

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 11, 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 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., Marion Dearlove, Chuck Nagle. Prayer-line: 740.246.6576, or Sharon Roshon 740.467.3198.

Happy Birthday wishes to Bonnie Goldsberry who will celebrate her birthday tomorrow and to Janet Boyer whose birthday is 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 14: Candle
- 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.

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.

The Mitten Tree is in the gathering space for your donations of gloves, mitten, hats, and scarves to be given to needy children in our community.

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

Thornville Activities Committee, and Lynda Chalfant, would like to thank everyone for their donations of cookies and hot chocolate for the "*It's a Wonderful Life in Thornville*" event held last Sunday.

Friendship Circle will meet here on Tuesday at 11:30am. They will begin a new Bible study, "*Why Cope When You can Conquer*", a study on the Psalms. No other book of the Bible confronts real-life perplexities and problems like the Psalms. All are welcome! Lunch will be served. Questions, contact Kaye Smith 740-403-1482.

Men's Breakfast Group will meet for breakfast, prayer, and lite Bible study, on Saturday, Dec. 17, 7:30am, at Nana & Papa's Restaurant in Thornport. For more information, contact Pr. Tom 605-760-9210 or Larry Arnold 740-323-6916.

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.

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 11-18

<u>Today</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adventures in Faith
	9:15am	Confirmation Class
	10:30am	Worship
	12:00pm	Sewing
<u>Monday</u>	4:30am	Bible Study
	7:00pm	Handbell Practice
	7:00pm	Dartball vs. Millersport
<u>Tuesday</u>	11:30am	Friendship Circle
<u>Wednesday</u>	7:00pm	Advent Worship
<u>Thursday</u>	7:00pm	Choir Practice
<u>Friday</u>	8:00pm	AA Meeting
<u>Saturday</u>	7:30am	Men's Breakfast @ Nana & Papa's
<u>NextSunday</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

Serving this Sunday:

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

Serving Next Sunday:

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
Assisting Minister: Jeff Stought (8am), Kelly O'Reilly (10:30)
Lector:
Greeters: Pete & Anna Oberhauser (8am)
Organist: Sue Ellen Simmons

Attendance: 8:00am - 27; 10:30: 115; Wednesday: 17

Giving: General: \$1955.; Lancaster Food: \$75.; NALC: \$55.; Local Food: \$80.; Backpack: \$240.; World Hunger: \$50.; Good Samaritan: \$155.; Manna Monday: \$75.; Vogt family: \$10.; Homeless Shelter: \$5.; Capital Campaign: \$416.90; Thanksgiving: \$325.; Choir Fund: \$10.; LCSS: \$30.
Total: \$3,481.90