

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR APRIL 6, 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 | Rick Rockwell, John Ulmer, Mike Maxwell, Charles Palmer, Vicky Thomas, Ron Pairan, Pastor Tom Phillips, Andrew Smith, John Little, Shirley Butler, Jake & Denise Knox, Kevin & Kim, Zach, Pat Gallagher, Carol Shrider, Marion, Melissa Daniels, Abel and Kingsten Kaiser, Susan Birie, David, John Cooperrider, Cheryl, Carl Brinda, Dave DeRolph, Ginny Pargeon, Lynn Stough, Richard Gothard, Jason Snider, Charlotte Kincaid. Prayer-line: prayer@gracethornville.org, 740.246.6576, or Sharon Roshon 740.467.3198.

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God.

We Welcome Debbie Wright and Conda Barlow to our 10:30 worship service today. Besides doing several gospel songs, Debbie will be sharing her testimony of how God has been with her through the deadly poison botulism in 2015, which paralyzed her from the neck up, and cancer in 2020, which she fought fearlessly for over 2 years having both covid and pneumonia twice. There will be a special slide presentation with a song of her journey. Both Conda and Debbie have a passion for the Lord's work through music. They both hope that through the music you will see and hear that you are never alone and that God will not only bring you into the storms, but also through them.

Happy Anniversary wishes to Dennis & Marian DeRolph who will celebrate their 52nd wedding anniversary tomorrow.

Lent Services - Please join us for our Wednesday evening worship services!

✱ 4:30pm Bible Study with Carl Keaser in Noah's Club

✱ 6:00p.m. Soup Supper in the Fellowship Hall

✱ 7:00p.m. Worship in the Sanctuary. Each week, Pr. Tom will preach on a Bible passage/story that never appears in our lectionary on Sunday mornings. This week's message: Acts 5:1-11 (Ananias and Sapphira).

This schedule will continue until the week of Maundy Thursday (April 17), which we will serve soup and worship on Thursday.

Community Lenten Services will be held in addition to our Wednesday services. Each week during the season, there will be a worship service on Sunday evening at 6pm – with a different host church each week. The last service on April 13th will be a cantata at Hopewell United Methodist Church directed by Susan Ballantine. The 2025 Community Lenten Schedule is as follows: Tonight – Somerset Community Methodist Church; April 13th (Palm Sunday) – Cantata at Hopewell United Methodist Church.

Looking Forward to Holy Week:

- Next Sunday is Passion/Palm Sunday - Worship at 8 and 10:30am
- Maundy Thursday, April 17 - Bible Study at 4:30pm; Soup Supper at 6:00pm; Worship 7:00pm
- Good Friday, April 18 - Tenebrae Worship Service at 7:00pm
- Holy Saturday, April 18 - Easter Vigil Worship 7:00pm
- EASTER Sunday, April 19 - Worship at 8am and 10:30am, breakfast served 8-10am

Easter Breakfast - To our delight, our Youth will once again be hosting the Annual Easter Breakfast! They will be cooking pancakes, scrambled eggs, hashbrowns, and sausage. Also serving cinnamon rolls, donuts, fruit, coffee, juice, milk. Donations received will be given to a charity of their choice. Join us on Sunday, April, 20th between 8 and 10am.

Adopt-A-Highway Clean Up day for our church is Saturday April 12th. Volunteers will meet at church at 9:00am. Many volunteers needed and lunch will be provided after to all those that participate.

Youth Lock In is scheduled for Saturday April 12th. Kids can arrive at 2:00pm and are to be picked up following the 10:30 service on Sunday in the Fellowship Hall. Youth must bring pj's, blanket and pillow. Any questions, please ask Theresa Jacobson, Jessica Rockey or Casey Sigler.

Easter Lilies and/or Tulips can be ordered now through April 13. Cost is \$20.00 each for a lily and \$19.00 each for a tulip. They can be designated in memory or in honor of loved ones. The flowers will be used to adorn our sanctuary on Easter Sunday, then you may take them home following the 10:30 service. To order, use a Lily-order envelope found on the table in the gathering space. Write Tulip on the envelope for tulip orders, or contact the church office 740-246-6576.

Tuesday’s Table has scheduled their next outing for Tuesday, April 22, 5:00pm, at Crossroads Pub & Grub, 6811 National Rd SE, Jacksontown. Please RSVP at the Congregation Corner in the gathering space. March’s Table will be held here on Wednesdays at 6:00pm, for our lenten soup suppers.

