

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 24, 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.

Children's Worship Bags are located in the back of the sanctuary for children to use during worship services. They have been updated with supplies and toys to help kids successfully be a part of the big worship service. Make sure you check them out.

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, Carol Cormican, Rick Rockwell, Vicky Thomas, Vivian, Ron Pairan, Pastor Tom Phillips, Jessica Dyer, Andrew Smith, Terry, Alicia Finck, Mark Knauff, Shawn, Bradley, Holly Culver, Robin, Terri, Brittany, Danny Proch, Erin, Ally, Charlie, Brittany, Sharon, Sherry, John, George, Ethan, Matt Pierce, CJ Severance, Sue Robison, Jeff Craft, Connie Trinkle, Wayne Forsythe, Daryl, Brittany, Roger Metz, Norma Baker, Clarence, Jim, Kathy & Ed, Michael & Christina, Corrie, Penny Slater, Glenna Jones, Lowell Meredith Jr., Alexa, Dylan, Family of Mark Alkire, Vicky Pairan. Prayer-line: prayer@gracethornville.org, 740.246.6576, or Sharon Roshon 740.467.3198.

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of Hailey and Matt Douglas on their baptism.

Holy Baptism - This morning at 8:00am we welcome two new members into God's kingdom and our congregation through the sacrament of Holy Baptism. We rejoice at their rebirth through water and the Word!

Hailey Lynn Douglas, born February 6, 2010.

Parents: Terry & Bethany Douglas.

Sponsors: Deziree & Preston Emmert and Cheryl & Jason Phillips.

Matthew Tyler Douglas, born April 19, 2011.

Parents: Terry & Bethany Douglas.

Sponsors: Deziree & Preston Emmert and Cheryl & Jason Phillips.

The Church Office will be closed on Thursday and Friday of this week for Thanksgiving.

Thornville Food Pantry would like to thank everyone for your continued generous support of the pantry. Your donations of non-perishable items and money are greatly appreciated. An average of 30 families visit the pantry each month.

Tom & Twila Rodgers would like to thank everyone that made their 50th Wedding Anniversary extra special by attending their open house at the Church. Thanks also for the gifts that were unnecessary but well appreciated. Our church family is great!

Advent / Christmas Decorating - Meet here on Saturday, Nov. 30, 8:00a.m. to help decorate the church for the Christmas season. We should be finished before the OSU/Michigan game! Many volunteers needed!

The Youth Invite You to a presentation and dedication of our new nativity scene on Saturday, Nov. 30th at 7:00pm. Light refreshments will be served. Thank you to all those who have helped the youth in this fundraiser!

It's LOCK-IN time!!! Attention all youth from grades 2nd-12th!! We are having our Annual End of the Year Lock-in on Saturday Nov 30th!!! Kids can arrive at 4pm and can be picked up after the 10:30 worship service on Sunday. All kids must bring: pillow, sleeping bag, blanket and at least 1 item to donate to the local food pantry. We will have dinner, games, doing a service project and of course everyone's favorite activity Hide & Seek!! Any questions ask Casey Sigler or Theresa Jacobson. Please RSVP on the sign-up in the gathering space by Wednesday Nov 27th.

Grace will be Serving Cookies and Hot Chocolate for the annual Thornville Christmas tree lighting event on Sunday, December 1. Cookies and/or hot chocolate donations needed! They can be dropped off in the church kitchen the morning of the event. Parade will start at 5:00 ending at the Masonic Lodge where hot dogs will be served. Cookies and hot chocolate will be available at Grace Lutheran! A tree lighting will occur at 6:00 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge and of course Santa will be there! Trinity UCC will have a live nativity following the tree lighting.

Trinity United Church of Christ in Thornville is asking for help to continue the Live Nativity tradition. Youth are needed to fill roles, and they are asking the other churches in town if there is interest. If anyone is interested in participating, contact Pr. Tom, and he will pass along your names to the people at Trinity. *"The Live Nativity has been a tradition at Trinity (UCC) for over 30 years. And as times have changed, and also our congregation, we recognize that in order to continue this event we also need to change. Like many other congregations, we only have a few children. We are reaching out to your church for anyone, especially young children, who might like to participate. We mostly need angels and a few shepherds, with no speaking parts, and will be part of a group with a run through prior to the event. The Live Nativity will be at 6:00. We ask that the participants be at Trinity by 5:15 so we can get into costume and do a quick run through. Thank you for helping to continue this tradition."*

Tuesday's Table has been rescheduled to this coming Tuesday, Nov. 26, 5:00pm, at Champ's Pizza.

