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**First 3 Sundays
each month**

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Deadline for next *Pace*
is Sunday, Oct. 23rd



October 2016

The *Pace* of Grace



From the Rector :

God is Good all the time – All the time God is Good! Everywhere I look there is ample evidence to support this statement. Our annual rummage sale was ample proof of God's goodness. It is more than the money earned to support outreach activities.

The proof was in watching so many of you working together to prepare for the sale, work the sale and clean up afterwards so that other scheduled activities could go on as planned. What I saw was family, working together, having fun together, supporting one another, being the hands and feet of Jesus together. God is good all the time! Thanks to Walt Iliff and his team for a very successful sale.

I see proof of God's goodness in Project Little Feet. The weekend of October 8th and 9th over 50 kindergarten children will receive new tennis shoes or winter boots that their families can't provide for them because of the caring and generosity of the family of Grace, again being the hands and feet of Jesus. Thanks to Chris Burke, Kathy Hill, the Outreach team and all who have been so generous.

I see proof of God's goodness through the privilege of welcoming and baptizing three beautiful children and hearing the people of Grace pledge to support Jaxson, Owen and Noah in their knowledge and faith journey. Thanks be to God.

I see proof of God's goodness in the Boy Scout Troop that calls Grace Church home. As sponsor of the Troop Grace Church provides a safe space in which young boys and men are supported and encouraged to grow strong and competent in life skills and faith in God. Our Troop is celebrating 50 years in this place. Thanks be to God and to all those who support this Troop.

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Officers & Rector :

Dave Zimmerman
Senior Warden

Larry Seymour
Junior Warden

Harry Dodds
Treasurer

Judith Stafanick
Clerk

The Rev. Rose Anne Lonsway
Rector

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Monthly Finances

Calendars

Lessons / Readings

Looking Ahead

October 15 – Confirm not Conform Confirmation Class at 9:30am.

Annual Clambake



4pm fellowship, 5pm food



October 22 – Stewardship Dinner – 1-3pm

October 24 – Host McKinley Meal



October 29 – Confirm not Conform Confirmation Class at 9:30am.

From the Rector : continued

I see proof of God's goodness in those who, as the hands and feet of Christ, take bread and love to those who visit us for the first time and worship with us. Thanks to the Evangelism Team who works so hard to help us be open and welcoming to those God brings to our door.

Our pastoral care team strives to extend God's love to those experiencing difficulty or who are shut in for some reason, extending the love of Christ through prayer, phone calls, visits and presence. Our fellowship team helps us remember to have fun and give thanks for play with those we treasure. Thank you!

I see proof of God's goodness as the Worship team, the Altar Guild and the choir give us beautiful ways to worship our gracious and merciful God. There are many hands, feet and voices dedicated to giving thanks and praise and helping all of us grow in our faith and dedication to our God who is always good.

I see God's goodness in the dedication of those who strive to be good stewards of the blessings bestowed on us, be it our physical building and beautiful grounds or our financial resources. Our stewardship team, buildings and grounds team and your Vestry always prayerfully consider the actions to be taken with the gifts we have been given.

We are approaching the time of year when we make a concerted effort to consider what we are called to return to God in thanks for God's great goodness to us and to all. Your stewardship team is hard at work discerning God's call to us. Last Sunday, Tiffany Parks shared with those at the 8 and 10:00 services why she gives to God through Grace church. I see proof of God's goodness in Tiffany's words and it is my delight to share them with you now. I ask that you read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest these words of love put into action.

Why do I give?

By: Tiffany Parks

Based on how I ask myself this question, I come up with two vastly different answers. Simply asked "Why do I give" yields an answer individual to if I ask myself "Why do I give to Grace Church".

The question "Why do I give?" asks about my primary motivation for giving. It's asking "why give at all?" Whether I'm giving my time or my money the only reason I give anything is because I know God gave me all I have in order to do his work in the world. It's not my obligation but rather my opportunity to show God how thankful I am. He has given me everything and asks for so little in return. 10 percent hardly seems like enough in comparison to His 100 percent. In order to carry out His will I must be generous just like God is generous with me. Giving to him first shows my faith in Him and miraculously I always have enough. I am still able to pay my bills and put food on my table. He isn't asking for what I don't have, only for a portion of what He's given me.

"Why do I give to Grace Church?" is quite simple for me to explain. I'm selfish. Not selfish because I lack consideration for others, selfish because...

- 1. I love Grace Church and I want to do Gods work through this church.*
- 2. I want our current children to experience everything I did growing up here.*
- 3. I never want our church to close or lose sight in what God is calling us to do.*
- 4. I consider Grace Church my home and every member part of my family.*

Grace Church has been my home since before I can remember. Most of its members have watched me grow up. I simply can't imagine my life without our church. My hope is that my children are able to continue learning and growing in grace at Grace.

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Now that I'm older and with a little help from a certain Treasurer, I understand money is a necessity to keep a church open. We are all family and Grace is our home. If we didn't give we wouldn't be able to call Grace our home for much longer. What a scary statement this is! But, in order for this church to remain home, clearly we must keep the lights on but more importantly we must continue to do God's will. Without God we are not a church. Without Him there is no us. Everything we do should be for Him. Keeping the lights on is just a small part of what we need to do to keep God in our world. But God doesn't have a bank account. He isn't asking for my money. I feel that God has provided us the inspiration and skills to do His will and that it's up to us to fund that partnership. This doesn't mean I should review the churches budget and see what we need to operate and then pledge accordingly. Whether our bank accounts are full or empty does not change God's request of us to give to him first. The budget is simply an understanding of what the necessities are to continue worshiping here at Grace. Our budget is a document of what we need to meet to continue Gods work here at Grace. Our pledges should be to God and not to a budget.

Throughout our lives we selfishly spend money on things we want. It might be a new car with all the upgrades, an expensive purse, a good book, a vacation, the latest scuba equipment, a pretty skein of yarn, lunch out with a friend, or just simply the brand name macaroni and cheese. We all spend selfishly on the things we want even though those "things" might differ from one another. I want Grace Church. I know Grace Church can do great things thorough Christ. I know that giving to God first, through Grace Church, He will never leave me with a struggle.

I hope I can continue to be selfish and a member of Grace for many years to come.

Love God. Love your neighbor. Change the world.

NEMAC SPECIAL EVENT

The 200th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Ohio will be held November 11-12, 2016 at Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio.

On October 12th the Diocese will publish a handbook of the issues on their website. To assist in understanding these issues and answer questions, NEMAC has invited a pre-convention speaker to clarify these issues for us.

**WHO: Bill Powel, Canon to the Ordinary
WHERE: St. James Church, Painesville
DATE: Tuesday, October 18, 2016
TIME: 7 pm**

All those who wish to hear about the issues or have question on them are welcome.

Margaret Dodds, Council Chair

The summer has flown and a very cool wind has blown it and us right into October. We are



thankful for an end to the 90 degree and high humidity days; and we say, "Thank you, Lord,

for this beautiful day" and drop a coin in our UTO box.

Through the United Thank Offering, we – men, women and children – nurture the habit of giving daily thanks to God. These offerings are gathered in twice a year and distributed to support mission and ministry throughout the church in the world. Every penny donated is granted.

This year we will gather in these thank offerings on November 6, All Saints Sunday. It is also the Sunday of the time change, so remember to be thankful when you set back your clocks, and bring in your coins, dollars and checks. We will have envelopes in the pews the Sunday before so you can take them home and return them November 6.

Jeanne Schupp

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The arrangements for the Feast of Grace on Sunday, September 18 were reviewed. Grace Woods needs to be contacted regarding use of the Gazebo. Scott Arra will be on vacation that week and Frank Burkacki and Josh Shaffer will provide the music using the Praise Book.

Mother Rose Anne will be at CREDO and not available on September 25. The Rev. Pat Hanen will be at Grace to celebrate the Eucharist.

A CPR class needs to be arranged and use of the AED needs to be discussed

The Acolytes will have a point system to record when they serve on the altar. With each point range there will be a different color worn on their cross. The children will be on the volunteer schedule for Family Sunday.

The baptism of the three Seymour boys was enjoyed by everyone involved.

The backpacks were blessed and everything went well. Confirmation Class is still a work in progress. Those who have taken the Safeguarding God's Children class will need to be recertified in 2017 and that can be done on-line.

A new bulletin for Ordinary Time will be available the middle of October. We will use Eucharistic Prayer A and have new service music.

Coming up is the Blessing of the Stuffed and Live animals on Sunday, October 2. All Saints Day will be celebrated on November 6 with the reading of the names of the departed. November 6 is also the UTO In-gathering. November 20 is the last Sunday after Pentecost and Christ the King's Sunday. November 27 is the First Sunday of Advent. Christmas Day is on a Sunday, so there will be a regular Sunday service.

There was discussion about the mid-week Eucharist service and whether the time should be changed.

The next meeting will be October 11, 2016 at 7pm. Remember everyone is invited to join the meeting – no experience is necessary.

Submitted by, *Judy Stafanick*

Fellowship

SAVE THE DATE

An Antiques Roadshow Dinner is planned for Saturday, November 12th. Dinner will be served at 6pm and will be catered by 'TJs on the Avenue'. The menu includes salad, vegetables, Chicken Marsalis and Lasagna. The speaker will be Tom Jerpbak of Ye Olde Oaken Bucket. He will also do appraisals for an antique you bring with you. All this for \$18 per person. You can reserve a table or single tickets. See Linda Beharry for ticket information or call her at 440-915-7597.

Come enjoy this event.

Linda Beharry

RUMMAGE SALE THANK YOU

I would like to thank all of the parishioners who sorted and priced items, those who helped get the undercroft ready for the rummage sale and those who helped during the day on Saturday. The sale this year was a huge success and that was due to the large number of people who helped to make it possible.



Walt Iliff



Birthdays in October

Carolyn Stacks	1
James Hall	3
Anthony Benigar	4
Ken Schutt	12
Christian Mbajika	14
Kristin Krysiak	18
Bobbin Davis	19
James Velez	21
Cassidy Morgan	31



Anniversary in October

Nancy & Dennis Brothers 6

FALL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Come one come all! To Grace's Fall Stewardship Campaign Kick-Off

On Saturday, October 22 Grace church will have a luncheon to begin the Fall Stewardship Campaign. We will have food and drinks provided with an available free-will offering. Child care will be provided. A sign-up sheet will be posted we have an idea of the number attending.

We will discuss "Growing and Giving" as individuals and as a parish. This gathering is a continuation of our luncheon last spring. I will explain what year-round stewardship has meant and what to expect during this year's campaign and in the future. We want to have transparency with our finances so questions and comments will be expected.

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

Yours in Christ,
Dave Zimmerman

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We have an opening(s) for usher. Charlotte Stoldt will be retiring from her job as usher/greeter the end of October which leaves two Sundays a month without an usher or greeter. If you are interested in this position, please let the office know so that you can be fully trained before Charlotte leaves the end of October. If you have any questions about the responsibilities of the usher/greeter, Charlotte is available to answer any questions.

VESTRY MEETING

Mother Rose Anne was at CREDO and David conducted the meeting in her absence.

Guest, Linda Beharry attended the Vestry meeting for two reasons. It has been noticed that Grace Church items are missing from the kitchen cabinets and drawers. Linda proposed putting locks on some of the cabinets and drawers. The Vestry recommended that she take this matter to the Buildings and Grounds committee for their help. Also, Linda is in charge of the Fellowship Team and would like to have a party for Christmas. However, the Fellowship budget has been depleted. Some options were given in regard to the Christmas party. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

The minutes from the August 22, 2016 meeting were accepted.

Treasurer's Report – Report for August was presented by Harry Dodds and approved

Election of Convention Delegates – The Diocesan Convention will be November 11 and 12. Delegates presented were Elizabeth Estep, Judy Stafanick and Debra Zimmerman. Alternates presented were Peggy Burkacki and Toni Swisher. The slate for convention was accepted

Bicentennial Missioners – Nothing new to report

Pace Editor Changes – Meredith Velez has volunteered to serve as Editor and Layout Designer. Meredith will start with the January issue of the Pace.

Stewardship – a reminder that the October 22nd kick-off Luncheon will be catered.

Outreach – see article

Worship – see article

Anonymous Donation – ideas under consideration

1. Part of Little Feet, other half for seed money for next year
2. Help re-do ladies room in undercroft
3. Replace countertops in kitchen.

It was decided to have a list of options to discuss at the October meeting.

Rector's Report –

Mother Rose Anne has been asked to be a candidate for Diocesan Council. Confirmation schedule still in progress with a possible start date in October. The Cub Scouts are meeting in the undercroft on Wednesday evenings. Mother Rose Anne is working on the Strauss Memorial Court contract. Many thanks to Walt Iliff and his crew for their work on the rummage sale and the great outcome. During the month Mother Rose Anne attended Fresh Start, McKinley Board Meeting, hospital and rehab visits, WAMA.

Pastoral Care – Pat Newyear will do more when she becomes more mobile.

Sr. Warden – No report

Buildings & Grounds - The heating & cooling in the Sunday School will be addressed. A lot of trees were removed and a few more will be removed next year. Replanting is a good idea and appropriate trees should be planted. The Choir area is still in the planning stage.

The Vestry retreat is in Elyria on October 8th and the Vestry will meet at the church to carpool.

The next Vestry meeting will be October 18th 2016.

Submitted by: *Judy Stafanick*, Clerk



Happy, Happy Birthday!
to Jim Hall who is a really
great guy.

The Feast of Grace was
a huge success even
though it couldn't be outside because of the
weather. There was good food so that was
good.

That cat is still here! James decided his name
would be Nik. He (Nik) likes his name and
comes when he is called. He is very good
when he is sleeping, if you know what I mean.

The girl is back. She had a wonderful time in
California with her daughter and sister.
Somehow they thought going to an outlet mall
was more important than going to a winery. I
don't get that.

Someone (Charlotte) asked for Styrofoam egg
cartons for a kid's project. And she got
enough egg cartons for the project. Thanks to
everyone who brought in their egg cartons.
Whatever it is they are making, I hope I get
one.

Mother Rose Anne spent a week at CREDO
that was in hot, humid Alabama. Welcome
back!

This just in! Charlotte Stoldt will be retiring
from her usher/greeter job the end of October.
We are going to need a replacement or two.

Church Mouse



*Saturday, November 5th turn your
clocks back one hour before going
to bed*

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



Cub Scout Pack 282

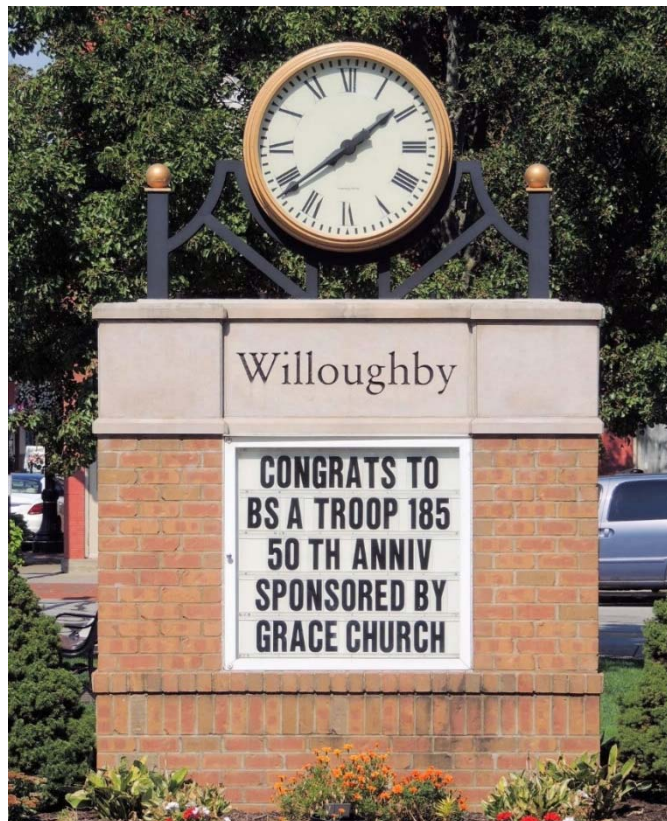
On Friday, September 29 Cub Scout Pack 282 assembles to tackle a big job. They are getting ready to spread mulch in the picnic grove area at Grace Episcopal Church. The mulch came from the trees that had to be taken down in that area because they were dead or dying and had become a hazard. Good example of recycling and reusing.



Everyone lends a hand in spreading of the mulch. Lots of hands to make a big job easier and fun with the scouts and parent helpers.

A campout was to follow in the picnic grove but due to the weather they camped in the church and a good time was had by all.

**City of
Willoughby
salutes Troop
185**



Outreach Committee Update

The Holy Spirit is on the move for certain!

Little Feet Ministry

The shoe shopping weekend is scheduled for the second weekend in October, Saturday, October 8 and Sunday, October 9 at the Shoe Carnival Store in Mentor. Shoe Carnival will offer kids shoes and boots at a sale price with an additional 30 % off.

That same weekend, our Grace congregation will be offered that same discount. Flyers should be forthcoming prior to the shopping date.

Our total contributions for Little Feet are \$1,829.75 as of September 23 (\$955 from your contributions and \$874.75 from the rummage sale). There is still time 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. Prayers are greatly needed as well. Thank you to all who have already so generously contributed money, prayers or your time.

McKinley Meal

Our next meal is scheduled for Monday evening, October 24. More information to come.

Annual Rummage Sale

Our annual rummage sale was held on Saturday, September 10 and was a great success. We sold a ton of "good stuff", had a lot of fun and made about \$1,750 after expenses. The proceeds were divided between Little Feet and the Kramp family.

Many hands certainly did make the task lighter. This wouldn't have been such a success without support and fellowship from all of you. The items that were donated, the time and hard work put in to prepare for the sale, cooking/serving, parking management and so much more, all examples of good stewardship and outreach. Thank you Walt for coordinating this very successful effort, nicely done.

Our next Outreach Committee meeting will be Tuesday, October 4, at 7:00 p.m. immediately following the Evangelism meeting at 6:00. All are welcome. We need to think about our holiday outreach. Please feel free to bring your ideas.

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

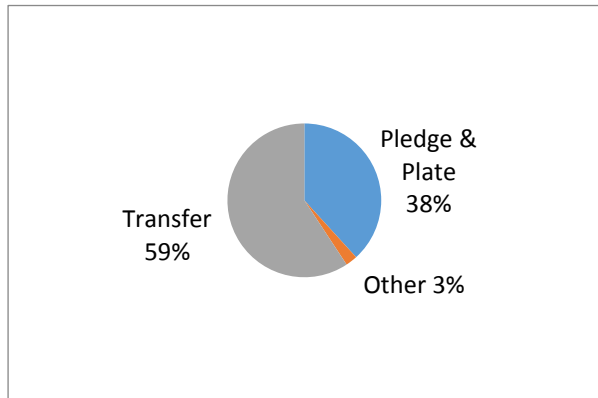
God's Peace

Kathy Hill

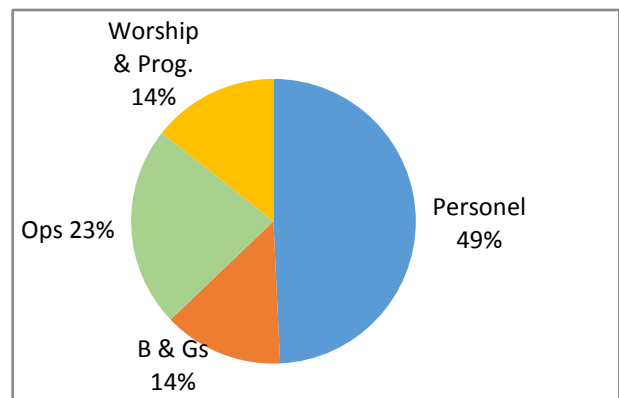
Operating Fund Interim Report -- thru end of August 2016

<u>Income</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Pledge and Plate Contributions	\$53,222.19	\$49,985.00	\$3,237.19
Other Income	\$3,483.00	\$1,866.64	\$1,616.36
Transfer from Grace Woods Capital Fund	\$82,500.00	\$87,720.00	-\$5,220.00
Total Income	\$139,205.19	\$139,571.64	-\$366.45
 <u>Expenses</u>			
Personel	\$72,611.62	\$69,205.32	\$3,406.30
Buildings and Grounds	\$20,048.44	\$24,824.68	-\$4,776.24
Operations	\$33,616.93	\$28,620.00	\$4,996.93
Worship and Programs	\$21,140.82	\$15,780.80	\$5,360.02
Total Expenses	\$147,417.81	\$138,430.80	\$8,987.01
Excess/Deficit	-\$8,212.62	\$1,140.84	-\$9,353.46

Income



Expenses



Treasurer's Report

Plate and pledge income are ahead of budget which is great. Expenses are still above budget as we are working hard to keep costs down. 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

October 2.....
Proper 22

Lamentations 1:1-6
Lamentations 3:19-26
2 Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 17:5-10

October 9.....
Proper 23

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7
Psalm 66:1-11
2 Timothy 2:8-15
Luke 17:11-19

October 16.....
Proper 24

Jeremiah 31:27-34
Psalm 119:97-104
2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5
Luke 18:1-8

October 23.....
Proper 25

Joel 2:23-32
Psalm 65
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

October 30.....
Proper 26

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4
Psalm 119:137-144
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12
Luke 19:1-10