



Tidings of Grace Weekly Newsletter

September 25, 2020



Cast all your anxiety

ON HIM

because he cares

FOR YOU.

1 PETER 5:7, NIV

Verse of the Week Ephesians 3:14-15

– **“For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.”** We have a Father in heaven. He cares for us. He knows how to give us all good things. This knowledge frees us from worry and anxiety. Jesus returned to this theme again and again, and we should take Him at His Word. Our Father will care for us, so we can be secure in generosity and faithful living.

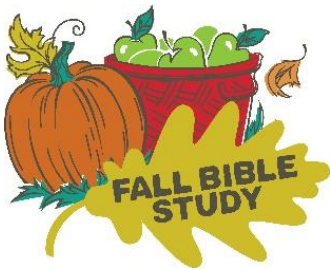
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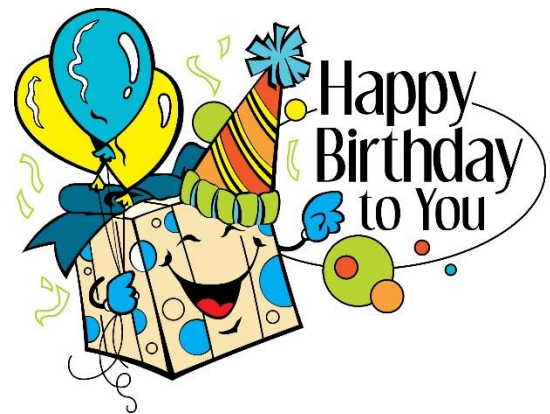
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****The Friday Bible Study and Prayer Group** has started back up! We will meet about every other Friday at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall to watch a movie or do Lectio Divina. Please come earlier if you would like to chat before the movie. All are welcome.

WATCH FOR FUTURE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MEETING DATES.

****Please join friends at Grace to celebrate September/October birthdays** with cake and punch after worship Sunday, October 4.





A brand new baby is on the way, so let's celebrate before the big day!

*Mechelle's Baby Shower
Saturday, October 24, 2020 11:30 am
Church Fellowship Hall*

Wear blue to honor the sweet little boy to be born.

Mechelle, her husband Adam and son Everett are new members of Grace. Mechelle is Bill and Evie Wheeler's granddaughter.

RSVP: Sign-up sheet will be on the table in the fellowship hall.

Everyone, attending the shower for Mechelle Wightman or not, is invited to complete an "advice page" for Mechelle's baby shower scrapbook.

Please pick-up a blank page at church beginning September 20 (or contact Jean Wheeler if you'd like a mailed page) and write your advice on caring for an infant and/or raising a child, parent or not... everyone has advice on kids. Funny, practical, spiritual or academic... whatever your style; no embellishments. **Return to church or by mail to Jean by October 18.**

If you know of anyone who does not use e-mail or receive Tidings of Grace please pass on this information.



Bishop John Progress Report

Dear Friends,

I continue to be amazed and blessed by your prayers and other expressions of loving care. Deeply grateful and truly humbled by your gracious care I share Paul's sentiment when he wrote to the Ephesians, "I have not stopped giving thanks for you remembering you in my prayers." (Ephesians 1:16) Each of you are instruments of God's Grace in Jesus Christ our Lord and through your love, I am touched by the healing hands of Jesus. Through you His love is made real.

In my last update I shared that I would meet with the Neurosurgeon on 9/11. Today was the day. The Neurosurgeon was enamored with his work. He was amazed at the progress I had made. I assured him that I had help. He reminded me that posterior cervical surgery is the most painful healing process of any back surgery. Not using any pain medication after one week he classified as extremely rare. The incisions are continuing to heal. I had a full page of questions. The following are his responses:

1. The brace can now be removed for longer periods of time and I only need to wear it when my neck and shoulder muscles get tired and need support. (That happens almost every evening)
2. Work on range of motion by slowly and carefully turning back and forth as well as up and down should begin immediately.
3. 6 weeks of Physical Therapy begins next Wednesday
4. Driving privileges begin when I feel comfortable turning my head appropriately
5. Travel by air is permitted but I must wear my brace.
6. No special documents are needed to get through security. The metal should not set off the detectors unless they are set on the most sensitive levels.

