

"And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth." John 1:14

Grace & Truth

*Grace Lutheran Church, Fremont, OH
JANUARY 2013*

During this holy season of joy, let us look upon the face of baby Jesus and find in Him the hope that lights our hearts, and the love that shapes and moves our world. We invite you to join us for our special worship services during Christmas.

Christmas Eve - Monday, December 24

~ Candlelight at all Christmas Eve services ~

5:00 p.m.

Family Worship/Holy Communion

7:30 p.m.

Worship/Holy Communion

11:00 p.m.

Worship/Holy Communion
Pre-service Christmas recital
begins at 10:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 29

5:00 p.m.

Readings and Carols

Sunday, December 30

7:45 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Readings and Carols



The Pastor's Corner

Where have you seen God at work in your lives? I ask this question almost every Sunday before services. I think we are getting better at claiming God in our lives. A few of you will even give examples. God is after all everywhere...in the air we breathe...in the smile of a child...in the sunset...in the nursing homes...even at our work.

This last week I saw God in so many places. Miracles have taken place all around us. Have you seen them? At my last congregation one of my members was told he would have to have surgery to save his sight, he planned ahead. He made appointments to see specialists. This was serious. He might lose his ability to drive. He might even lose his sight completely. And so we traveled together to the specialists...to the surgeons who would work to save his eye sight.

After the first appointment we were stunned. There was no sign of the problem. We went on for the x-ray or picture of the eyes at the hospital. Again...there was no sign of any problem. Prayers had been answered! A miracle had occurred!

God is more active in our lives than we often give God credit for. It's tough to see the big picture and understand everything that is going on, but if we look, we can see "Signs" of God—sometimes, even miracles.

In Isaiah 6:9-10 we read, "You will indeed listen, but never understand, and you will indeed look, but will never perceive..." When Jesus repeats this prophesy in Matthew 13:14-16, he ends in verse 16 saying, "but blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear." Be on the lookout! Open your eyes and listen for God is here with us.

May you be blessed to see God at work in your lives today!

Grace and peace,
Pastor Jody

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on February 3, 2013 immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service. We will be reviewing the financial year end results and the finalized budget for 2013. We hope that you will be able to attend!

Thank You!

Well, I have now completed my fourth month here at Grace! Time is certainly flying quickly. I wanted to thank you for our warm reception, prayers and the kindness you have shown to my entire family. You have been a blessing to us.

As you gather with loved ones to celebrate Christ's birth and prepare for a new year, I hope you will pause for a moment and realize how many others' experiences of Christmas will be different because of you. Through your active participation at Grace Lutheran Church, your service throughout the community, and your gifts in support of ministry, you have made this Christmas different for countless others.

As we gather together to celebrate the Good News of Jesus' birth, let us also remember "as you did it to the least of these... you have done it to me." Living these words to their fullest is what Christmas is all about. May God bless you in your celebration of the season and every day of the New Year!

Pastor Jody

Reception for Pastor Lloyd Linder

On Sunday, December 9, we celebrated with Pastor Lloyd Linder the 60th anniversary of his ordination (June 15, 1952). Pastor Linder has served under call at four churches. The first location was in Kentucky and then one in Perry County, OH. His third site was in Cleveland where he served for 31 ½ years! He also served in Pittsburgh and finally here at Grace as our visitation pastor for eight years.

Pastor Linder has been a blessing in his many years of ministry. When you see him next, please congratulate him!



In January we will be starting a new study called Dare to Dream. This gathering of interested members will be looking at all aspects of our congregation including worship, education, outreach, mission and youth. It will be our goal to work with all our families, equipping them to grow in love for God and others.

We will be looking at our history over the last several years and where we are today. We will then be looking at where God will be leading us for the future. And then we will dream!

These meetings will be taking place during the Sunday school hour beginning January 6, 2013 and running for four Sunday's. We pray that you would like to help determine the future for our church. Come and join the celebration!

"Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness." (Colossians 2:7)

ALL END OF YEAR donations must be turned into the church office by noon on Friday, December 28 in order to receive credit for 2012.

THE ENDOWMENT BOARD is seeking nominations for two positions beginning March 2013. This is a two-year term. Please call the church office, at 419-332-1558, if you are interested.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund

As of November 30, 2012:

Year to date expense budget:	\$ 391,545.58
Year to date actual expenses:	<u>\$ 377,745.26</u>
	\$ 13,800.32 (Under budget)

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Year to date receipts:	\$ 358,889.42	\$ 424,002.36
Transfer from Contingency Reserve	\$ -	\$ 55,000.00
Transfer from building for the Future	\$ -	\$ 14,881.00
Year to date actual expenses:	<u>\$ 377,745.26</u>	<u>\$ 424,048.04</u>
Receipts less expenses:	\$ (18,855.84)	\$ 69,835.32

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good

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Baumer
Office Administrator

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS
December 10, 2012



- Advent Services continue on Wednesday evenings. Confirmation students are participating in most of the service and enjoying it.
- Time and Talent Surveys will be included in the Grace & Truth newsletter.
- Bill Armstrong has been hired as part-time financial assistant. He has resigned from Church Council; Carole Miller has accepted to fill his spot.
- Toledo Symphony Concert attendance was 614. Next year's performance will take place Thursday, December 5, 2013.
- An Audit Committee has been appointed and will audit the books in January.
- The 2013 Proposed Budget was discussed and approved. Due to Consecration Sunday, our revenues have increased. Plans for 2013 include sponsoring an Intern, participating in Good News Amen (a new mission initiative), and technology updates. We also made an effort to contribute more dollars to the Property Committee.

Christians Missions/Outreach Committee

- Yellow Mission envelopes for January, February, & March will go to National Lutheran Disaster Relief.
- 3rd Sunday of each month will be Mission Sunday.

Christian Worship Committee

- Looking into getting a table with castors for communion.

Christian Property Committee

- Elevator project is ongoing.
- Front doors of church will be refurbished.

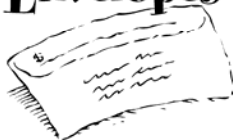
Christian Stewardship Committee

- Continue to work on the organizational listing for the church.

Christian Youth/Growth Committee

- Thanksgiving pie sales were over \$400.
- Sunday School Christmas program will take place during the 10:00 service on Sunday, December 23.
- The Youth Dinner/Auction will be Saturday, March 9, 2013.

**Offering
Envelopes**



2013 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available and can be picked up in the back of the Sanctuary.



THERE IS ALWAYS CONFUSION regarding when we do and do not have events if there is a major snowfall. The Church Council has established the following standing policy: In the event of a **LEVEL 2** snow emergency, all activities at Grace Lutheran Church, including worship, will be cancelled.

A Message from the Bishop ~

Dear Pastor Jody, Members and Friends of
Grace Lutheran Church,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord
and Savior Jesus Christ.

On behalf of the Northwestern Ohio Synod, thank you for
hosting the Bishop's Fall Conference Meeting at your
church. Grace Lutheran Church provided a wonderful
context for this gathering of the rostered and lay leaders.

I particularly want to thank the pastor and others for
making arrangements for dining and meeting spaces, and
all who helped to prepare refreshments and supper for
those who gathered for the conference meeting. The food
was delicious and your hospitality most gracious. I know
such hospitality takes effort. Please know that we are
grateful for your labors of love and for this gracious witness
to our partnership in ministry in the Northwestern Ohio
Synod.

As I thank God for your generous spirit and our partnership
in the Good News of our Lord Jesus, I also pray that the
Holy Spirit will continue to empower your ministry that the
breaking in of the reign of God in Christ Jesus might be
made known in your life together and in your ministry to
the community and world.

