

Ministry Announcements for the week of May 13, 2018

TODAY IN WORSHIP!

- ✝ Altar flowers are given by Ron and Mary Schneider in memory of our mothers, Donna Mercer and Thelma Schneider.
- ✝ Chancel flowers are given by Tony and Nancy Lockard in memory of Shirley McKinnon and in honor of June Reinbolt, Hannah Horner and Jennifer Lockard.
- ✝ Opportunities for flowers in our worship spaces may be found in the Flower Book on the table in the north hallway.
- ✝ As a gift of grace, members of the prayer team are available for you in the prayer chapel (across the hall from the chapel) following the 9:30 worship.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

In keeping with the Grace office reorganization, it has become necessary to update our family's records. In the bulletin you will find an insert to aid in this process. Please take this opportunity to help with this task by answering the questions on this form and returning it to Grace. You can use the baskets provided, give to an usher, or return to the Grace office either in person or by mail. An accurate church roll is important for many reasons, and this is our opportunity to make sure it is correct.

Thank you for your help with this huge task!

SHOULD I BECOME A MEMBER OF GRACE?

Plans are beginning to form for a New Member Sunday. Have you been thinking of officially proclaiming, "Yes! I am a member of Grace!"? Now would be a good time to talk with Pastor Al about it! New Member Sunday will take place on Sunday, June 10 at the 9:30 am service.

TIMES CHANGE...

Times change. Somethings we can't change back and such things give us an opportunity to figure out how to bless the world in God's grace.

One of the BIG changes that have impacted the church involves health care regulations. The days are gone when hospitals and care centers contact congregations with pastoral care notices EVEN IF you tell the hospital the name of your home parish and someone promises they will call. Our parish has not received a courtesy call from a facility in months.

If you or someone who know would like a hospital visit, please contact the Church Office. Similarly, our at-home Communion Visitation Team enjoys visiting folks.

Our gentle reminder to you is that families must take the responsibility to contact the Church Office. Thank you.

ANNUAL MEETING REMINDER

Sunday, May 20 at 10:40 a.m. will be our Annual Congregation Meeting in Brenner Hall. Coffee and snacks will be provided. The purpose of this meeting is to elect Council Members and congregation members of the 2019 Nominating Committee. In addition, the congregation has the opportunity to make official our mission statement and guiding principles. Copies of the Annual Report will also be available.

- Candidates standing for election for a three-year term based on the work of the Nominating Committee include: Katie Sattler, Rick Sharp, Greg Schafer and Dan Holzscheiter. An insert in today's bulletin contains information about each of the Council candidates.

- At the May 8 Council meeting, Kathleen Hunter was appointed to complete a one-year unexpired term.

- In addition, three members of the congregation at large are to be elected to serve on the Nominating Committee for the May 2019 election. Those candidates are: Lynn Bacon, Karlene Jaquillard and Laura Frost.

SPREAD THE WORD:

The big TV screen in the hallway near the Office is available to share information with Grace's worshipers—announcements, meeting dates, pictures of Grace events, videos whatever.

To have information displayed on Sunday, have it to me by 9:00am the preceding Thursday. Text format should be MS Word (doc, docx,) or Adobe Acrobat (pdf). Graphics format should be either jpg or bmp. Bob Haaf (rahaaf@aol.com)

GRACE WEBSITE

Visit your Grace website at www.gracelutherantoledo.org

We are looking for content. If you, your committee, team, or group has any suggestions, news, content or questions, please submit them via email to:

1graceweb@gmail.com or see Jim Bail.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - DONATIONS NEEDED!

We are looking for donations to place in the boxes to be shipped later this year:
During the month of May we are looking for donations of small toys.

Thank you for supporting this ministry!

KROGER REWARDS PROGRAM

Please check your Kroger receipts to see if GLC is getting credit for your purchases through the Kroger Community Rewards program. Contact Cindi Charles if you have any questions about this program.

GIRL POWER, BIBLE STYLE!

Experience the grit and grace of 17 women of the Bible through creative first-person retellings. Caryn Rivadeneira's book, *Grit and Grace: Heroic Women of the Bible*, connects preteen girls with the women of the Bible, showing them that they are created in God's image to do mighty things in this world. Available through augzburgfortress.org

IN THE BEGINNING.....

