledge card. If you did not and would like one, additional copies can be picked in the office or with your Sunday Bulletin. All that said, on **Saturday, November 8** and **Sunday, November 9** we will celebrate our good gifts as we make time to pray for our pledged gifts for the coming year. And as always, thank you for your generosity that is poured out in so many and various ways!



THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

The family of Les Widmer would like to thank you for all your prayers and cards during this difficult time, and for your charity donations in remembrance of Les. A special thank you to Maureen and Pastor Bailey for their visits. Thanks to all of you we have been very blessed.

Marcella Widmer and family



As we venture into the seasons of Advent and Epiphany we will be singing a new liturgy during worship. All are invited to gather 15 minutes before worship throughout the month of November so we can spend some time “practicing.” Our choir is eager to share what they have learned with us. The first few weeks will not be perfect, but together we can make a joyous noise as we learn, worship and sing together.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED IN ANY WAY WITH THE LET'S BUILD BEDS PROJECT! The day was a big success! We had 85 volunteers gathered on September 13 willing and ready to give of their time and abilities to serve the children in our community. There were volunteers (from all of the LIFT churches) for set up, hands to build beds, tear down and to serve on the food committee. In 2 ½ hours we were able to build 54 beds. Thank you to the women of the congregation who donated quilts for the beds. Over the past year they have created quilts that have “kid friendly” designs. Thank you to Dave and Rae Ann Cooper who had the LIFT logo plaques made that we attached to every bed. And of course, a big thank you to everyone who made a monetary donation. We could not have done this without all of the support for so many people. We are planning to do another bed build next year so if you weren't able to participate this year watch for next year's date. It will be published soon!

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY & PIE FELLOWSHIP

This year we will celebrate a “Thanksgiving Sunday” on Saturday, November 22 and Sunday, November 23. Along with returning our thanks to God, we will gather for some Thanksgiving pie! Have a pie you would like to share? Feel free to bring it along! Want to enjoy a slice (or two or three) feel free to stay following worship to have an old favorite or try something new. More importantly, we take time to say thanks while enjoying fellowship with one another.



THE NOISY OFFERING is received the first weekend of each month. The next collection will be **November 1 & 2, 2025**. *The offering for the last quarter will be given to Pontifex.*

Thanks to your generosity in October we collected \$373.97. **"THANK YOU"** to everyone who helps make a **JOYFUL NOISE** each month!

THE BRIDGE OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS OUR HELP!

On November 1 & 2 we will receive donations for the Bridge of Hope Food Pantry at Hayes Memorial UMC. They are in need of the following items: breakfast cereals, canned meats, rice, dried pinto beans, cans of tomato sauce, pasta, paper towels, cleaning supplies and diapers. These gifts may be placed in the grocery carts located at the entrances to the sanctuary. Thank you for your help!



PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY WITH PR. BAILEY & JESUS (P B & J²) Got time for lunch? Want to dig dipper into the Bible readings for the coming weekend? We will gather in the dining room on Mondays at 11:30 am. Together we reflect on the themes, explore where God is speaking to us in these words and share lunch. It will be simple but everything that you need will be provided for a peanut butter & jelly sandwich.

LISTENING WITH A SECOND EAR will meet following worship on Sunday, November 9. Everyone is welcome to gather in the front pews as we share some conversation, dream and grow together as a people of God.

MAUREEN'S MONDAY BIBLE STUDY EACH MONDAY at 1 PM IN THE LOUNGE. This group is currently doing a study on *The Art of Growing Old* by Carroll Saussy. Participants are asked to purchase their own book. Please know it's not to late to join this group.

A GOOD OLD FASHION BIBLE STUDY with Pastor continues with a reflection on the Book of Genesis throughout the month of November. All are invited as we gather on Wednesday evenings at 5 pm in the large Sunday School room. **Please note, there will not be a class on November 26.**

SLAM (Scripture, Life And Me) has started a study based on the Gospel Readings. We will read and discuss the reading from the previous weekend. This group gathers in the lounge each Wednesday at 5 pm.

SPOUSAL GRIEF SUPPORT - If you are grieving the loss of your spouse and could use the support of people going through the same loss join us on **November 17 at 6 pm** in the lounge.

FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE - Bring your donations to worship on **November 15 & 16**. This month we will collect oatmeal and cereal. A special thank you to Jan Harris for taking our gifts to the Sandusky County Food Pantry each month. **Please place your donations in the grocery carts that are located in the Narthex and by the Baker Street entrance. At the request of the food pantry, no glass jars.**

GRACE GATHERS is a fellowship group that meets monthly. The next gathering will be on **November 20 at 6 pm**. We will meet at the Chateau Vineyard and Winery in Helena. Please call the church office by noon on Wednesday if you plan to attend.