Your brother in Christ,
Bishop Marcus C. Lohrmann



Altar Guild News 2013

We extend to Linda Martin a huge thank you for her service as Altar Guild Chairperson. Linda will continue to serve on Altar Guild however is retiring as Chairperson effective January 2013. We are very appreciative of your dedication to the ministry of the Altar Guild.

We have scheduled an Informational Meeting for all Altar Guild Members:

Monday, January 28, 2013 at 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 7, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

All teams are encouraged to attend either the daytime meeting in January or the evening meeting in February. There will be an overview of the responsibilities of the Altar Guild, review of monthly responsibilities of the Monthly Teams, and an informational review of the preparation and conclusion of Holy Communion.

Pastor Jody will review the relationship of the Altar Guild to the Pastoral office and Altar Guild co-chairs, Janet Dorr and Becky Seibert, will review the inner workings of the Altar Guild.

A 2013 schedule and Altar Guild Booklet will be distributed in January. Thank you for your willingness to be the "behind the scenes" servants of this very important ministry of Grace.



ALTAR GUILD FOR JANUARY

Amy Lamson
Sharon Zilles

YOUTH NEWS

THERE WILL BE NO SPIRIT ACTIVITIES on Wednesday, December 26, 2012 and Wednesday, January 2, 2013.
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES FOR KIDS AT GRACE DURING THE REMAINDER OF DECEMBER!

On Saturday, December 22 the Little Lambs and Little Lutherans (pre-school through 3rd graders) are invited to a Birthday Party for Jesus at 10 a.m. in the church dining room. There will be games, a craft and birthday cake will all be a part of the fun!



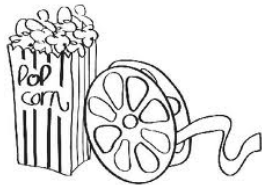
On Saturday, December 22 practice will be held for the annual Sunday School Christmas Program from 11 a.m. to noon in the Sanctuary. All Sunday School students are asked to attend, please.

Mark your calendars now for the Sunday School Christmas Program which will be held on **Sunday, December 23** during the 10:00 worship service!

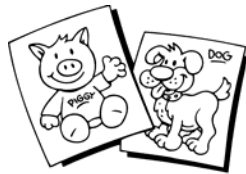
Youth News continued.

FANTASTIC EVENTS IN JANUARY:

On Friday, January 4 from 6 to 8 p.m. there will be a Movie Night for all the ***Little Lutherans and Crazy Kids*** in the church auditorium! Please bring a snack to share! Drinks will be provided.



On Friday, January 18 from 6 to 8 p.m. there will be a Movie Night for all ***Middle and High School*** kids in the church auditorium. Please bring a snack to share! Drinks will be provided.



Tot Time

TOT TIME WILL RETURN on Saturday, January 12 at 11 a.m.! All infants through preschoolers are invited to enjoy a winter morning from the comfort of the church lounge while reading books, performing finger plays and making an adorable winter craft! It is always a great time!

A NOTE ABOUT FUTURE YOUTH ACTIVITIES: From now on, there will be sign-up sheets in the Activities Office for each individual upcoming youth event. If you know you are going to attend an event, please write your name on the sheet. Even if it is a possibility that you may attend, please write your name down. This will enable Stacey and the several volunteers who prepare events to plan accordingly. Thank you!!

THE TENTH ANNUAL YOUTH DINNER AUCTION will be held Saturday, March 9! Please mark your calendar now for this very exciting evening!

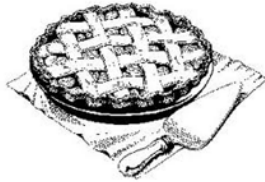
HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE LATEST IDEA FROM THE YOUTH AT GRACE? Back in September, a few middle and high school youth started a Youth Kickball Tournament Committee! This committee is open to all youth and/or adults who would like to help plan a large community wide tournament. Watch the bulletin for meeting dates and times. The tournament is scheduled for **April 21, 2013 at Anderson Field**. . .help us to start spreading the word!

