



# NEWSLETTER

GRACE  
Evangelical Lutheran  
Church

November 2018

## FROM THE PASTOR

### Adventures, U turns, faith, and a useful Greek word.

I should share this right off. I travel, I camp, I climb, hike, and I pursue adventure. And often (to my dislike) adventure pursues me. And often adventure catches me. And always, always, I learn something from it. Some of my best discoveries of life, faith, and spiritual devotion come from an adventure I pursued or one which pursued and made itself mine.

And again, each time, I have walked away with a life lesson. Scripture is the raw material for a spiritual life; our interactions with people and the world (and adventure) refine and define our spiritual life.

This past week I was adventuring (attempting adventure as it turns out, life had other plans) and trailering a sport oriented motorcycle to the Virginia/North Carolina/Tennessee/north Georgia mountains. My plan was to camp (tent of course) and partake of the finest twistiest roads the southern Appalachians could offer up on my bike.

An issue at home made me cut short my trip, but I made it a point to stop and camp at a National Forest campground a little south of Waynesville, NC before heading north. It's a nice place, it has maybe six or seven campsites. This time of year, there were four bear hunters, a huge RV camper, a group of 20 year old hikers, and myself camped there. The cool thing about Sunburst Campground is that it is along NC RT 215, which is an incredibly twisty road that gains elevation dramatically up to the Blue Ridge Parkway. From there, a nice leisurely stroll along the BRP was possible for me before descending 215 south (more twisty turns) toward Rosman, NC and a meet for lunch with my daughter who would come up from South Carolina.

It was along the BRP that I noticed and remembered a road warning sign and a spiritual lesson I first encountered a year or so ago.

It's a sign that warns of an upcoming U shaped turn in the road. (see the pic please) U shaped turns in the road? Yes, that's a cue for a spiritual lesson.

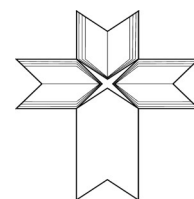
Because if there is one thing that a spiritual life offers and/or encourages, it's the proverbial U turn in life. St Paul had one of those if you remember. So did Luther. So did a host of other biblical characters; and I imagine more than a few of us have or know someone



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## OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

The mission of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church is to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ and share God's good news with others with an emphasis on youth and families.

Thursday, November 1— Pastor Heinz Raidel begins his ministry with Grace and Faith

Sunday, November 4—All Saints Sunday, Liturgy at 11 a.m.

Sunday, November 11—Consecration Sunday

Sunday, November 18—WELCA Thankoffering Service

Sunday, November 25— Christ the King Sunday

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who has experienced a U turn (or two, or three, etc.) in life. The early Church followers had a Greek word for spiritual U turns, the word was metonoia. And when I saw the U shaped warning sign along the BRP, I knew I had to share this spiritual idea of metonoia with my new congregations.

Allow me to quote from a 2017 blog I wrote:

**“Metonoia:** a Greek word for a change in a person’s life from a spiritual experience. Christians think its a result of The Spirit moving within their hearts/heads to make a change in their lives. It’s what reading and studying scripture (maybe more study than reading?) and prayer do for a person. It might be what happens when you see a food line and make a promise to donate monthly to a food pantry. It could happen in a delivery room. It might be seeing the joy in the eyes of a child as the family moves into a new habitat house and volunteering or donating for future builds. I have seen these things.

But for sure, a metonoia occurs when a person realizes it is time to make a change and takes those first few scary steps into a new life- the life of following the words and teachings of Jesus.”

So I hope and pray as we begin a Christ oriented faith and spiritual journey together, we might always be listening and looking for the Holy Spirit to grant, and give, and pursue us with personal and church wide metonoia. And I pray that we will look for signs of metonoia along the roads of our journeys.

Dear God, let this adventure together begin!  
Amen.

-Pastor Heinz Raidel

## Christmas Cookies



### 2018 Cookie Sale

Come on let’s try something new; it’s success depends on you! There will be no public cookie sale this year. Instead, we will have an “in-house” cookie sale. There will be a presale sign up. We will use previously purchased boxes; the cookies will be \$12.00/box. The amount of cookies each person will bake will depend on how many boxes people sign up to buy.

