

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR AUGUST 17, 2025

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 including large print hymns are available. 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.

Children's Worship Bags are located in the back of the sanctuary for children to use during worship services. They have been updated with supplies and toys to help kids successfully be a part of the big worship service. Make sure you check them out. Parents, please make sure all bags and items are returned to the Greeters following each service. Thank You.

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 | Janet Boyer, Mike Maxwell, John Cooperrider, Vicky Thomas, Lynn Stough, Richard Gothard, Ryan, Irene, Terry, Kim, Marilyn Sullivan, Carolyn Merryman, Jackie, Tim & Denise Butler, Jean, Bradley, Brittany, Charlie, Michael, Cathy, Shawn Burwell, Ashley, Janet Hodge, Chad Hamilton, Amy & Glen Teems, Denise & Jake, Helen, Diane, Mickayla, Jackson, Jean, Ladd Good, baby Hudson, Gretchen Lahman, Dean Severance, Bob, Gary Clouse, Heather Courter, Chris B., Mary Dennis, Rick, Trent, John Davis, Christi, George, Kelli, Tom, Beth Miller, April and her injured father, Jim Gardull, Ashley and her baby boy, Molly, Jimmy, Ashley, Brad & Katrina, Jean, Brittany, Charlie, Shawn Scott, Pastor Tom. Prayer-line: prayer@gracethornville.org, 740.246.6576, or Sharon Roshon 740.467.3198.

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in celebration of Paul & Sandy Moentmann's 40th wedding anniversary today.

Adventures in Faith Leaders being commissioned today are as follows. Thank you for your service to our Lord!

*Pre K - 2nd Grade - **Linda Keaser***

*3rd - 12th Grade - **Jessica Rockey, Pastor Theresa Jacobson, Amber Feyh***

*Confirmation - **Pastor Tom Jacobson***

*Adults - **Kris Lamphere, Jim Lewis, Karen Lewis***

Paul Varner Scholarships are being awarded to the following students. Each is receiving a check for \$350. Congratulations!

Josiah Hamilton
Heidelberg University

Grant McCallum
Ohio University

Emily O'Hara
Columbus State College

Josie Sigler
Columbus State College

Come and Eat! Our Church Picnic will be held today following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Meet at the Thornville Community Park. The WNALC will provide fried chicken, drinks, plates, napkins, cups, and cutlery. Bingo will be offered at 1:00 p.m. All are invited and welcome to attend for fellowship and food!

Tuesday's Table has scheduled their next outing for Tuesday, August 26, 5:00pm, at the Buckeye Lake Winery. Please RSVP at the Congregation Corner in the gathering space.

Crochet Club - Next regular monthly meeting is August 31 (note change of date!), at 1:30pm. Open to all who want to learn! Questions, contact Daria Carr 740-684-0534.

Jim & Karen Lewis will continue to lead their adult Sunday School class beginning on September 7, at 9:15am. They are continuing the catechism study book and meeting in the church library. All welcome to attend!

Backwoods Fest: We will be working the Backwoods Fest again this year, slingin' Sausage Gravy and Biscuits, along with Pumpkin Spice Bread. There are 3 shifts on Friday Sept. 19, Saturday Sept 20, & Sunday Sept 21, so lots of opportunity to help. Parking is free; however, there is a \$12.00 entrance fee for those over age 10. Entrance tickets are available for our volunteers, or fees will be reimbursed from the Youth Fund upon request. All workers must wear a hat or hairnet. Sign-up sheets are located in the Gathering Space. Questions, please contact Casey Sigler 740-279-5405, or Kelly O'Reilly 740-973-3158. Please volunteer! This is a major fundraiser for our Youth!!

Friendship Circle will not meet until their next scheduled meeting on Tuesday, September 9th at 11:30am.

Mission Project 2025: Health Care Kits and Bibles for the NALC Disaster Response Team! During August and September we will be collecting Health Care Kit items. A box is located in the Atrium door area and in the Gathering Space for donations. Items needed are listed; you can donate individual items or feel free to put together a full kit on your own. **Health Kit:** 1 two-gallon plastic storage bag (used to pack items), 1 bath towel, 1 wash cloth, 1 shampoo (2 if travel size), 1 bar of soap (2 if travel size), 1 toothbrush (individually sealed), 1 pack dental floss (optional), 1 toothpaste (2 if travel size), 1 comb, 1 deodorant, 1 nail clippers (optional) . **Bibles:** new or used (highlighted, underlined text acceptable), child, teen, or adult; Bible story books for children; Prayer books.

LifeWise Academy meets here on Wednesdays and Thursdays throughout the school year beginning September 10. A Security Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet has been placed in the Gathering Space to assist kids crossing Columbus Street from Thornville Elementary School to Grace and back as part of the LifeWise Program. We need at least two people each day: **Wednesdays from 11:00am to 1:45 pm; Thursdays from 11:30am to 1:30 pm.** Keeping the kids safe is an integral part of this program. Please add your name to the list as you are able.

Nominating Committee members for this year are Richard Rockwell, Kaye Smith, and Vicki Jones. They are currently soliciting candidates for the soon to be vacant 2026 Council positions, which include President, Treasurer, and Secretary. If you would like to serve, or know someone who would like to serve, please contact Rick at 740-624-2241, Kaye at 740-403-1482, or Vicki at 740-403-7311.

The Annual Meeting of the congregation will be held on **Sunday, November 2, 2025** between the worship services. A **Budget Forum & Constitution Forum** will be held on **Sunday, October 12, 2025** between the worship services.

Reports for our Annual Report are due in the church office by October 5.

“Our Daily Bread,” daily devotionals for September - November are available from the table in the Gathering Space.

Companions for Homebound Seniors: In partnership with Catholic Social Services, the local Meals on Wheels program is seeking volunteers to serve as companions to homebound older adults in our community. Qualifying volunteers may receive a stipend for their time and service. If you feel called to make a difference in the life of an older adult — or would like to learn about other volunteer opportunities — please contact Amber at 740-681-5050, ext. 113 or visit www.theseniorhubfc.org. Your time and compassion can help someone feel less alone.

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. Let's see if we can beat our 2024 collection of 29.7 pounds!

"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.

SCHEDULE FOR AUG 17-24		
<u>Today</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Rally Day Activities
	10:30am	Worship - Scholarship Awards
	12:00pm	Church Picnic @ Thornville Park
<u>Monday</u>	4:00pm	Bible Study
<u>Tuesday</u>		
<u>Wednesday</u>		
<u>Thursday</u>	7:00pm	New Member Class
<u>Friday</u>	8:00pm	AA Meeting
<u>Saturday</u>		
<u>Next Sunday</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	AIF
	10:30am	Worship
	1:30pm	Crochet Club

Serving Today:
Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
Assisting Minister: Kelly O'Reilly
Greeters: Shane & Jessica Rockey (10:30)
Lector: Ginger O'Reilly (8am); Valinda Arnold (10:30)
Acolytes: Sophia and Stella Rockey
Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

Serving Next Sunday:
Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
Assisting Minister: Tom Rodgers
Greeters: Bob & Becky Reynolds (10:30)
Lector: Beth Raab (8am); Barry Moore (10:30)
Acolytes:
Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

Attendance: 8/10: 8:00: 34; 10:30: 74
Giving: General: \$5,095.14; Disaster: \$75.; NALC: \$20.; Local Food: \$25.; Backpack Ministry: \$60.; Pastor Didi: \$150.; Vogt family: \$5.; LifeWise: \$250.; Heartbeats: \$200.; Capital Campaign: \$5.; LCSS: \$100. Total: \$5,985.14