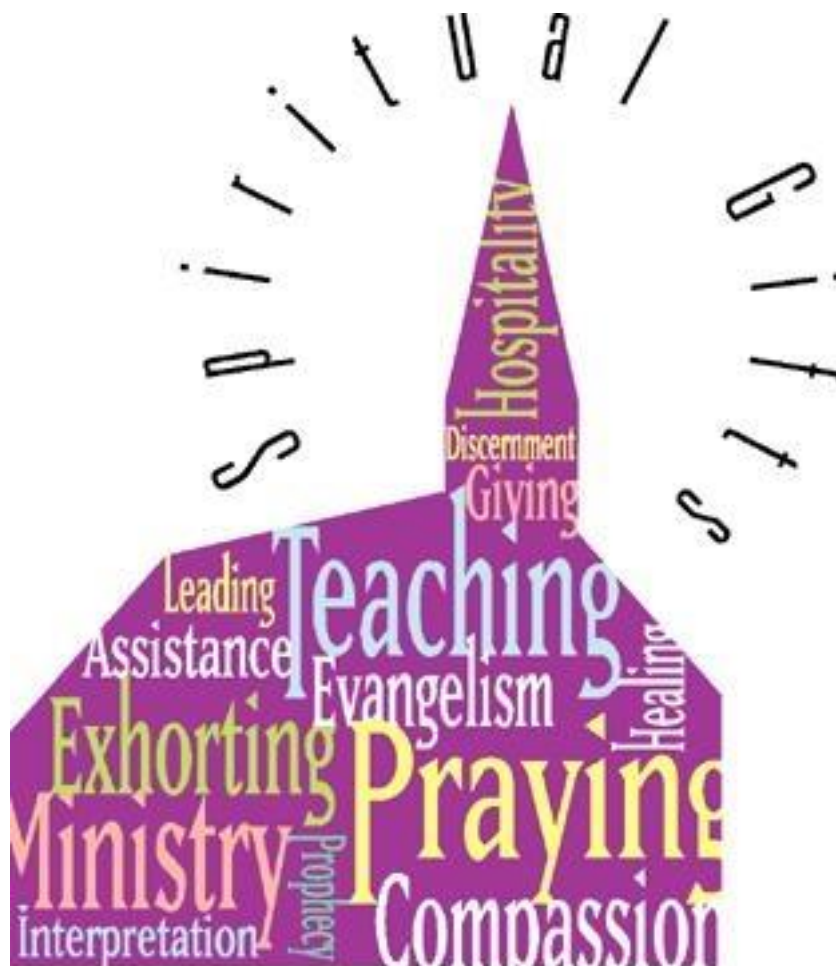




Tidings of Grace Weekly Newsletter

September 11, 2020



Verse of the Week Luke 17:18-19

– “(Jesus said), ‘Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?’ And he said to him, ‘Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.’ ” Faith and thanksgiving go together. How could they not go together? Our Lord gave Himself for us, and we trust Him and His every Word. Once we have this faith, we want to say thank you. It’s only natural. And thus, our stewardship is only a natural part of the Christian faith. We thank the Lord with our gifts, which enable the Church to reach more with the Good News of Christ.

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September 11 - In Memoriam

(tune: "Battle Hymn of the Republic" – words: Shirley Schryver – 7/26/02)

Our eyes have seen the suffering
of the thousands who have died,
we have felt the depth of sorrow
when their grieving families cried.
We have prayed to God our Father
to stand steadfast at our side
His love and mercy give.

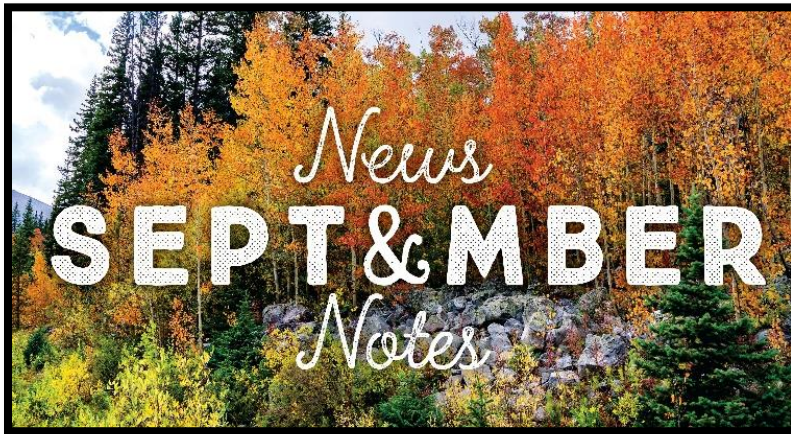
Comfort, promise, consolation,
He has poured upon our nation,
Honor, spirit, celebration,
Our courage will not fail.