BOOKWORMS will meet on **November 24 at 2 pm** in the lounge to discuss *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt. Her novel follows the development an unlikely friendship between Marcellus, a giant Pacific octopus, and Tova a night shift employee at the Sowell Bay Aquarium.

JUGGLING ACT - Have you heard that positive fellowship can make you feel better and lift your spirits? It's a fact! So, if your spirits could use a shot of fellowship come to the Women's Juggling Act and enjoy great conversation. The group meets every fourth Tuesday at The Garrison at 5:30. Our next gathering is October 28. If you would like to join in just call the church office, at 419-332-1558 and let Maureen know you plan to attend.

YOUTH MINISTRY

KIDS ZONE & AFTERWORD

Kids in Pre-K through 5th grade are invited to the Sunday School hallway following the Children's message for a lesson and activity. They will return to worship following communion.

Middle & High School you are invited gather with Ms. Heather following the sermon to connect with the message. They will return to worship following the offering hymn.

ACOLYTES at Grace serve during the 9 am Sunday worship. We encourage acolytes to sign up at least every other month. You may sign up using the QR code in this announcement. Opportunities to serve are now available through December. If you have a child waiting to be trained, please contact Heather at HeatherRHawn@gmail.com to set up a time following a Sunday worship.



YOUTH COMMITTEE will meet on November 5 at 6 pm in the auditorium.

INNOVATE GRANT FOLLOW-UP meeting will take place on November 10 at 11 am in the lounge.

SAVE THE DATE!

- November 14 & 15** - 8 pm to 7 am we will have a lock-in watch the Youth Facebook page for information.
- December 6** - Breakfast in Bethlehem, 9a-11a
- December 14** - Red Kettel Bell Ringing at Wal-Mart, Fremont (Noon- 2pm)

CHURCH WORK DAY

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15
9 AM - NOON**

We will have jobs both big and small and for a range of abilities.

All necessary supplies will be provided.

A light breakfast will be available throughout the morning if you are in need of a break and a little pick-me-up.

JUST 4 FUN

Do you **HERE** or **HEAR** the **DIFFERENCE?**

All answers are homonyms — words that sound the same but are spelled differently. Write the homonym of the word in the space provided. Answers below.

1. TOO _____
2. FOUR _____
3. KNEW _____
4. WHOLE _____
5. HOARSE _____
6. MIGHT _____
7. COURSE _____
8. RIGHT _____
9. SOW _____
10. MALE _____

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

November 3	Judy Gangwer	1047 Hazel St.
November 4	Joyce Havens	1535 Finefrock Rd.
November 4	Mark Smith	1499 W. Cole Rd.
November 10	Betty Rosenberger	1406 Elmhurst Lane
November 10	Connie Smith	212 Myah Dr.
November 15	LaMar Curliss	29 Whitney Dr.
November 15	Suzanne Spriggs	910 White Rd.
November 16	Janet Guthrie	1035 N. Co. Rd. 198
November 20	Thomas Appleby	2401 Buckland Ave.
November 22	Sarah Babione	670 Flat Rock Rd., Bellevue 44811
November 27	Bernice Wood	13204 W. St. Rt. 105, Oak Harbor 43449
November 28	William Bowlus	880 Frederick Ave.

Happy Anniversary

Celebrating 50 or more years of wedded bliss!

*November 22, 1958 - Fred & Nancy Lawrence,
699 Rambo Ln.*

*November 24, 1967 - Terry & Sharon Radsick,
746 S. Co. Rd. 232*

*November 24, 1954 - Robert & Lillian Zilles,
1232 Clinton St.*

*November 29, 1969 - Kent & Sharon Watkins,
1547 Emmett Dr.*

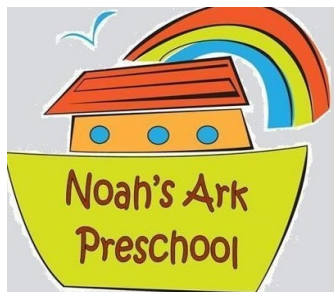


September 27 - Louis Patel,
son of Alyssa (Kerns) & Karan Patel

October 12 - Tucker Jett,
son of Grace & Jack Jett

Newlyweds

October 12 -
Kellie (Auen) & Jessie Knaggs



We are in full swing now and we're enjoying every minute of it! In our PreK 3-year-old class we are still working on how we interact with our friends and following rules. In our PreK 4-year-old class we are introducing a new letter every week. We made our dramatic play center into an apple orchard and with play apples that they could actually pick off a cardboard tree! So much fun for all the kids. We are now currently on the letter "D," and we changed our center into a doctor's office!

