

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 17, 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 | Family of Barb Holbrook, Larry Arnold, John Ulmer, Ron Pairan, Donna Winegardner, Gregg Thomas, Jeff, Rick and Barb Stephens, Paul Smith, Dan, Lynn Stough, Connie Trinkle, David Forsythe, Sheila, Brittany, Caleb, Pat & Barb, Iva Simmons & family, Patti Betts, Cassie, James Gardull, Tom Jones, Tyler, Deziree, Randy Jacobson, Carl Kramer, family of Ron Walker, Sadie, Bella, Carma, Bob Little, Kelly, Denise. 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 Pam Luft's 56th birthday.

Happy Birthday wishes to Firl Crist who will celebrate his birthday on September 24.

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Barb Holbrook who passed into eternal life on September 13. A memorial service will be held at 1:00pm on September 23, at Hoskinson Funeral Home in Kirkersville. Friends and family are invited to visit after the service.

Confirmation Class meets in Classroom 1 during the Sunday school/Adventures in Faith time in between the services. Any new eighth grade students or others who have not yet begun confirmation are welcome. Questions? Contact Pastor Tom.

Adopt-A-Highway clean-up day for Grace is scheduled for Saturday, September 30, 9:00am. This is a servant event for our Youth and families. Contact Pastor Tom for more info.

Newsletter Articles for the October *Gracevine* are due in the church office on Tuesday.

The Annual Meeting of the congregation will be held on Sunday, October 29, 2023 between the worship services. A **Budget Forum** will be held on Sunday, October 8, 2023 between the worship services. Two Council positions need to be filled: President and Treasurer. Our **Nominating Committee**: Paul Moentmann, Sally Wilke, Jason Barrera, and Pastor Tom. All yearly reports to be included in the 2023 Annual Report need to be in the church office by October 1.

Tuesday's Table – The next dining event will be Tuesday, September 19, 5:00pm, at Mug Shots (formerly Pacer's) in Pleasantville. A sign-up sheet has been placed in the Congregation Corner of the gathering space. A very special event is planned for October!! Join us on Wednesday, October 4 for a 2 hour dinner cruise on the Lorena Sternwheeler in Zanesville. Arrive by 4:30PM for boarding as the Sternwheeler leaves dock PROMPTLY at 5PM. The buffet menu will be stuffed chicken or baked steak, garden salad, glazed carrots, red skinned mashed potatoes, rolls & butter, iced tea and water. Optional dessert can be at Tom's Ice Cream Bowl following the cruise. Cruise and dinner will be \$30 per person. Make your reservations and payment to Jim or Sharon Roshon by September 26. A minimum of 30 reservations are needed for this event with a maximum of 40. Twenty reservations have been received as of Sept 10. You can also BYOB which includes soft drinks if you wish. You may want to bring a jacket. Car pooling from the church may be arranged if needed. For GPS/navigation, use address 235 Market Street, Zanesville, OH 43701. Once you arrive at this address, continue to Market Street across from the railroad tracks toward the river to the park.

NALC Disaster Response has scheduled a *Stuff the Truck* event here for Monday, October 30, 11am to noon. Please drop off your donations before that time. Suggested donations include Bibles, quilts, blankets, flood buckets, school kits, healthcare kits, gift cards. Monetary donations, just write *Disaster* on your offering envelope. For more info contact Mary Bates, NALC Disaster Response, 740-509-1132.

Dartball Season begins October 16! A team is composed of at least 6 to 15 players, male and female. Games are played on Mondays, 7:00pm. Join our team...even if you have never played before! A team meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 1, following the 10:30 worship service. The first game will be played here on October 16 verses Thornville Methodist. Contact Patty Jenny 740-605-4394 or Jim Lewis 740-503-0476 for details.

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 that Grace is hosting. We need at least ONE person on Wednesdays and at least ONE on Thursdays from about 10:45 am to 1:15 pm. Keeping the kids safe is an integral part of this program, especially while they are off school grounds. Please add your name to the list as you are able. Bob Reynolds will contact you with details about what is needed.

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 . Please take a moment to check it out, then choose a date and time that works for you.

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.

Upcoming Youth Events:

- + Saturday September 30th, 9:00am Fall Highway Clean-up (rain date Sat October 7th)
- + October: Date to be determined-- Fall Themed Party/Meeting
- + Sunday October 15th-- Food Booth at the Country Fair
- + Thursday October 26th-- Party in the Parking Lot
- + November: Date to be determined-- Thanksgiving Lock In
- + December: Date to be determined-- 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 SEPT 17-24

<u>Today</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adventures In Faith
	9:15am	Confirmation Class
	10:30am	Worship
<u>Monday</u>	4:30pm	Bible Study
	7:00pm	Council Meeting
	7:00pm	Handbell Practice
<u>Tuesday</u>	12:00pm	Senior Citizens
	5:00pm	Tuesday's Table
<u>Wednesday</u>	11:00am	LifeWise Academy
<u>Thursday</u>	11:00am	LifeWise Academy
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
<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

Serving this Sunday:

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
 Assisting Minister: Kelly O'Reilly
 Greeters: Susan Cheney, Linda Mai (10:30)
 Lector: Luann Cooperrider (8am); Theresa Jacobson (10:30)
 Acolytes:
 Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

Serving Next Sunday:

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
 Assisting Minister: Jeff Stought (8am); Cabot Black (10:30)
 Greeters:
 Lector: Beth Raab (8am); Ana Grum (10:30)
 Acolytes: Karsen and Brayden Large (10:30)
 Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

Attendance: 8am: 22; 10:30: 89

Giving: General: \$6,358.24; Mission: \$100.; Disaster: \$50.; NALC: \$70.; Local Food: \$25.; Backpack: \$355.; Pastor Didi: \$100.; Vogt family: \$15.; LifeWise: \$135.; Heartbeats: \$200.; Capital Campaign: \$5.; South Sudan: \$100.; Memorial: \$250.
 Total: \$7,763.24