

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 26, 2023

**Parking** | spots are available in the parking lot and on the Park Drive side of the church. Additional Parking spaces are available across the street, at the school.

**Large Print Bulletins** | If you would like to use a large print bulletin, please help yourself to one on the back pew or ask an usher for assistance.

**OFFERING** | Stationary plates are placed at the rear of the pews for your offerings. Online giving through the church's website is also encouraged. <https://www.gracethornville.org/giving>

**PRAYER** | Linda Dittoe, Gregg Thomas, Gene Raab, Larry Arnold, Ron Pairan, Donna Winegardner, Bob Little, Jason Snider, Dave Shelly, Caleb, Karen, Christy, Ginny Shell Pargeon, Tish Hansberger Hallam, Andrew Smith, Sherry & Pat Shay, Lisa Snider, Connie, Chris, Cassie, Cord, Tristan, Ethan, Sue, Gene Raab, families of the Tuscarawas Valley Local School bus crash victims, Sydney, Bob Myers, Kathy, Misty Hoover Connor, family of Roger Satterfield, Jon, David Turner, Fred Boring, Lynda, Michael, family of Judy Keller Karr, family of Jim Hanzy, Kaylie Alkire. Prayer-line: [prayer@gracethornville.org](mailto:prayer@gracethornville.org), 740.246.6576, or Sharon Roshon 740.467.3198.

**Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God by Jim & Sharon Roshon.

**Hospitalized:** Linda Dittoe in ICU at The James.

**The Mitten Tree** is in the gathering space awaiting your donations of socks, gloves, mittens, scarves, and hats to be given to needy children in our Collection deadline: December 5. Sponsored by Thornville Community Aid. More info: Terrie 740-403-3956, Beth 614-214-1944, or Virginia 740-877-2962.

**Tuesday's Table** will meet on November 28<sup>th</sup> at Hometown Hotdog in Millersport at 5PM. Sign up sheet is in the Gathering Space. Jacob, the new owner, is opening after hours so Grace can enjoy dinner and fellowship. At least 20 people are needed for this event to happen.

**Monticello Circle** will meet here on Wednesday, November 29, 7:00pm.

**Advent / Christmas Decorating** - Meet here on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8:00a.m., to help decorate the church for the Christmas season. Many volunteers needed! No experience necessary!

"Our Daily Bread," daily devotionals for December - February are available from the table in the Gathering Hall.

**Midweek Advent Services** will be held on Wednesdays December 6, 13, and 20 at 7:00 PM. We will use a form of evening prayer (vespers), with the texts set to the tunes of familiar Christmas hymns. We will also sing one Advent and one Christmas hymn, with a brief homily (sermon) on a Scripture reading and the hymns.

**The Women's Board** will host a "Christmas Circle Up" here on Saturday, Dec. 2, 10 am. Lunch will be provided by the circles: Monticello Circle salads, and the Friendship Circle soup & rolls. The board will provide dessert. During this gathering we will have a short business meeting, program "You are the Apple of HIS Eye" (Zechariah 2:8), prepare baskets for homebound members, and eat lunch.

**Grace will be Serving Cookies and Hot Chocolate** for the annual Thornville Christmas tree lighting event on December 3. Cookies and/or hot chocolate donations needed. They can be dropped off in the church kitchen the morning of the event. Parade will start at 5:00 ending at the Masonic Lodge where hot dogs will be served. Cookies and hot chocolate will be available at Grace Lutheran! A tree lighting will occur at 6:00 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge and of course Santa will be there! Trinity UCC will have a live nativity following the tree lighting.

**Community Christmas Variety Show** will be held at Sheridan High School Dec. 8 and 9, 7:30pm. The Show features nearly 50 local vocalists singing Christmas favorites; both sacred and secular. There will also be soloists, a children's choir, and the funny antics of two endmen. Tickets cost \$5 adult; \$3 student and can be purchased in advance from any member of the cast or at the door on both evenings. A very cheap night out! Proceeds go to scholarships for seniors in the performing arts. Feel free to call John Ulmer @ 740-281-7672 for additional information. Hope to see you there!!

**Poinsettias** for Christmas altar decoration can be ordered now through Dec. 18. The flowers will be used to adorn the altar area, and may be taken home following either the Christmas Eve or Christmas Day service. Cost is \$20.00 each and can be ordered by placing a Poinsettia Order Envelope in the offering plate, or contacting the office 740-246-6576 or [office@gracethornville.org](mailto:office@gracethornville.org). Envelopes can be found in the gathering space.

**Military Mission** It's time to send a Christmas gift box from Grace to our overseas military. Please send name and military address to [jroshon3@columbus.rr.com](mailto:jroshon3@columbus.rr.com). This can be a Grace member, a Sheridan graduate, or someone you believe needs a Christmas gift. Thanks. Jim Roshon.

**NALC Internship** - This coming year (2024), the Southeast Ohio Mission District of the NALC will be hosting a seminary intern preparing for ordination. This intern will be based at Groveport Zion Lutheran Church, but will have the chance to do things in all the congregations of our district. Funding for the intern is needed. Our church council decided to designate half of the special Christmas offering to help fund this internship, with the other half going to the Lutheran Church-South Sudan. You can give by writing "NALC Internship" on your offering envelope.

**Church Electric** - Is something not working in the building? In the effort to decipher and document the electrical system throughout the church building, we have not been able to track down what 16 of the approximately 200 circuit breakers control, and they have been turned off. If you notice anything electrical in the building that does not appear to be working, please contact as soon as possible either Bob Reynolds at 630-698-0457 or bobr22600@twc.com, or Beth Gilgien, Office Secretary, so it can be rectified. Thanks.

**Pop Tabs** - We will continue this ministry throughout the year. A collection jar for your tabs is in the gathering space. Thank you for your support of Ronald McDonald House with your donation of pop tabs.

**Backpack Ministry** is in full steam again this school year! A donation bin for food donations, grocery bags and the larger clicklist grocery bags is located in the atrium. Monetary gifts may be given through your offering envelope, just write "Backpack Ministry" on the envelope. If you would like to volunteer to help bag the food contact Barb Ulmer 740-281-7673 or Kate Simmons 740-605-3230.

**Ways To Serve** - Sign up! Ways to help with the worship service are posted at the "Congregation Corner" in the gathering space. **Greeters:** a very important ministry in our parish, welcoming people coming to Grace for worship, handing out bulletins, collecting the offering, and more. **Lector:** Reading of the lessons. **Acolytes:** Lighting the candles. **LifeWise Safety:** This takes approximately 2 ½ to 3 hours on Wednesdays and Thursdays assisting kids crossing Columbus Street from Thornville Elementary School to Grace and back. Please take a moment to check it out, then choose a date and time that works for you.

**"Phishing" Scams** - In our sinful world, there is unfortunately no shortage of people who seek to deceive and take advantage of others. Churches and their leaders are often targets of such scams. Often, such scammers will send emails to church members pretending to be the pastor and then asking for money or gift cards. If you receive one of these emails or other communications, ignore them. Pastor Tom or other NALC church leaders will never contact you in such a manner. If you do receive such an email, please let the church office know.

**Upcoming Youth Events:**

- + December: Sunday, Dec. 3 -- Thornville's *It's a Wonderful Life* Event/Parade
- + January 2024: Saturday January 20th-- Hocking Hills Winter Hike
- + February 2024: Sunday February 11th-- Superbowl Bake Sale

SCHEDULE FOR NOV 26-DEC 3		
<u>Today</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adventures In Faith
	9:15am	Confirmation Class
	10:30am	Worship
<u>Monday</u>	4:00pm	Bible Study
	7:00pm	Handbell Practice
	7:00pm	Dartball vs Drums
<u>Tuesday</u>	9:00am	Senior Seminar
	10:15am	Extension Homemakers
	5:00pm	Tuesday's Table
<u>Wednesday</u>	11:00am	LifeWise Academy
<u>Thursday</u>	11:00am	LifeWise Academy
<u>Friday</u>	8:00pm	AA Meeting
<u>Saturday</u>	10:00am	Christmas Circle Up
	2:00pm	S. Wilke
<u>Next Sunday</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adventures In Faith
	9:15am	Confirmation Class
	10:30am	Worship
	12:00pm	T. Hupp
	4:00pm	Cookies & Hot Cocoa

**Serving this Sunday:**

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson  
 Assisting Minister: Jim Lewis  
 Greeters:  
 Lector: Karen Lewis (8am); Becky Winegardner (10:30)  
 Accompanist: Cherl Haggengjos

**Serving Next Sunday:**

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson  
 Assisting Minister: Kelly O'Reilly  
 Greeters: Larry & Valinda Arnold (10:30)  
 Lector: Luann Cooperrider (8am); Ana Grum (10:30)  
 Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

**Attendance:** 8am: 31; 10:30: 97

**Giving:** General: \$2,335.; Disaster: \$50.; NALC: \$20.; TEAF: \$58.; Local Food: \$25.; Backpack: \$120.; Vogt family: \$15.; LifeWise: \$5.; NALC Internship: \$200.; Capital Campaign: \$5.; Thanksgiving: \$40.; Scholarship: \$30. Total: \$2,903.00