Monticello Circle will meet on Wednesday, December 4, 6:00pm at Max & Erma's Restaurant in Lancaster. Questions contact Sharon Roshon 740-467-3198.

The Women's Board will host a "Christmas Circle Up" here on Saturday, Dec. 7, 10 am. All women are invited! During this gathering we will have a short business meeting, fun, fellowship, lunch, and service (Christmas gifts for our homebound members). RSVP on the sign-up in the gathering space by Dec. 1.

Poinsettias for Christmas altar decoration can be ordered now through Dec. 15. 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 \$20.00 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. Envelopes can be found on the table in the gathering space.

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. 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!

The Mitten Tree is in the gathering space awaiting your donations of socks, gloves, mittens, scarves, and hats to be given to needy children in our area. Collection deadline: December 8. Sponsored by Thornville Community Aid. More info: Terrie 740-403-3956, or Beth 614-214-1944.

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.

Adventures in Faith Mission Project: We will be taking a weekly offering during each of our various Adventures in Faith classes. This includes both adult classes as well as confirmation. Our mission focus this year is *One Plus God: Tanzania Orphanage and Outreach Ministry*. This ministry is "A Partnership between the Lutheran churches of Tanzania and the States" and "An initiative of Grace Lutheran Church of Jackson Center, Ohio." We will send a financial offering in May.

Our Adventures in Faith Classes and Leaders:

- Two Adult Classes - Kris Lamphere in St John's Hall, Room 203 (main level), Karen and Jim Lewis in The Franks Fellowship Hall (lower level)
- 6th - 12th grades - Pastor Theresa Jacobson, AIF/SS Coordinator and Amber Feyh (top floor)
- 1st -5th grades - Jessica Rockey (top floor)
- PreK-K - Linda Keaser in Noah's Club (lower level)
- Confirmation Class - Pastor Tom Jacobson Classroom 1, Room 206 (off Gathering space, main level)

"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. A recent favorite is available to listen to on our YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/@Grace4Thornville/videos> You can access all the weekly reflections at the following link: <https://theelectronicconventicle.weebly.com>

SCHEDULE FOR NOV 24-DEC 1		
<u>Today</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adventures in Faith Classes
	9:15am	Confirmation Class
	10:30am	Worship
	1:30pm	Variety Show Practice
<u>Monday</u>	4:00pm	Bible Study
	7:00pm	Handbell Practice
	7:00pm	Dartball vs Drumms
<u>Tuesday</u>	10:15am	Extension Homemakers
<u>Wednesday</u>	7:00pm	Thanksgiving Worship
<u>Thursday</u>	<i>Happy Thanksgiving!</i>	
<u>Friday</u>	8:00pm	AA Meeting
<u>Saturday</u>	8:00am	Advent Decorating
	4:00pm	Youth Lock-In
<u>Next Sunday</u>	7:00pm	Dedication of Nativity
	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adventures in Faith Classes
	9:15am	Confirmation Class
	10:30am	Worship
	12:00pm	T. Hupp
	3:00pm	Cookies & Hot Cocoa

Giving: General: \$2,417.50; LWR: \$12.50; NALC: \$30.; Local Food: \$25.; Backpack: \$120.; Good Samaritan: \$100.; Vogt family: \$5.; Capital Campaign: \$5.; Thanksgiving: \$25.; Military: \$100. Total: \$2,840.00

Serving Today:
 Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
 Assisting Minister: Jim Lewis
 Greeters:
 Lector: Luann Cooperrider (8am); Theresa Jacobson (10:30)
 Acolytes: Annabelle Gatewood, Brooklyn Feyh
 Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

Serving Next Sunday:
 Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
 Assisting Minister: Jeff Stought
 Greeters:
 Lector: Beth Raab (8am); Barry Moore (10:30)
 Acolytes:
 Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

Attendance: Nov. 17: 8:00: 32; 10:30: 99