7. Swimming was recommended
8. The limit on lifting remains at no more than 5-8 lbs until week 12
9. No return to work at the airport until the end of the eighth week.
10. X-rays are scheduled for November 20th
11. The appointment with the surgeon is scheduled on that same day. If the healing continues as it has it will be the last appointment with him for a year.
12. Beyond November 20 I can begin to run again. I can lift weights and resume normal physical activity without restrictions.

I promise no more updates until I complete everything covered in this update. Be assured of my sincere appreciation for your love and prayers. Each of you are a precious treasure in my life. +John



Benevolence News

Questions about the following ministries?

Please contact Diane Jergens

(937)530-2573 or dmjergens11@gmail.com



**** Annual Baby Shower providing supplies for the Miami Valley Women's Center** will start October 4th and run through the 25th. A crib will be provided in the front to gather supplies for the center. Baby items such as diapers, lotion, body wash, new and gently used clothing, blankets, hooded towels, etc. are always welcome. This is a big project and we know some of you have been collecting gradually throughout the year. If you are interested in a tour of their facility let me know and we will see if one can be arranged.

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!



WEST CARROLLTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

"Providing excellent service through leadership and partnership with the community."

August 27, 2020

To the Congregation of Grace Lutheran Church,

I wanted to take this opportunity to tell you how much the men and women of the West Carrollton Police Department appreciated the wonderful plaque. I want to thank Pastor Hohulin and Council President John Michael for coming to the City Council meeting to make this public demonstration of appreciation. Especially with the current state of affairs that are happening nationwide. For anyone, it is important to feel that other people value your efforts and that what you do makes a difference. That is the number one reason that our people have chosen to be police officers. They have an overarching desire to help others and to make their community a better, safer place. For you to let them know that they are valued helps them to hold their heads high and continue the good fight.

Thank you again for the plaque and the prayers. Keep the prayers coming.

Respectfully,

Douglas M. Woodard

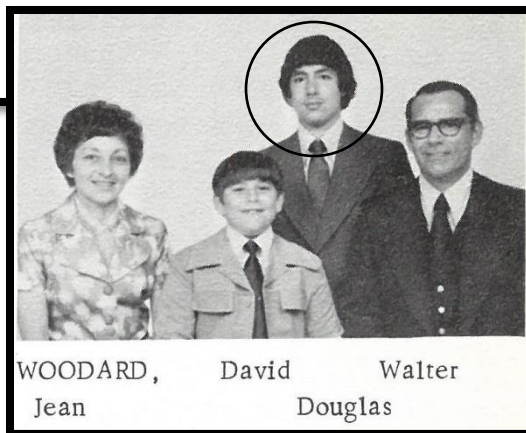
Chief of Police

West Carrollton Police Department



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**Look what we found in an old Grace directory....
A young Chief of Police.**



WOODARD, David Walter
Jean Douglas



September 11, 2020

Pastor Hohulin
Grace Lutheran Church
410 E. Pease Ave
West Carrollton, OH 45449

Dear Pastor Hohulin:

Please extend my sincere thanks and gratitude to all the members of the Grace Lutheran Church for recognizing our department during the city council meeting in August. The men and women of the West Carrollton Fire Department appreciate your support. The plaque is proudly displayed at Fire Station 56.

Thank you again for your kindness.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Barnett". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chris Barnett
Fire Chief



Giving for the love of giving.

******Friday, September 18, a team of Grace members served box lunches to the staff of WC schools. A big thanks to all of you for helping out. The teaching staff appreciated and enjoyed our effort to enable them to share an unsolicited meal from their friends at Grace.

God
LOVES A
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GIVER.
2 corinthians 9:7



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 processional:** Because the processional 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/October Servant Schedule

	<u>Assistant Minister</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Cantor</u>
Sept 27	Joe Costantino	Gary Ross	Roseann Costantino
Oct 4	Sandy Rice	Nathan Pfeiffer	Cynthia Michael
Oct 11	Joe Costantino	Donna Tucker	Kylene Terhune
Oct 18	Sandy Rice	Josh Pfeiffer	Erika Wattrick
Oct 25	Joe Costantino	N'Anne Knight	Roseann Costantino

Sunday, September 27th Servants

Sermon: Pastor Phil Hohulin

Greeter/Usher: Bob and Jean Wheeler

Communion: Shirley Gordon & Wanda Petrenio

Children's Nursery: Rachel Reinhart & Lexi Reinhart

Choir Director: Cynthia Michael

Organist: Aaron Mood

Pianist: Samee Griffith-Mood

Violinist: Bill Slusser

10 - Sandy Rice
 Bob Wheeler

13 - Rachel Reinhart

14 - Kathy Gross
 Nadine Thomas

23 - Don Stamm

24 - Donna Tucker
 Keith Reinhart

25 - Deb Ross

30 - George Brooks



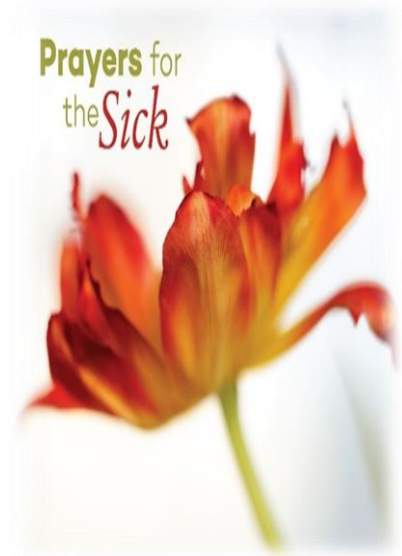
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service 10:31 AM Livestream Available Through Website	28	29 4:00 PM Prayer Meeting Via Zoom	30 7:00 PM Bible Study via Zoom	1 4:00 PM Prayer Meeting Via Zoom	2	3 10:00 AM Men's Fellowship
4 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service 10:31 AM Livestream Available Through Website 11:30 AM Sept/Oct birthday celebration	5	6 4:00 PM Prayer Meeting Via Zoom	7	8 4:00 PM Prayer Meeting Via Zoom	9 9:30 AM Friday Women's Prayer and Bible Study 12:00 PM Worship Team Meeting	10
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Our Member's Prayer Concerns:

*Denotes Grace Member

- ***Lynda Bragg**—continued recovery (Pastor Phil)
- ***Linda Hooghe**—continued recovery (Becky Reinhart)
- MacKenzie Aitken**-healing (Lea Ravlin)
- ***Diane Jergens**-healing (Pastor Phil)
- Pam & Allen Smith**-healing for Allen after stroke (Julie Hohulin)
- 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
- Matthew Reed**- diagnosed with Bells Palsy (Doug and Mary Kay Reed)
- Natalie**-healing (Gisela)
- Rusty O'Ryan**-back surgery Oct 27th (Barb Baker)
- Anthony**-healing from burns (Julie Hohulin)
- ***Nancy Hess**-healing(Pastor Phil)
- Rod & Michelle Martin**-healing from Covid (Annemarie Stein)
- Faith Crouch**-lung transplant (Gary Johnson)
- Averie**-healing (Janice Mathile)
- Family of Ian and Jamie**-comfort in the loss of cousin, Evan (Cynthia Michael)
- Robert Schultz**-healing from heart surgery (Bill Slusser)
- Sally and Paul**-healing (Cynthia Michael)
- Alicia**-protection and guidance (Cynthia Michael)
- Carolyn Greene**-upcoming heart surgery (Joyce Mears)
- Arlene Dallman**-bereavement-Husband, Dick Dallman, passing (Joyce Mears)



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) **Mike Stein** (Shirley Schryver), **Martha Williamson** (Roseann Costantino), **John Moore**(Cynthia Michael), **Nancy Bruggeman**(Cynthia Michael), **Janet Zerger**(Cynthia Michael) **Judy Yeager**(Shirley Pappas)

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)





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