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9:00 a.m. to 3pm

Monday - Friday

## Children's Christian Education

### School is out for the Summer

Team Teaching by :

Karla Zargari

Tiffany Parks

Debbie Zimmerman

April Frazier

Lynn Kramp

Bobbin Davis

Charlotte Stodt

Deadline for next *Pace*  
is Sunday, June 18, 2017



June, 2017

# The *Pace* of Grace

## From the Rector:



The forecast for summer does not seem to project a lazy summer for us here at Grace! Many of our teams continue their work as they remain on the lookout for what the Holy Spirit has in store for us, continuing to discern and implement God's mission for Grace Church. The Vestry will be working on updating our Grace Mission Statement so that it reflects

who we are and where we are heading as a community of faith. The Little Feet project is off to a flying start, which is a very good thing, as we are adding a second school this year. In keeping with our Diocesan Bicentennial Celebrations, we are aiming for 200 shoes this year. The various teams are as busy as they are.

When you get the chance, please thank our retiring Sunday School Director, Bobbin Davis, for her faithful and loving service to our children and our other teachers. Through Bobbin's leadership, we have a Sunday School that not only meets, but exceeds expectations. Bobbin, thank you!

Thanks as well to the other teachers who give so much time and love to our kiddo's and support to one another. We are blessed to have such dedicated and talented teachers. Thank you!!

Our choir is officially done for the summer; however, I have heard that we will have an informal "pick-up" choir in the summer months. They will not vest or process, but will help us make a joyful, musical noise to the Lord. Thank you, choir and Scott, for your loyal and uplifting service.

We will soon be seeing a new face here at Grace. I am delighted to tell you that Bishop Hollingsworth has given his blessing to a plan that will allow us to share a Deacon with St. Christopher's by the River, Gates Mills. The Rev. Lydia Bailey, Mother Ann Kidder and I are looking to

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## Officers & Rector:

**Dave Zimmerman**

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**Larry Seymour**

*Junior Warden*

**Harry Dodds**

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**Judith Stafanick**

*Clerk*

**The Rev. Rose Anne Lonsway,**  
*Rector*

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## ***Looking Ahead***



June 3 – Myrt Benlein Memorial Service at 11am



June 4 – Pentecost – wear red – Teacher Appreciation Day – Last day for the choir



ECW Board Meeting at 9:30am – Contact Jeanne Schupp for information



June 11 – Blessings of the Bikes at Grace at 2pm



June 14 – Flag Day



June 17 – Willoughby Outdoor Market 8a – noon



June 18 – Father's Day  
Grace in the Garden – Outside Eucharist at 6pm



June 21 – First Day of Summer



June 24 – Martha Key Memorial service at 11am



June 26 – Host the meal at McKinley Community Outreach Center – 4:30pm

## From the Rector: continued

how we can provide space for Lydia to fully live out her diaconal vocation. I believe that there is much that Lydia can lead us to and through as we reach out to be Christ's hands and feet to our neighbors. Lydia has written an article that was published in the Cleveland Plain Dealer and Cleveland.com which gives a beautiful picture of who The Rev. Lydia Bailey is and what she stands for in this world. See the end of this column for a link to the article and Lydia's picture. We are close to establishing a date when Lydia will be with us. I anticipate it will be in the next month or so. We are so fortunate to have this opportunity and I can't wait for you all to have the joy of getting to know this shining example of God's light in the world. I have to say that my heart remains heavy over the news we continue to hear in the world and my "Lord have mercy" sighs continue at the tragedies that continue to unfold in our country and abroad. As I pray for peace, human respect and civility, I become more and more convinced that we, as the hands and feet of Christ must find the courage to tell our stories in our community, to help people know there is hope in this world and to find ways to expose children to the light of Christ and the hope that is found in him. It appears that I am not the only one thinking that. Once again one of my favorite thinkers has provided the words that sometimes elude me. Bishop Steven Charleston says:

"Speak your heart, for there are many waiting to hear you. You may not think of yourself as someone with something to say, someone with a message, but you are. In this moment you may have the single most important message anyone can receive. Your faith, your hope, your kindness can be exactly what others are wanting to finally hear. A quiet word in a room of shouts, a gentle blessing repeatedly spoken. It does not matter how you say it. It only matters that you say it. Speak your heart. Share your love. Let what you see and what you say become a voice of healing."

Together, with the help of Holy Spirit, we can bring Bishop Charleston's words to life in our community and our neighborhood. We, the

people of Grace, have the resources, the ability and I believe the desire to be the voice of love and hope in this crazy and sometimes scary world, the voice that says, "I will with God's help"!

Here is the link to Deacon Lydia's article and her picture!

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M. Rose Anne

## WORSHIP

The Lenten program was reviewed and everyone who attended liked it. The new Stations of the Cross were well received and there is some thought to making them a permanent part of the church. We didn't have a Saturday Vigil here and we will give some thought whether or not we have a Vigil next year.

The palm cross workshop was a success. Our Easter service was wonderful with visitors, music, flowers and pew torches. The children then enjoyed an Easter egg hunt after the service.

