

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 20, 2022

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 | No offering plates will be passed. 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 | Pastor Tom Phillips, Ron Mai, Donna Winegardner, Mark, Bob Jones Sr., Beth Gilgien, Rick Scarborough, Patrick Harmon, family of Dave Wamer, family of Joann Severance, Mark Reynard, family of Paul Culver Jr., Bunny, Joshua, family of Don Budnick, Hal Gladden, Carolyn Zollinger, Mary & Kenney Fannin, Mary Ann Shell. Prayer-line: 740.246.6576, or Sharon Roshon 740.467.3198.

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Scotty Crossman, in memory of his son, Kierston Jackson and by Jim Leavitt in memory of Jim & Dorothy Leavitt on their birthday.

Congratulations to Bethany & Terry Douglas on the February 4th birth of their 8 lb. 1 oz. daughter, Liberty Grace Douglas. Welcoming Liberty to the family are her siblings Lynn, Hailey, and Matt; and grandmother Beth Gilgien.

A "Cottage Gathering" will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 22, 6:00pm, at the home of Paul & Sandy Moentmann. Pastor Tom will hold a series of "cottage gatherings" throughout the year, roughly once a month. These are simply informal times of fellowship to get acquainted with the new pastor and for him to get to know members of the congregation. These are intended to be small groups of around 10-15 people. Someone can volunteer to host the meeting at their home, perhaps with coffee and some dessert. There will be many more of these meetings held as the year goes on and on different days of the week, so if this time does not work, feel free to wait and sign up for a later meeting. A sign up sheet is on the table in the gathering space.

Confirmation Classes for 9th graders and older unconfirmed, taught by Pastor Tom during Adventures in Faith time (Sundays, 9:15am), are held in Classroom 1. Confirmation will be held on Reformation Sunday.

First Communion Classes will start on March 27, 2022 for 3rd and 4th graders, or older youth that missed the class. Their First Communion will be Sunday, May 8. Please contact Kate Simmons 740-605-3230 if you plan to attend, so class materials can be ordered.

Adventures in Faith for Kids has been meeting for the past few months. We are currently meeting as one group, although we are hoping for enough kids and teachers to eventually return to classes grouped by age. Adults - We need teachers! This is NOT a weekly time commitment. You can teach as little as 6 Sundays a year. The lesson plans are already created for you, too. All you need to do is show up and spend some time with the amazing kids at Grace. Contact Amber Feyh 740-475-9155 or Kate Simmons 740-605-3230.

A Mutual Ministry Committee has been established to serve as support to Pastor Tom during this transition period at Grace. The members of this committee are: Diane Christensen, Dennis DeRolph and Carl Lahman. This committee will begin meeting in February.

A Facilities Team has been established to oversee the care and maintenance of both the church and parsonage, including general maintenance, upkeep of the church and parsonage grounds, maintenance of the heating and cooling systems, landscaping, mowing and snow removal. The focus will be more of a comprehensive approach of our entire facility. Periodic walkthroughs will be scheduled and a log will be kept of items to be fixed or replaced. Members of this team are: Carl Lahman (coordinator), Beth Gilgien, Paul Moentmann, Pete Oberhauser, Kelly O'Reilly, Bob Reynolds, and Sue Ellen Simmons. If anyone else has an interest in joining this team, please contact Carl Lahman at carllahman@gmail.com or (614) 329-8639.

Soup Suppers - ASH WEDNESDAY is March 2. It begins the season of Lent, and our Wednesday evening services. At 6:00p.m., we will have a Soup Supper downstairs, then beginning at 7:00p.m., we will worship in the sanctuary. These Wednesday evening suppers will continue until the week of Maundy Thursday, which we will serve soup and worship on Thursday. All Manna Monday volunteers are encouraged to help with these suppers, as Manna Monday meals will begin on April 25. A sign-up sheet to provide a soup, or dessert for one or more of these dinners, is on the table in the gathering space.

Homeless Shelter Update - A community support meeting to come together and address the housing crisis in Perry County will be held on Thursday, Feb. 24, 6:30pm, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 201 West Brown St., New Lexington. All are welcome! Questions can be emailed to office@holytrinitynewlexington.org or call 740-243-7737.

Backpack Ministry has an abundance of bags, thanks to your generosity! They still appreciate any donations of food and extra funds. Donation bins are 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.

Please do not remove the ropes on the pews at the front of the sanctuary. These pews remain closed to afford those who need/desire to continue to social distance. Thank you for your continued support of our efforts to make in-person worship available to as many people as possible. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Kelly O'Reilly or Church Council members.

SCHEDULE FOR FEB 20-27/2022		
<u>Today</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adventures in Faith
	9:15am	Confirmation Class
	10:30am	Worship
	12:00pm	Sewing
<u>Monday</u>	7:00pm	Handbells
<u>Tuesday</u>		
<u>Wednesday</u>		
<u>Thursday</u>	7:00pm	Choir
<u>Friday</u>	8:00pm	AA Meeting
<u>Saturday</u>		
<u>Next Sunday</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adventures in Faith
	9:15am	Confirmation Class
	10:30am	Worship

Giving 2/13 General:\$2117.00; Lancaster Food: \$10; Mission \$12.50; LWR: \$12.50; Disaster Response \$50; NALC: \$70; TEAF \$60; Local Food: \$90; Backpack: \$285.; Vogt family: \$5; Capital Campaign:\$10; Scholarship: \$30. Total: \$2,752.00

Serving this Sunday:
 Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
 Assisting Minister: Tom Rodgers
 Lector: Luann Cooperrider, John Ulmer
 Organist: Sue Ellen Simmons

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 Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
 Assisting Minister: Jim Lewis
 Lector: Karen Lewis, Bob Reynolds
 Organist: Sue Ellen Simmons