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The *Pace* of Grace



From the Rector :

The first thing I want to do is express my heartfelt thanks to all of you for your care, compassion and support during my mother's illness and death. Your cards, calls and presence are so appreciated during this difficult time and helped so much. Thank you.

It has been an eventful month. Thanks to all who prayed for the City of Cleveland and all in and of the city during the RNC. I believe that the prayers made all the difference in the atmosphere surrounding the convention. Unfortunately, hate and anger is still apparent in our society with more mass killings and gun violence. We still cry out "How long O Lord, how long? There is such a feeling of hopelessness that surrounds the seeming devaluing of human life. What can we as individuals and the community of Grace do to change this? We can continue to pray! We have lived the difference prayer makes. We can pray for peace, pray for an end to violence, pray for understanding and civil discourse, and ask God to put so much love into people's hearts that there is no room for hate.

I would like to share with you Bishop Hollingsworth's letter to the Diocese at the time of the incident in Nice. His words are powerful and hopeful and give us direction to overcome feelings of helplessness as we try to cope with and be agents of change in our broken world.

Mother Rose Anne

Deadline for next *Pace*
is Sunday, Aug. 21st

See inside page for Bishop Hollingsworth's letter

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Looking Ahead

August 7th – Healing Sunday



August 14th at 6pm – Eucharist in the Garden at 6pm



August 21st – Backback Blessing

August 22nd – Host meal at McKinley





Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Paris last November. Brussels airport in April. Orlando in June. Baton Rouge. Minneapolis. Dallas. Nice. In our own country and abroad, the list of violent killings seems endless. Many go by almost unnoticed. On the evening of July 2nd in Baghdad, for instance, as Muslim families gathered to break Ramadan fast, one suicide car bomb killed more than 200 men, women, and children.

Some of these are acts of terrorism, some reflect deep racial disparities in our society and a continuing racism in our culture, some reveal a societal breakdown of trust. The sniper-style murder of five police officers as they protected protesters and calmly kept the peace in Dallas and the ambush of officers in Baton Rouge that killed three were as unimaginable and horrifying as the live-streamed killing of Philando Castile in a suburban Minnesota traffic stop.

The current volume and degree of violence produce both an emotional burden of fear and a spiritual burden of doubt. We wonder: Can we be safe anywhere? What could happen at the conventions in Cleveland this week and in Philadelphia the following week? Where is God in all of this? Is there any "good" upon which we can ever rely?

It is important that we talk and pray about these things in church. Both consciously and unconsciously, we are carrying them around with us all the time. The names of towns where people no different from us live and work and raise their families - Sandy Hook, San Bernardino, Columbine - forever trigger traumatic images of bloodshed and heartache. There is no vacation from this burden; wherever we go, we take it with us. And if we are not bringing these emotional and spiritual burdens to church, then we are not bringing our whole selves to church. We need a time to hold them in our collective hearts and to place them in God's hands, if only for that hour, and to recognize that we are not alone.

The power of evil, of course, wants us to feel helpless, because then we will be vulnerable to its ways. It wants us to feel isolated, from each other and from God, because that is the only way it wins.

Helplessness makes us susceptible to violence and to the excessive exercise of power, ourselves. Witness the colossal arming of the American public with both legal and illegal firearms. The United States has 113 guns for every 100 Americans. Even as a gun owner myself, I find this a shocking figure. It is the highest guns-per-capita ratio in the world, and it goes up every day.

Helplessness leads to the demonization of those who are different, to ostracizing the other. It results in the dehumanization of everyone, victims and perpetrators alike, and to the general devaluing of all life.

And helplessness leads us to a paralyzing cultural disrespect of one another, as seen in the contemptuous tone of campaign rhetoric in our own country, and globally in the xenophobic tendency of protectionist populism.

But we are not helpless. Our help is in a God who is greater than all this. As the 124th Psalm proclaims, "Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth." And it is in church and in our prayer lives that we connect with that help.