We just finished parent/teacher conferences and enjoyed hearing all the wonderful feedback from our families. We shared their child's assessment, their strengths, and the things we will continue to work on throughout the year. We are excited to watch these young children learn and grow over this school year. We hope everyone has a blessed year!

Andrea Hirt
Administrator
Noah's Ark Preschool



CHURCH COUNCIL – Minutes October 14, 2025

- **MISSIONS/OUTREACH:** Fourth Quarter Noisy Offering will go to Pontifex. *Let's Build Beds* group was a success, completing 54 beds, and all went like a well-oiled machine. *Grace Gathers* had 9 in attendance. Food Pantry and Bridge of Hope donations are going well. Possible future plans discussed: Another Bed Build next fall; a Valentine's Dinner fundraiser; Adopt a Family for Thanksgiving; a Spring Progressive Dinner in the church; Bingo/Euchre party.
- **WORSHIP:** No items were needed for Council action. Hymns were selected for November. Nathan has the carillon bells ringing again. Advent and Epiphany season planning was discussed using a new setting.
- **PROPERTY:** A wall mount monitor for the security system including software will require an updated quote. The Main Office Door closure is complete with painted hardware to match. The sidewalk (waterline repair) is complete. The Main Office flooring is in progress. The parking lot crack sealing and handicap logo/arrow is in the works. The Baker Street E-light is changed. The "A-coil" on the office A/C condensation pan deteriorated due to age and corrosion causing a leak thru the floor and damaged a couple of ceiling tiles in the office lobby. Advance Plumbing repaired the leak. Parking lot handicap striping and curb painting is complete.
- **STEWARDSHIP:** The *Fall Stewardship Campaign* was fine-tuned. There are eight sessions scheduled including two breakfasts, two brunches and four dinners. Sign-up sheets are in the Sanctuary. Pastor Bailey will have a soft approach with several questions he will ask at the gatherings. A very special thank you to Tracy Michles for all of her work making the gatherings special. ***Pledge Card Sunday will be November 9, 2025.***
- **YOUTH:** Two events are planned from the grant funds - Trunk or Treat and Trick or Treat.



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 happens, it will be necessary to take your name off the mailing list until we are notified of your return, to prevent recurring charges.)

DID YOU KNOW THAT THERE IS FINANCIAL HELP FOR MEMBERS?

If you could use a little help with rent, a 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 Pastor or Maureen by calling the church office, 419-332-1558.

Answers to Do you
HERE or HEAR the
Difference?

1. two, to
2. fore, for
3. new
4. hole
5. horse
6. mite
7. coarse
8. wright, write
9. so, sew
10. mail

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WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturday - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday - 9:00 a.m.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 9 am - 4 pm
Friday: 9 am - 1 pm.



DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER
ARTICLES IS WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 12, 2025

The newsletter will be
assembled on
Thursday, November 20, 2025.

NOVEMBER 2 - DAYLIGHT
SAVING TIME ENDS



THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED ON THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 27 & 28 FOR
THANKSGIVING. REGULAR
OFFICE HOURS WILL RESUME
ON DECEMBER 1.