We watched with desperation
as the towers cracked and fell.
We have felt the desolation
when the rescue efforts failed.
A nations hearts were breaking
but our faith it would not yield,
for God stood by our side.

Jesus is our true salvation,
He restores us with compassion,
Jesus who by his redemption,
Has given us new life.

In the aftermath of terror
we saw courage rising high,
heard the stories of the heroes
who prepared to fight and die.
Now we lift our voices strongly
singing praises to the skies,
our God still reigns above.

Holy, Holy Spirit, lead us.
Bring us through the growing darkness,
To the light of Heaven's brightness,
As we walk with the Lord.



****Denotes updated information**



****Be a part of the Benevolence Team!** Looking to get involved serving the community? The **Benevolence Committee will be meeting on September 24 at 6:30 pm** in the fellowship hall.

It will be a time to:

- discuss local ministries we currently support
- new ministries that we may become involved with
- holidays gift/crafts for the needy
- sharing new ideas

Bring all your ideas and let's find ways to serve others together. Everyone is welcome!!!
If you have any questions please contact Diane Jergens at 937-530-2573 or dmjergens11@gmail.com




****The flowers for this Sunday are placed in celebration of George and Becky Reinhart's 56th wedding anniversary!**

Bishop John Progress Report

With deep appreciation for your faithful caring and constant prayers, I want you to know how the Lord, in His amazing Grace is providing for my healing. In His mercy our Lord provided a great team of Doctors and Nurses to care for me. After adding plates and screws to the front of the vertebrae of my cervical spine, the surgeons added six lateral mass screws, two rods and six cap screws to the vertebrae on the back of my cervical spine. (I told my nurse that I would like the rest of the Erector Set parts that they did not use.) Their skill and precision have created the foundation for stabilization now and strength for my future. I must confess that there were moments when the pain was overwhelming, and I wondered if I would survive. The constant care of the nursing staff and physical therapy managed the pain and forced me to realize and renew the hope of healing. Following those three days in the hospital I returned home with the greatest gift of God, my wife and primary caregiver, Kristi. I have been humbled by her sacrificial service, caring for every need for every minute of those first few days.

For the past four days I have decided not to use

any pain medication with the exception of extra-strength Tylenol. I am walking four miles every day in one-mile segments. I must continue to wear a hard-cervical collar most of the day. The pain continues to decrease, and my mobility continues to increase. It is obvious that I have lost substantial muscle mass in my arms and chest during nearly two months of inactivity so I cannot wait to begin regaining my strength. In the meantime, I take consolation in Jesus' words to Paul. "My Grace is sufficient. My power is made perfect in weakness." Yesterday, I had my incisions inspected by the surgeon's staff. All my staples along my back were removed. These little steps of healing continue to give me encouragement and remind me of our Lord's constant presence. I have experienced His healing hand on me. He has heard your prayers and faithfully responded to those prayers far beyond what I deserve or imagine. My first follow-up visit with the surgeon will take place on September 11th. Only then will I know what the next steps will be in this healing process. With sincere gratitude, +John



"My grace
is sufficient
for you, for my
power is made
perfect in weakness."

2 Corinthians 12:9, NIV

Benevolence News

Questions about the following ministries?

Please contact Diane Jergens

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Start gathering your items for the **Annual Baby Shower** providing supplies for the **Miami Valley Women's Center**. We will hold our annual Baby Shower for the MVWC from October 4th through the 25th. Start gathering baby items such as diapers, lotion, body wash, new and gently used clothing, blankets, and hooded towels. A more details to come as the event gets closer!

Miamisburg Helping Hands Food Pantry. Help out this great organization with donations of dry pasta and canned goods, more specifically, peas and carrots. Please bring your donations to the church. Miamisburg Helping Hands Food Pantry, serving Miamisburg and Moraine areas, is also in need of volunteers to help distribute the food at the pantry. If you are interested please call our contact, Barb, directly at (937)-866-9323 for information on how you can help.



You can also help others by collecting:

Pull-tabs for Ronald McDonald House-helps to provide housing assistance to out-of-town families with children at Dayton Children's Hospital.

Cancelled postage stamps for Women's Council of Graceworks -helps defray the costs of providing services to those in need.

God bless our church and our generous church family!



Online Prayer Meeting: Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4:00p.m.