Youth News continued.

THERE WILL BE A PARENT MEETING for all parents of middle and high school youth on Wednesday, January 9, in the lounge at 7:15 p.m. Future youth events will be discussed, as well as volunteer opportunities for upcoming events.

HEY KIDS! Don't forget about Sunday School every Sunday morning at 9 a.m. in the auditorium! There is never a dull moment and exciting games, music and videos are waiting for you!

The annual Thanksgiving Youth Pie Sale was another wonderful success!



Thank you to all of the people who ordered pies! There were also several people that donated supplies to make the pies: Gerry and Dale Shimer, Mark and Jeanette Damschroder, Dick and June Knepper, Michele and Lee Klohn and dozens of anonymous people that dropped off sugar, pecans and flour to the church office!

A thank you needs to go out to Cindy and Morgan Waggoner for their special effort in trying to help!

Thank you also to the incredible people that worked in the kitchen all day to make and bake the pies: Dick and June Knepper, Jeanette Damschroder (who also spent an extra day in the kitchen making all of the pie crusts!) Michele, Aaron and Alicia Klohn, Breanna Wetzel, Cheryl and Meredith Troxel, Karina Seem, T.J. Laird, Matt Dupey, and Pam, Isaac and Brianna Fraley.

Youth News continued.



TO THE PARENTS OF HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH:

I have scheduled a lock-in for the night of February 15! I am looking for a lot of adult volunteers to help me throughout the night! Even if you do not want to commit to the whole night, please let me know if you could come in for a couple of hours ... I will need to rely on you to keep me awake! Please call the church office or email me at stacey.reau@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for your support!! Stacey



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

Agnosticism: The intellectual stance of doubting everything except one's own opinion.

Angel: Divine beings heavenly servants of God, known as purveyors of godly messages, such as recipes for light and delicious food cake and impossibly fine pasta, or the somewhat rougher traditions of motorcycle fellowship.

THE SOCIAL MINISTRY BOARD DRAWS ATTENTION TO AREAS OF SERVICE:

On December 4, four people met with Pastor Jody and Maureen to share their passion for local ministries. Lyla Avers, Bill Armstrong, Bill Bowlus, and Donna Garner each talked about what their ministries are doing and where they might need the assistance of this congregation to continue to carry out these ministries to those in need.

Lyla Avers talked about the fact that the local Food Pantry served 296 people in November. Lyla said their inventory is up right now but after the holidays it will drop. The Food Pantry is always in need of food and volunteers to help out. They are especially in need of monetary donations right now in order to buy meat, eggs, milk and other perishables.

Bill Armstrong told us the Soup Kitchen serves 55-70 people every Thursday, here at Grace. Volunteers are always needed along with monetary donations.

Habitat Housing was represented by Bill Bowlus. Bill shared with the group that Habitat currently has 17 families participating. This ministry is able to build one house per summer and is in need of volunteers to help with the build, as well as work with the families.

Donna Garner told us that Share and Care has served 10,977 clients this year. This ministry helps provide clothing, household items, medicine, utility bills, rent, and gas. They are in need of volunteers to help in the center with sorting and folding inventory. Monetary donations are always welcome.

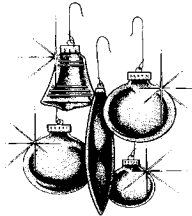
The Social Ministry Board will strive to keep the needs of these ministries in front of the congregation in order to keep everyone informed about what is available in our community and to encourage our members to offer assistance in whatever way they are able.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU
to our faithful volunteers
who help in the church office
throughout the year.

Your helping hands are a blessing to us!

Linda and Tricia

Thank You's



THANK YOU to everyone who came and helped put up the Christmas trees and dress the sanctuary for Christmas. It looks beautiful! Thank you to Charlotte Urban and Jill Gray for your leadership and vision.

Maureen

I would like to express my appreciation for the many caring words, prayers, and cards following the passing of my husband, Larry.