You are invited! Join our Thursday 10 a.m. Bible Study for a new **Bible Study on GENESIS**. Life is not easy. Life is chaotic and we are wondering what does it all mean? Genesis is the good news that God is in charge. In 7 days, God created His world of beauty from chaos. God spoke His Word of Life & Light. God is still speaking and we're listening.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Do you have the pre-printed weekly offering envelopes? If not, would you like to order them? Is there a correction in name(s) or address that should be made to your envelopes? Please contact the Grace office if you need to order envelopes or if there is a correction that should be made to your current envelopes.

Speaking of offering envelopes, it would be most helpful to the counters if you fill in the amount in the envelope. If you are using pew envelopes, please add your name, the date and the amount. Again, this will be very helpful to our counters.

VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to all who offered to help with contacting members and other office duties! You are an awesome group of people!

We will be contacting you in the near future to assist with these projects and others. So be patient - we will find a job for you to do!

YOUTH NATIONAL GATHERING STOCK SALE

Today and running through June 3rd, the Stock Sale will take place to support the youth attending the National Gathering in Houston, TX June 24 through July 1st. The cost is \$15 for a single, \$20 for a couple and \$30 for a family. For your investment you will receive a post card from Houston, a prayer every day and a dinner and presentation on July 22nd at 4 p.m. Youth will be available between services so you can purchase stock.

THANK YOU LA-Z-BOY!

The next time you are walking down the hallway towards Brenner Hall, take notice of the two leather recliners in the hallway. La-Z-Boy generously donated these chairs for our use. Thanks also to Chris McKenzie for transporting them to Grace!

FOOD...FRIENDS...FAMILY...FUN!

Join us on Thursday, May 24 at 6:00 p.m. at Max & Erma's located at 1391 Arrowhead and Dussel near I-475 in Maumee. They have \$5 cheeseburgers with endless seasoned fries! Anything from soup to warm chocolate chip cookies! Sign up on the community board near the office.

DID YOU KNOW.....?

The *Christ In Our Home* devotional booklet is available for our Grace family members at no cost! Ruth Circle has been providing this daily devotional booklet so you can spend some time each day with our Lord, Jesus Christ. Booklets can be found in racks in the hallways near the Sanctuary and the office.

RESOURCEFUL SERVANTS - FROM THE ELCA

We often speak of the many dimensions of wellness in our lives – spiritual, intellectual, emotional, social and physical, for instance. Financial well-being is another vital component in our endeavor to live well. In the months and years ahead, the ELCA will focus on this concept as we embark on "Resourceful Servants," an initiative to encourage habits that strengthen and sustain individual and congregational financial wellness and growth.

To learn more, visit resourcefulservants.org

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you"

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



Grace Full Friends This is a ministry at Grace designed to share the love of Christ with individuals with developmental disabilities. It's a time to share a lesson, sing, pray, make a craft, and enjoy a snack. Check the bulletin board across from the church office for updates and samples of crafts made by our Grace Full Friends. Please consider joining us soon. Grace Full Friends meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. Additional information: Bob Haaf (475-0374 | rahaaf@aol.com)



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Date	Assisting Minister	Acolyte/ Crucifer	Lector	Ushers	Fellowship Hour Hostess'
MAY 13	DAVID O'BRIEN	MADISON RAY	DEBBIE FALLON	JANE VINCENT LARRY VINCENT MIKE HOLEWINSKI SUE DEMARS	JAN DUSTMAN KARLENE JAQUILLARD
MAY 20	BOB HAAF	R.J. KONDALSKI	CINDY WOOD	JANE VINCENT LARRY VINCENT MIKE HOLEWINSKI SUE DEMARS	SUE WAGNER JANET MOORE
May 27	CINDY WOOD	SAMANTHA BEE	WENDY MCCALL	JANE VINCENT LARRY VINCENT MIKE HOLEWINSKI SUE DEMARS	MARILYN LOHMANN BETH LOHMANN

UPCOMING DATES TO INCLUDE ON YOUR CALENDAR

- May 20 Pentecost Sunday
- May 20 10:40 a.m. Annual Congregational Meeting
- May 27 Holy Trinity Sunday
- June 24-July 1 ELCA National Gathering for Youth - Houston, TX
- October 28 Reformation Sunday

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith -- and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God -- not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Jesus Christ to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.
Ephesians 2:8-10