# "And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen bis glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth." Jobn 1:14 <br> <br> Grace \& Truth 

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Grace Lutheran Church, Fremont, OH

## The Pastor's Corner

From Matthew 28:19 we read, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit..." This is my favorite Scripture verse in the entire Bible. It embraces me. It speaks to me. It is who I am.

And so I have left behind a wonderful congregation in Cole Camp, Missouri. They send their greetings to all of you. God has directed me to move forward in mission...to find another congregation who would embrace the missional challenge of finding God in the neighborhood!

Before we move forward perhaps you would like to know a little bit about my past? I am a native of Jacksonville, Florida. I grew up in an extended family with my maternal grandmother, Tena (the Norwegian) helping to raise my sister and myself.

My undergraduate degree is in marketing and I spent thirty years in the business world. Somewhere along life's journey, I saw God calling me to a new direction. It was during our days when we lived on the farm in Indiana that God brought Pastor Don Ritchey into my life. Pastor Don was an interim minister at a small rural congregation. He was with the church for only about one year. During that time Don, with the Holy Spirit's direction, was able to double the membership of that little country church! I have never seen anyone preach like Pastor Don. We just couldn't wait to hear another sermon each week. Can you imagine? It was from that point on that God set a different path for my life.

Pastor's letter continued... I attended the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, PA. Oh... to go back to school and learn Greek! God saw me through those wonderful years and here I am today.
What is my passion? It is all about spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ...of finding God in the neighborhood...and to build community. I have learned that "God has a preferred and promised future for every community." Who knows where God just might be leading us, but I can promise it will be filled with joy. So Come and Join the Celebration!

Pastor Jody Rice


When in our music God is glorified . . . it is as though the whole creation cried: Alleluia!*

Did you know that there is a choir for every age level at Grace? From the Cherub Choir (age 3) to the Senior Choir (up to ?) there is a choir just right for you. Each year in September our choir directors are hoping for new members. Will you or yours consider participation this year?

How oft, in making music, we have found a new dimension in the world of sound . . .

Our children's choirs rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. This is part of the SPIRIT evening activities. The Cherub Choir is for ages $3,4, \& 5$. Kids of the Kingdom is for first through fourth grades. The Joyful Noises (choir chimes and handbells are emphasized) is grades five through seven.

And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night? . . . let all rejoice who have a voice to raise .. .

Our Senior Choir is a group of devoted musicians who enjoy praising God through beautiful part singing, often harmonizing in four or more parts. It has included singers from grade 8 into the early 90 's. The only requirement is the ability to carry a tune. All voice types are welcome, but we are in particular need of sopranos. Rehearsal is on Sunday morning between the two services.

Let ev'ry instrument be tuned for praise; . . . and may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia!

The Handbell Choir needs help this year. We have lost members for several reasons and we need some new "ringers". If we do not have twelve people it will sound like a piano with keys missing. It is helpful to be able to read music and have some sense of rhythm. Contact Jim Gardner at the church if you would like to join. Practices are on Wednesdays from 7:20 until 8:30 p.m.
*from When in Our Music God Is Glorified by Fred Pratt Green,1903-2000

## FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund
As of July 31, 2012:

| Year to date expense budget: | $\$ 247,414.42$ |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Year to date actual expenses: | $\$ 235,126.03$ |  |
|  | $\$ 12,288.39$ | (Under budget) |


|  |  | 2012 |  | 2011 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Year to date receipts: | \$ | 236,594.38 | \$ | 234,801.17 |
| Transfer from Contingency Reserve | \$ | - | \$ | 55,000.00 |
| Transfer from building for the Future | \$ | - | \$ | 14,881.00 |
| Year to date actual expenses: | \$ | 235,126.03 | \$ | 294,135.92 |
|  | to the |  |  |  |
| Receipts less expenses: | \$ | 1,468.35 | \$ | 10,546.25 |

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Baumer
Office Manager

## Church Council Notes from August 13, 2012

- Pastor Jody Rice and her family have moved into their home in Fremont.
- Pastor Jody Rice will be installed as Senior Pastor of Grace Lutheran Church on Tuesday, August 14, 2012 at 7 p.m. and hopes all can attend. Pastor Cathy Schibler will lead the Installation Service.
- Child/Youth Policy was reviewed and approved.