There was a baptism on May 21.

June 3 there will be a memorial service for Myrt Benlein.

Pentecost on June 4 the children will process in and out with streamers. We will wear red, have red balloon bouquets and red flowers. It will be Teacher Appreciation Day. It will also be the last day for the Choir. There will be a "pick-up" choir over the summer.

The ECW Board meeting is June 10 at Grace. Blessings of the Bikes will be June 11 at 2pm on the front parking lot.

The Wednesday Eucharist will be at 11am for the time being.

The Grace in the Garden Eucharist will be at 6pm on June 18, July 16 and August 20.

Bobbin Davis will share when the Study Group is out for the summer. May 21 was the last day for Sunday School. Next "Team" meeting is June 13 at 7pm and as said before, "no experience is necessary" to join the "Team".

Submitted by: *Judy Stafanick*

## EVANGELISM

Our "Team" is gathering information on welcoming new people to Grace Church. If you have any ideas, please contact someone on the Evangelism Team. The "Team" worked together with the Outreach Team at the Willoughby Outdoor Market in May to provide a presence and information about Grace Church to the market shoppers. The day was on the cool side so we didn't have as much traffic as usual, but we did have some visitors and people who took information about Grace Church with them. We got to meet some new people from other booths and Linda Beharry even made friends with the rooster from the booth across the way. Thank you to everyone who helped out on our first market day. There are more opportunities to help out on July 23, August 26, September 23 and October 21. There is a sign-up sheet in the library if you would like to donate some of your time to this ministry. New volunteers are always needed and welcomed to help with coffee hour and Bakers and Takers. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Peggy Burkacki or the office. Join us at our next meeting on Sunday June 4th after the 10:00am service in the lounge.

*Peggy Burkacki*

## SENIOR WARDEN REFLECTIONS

**Vestry Retreat** - A Vestry retreat was held on May 13<sup>th</sup> from 9am until 4pm. Breckenridge graciously allowed us to use the Card Room at Grace Woods in the building directly across from the rectory. Mother Rose Anne plus Vestry members: Linda Beharry, Tony Frazier, Pat Newyear, Deb Zimmerman (my sister) and myself Dave Zimmerman were in attendance. Kathy Illif and Larry Seymour were unable to attend.

We discussed the Vestry as a ministry of the church and how we define our roles. The discussion of our roles led into the vision we have of the church's ministry. We ended with thoughts on previous Mission Statements and what Grace's should look like today. The meeting ended with the goal of bringing Kathy and Larry up to speed and clarifying Grace's Mission Statement. The Vision and Mission Statement need to be in alignment. Once the Vestry has finalized the Vision and Mission Statement we will share our results with the congregation. This will be an ongoing work-in-progress.

All of us felt the time was well spent and we thanked Mother Rose Anne for preparing a productive program. One of the major benefits of the Retreat was building our Christian community through relationships. We also had many laughs throughout the day.

David Zimmerman, Senior Warden

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

## VESTRY MEETING MAY 16, 2017

The meeting was opened with prayer, the agenda was presented and Lectio Divina followed.

**Eagle Scout Project** Jackson Luck, Boy Scout from Pack 185, joined the Vestry to let them know that his Eagle Scout project was

almost completed. His project was moving stones in the downstairs play area to give us more grass space. Jackson was able to get a donation of the dirt and the sod from the South High School football field renovations for a minimal amount of money.

**The February financial reports** were approved and accepted.

**Counters** The procedures for the "Counters" were revised by Harry Dodds and shared with the counters. The openings for counters were filled.

**Long Range Planning Committee.** It was proposed we have a permanent Long Range Planning Committee. A sub-group consisting of Vestry members (Linda Beharry, Tony Frazier, David Zimmerman) will meet to form the committee and report back to the Vestry at the next meeting.

**The Junior Warden** - Larry Seymour, was absent so Mother Rose Anne shared some of the projects: Grass cutting, the purchase of carpet for the Nave, which is on hold, and, the lighting in the chapel area.

**Rector Report** - Mother Rose Anne shared that there will be a baptism on May 21. Bobbin Davis has resigned as Sunday School Director and the search will commence for a new director. Grace Church will be at the Willoughby Outdoor Market one Saturday a month for the duration of the market. At the Pentecost service on June 4 the Sunday School teachers will be recognized. There will be a memorial service for Myrt Benlein on June 3 and a memorial service for Martha and Jim Key on June 24. Bikes will be blessed June 11 at Grace. Pastor Currier of WAMA is making an effort to get the area churches to work together. Mother Rose Anne will be going to Brazil in October and we will need a supply priest on October 8 and 15.

**Holy Currencies** will meet at Grace on May 31 with the four other participating churches in the Diocese.

**Worship** – the Wednesday Eucharist will be at 11am. We will see if the children are available to be on the altar more during the summer. ECW will meet and have their board meeting at Grace on June 10. We will plan Grace in the Garden Eucharist services for

Sunday June 18, July 16 and August 20 at 6pm.

