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**First 3 Sundays  
each month**

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Deadline for next *Pace*  
is Sunday, Jan. 22, 2017



January, 2017

# The *Pace* of Grace

## From the Rector :



We have been so blessed as we journeyed through the seasons of Advent and Christmas, and as we continue through Epiphany, seeking closer relationship with our God and the incarnate Christ who came as the helpless infant and who now surrounds us with love, forgiveness and expectation that we serve as His hands and feet in this broken

world. We have been blessed to worship together freely, without threat or persecution. We have been blessed to worship and wait surrounded by loving, positive and engaged people. We have been blessed to welcome people previously unknown to us and open ourselves in love and welcome.

We have been blessed by people who worked faithfully and purposefully to prepare our worship space, beautify it with music and to meet the needs of all who entered with joy and warmth. This holy ground has been blessed by each of you who looked beyond yourselves to help others; those without the resources we have been so graciously given, spreading kindness and hopefulness through these seasons.

And now we move forward, hopefully renewed and refreshed, with new resolve to discern God's will for us as individuals and as the community of Grace Church. There are many opportunities ahead of us this year. You will be hearing and hopefully participating in "What's your 200?" as a part of our Diocesan 200<sup>th</sup> year celebrations. You will be learning more about "Holy Currencies" and how we can work together to give back a small portion of what God has so generously blessed us with. There will be new opportunities to learn more about our faith and spirituality. I am excited about what is in store for us this year and ask you to "stay tuned".

*continued inside*

## 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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- *Outreach*

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## **Looking Ahead**



Epiphany Service Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6:30pm with a fellowship celebration of the Kings! ~ *this is past and we had a good time*



January 16<sup>th</sup> – Martin Luther King Day



February 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:30p – 8:30p Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by the Cub Scouts



February 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Church Meeting – One service at 9am with brunch and meeting to follow

## From the Rector: continued

In the meantime, I ran across the words below from one of my favorite authors and thinkers and I share them with you as simple but profound thoughts to guide our thinking and praying as we begin a new year.

### **The Seekers Shortlist of Spiritual Advice from Bishop Steven Charleston:**

- (1) Keep it simple, keep it sacred,
- (2) Ask yourself "why" at least once a day,
- (3) Make silence since it is hard to find naturally,
- (4) Be mindful of being mindful,
- (5) Use all the different ways you pray,
- (6) Spend as much time in mystery as in understanding,
- (7) Do what you liked to do when you were a child,
- (8) Practice listening as a skill,
- (9) Give what you can to as many as you can,
- (10) Turn worry into hope by doing something you would define as positive change.

M. Rose Anne+

## Worship

After the service on December 18 the Sunday School children will practice their song with Scott Arra and then there will be Acolyte instructions.

Acolytes – April Frazier stepped down as Acolyte Master and Greg Mackey stepped up to fill the position. Charlotte Stoldt has agreed to help when needed. Greg will do the volunteer schedule for Family Sunday.

### Christmas Eve Service at 7pm

The Seasonal Brass will play before the service, the Grace Notes will sing with the Choir Interns. There was discussion regarding the bulletin and when the children will sing.

Thank you to everyone who stepped up to light the Advent Wreath.

When Christmas Hurts – Wednesday, December 14: The altar will be set up. There will be communion and / or a blessing.

Greening of the Church – Judy will ask Ms Debbie Zimmerman to help either on Sunday or Monday.

Epiphany Service – Friday, January 6, 2017 the service will be at 6:30pm with social time to follow. Linda Beharry will help with the party, we will sing "We Three Kings" and have cake.

Mother Rose Anne will be on vacation January 12 – 17<sup>th</sup> and the Rev. Pat Hanen will be with us on Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>.

Submitted by:  
Judy Stafanick

*This is a recap of the December Meeting*

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## EVANGELISM

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### Christmas Cookies for the Groups

The Evangelism Team organized cookie trays for the 12-step groups that meet here in the evenings. Thanks to the members of Grace Church for the cookies; we arranged them on party trays each of the four (4) evenings well before the groups had arrived. The large "Christmas Card" was prepared for each group, signed by our Rector and Officers.



Thank you  
from the Evangelism Committee and Team



## Birthdays in January 2017

Sue Mancino	11
Courtney Werling	17
Martha Mackey	22

### WE RECYCLE

and would be more than happy to recycle your old Christmas cards for you. There is a basket on the Harvest Table to place the Christmas cards and Debbie Zimmerman will put them to good use later in the year.

## STEWARDSHIP

### Stewardship Team

For those of you who like statistics the result of our annual 2017 Pledge Drive has been tabulated. The total dollar amount pledged was \$78,472 which is a little over a \$5,000 increase.

A total of 45 pledges were turned in. Six (6) new pledges were added. Fourteen (14) people increased and three (3) people decreased their pledge amount. Four (4) people were taken off Grace's list of pledges – one transferred, two moved and one died.