## Worship Committee

- Motion made to read the Psalms year round.
- Appeal to be placed in the G\&T and bulletin asking for members to join the 5 standing committees of Council.
- Worship Committee will assist with planning of Consecration Sunday.


## Cburch Council notes continued.

## Christian Missions/Outreach

- Committee will sponsor YMCA Tag Football; name will be on program and t-shirts.
- Baby Boomers will go to Mud Hens game on Sept. 2 and Polter's Pumpkin Patch on Oct. 5.
- Love Your Neighbor Day will be Sept. 29.
- Chili Cook-off will be October 14.
- The Uniform Exchange Room is open to the public MondayFriday, from 10am-noon.
- 2 boxes of food were taken to the Food Pantry.


## Christian Property

- Noah's Ark lighting is done in classroom; looking to raise $\$ 1700$ for lighting in playroom.
- Choir microphone issue will be looked into by Ken Kiser after the fair.
- Boiler start up will take place in September.
- Committee is looking at issues with 3 windows on Baker St., 5 slate tiles, roof leak in Auditorium, and down spout in Chapel area.


## Christian Youth/Growth

- Tracy Lewis, a local author, will be part of the Spirit Kick-Off on Sept. 5. He will speak from 6:15 to 7:15. Child care will be available. Activities will also be available for youth 2nd grade and under.
- Ted Foust is building shelves for the Uniform room.
- Penny Party will be September 21; money to go to Liberty Center.
- 2013 Youth Auction will be chaired by Stacey Reau.
- Stacey Reau will teach high school Sunday school this fall.
- Stacey Reau will be working on programming for the middle school and high school youth this fall.


## Christian Stewardship

- Committee is working on Consecration Sunday with help of Pastor Mark Miller.
- Letters will be sent \& notices will be placed in G\&T and bulletins.
- Consecration Sunday will be October 28 at 9:00 a.m. with a catered brunch to follow.


Wanted: People who want to BE THE CHANGE for our kids! We are in need of Sunday School teachers, tech support people and actors/actresses for our weekly high energy Sunday School openings! Sunday School students are only in their classroom about $1 / 2$ hour each week because of our large group opening and all of the curriculum is provided. . it can't get any easier! We can work around your schedule! Please call or email Stacey Reau, 419-333-0688 or stacey.reau@gmail.com

| Sept. 2 | Florence Decker | 304 Colony St. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sept. 2 | Charlotte Urban | 301 Pennsylvania Ave. |
| Sept. 3 | Ethel Fisher 15 | Elmwood of Fremont 5 Fangboner Rd, Rm 206 |
| Sept. 5 | David Souder | 2459 Buckland Ave. |
| Sept. 6 | Wayne Lieske | 147 Briarwood Cir. |
| Sept. 7 | Joanne Hirt | 1561 C. R. 226 |
| Sept. 9 | Gerald Gallagher | 532 S. Pennsylvania Ave. |
| Sept. 11 | Jo Bower | 315 S. Buchanan St. |
| Sept. 11 | Margie Druckenmiller | 704 C. R. 212 Lot 71 |
| Sept. 12 | Lloyd Linder | Bethany Place 916 North St. Apt. 24 |
| Sept. 15 | Kennard Hirt | 236 St. Paul Dr. |
| Sept. 16 | James Ginnever | 2147 Tiffin Rd. |
| Sept. 16 | Evelyn Theller | 36 Shaker Ct. |
| Sept. 18 | Harold Knudsen | 27 Pond Side Dr. |
| Sept. 20 | Geraldine Shimer | 1213 June St. |
| Sept. 21 | Walter Mach | 1620 Williams Dr. |
| Sept. 26 | Marlene Mullholand | 15 Meadowbrook Dr. |
| Sept. 26 | Jeanice Olmstead | $\begin{array}{r} \text { P.O. Box } 208 \\ \text { Bettsville, Oh. } 44815 \end{array}$ |
| Sept. 26 | Oma Pump | 1812 Robert Ave. |

BABY BOOMERS GOING TO THE PUMPKIN PATCH IN OCTOBER:
On Friday, October 5 we will be going to Polter's Pumpkin Patch! We will have a tour of their operations, carve a pumpkin and have a chili supper! Watch for more information to come!

