

Tidings of Grace

December 2, 2022



Lesson of the Week Matthew 3:1-2

– “In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.’” John prepared the way for Jesus by preaching repentance. Then, when Jesus’ ministry was complete and He was raised from the dead, He sent out His disciples to preach “repentance for the forgiveness of sins” (Luke 24:47). We never outgrow the need for repentance — for examining our lives, turning away from our sins, and turning toward Jesus in faith to receive his forgiveness and strength for a renewed life of godliness.

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UPCOMING EVENTS



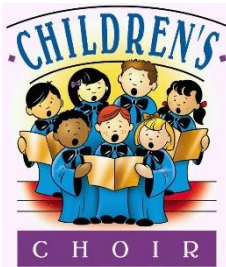
**Indicates new information

****On Sunday December 18, we will be having a cookie carry in.** Bakers are needed to



provide cookies for that day. There is a sign-up sheet available in the Fellowship Hall to indicate your willingness to provide cookies and the type of cookie.

Additional note: There will not be fellowship following the Dec 25 or Jan 1 services.



A brief **organizational meeting for the Children's Choir** will be held immediately after worship on December 4th. Bring your calendars and we'll discuss rehearsal dates that will begin in January. - Samee

SAVE THE DATE! Get the church ready for Christmas on **December 3, 2022**. Decorating begins at 9:00am. All help is appreciated!

Decorate the Church



Is it time to take the plunge?



Have you been regularly attending Grace and now are feeling led to "officially" make it your spiritual home? Uniting in membership strengthens your bond to this community of faith and publicly affirms your commitment to use your spiritual gifts to enhance the ministry and witness of this local expression of God's Kingdom.

If you are considering uniting in membership with us, please contact Pastor Phil at 937-823-0403.

**** Conquer Series:** Traditionally, we don't talk about sex or pornography with our kids because it's a tough conversation. But our sex saturated society all but guarantees that they will be exposed at a far too young age. It's incumbent upon us as parents to lead and lead boldly with our kids in this area. One of the positive effects of my recovery was the ability to talk more openly with my son about the dangers and negative impacts of pornography. And even beyond that, the ability to talk about what healthy sexuality really is in a biblical context. We used the Conquer series to guide that conversation and the effect was beautiful in that we could now talk in an aligned way about both healthy and unhealthy sexuality. He left for college much better equipped than I was at that age.

This article covers more of the dangers of pornography to our kids and the benefit of a program like Conquer to parents as they continue to teach their children. The Conquer program is certainly for men who want to fully heal from unwanted sexual thoughts or behavior; but it's also for Dads who want to be better fathers to their kids and better husbands, brothers and friends. Through education and understanding, we can take back territory that the enemy stole from us.

Thanks Pat Terhune, please contact me at patrickaterhune@gmail.com if you have any questions or would like to discuss this further.

https://blog.soulrefiner.com/4-ways-porn-destroying-children?utm_source=KingdomWorks+Newsletter&utm_campaign=b7508fc281-when_trying_harder_isnt_enough_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_68a2b88e24-b7508fc281-105187049&goal=0_68a2b88e24-b7508fc281-105187049&mc_cid=b7508fc281&mc_eid=9d80b2a35a

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Benevolence Team News

**** Miami Valley Women's Center "Adopt a Family" event gifts are due this Sunday!**

**** We are in need of Sugar Cookie mix and cookie cutters for our meeting on Dec. 8th.**

Our next meeting is December 8, Thursday at 3:00pm.

Any questions please call, email or text me, (937) 530-2573, dmjergens11@gmail.com, (937) 266-8096. Blessings and love, your Team leader, Diane Jergens.



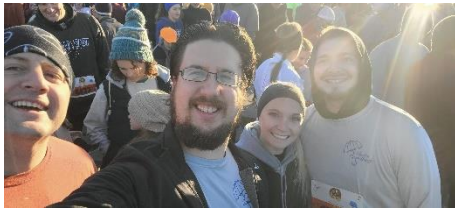
****Here is an update of Bishop Emeritus Bradosky's family:**

Melissa Bradosky - Melissa had a precancerous mass removed from her colon. The dr. said if she had waited six months longer it would have been cancerous. Melissa is doing well. We praise God for this good report.

Jordan Byorth - Jordan and Jake welcomed little Adelynn on October 30th. Baby weighed 8 lbs 1 oz and was 19.25 inches long. Mother and baby are doing fine. Adelynn was welcomed home by siblings; Kennedy (5), Jackson (3), and Caleb (19 mos).



****Pam Mehlhorn thanks you** all for your prayers at the passing of her father.



******Members of the Under Somethings Bible Study ran in the Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving. Our numbers were a little smaller than planned because of illness, but we placed first in our division: Lutheran Bible Studies Who Have Been Meeting for Less Than Two Years. Our next event is our Christmas party on Friday, December 16th at 6:30pm at the Terhune's. Contact Aaron for more details.



The Friday Morning Bible Study and Prayer Group will be using the study book by Melissa Spoelstra entitled “Jeremiah ~ Daring to Hope in an Unstable World”. The study is on Friday mornings from 9:30 am - 11 am and begins on Friday January 6 and continues through Friday February 24. If you would like a book ordered for you or if you have any questions, please contact Roseann Costantino at 937 434-2012 or Roseanncostantino@gmail.com.



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Adult Sunday School 9:00 am: We will be studying Romans with a bit of help from world-class wordsmith Max Lucado thru Thanksgiving, with an Advent Series following thru the Holidays. We'll then take up Esther...for a Time such as This...in January. Stop and get coffee on the way in and Bring your Bibles!

The Men's Fellowship at Grace is beginning our third year meeting the first and third Saturdays of the month in the church at 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM. We have had a great time getting to know each other, praying for each other and studying the scriptures. Oh, and did I forget coffee and “Bill's” donut holes? If you haven't joined us, we would love to get to know you. We're very informal, friendly and you would fit right in. If you have any questions about the fellowship please ask John Michael or Bill Slusser. See you there.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study: Every Wednesday at 6:30 pm, join us as we delve deeper into the scriptures. Study is led by Pastor Phil and you can attend in person or online. Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/595370970?pwd=MGQzK0VVZXkwUFF4VzJ6aXJiMGhTQT09>

Meeting ID: 595 370 970

Passcode: 023793

SERVANT *Schedule*

Communion Servers

Roseann & Joe Costantino

Assistant Minister

Dec 4 Shirley Schryver
Dec 11 Sandy Rice
Dec 18 Joe Costantino
Dec 24/4 N'Anne Knight
Dec 24/7 TBA
Dec 25 N'Anne Knight

Lector

Donna Tucker

George Reinhart
Aaron Mood
Becky Reinhart
Julie Hohulin

Nursery

Kylene & Debbie
Rachel & Debbie
Roseann & Debbie
Wanda & Debbie
& Debbie
& Debbie

Sunday School

Young Learners (Prek—K)

Dec 4 Wanda & Steve
Dec 11 Roseann & Susan
Dec 18 Mechelle & Ava
Dec 25 No Class

Disciples (Early Elementary)

Jean
Julie
Lea
No Class

Sunday, December 4

Sermon: Pastor Phil Hohulin

Greeter/Usher: Bill and Evie Wheeler

Communion: Don Stamm & Pam Mehlhorn

Children's Nursery: Cynthia & Debbie

Videographer: Bryant Marker

Choir Director: Cynthia Michael

Organist: Aaron Mood

Pianist: Samee Griffith-Mood

Violinist: Bill Slusser



December

BIRTHDAYS

- 2- Jim Wattrick
- 5 – Carol Yeager Rothfuss
- 10 – Carol Edwards
- Nathan Pfeiffer
- 15 – Doug Reed
- 17 – Rudy Oliver
- 20 – Linda Hooghe
- 23 – Mike Rice
- 29 – Rick Schairbaum
- 31 – Alex Wightman