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Bishop's letter continued

In worship and in prayer we are reminded that we are not helpless, but are beloved of God, and in being loved by the divine without condition, we are empowered to love in response. In Matthew 5 Jesus says, "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven." To be children of God means to be godly, to be invulnerable to the power of evil. Praying for our enemies is not about condoning their actions, it is about emboldening ourselves to resist participating in them. In the words of St. Paul's letter to the church at Rome, it emboldens us to "cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light."

The armor of light is not a garment of passivity. It is the uniform of advocacy, justice, compassion, accountability, and truth. And it is anything but helpless. This is what Jesus offers and demands of us, whether we come to church seeking it or not - the companionship and hope of a loving and just God who empowers us to be the very body of Christ, the human manifestation of divine love in our perilous but not helpless time.

So when we pray for that peace that passes all understanding, let us do so with a bold hope and a willingness to go to whatever length it takes to achieve it. That is what our savior Jesus did; that is what it will take for us to be his body today. No matter who you are or how you got here, no matter how great is your conviction of inadequacy or guilt or shame, no matter what you think of yourself or what you fear others might think of you, you are exactly what God needs to heal the world, not because of who you are, but because of who God is.

In the face of even the greatest evil, we are not helpless. "Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth."

May God clothe you in the armor of light, empower you to be healers of this broken world, and keep you safe.

The Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth, Jr.
Bishop of Ohio

Evangelism

The last Sunday in June we had a very successful Newcomers Brunch at Grace Church. Everyone got to know each other a little better, and found out a few things about Grace. Thanks to all who helped out preparing the great food and helping set up and clean up. As Pat Hanen, our supply priest for the day said, it was great to see people wearing their name tags so that she and others knew who they were.

Our team took a break in July for the summer, but we will get back to planning again in August. If you would like to join us, please see us in the lounge August 2nd at 6:00PM before the Outreach meeting. All are welcome.

Peggy Burkacki440-975-1496

Lolly the Trolley Tour

The Wednesday Morning Study Group would like to take a Lolly the Trolley tour offered at Lakeview Cemetery on Sunday, August 28th at 1:00 PM. We can carpool there and take the tour from the McKinley Monument. To do this we would have to leave shortly after the 10am service. Lakeview Cemetery has many famous graves, beautiful monuments and is an arboretum and wildlife refuge. It also holds Wade Chapel and the Garfield Monument. The cost of the tour is \$20 and lasts about 1-1/2 hour. If you would like to take the tour, please contact Peggy Burkacki at 440-975-1496 before August 14th so that we can make reservations.

Peg B

Circle the City Sunday July 17, 2016

GET READY FOR THE RUMMAGE SALE

The annual Grace Church rummage sale will be on Saturday, September 10 from 9am to 4pm. Anyone wishing to contribute "stuff" can bring it to the church and place it in the carpeted area in the undercroft. If you need to have something picked up, please call Walt Iliff at 440-241-9218. Remember "one man's



junk is another man's treasure". All proceeds will go to an undetermined good cause.

Walt Iliff

We invited the Grace Church congregation and members of the community to join us in prayer and meditation in support of the Circle the City in Love initiative. Our parish family and friends gathered in the garden for prayer and meditation and to ask for God's love and guidance during the Republican National Convention and to keep our city safe.



Happy 99th Birthday Bill Hutchinson

SAY WITH CONVICTION! WE RECYCLE!



"[Reduce](#), [Reuse](#) and Recycle"

We thank you and God's green earth thanks you!

Mother Rose Anne

Bill Hutchinson decided to really do it up right for his 99th birthday instead of waiting for his 100th birthday to celebrate. After a full week of many get-togethers with family and friends, Bill just wanted to be with his Grace Church friends at coffee hour between the services and celebrate with donuts, so that is how we celebrated with our long-time friend.