SUNDAY

MONDAY

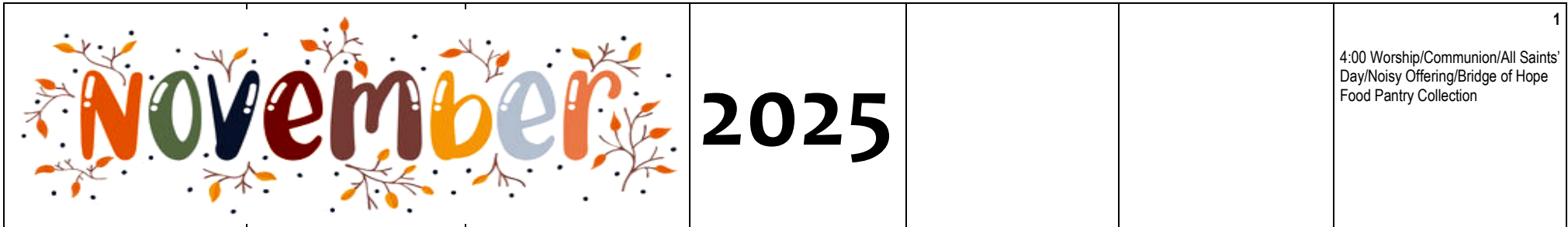
TUESDAY




WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



<p>ALL SAINTS' DAY NOISY OFFERING/BRIDGE OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION</p> <p>9:00 Worship/Communion/Kid's Zone 10:15 Confirmation</p> 	<p>TOLEDO SYMPHONY GENERAL ADMISSION TICKET SALES BEGIN</p> <p>9:00 Project Day 11:30 - PB & J², Dining Room 1:00 Bible Study with Maureen 6:00 Den Meeting 7:00 Dartball, Away</p>		<p>11:00 Stewardship Meeting, Lounge 2:30 Worship Committee 5:00 Bible Study with Pr. Bailey 5:00 SLAM, Conference Room 6:00 Youth Committee Meeting 6:00 Missions/Outreach 6:30 Youth Activities 6:30 Choir</p>	<p>11:30 Soup Kitchen</p>		<p>4:00 Worship/Communion/All Saints' Day/Noisy Offering/Bridge of Hope Food Pantry Collection</p>
<p>STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY</p> <p>9:00 Worship/Communion/Kid's Zone 10:15 Listening with a Second Ear With Pr. Bailey 10:15 Confirmation</p>	<p>11:00 Innovate Grant Follow-Up 11:30 - PB & J², Dining Room 1:00 Bible Study with Maureen 6:00 Den Meeting 6:00 Executive Committee 7:00 Church Council 7:00 Dartball, Home</p>	<p>11:30 Staff Development, Office Closed</p>	<p>G & T DEADLINE</p> <p>5:00 SLAM, Conference Room 5:00 Bible Study with Pr. Bailey 6:30 Youth Activities 6:30 Choir</p>	<p>11:30 Soup Kitchen</p>	<p>8:00 Youth Lock-in begins</p>	<p>CHRIST THE KING</p> <p>7:00 Youth Lock-in ends 9:00 - Noon Church Work Day 4:00 Worship/Communion/Food Pantry Challenge</p>
<p>CHRIST THE KING/ FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE (oatmeal & cereal)</p> <p>9:00 Worship/Communion/Kid's Zone 10:15 Confirmation 10:15 Choir 3:00 - 5 Open House at the Bailey's</p>	<p>9:00 Project Day 11:30 PB & J², Dining Room 1:00 Bible Study with Maureen 6:00 Spousal Grief Support 7:00 Dartball, Away</p>	<p>2:30 Joy Circle</p>	<p>5:00 SLAM, Conference Room 5:00 Bible Study with Pr. Bailey 6:30 Youth Activities</p>	<p>G & T ASSEMBLED</p> <p>11:30 Soup Kitchen 6:00 Grace Gathers at The Chateau Vineyard & Winery, Helena</p>		<p>THANKSGIVING WEEKEND</p> <p>4:00 Worship/Communion 5:00 Pie Fellowship</p> 
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SERVING IN WORSHIP: NOVEMBER 2025



**PLEASE NOTE: DEACONS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FINDING THEIR OWN REPLACEMENTS.*

DATE	SERVICE	ACOLYTE	GREETERS: NARTHEX	GREETERS: BAKER ST	WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	READERS	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	DEACONS / CLOSERS
ALL SAINTS NOVEMBER 1 & 2	4:00	————	T. O'BRIEN	————	————	T. SCHARDT	W. BAILEY	————
	9:00	D. MICHLES	K. WATKINS S. BURMEISTER	S. WATKINS	P. RUTHERFORD	————	————	J. LETZRING J. BURMEISTER
NOVEMBER 8 & 9	4:00	————	T. O'BRIEN	————	————	C. MILLER	W. BAILEY	————
	9:00	————	D. & R. COOPER	L. & J. OVERMYER	M. HAWN	P. RUTHERFORD	J. JESS	G. JESS W. COOPER
NOVEMBER 15 & 16	4:00	————	T. O'BRIEN	————	————	J. FULTON	W. BAILEY	————
	9:00	K. ROLLINS	L. & B. MCELFRESH	S. WATKINS	T. SCHARDT	H. BIDDINGER	K. WATKINS	P. KISER J. LETZRING
NOVEMBER 22 & 23	4:00	————	T. O'BRIEN	————	————	T. SCHARDT	W. BAILEY	————
	9:00	————	V. OHMS J. GUTHRIE	D. & C. POLTER	B. SEIBERT	J. BURMEISTER	J. OVERMYER	M. GEDEON C. BOUCHER
NOVEMBER 29 & 30	4:00	————	T. O'BRIEN	————	————	C. MILLER	W. BAILEY	————
	9:00	————	P. PELPHREY J. AVERS	D. ZILLES	M. NOSSAMAN	M. NOSSAMAN	T. SCHLING	J. BURMEISTER T. MICHLES
DECEMBER 6 & 7	4:00	————	T. O'BRIEN	————	————	J. FULTON	W. BAILEY	————
	9:00	————	K. BURMEISTER R. HAYNES	J. GANGWER	K. LINDSAY	H. SEIBERT	B. BRADFORD	G. JESS P. KISER