From the Rector:

Change is in the air! Can you feel it? In spite of the humidity the nights are getting a little cooler, children are back in school and the pace of activity is picking up! You will see that when you read this edition of the PACE. There are many articles that describe the good work done by the good people of Grace! You all are involved in so many activities that fulfill the mission God gives us. Some of those activities may not be directly connected to Grace Church, however, through them you are being the hands and feet of Christ in this world. For example; We received a letter from Forbes House, thanking us for our contributions to their Christmas in July Donation Drive in which over $500.00 of necessities for the Shelter was collected. You will also see elsewhere in PACE that you are making a significant contribution to giving a hand up to the guests at McKinley Community Center. Thank you for all you do to take Christ into our community.

There has been a change in Vestry members this month. Christian Mbajika, who was appointed to fill the rest of Jeri McCreary’s term, found that he was unable to continue due to life demands. Walt Iliff has been appointed by the Vestry to complete the rest of this term which expires at the end of 2016. Thanks Walt for stepping up!

I am so excited about project Little Feet and your support of it. Many thanks to Chris Burk and Kathy Hill for making this a reality. It was actually Chris who brought the idea to Outreach and Kathy has worked with Chris to bring the project to life! You can read more about this exciting project elsewhere in this newsletter.

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**Officers & Rector:**

- **Dave Zimmerman**
  Senior Warden
- **Larry Seymour**
  Junior Warden
- **Harry Dodds**
  Treasurer
- **Judith Stafanick**
  Clerk

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**The Rev. Rose Anne Lonsway**
Rector

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**September 4  –  Healing Sunday**

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**September 11  –  Sunday School & Choir start new year**

**September 18  –  Feast of Grace ………..**
Phil Davis has decided that it is time for a change in the PACE. Phil informed the Vestry that he will be stepping away from his PACE duties after the December 2016 edition is completed. Phil has loyally brought the PACE to life every month for eight years and it is a phenomenal newsletter. Thank you Phil for sharing your gifts with Grace Church and your dedication to the PACE.

These are but a few of the examples of how you make the love of Christ visible in our world! Let’s continue to work together to not only further the spread of the Kingdom, but to recognize and value the fact that it is getting done. Let’s make it a point to pay attention to those good things that get done that the doer may not recognize as being a valuable contribution. Don’t hesitate to spread “At-a-gals” and “At-a-boy’s” around as you observe them.

As we come together to make a difference in our part of God’s creation, here is a thought from Bp. Steven Charleston that can help us on our way.

“Here we are again, we good band of believers, gathered once more on the threshold of another day’s challenges, looking out over the wide world with all of its sorrow and all of its promise. What can we possibly do to make a difference, not only in the great moments of our time, but even in the small moments of our own lives? What strength do we have? What authority? None, but faith. None but the spiritual vision of a better life for those in need, a free life for those imprisoned, a healthier life for those struggling with illness of any kind. We believe, therefore we see, and what we see is gift enough in an age of clouded sight and broken dreams.”

Let’s keep the faith and make a difference; Blest be God, day by day!

Mother Rose Anne

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**You Are Invited!**

**NEVER FORGET**

**BACKPACK BLESSING**

Sunday, August 21 the Backpacks were blessed at Grace Church by Mother Rose Anne at the 10am service, sending the children into the school year with special prayers and blessings.
**WORSHIP COMMITTEE**

Blessing of the Bikes service was reviewed and it was decided that we would do it again next year but have the service earlier in the year and we would start to make plans in January.

Grace in the Garden was well received and it is planned to do it again next summer.

Family Sundays (4th Sunday of the Month) we will try to have more children on the altar and put them on the volunteer schedule.

License Training Licenses for Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Lay Eucharistic Visitors and Worship Leaders need to be updated and the training will be August 20th.

Blessing of Backpacks will be Sunday, August 21.

Sunday, September 11, 2016 if the first Sunday back for the Choir and the first day of Sunday School. The children will learn songs for Family Sunday and the songs will be added as a post communion hymn. The children will sit up in the front pew. A plan needs to be made so the Sunday School teachers have the summer off.

Safeguarding God’s Children training will be offered to members of the parish and specifically to the parents of the children.

Bulletin will be changed beginning with the September 18 service. Eucharistic Prayer A will be used and the service music will be changed.

Choir Interns Scott Arra will reach out again to have Choir Interns

Baptism the three Seymour boys will be baptized on Sunday, September 11.