The Birthday Boy



Bill with
Mother Rose Anne

Senior Warden/Vestry Stuff-Mutual Ministry Review

On July 7th Anne Yug, our Diocesan Consultant, met with Mother Rose Anne in the late afternoon and the Vestry in the early evening to begin the Mutual Ministry Review. The next week on July 14th Anne met with Mother Rose Anne and the Vestry together to discuss Anne's reflections from the previous week's discussions. Anne will have a full report by the next vestry meeting on August 23rd.

I am hoping to have enough time to include our Mutual Ministry Review findings in the September Pace.

Dave Zimmerman

Birthdays in August

| | |
|-----------------|----|
| Connor Crowley | 2 |
| Kathy Iliff | 3 |
| Karl Kramp | 3 |
| Borden Parks | 5 |
| Phillip Davis | 7 |
| Richard Beal | 16 |
| Meghann Crowley | 16 |
| Carl Enkler | 19 |
| Justin Gramley | 23 |



August Anniversaries

Kathy & Walt Iliff

17

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Pentecost – was a success and thank you to everyone who helped.

There was no Worship Committee meeting in the month of July. The next Worship Committee meeting will be Tuesday, August 9th at 7pm and you are invited to join us. Remember, experience is not required.

During the past month or so we have still been busy. So far there have been two "Eucharist in the Garden" services which have been well received and we were blessed to have the weather cooperate and give us abundant sunshine. We also "Blessed the Bikes" (motor and pedal) and had a variety of vehicles with various numbers of wheels join us in the front parking lot. A good time was had by all and this may be something to build on next year. With the continued violence in our country and the coming of the Republican National Convention to Cleveland, we invited our parishioners and members of our community to come together in prayer and silent reflection in support of the Cleveland "Circle the City" initiative. And to show our support with prayer during the convention, we offered Morning Prayer each morning Monday through Thursday and we thank those who were able to join us at this time.

Submitted by, *Judy Stafanick*

VESTRY MEETING

The Vestry did not meet in July. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 23.

Submitted by: *Judy Stafanick*, Clerk



Just want you to know that I did get up early to be at Morning Prayer with you. We needed all the prayers we could get during RNC in Cleveland and we are convinced they do work.

The girl has been very happy. Her granddaughter, Danielle Freeman from Naperville, Illinois has been visiting for the week and helping in the office.

Happy 99th birthday to Bill Hutchinson. He is such a treasure to his family and especially his friends at Grace Church.

Another great picnic last Sunday hosted by the Fellowship Group. Remember I love leftovers.

Good News! The yellow jacket nest by the front walk has been treated by the Terminix guy and they should be gone, if you know what I mean. It's now safe to walk the walk.

We had a Deacon here. The Rev. Lydia Bailey and her family joined us for worship on a Sunday.

Thank you again and again for the air conditioning in the church. I love, love, love it!

Church Mouse

Lift every voice and Sing!

We will begin a new choir season with practice on Thursday, September 9th at 7pm and re-group as a choir on Sunday, September 11, 2016. New voices are always welcome!

Scott Arra, Music Director

FELLOWSHIP TEAM

The Fellowship Group will be meeting Monday, August 8th at 7 pm. All are welcome. We could use your input on upcoming activities and events. Currently we are planning a meal for after the Feast of Grace Sunday service on September 18, an Antiques Roadshow lunch or dinner in November and Christmas Party in December. Come and help us make these successful events.

Linda Beharry

Every Wednesday Evening Eucharist will be celebrated in the Grace little chapel at 7pm. You and your family and friends are invited to join us for a quiet mid-week service.



Outreach Committee Update

The Holy Spirit is on the move for certain!

LITTLE FEET MINISTRY – REVISED PLAN

Our Little Feet project is underway, with some changes that we found necessary to be made. We still expect to be working with Shoe Carnival in Mentor to provide a new pair of shoes or winter boots for some eligible kindergarten children at a local school. Shoe Carnival will offer kids shoes and boots at a sale price with an additional 30 % off. We will provide vouchers and gift cards of \$25 each. Vouchers will be given to the parents by the school. The children receiving the vouchers and cards will be determined by the appropriate source at the school. The weekend proposed for the shoe party has been changed, tentatively, to the first weekend in October at the Shoe Carnival Store in Mentor.