Online Bible Study: Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Scripture list to be emailed. Contact the office to be added to the emailing.

Online Worship Services: Visit our website for recorded services and our live Sunday services <http://www.gracelutheranwc.org/>

Join Zoom Meetings

Tuesday/Thursday PRAYER MEETING:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/642038709?pwd=OVI1cJg3dE9KSytodHFaclduZmFSQT09>

Meeting ID: 642 038 709; Password: 003895.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/595370970?pwd=MGQzK0VVZXkwUFF4VzJ6aXJjMGhTQT09>

Weekday prayer meeting—Meeting ID: 595 370 970; Password: 023793.



The following procedures have been put in place for Sunday Morning Worship

- 1. Hand Sanitizer.** Two containers are available in each row.
- 2. Seating:** We will place signs in alternating rows of pews prohibiting people from sitting in them. Our congregation will be asked to sit with fellow family members only in their row. Congregants will be encouraged to sit in the balcony and on the side naves if needed.
- 3. Passing of the Peace:** Non-contact signs of greeting those with whom one is not domiciled will be strongly encouraged during the passing of the peace.
- 4. Offering:** The offering plates will be located in the sanctuary prior to the service where we used to pick up our communion cups (see number 5 below for revised communion procedures). The ushers will not pass the plate. Worshippers will place their offering envelop in the plate as they go forward to receive communion. Ushers will then take the plates to the office following the service.
- 5. Communion:** During communion, the pastor will consecrate the elements as per our usual practice. He will commune two Eucharistic assistants and then they will each carry three trays from the altar to small tables (the ones which now hold our empty cups) located along the communion rail.
Instead of receiving communion in tables and kneeling at the rail, we will do the following:
 - a. The ushers will direct people forward one row at a time.
 - b. Pastor will stand at the center and distribute the wafers to each communicant.
 - c. After receiving the wafer, communicants will move to a table located on the side of the sanctuary where they were sitting. The eucharistic assistants will have placed trays with pre-filled cups on those tables after the pastor has communed them. The communicant will take a cup from the tray. (The communion cups will be spaced apart to prevent worshippers from inadvertently touching someone else cup.) A communion assistant will stand six feet behind the table and say the words "The blood of Jesus shed for you."
 - d. After receiving the wine / juice, the communicant will turn from the table and deposit their empty cup in the basket as per our usual procedure.
 - e. After one row has received the wine, the usher will direct the next row to come forward to receive the elements.
 - f. We will continue our practice of making gluten free wafers and grape juice available.
- 6. Choir / Special Music:** Due to the proximity needed for a choir to sing effectively and the difficulties presented when attempting to sing while wearing a mask, we are considering having soloists and instrumentalists provide special music. We will constantly re-evaluate this on a regular basis and hope to allow the choir to return to its vital role in our worship service as soon as possible.
- 7. Children's Moment:** We believe it is unwise to have the children come up front and sit in close proximity to children from other homes. Therefore, the pastor will conduct the children's moment but ask the children to remain seated in their seats. The pastor will stand up front instead of sit down and speak to the children.
- 8. Gospel procession:** Because the procession will likely bring the pastor within closer proximity to some of our members, we will dispense with it until there is a vaccine for the coronavirus.
- 9. Post-worship pastoral greeting:** Ushers will dismiss each row following the worship service. Wearing a mask, the pastor will stand in the narthex to greet worshippers at a safe social distance. He will not shake the hands of parishioners.
- 10. Livestreaming of worship services:** Because many in our congregation are in an at-risk category, we will livestream our worship services for those who wish to remain at home.



September Servant Schedule

	<u>Assistant Minister</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Cantor</u>
Sept 6	Sandy Rice	George Reinhart	Cynthia Michael
Sept 13	Joe Costantino	Deb Ross	Kylene Terhune
Sept 20	Sandy Rice	Julie Hohulin	Erika Wattrick
Sept 27	Joe Costantino	Gary Ross	Roseann Costantino

Sunday, September 13th Servants

Sermon: Pastor Phil Hohulin

Greeter/Usher: Bob and Jean Wheeler

Communion: Shirley Gordon & Wanda Petrenio

Children's Nursery: Roseann Costantino
Susan Schmellenkamp
Lexi Reinhart

Choir Director: Cynthia Michael

Organist: Aaron Mood

Pianist: Samee Griffith-Mood

Violinist: Bill Slusser



1 - John Michael
 4 - Bill Mobley
 6 - Diane Jergens
 7 - Jason Rice
 Aaron Mood
 10 - Joshua Pfeiffer
 13 - Tom Teague
 18 - Gary Ross
 26 - Annemarie Stein

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service 10:31 AM Livestream Available Through Website	31	1 4:00 PM Prayer Meeting Via Zoom	2 7:00 PM Bible Study via Zoom	3 4:00 PM Prayer Meeting Via Zoom	4	5 10:00 AM Men's Fellowship
6 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service 10:31 AM Livestream Available Through Website	7	8 4:00 PM Prayer Meeting Via Zoom	9 7:00 PM Bible Study via Zoom	10 4:00 PM Prayer Meeting Via Zoom	11 10:00 am Bible Study and Prayer Group 12:00 Worship Team Meeting via Zoom	12
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20 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service 10:31 AM Livestream Available Through Website	21 6:30 PM Council Meeting	22 4:00 PM Prayer Meeting Via Zoom	23 7:00 PM Bible Study via Zoom	24 4:00 PM Prayer Meeting Via Zoom 6:30 PM Benevolence meeting	25	26
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Our Member's Prayer Concerns:

**Denotes Grace Member*

Lynda Bragg—continued recovery (Pastor Phil)
***Linda Hooghe**—continued recovery (Becky Reinhart)
***Judy Yeager**-healing (Shirley Pappas)
MacKenzie Aitken-healing (Lea Ravlin)
***Diane Jergens**-healing (Pastor Phil)
Martha Williamson-mother of Susan Schmellenkamp (Roseann Costantino)
Janet Zerger-healing (Cynthia Michael)
Nancy Bruggeman-cancer (Cynthia Michael)
Tyler Heskett-recovery and healing (Cynthia Michael)
***John Moore**-healing (Cynthia Michael)
Pam & Allen Smith-healing for Allen after stroke (Julie Hohulin)
David Mancini-sister with cancer (Cynthia Michael)
Mike Stein-heart issues (Shirley Schryver)
Brian Smith-needing double lung transplant (Matt Pfeiffer)
Bill Gray- neighbor recovering from a stroke (Joyce Mears)
Tim Scott-healing (John Michael)
Sue Kolencik-healing from heart attack (Aaron Mood)
Ron Zeli-healing (Aaron Mood)
***Carol Edward**-healing from fall (Donna Tucker)
Bishop John-healing from fall (Becky Reinhart/Kristi Bradosky)
***Dallas Mathile**-healing from fall (Janice Mathile)
Maddie Ravlin and Carmen Bengur- healthcare workers -protection from illness (Lea Ravlin)
John Hubacher-healing from diving accident (Lea Ravlin)
***N'Anne Knight**-healing from knee replacement
***Marycarol Pretorius**-healing (Pastor Phil)
Matthew Reed- diagnosed with Bells Palsy (Doug and Mary Kay Reed)
Natalie-healing (Gisela)
***Nitta Petticrew**-brother Harold passed away-comfort for the family (Gary Petticrew)
Rusty O'Ryan-healing from broken back (Barb Baker)
Anthony-healing from burns (Julie Hohulin)
***Nancy Hess**-healing(Pastor Phil)
Pastor Paul Schulze and family-peace in the midst of turmoil (Pastor Phil)
Rod & Michelle Martin-healing from Covid (Annemarie Stein)



Family and Friends in our Hearts:

Ryan Morgan (Mary Kay Reed), **Paul Yeager** (The Yeager's), **Dorothy Pace** (Gretchen Walther)

Those with Continuing Health Concerns:

Nancy Hess, Janet Dovayak (Shirley Pappas), **Sally Fiste** (N'Anne Knight), **Irene Bartus** (Deb Ross), **Joe Costantino Sr.** (Joe Costantino), **Farralee Baldwin** (Becky Reinhart), **Mary Welker** (Sandy Rice), **Georgene Bonsteel** (Becky Reinhart), **Fran McDaniel** (Roseann Costantino), **Robin Connellee** (N'Anne Knight), **Cindy Puskar** (Becky Reinhart), **Gary Rothermel** (Annemarie Stein), **Yvonne Becker** (Joyce Mears), **Clayton Daniels** (Cassie Pfeiffer), **Harry Wright and Family** (Aaron Mood), **Pam Mehlhorn, Barbara Baker** (Pastor Phil), **Camille Evans**(Cynthia Michael)

Those Confined to Care:

Ada Doty (aunt of Roseann Costantino)
Lois Costantino (Joe Costantino)

Those Serving in the Military:

Josh Weiland, Cian Morgan, Zach Ravlin (Lea Ravlin)
Matthew Spence (Lea Ravlin)