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Feast of Grace will be Sunday, September 18. There will be one service at 10am in the Grace Woods Gazebo with lunch to follow in the undercroft. The Fellowship Group will be in charge of the lunch.

Blessing of the Animals will be Sunday, October 2 at 2pm at Grace Church. The Stuffed Pets will be blessed during the services.

CREDO – Mother Rose Anne will be out of the office from September 20 – 27 to attend CREDO.

The next meeting will be September 13, 2016 at 7pm. Everyone is invited to attend the meetings and no experience is required.

Submitted by,  *Judy Stafanick*

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**Evangelism**

The Newcomers Brunch and ways to improve it was discussed at our last meeting. We were all happy to know that 11 of our newcomers attended to get to know more of our parishioners. Next time we would like to involve more committees to speak.

Phil Davis is working on an updated flow chart to help keep track of our newcomers, and also redesigning our bread cards.

We will be putting together a trifold to describe Grace, our activities and services. An Episcopal instruction class is being planned. We will be checking to see who will be interested, and post a sign-up sheet. Keep your eyes open for more information. Kathy Hill let us know we will be having someone from Thomas Edison Elementary School join the Little Feet discussion at the Outreach team meeting. Their last meeting was used to sort and price items for the rummage sale on September 10th.

Peggy Burkacki …………440-975-1496
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

Birthdays in September

Maggie Ores 5
Carol Turley 6
Irene Mbajika 9
Phyllis Speidel 10
Shannon Beal 12
Brandon Berry 15
Beverly Schutt 18
Emily Nash 22
Gayle Benigar 28
Lynn Kramp 28
Donald Speidel 29

September Anniversaries

Shannon & Richard Beal 7
Karla & Doug Zargari 16

Fall Stewardship Campaign

Please mark Saturday, October 22 on your calendar. We will be having a parish gathering from 1pm to 3pm to kick off the Fall Stewardship Campaign for 2017. The Stewardship Team is still working on the format for this year’s campaign and will have more information in next month’s Pace.

“All things come of Thee oh Lord and of Thine own have we given Thee.”

Yours in Christ,
Dave Zimmerman

Coffee Hour

The coffee hour team could use some new hands to help. If you are at all interested in this form of hospitality, please let me know. It involves making coffee, water for tea, plating some snacks for all to share, and clean-up afterward. If you want to supply snacks, but not be involved in the set-up, please sign up on the sheet above the snack tables in the library area. Coffee hour snacks are not reimbursed by the church, they are gifts of hospitality. Please consider helping in any way you may feel led to do.

Peggy Burkacki
VESTRY MEETING

The meeting was opened at 7:05pm with prayer by Mother Rose Anne. Followed by Lectio Divina

Treasurer’s Report – Report for July was presented by Harry Dodds and approved

Finance Committee - *The Buildings & Grounds Capital Funds Budget was reviewed, discussed and Harry Dodds answered questions from the Vestry. *Grace received an anonymous donation of $1000 and the Vestry discussed how best it would be spent. The congregation will be asked for their suggestions.

Bicentennial Missioners - The 200th Anniversary of the Diocese of Ohio begins with the 2016 convention and ends with the 2017 convention. The churches in the diocese are asked to provide a liaison with the diocese for this celebration.

Election of Convention Delegates - The Diocesan Convention will be November 11-12, 2016 in Bowling Green, Ohio. Judy Stafanick and Debra Zimmerman volunteered to be delegates. Other people will be asked if they are interested in being a delegate or alternate.

Outdoor Sign Upgrade - The sign needs to be upgraded to make it easier to update our message. Discussion was held and it was suggested that more estimates for the upgrade be obtained.

Results of technical assessment by Fr. Aaron Gerlach - The church will be switching to Time Warner to upgrade internet and phone service. Our security system requires the analog line with AT&T. The website needs new information and upgraded to be available on mobile devices. There are things we could be doing on Facebook. We are looking into free software to facilitate on-line giving.

Pace Editor Changes - Phil Davis has resigned as Editor of the Pace effective with the completion of the December issue. In the meantime we will be looking for someone to take over this volunteer ministry.

Stewardship – see article
Outreach – see article
Evangelism – see article
Worship – see article

McKinley - Kathy Hill made a motion to give $10,000 for the year 2016 to McKinley to help with costs. All approved.

Sunday School - April Frazier will be the new Sunday school teacher. The children will sponsor a child from World Vision with help from the Foundation. The children will be added to the volunteer schedule.

Rector’s Report - The Confirmation class will have 4-5 children. Phil Davis will help Mother Rose Anne with the class using “Confirm not Confirm”. The Bishop will visit Grace on October 22, 2017 and the children will be confirmed then. We need to have a CPR class, which the fire department will do free. A Safe Guarding God’s Children class will be formed. And classes were held to keep ou7r ministry licenses updated.

Pastoral Care - Still calling people and the LEV’s have made calls.

Sr. Warden - The report from Anne Yug regarding the Mutual Ministry Review was received and will be shared with the congregation in a mailing.

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**Buildings & Grounds** - *Painting of the building is complete. *Heating of the educational wing will be looked into. *Trees need to be removed. *Contract for the snowplowing for 2016-17 was signed.

Committees need to be reminded that their budgets for 2017 need to be in by the first week of November.

The Vestry retreat will be October 8th in Elyria

Mother Rose Anne will be at CREDO September 20-26 and Pat Hanen will do the service on September 25th.

The next Vestry meeting will be September 20. Mother Rose Anne will not be here and David Zimmerman, Senior Warden, will conduct the meeting.

Submitted by: Judy Stafanick, Clerk

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The mouse is dead. Not me but the wireless computer mouse made its last connection to the computer and is now without life.

9/11 – Never Forget. I never will.

A very little, sweet kitten was found by Jennifer Lonsway in the parking lot and she saved its life by bringing it into the church. Can you believe they are in serious discussion to have a church cat?

How fast did that summer go? The kids are getting ready to go back to school. They had their backpacks blessed on Sunday, August 21 to start the new school year. And Sunday School will be starting Sunday, September 11.

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

**Church Mouse**

Our heavenly music is back!

After a summer vacation the Choir is back and ready to sing on Sunday, September 11 at the 10am service. We welcome back our faithful choir members along with some new faces. If you would be interested in being a part of this ministry, the Choir meets Thursday nights at 7pm for rehearsal in the back of the church by the organ.

Scott Arra, Music Director
Dear Families of Sunday School Students,

There will be a few changes that will be happening this year in an effort to give students opportunities for more hands-on involvement. First, we will have the younger children begin to sit up front so they can begin to practice the skills necessary for attending to services, such as listening and sitting calmly. We may ask for volunteers to help with the children up front, as this may take some extra assistance from time to time. For older children, we will begin to ask them to serve as acolytes during services so they may better understand the process and gain more hands-on experience serving God and Church. In doing this, they will also be great role models for younger children to watch. We will also begin to implement a system in which children serving as acolytes will be recognized for their achievements based on things such as the number of times they have served or filled in for someone. We hope that with these changes, students become more engaged with the services so that they have a positive attitude towards serving God and the Church as they get older. If you have any questions, please contact April Frazier at 440-463-9184 or april.frazier@hotmail.com.

April Frazier

Carpooling to Christian Community

Throughout the New Testament we are instructed on what Christian community should look like. There are more than forty “one another” or “each other” commands for us to follow.

“Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another”- Hebrews 10:24-45

We’ve all heard the saying “it takes a village”. Our “village” is Grace Church. Not only does it take our church community to teach our children to live a Christian life, it takes the church community to motivate and inspire each other to love and serve the Lord.

Recently I have started carpooling to church. Although this gesture started out as just a kind act, it has become much more. My carpool companion is now a spiritual necessity. She motivates, inspires, and encourages me, all without trying or knowing. That is clearly a sign of God’s love for her and for me. We will NOT neglect our meeting together. We WILL motivate one another through this act of love and good work.

I have received many thank you’s for my gesture, but I am truly the thankful one! It has been such a blessing for me and for my family.

With that, I encourage you to acts of love. You may be surprised on how your act helps you as well.

Love God. Love your neighbor. Love yourself.

Tiffany Parks
Pet Blessing
(Stuffed and real)

Put this on your calendar. Sunday, October 2nd we will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals and the environment.

The Rev. Rose Anne Lonsway will bless our stuffed animal friends at the 8a and 10a services. Everyone is invited to bring your favorite stuffed animal and friends and participate in this blessing service. Living (or live) pets will be blessed that afternoon at 2pm by Mother Rose Anne in the front parking lot. All animals must be caged or properly restrained. “Biscuit and Treat Fellowship” will follow the service.

Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 5th in observance of Labor Day.

Annual Grace Church Clambake

The Annual Grace Church Clambake will be on Saturday, October 15 at Grace Church. Social hour begins at 4pm and we will eat at 5pm. The cost is $21.00 per person with an additional charge of $8.00 if you wish to have an extra dozen clams. Included in the bake will be a dozen clams, one-half a chicken, ear of corn, sweet potato, coleslaw, roll and all the necessary paper products. Reservations and money must be to Walt Iliff by October, 12th. All checks should be made out to Walt Iliff and can be dropped off at the church office ahead of time. If you have any questions, please call Walt Iliff at 440-241-9218.

Walt Iliff

Feast of Grace

The Feast of Grace will be celebrated on Sunday, September 18 with one service at 10am. If the weather cooperates, the service will be at the Grace Woods Gazebo and if it doesn’t, we will meet at the church. A lunch of Pulled Pork, Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will be served after the service. There will be sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Library to bring either; a side dish, salad or dessert. Hope to see everyone there!!
Outreach Committee Update

The Holy Spirit is on the move for certain!

Little Feet Ministry
The Assistant Principal of Edison Elementary School joined us at our August 2 meeting. They are very excited to partner with Grace to bring shoes and boots to some kindergarten children whose families may not be able to afford warm winter shoes. Grace Church will provide vouchers and gift cards of $25 each. Vouchers will be given to the parents by the school, the gift cards will be held by Shoe Carnival. The gift cards will be used at the time the vouchers are presented to the store. The children receiving the vouchers and cards will be determined by the appropriate source at Edison. The shopping weekend is tentatively scheduled for the first weekend in October at the Shoe Carnival Store in Mentor. Shoe Carnival will offer kids shoes and boots at a sale price with an additional 30% off. If you wish to contribute to Little Feet, a check made payable to Grace Episcopal Church (‘Little Feet’ on the memo line) or cash in any amount will be most welcome. If you would prefer not to contribute at this time that’s alright, there is absolutely no obligation. Prayers are greatly needed as well. Thank you to all who have already contributed money or prayers, or both.

McKinley Meal Monday, August 22
Well, we had yet another delicious meal prepared and served with loving hands and enjoyed by about 70 guests. The meal consisted of meatball sandwiches in a glorious marinara sauce with chopped green, yellow, and red peppers, and onions. In addition guests enjoyed a healthy green salad, watermelon slices, potato chips – maybe the chips were not so healthy, but definitely a nice crunchy addition! For dessert we had ice cream sundaes with a variety of toppings including whipped cream and cherries – not bad! A big thank you to Mother Rose Anne, Debbie Zimmerman, Deb Zimmerman, Peggy Burkacki, Linda Beharry, Chris Burke, Shirley Wilkes, Kathy Hill, Gary Hill, Sandra Wesley who prepared and served the food and so graciously saw to the needs of our guests. A thank you also to the other members of the Outreach Committee who helped plan the menu, and to the additional McKinley volunteers who helped throughout the evening.

Annual Rummage Sale
Our annual rummage sale is scheduled for Saturday, September 10, from 9:00 a.m. to about 4:00 p.m. Please bring all items for the sale to the undercroft by Monday, September 5. Tuesday, September 6 will be our final chance to sort and price these items. We need help sorting and pricing, so please join us if you can. We will meet downstairs Tuesday evening, September 6, at 6:15 p.m. Many hands will certainly make the task lighter. Please use the back door as there is a group meeting that evening. We also need help the day of the sale to help our shoppers, bag their treasures and collect money for the sale. Please see Walt Iliff if you wish to help out.

Our next Outreach Committee meeting will be Tuesday, September 6, at 6:00 p.m. We will have a brief meeting, then proceed to the downstairs area to sort and price items for the sale. All are welcome.

Thanks be to You, Holy Spirit, for guiding this outreach ministry.

God’s Peace
Kathy Hill
Operating Fund Interim Report -- thru July 2016

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Personel                  $64,880.20  $61,599.65  $3,280.55
Buildings and Grounds    $17,605.66  $22,365.35  -$4,759.69
Operations               $29,157.67  $25,955.00  $3,202.67
Worship and Programs     $10,697.27  $14,345.26  -$3,647.99

Total Expenses           $122,340.80  $124,265.26  -$1,924.46
Excess/Deficit           -$6,087.80    -$2,821.96  -$3,265.84

Treasurer’s Report

Expenses are still under budget but income is still 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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