

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JUNE 1, 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** | Becky Winegardner, Irene Forsythe, Carl Keaser, Rick Rockwell, John Ulmer, Mike Maxwell, John Cooperrider, Vicky Thomas, Ron Pairan, Andrew Smith, Jake & Denise Knox, Pat Gallagher, Carol Shrider, Marion, Melissa Daniels, Lynn Stough, Richard Gothard, Jason Snider, Charlotte Kincaid, Mike Carson, Kyger Hardy, Mark Frye, Jim Williams, John Davis, Jess & family, Ryan, Irene, Terry, Kim, Melissa, Al, Diane, Jim, Brittany, Jean, Family of Jim Foltz, Carlene, Marilyn Sullivan, Carolyn Merryman. Prayer-line: [prayer@gracethornville.org](mailto:prayer@gracethornville.org), 740.246.6576, or Sharon Roshon 740.467.3198.

**Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God in honor of our organist, Sue Ellen Simmons, by David & Glenyce Rodenbaugh.

**Congratulations** to our 2025 Graduates! A reception, in their honor, will be held in the gathering space following the 10:30 service.

**Ava Heller**

*Sheridan High School*

*Planning to attend Marietta College, majoring in Health Science and playing basketball.*

**Brooklyn Heller**

*Muskingum University*

*Planning to attend graduate school to earn her Master's degree in Occupational Therapy.*

**Grant McCallum**

*Sheridan High School*

*Will be going to Ohio University, Majoring in Secondary Education - Integrated Social Studies, also playing trumpet in the Marching 110 Band.*

**Emily O'Hara**

*Utica High school*

*Will attend Columbus state and take their veterinary technician program to become a Veterinary Technician.*

**Josie Sigler**

*Logan High School with honors*

*Will attend Columbus State College to obtain her degree in Sonography.*

**Paul Varner Scholarship Fund** applications are available at the Congregation Corner in the gathering space. Application deadline is June 30<sup>th</sup> of current year. Applicants need to submit a completed application, an essay of 500 words or more (750 maximum) describing their recent involvement at Grace Church and how your involvement has created an awareness of the need to help others, a high school final grade card or transcript, and formal proof of acceptance to secondary education institution. Please contact Beth Raab 740-755-6410 or any council member for more information.

**Happy Birthday** wishes to Julia Cooperrider who will celebrate her birthday on Saturday.

**Becky Winegardner** would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, and well wishes on her recent hospitalization.

**New Exterior Door Keys.** The locks on the 4 exterior doors to the church will be repaired which will require a new key to unlock any of the exterior doors. This work is anticipated to be done about the middle of June (after VBS). The new key will also be usable on the interior doors to the Main Office and Fellowship Hall. If you will be in need of a new key to access the building or those two rooms, please let Bob Reynolds know at [bobr22600@twc.com](mailto:bobr22600@twc.com) or 630-698-0457.

**New Outdoor Sign Update** - Our new sign was shipped on 05/13/2025 to a terminal shipping address in West Chester Township, where the installer will pick up the sign. In a few weeks installation will begin. Removal of the old sign is scheduled for June 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Volunteers Needed** to create LED play lists for our new sign. Of course, we won't be able to fully use the software until our new sign is installed and operational. However, we can get started right away in leaning the new software and creating powerful sign messages. If anyone has an interest in creating play lists for our new sign, please contact Pastor Tom. There are video tutorials for all the information you'll need to use the browser-based software.

**NALC Convocation Delegates:** Grace is allowed to send up to six (6) lay delegates to represent the congregation at the upcoming NALC convocation in Pittsburgh from August 6-8. It is a good experience, and it likely won't be held this close to us again for some time. Early registration is due by the end of May. Let Pr. Tom know if you would like to attend.

**Female Chaperone Needed:** We are in need of a female chaperone to accompany the summer youth trip to Kenosha, WI July 20-25. The youth and the adult chaperones are active during the day doing light service projects at different locations in the community. Let Pr. Tom know of your availability. Thank you!

**Lutheran Church South Sudan (LCSS):** In the past, Grace has supported the LCSS, which is in exile in neighboring Ethiopia and other countries due to the civil war in South Sudan. The President of the LCSS, Pr. Jordan Long, has visited Grace. They are in need of constructing a new building for their college and seminary in Ethiopia in order to maintain their accreditation. They are hoping for some financial support to realize their goal. Contributions can be noted on offering envelopes and will be forwarded to the LCSS.

**Thornville Community VBS:** June 9-13, 9am-noon each day at Grace Lutheran and Thornville United Methodist Church for Pre & K. THANK YOU to all who have volunteered their time and support; we appreciate you, and look forward to a fun VBS!

**VBS Registration:** In-person registration will open on Day 1 of VBS, June 9, at 8:30am at Grace Lutheran Church. Our online pre-registration has now closed.

**VBS Decorating:** Preparing Grace for VBS begins the week of June 1. Work in the sanctuary is scheduled for Sunday, June 8, at 1pm. Please contact Beth Raab (740-755-6410) to volunteer or with questions.

**The Thornville Activity Committee** would like to **thank Grace Church** for allowing them to have their Italian Dinner Fundraiser on April 27. They raised \$1200. for their 4<sup>th</sup> of July Event. Thank you so much. God is good!

**Crochet Club** - "Threads of Grace" will meet for the summer on June 29, July 27, and August 24, 1:30pm in St. John's Hall. They will also meet weekly on Thursdays at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall June 19-July 31, for a fun summer break activity for the kids. Questions, contact Daria Carr 740-684-0534.

**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 JUNE 1-8		
<u>Today</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adult AIF
	10:30am	Worship
	3:00pm	S. Parker
<u>Monday</u>	4:30pm	Bible Study
	7:00pm	Handbell Practice
<u>Tuesday</u>	9 30am	Quilting
<u>Wednesday</u>		
<u>Thursday</u>		
<u>Friday</u>	8:00pm	AA Meeting
<u>Saturday</u>		
<u>Next Sunday</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adult AIF
	10:30am	Worship

**Serving Today:**  
Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson  
Assisting Minister: Jeff Stought  
Greeters: Susan Cheney (10:30)  
Lector: Luann Cooperrider (8am)  
Acolytes:  
Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

**Serving Next Sunday:**  
Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson  
Assisting Minister: Kelly O'Reilly  
Greeters: Susan Cheney (10:30)  
Lector: Beth Raab (8am); Ana Grum (10:30)  
Acolytes:  
Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

**Attendance:** 5/25: 8:00: 33; 10:30: 80  
**Giving:** General: \$3,582.50; LWR: \$62.50; NALC: \$85.; TEAF: \$24.; Local Food: \$50.; Backpack: \$10.; World Hunger: \$50.; Pastor Didi: \$300.; LifeWise: \$325.; Scholarship: \$75.; Handbell Fund: \$100.; LCSS: \$15.; Memorial Fund: \$425. Total: \$5,104.00