Thank you again for all of you who attended Grace's Kick-off luncheon and made their personal commitment to continuing our mission. We certainly had a successful 2017 Pledge Campaign.

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

Dave Zimmerman  
Stewardship Team Chair

## CHURCH MOUSE TAILS

As usual Christmas at Grace was wonderful. The Choir and the Seasonal Brass out did themselves again.

The girl went to visit family for Christmas and took Uber to the airport and back. She said it was a good experience.

The Outreach Team provided a wonderful Christmas for our "family" who was very happy and grateful for all the gifts and food they received. You guys done good!

On our Mitten Tree there were lots of mittens, hats and scarves to keep little people warm in the cold. We do good at that, too! And Nik didn't climb the tree.

I heard from my family that everyone enjoyed going carolling at Grace Woods. Of course, giving them pizza beforehand didn't hurt.

Ms. Debbie wants me to remind you to recycle your Christmas cards. There is a red basket on the Harvest Table for them. She is going to do something with them – I don't ask.

So after almost a year we finally found out why we were saving Styrofoam egg cartons for someone (Charlotte Stoldt and she doesn't need anymore). The Sunday School kids made really cute containers out of them. If you didn't get a chance to see them, there is one in the office up high and out of Nik's way.

And now as January begins, I'm just going to find a nice, warm place to take a long winter's nap and dream sweet dreams.

The girl really appreciates all the help Phil Davis gave her putting this Pace together.



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## NEMAC

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The December meeting for NEMAC was cancelled due to weather conditions. It has been re-scheduled for Monday, January 23, 2017 at 6pm and will be held in the Lounge at Grace Church. The meeting is open to all interested parish members.

Margaret Dodds,  
Council chair

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## VESTRY MEETING

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December 18, 2016

Jackson Luck, Boy Scout, provided and presented a proposal for his Eagle Scout Project. He will re-do the downstairs playground. He will raise half the money through relatives and fundraisers and asked the Vestry to consider helping with the project. The Vestry accepted the proposal with will give him \$500 towards the cost.

The November financial reports were accepted. The Budget for 2017 was presented and discussion followed. A motion was made to accept the proposed budget. It was approved with one nay vote.

A proposal from Santee Security was received to update the system to digital at a cost of \$445. The proposal was accepted and approved.

Stewardship – See article  
The Outreach Team – See article  
Worship Committee – See article

Junior Warden, Larry Seymour, discussed the list of projects that need to be done.

Mother Rose Anne shared – that an electrician will put in an electrical outlet for the freezer in the undercroft which is now full of soup. Another freezer will replace the current

freezer. The Christmas services are planned and there will be an Epiphany service on Friday, January 6, 2017 with fellowship and cake.

There are five possible candidates to run for the three empty Vestry positions. The candidates will be asked to write a short bio for publication.

Grace is now part of a Holy Currencies 365 cohort;

Meredith Velez has decided not to take the job of Pace Editor and the Pace will be done in the office for the time being.

A reminder that the Annual Meeting will be Sunday, February 5 with one service at 9am followed by brunch and the meeting. The new Vestry will get together for a short meeting after the Annual Meeting.

Submitted by: Judy Stafanick, Clerk

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## SENIOR WARDEN

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Senior Warden's Notifications:

**Annual Meeting.** Mark on your calendar for February 5, 2017. Grace is having one service that Sunday at 9AM. Following the service, we are planning a brunch before the **Annual Meeting.** Be there or be square.

Also, the Diocesan Winter Convocation is being held at the Kalahari Resort on February 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Last year Debbie and I attended for the first time in many years. We really had a wonderful time. The programs offered seem to have something for everyone. Discounts are offered and Grace may also get a group rate if enough people attend.

David Zimmerman

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## OUTREACH

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What a great and busy month December was. On December 13, in cooperation with Community of the Holy Spirit and Christ Lutheran Churches, we assembled 300 bag meals for the toy distribution at McKinley. We distributed well over 200 meals. A million thanks to Debbie Zimmerman, Debra Zimmerman, Toni Swisher and Peggy Burkacki for making the 100 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches that we contributed and for packing such a great meal. In addition to the pb&j's we included a bag of chips, cookies and an orange. Not bad!

### Christmas Wishes

This year for Christmas we provided gifts and food for a single mom and her three children. Cynthia, the mom, and daughter Olivia picked up the gifts along with a huge box of food complete with a beautiful ham. The food was generously donated by our friend at Breckenridge who also donated a box of food and a big turkey for a family at Thanksgiving. What wonderful and caring neighbors we have. Cynthia was so very grateful that she would have gifts and food for her family for Christmas. I'm sure they all had a grand time opening presents and enjoying the wonderful array of food provided.

### The Mitten Tree

The mitten tree was laden with mittens, scarves, hats, underwear, socks and like items. We also have items for pets. The items will be divided between Project Hope and Edison Elementary School. The pet food and gifts will go to McKinley. Two boxes and a bag of items for Edison have already been delivered. They were so very grateful to receive the items for kids and men. In return, Edison gifted us with scarves, gloves, and hats for older girls and women and warm jackets for men. What a wonderful and generous surprise. There is more than plenty to go around, much like "loaves and fishes", right? Our sincere thanks to all of you who so generously supported these holiday efforts

whether by donating items, money, time or by sending prayers our way. We couldn't have done this without you all!

In 2017 we will be focusing on growing our Little Feet Ministry. There is so much we can do with the help of others in our community and even those outside the community - with God's help.

May your 2017 be filled with blessings and peace. Happy New Year

Kathy Hill

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### ALONE:

Alone –

on a busful of people,  
on a crowded city street  
in a bar.

Alone –

exhilarating independence!  
come and go,  
untrammelled,  
like the wind!

Alone –

frightening insecurity;  
no one to care,  
to aid,  
to offer the word of  
support.

Alone –

a high – intoxicating.  
To find a world of choices,  
some more prudent,  
some more attractive,  
some more whimsical.

Alone –

One –  
Unique –  
I and the others?  
Me vs. the World!

James Hall

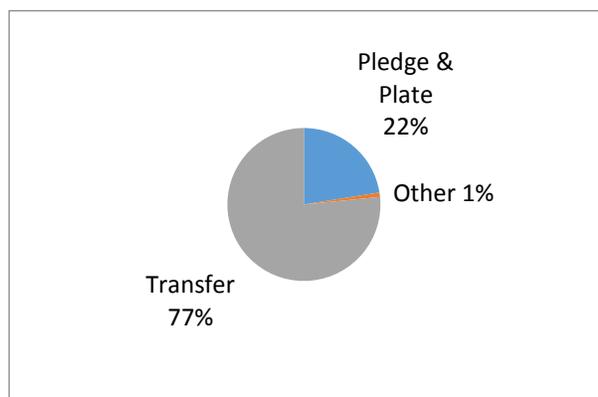
## Operating Fund Interim Report -- thru end of November 2016

<u>Income</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Pledge and Plate Contributions	\$7,814.00	\$6,158.00	\$1,656.00
Other Income	\$325.00	\$233.34	\$91.66
Transfer from Grace Woods Capital Fund	\$26,590.00	\$10,965.00	\$15,625.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$34,729.00</b>	<b>\$17,356.34</b>	<b>\$17,372.66</b>

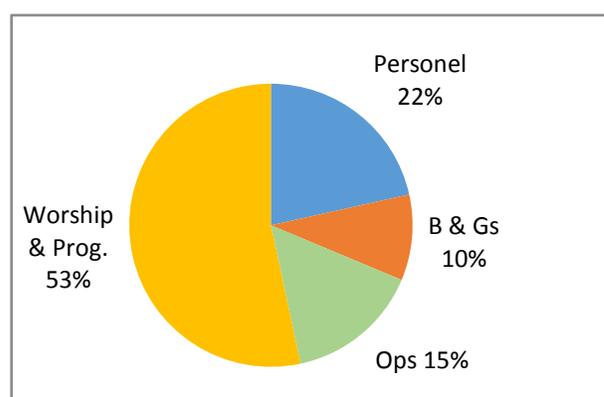
### Expenses

Personel	\$7,049.69	\$7,585.67	-\$535.98
Buildings and Grounds	\$3,211.53	\$2,219.33	\$992.20
Operations	\$5,023.39	\$2,665.00	\$2,358.39
Worship and Programs	\$17,489.05	\$1,582.54	\$15,906.51
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$32,773.66</b>	<b>\$14,052.54</b>	<b>\$18,721.12</b>
<b>Excess/Deficit</b>	<b>\$1,955.34</b>	<b>\$3,303.80</b>	<b>-\$1,348.46</b>

Income



Expenses



### Treasurer's Report

As you can see our expenses this month showed a large overage from our 2016 budget. We made a sizable donation to the Assisted Living program at Breckenridge Village in thanks for all they have done for us. With the year coming to an end, please make any outstanding pledge payments for this year as soon as possible.

*Harry Dodds*, Treasurer

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## READINGS FOR THE DAY

January 1, 2017  
THE HOLY NAME OF  
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Numbers 6:22-27  
Philippians 2:5-11  
Psalm 8  
Luke 2:15-21

January 8  
The First Sunday  
After the Epiphany

Isaiah 42:1-9  
Psalm 29  
Acts 10:34-43  
Matthew 3:13-17

January 15  
The Second Sunday  
After the Epiphany

Genesis 37:17b-20  
Psalm 77:11-20  
Ephesians 6:10-20  
Luke 6:27-36

January 22  
The Third Sunday  
After the Epiphany

Isaiah 9:1-4  
Psalm 27:1, 5-13  
1 Corinthians 1:10-18  
Matthew 4:12-23

January 29  
The Fourth Sunday  
After the Epiphany

Micah 6:1-8  
Psalm 15  
1 Corinthians 1:18-31  
Matthew 5:1-12