## **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JULY 28, 2024**

**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** | Kathy Aberegg, Vivian & Jr. Crist, Glenyce Rodenbaugh, Ron Pairan, Scott Reynard, Russell Jordan, George, Sharon, Bonnie, Gary Triplett, Joyce Moore, Alan Robinson, Natalie, Kelly, Kyle, Brittany, Jean, Vicki Lollini, Tim, Cathy, Jean, Bradley, Lin Baltzly, Katie, Becky Cross, Justin, Donna Mickey, Jim Mickey, Jane, Fred Nigro, Charlyee Jo Severance, Sherry, Terry, Chris Fetherolf, Larry, Vickie, Shaun, Brenda Colpitts, Karen, Denise, Lauren Queen, Alicia, Jessica Dyer, Kayle, David, Carl, Bill, Mike Shank family, David Carr, Pres. Trump & USA., Brittany & Caleb, Chet Ervin, Andrew Smith, family of Harold Mason, family of Kelly O'Keefe, family of Gary Roberts. Prayer-line: prayer@gracethornville.org, 740.246.6576, or Sharon Roshon 740.467.3198.

**Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God by Peggy White, in honor of her son, Aaron, on his 40<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Happy Birthday** wishes to Terry Hupp who is celebrating his birthday today.

Hospitalized this past week: Vivian and Jr. Crist, both with Covid.

**The Harrison and O'Reilly families** would like to extend their thanks for the expressions of sympathy and prayers at the loss of James (Jimmy) Harrison.

**Adventures in Faith** - We are now on break for the summer. Enjoy the summer and don't forget to spend time with God! Rally Day and Backpack Blessing will be Sunday, Aug 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Like To Sing?** Join the choir! Practices resume August 29th. Still Thursdays at 7 pm. Need a reason to join the choir? Consider this: Neuroscientists in Sweden discovered that singers' heartbeats tend to synchronize, which leads to a sense of emotional calm and bonding. See you Thursday, August 29! Questions? Contact Diane Christensen, dchris174@gmail.com.

**Scholarships** will be awarded to two applicants next Sunday, August 4 at the 10:30 worship service.

**Sunday, August 11th Is Rally Day** - Come and Join Us for Adventures in Faith (Sunday School) as we kick-off the new year at 9:15am! We will also bless Backpacks during the worship services that day, so bring your backpack (or whatever you use!) for a blessing for this new school year. We will be praying for and blessing students of all ages. Start the new school year out right: worship, pray, and be blessed by the power and joy of God!

**Save The Date!** The 2024 Stewardship Events for *Heartbeats* are Thursday, October 3rd (Cornerstone Church - Newark) and October 4th (North Terrace Church of Christ - Zanesville). 7:00 PM Social Hour (Hearty Appetizers and Desserts) 8:00 PM Program Begins. Please contact Kris.Lamphere@gmail.com (740-258-3314).

**Blessing Box** - Our Blessing Box is located off the parking lot, in the yard near our church sign. It is a "Little Free Pantry", which provides items to local residents when they need them. These are the items most commonly donated and used to stock the Blessing Box: Canned food with ring-pulls, socks, mittens, crackers, toilet paper, non-perishable foods, bottled water.

**Blessing Box Donations** can be placed in the bin in the Atrium entrance and will be used to fill the Blessing Box as needed. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

**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.

**Save Energy!** With the increase in heating and electricity bills, it is now more important than ever to do everything we can to reduce energy usage. Last year we replaced all lights with LED lights. This year we would like everyone to close doors and turn off lights when not in use, especially class rooms, sanctuary, gathering space, fellowship hall and Noah's club. Thank you for saving energy!

"My Fifty-Two Favorite Hymns" - Pr. Tom provides a weekly devotional reflection on his list of fifty-two of his favorite hymns, one for each week of the year. You can access these weekly reflections at the following link: https://theelectronicconventicle.weebly.com

"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 and/or texts 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 or text, please let the church office know.

**2024 Altar Flower** sign-up sheet is located at the "Congregation Corner" in the Gathering Space. Please sign up if you would like flowers on a particular Sunday. Cost is \$40 per arrangement - billed from The Little Flower Shop (formerly 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.

**Ways To Serve** - Ways to help with the worship service are posted at the "Congregation Corner" in the gathering space. Please choose a date to volunteer!

+ Greeters: Welcoming people coming for worship, handing out bulletins, communion, and more.

+ Lector: Reading of the lessons.

+Acolytes: Lighting the candles.

SCHEDULE FOR JULY 28-AUG 4 Today 8:00am Worship

9:15am Adult Sunday School

10:30am Worship

12:00pm Gutridge Reunion

Monday 4:00pm Bible Study

Tuesday Wednesday

Thursday

Friday 8:00pm AA Meeting

Saturday

Next Sunday 8:00am Worship

9:15am Adult Sunday School

10:30am Worship

Attendance: July 21: 8:00: 29 10:30: 74

**Giving:** 7/14: General: \$5,820.; Lancaster Food: \$10.; Disaster: \$50.; Building: \$10.; NALC: \$35.; Local Food: \$40.; Backpack: \$105.; Pastor Didi: \$200.; Vogt family: \$5.; LifeWise: \$550.; Heartbeats: \$200.; Capital Campaign: \$55.; South Sudan:

\$100. Total: \$7,180.00

7/21: General: \$4,455.; NALC: \$20.; TEAF: \$58.; Local Food: \$25.; Pastor Didi: \$100.; Vogt family: \$5.; LifeWise: \$150.; Capital Campaign: \$15.; Scholarship: \$10. Total: \$4,838.00

## Serving Today:

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson

Assisting Minister: Jeff Stought

Greeters:

Lector: Theresa Jacobson (10:30)

Acolytes: Henrik and Helena Jacobson (10:30)

Accompanist: Cherl Haggenios

## Serving Next Sunday:

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson

Assisting Minister: Jim Lewis

Greeters:

Lector: Karen Lewis (8am), Valinda Arnold (10:30) Acolytes: Brooklyn Feyh, Annabelle Gatewood (10:30)

Accompanist: Cherl Haggenjos