

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 4, 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** | Donna Winegardner, Barb Ulmer, Barb Holbrook, Irene Forsythe, Mike Forsythe, Martha Sandagata, Tyler, Rose Maynard, family of Tim Reynolds, David Ridenour, Tish Hansberger Hallam, Marty & Sandy, Bradley, Brittany, Mary Fannin, Michael Cole. Prayer-line: 740.246.6576, or Sharon Roshon 740.467.3198.

**Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God in memory of Ellen Tracy who passed on November 30, 2015.

**Hospitalized** this past week: Donna Winegardner at OSU.

**Happy Anniversary** wishes to Mark & Ellen Ricketts who will celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Friday.

**Masks During Communion Distribution** - Those persons involved in communion distribution will no longer be required to wear a mask (they may choose to do so on their own). As a result we will continue to provide disposable masks in the Gathering Space. If you prefer to mask during communion please feel free to bring your own or pick one up in the Gathering Space.

**Advent Worship** - For the season of Advent, we will hold evening prayer services on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM. For the first three weeks, we will use Holden Evening Prayer (as was done with Lent this year). We will also use selected Advent and Christmas hymns with a meditation on different Chrismons (Christian symbols often used as ornaments on Christmas trees).

- December 7: Alpha and Omega
- December 14: Candle
- December 21: Service of Advent and Christmas Carols

**Christmas Eve Worship** will be held on Saturday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm and 9:00pm

**Christmas Day Worship:** 10:30am.

**Thank You** to all who donated to the Lutheran Church of South Sudan (LCSS) \$11,820 has been raised, which will cover the cost of 4 scholarships for seminarians in the LCSS.

**An Old Fashioned Christmas Celebration** is happening today! Parade starts at 4:30 from the Thornville Park and ending at the Masonic Lodge where sandwiches 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. Please come support this family event and celebrate our season!

**Grace will be Serving Cookies and Hot Chocolate** for the "*It's a Wonderful Life in Thornville*" event. Cookies and/or hot chocolate donations needed. Cookies and hot chocolate can be dropped off in the church kitchen.

**Thornville Food Pantry** and Julia Cooperrider would like to thank the congregation for your generosity on Thankoffering Sunday ad throughout the year. The pantry served 41 families in November.

**Special Thanks** to those who helped decorate the church for Advent/Christmas: Tom & Twila Rodgers, Lynda Chalfant, Pastor Tom Jacobson, Beth Raab, Casey Sigler, Paul & Dan Moentmann, Kelly & Ginger O'Reilly, Anna O'Reilly, Meg O'Reilly.

**Thornville's Community Aid** is collecting gloves and socks for all ages. Look for the Mitten Tree in the gathering space after Thanksgiving. This is Grace's collection spot for donations to this ministry. They have placed a "Christmas Giving Tree" in the People's State Bank with names of needy children. Take an ornament off the tree to shop for an individual child. More info: Terrie 740-403-3956, Beth 614-214-1944, or Virginia 740-877-2962.

**Community Christmas Variety Show** will be held at Sheridan High School Dec. 9 and 10, 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. Proceeds go to scholarships for seniors in the performing arts. Feel free to call John Ulmer @ 740-281-7672 for additional information.

**Greeters** - We encourage you to sign up to be a greeter for whichever service you attend. A clipboard sign up sheet is located at the rear of the Sanctuary.

**Manna Monday** Community Supper will be tomorrow, 6:00pm, then on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 6:00pm. Tomorrow's menu: Turkey Tetrazzini, Ginger glazed carrots, Christmas crunch salad, Fruit, Rolls, Beverage, Dessert. Volunteers are needed!! Contact Sue Cottrill 740-258-8060 to volunteer.

**Backpack Ministry** - 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.

SCHEDULE FOR DEC 4-11		
<u>Today</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adventures in Faith
	9:15am	Confirmation Class
	10:30am	Worship
<u>Monday</u>	4:30am	Bible Study
	6:00pm	Manna Monday Meal
	7:00pm	Handbell Practice
	7:00pm	Dartball @ Glenford
<u>Tuesday</u>		
<u>Wednesday</u>	7:00pm	Advent Worship
<u>Thursday</u>	7:00pm	Choir Practice
<u>Friday</u>	8:00pm	AA Meeting
<u>Saturday</u>		
<u>NextSunday</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adventures in Faith
	9:15am	Confirmation Class
	10:30am	Worship
	12:00pm	Sewing

**Serving this Sunday:**

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson  
 Assisting Minister: Tom Rodgers  
 Lector: Jim Roshon (8am), Lisa Duerson (10:30)  
 Greeters: Rockey Family (10:30)  
 Organist: Sue Ellen Simmons

**Serving Next Sunday:**

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson  
 Assisting Minister: Jim Lewis  
 Lector: Luann Cooperrider (8am), Theresa Jacobson (10:30)  
 Greeters: Larry & Valinda Arnold (10:30)  
 Organist: Sue Ellen Simmons

**Attendance:** 8:00am - 27; 10:30: 93

**Giving:** 11/20: General: \$2402.; Mission: \$25.; NALC: \$10.; TEAF: \$18.; Local Foods: \$55.; Backpack: \$250.; Good Samaritan: \$5.; Homeless Shelter: \$5.; Memorial: \$50.; Total: \$2,820.00