Crochet Club - 15 people attended the first meeting on March 30, a mixture of ages kids to grown ups, from very experienced to not as much. Please join us next time - April 27 at 1:30pm at Grace (upstairs). [And stay for the TAC Italian dinner perhaps?!] We will work on making chains, single crochet stitches and maybe double crochet stitches. And happy to announce ... drumroll please... we are working on the opportunity for a weekly gathering in the summer for the kids to have a place to be. (But it's for everyone, really.) Come and join us for time of fellowship, crochet, and learning! Questions, contact Daria Carr 740-684-0534.

Annual Spring Cleaning - On May 3rd, we will be meeting from 9am to noon to spruce up the church. There are jobs for people of all abilities: polish wood surfaces, cleaning window ledges, cleaning chair cushions, vacuuming, mopping stairwells. There are also jobs outside (weather permitting): weeding flower beds, mulching, trimming bushes. Please join us if you can and come early for coffee and donuts/bagels. If you have questions, contact Carl Lahman at carllahman@gmail.com or 614-329-8639.

Thornville Community VBS Update - June 9-13, 2025; 9am-12:00pm. Grace Lutheran Church (Grades 1-6) & Thornville United Methodist Church (Ages 4 & beginning Kindergarten). Thank you to all who have volunteered! We are now in need of Assistant Crew Leaders for Pre-K and Elementary teams, and a few more adults to serve on the Security Team. Youth 7th Grade and up are also welcome to serve as assistants. Contact Beth Raab (text 740-755-6410 or braab7478@gmail.com) or Theresa Jacobson (text 605-760-9197) with questions or to volunteer. We would love to have you! Online general information: vbspro.events/p/thornville2025

Italian Dinner will be held here on Sunday, April 27, 4-6pm. Sponsored by Thornville Activities Committee. Cost is donation.

Upcoming Adventures in Faith Schedule:

- Grades 1st - 12th, including Confirmation Classes - On Sunday, April 13th, we will not be holding classes except for the PreK/Kindergarten group in Noah’s Club because we are planning to have our Spring Lock-in.
- ALL GRADES (including Confirmation) will not be meeting on Easter Sunday due to the Easter Breakfast. Youth and families, we will be needing your help with the Easter Breakfast again this year! Thank you in advance!
- Last Day of AIF for Grades PreK - 12th (not including Confirmation Class) will be Sunday, May 11th.

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 APRIL 6-13 | | |
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| <u>Today</u> | 8:00am | Worship |
| | 9:15am | Adventures in Faith |
| | 9:15am | Confirmation Class |
| | 10:30am | Worship |
| | 6:00pm | Community Worship @ Somerset Community |
| <u>Monday</u> | 7:00pm | Handbell Practice |
| <u>Tuesday</u> | 11:30am | Friendship Circle |
| | 7:00pm | Council Meeting |
| <u>Wednesday</u> | 11:00am | LifeWise Academy |
| | 4:30pm | Bible Study |
| | 6:00pm | Soup Supper |
| | 7:00pm | Worship |
| | 8:00pm | Choir Practice |
| <u>Thursday</u> | 11:30am | LifeWise Academy |
| <u>Friday</u> | 8:00pm | AA Meeting |
| <u>Saturday</u> | 9:00am | Highway Clean-Up |
| | 2:00pm | Youth Lock-In |
| <u>Next Sunday</u> | 8:00am | Worship |
| | 9:15am | Adventures in Faith - Adults |
| | 9:15am | Pre-K - K Sunday School |
| | 10:30am | Worship |
| | 2:00pm | Boy Scouts |
| | 6:00pm | Community Worship @ Hopewell United Methodist |

Attendance: Mar. 30: 8:00: 30; 10:30: 105; Wed.: 58

Giving: General: \$2,893.; Lancaster Food: \$115; LWR: \$50.; NALC: \$50.; Local Food: \$35.; Backpack: \$20.; World Hunger: \$50.; Good Samaritan: \$50.; Vogt family: \$5.; LifeWise: \$130.; Capital Campaign: \$15.; Lent: \$50.; AIF: \$27.; Flower Fund: \$59.; Memorial: \$100. Total: \$3,649.00

Serving Today:
Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
Assisting Minister: Tom Rodgers
Greeters:
Lector: Beth Raab (8am); Theresa Jacobson(10:30)
Acolytes:
Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

Serving Next Sunday:
Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
Assisting Minister: Jim Lewis
Greeters: Shane & Jessica Rockey (10:30)
Lector: Karen Lewis (8am); Lisa Duerson (10:30)
Acolytes: Karsen Large (10:30)
Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons