



NEWSLETTER

GRACE
Evangelical Lutheran
Church

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A Message to the Southern Ohio Synod

Do not worry about anything,
but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving
let your requests be made known to God.

And the peace of God,
which surpasses all understanding,
will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
(Philippians 4:6-7, NRSV)

Siblings in Christ,

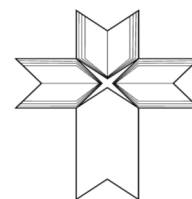
Since my statement to our Synod last Tuesday regarding Springfield, particularly the national media treatment of the Haitian community there, many of you have reached out directly to ask what else can we do.

I continue to be in contact with our congregations and their leadership. They affirm that the most important thing to be done continues to be to hold their city and the communities they serve, especially our Haitian neighbors, in prayer.

For those who feel called to share financial gifts with those doing local relief efforts, they lifted up St. Vincent de Paul in Springfield, as they already have pathways established for using those funds to serve the Haitian community.

It is a blessing to serve in ministry with this Synod, especially in times of distress, as we embody the Gospel by caring for, loving, and serving our neighbors. We will keep you posted when any additional opportunities to serve arise.

In Christ,
Bishop Suzanne Darcy Dillahunt



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.



Any singing or special music you'd like to do for the service, please contact Rod or Debbi!

Important Announcement

Everything in our church belongs to the church, either purchased or donated the item(s) are the church property. If something is sold, it need council approval. The same thing applies to throwing items away (or worth) that can be donated to the yard sale. Selling or throwing items away, is/are not the decision(s) of one individual. Going forward this is the policy set forth by council.

Council has voted that masks are optional to those who are fully vaccinated. Those who are not vaccinated are asked to continue wearing masks.

***IF YOU ARE SICK, PLEASE STAY HOME!**

****Should you feel safer continuing to worship virtually, we will continue broadcasting the worship service at 11am, on Facebook.**

The Meals on Wheels is of Fairfield County's primary source for senior services, providing health, connection and independence for those 60years+ in Fairfield County. With the number of seniors steadily increasing in the foreseeable future, they are in desperate need of volunteers. If you are interested in delivering meals and a smile to older residents in our community, please contact the Summer Camp Volunteer Coordinator for Fairfield County, 740-681-5050.

Anna's Office Hours:

My office hours are 8:30-12:30 Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

E-mail me at office@gracecolumbus.com with any suggestions or questions as well.



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Hearing on Civic Life

The Authentic Diversity, Inclusion, and Justice Team of the Southern Ohio Synod will be sponsoring a hearing on the Draft Social Statement on Civic Life and Faith on Friday, October 18th from 9:30 - 11:15 AM at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio.

This event will provide an opportunity to respond to the Draft of the Social Statement and engage with differing viewpoints from across the Synod. We are grateful for Pr. Amy Reumann, ELCA Senior Director for Witness in Society, for her leadership of the discussion and also share our thanks to Trinity Lutheran Seminary for hosting this event and conversation.

If you would like to join us for this event, we do ask that you read the entirety of the Draft Social statement prior to attending. You may find the Draft Social Statement at <https://southernohiosynod.org/hearing-on-civic-life-faith-social-statement/>



Next Red Cross Blood Drive

Date: Tuesday November 26th

Time: 1 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Sign up:

Online - RedCrossBlood.org

Call - 1-800-RED CROSS

Or use the Blood Donor App on your smart phone

Help us reach our goal of 27 donors!

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: QS108. Last year, we earned \$1200 through this program and we can earn up to \$4000. Register yourself, friends and family!

If you have not yet linked your Rewards card to Grace, please do so ASAP, our account number is QS108. Let's see how much we can earn in the next three months.



10/3/24	BYE
10/10/24	Epiphany at Grace
10/17/24	Grace of God at Grace
10/24/24	Grace at Bethel
11/7/24	Grace at FBGC 1
11/14/24	Obetz at Grace
11/21/24	Grace at Christ
12/5/24	Grace at Reynoldsburg
12/12/24	Grove City at Grace
12/19/24	FBGC 1 at Grace
1/9/25	Grace at Grace of God 2
1/16/25	Grace at Westerville Grace
1/23/25	BYE
1/30/25	Grace at Rome
2/6/25	Grace at Epiphany
2/13/25	Grace at Grace of God
2/20/25	Bethel at Grace
2/27/25	Grace at FBGC2



- * October 15th—Council Meeting 1:00pm
- * October 16th—Women's Bible Study 9:30am
- * October 19st—LMM Breakfast 8:00am @Scramblers
- * October 20th—Newsletter Deadline
- * Quilting Wednesday mornings at 9:30am except the 16th.