Great gifts for family, work or friends!

Cookies will need to be dropped off at the church no later than 10am, Saturday, December 15th. Boxes will be ready for pick up on Sunday, December 16th.

\*\*\*No brownies, no candy, no breads, no cakes. No cookies with strong aromas, please! :-) More info to follow! \*\*\*



Again this year we will be gathering food for the Lancaster Food Pantry Thanksgiving Baskets. The Pantry serves a wide area of Fairfield County and is grateful for any help we can provide. Thrivent has been asked to help us do this. Food items can be placed in the Lancaster box under the coat rack. Because the baskets are being packed on Nov. 11th to be distributed on Nov. 16th, food needs to be donated by Tuesday, Nov. 6th. It will be delivered to the Pantry on Friday, Nov. 9th. Items needed are:

- \* Instant Mashed Potatoes
- \* Boxed Stuffing
- \* Egg Noodles
- \* Green Beans
- \* Corn
- \* Cream of Mushroom Soup
- \* Canned Fruit
- \* Cranberry Sauce
- \* Cake mix/icing

#### All Saints Remembrance:

Sunday, November 4th is All Saint's Sunday. If you would like a loved one's name mentioned during the Intercessory Prayers on this Sunday, please list them on the sign up on the kiosk.

The new Paschal Candle holder is given to Grace church in Memory of Elizabeth Murphy-Miller by her sisters: Ethyl Crane, Patti Heinlein, Mary Toucket, and Mildred Frey. Thank you God for our time with Liz.

~Patti



Sunday School News

#### Sunday School Dates

The next Youth Sunday School class will be Sunday, November 18 at 9:45. Youth will help get the Thanksgiving baskets put together for the Pickerington Food Pantry.

Christmas Program Sundays: November 25, December 2, December 9, & December 16. The Christmas Program will take place on December 16th, during worship.

Thank You!

We will again be gathering items to complete 15 Thanksgiving Boxes for the Pickerington Food Pantry. Through Thrivent's Action Team Program, the money to cover 15 turkeys will be provided. We are asking for the following items to be donated by **Saturday November 17th**. The boxes will be assembled and loaded, by our youth, as a service project Sunday 11/18. Drop items in the box in the narthex. Craig and Kim Norman will deliver the boxes to the Pantry on 11/18. Any questions, contact Kim 614-256-3249.

#### ITEMS FOR BOXES:

- 5 lb bag potatoes**
- 2 boxes stuffing**
- 4 cans vegetables**
- 2 cans cranberries**
- 2 cans/jars/or packets gravy**
- 1 pie (not needing refrigeration)**



Please review the "Prayer Concerns" list in the Grace Notes. If you have placed someone on the list that no longer needs prayers, please contact the office.

### Pastoral Search Completed:

#### Share the Good News!

On Saturday, September 15, our Primary Pastoral candidate, Pastor Heinz Raidel, held a special service at Faith Baltimore and at Grace Pickerington. After each of these services, Pastor Raidel, along with his wife Anna, spent time with each congregation at a meet and greet event hosted by each church. On Sunday, September 16, each church held a congregational meeting to vote to call Pastor Raidel as the pastor to the 2-point parish of Faith Baltimore and Grace Pickerington. The call vote was successful at each church as well as the approval for the compensation package. Protocol is for the Synod to inform the candidate of the vote results and extend the call if it has been approved by both churches. The candidate then accepts or rejects the call. In our case, Pastor Raidel was very happy to accept the call. He will begin his pastoral duties for both churches beginning November 1, 2018. Thank you for all of those who were able to attend and support these events in each of our congregations. May God continue to guide us as we move forward in this joint venture.

### **New in the Church Library**

The first book added to the church library is The Bible In Art. This book contains a collection of twenty centuries of famous Bible paintings collected and commented on by Clifton Harby. This volume contains 750 black and white illustrations and 12 in full color. Published in 1936, the book still serves to inspire one's faith.

The second book is Cameron A. McKenzie's The Reformation, published in 2017 by Concordia Publishing House. This single volume recounts not one, but the multiple reformations of the sixteenth century. What Luther started led to various reform movements in the Western Church. These produced the major denominations of the present day Church in the west. Reformation, then as now, was a complicated and multi-faceted endeavor.

Both books make for an interesting read.

### **Grief Support Group**

Mount Carmel Hospice and Palliative Care provides grief support to the community for those in need. Their services include a family centered support group for children ages 6-18 and their parent or caregiver. Several informational brochures are available in the pastor's office. If you have any questions, you may call Jill Anderson at 614-234-0265.

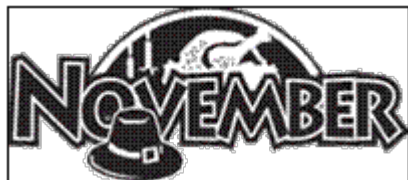
**Kroger will donate a percentage of all purchases to Grace Church!** All you need to do is call 1-800-576-4377, or go to Kroger.com and click the community rewards link. To register you will need our account number: 33748. Last year, we earned \$1200 through this program and we can earn up to \$4000. Register yourself, friends and family!



Check out the church website ([www.gracecolumbus.com](http://www.gracecolumbus.com)) for this season's Dartball Schedule.



# Birthday Blessings



Ben Dorion	11/1
Chuck Snyder	11/1
Bonnie DuMond	11/1
Caleb Bourekas	11/3
Pam MacRae	11/4
Kim Norman	11/7
Stacey Herb	11/11
Debbie Klopfer	11/14
Tara Stout	11/16
Marti Fisher	11/17
Kaylin Bias	11/18
Laney & Mia Collins	11/18
Ellen Triplet	11/22
James Esswein	11/25
Angela Bias	11/30



**Office hours** (through May) are  
Monday, Wednesday & Friday,  
9:30am-1:30pm, and Tuesday &  
Thursday, 11:30am-3:30pm.

## Financial Stewardship Through September 2018

### Giving:

<b>September 2</b>	<b>\$1,775.00</b>
<b>September 9</b>	<b>\$1,932.00</b>
<b>September 16</b>	<b>\$1,553.00</b>
<b>September 23</b>	<b>\$2,608.79</b>
<b>September 30</b>	<b>\$1,391.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,259.79</b>






### Year-to-Date

YTD Income	\$75,052.00
Total Expenses	\$8,965.00
Total Expenses YTD	\$76,641.00
Capital Exp & Misc	\$00.00

## November Worship Assistants

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Date	 Ministry Team		 USHERS	 Altar Guild	 Greeters
Nov. 4	Ed Thomas	Tom Siddle	Joe Biri & Craig Norman	Rose Kendrick & Linda Styers	Tina Siddle
Nov. 11	Ed Thomas	Linda Frazee	Joe Biri & Craig Norman	Rose Kendrick & Linda Styers	Tina Siddle
Nov. 18	Debbie Kelley	Church Women	Joe Biri & Craig Norman	Rose Kendrick & Linda Styers	Tina Siddle
Nov. 25	Ed Thomas	Karen Jackson	Joe Biri & Craig Norman	Rose Kendrick & Linda Styers	Tina Siddle

**\*\*If any of the assistants or readers have a conflict with the dates they have been asked to participate, please contact Doug Jackson.**

Did you know that you can receive your monthly newsletter by e-mail? This way you don't have more clutter on your kitchen counter.

Help Grace save the additional costs of paper and stamps by signing up to receive your newsletter on line. Just email Elaine ([office@gracecolumbus.com](mailto:office@gracecolumbus.com)) and let her know!



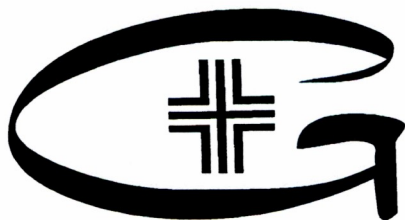


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#### **SUNDAY SCHEDULE:**

**Education Hour - 9:45 am**

**Worship - 11:00 am**

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**We're on the Web!**