



Tidings of Grace Weekly Newsletter

October 23, 2020

If the Son

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JOHN 8:36, ESV



Verse of the Week John 8:36

– “**So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.**” This Sunday we celebrate Reformation Day! Luther is rightly remembered as a champion of the Gospel, but he also called himself “the apostle of good works.” For only in being set free by the Gospel can we do good works. Jesus has set us free, and His blood covers over our sins. We stand before God as His beloved children, and we are invited to live our lives to His glory for the good of His kingdom.

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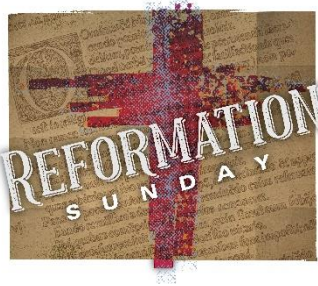
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OCTOBER NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Denotes updated information



****Please consider wearing red this Sunday for Reformation Sunday.**

Here is a great way to support our members, Aaron and Samee Mood:

Star City Music Studios is a finalist for the Best of Dayton 2020 Award for Best Music Instruction. You can vote **once a week** from now until 9:00pm on October 30th. Just click the link below, select the "Family" category, and scroll down until you see "Music Instruction" and click on our name.

<https://daytonmagazine.secondstreetapp.com/2020-Best-of-Dayton/>

Thanks for your support! - Aaron and Samee

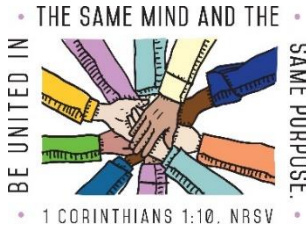


WHEN THE
SON OF MAN COMES,
WILL HE FIND FAITH
ON EARTH?

LUKE 18:8

Benevolence News

**Questions about the following ministries?
Please contact Diane Jergens
(937)530-2573 or dmjergens11@gmail.com**



Our next Benevolence team meeting on Thursday, October 29 at 6:30pm. We are planning ideas for Christmas events to support our local ministries including the **Mitten Tree**. All are welcome! Come and join us for fellowship and fun!



****The Annual Baby Shower providing supplies for the MVWC will wrap up this Sunday, October 25th.** Bring in those baby items to fill the crib: diapers, lotion, body wash, new and gently used clothing, blankets, hooded towels, etc. are always welcome.



Miamisburg Helping Hands Food Pantry. Take time out of your Sunday morning schedule and stop at the kitchen door to read over a wonderful thank you note from Helping Hands Food Pantry. There is also some great information about needed items like canned fruit, store brand cereal, and kidney beans for example. When doing your grocery shopping, throw in a few items off the posted list and drop them in the basket by the kitchen on Sunday morning. 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.



*Person of Grace
— Shirley Schryver*

Shirley Schryver arrived here at Grace Church from Florida and — she also left for Florida from Grace Church. Back in 2012, Bill and Shirley Schryver were occasional visitors to Grace Church. She was surprised at one of our Sunday luncheons when our pastor announced that the Schryvers were moving to Florida and then gave a blessing to them. Bill died in Florida in 2017. Shirley became homesick for Ohio, so now we are blessed to have Shirley back with us.

Both Bill and Shirley Schryver were born and raised in New York state. For Shirley it was life on a farm. There were always dogs and horses and cats on the farm. The dogs were shepherds for herding cows. The cats were barn cats, which meant they did not tolerate being petted. The horses were work horses, though Barney had a broad back and riding him was like sitting in an easy chair. In high school, Shirley did have a horse for riding. And while raising their children, Bill and Shirley always had dogs or cats for pets.

Recently she called one of her sons and told him she wanted a dog for Christmas. He was shocked — for one thing she didn't go around saying what she wanted for gifts, and for another, he couldn't imagine her wanting an animal that requires walks outside everyday all year around. She told him she saw the cutest dogs that begged to be petted and yet would go over to their bed and lie down when she left her apartment. Her son knew she had loved animals, but to care for a dog now? He couldn't believe it — until Shirley told him that the dogs, with whom she was falling in love, were mechanical toy dogs.

Bill and Shirley lived in New York until he had a job transfer to Ohio in 1964. They lived in Ohio (except for a couple years working in New Jersey) until moving to Florida in 2012.

There are four children. The two oldest are girls, Debbie and Julie, and then came two boys, David and Patrick. The girls started their schooling in Catholic schools prior to the move to Ohio. All four attended Centerville schools, and both girls graduated from there. Soon after the move Bill's job ended, and things were difficult. When Bill and Shirley approached the Catholic church for assistance, none was given. This caused a break with the Catholic church. Bill was a Roman Catholic, but Shirley had not been brought up connected to church. Her father was a Greek Catholic who came to the United States from Yugoslavia when he was fifteen years old. Shirley's family went to church on some of the church holidays but

not on a regular basis. Shirley found herself attracted to church music — and her father was, too. She was most attracted by the atmosphere of peace and calm.

Following Julie's graduation from CHS, the family moved to Kettering and both boys graduated from Fairmont East. All four are married and have blessed Shirley with three grands and five greats.

Bill always found work and Shirley also worked. One day, while casually reading about job openings, she applied for the position of church secretary at Central Christ Church in Kettering. When she heard that the minister wanted to interview her, she prayed. "Oh Lord, help me. I'm in the hot seat." Ended up working there for eleven years and learned how to share about Jesus. First as a sub for the pastor when he was on vacation. Yes, she preached the sermon. Later she wrote communion meditations for the Sunday bulletin.

Shirley's faith journey took a major turn when her daughter Debbie married a Lutheran at Epiphany Church. "We went to a church dinner where several pastors spoke. This was the start of a new, incredible experience of something different for both Bill and me. We joined Epiphany and began learning about developing our faith. I heard about the Emmaus walk. This was an eye-opener for me and a wonderful experience. I participated in several walks as part of the team and also served a term as the Board Secretary for the Emmaus Community."

She now lives at Canterbury Court and also works there as a monitor. She takes calls that come to the office after the staff leaves. That means directing nighttime requests for maintenance or late deliveries or other such calls. She alternates times with another monitor. Because Shirley enjoys being with others and helping others, she finds this is more than a job — it is a meaningful opportunity for her to help. At Canterbury, she has found times to pray and share Jesus with other residents.

Shirley likes: * reading all kinds of books (she read all of Catherine Coulter's books about the FBI at least twice) * puzzles, * singing (though her job hinders times in the choir) * walking (often through the cemetery across from Canterbury) * being with family (including texting, emails and regular telephone calls). She does all this despite a curved spine causing back pain.

She loves Grace Church, saying we feed the need we all have for God's word. "Pastor Phil relates scripture to today. Just a great place." And isn't it great to have vivacious Shirley with us! _____ *Marycarol*



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.



October/November Servant Schedule

	<u>Assistant Minister</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Cantor</u>
Oct 25	Joe Costantino	N'Anne Knight	Roseann Costantino
Nov 1	Shirley Schryver	George Reinhart	Cynthia Michael
Nov 8	N'Anne Knight	Becky Reinhart	Kylene Terhune
Nov 15	Joe Costantino	Donna Tucker	Erika Wattrick
Nov 22	Sandy Rice	Julie Hohulin	Roseann Costantino
Nov 29	Shirley Schryver	Gary Ross	Cynthia Michael

Sunday, October 25th Servants

Sermon: Pastor Phil Hohulin

Greeter/Usher: Bob and Jean Wheeler

Communion: John and Cynthia Michael

Children's Nursery: Julie Hohulin & Ava

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



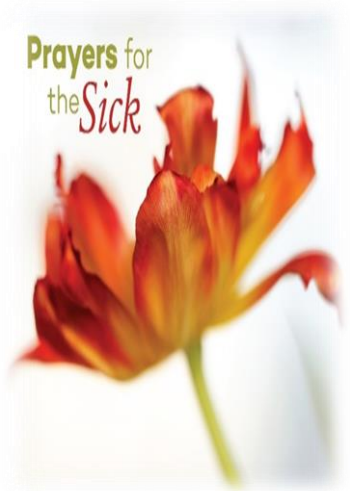
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service 10:31 AM Livestream Available Through Website	28	29 4:00 PM Prayer Meeting Via Zoom	30 7:00 PM Bible Study via Zoom	1 4:00 PM Prayer Meeting Via Zoom	2	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 12:00 PM Worship Team Meeting	10
11 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service 10:31 AM Livestream Available Through Website	12	13	14	15	16 9:30 AM Friday Women's Prayer and Bible Study	17 10:00 AM Men's Fellowship
18 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service 10:31 AM Livestream Available Through Website	19 6:30 PM Council Meeting	20 4:00 PM Prayer Meeting Via Zoom	21 Matthew 25 donation pickup	22 4:00 PM Prayer Meeting Via Zoom	23	24 11:30 AM Mechelle's Baby Shower
25 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service 10:31 AM Livestream Available Through Website	26	27 4:00 PM Prayer Meeting Via Zoom	28	29 4:00 PM Prayer Meeting Via Zoom 6:30PM Benevolence team meeting	30	31

Our Member's Prayer Concerns:

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- ***Lynda Bragg**—continued recovery (Pastor Phil)
- ***Linda Hooghe**—continued recovery (Becky Reinhart)
- ***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)
- ***Carol Edward**—healing from fall (Donna Tucker)
- Bishop John**—healing from fall (Becky Reinhart/Kristi Bradosky)
- ***N'Anne Knight**—healing from knee replacement
- Matthew Reed**—diagnosed with Bells Palsy (Doug and Mary Kay Reed)
- 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)
- 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)
- Barry Becker**—cancer (Joyce Mears)
- ***Georgene Bonsteel**—healing and comfort
- ***John Moore**—comfort and healing (Marsha Wombold)
- Samuel and Sarah Robertson's family**—comfort in trying times (Aaron Mood)
- ***Patrick Terhune**—healing (Kylene Terhune)
- Debbie**—comfort (Shirley Schryver)
- Steve Placke**—stent surgery (Shirley Schryver)
- Chris Sell**—healing from severe stroke (Shirley Gordon)
- Meg and baby**—continued health (Jim and Erika Wattrick)
- Family of Bishop Emeritus Paul Spring**—comfort
- Family of Jeannie Long**—comfort (Gary Petticrew)
- ***Dallas Mathile**—healing (Janice Mathile)
- Robin Jergens**—healing and comfort (Diane Jergens)
- Dr. John Fleishman**— upcoming back surgery (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), **Natalie**(Gisela), **MacKenzie Aitken** (Lea Ravlin)

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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