



NEWSLETTER

GRACE
Evangelical Lutheran
Church

November 2026

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PICKERINGTON FOOD PANTRY



Thanksgiving & Christmas

HOLIDAY MEAL BASKETS

■ A GIFT OF GIVING ■



Scan the QR code
or mail checks to:

Pickerington Food Pantry
70 Cross St. Suite B
Pickerington, OH 43147

*Let's Give a Little Joy to the Families in Need
of Food to Celebrate the Holiday Seasons*

Accepting
Donations
Through

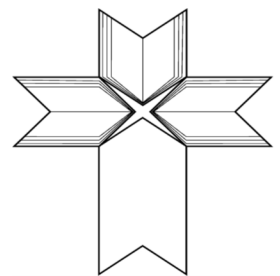
**SATURDAY
November 07**

Drop-off Donations:

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| -Instant Mashed Potatoes | 9:00 am - 12:00 pm | -Jars of Gravy |
| -Stuffing | Thursdays & | -Canned Pumpkin |
| -Cranberry sauce | Saturdays | -Canned Sweet Potatoes |

Due to a generous donation, we are not collecting canned green beans

For more information: www.pickpantry.com or info@pickpantry.com

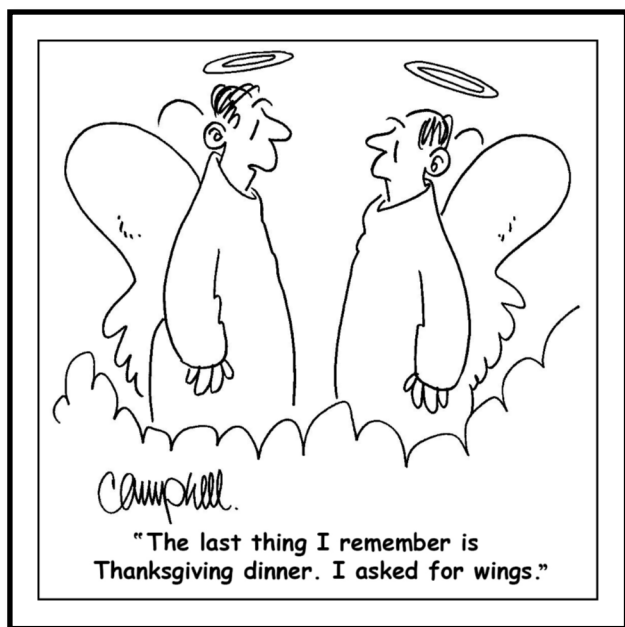


OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

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!



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!**

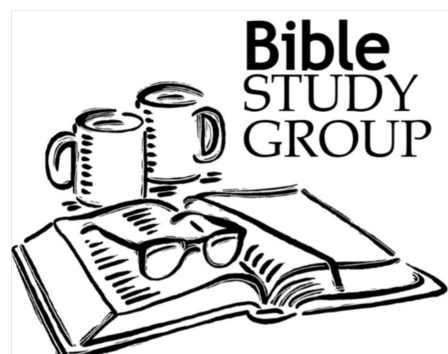
****Should you feel safer continuing to worship virtually, we will continue broadcasting the worship service at 11am, on Facebook.**

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 of-
fice@gracecolumbus.com with any suggestions or questions as well.



Join us for Bible Study Group on Sunday mornings before the service at 10:00am.

Just bring your coffee/tea for some interesting discussion before the service!

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.



Dart Ball Schedule 2026-2027

10/1/2026	@Grace of God
10/8/2026	Christ
10/15/2026	Bye (home)
10/22/2026	At Westerville Grace
11/5/2026	Grace of God
11/12/2026	Bye (away)
11/19/2026	Westerville Grace
12/3/2026	At Obetz
12/10/2026	At Rome
12/17/2026	Reynoldsburg
1/7/2027	At Epiphany
1/14/2027	At Grove City 8:00 pm
1/21/2027	Bethel
1/28/2027	Rome
2/4/2027	Grace of God 2

Stewardship in Times of Inflation: How Congregations Can Lead with Abundance, Not Anxiety

"Every fall, congregations across the country feel the same tightening. Health insurance premiums are rising. The cost of ministry is going up. And somewhere on the finance committee, someone reaches for the sentence every stewardship leader dreads: "We're out of money. We need to send a letter."

There is a better way forward, and it starts with keeping the focus where it belongs, on the vision and impact of the ministry, not on the deficit.

