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## Children's Christian Education

**First 3 Sundays  
each month**

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Deadline for next *Pace*  
is Sunday, March, 19, 2017



March, 2017

# The *Pace* of Grace

From the Rector :



Lent is upon us and it is time to give thought to how we will use this time of contemplation, quietness, and listening; this time of self-examination and exploring how we come closer to our gracious and merciful God. Each Lent provides us an opportunity to embark on a journey of coming closer to what it is our Lord desires us to be.

The question then becomes, how do we do that? Do we give something up to test our dedication to God? We run the gamut of what we think will help us atone for our human choices and behaviors. Does what we choose to do without help us love God better? To hear the voice of Jesus more clearly? Does doing without help us be a better neighbor, to show more love to our brothers and sisters in this world? It very well may, however sometimes taking something on helps achieve these ends as well. Consider taking on a commitment to deeper, contemplative, meditative prayer. Consider taking on a commitment to serve your neighbors in need; perhaps volunteering at a social service outreach center such as McKinley Community Center, or Project Hope, Forbes House; the options are many.

Consider deciding to find the courage to share your story of what God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit mean to you and how your life has been impacted by such love. Take on inviting and bringing someone to church with you so that they may begin their journey into the love of God. Find ways to help children understand God's love for them. Take on trying to deepen relationships with all those God puts in our path. It may be something as simple as making eye contact with and sharing a smile with strangers, holding open a door, exchanging a kind word, let someone in front of you in line- the options are endless.

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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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## ***Looking Ahead***



March 1 – Ash Wednesday – Service 7pm at Grace  
2pm Service at Lyons Chapel at Breckenridge



March 4 – Men's Group at 9:30am



March 5 – Evangelism Team after the 10am service



March 12 – Daylight Savings Begins - Spring Forward One Hour



March 17 – St. Patrick's Day – Lunch at Grace at Noon



March 18 – Clean Up Day – 9am



March 20 – First Day of Spring



March 25 – Chili Cook-Off – 11a – 2p Proceeds to Benefit Little Feet

## From the Rector: continued

Consider taking on the hard and sometimes scary work of standing up for justice and mercy in this crazy world of ours. Make the phone calls and write; advocate for those actions and laws that protect and respect the poor, the oppressed, the enslaved. If you hear disparaging, dismissive or disrespectful remarks, come to the aide of the victimized. God has told us what is good; to love God, do justice and walk humbly with our God. (Micah 6:8).

Consider joining with the "Holy Currencies" Team as we learn to honor God's abundance in the currencies of gracious leadership, relationship, truth, time and place, wellness and money. The premise of Holy Currencies is that we identify where we as a parish are in relation to each of the currencies, figure out strengths, weaknesses, learn how we can be more effective in our efforts to take the gospel into our community, and, be Christ's hands and feet in the world. There is a lot of learning to be done to understand the flow and relationship building efforts we can use to become wonderful stewards of all that God provides. Hopefully the learning will be engaging and fun. (And please remember to turn in your talent pledge cards! We need to hear from you.)

So, it appears that there are many options available to us to keep a growing and fruitful Lent. I invite you to think about what will work for you and plan to fully participate, whether you give up or take on. I invite you to join us on Wednesday evenings for food, prayer and study. We will be refreshing our knowledge of the Book of Common Prayer and looking at the 5 Marks of Love. The fellowship found in these sessions can strengthen our resolve to learn deeper love.

So, dear friends, "I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy word." BCP p. 265

M. Rose Anne+

## WORSHIP

Worship Team meeting – February 7, 2017.

Bobbin Davis shared Sunday school happenings. The Sunday before Memorial Day will be the last day for Sunday school. The Alleluias will be buried during the February 26<sup>th</sup> service. The children will have an Easter Egg Hunt .

The Choir Internship will be opened up to Grace High School students, if they are interested. There is a commitment of 10 rehearsals and 10 services.

The purchase of choir robes is moving forward. It was suggested there be a committee of Mother Rose Anne, Scott Arra, Melanie Stoldt and one of the Mackey's to make suggestions and the decisions. It is hoped the robes will be here when the choir comes back after summer break.

Wednesday's in Lent at 6pm there will be Soup, Salad, Bread, prayer and study. If you need a ride, arrangements can be made.

Ash Wednesday – March 1 there is a 2pm service at Ohio Living Breckenridge and a 7pm service at Grace.

Palm Sunday will be discussed at the next meeting. The Palm Cross Workshop will be on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>.

### Holy Week Schedule:

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday Eucharist at 7pm

Maundy Thursday service at 7pm with the All-Night Vigil to follow.

Good Friday can begin with WAMA breakfast at YMCA and cross walk to follow. The Grace service is at 7pm

Easter Sunday one service at 9am with a special coffee hour to follow.