A special thanks to Heidi Gallagher and the Prayer Shawl Ministry for the comforting prayer shawl, as well as helping with the memorial service.

And a special thanks for the caring and kind words from Maureen. What a blessing to be a small part of the loving house of God!

Linda Paul

Members of Grace,

Thanks to all who sent cards, special prayers, flowers, gifts and the prayer shawl. Thank you to Pastor Jody for the visits. This all means so much to me! You are very special people.

God bless you all,
Doris Haubert

I would like to say thank you to everyone who sent cards, called or offered special prayers following my recent surgery. It was greatly appreciated.

Thank you again and God Bless,
Bill Schling

Friends and Staff,

Thanks for all the prayers and concerns during my recent illness. I'm doing much better now. Thanks to my family and friends for their love and support. Special thanks to Maureen for her visit at the hospital, the good turkey noodle soup and to Harry Aspacher for delivering it.

God bless you all!

James Auen

THANK YOU FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE: On December 9 Pastor Jody, Heidi and Grant Gallagher, Connie Amor, and Maureen attended the Christmas party at Hayes Memorial United Methodist Church for the Hispanic Community. Thanks to the congregation for all the donations of food and household items, as well as all the hats and mittens, coloring books and crayons the congregation donated. Along with the donations from other area congregations, helped to make this a successful Christmas outreach event. There were 100 guests and volunteers that shared a meal, made crafts, sang, celebrated and worshiped. Heidi and Grant took pictures of each family and they will be delivered to them right after Christmas. The goal of the Hispanic Outreach Ministry is to make in-roads and build relationships in the Hispanic community so we are better able to share the Good News of Christ with them. Grace Church made a big step in moving in that direction during this Advent Season!

Thank you,
Maureen

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I'm blessed to have your prayers and cards for healing. Along with the warmth of delicious chicken noodle soup and a pretty pink prayer shawl wrapped around me with love. Thank you. What a Lord who hears our prayers and brings to us His peace. For hearts and hands of love, I thank you.

Blessings to our church family,
Sandy Houghtaling

Newlyweds
Sheyanne (Baumert) and
Anthony Havens
were married on December 17.



New Babies!

On November 17, Ainsley Watkins and Scott Rutkowski,
welcomed a daughter, **Ella Grace Rutkowski**.

On November 27, Jeffrey and Jordie (Meyers) Martin,
welcomed a son, **Blake Jeffrey Martin**.

On December 5, Justin and Lindsay (Swope) Emrich,
welcomed a daughter, **Emma Lynn Emrich**.

On December 8, Kelsey Rosenberger and Tommy Brown,
welcomed a daughter, **Camden Jane Brown**.



December 2 - Kenneth Darrel Collins III, son of Kenneth D. Collins, Jr. and Lucinda Rollins.

December 2 - Amiyah Lynn Higgins, daughter of Scott Higgins and Cassandra Higgins.

December 2 - Skylar LeAnn Gullett, daughter of Scott Higgins and Cassandra Higgins.

December 2 - Ca'Lee Ann-Marie Higgins, daughter of Scott Higgins and Cassandra Higgins.

December 2 - Heaven Arianna Karr, daughter of Scott Higgins and Cassandra Higgins.

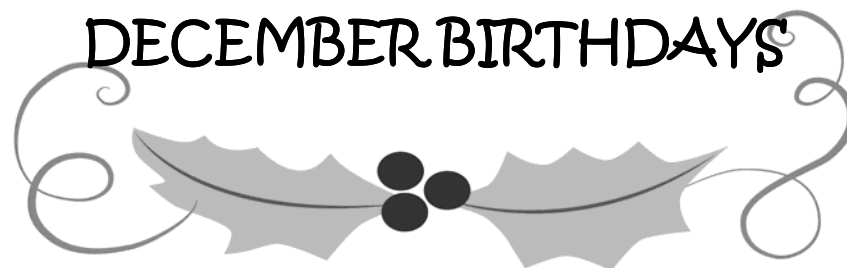
December 2 - Alyssa Rene Rollins, daughter of Jill Rollins.