Thank you for your understanding during this first endeavor at this ministry. Please pray for us.

McKinley Community Outreach Center Update

Since the first of the year McKinley's pantry has served 1,414 households. That equates to 3,848 individuals fed. Taxable distributions have served 1,600 households and 4,221 individuals from January, 2016 to May 2016.

The 29th of June McKinley celebrated its third year serving our communities. The pantry was officially opened on July 7, 2014. Immaculate Conception Church in Willoughby moved its Mother Teresa Food Pantry to McKinley, renamed it the McKinley Food Pantry and expanded its coverage area from Willoughby only to all of western Lake County. As you can see, McKinley is a God send for so many people in need. McKinley couldn't do what they do without the time, talent and treasure of so many of our Grace family and the neighboring communities, churches and all who give and serve with a good heart and God's grace. Many thanks to all.

On August 22, Grace will serve an evening meal at McKinley. Please let me know if you are interested in preparing the meal or setting up, serving, visiting with guests and cleaning up.

Annual Garage Sale

Just a reminder that this year the date for our annual garage sale is September 10. You can bring your donations for the sale to the undercroft. A cutoff date to bring in donations will be announced. Shortly we will schedule another date to sort and price items, so stay tuned. Your helping hands would be greatly appreciated and all are welcome.

Our next Outreach Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 2, at 7:00 following the Evangelism Committee meeting in the lounge. All are welcome to come and share ideas.

God's Peace
Kathy Hill

NEMAC Update: Northeast Mission Area Council, consisting of St. Peter's, Ashtabula; St. Martin's, Chagrin Falls; St. Luke's, Chardon; Church of the Epiphany, Euclid; St. Christopher's by the River, Gates Mills; Christ Church, Geneva; St. Hubert's, Kirtland Hills; Church of the Good Shepherd, Lyndhurst; St. Bartholomew's, Mayfield Village; St. Andrews, Mentor; St. James, Painesville; Grace Church, Willoughby.

Grace Church is honored to have Margaret Dodds as Chair, Mother Rose Anne Lonsway as Vice-Chair and Judith Junda as Grace Representative.

The congregations in the Diocese of Ohio are organized into 8 Mission Areas. The purpose of the Mission Areas is to assist in communication, to share programs and resources, to provide mutual support among congregations, and to identify and implement opportunities for collaborative ministry. Each Mission Area operates with a Mission Area Council comprised of all active parochial clergy and two laypersons from each parish. Additionally, the Bishop appoints a Dean who serves as a liaison between the bishop and the Mission Area Council. The Mission Area Episcopal Church Women President also serves on the Mission Area Council as an ex-officio member. Meeting at least quarterly, the Mission Area Council provides leadership by nurturing fellowship and collaboration among the parishes. The Mission Area Council also participates in the larger body of the church by electing a representative to serve on Diocesan Council.

Notice of change in NEMAC meetings:

The previously scheduled meetings for September 19th & November 21st have been cancelled.

The meetings for the balance of 2016 are as follows:

Wednesday, September 21st

Thursday, December 15th

Going forward, NEMAC will meet once a quarter and the meetings will be held in a moving pattern for the day of the week: Monday for the first quarter meeting, Tuesday for the second quarter meeting, Wednesday for the third quarter meeting, and Thursday for the fourth quarter meeting.

Meetings will continue to be held at Grace Episcopal Church in Willoughby at 6pm and will last approximately one hour.

Meeting dates for 2017 will be announced at year end.

Margaret Dodds,
Council Chair

Blessing the Bikes

July 10, 2016



Aidan: Nice bike, Larry

Larry: Thanks

Aidan: How much for the bike.
I get an allowance.



Back in my day this was called a scooter.



I am ready to roll!



An old bike for an oldish guy!

Sunday, July 10, 2016, in the front yard of Grace Episcopal Church, we had a flock or a gathering of bikes of all kinds. Members of Grace and the community were invited to bring their bikes for a blessing of their wheeled vehicles and a blessing for their safety while using their vehicles.



Different spokes for different folks



We ask God to bless these bikes and those who ride them.



Bless this tike who needs a bike



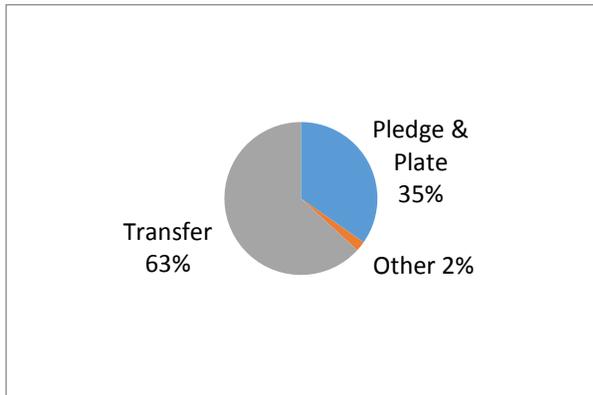
Pink Power!

The Rev. Rose Anne Lonsway, Rector

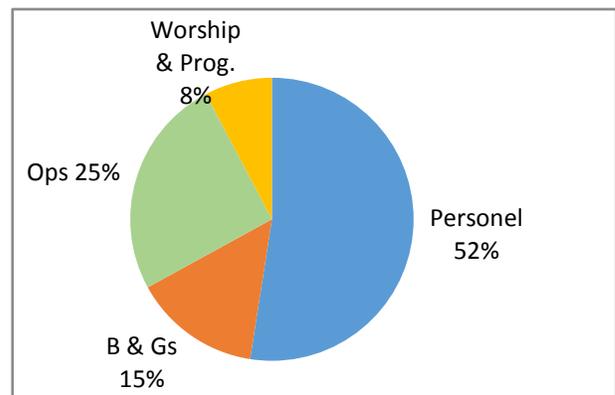
Operating Fund Interim Report -- thru June 2016

| <u>Income</u> | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Difference</u> |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Pledge and Plate Contributions | \$34,327.00 | \$37,903.00 | -\$3,576.00 |
| Other Income | \$2,083.00 | \$1,399.96 | \$683.04 |
| Transfer from Grace Woods Capital Fund | \$62,500.00 | \$65,790.00 | -\$3,290.00 |
| Total Income | \$98,910.00 | \$105,092.96 | -\$6,182.96 |
| <u>Expenses</u> | | | |
| Personel | \$54,032.75 | \$53,993.98 | \$38.77 |
| Buildings and Grounds | \$14,981.51 | \$17,506.02 | -\$2,524.51 |
| Operations | \$26,022.41 | \$23,090.00 | \$2,932.41 |
| Worship and Programs | \$7,954.45 | \$12,928.72 | -\$4,974.27 |
| Total Expenses | \$102,991.12 | \$107,518.72 | -\$4,527.60 |
| Excess/Deficit | -\$4,081.12 | -\$2,425.76 | -\$1,655.36 |

Income



Expenses



Treasurer's Report

The good news, expenses are under budget but income is lagging behind estimates. Anyone who would like a full accounting of all funds available to the church can see me or any vestry person as they are given a full accounting every month.

Harry Dodds, Treasurer

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READINGS FOR THE DAY

August 7.....
Proper 14

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20
Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40

August 14.....
Proper 15

Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80:1-2, 8-18
Hebrews 11:29 – 12:2
Luke 12:49-56

August 21.....
Proper 16

Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6
Hebrews 12:18-29
Luke 13:10-17

August 28.....
Proper 17

Jeremiah 2:4-13
Psalm 81:1, 10-16
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Luke 14:1, 7-14