

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OCTOBER 22, 2023

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 | Larry Arnold, Ron Pairan, Donna Winegardner, Gregg Thomas, Jim Williams, Tyler, Bob Little, Bill Gale, Mary Ellen, David Lamme, Amanda, Mike, Joe Williams, Hunter Zizek, Amanda Miller, Holly Smith, Shirley Butler, Marie S., Beulah Gaitten, Jim Palmer, Terry Bates, Carolyn Ricketts, Zac, Jason Snider. Prayer-line: prayer@gracethornville.org, 740.246.6576, or Sharon Roshon 740.467.3198.

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God in memory of Ronald Mai for his birthday on October 31.

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God in celebration of Carl & Jeni Lahman's 40th wedding anniversary. May God bless this couple with many more happy and healthy years together.

Happy Birthday wishes to Kathy Aberegg who will celebrate her birthday on Friday.

Next Sunday is Reformation Sunday. Red is the liturgical color of Reformation Sunday because it represents the Holy Spirit. You are encouraged to wear red in celebration of the day!

Open House for John Lutz on his 90th birthday will be held at the Lion's Club in Millersport today from 2-4pm - no gifts. John's home address for cards: 10425 Lake Road NE, Millersport, OH 43046.

The Annual Meeting of the congregation will be held on Sunday, October 29, 2023 between the worship services. We will be voting for President: Carl Lahman; Council Secretary: Diane Christensen (for one year to finish Carl Lahman's term as secretary); Approval of 2024 Budget.

Annual Meeting Reminder: To be an eligible voter you must be a confirmed member who communed and made a contribution of record during the current or preceding year.

2023 Annual Report is available in the gathering space. Please read it over and bring it to the Annual Meeting with any questions.

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

The Youth had a very successful day at the Country Fair with their Food Booth selling Apple Nachos, Pies, Coffee, Hot Chocolate and Parking Spaces! \$655.00 was raised!! Thank you to all those that volunteered time and especially to all those that made pies!! THANK YOU!!

Today After the 10:30 Service the Youth will be selling Apple Nachos for \$2.00 in the Gathering Space. Make sure you grab one to go!

Party-In-The-Parking-Lot on Thursday, October 26, 6-8pm. Come and have some fun at this community event! Music with a DJ, candy, hot cocoa, popcorn! Costume contest at 7:45pm. See you there!

Choir will meet Wednesday at 7pm this week instead of Thursday.

Stuff The Truck - NALC Disaster Response is hosting this event to collect items needed to restock their warehouse for when disaster strikes. A complete list of items can be found on the table in the atrium entrance where items may be dropped off. Pick-up of all donations will happen on Monday, October 30, 2023 before noon. Suggested donations include Bibles, quilts, blankets, flood buckets, gift cards.

Heartbeats Stewardship Rally - Save the Date – Friday, November 3rd - 7:00 pm Social Hour – appetizers & desserts; 7:45 pm Seating Begins. Heartbeats is a life-affirming pregnancy resource medical center serving the people of our community with the love of Christ. Peter Range, CEO. Ohio Right to Life will be the Emcee. One can reserve seats by calling 740-349-7558 or email: events@heartbeats.org.

All Saints Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, Nov. 5th. It is a day we pay tribute to those members and loved ones who have received God's gift of eternal life during the past twelve months. If you would like to bring in one or two pictures of your loved one(s) in a stand-up frame before that Sunday, the pictures will be displayed in the altar area. Candles will be lit in their memory.

Thornville's Community Aid will be collecting gloves, mittens, hats, and socks for all ages. Look for the "Mitten Tree" in the gathering space soon. This is Grace's collection spot for donations to this ministry. Collection deadline: December 5. More info: Terrie 740-403-3956, Beth 614-214-1944, or Virginia 740-877-2962.

The LifeWise Academy program for the months of November and December is in need of Safety Volunteers. This takes approximately 2 ½ to 3 hours on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Sign up for whichever days you may have open. We've had a great response for September and October and hope to be able to maintain that level of help as we approach winter. The sign up sheet is located in the Gathering Space. Questions? Ask Bob Reynolds at 630-698-0457 or bobr22600@twc.com

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.

Backpack Ministry is in full steam again this school year! 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.

"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.

Ways To Serve - Sign up! Ways to help with the worship service are posted at the "Congregation Corner" in the gathering space. *Greeters*: a very important ministry in our parish, welcoming people coming to Grace for worship, handing out bulletins, collecting the offering, and more. *Lector*: Reading of the lessons. *Acolytes*: Lighting the candles . Please take a moment to check it out, then choose a date and time that works for you.

Upcoming Youth Events:

- + Thursday October 26th-- Party in the Parking Lot
- + November: Date to be determined-- Thanksgiving Lock In
- + December: Date to be determined-- Thornville's *It's a Wonderful Life* Event/Parade
- + January 2024: Saturday January 20th-- Hocking Hills Winter Hike
- + February 2024: Sunday February 11th-- Superbowl Bake Sale

SCHEDULE FOR OCT 22-29

<u>Today</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adventures In Faith
	9:15am	Confirmation Class
	10:30am	Worship
	3:00pm	Variety Show Practice
<u>Monday</u>	4:30pm	Bible Study
	7:00pm	Handbell Practice
	7:00pm	Dartball @ Lancaster
<u>Tuesday</u>	10:00am	Extension Homemakers
<u>Wednesday</u>	11:00am	LifeWise Academy
	7:00pm	Monticello Circle
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
<u>Thursday</u>	11:00am	LifeWise Academy
	6:00pm	Party-In-The-Parking-Lot
<u>Friday</u>	8:00pm	AA Meeting
<u>Saturday</u>		
<u>Next Sunday</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adventures In Faith
	9:15am	ANNUAL MEETING
	10:30am	Worship
	3:00pm	Variety Show Practice

Serving this Sunday:

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
 Assisting Minister: Kelly O'Reilly
 Greeters: Shane & Jessica Rockey (10:30)
 Lector: Bill Luft (8am); Ana Grum (10:30)
 Acolytes: Stella and Sophia Rockey (10:30)
 Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

Serving Next Sunday:

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
 Assisting Minister: Jim Lewis
 Greeters: Linda Mai, Susan Cheney (10:30)
 Lector: Karen Lewis (8am); Valinda Arnold (10:30)
 Acolytes: Henrik Jacobson (10:30)
 Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

Attendance: 8am: 51; 10:30: 69

Giving: General: \$1,520.; Lancaster Food: \$10.; Disaster: \$50.; NALC: \$15.; TEAF: \$10.; Local Food: \$15.; Backpack: \$15.; LifeWise: \$20.; Scholarship: \$10.; Memorial: \$100.
 Total: \$1,765.