**WOMEN'S
BIBLE
STUDY**



Women's Bible Study will be on October 16th this month at 9:30am.

- ◆ Linda Styers will be the Bible Study Leader
- ◆ Debbie Kelley will be the Hostess



OCTOBER

Birthdays

Elizabeth Klopfer	10/07
Robert Heinlein	10/10
Debbie Kelley	10/20
Sandra Bricker	10/25
Michael Styers	10/27

Lutheran World Relief Kits

Donations needed!

We need the following for School Kits:

- Boxes of 16-24 crayons (need 23)
- 30 centimeter rulers or with centimeters on one side inches on the other (need 7)
- Blunt scissors (20)

We need the following for Personal Care Kits:

- Sturdy Combs (6)
- Bath size bars of soap 8-9oz. (40)
- Light-weight bath-size towels, between 20"x40" to 52"x27" (20)



**Bring a
FRIEND**

What the most effective way to get new members in the church? Invite a friend. 86% of people who join congregations found them by being invited!

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

PRAYER CONCERNS: Jim Esswein's Nephew; Stephen Kimberly; Linda Styers; Eric Darr; Aaron McComas (nephew of Debbie Kelley); Grace Bower, Jan & Beth Rice; Kathy Snyder; Peggy Holtzberger; Bernie Daugherty; Robert Warren; Cole Kleinline (Dana Bower); Linda & Larry Frazee; Barbara Heinlein; Rev. Siggie Benedict-Shields; Michael Styers, Jr.; Cancer Support Groups at Zangmeister; and members of our military.~~





Southern Ohio Synod Cultivate Ministries Messy Church Learning Sessions

Are you interested in reaching out into your neighborhood to share the Good News?

Messy Church® is a type of Fresh Expression that includes messy activities tied to a Biblical story, a short celebration time of story and worship, and a simple meal. It's not kids' church—it's intentionally intergenerational. Usually held monthly, it reaches people who might be uncomfortable in a traditional church setting.

Join us to learn more! Pr. Richard Freudenberger will be facilitating this three-night series and we will be joined by the Rev. Dr. Adam Warring, the pastor of St. John's UCC (Downtown Dayton).

The final session in this three-part learning series will meet on October 7th at 7 PM.

These sessions will be offered at North Riverdale Lutheran Church (Dayton) and via Zoom.

Click here for more information & to register! Please complete a separate registration form for each individual attending.

Questions? Contact Pr. Richard Freudenberger!



A big thanks to Deborah Klopfer for playing piano for the services the last 2 Sundays of September!

And a big thank you for the anonymous donation to enable the parking lot sealing.

This is a big step to keeping the parking lot in good shape for the coming winter months!

LSS is in desperate need of the items listed below. These items cannot be obtained through Mid-Ohio Food Bank and so LSS depends on donations for them. All these items and other food items can be placed into the metal bin marked "LSS". THANK YOU!

- Bar soap
- Deodorant
- Diapers
- Feminine hygiene products
- Gently used cook books
- Laundry detergent
- Shampoo
- Shaving cream/razors
- Toilet paper
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste

Questions? See Wanda Lynn



Remember to check out <https://southernohiosynod.org/news/> for the latest goings on around the Southern Ohio Synod.

October Worship Assistants



Date	 Assistant Minister		 USHERS	 Altar Guild
October 6	Debbie Kelley	Peggy Shields	Joe Biri	Debbie Kelley Eveie Kelley
October 13	Tina Siddle	Debbie Kelley	Joe Biri	Debbie Kelley Eveie Kelley
October 20	Tim Bower	Bonnie DuMond	Joe Biri	Debbie Kelley Eveie Kelley
October 27	Rod DuMond	Ed Thomas	Joe Biri	Debbie Kelley Eveie Kelley

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 Anna (office@gracecolumbus.com) and let her know!