FALL OPPORTUNITIES TO FELLOWSHIP IN THE WORD
WITH MAUREEN: The Women's Bible study is moving to Tuesday nights at 6:30. This group along with the Wednesday S.L.A.M. group will be doing a study by Max Lucado called "Out Live Your Life". Joining God's plan to change the world. Tuesday Women's Bible study will meet in the conference room. S.L.A.M. starts at 6:15 and ends at 7:15 this year. We will meet in the large class room.
Maureen's Sunday School class will start a study called "Genesis Reloaded: Uncovering the Story of Redemption." We meet at 9:00 each Sunday in the lounge.

## LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR DAY IS QUICKLY APPROACHING:

This will be the third Love Your Neighbor Day and it's : happening on September 29 from 8 a.m. until noon. We will need hands to work, salads for lunch and of course projects to :be done. Watch for forms to come so you may sign up to help in : whatever way you are able. This is our chance to carry out : Jesus command to Love your neighbor! :Questions? Contact Maureen at maureenpump@yahoo.com


# Shank You's 



I would like to thank all of the people who donated supplies for the VBS crafts. It was greatly appreciated. I am extremely grateful for the people who came through at the last minute for things that were still needed. Using donations and recycled materials have helped keep the cost of the crafts down. Thanks for all the support!

Robin Seem



## PACKING DAY for LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF



Packing Day will be Monday, Sept. 24. We will begin at 9:30 a.m. and pack quilts, layettes, school kits, health kits, and sewing kits. All women are invited; the more hands the better! Hope to see you there!

## FINANCIAL TIPS FROM THRIVENT

With the kids back to school, September is an ideal time to review your finances. Here's how:

1. Identify financial goals. Where have you made progress or fallen short? Update goals that have changed.
2. Evaluate life Changes. Events such as getting married, having a baby or getting a new job can have a big impact on your finances. Plan ahead to make the transition smoother.
3. Protect your assets. Ensure you have adequate health, auto, life and disability income insurance coverage.
4. Evaluate investments. Calculate the return on each of your stocks, bonds and mutual funds. Make sure you're satisfied with their performance and that your assets are diversified.
5. Review your retirement plans. Contribute the max to your employer's 401(k) plan or IRA.
6. Prepare for the unexpected. Review your will to ensure it still reflects your desires.
For financial guidance, contact the Fremont Financial Reps: Tracy Troxel, Andy Brandon or Brenda White at 419-334-3830 or visit



## Olove Oyour Oreighbox ODay

Saturday, September 29, 2012
(Rain date: October 13)
7:45 a.m. - Noon
wHO: Members of Fremont's Christian community, responding in love to the needs of our neighbors

WHAT: Local mission work throughout the Fremont area: Assisting nonprofits and local homeowners with maintenance, upkeep, inside/outside clean-up

WHERE: *Continental Breakfast and Prayer @ St. John's Lutheran;
*Project teams will be sent out into the community to perform acts of love and service;
*Noon fellowship lunch @ Hayes Memorial United Methodist

## HOW CAN WE SERVE YOU OR YOUR NEIGHBOR?

Let us know by filling out the referral form on the reverse side
For more information, contact: Maureen Pump (419-3321558)


# Love Your Neighbor Day Volunteer Skill Sheet 

Name $\qquad$
Phone/Email
T-Shirt Size (circle) Youth S M L XL 2XL 3XL
I already have my own Love Your Neighbor shirt
Outside Work
Painting
Trim/Prune Bushes
Gardening
Window Washing
Lawn Mowing
Gen. Yard Clean-up
Other $\qquad$
Inside Work
Scrub Floors/Walls
Shampoo Carpets
Vacuum Painting
Laundry/Dishes
General Cleaning
Other $\qquad$

## Specialty

Plumbing
Carpentry
Electrical
Mechanical Painting

Tear Down
Other $\qquad$

## Meals (circle all that apply)

Serving Set-up Clean-up Food Prep

## Administrative (on Sept. 29)

Answer phone calls/requests from work teams
Shop for supplies \& deliver to teams
Praver Support for our workers and for those served
Return to church office or drop in collection plate

# Love Your Neighbor Day Project Referral Form 

Referral Person/Phone \#/E-Mail
(please include organization if applicable)
Project Location/Address $\qquad$ Project Site Contact Person/Phone \#/E-Mail

## Outside Work

_Painting
_Gardening
_Lawn Mowing Trim/Prune Bushes
Window Washing
Other

## Inside Work

Scrub Floors/Walls ___ Shampoo Carpets
Vacuum
Paint Laundry/Dishes General Cleaning
Other $\qquad$
Any additional information (i.e., supplies, special equipment, etc.,)
$\qquad$

Questions?Maureen Pump (419-332-1558)
Please return form to Maureen at Grace Lutheran 705 W . State St.

Organization has begun for the 2012/2013 Church Council Year. There are five (5) Standing Committees that consist of elected Church Council members. Volunteers are also needed to be a part of these committees. Please read over the following descriptions of the committees and consider being a member on the committee that best suits you.

## CHRISTIAN MISSIONS/OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Will guide this congregation in sharing with others the gospel message of the good news of Jesus Christ. This committee will be responsible for missionary sponsorship and global partnerships. The committee will also oversee our local mission work, including supporting compassionate ministries in our community; our outreach ministries, which include both direct evangelism and public relations; and fellowship within the congregation and assimilation of new members.

## CHRISTIAN YOUTH/GROWTH COMMITTEE

Shall be responsible for youth ministry and Christian education within the congregation. The committee shall oversee the selection of curriculum, recruiting of teachers, goals, and operation of youth ministry programs, confirmation instruction, and all areas of congregational life dealing with youth and education.

## CHRISTIAN PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Shall be responsible for the maintenance and repair of all church property, provide for an adequate insurance program, and endeavor to anticipate major improvements and to propose necessary budgets for same.

## CHRISTIAN WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Will oversee the congregation's ministry of Word and Sacrament in public worship, including volunteers for worship, music ministry, musical instruments, and whatever else is necessary for good worship in the congregation.

## CHRISTIAN STEWARSHIP COMMITTEE

Will encourage the spiritual gifts of generosity and service in the congregation, by developing and carrying out a year-round stewardship ministry. This may include, but is not limited to, stewardship education and inspiration, an annual pledge campaign, any capital campaigns as authorized by Council, and encouragement of bequests and major gifts, the stewardship of the gifts of the people, managing the church membership list, and seeking to maintain current members for Christ and his church.

> YES I would like to be a member of the

Committec.

I would like more information on these committees.

NAME

## E-MAIL

PHONE NUMBER
Please place in Offering Plate or drop off in Church Office.


## Altar Guild ALTAR GUILD FOR AUGUST



Donna Garner
Judith Reed
Connie Amor
Ester Dabrunz

DON'T FORGET: If you are heading to a warmer climate for the winter months, please 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.)



Donald Dicken
Martha Huss


DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES IS SEPTEMBER 19.

The newsletter will be assembled on Thursday, September 27.

## 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
E-mail: gracefremont@yahoo.com
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Tricia McElfresh, Director, Noah's Ark Preschool noahs_ark_fremont@yahoo.com

|  |  |  |  |  |  | 5:00 Worship |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 7:45 Worship <br> 9:00 Summer Sunday School <br> 9:00 Pr. Jody Sunday School - <br> Dining Room <br> 10:00 Celebration Worship/ <br> Communion <br> 3:15 Baby Boomers - Blarney/ <br> Mud Hens <br> 8:00 DAA | Office Closed | $4$ <br> Noah's Ark First Day of School <br> Endowment Board Meeting | SPIRIT KICK-OFF <br> 5:00 Spirit Meal <br> 6:15 Troy Lewis - Sanctuary <br> 7:30 Confirmation Parent Meeting - Lounge | 11:30 Soup Kitchen 6 | 7 | $8$ <br> 8-10:30 Women's Fall Brunch Dining Room <br> 5:00 Worship/Communion/Baptism |
| Rally Day <br> 7:45 Worship/Communion <br> 8:55 Senior Choir Practice <br> 9:00 Christian Education <br> 10:00 Celebration Worship/ <br> Communion <br> 8:00 DAA | 9:00 Project Day <br> 9:15 MOPS <br> 1:00 Bible Study-Pr. Jody-Lounge <br> 7:00 Boy/Cub Scouts <br> 7:00 Church Council Devotions <br> 7:15 Standing Committees <br> 8:15 Church Council | 9:30 Daughter's Circle/Lounge <br> 6:00 Women's Bible Study Conference Room <br> 7:30 Grace Fellowship - Lounge |   <br>  12 <br> SPIRIT  <br> 5:00 Meal  <br> 5:30 Kids Clubs  <br> 6:15 Children's Choirs  <br> 6:15 Adult Groups  <br> 7:15 Contirmation  <br> 7:15 Bells  <br>   | 11:30 Soup Kitchen 13 |  | 9:30-3:30 Crafting for a Cause <br> 5:00 Worship |
| Consecration Kick-Off <br> 7:45 Worship <br> 8:55 Senior Choir Practice <br> 9:00 Christian Education <br> 10:00 Celebration Worship/ Communion/Baptism <br> 6:00 Middle/High School Parent Meeting-Lounge <br> 8:00 DAA | 1:00 Bible Study-Pr. Jody-Lounge <br> 7:00 Boy/Cub Scouts | 6:00 Women's Bible Study Conference Room 7:15 Joy Circle at S. Zilles | G \& T DEADLINE <br> SPIRIT <br> 5:00 Meal <br> 5:30 Kids Clubs <br> 6:15 Children's Choirs <br> 6:15 Adult Groups <br> 7:15 Confirmation <br> 7:15 Bells | 11:30 Soup Kitchen 20 | 6-8 Little Lutherans/Crazy Kids Penny Party-Youth Room <br> 5:30 Wedding Rehearsal | 2:30 Hines/Root Wedding <br> 5:00 Thankoffering Worship/ <br> Communion |
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| 7:45 Worship <br> 8:55 Senior Choir Practice <br> 9:00 Christian Education <br> 10:00 Celebration Worship/ <br> Communion <br> 8:00 DAA | 7:00 Boy/Cub Scouts |  | 7:15 Confirmation <br> 7:15 Bells |  |  | 5:00 Worship |



## GREETERS

September 2, 16, 30
7:45-D. Burkett (Front)
M/M L. Garner (Baptistry) M/M D. Polter (Chapel)

10:00 - L. Halm (Front) M/M L. McElfresh (Baptistry) M/M D. Linder (Chapel)

## September 9, 22

7:45- L. Baumer (Front)
S. Watkins (Baptistry)
C. Klohn (Chapel)

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

## USHERS

September 2, 9, 16, 22, 30

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

September 2, 16, 30
10:00-T. Shanahan
T. Troxel
B. Williams
D. Cooper

September 9, 22
10:00-T. Clevenger
M/M D. Burmeister
D. Curliss

## SEPTEMBER 9

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Alicia Klohn, Morgan Durell 10:00 - Grant Gallagher, Paul Mowry, Walker Cooper
DEACONS: 7:45-D. Knepper, J. Dupey, R. House, P. Karle 10:00 - B. Armstrong, E. Dabrunz
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - The Dabrunz Family
SOUND SYSTEM: B. Bilger (5:00), L. Garner (7:45), D. Prasuhn (10:00)

## SEPTEMBER 16

ACOLYTES: 7:45-Lindsay Lagrou, Kortni Lagrou
10:00 - Andy Burmeister, Matt Miller, Bryce Moreno
DEACONS: 7:45-L. Martin, C. Klohn
10:00 - J. Dorr, D. Linder
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - Tricia, Casey and Ivy McElfresh, L. Merrill SOUND SYSTEM: N. Mayer (5:00), M. Hirt (7:45), D. Pump (10:00)

## SEPTEMBER 23

ACOLYTES: 7:45-Tommy Bousquet, Josh Oliver 10:00 - Kristen Widman, Carly Wiersma, Cynde Jess
DEACONS: 7:45-M. Klohn, B. Seibert, J. Brock, J. Dupey 10:00 - C. Amor, E. Dabrunz
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - The Muffler Family
SOUND SYSTEM: B. Bilger (5:00), L. Garner (7:45), E. Muffler (10:00)

## SEPTEMBER 30

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Jonathan Lotycz, Aaron Klohn 10:00 - Megan Moses, Alaina Klingman, Brianna Garner
DEACONS: 7:45-L. Widmer, D. Knepper 10:00 - S. Nossaman, L. Polter
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00-L. \& J. Overmyer, B. Prasuhn, G. Rumball
SOUND SYSTEM: N. Mayer (5:00), M. Hirt (7:45), D. Prasuhn (10:00)

## OCTOBER 7

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Alicia Klohn, Morgan Durell
DEACONS: 7:45-R. House, P. Karle
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00-K. Saionz, The Troxel Family
SOUND SYSTEM: B. Bilger (5:00), M. Hirt (7:45), M. McElfresh (10:00)

