

Ministry Announcements for the week of May 27, 2018

TODAY IN WORSHIP!

- ✠ Altar flowers are given by Jan Dustman in loving memory of Robert Dustman.
- ✠ Chancel flowers are given by Jerry and Sherry Howard in memory of son Jerry Scott and loved ones.
- ✠ 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.

WORSHIP AT KINGSTON!

Looking for a midweek, midday worship service? Join JoAnne Vernon & Pastor Al at 1:30pm this coming Thursday, May 31 as GLC begins hosting a worship service at the Kingston Residence in Sylvania (4125 N. King Rd.). Come lend a prayer and a voice as we sing, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus", "Abide with Me", and "Holy, Holy, Holy".

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

In keeping with the Grace office reorganization, it has become necessary to update our family's records. Yellow forms are included in today's bulletin. Help us 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.

A TIME TO BLESS

Grace's purpose is to bless the world: be God's Grace. This sense of purpose - we believe, God's purpose - is in itself a gift of grace. Sometimes, we need help; we need help with thinking, motivation, decision-making and a sense of God-given purpose helps us. At the April Church Council Meeting, Council thought about the contents of Room 6; that is, the equipment from the pre-school. For four years, the majority of the equipment in Room 6 has not been blessing lives, nor has Room 6. While some of the equipment has been used by our Sunshine friends, the majority has not blessed anyone. We kept the equipment in thought that we would have it if a preschool restarted. However, the Holy Spirit has not led us back into pre-school ministry.

Therefore, Council has decided to release this unused equipment back to its original purpose to bless somebody's world. Our Sunshine friends have already taken what they think they can use, and now the time has come to return the contents of Room 6 to the folks who provided it, and that would be the congregation. On Sunday, June 3 the contents of Room 6 will be in Brenner Hall. We are looking for volunteers to help move the equipment from Room 6, beginning Thursday, May 31, in order that the congregation may take for their families

whatever might be found useful. The equipment is free to take; however, for those who want to, Council is suggesting an appropriately valued donation be made to Grace, earmarked toward the purchase of new hymnals for our 120th Anniversary in 2020 (one new hymnal costs \$22.50).

Whatever remains in Brenner Hall as of noon on Sunday, June 3, is being donated to a newly formed preschool (Three Hearts Learning Institute and Childcare, 1001 Indiana Ave., Toledo, OH 43607), operated by a friend of one of our Sunshine Staff.

FILL-A-TRUCK CLOTHING DRIVE

Grace's Youth Group is having a Fill-A-Truck Clothing Drive on Sunday, June 3 from 10:45am to 1pm. Items being collected include: wearable clothing, bags, belts, purses, shoes, etc. No linens, household items, etc. will be accepted.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING!

Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School -- Monday, July 16 through Friday, July 20 here at Grace. More details will be coming.....

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.

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.

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.
June: Packets of tissues and toothbrushes are needed.

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.

INTERFAITH BLOOD DRIVE IS COMING!

Grace will once again host the InterFaith Blood Drive on Saturday, June 23 and Sunday, June 24 in Brenner Hall. If you would like to donate blood, there will be sign-up sheets available in between services during the Fellowship Hour in Brenner Hall for the next several weeks. Also needed will be volunteers to assist with the blood drive and donations of food/snacks to feed the blood donors. If you have any questions, please see Nancy Lockard or Gretchen Hiatt.

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.

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.

DID YOU KNOW.....?

The door mats at entrances of Grace were replaced by Ruth Circle (approximate cost was \$600). Ruth Circle meets the second Wednesday of each month at 9:30am in Fellowship Hall.

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 resourcefuleservants.org

FLOWERS FROM SUNSHINE

Have you noticed the flowers waiting to be planted in our flower boxes at Grace? Our Sunshine folks will again do the planting of the flower boxes for us in the coming days. Give thanks for our partnership with Sunshine! What a blessing!



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 27	CINDY WOOD	SAMANTHA BEE	WENDY MCCALL	JANE VINCENT LARRY VINCENT MIKE HOLEWINSKI SUE DEMARS	MARILYN LOHMANN BETH LOHMANN
JUNE 3	PETER KRAMP	MILENA SLAYBAUGH	FRITZ GOOCH	RICK WOOD JON DARNELL MARSHA SCHROEDER	GRETCHEN HIATT NANCY LOCKARD
JUNE 10	PETE COOK	R.J. KONDALSKI	GENE WEIMER	RICK WOOD JON DARNELL MARSHA SCHROEDER	LAURA FROST PAULA CUMPIAN CARLA WOOTEN

UPCOMING DATES TO INCLUDE ON YOUR CALENDAR

- May 27 Holy Trinity Sunday
- June 24-July 1 ELCA National Gathering for Youth - Houston, TX
- July 16-20 Vacation Bible School
- August 12 Ragtime Rick Outdoor Service
- 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