

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 18, 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 | Gene Goldsberry, Donna Winegardner, Barb Holbrook, Gregg Thomas, Irene Forsythe, Mike Forsythe, Martha Sandagata, Tyler, Rose Maynard, David Ridenour, Tish Hansberger Hallam, Marty & Sandy, Bradley, Brittany, Mary Fannin, Michael Cole, Mike Moore, Kenny Simms, Harry A., Betty Williams, Tom, Barb Wright, Chuck Nagle, the family of Skeeter Shridner, George Miller. Prayer-line: 740.246.6576, or Sharon Roshon 740.467.3198.

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of Brandon Haggengos, by his family.

Happy Anniversary wishes to Gene & Bonnie Goldsberry who will celebrate their 63rd wedding anniversary tomorrow.

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 21: Service of Advent and Christmas Carols

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

Christmas Day Worship: 10:30am only

New Years Day Worship: 10:30am only

No Adventures in Faith Classes will be held on Sunday, December 25th and Sunday, January 1st. We will resume on Sunday, January 8th.

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, Dec. 26 and Jan. 2.

Newsletter Articles for the January *Gracevine* are due in the church office tomorrow.

Poinsettias for Christmas altar decoration can be ordered now through Dec. 18. The flowers will be used to adorn the altar area, and may be taken home following either the Christmas Eve or Christmas Day service. Cost is \$19.00 each and can be ordered by placing a Poinsettia Order Envelope in the offering plate, or contacting the office 740-246-6576 or office@gracethornville.org.

2023 Altar Flower Chart is hanging on the wall near the elevator. Please sign up if you would like flowers on a particular Sunday. Cost is \$30 per arrangement - billed from Kelley's Flowers. Please contact the office (740-246-6576 or office@gracethornville.org) for any special wording that you want printed in the bulletin. Your flowers may be taken home following the worship service on your Sunday.

2023 Offering Envelopes have been assigned and are ready to be picked up from the gathering space. Your envelope number has changed for 2023! Please do not use your 2023 envelopes until the new year and do not use your 2022 envelopes after Jan. 1, 2023!!! If you cannot find your box of personalized envelopes, or if you would like to be assigned a box, please contact the church office 740-246-6576 and a box will be made available for you.

KFC Will Meet in the fellowship hall today at 3:00 PM. They will put together gift plates for shut in members as well as do some other activities. Then, will join the rest of the community churches for Christmas caroling. Caroling will start at 4:30 at Altercare and then end at Thornville United Methodist Church with hot chocolate. **Christmas caroling is open to anyone!** Please join them!

Manna Monday Community Supper will be tomorrow, 6:00pm, then on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 6:00pm. Tomorrow's menu: Pork Loin, rosemary parm fingerling potatoes, corn, mixed green salad, dessert, beverage. Menu for Jan. 2: Meatloaf, Potatoes O'Brien, Pomegranate salad, Peas, Garlic bread, Dessert, Beverage. Volunteers are needed!! Contact Sue Cottrill 740-258-8060 to volunteer.

Tuesday's Table - Do you enjoy eating away from home with family and friends? Here's an opportunity. Tuesday's Table, which began in 2015, would like to restart this fellowship ministry. Plans have not been finalized, but in the past the group would meet at 5:30pm, at a different restaurant each time. If interested in dining out, complete the

sign-up sheet in the gathering space. Questions contact Jim or Sharon Roshon 740-467-3198.

Support Our Troops - We are looking for members of the military that Grace could send a "goodie" Christmas box to, and possibly thereafter. Put name, military address, and items he/she likes on a pew card and drop it in the collection plate, or give it to either Jim or Sharon Roshon.

Christmas Concert - The Lancaster Handbell Ensemble, an auditioned group of ringers, will present their holiday concert Sunday, Dec 11 at 7PM at the First Presbyterian Church, 222 N Broad St, Lancaster. Adults \$5. Children Free.

Millersport Methodist Church and Millersport Community Theatre will present "*The Christmas Messiah*" on Dec. 18th, 7 PM at the Millersport Church. The event is free of charge and will be followed by a candlelight reception for both choir and audience.

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.

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.

Pastor's Holiday Gift - For the next few Sundays we will be collecting money as our Christmas gift for Pastor Tom. If you wish to contribute, please write the word "gift" on your check or envelope and drop it in the offering plate. The gift will be presented to him during the Christmas Eve service.

SCHEDULE FOR DEC 18-25

<u>Today</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adventures in Faith
	9:15am	Confirmation Class
	10:30am	Worship
	3:00pm	KFC @ church
	4:30pm	Community Christmas Caroling
<u>Monday</u>	4:30am	Bible Study
	6:00pm	Manna Monday
	7:00pm	Handbell Practice
<u>Tuesday</u>	12:00pm	Senior Citizens
<u>Wednesday</u>	7:00pm	Advent Worship
<u>Thursday</u>	7:00pm	Choir Practice
<u>Friday</u>	8:00pm	AA Meeting
<u>Saturday</u>	5:00pm	Christmas Eve Worship
	9:00pm	Christmas Eve Worship
<u>NextSunday</u>	10:30am	Christmas Day Worship

Serving this Sunday:

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
Assisting Minister: Jeff Stought (8am), Kelly O'Reilly (10:30)
Lector: Luann Cooperrider (8am), Lisa Duerson (10:30)
Greeters: Pete & Anna Oberhauser (8am),
Acolytes: Katie Tolliver and Drew Fox (10:30)
Organist: Sue Ellen Simmons

Serving Christmas Eve:

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
Assisting Minister: Tom Rodgers (5pm), Kelly O'Reilly (9pm)
Lector: ??? (5pm), Jeff Stought (9pm)
Greeters:
Acolytes: Sophia, Stella Rockey, Drew Fox (5pm), Henrik Jacobson, Brody Barrera, Grant McCallum (9pm)
Organist: Sue Ellen Simmons

Serving Next Sunday:

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
Assisting Minister: Kelly O'Reilly
Lector: Theresa Jacobson
Greeters: Larry & Valinda Arnold
Acolytes: Sophia Rockey, Kolie Barrera
Organist: Sue Ellen Simmons

Attendance: 8:00am - 28; 10:30: 98; Wednesday: 14

Giving: 12/4: General: \$6237.38; Mission: \$1.25; NALC: \$60.; TEAF: \$51.; Local Food: \$25.; Backpack: \$195.; Good Samaritan: \$5.; Manna Monday: \$50.; Vogt family: \$5.; Heartbeats: \$200.; Capital Campaign: \$1.25; Thanksgiving: \$20.; In/Out: \$625.; LCSS: \$100. Total: \$7,575.88