Stewardship, done well, should never feel like a financial transaction. It should feel like an invitation to be part of something larger than any one household's contribution, grounded in vision, carried by honest numbers, and led by people willing to go first."

Go to
<https://www.centerforgenerosity.com/resource-library/stewardship-in-times-of-inflation-how-congregations-can-lead-with-abundance-not-anxiety> to read more!

WOMEN'S
BIBLE
STUDY



Women's Bible Study will be on November 18th this month at 9:30am.



- * November 17th—Council Meeting
- * November 18th—Women's Bible Study 9:30am
- * November 20th—Newsletter Deadline
- * November 21st—LMM Breakfast 8:00am @Scramblers
- * Quilting Wednesday mornings at 9:30am except the 18th.
- * Yarn Craft Group Thursdays at 1:00pm except the 12th of November.



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!

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.



Bonnie DuMond	11/01
Dana Bower	11/08
Dick Bricker	11/11
Christopher Fisher	11/11
Deborah Klopfer	11/14
Kaylin Bias	11/18
James Esswein	11/25
Angela Bias	11/30



ELCA World Hunger Advent Resources Available!

Go to <https://www.elca.org/how-we-serve/relief-and-development/elca-world-hunger/wh-advent>

All sorts of resources for the upcoming Advent to enjoy!

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: JoAnn Steele; John Gleason; Michelle Persinger; Elmer Burchett; Rev. Marti Fisher; Emma Pennell (Mary Lapham's Great Granddaughter); Phil Dixon; Holly Wilson (Tina Siddle); Charlie Reed (Judi Levernier's Son); Bobbi Allen; Ed Thomas; Mark Cantrell; Maria and Sadie Benedict-Shields; Tiffany Bylow (Heinz Raidel); Peggy Shields; Linda Styers; Aaron McComas (nephew of Debbie Kelley); Kathy Snyder; Peggy Holtzberger; Bernie Daugherty; Robert Warren; Linda & Larry Frazee; Barbara Heinlein; Rev. Siggie Benedict-Shields; Michael Styers, Jr.; Cancer Support Groups at Mt. Carmel and The James Cancer Center; and members of our military.~~



Lutheran
Disaster Response

Lutheran Disaster Response

Mental, Emotional, and Spiritual Support (MESS) Training

November 16 - 18, 2026

Hosted at Prince of Peace (Dublin)

MESS (Mental, Emotional, and Spiritual Support) training is an interfaith skills-based disaster program designed for clergy, lay leaders and community responders - people who may encounter and provide care for individuals in crisis or distress from conventional disasters or disasters of everyday life. This skill-based training helps equip the community to care for one another in times of crisis.

Go to
<https://princeofpeacedublin.org/care/mess-training/> for more information & to register!



- Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:00am

- Open to cancer survivors and their relatives



NORTHWESTERN OHIO
NORTHEASTERN OHIO
SOUTHERN OHIO

ALL-OHIO ROSTERED MINISTERS GATHERING

BUILDING COMMUNITY

JAN. 19 – 21, 2027

SAWMILL CREEK & RESORT
HURON, OHIO

THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO ROSTERED
MINISTERS (ACTIVE, RETIRED, OLFC),
SYNOD AUTHORIZED MINISTERS,
INTERNS, AND SEMINARIANS

REGISTER TODAY!

PRESENTER
REV. DR. TROY TROFTGRUBEN
WARTBURG SEMINARY



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

Council President & VP BOOT CAMP

JANUARY 25, 2027
6:30 - 8:30 PM
ZOOM



Looking for a little help with two
simple electrical installation pro-
jects. Let Rod know if you're
available to help.

LSS is in desperate need of the items listed be-
low. 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



American Red Cross

Red Cross Blood Drive

Date: Tuesday November 24th

Time: 12 p.m. - 6 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 do-
nors!**

November Worship Assistants

Date	 Assistant Minister		 USHERS	
November 1	Anna Fiehler	Debbie Kelley	Joe Biri	Linda Styers, Angie Bias
November 8	Rod DuMond	Rod DuMond	Joe Biri	Linda Styers, Angie Bias
November 15	Tim Bower	Anna Fiehler	Joe Biri	Linda Styers, Angie Bias
November 22	Tina Siddle	Rod DuMond	Joe Biri	Linda Styers, Angie Bias
November 29	Debbie Kelley	Anna Fiehler	Joe Biri	Linda Styers, Angie Bias



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