Next meeting is March 14 at 7pm. You are invited to join the Team. No experience necessary. ~ Judy Stafanick

## EVANGELISM

Evangelism (don't let the word scare you) is moving its meeting time to the first Sunday of the month after the 10am service. Hopefully this will make it available to more people. Evangelism is finding ways to welcome people to God's family. Join us to see what it is all about on Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> after the 10am service in the Lounge. Bakers and Takers are still needed. We are in need of Bakers. Our plan is to have Bakers make bread, muffins, or rolls to keep frozen in our freezer until needed. The Takers will get the bag and information to take to the family who just visited. Please let me know if you would like to be part of this ministry.

Peggy Burkacki

## STEWARDSHIP

**Spring Parish Brunch** - Mark your calendar for April 23<sup>rd</sup>. We are going to have our second annual Spring gathering after the 10AM service. We are trying a different day and time to hopefully accommodate more people. Additional details will follow in the April Pace.

David Zimmerman

Stewardship Team: Frank Burkacki, Mother Rose Anne Lonsway, Cathy Nash, Tiffany Parks, Toni Swisher and Dave Zimmerman

*All things come of thee, Oh Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee*

## VESTRY MEETING

The minutes from the January 17<sup>th</sup> and February 5<sup>th</sup> meetings and Financial Report were approved.

Senior Warden, David Zimmerman, reported that 55 people attended the Annual Meeting on February 5 and seemed pleased with the new format of brunch and then the meeting. Harry Dodds recommended having a PA system to take downstairs for meetings. David also reported that the Convocation was good and informative and recommended we promote it next year to get more people to attend.

Junior Warden, Larry Seymour shared his list of projects. Thermostats will be put in the upstairs library and lounge and also in the Sunday school area for a uniform heat. The electrical work for the organ and the outlet in the undercroft will be started. There will be a clean-up day in March. The bathrooms downstairs will be redone one at a time in the spring. Larry suggests a committee to look at the replacement carpet for the Nave. Linda Beharry and Pat Newyear volunteered and two more are needed. More trees will be removed from the Memorial Grove and behind the Rectory.

Rector's Report, Mother Rose Anne reported that our website needs to be updated and that will be looked into. The Men's Group will meet Saturday, March 4 at 9:30am to make plans. The Vestry team responsibilities were updated. The form to keep track of food in the freezer was approved. The procedure for submitting receipts for payment was approved. The Vestry Retreat will be May 13. Our bicentennial prayer will be put in the Praise Book. Outdoor signage was received from the Diocese and will be put in the front yard. Harry Dodds, Treasurer, suggested an office computer be purchased for the Rector. Parishioners need to be encouraged to turn in the Holy Currencies card for leadership. The Mission/Vision Statement will be addressed at the Vestry Retreat in May.

Stewardship, David Zimmerman shared the Spring Parish Gathering will be Sunday, April 23 after the 10am service.

Outreach Group. The February meeting was cancelled due to illness. Little Feet is still

supported. The proceeds from the Chili Cook-off in March will go to Little Feet. Evangelism, Debra Zimmerman offered to review the tri-fold and make suggestions

Worship, Mother Rose Anne shared the Wednesday Lenten series will start with a meal, prayer and study of the Book of Common Prayer. The Vestry agreed that there will be one Easter service at 9am followed by a festive coffee hour.

Pastoral Care Team, Pat Newyear shared the team is still calling parishioners and there are new recipes for meals that can be made and put in the freezer to have on hand when needed.

Debra Zimmerman agreed to prepare and serve a corned beef and cabbage meal at noon on St. Patrick's Day at Grace.

Money for choir robes may be available. A committee to consist of Scott Arra, Mother Rose Anne, Melanie Stoldt and one of the Mackey's will review choices and make a decision

The meeting adjourned at 8:55pm. The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 21, 2017.

Submitted by: Judy Stafanick, Clerk of Vestry

## SENIOR WARDEN

**Annual meeting** – The new format for our annual meeting was well received. We enjoyed plentiful and delicious food. Just as in the Gospels I see getting together and breaking bread at Grace as a common theme. Thank you to Linda Beharry and her crew for all their efforts in making the brunch a reality. We also shared a few laughs and a lot of information on the life of Grace church.

At the end of our meeting Bill Hutchinson shared some of his thoughts and prayers concerning Grace church. As leaders of Grace church, we struggle with understanding

the will of God. I find it reassuring to hear from someone so well respected that we are heading in the right direction. Thank you, Bill, for those encouraging words.

**Lenten Discipline** – If you are not already using the Forward Day by Day consider incorporating this valuable tool into your Lenten discipline. Forward is published quarterly. There are the suggested daily readings, a short homily, different diocese to pray for, and a specific reflection. A different author writes the daily homilies each month. I have used Forward daily for years and it has helped me on my spiritual journey. From my experience, I will suggest, if you miss a few days of the readings to just skip them and continue. Otherwise catching up may be a little overwhelming.

David Zimmerman

## OUTREACH

The February Outreach Group meeting was cancelled due to the illness of Kathy Hill and others. Project "Little Feet" remains our primary focus and will be supported by the Chili Cook-off and the rummage sale. We will host a meal at McKinley on Monday, March 27. Your help with the meal is greatly appreciated. Our prayers are with Kathy Hill for a good, speedy recovery. Please join us at our next meeting March 7 at 7pm.

Peace and Blessings  
Judy Stafanick, Secretary, Outreach Team

## FELLOWSHIP

The Fellowship Team would like to thank all the volunteers for food preparation, set up and clean up making the Annual Meeting brunch a huge success. I would especially like to thank - Jim and Marti Mackey and Dave Webster for setting up. Jim Mackey and Debra Zimmerman painted the serving carts.

Chris Burke and Greg Mackey operated the dishwasher and washed all the dishes. Many talented helping hands can be counted on whenever we have an event.

Many thanks.  
Linda Beharry, Fellowship Chairman.

## NEMAC

The 2017 officers for NEMAC are as follows:

Margaret Dodds (Grace Church, Willoughby)  
Council Chair

The Rev. Rose Anne Lonsway (Grace  
Church, Willoughby) Vice-Chair

Bob Thompson (Epiphany, Euclid) Secretary

The Rev. Christopher McCann (St. Luke's  
Chardon) - Treasurer

The meeting dates for 2017 will be on the  
following dates:

Tuesday, April 25th

Wednesday, July 19th

Thursday, October 19th

NEMAC will be hosting an educational  
program on HUMAN TRAFFICKING at Grace  
Church, Willoughby, on Saturday, May 6th, for  
NEMAC parishes and the local communities.  
Details and flyers will be posted prior to this  
event.

Margaret Dodds, Council Chair

## IMPORTANT STUFF

Spring Ahead - Daylight Savings  
Begins March 12<sup>th</sup>



Remember to turn "**ALL**" your clocks your **AHEAD**  
one hour before you retire for the evening on  
Saturday, so you're not late for church on Sunday,  
March 12<sup>th</sup>.



## Men's Group

There is interest in forming a Men's Group at  
Grace. The first meeting will be March 4<sup>th</sup> at  
9:30am in the Lounge. This is a chance to get  
together for a planning meeting. If anyone is  
interested and has any questions, please  
contact Jim Mackey at 440-585-3241. Hope  
to see you there!



## Clean Up Day

Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>

9am until done

There is work to be done inside and outside  
depending on the weather.

More information will be in the bulletin or by  
calling the office.

Larry Seymour, Jr. Warden

## BABY BOTTLE BLESSINGS



It's FUN, EASY and a great way  
to celebrate life and help  
Hannah's Home.

Pick up a Baby Bottle and fill it  
with coins, currency or a check\*. Please bring  
it back to Grace Church by March 15!

\*make checks payable to Hannah's Home

## DIALOGUE

### DIALOGUE

With words that we had long forgot  
In battles won or lost, but fought  
Through silence, we had once been taught  
To ponder till a peace was wrought.  
Let wisdom, from duet begot,  
Rule now where empty words do not.

James E. Hall

*Used with his permission*

## THE PEOPLE HAVE SPOKEN

Sunday, February 5, 2017 the 147th Annual Meeting took place in the undercroft of Grace Episcopal Church in the City of Willoughby, the State of Ohio. The people elected to the 2017 Vestry were – Linda Beharry, Tony Frazier and Kathy Iliff. Following the meeting there was a short Vestry meeting to elect Senior and Junior wardens, Treasurer, Clerk of Vestry and to determine the terms of the Vestry members. The results were – David Zimmerman will serve another year as Senior Warden. Larry Seymour will serve another year as Junior Warden. Harry Dodds remains as Treasurer and Judy Stafanick remains as Clerk of the Vestry. Tony Frazier will serve three years on the Vestry and Linda Beharry and Kathy Iliff will each serve two year terms on the Vestry.

Submitted by:  
Judy Stafanick, Clerk of the Vestry

## CHILI COOK-OFF



The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Soup and Chili Cook-off will be held on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 2pm. All proceeds will go to the “Little Feet” project. If you make a good soup or chili or know someone who does and want to compete, pick-up a participant form on the Harvest Table in the Library. Return the forms to Frank or Peggy Burkacki or the office. There will be a prize for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in both the soup and chili categories. Come help us raise money for the little feet and provide shoes and boots for the children in our community.

Peggy Burkacki

## PALM CROSS WORKSHOP



Palm Cross Workshop April 8th 10am. Please mark your calendars so you remember the Palm Cross workshop on Saturday April 8th at 10am. Come and join a group of fellow parishioners as they fold and shape the palms into crosses. It is a time of fellowship and fun that lasts about an hour. We hope to see you there.

The Altar Guild

## CHURCH MOUSE TAILS

Daylight savings time starts on March 12<sup>th</sup> so don't forget to move your clock ahead one hour before you go to bed. Don't want to be late for church.

Thanks to Debra Zimmerman and Jim Mackey who gave the utility carts in the undercroft a fresh coat of paint. The girl suggested that the wheels be painted red, but nobody paid any attention to that. Such a silly girl!

A big shout out to Linda Beharry for the great job she did coordinating the brunch at the Annual Meeting. She had lots of good helpers.

There is now heat in the Sunday school area and our little friends won't be freezing on Sunday mornings.

I have been told by a reliable source that during Lent we will be using the Book of Common Prayer for services.

It's so sad when we lose a good friend. Rest in Peace Myrt Benlein.

We are going to bury the “Alleluia” for Lent. But they will be back on Easter when we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord.

The girl wants me to tell you that any mistakes found in the Pace are my fault.



There are as many ways to pray as there are moments in life. Sometimes we seek out a quiet spot and want to be alone, sometimes we look for a friend and want to be together. Sometimes we like a book, sometimes we prefer music. Sometimes we want to sing out with hundreds, sometimes only whisper with a few. Sometimes we want to say it with words, sometimes with a deep silence.

In all these moments, we gradually make our lives more of a prayer and we open our hands to be led by God even to places we would rather not go. ~ *Henri Nouwen*



### Birthdays in March 2017

Fallon Dodds	6
Shaylee Frazier	12
Sandra Wesley	15
Elizabeth Estep	16
Ray Newyear	16
Karla Zargari	19
Walt Iliff	23
Debra Zimmerman	23
James Mackey	28



### Anniversaries in March

Pat & Dave Webster	3
Margaret & Harry Dodds	24



We have just said good-bye and thank you to our winter Choir Interns

We appreciated their participation in our services and especially the special music they prepared and presented during two of our services.



From left to right  
 Mother Rose Anne Lonsway, Gina Kucmanic, Alannah Georgian, Catharine Baek,  
 Michael Czubaj, Zac Fromme, Scott Arra, Music Director

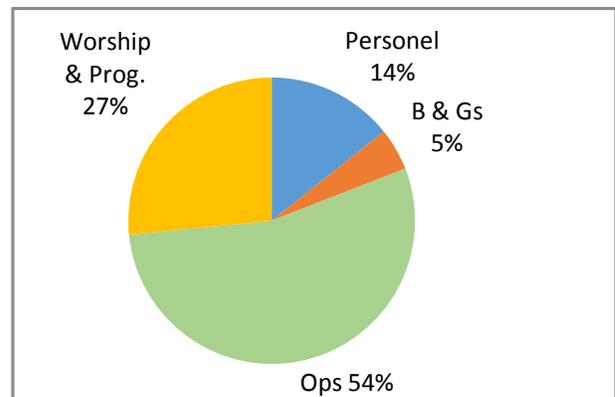
## Operating Fund Interim Report -- thru end of January 2017

<u>Income</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Pledge and Plate Contributions	\$6,634.43	\$6,999.67	-\$365.24
Other Income	\$463.00	\$393.75	\$69.25
Transfer from Grace Woods Capital Fund	\$10,000.00	\$11,455.83	-\$1,455.83
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$17,097.43</b>	<b>\$18,849.25</b>	<b>-\$1,751.82</b>
 <b><u>Expenses</u></b>			
Personel	\$3,692.84	\$3,161.67	\$531.17
Buildings and Grounds	\$1,236.36	\$1,233.34	\$3.02
Operations	\$14,037.63	\$10,452.91	\$3,584.72
Worship and Programs	\$6,856.36	\$3,273.74	\$3,582.62
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$25,823.19</b>	<b>\$18,121.66</b>	<b>\$7,701.53</b>
<b>Excess/Deficit</b>	<b>-\$8,725.76</b>	<b>\$727.59</b>	<b>-\$9,453.35</b>

Income



Expenses



### Treasurer's Report

As you can see our expenses this month showed a large overage from our budget. We made our property tax payment for the year as well as a yearly contract that gives a 5% discount if paid in full. This with other quarterly payments has expenses well above normal. These should come down next month.

*Harry Dodds, Treasurer*

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## READINGS FOR THE DAY

March 5  
The First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7  
Psalm 32  
Romans 5:12-19  
Matthew 4:1-11

March 12  
The Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 12:1-4a  
Psalm 121  
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17  
John 3:1-17

March 19  
The Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 17:1-7  
Psalm 95  
Romans 5:1-11  
John 4:5-42

March 26  
The Fourth Sunday in Lent

1 Samuel 16:1-13  
Psalm 23  
Ephesians 5:8-14  
John 9:1-41