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 10:30am Traditional Worship Service/Livestream 11:30am Fellowship 12:30pm Women's Choir Rehearsal	28	29	30 7:00pm Close of Day Service	1	2 1:30pm Worship and Music Meeting	3 9:00am Church Decorating 10:00am Men's Fellowship 3:00pm Reserved by Star City Music Studio
4 9:00am Sunday School 10:30am Traditional Worship Service/Livestream 11:30am Fellowship 12:30pm Choir Rehearsal	5	6	7 6:00pm Dress Rehearsal 7:00pm Close of Day Service	8 3:00pm Benevolence Team Meeting	9 5:00pm Reserved by Star City Music Studio	10 5:00am Reserved by Star City Music Studio
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25 11:00am Traditional Worship Service/Livestream	26	27	28	29	30	31

Our Member's Prayer Concerns

*Denotes Grace Member

Garenne-healing (Bill Slusser)

Andy Teague-healing for Andy and comfort for Tom and Renee (Pastor Phil)

Young Mother and family-recovery from head shot

Terry-strength and healing (Sandy Rice)

Gail-recovery from stroke (Pam Mehlhorn)

Chris Brown-comfort and healing (George and Becky Reinhart)

Melissa Bradosky-peace (Becky Reinhart)

Pete, Jasmine Fill and infant daughter-infant daughter's development (Aaron Mood)

Marsha Steffen-healing from a fall (Joyce Mears)

***Bill Wheeler**-healing

***Keegan**-healing(Pat Terhune)

Gisela-comfort and healing

Glenna-healing from fall (Aaron Mood)

Nestor Family-comfort at the passing of Jaxen (Aaron Mood)

Ed & Lynda Bragg-healing and strength

AC and Oddie Wyatt- comfort and healing(Sally Manning)

Billy Gibbs-healing(Sally Manning)

Family and Friends of Ted Popoff-comfort at his passing

Nancy Herbert-healing

Wendy Baldwin-comfort and healing (Nancy Herbert)

Those with Continuing Health Concerns:

Janet Dovayak (Shirley Pappas), **Sally Fiste** (N'Anne Knight), **Farralee Baldwin** (Becky Reinhart), **Mary Welker** (Sandy Rice), **Dale & 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), **Pam Mehlhorn**, **Barbara Baker** (Pastor Phil), **Mike Stein** (Shirley Schryver), **Janet Zerger**(Cynthia Michael), **Judy Yeager**(Shirley Pappas), **MacKenzie Aitken** (Lea Ravlin) **Edie Smalley**(N'Anne Knight), **Tom Gustin** (N'Anne Knight), **Pam & Allen Smith** (Julie Hohulin), **Don Slokowski** (Shirley Schryver), **Scott Placke** (Shirley Schryver)**Tim Scott** (John Michael), **Lilyanna** (Diane Jergens), **Cooper and his Wife** (Diane Jergens), **Cathryn Schultz**(Samee Mood), **Judy and Doug Rettich**(Joyce Mears), **Glenn Zink** (Joyce Mears), **Afghanistan Christians**(Cynthia Michael), **Gary Ross** (John Michael), **Jake and Cayden**(Shirley Schryver), **Duane Jastremski** (Barbara Baker), **Julie Oelke** and **Herb Steger** (Lea Ravlin), **Bob Hoff** (Don Stamm), **Lorraine** (Jim and Erika Wattrick)

Family and Friends in our Hearts:

Paul Yeager (The Yeager's)

Those Serving in the Military: **Josh Weiland**, **Zach Ravlin** (Lea Ravlin), **Matthew Spence** (Lea Ravlin), **Tyler Dovayak** (Shirley Pappas) **Jake Bradosky** (Becky Reinhart), **Jake Byorth** (Becky Reinhart), **Keegan Terhune** (Becky Reinhart)

Those Confined to Care: