



NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PASTOR: Hey Jude– A quick lesson from the book of Jude

The Reverend Heinz D. Raidel

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior. May this find you well. I read from the book of Jude for a daily devotion earlier this week, and it offers some serious relevance to our lives in 2020. I thought I would share. Here's Jude 1:17-25:

But you, beloved, must remember the predictions of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; for they said to you, "In the last time there will be scoffers, indulging their own ungodly lusts." It is these worldly people, devoid of the Spirit, who are causing divisions. But you, beloved, build yourselves up on your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; keep yourselves in the love of God; look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. And have mercy on some who are wavering; save others by snatching them out of the fire; and have mercy on still others with fear, hating even the tunic defiled by their bodies.

Now to him who is able to keep you from falling, and to make you stand without blemish in the presence of his glory with rejoicing, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, power, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

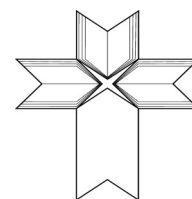
The book of Jude is the last book of the New Testament before Revelation. It is also the shortest book of the NT; it only has one chapter and only 125 verses. It is attributed to a Judas and the name was changed to Jude to avoid confusion with Judas Iscariot. Wait, there is more. Some scholars claim the writer Jude is the brother of James, who was the brother of Jesus. Other scholars claim Jude is the brother of another James.

While there is some interesting debate as to who the author of Jude is, the message of Jude is quite clear. While Jude's writing is small, it proves when it comes to God's love for people, there is no such thing as small and unimportant.

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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.

A special thank you to Brandon Chaney from scout troop #256 who completed the outdoor library! This was done to fulfill his Eagle Scout project and it is already being used. Thanks Brandon!



YARD SALE DONATIONS ACCEPTED!

Due to the virus, our 2020 yard sale was canceled. New dates have been set for 2021 and hopefully, the yard sale can be processed. The new dates are April 23rd and April 24th (Friday & Saturday) 2021.

On Saturdays, October 17th and 24th, from 9am-noon, you can drop off donations at the church. Please drive around to the back door, at the fellowship hall. We can unload your vehicle, so everyone can stay safe. Donations large or small are appreciated! Next year, we will also have the use of the new shelter house to expand our space.

You can also stop by and pick up additional empty banker boxes to fill with your treasures. Thank you for all your support.

~Judi Layman



Heaven got another great angel. Karen Jackson's mom went to be with the Lord on October 7th. They will be having a small, family, grave-side service. They appreciate your prayers and support.



Social Action Chair-Bonnie DuMond

We took more than 70 quilts and health kids made by the women of Grace to be sent to areas of need. Special thanks to Phil & Jan Dixon who got the truck and transported what was collected by the churches to its destination. Thanks also to Mary Lapham, Linda Styers, Bonnie DuMond, June Bohrer, Ed and Donna, Bernie Cantrell. Thanks also to Marty Fisher for purchasing batting for quilts.



The shelter house is just about finished. It only needs electrical work done! Thanks to Joe Biri for spearheading that project!

We have had 2 virtual church services, attended by 9 people each week. By this we mean, Pastor Heinz is virtual, and people are welcome to attend in person. Social distancing and proper sanitizing is practiced! Come and join us if you feel comfortable!

Dear Grace Family,

We would like to thank you for all the prayers, cards, notes, visits (before the shut-down), all acts of kindness, Pastor Heinz's sermons and the newsletters sent by Elaine.

By following all the guidelines, two family members at a time can visit Paul for an hour on Legacy's patio. Masks, 6ft distance and no touching are required. We can also talk by telephone.

In following good guidelines, Violet Springs has kept cases of Covid very low and all families informed. My God continue to bless all of you, no matter what the circumstances.

Our love and gratitude to you,
Paul and Elizabeth



It has been decided that we will devote our energies to the Pickerington Food Pantry. Lancaster is receiving much more than Pickerington, and since this is where we commune, that is where we feel we should devote our efforts.

~Ed Thomas

Have something for next month's newsletter? Email, or phone it into the office by November 10th at 4pm!



Thank you for your contributions!

We still have bills to pay coming in monthly. We are controlling our expenses but we do have some major work on the parking lot coming; we need to seal the parking lot and do some repair work on the underground containment system. So please keep those contributions coming! Thank you Grace Family.

A note on Kroger Community Rewards

Just a note to all of you that Kroger is NOT putting Grace's name on the bottom of your receipt. If you signed up for Kroger Community Rewards, you ARE still donating 5% to Grace, you are just not seeing our church name on your receipt. If you are not sure that you signed up, just visit Kroger.com and check out Community Rewards, or call 1-800-576-4377. Our account number is **QS108**. This is free money for Grace!

PRAYER CONCERNS: Coletta Sneddon; Ann Biri; Paul Klopfer; Peggy Holtzberger; Bernie Cantrell; Alfreda Havens; Lucille Ables; Barbara Heinlein; Rev. Siggy Benedict-Shields; Michael Styers, Jr.; Seth Bower & Heather White (son and daughter-in-law of the Bowers); Michelle Persinger (daughter-in-law of Mary Lapham); Cancer Support Groups at Zangmeister; Armand Auclair; and members of our military.~~

If you have specific prayer requests, please feel free to email them to the office, or leave them on the office voicemail. They will be publicized to the congregation.



Office Hours:

Elaine is currently in the office Thursdays 12:30pm-2:45pm. You are welcome to stop in or call the office at this time.

*From the
Church
Secretary*

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Jude starts out with praising God's people for being faithful. He explains that there is danger in false teachings and how they would lead the faithful to behave. He goes on to offer ways to help others who have been led astray. And he finishes by telling the faithful what they (or we) most want and need to hear; that God is able to keep us safe from falling into false teachings, and that God is able to rescue us from False teachings.

For those of us feeling the bite, crunch, and fear of 2020 and COVID, Jude relays a powerful, reassuring message in three parts. First, It is dangerous out there. Second, take care of each other. And third, keep the faith, God will take care of us.

People of faith, hear the words of God: It's dangerous out there. Take care of each other. Keep the faith, God will take care of us. Amen.



Jeff DuMond	10/02
Elizabeth Klopfer	10/07
Robert Heinlein	10/10
Faye Volkmar	10/10
Linda Frazee	10/12
Joseph Schmauch	10/15
Debbie Kelley	10/20
Michael Styers	10/27

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 online. Just email Elaine (office@gracecolumbus.com) and let her know!

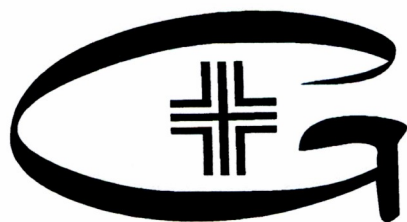


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SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

Education Hour - 9:45 am

Worship - 11:00 am

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