December 8 - Kayla Elizabeth Horn, daughter of Douglas and Julie (Young) Horn.



Eric J. Theller

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Jan. 2	Marven Meyer	1938 Tiffin Rd.
Jan. 3	Patrick O'Brien	1715 S. Buchanan St.
Jan. 5	Avonelle Lotycz	2545 Middleton Pike Luckey, OH 43443
Jan. 7	Carl Cooley	1840 Morrison Rd.
Jan. 9	Loretta Sieberg	429 Morrison Rd.
Jan. 10	Lois Oberst	2104 Elm Dr.
Jan. 12	Irvin Klohn	1324 McPherson Blvd
Jan. 15	Marion Craig	3117 S. Co. Rd. 198
Jan. 15	Helen Zilles	131 Berkshire Dr.
Jan. 17	Ronald Schmitz	2999 N. St. Rt. 19
Jan. 21	Margaret Minich	3730 Smith Rd.
Jan. 22	Sharon Kinkaid	209 E. Co. Rd. 73
Jan. 23	Tillie Hetrick	Valley View Care Center 825 June St.
Jan. 28	Wayne Druckenmiller	740 Co. Rd. 212 Lot 71
Jan. 28	Marian Mach	1620 Williams Dr.
Jan. 28	William Sherick	1407 Rosewood
Jan. 28	Ruth Gray	256 E. Bayview Dr. Port Clinton, OH 43452



THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed on
Tuesday, December 25 and
Wednesday, December 26,
Monday, December 31
and Tuesday, January 1.
Wishing you a blessed Christmas
and a wonderful New Year!



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.)



**DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER
ARTICLES IS JANUARY 16.**

**The newsletter will be assembled
on Thursday, January 24, 2013.**

**Grace Lutheran Church
705 West State Street
Fremont, OH 43420**

Return Service Requested

Worship Services:

Saturday 5:00pm - Traditional Worship

Sunday 7:45am - Liturgical Worship

9:00am - Christian Education

10:00am - Celebration Worship/Holy Communion

Office Hours – 8:30am-4:00pm, M-F, 419-332-1558

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			NO SPIRIT 7:00 Bells 8:00 Praise Team	11:30 Soup Kitchen	6-8 Little Lutherans/Crazy Kids Movie Nite - Auditorium	5:00 Worship/Communion
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January

GREETERS

January 6 & 20

7:45 - D. Burkett (Front)
L. & D. Garner (Baptistry)
C. Klohn (Chapel)

10:00 - K. Burmeister (Front)
S. Clevenger (Baptistry)
R. Gray (Chapel)

January 13 & 27

7:45 - J. & L. Lajti (Front)
C. Paeth (Baptistry)
D. & C. Polter (Chapel)

10:00 - L. Halm (Front)
L. & B. McElfresh (Baptistry)
T. McElfresh (Chapel)

JANUARY 6

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Matt Dupey, Aaron Klohn
10:00 - Walker Cooper, Paul Mowry, Grant Gallagher
DEACONS: 7:45 - L. Widmer, D. Knepper
10:00 - S. Nossaman, L. Polter
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - B. Prasuhn, K. Saionz, L. Smith, S. Brickner
SOUND SYSTEM: N. Mayer (5:00), M. Hirt (7:45), R. Hawn (10:00)

USHERS

January 6, 13, 20, & 27

7:45 - G. Dupey
R. Schmitz
D. Zilles
P. Pelphrey

January 6 & 20

10:00 - T. Shanahan
T. Troxel
B. Williams
T. Clevenger

January 13 & 27

10:00 - D. Cooper
D. & S. Burmeister
J. Havens

JANUARY 13

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Kendra Buchele, Mallory Hutton
10:00 - Kristen Widman, Sarah Widman, Cydne Jess
DEACONS: 7:45 - C. Miller, J. Dupey
10:00 - C. Amor, E. Dabrunz
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - T. Troxel Family, F. Keller
SOUND SYSTEM: B. Bilger (5:00), L. Garner (7:45), E. Muffler (10:00)

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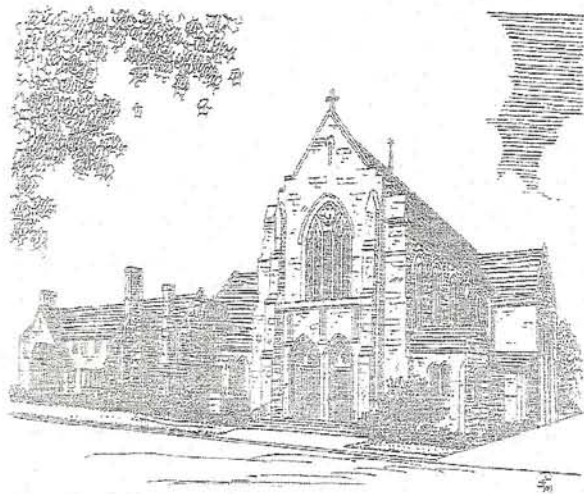
ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Isaac Fraley, Josh Oliver
10:00 - Megan Hawk, Morgan Hawk, Alaina Klingman
DEACONS: 7:45 - D. Burmeister, R. House
10:00 - D. Linder, S. Nossaman
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - The T. Wiersma Family,
SOUND SYSTEM: N. Mayer (5:00), M. Hirt (7:45), D. Prasuhn (10:00)

JANUARY 27

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Tommy Bousquet, Matthew Hutton
10:00 - Mike Muffler, Andy Burmeister, Casey McElfresh
DEACONS: 7:45 - P. Karle, L. Martin
10:00 - C. Miller, L. Polter
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - The Gedeon Family
SOUND SYSTEM: B. Bilger (5:00), L. Garner (7:45), M. McElfresh (10:00)

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ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Aaron Klohn, Alicia Klohn
10:00 - Bailey Eishen, Hannah Nelson, Brianna Garner
DEACONS: 7:45 - C. Klohn, M. Klohn
10:00 - C. Amor, E. Dabrunz
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - The G. Jess Family, L. Merrill
SOUND SYSTEM: N. Mayer (5:00), M. Hirt (7:45), R. Hawn (10:00)



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Sharing Our Gifts: Time and Talent Survey

“For by grace you have been saved through faith,
and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God.”

Ephesians 2:8

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Each one of us has gifts that we can share with our church and community. Even if you have only a few hours a year to volunteer, you can make a difference! Please take a few moments to review this form and find out more about the many committees, programs and services supported by our members. Let us know how you can help!

Instructions for Completing the Time and Talent Survey:

1. Fill in your personal information below.
2. If you would like to volunteer for a particular committee or program, please check the appropriate boxes listed below.
3. Mail the completed form to the church office or drop off at the church office.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

May we publish your phone number? _____ May we send you weekly e-news? _____

Would you like to receive the Grace and Truth via email? _____

I would like to serve, or I am already serving, with the committees and programs I have checked below:

Worship

Provide leadership and coordination for the worship and music ministry.

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Committee Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Greeter (5:00, 7:45, 10:00) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Sermon | <input type="checkbox"/> Instrumentalists (list the instrument (s) you play) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ushers (5:00, 7:45, 10:00) | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communion assistants (5:00, 7:45, 10:00) | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Choir |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Readers (5:00, 7:45, 10:00) | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Handbell Choir |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sound System (5:00, 7:45, 10:00) | <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Choir (vocal/chimes) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Worship Bag Volunteer | <input type="checkbox"/> Decoration Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Church Mouse (re-stock pew racks) | <input type="checkbox"/> Worship assistant (5:00, 7:45, 10:00) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Accompanist (piano/keyboard) | <input type="checkbox"/> Altar Guild |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Acolytes | <input type="checkbox"/> Praise Choir |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Praise Band (guitar, drums, flute etc) |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Deliver flowers |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Communion Bread Baker |

Youth Committee

Provide opportunities for youth fellowship.

- Committee member
- Host a youth event
- Transportation to an event
- Chaperone events
- Vacation Bible School
 - Teachers
 - Aides
 - Volunteer coordinator
 - Crafts
 - Music
 - Recreation
 - Skit characters
 - Kitchen Help
- Sunday School
 - Teachers
 - Aides
 - Substitute
 - Large group opening helper
 - Computer support
- Wednesday Night Spirit Help
 - Kids club Leaders
 - Kids club Helpers
 - Kitchen Help
- Youth fundraiser
 - pie sales
 - phone calls
 - kitchen help
 - Youth Auction
- Holiday Program Help
 - Practices
 - Costumes
- Special Event Breakfasts
 - Easter
 - Senior Recognition/Graduation
 - Confirmation
- Present Kid's Message

Stewardship Committee

To act or serve as a steward of the church.

- Committee member
- Mission Moments
- Consecration Committee

Special Interest Groups

Provide opportunities for fellowship and learning, share common interests, raise money and coordinate special events.

- Wii bowling
- Dartball
- Women's Circles
- Grace Fellowship
- Baby Boomers
- Advent Brunch
- Women's Spring and Fall Brunch
- My Brother's Keeper Soup Bowl and Family Harvest Festival
- Mother's of Preschoolers (MOPS)
- Scouts
- Good Friday Fish Fry
- Mah Jong lessons
- Tuesday Women's Bible study
- Scripture Life And Me (S.L.A.M.)
- Building Strong Marriages Series
(Lenten Series)
- Pastor's Monday Bible Study
- Kitchen Helpers: help serve meals
- Sunday Bible Studies
- Symphony
- Museum up keep

Church Office

Provide administrative support for all church functions.

- Bulletin Assembly
- Grace & Truth
- Pictorial Directory
- Annual Report
- Receptionist (special occasion only)
- Data Entry

Social Ministry

Share the love of Christ through God's work.

- Women's Project Day (sewing quilts)
- Food Pantry Representative
- Soup Kitchen Representative
- Share & Care Representative
- Village House Representative
- Liberty Center Representative
- Love Your Neighbor Day Volunteer
(2 times per year)
- Hispanic Outreach Ministry
- Chicken Soup Ministry
 - Make soup
 - Deliver soup
- Prayer Shawl Ministry
 - Make shawls
 - Deliver shawls
- Help is on the Way
(help with rides or small household tasks, as needed)
- Christmas Outreach Project
- Visit Nursing Homes
- St. Frances Ministry: Sunday worship help
- Uniform Room volunteer
- Mission Display Case up keep
- Library help

Property

Coordinate the maintenance and protection of the church property.

- Committee member - committee meetings only - 45 minutes
- Custodial chores - miscellaneous
- Special Tasks
 - Painting
 - Snow removal
 - General work
 - Mowing
 - Fall clean-up
 - Bush trimming
 - Tree trimming

Outreach/Missions

Welcome new members, public relations, community outreach, sharing good news.

- Committee Member
- Visitor Center Volunteer
(work/organize at visitor center)
- Farmers Market Worker
(pass out information and small gift)
- The Visitor's Team
- Computer Help
 - Web Page
 - Weekly Updates
 - Death notices
 - Podcasts
- Homebound Communion Minister
- Funeral Dinners
 - Prepare
 - Serve
- Sunday Cookie Hour Bakers
- Public Relations
(newspapers, flyers, radio)

Congregation Council

Provide leadership, oversee boards, represent and serve the congregation.

- Council Member
- Coordinate Special Events
- Special Task Forces

Endowment

Responsible for administering funds contributed by members for endowment.

- Committee Member