

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 24, 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 | Bud Kochensparger, family of Barb Holbrook, Larry Arnold, John Ulmer, Ron Pairan, Donna Winegardner, Gregg Thomas, Rick and Barb Stephens, Paul Smith, Dan, Lynn Stough, Connie Trinkle, Sheila, Brittany, Caleb, Pat & Barb, Iva Simmons & family, Patti Betts, Cassie, James Gardull, Tyler, Carl Kramer, family of Ron Walker, Sadie, Bella, Carma, Bob Little, Kelly, Denise, Justin Murphy, Shirley, family of Joanne Hennion, Pastor Tom Phillips, Sadie Angle, Bill Gale, Roger Smart family, Mary Ellen, David Lamme, Amanda, Mike, Joe Williams, family of Tom Jones. Prayer-line: prayer@gracethornville.org, 740.246.6576, or Sharon Roshon 740.467.3198.

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God in celebration of Claire McCallum's 14th birthday.

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Zelma Brown 1930-2023.

Happy Birthday wishes to Firl Crist who is celebrating his birthday today and to Lowell Meredith whose birthday is on Wednesday.

Happy Anniversary wishes to John & Vesta Skinner who will celebrate their 61st wedding anniversary on Thursday.

Holy Baptism - This morning at 8am we welcome **Jax Raphial Emmert** into God's kingdom and our congregation through the sacrament of Holy Baptism. Jax was born October 4, 2022 to Preston & Deziree, and his baptismal sponsor is Aliyah Phillips. Proud grandparents are Lynette & Brent Emmert and Jeremy Gilgien. We rejoice at Jax's rebirth through water and the Word!

Hospitalized this past week: Bud Kochensparger in Fairfield Medical Center.

Monticello Circle will meet for Bible study on Wednesday at 7:00pm. Contact Becky Winegardner 740-243-0394.

Adopt-A-Highway clean-up day for Grace is scheduled for Saturday, September 30, 9:00am. This is a servant event for our Youth and families. Contact Pastor Tom for more info.

The Annual Meeting of the congregation will be held on Sunday, October 29, 2023 between the worship services. A **Budget Forum** will be held on Sunday, October 8, 2023 between the worship services. Two Council positions need to be filled: President and Treasurer. Our **Nominating Committee**: Paul Moentmann, Sally Wilke, Jason Barrera, and Pastor Tom. All yearly reports to be included in the 2023 Annual Report need to be in the church office by October 1.

Tuesday's Table – Last Tuesday, 29 people enjoyed delicious food, great conversation, and lots of laughter at Mugshots in Pleasantville. They all voted for a return visit. Our next event will be Wednesday, October 4, for a 2 hour dinner cruise on the Lorena Sternwheeler in Zanesville. The buffet menu will be stuffed chicken or baked steak, garden salad, glazed carrots, red skinned mashed potatoes, rolls & butter, iced tea and water. The cruise and diner is \$30 per person. Make your reservations and payment to Jim or Sharon Roshon by September 26. Optional dessert can be at Tom's ice Cream Bowl following the cruise. You might consider bringing a jacket for the cruise. Car pooling from the church may be arranged if needed. For GPS/navigation, use address 235 Market Street, Zanesville, OH 43701. Once you arrive at this address, continue to Market Street across from the railroad tracks toward the river to park. Arrive by 4:30PM for boarding as the Sternwheeler leaves the dock PROMPTLY at 5PM. November's Tuesday's Table will be on the 28th at Hometown Hotdog in Millersport.

Candy Needed: We are requesting donations of candy to be given away at the annual Party-In-The-Parking-Lot on Thursday, October 26. Please place bags of individually wrapped candies in the Donation Tubs at the Atrium entrance or gathering space. Adult helpers also needed. Contact Casey Sigler 740-279-5405.

Pies Wanted!! The Youth will have a food booth this year at the Thornville Country Fair and will be selling candy/caramel apples and slices of pie. We are looking for our great bakers of the congregation to donate pies for this fundraising event. There is a sign up sheet in the gathering space of pies requested. All pies will need to be dropped off at church by 9:00 am Sunday October 15th. Any questions ask Theresa Jacobson or Casey Sigler.

Dartball Season begins October 16! A team is composed of at least 6 to 15 players, male and female. Games are played on Mondays, 7:00pm. Join our team...even if you have never played before! A team meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 1, following the 10:30 worship service. The first game will be played here on October 16 verses Thornville Methodist. Contact Patty Jenny 740-605-4394 or Jim Lewis 740-503-0476 for details.

LifeWise is still in need of a few volunteers (3 more for Wednesdays and 1 more for Thursdays). Volunteers would help by picking kids up and walking to the church. Eating with them and helping in the classroom and then walking them back to the school. Contact Kendra. 740.404.4728 or kendralawrence@lifewise.org

A Security Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet has been placed in the Gathering Space to assist kids crossing Columbus Street from Thornville Elementary School to Grace and back as part of the LifeWise Program that Grace is hosting. We need at least ONE person on Wednesdays and at least ONE on Thursdays from about 10:45 am to 1:15 pm. Keeping the kids safe is an integral part of this program, especially while they are off school grounds. Please add your name to the list as you are able. Bob Reynolds will contact you with details about what is needed.

NALC Disaster Response has scheduled a *Stuff the Truck* event here for Monday, October 30, 11am to noon. Please drop off your donations before that time. Suggested donations include Bibles, quilts, blankets, flood buckets, school kits, healthcare kits, gift cards. Monetary donations, just write *Disaster* on your offering envelope. For more info contact Mary Bates, NALC Disaster Response, 740-509-1132.

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.

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.

Upcoming Youth Events:

- + Saturday September 30th, 9:00am Fall Highway Clean-up (rain date Sat October 7th)
- + October: Date to be determined-- Fall Themed Party/Meeting
- + Sunday October 15th-- Food Booth at the Country Fair
- + 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 SEPT 17-24

<u>Today</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adventures In Faith
	9:15am	Confirmation Class
	10:30am	Worship
<u>Monday</u>	4:30pm	Bible Study
	7:00pm	Council Meeting
	7:00pm	Handbell Practice
<u>Tuesday</u>	12:00pm	Senior Citizens
	5:00pm	Tuesday's Table
<u>Wednesday</u>	11:00am	LifeWise Academy
<u>Thursday</u>	11:00am	LifeWise Academy
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
<u>Friday</u>	8:00pm	AA Meeting
<u>Saturday</u>		
<u>Next Sunday</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adventures In Faith
	9:15am	Confirmation Class
	10:30am	Worship

Serving this Sunday:

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
 Assisting Minister: Jeff Stought (8am); Cabot Black (10:30)
 Greeters:
 Lector: Beth Raab (8am); Ana Grum (10:30)
 Acolytes: Karsen and Brayden Large (10:30)
 Accompanist: Cherl Haggengjos

Serving Next Sunday:

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
 Assisting Minister: Kelly O'Reilly
 Greeters:
 Lector: Beth Raab (8am); Ana Grum (10:30)
 Acolytes: Karsen and Brayden Large (10:30)
 Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

Attendance: 8am: 17; 10:30: 87

Giving: General: \$3,252.50; Mission: \$150.; Lancaster Food: \$10.; LWR: \$12.50; NALC: \$110.; TEAF: \$10.; Local Food: \$40.; Backpack: \$65.; World Hunger: \$76.; LifeWise: \$125.; Capital Campaign: \$50.; KFC Youth: \$4. Total: \$3,905.