**The Pastoral Care Team** is still contacting people

The meeting was adjourned with closing prayer by Debra Zimmerman.

Submitted by: *Judy Stafanick, Clerk of Vestry*

## OUTREACH

### **Little Feet**

Our Little Feet campaign is now underway. You can find envelopes in the pews for contributions if you so choose. Anyone wishing to make a donation please make your check payable to Grace Episcopal Church and add "Little Feet" to the memo line on the check. Our Foundation will match donations from the congregation up to \$500. What a generous gift. Cash donations can be given to any of our Outreach Team members, Mother Rose Anne or Judy in the office. If you prefer not to give a donation, your prayers are most welcome. All contributions are so gratefully appreciated.

### **Lake County Community Network (LCCN)**

The LCCN fundraiser was held on Friday evening, May 19<sup>th</sup> at St. Gabrielle Church. The event was very well attended and a lot of fun. There were so many beautiful baskets filled with so many great items for the Chinese auction drawing. Yummy sloppy joes and hot dogs, fruit and veggie plates and homemade cookies were available for purchase also. Proceeds from the food alone cleared over \$700. The Wine Pull consisted of over 50 bottles of wine, all were sold. A good time was had by all. The proceeds go to LCCN's operating costs so that the good works they do can continue. So many families in Lake County are helped each year. (Also, LCCN is looking for volunteers to work in the office. You can call Melina at 440-946-9029 if you have an interest.) Many thanks to all who participated.

### **McKinley Community Outreach Center**

We will provide a meal to the McKinley guests on Monday evening, June 26 from 5:30 to

6:30. All are welcome to participate in the planning, prep and serving of the meal. More information to follow.

Please join us at our Outreach Team meetings the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 in the lounge. June 6 will be the next meeting. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide us as we reach out to those who are in need.

Peace and Blessings.

Kathy Hill, Outreach Team Chair

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Bobbin Davis has retired as Director of the Grace Sunday School. Her many years of dedication and hard work helped made the Sunday School grow and prosper. Bobbin did Chapel Time for the children of the Day Care for a few years before working with the Sunday School and then becoming the Director. A mere "thank you" hardly seems enough, but we do thank you.

## ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

If you are and cleaning drawers and have stuff accumulated 20 years or remember



downsizing out closets, cupboards, that has for the last more, please our annual

rummage sale because we will take your treasurers. Our "Annual Rummage Sale" will be on Saturday, September 9. If you wish to contribute this year, please place your contributions in the blue carpeted area next to the fellowship hall (undercroft). This year we **WILL NOT ACCEPT any electronics such as computers, TV's, answering machines,**

**etc.** If you need to have items picked up, please call Walt Iliff at 440-241-9218.

Remember one man's junk is another man's treasure. ~ Walt Iliff,

*Supervisor of homeless things*

## GRACE IN THE GARDEN



Eucharist Services in the Grace Garden on Sunday June 18, July 16 and August 20 at 6pm. Bring a chair and a friend.

## CHURCH MOUSE TAILS

Memorial Day is more than picnics and garden sales. It is a time to remember those who gave their lives so that we can have picnics and go to the garden sales.

Jackson Luck seems like a really nice kid who is on his way to being an Eagle Scout. For his project he brought some of the sod from the end zone at the South High School football field to live on at Grace Church.

I looked up and who do I see? Bob Grubb looking back at me. Bob was up here from Florida for a short visit and stopped in to say Hi and sit a spell in his old chair in the office. Always good to see him although I don't think he knows me.

Good to see all the stuff that has been contributed to the Confirmation Class project to collect 200 toddler items they will take to the McKinley Center's infant and toddler room.

The girl went to the Lake County Community Network's fundraiser with Kathy Hill and the Burkacki's and a good time was had by all. So, I'm thinking people should get together and go next year. After all it is for a good cause.

If you missed the UTO In-gathering, I'm sure Jeanne Schupp would still be more than happy to take your Blue Box, if you were to ask her really nice.

Thanks Ms. Bobbin for a job well done.



## MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



### Birthdays in June

Chris Burke	2
Kathy Hill	2
Norman Reed	2
Aidan Seyler	16
Jennifer Lonsway	17
Tiler Nash	19
Harold Turley	19
Scott Arra	24
Fern Allen	25
Greg Mackey	26
Noah Seymour	26
Jean Plesnicher	28
Shirley Wilkes	29



### Anniversaries in June

Elizabeth & Jeff Estep	3
Gayle & Tony Benigar	14
Pat & Ray Newyear	25
Debbie & Dave Zimmerman	27

## EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT



Jackson Luck, Boy Scout with Troup 185, has completed his Eagle Scout project at Grace Church. He proposed that the stoned, playground area in the lower level be made smaller to add more

grassy area for the parish to use and enjoy. Jackson was able to recycle sod from the South High School football field end zone, instead of buying and using grass seed. Dirt was also available for a minimal amount of money. Jackson's family and friends came with shovels and rakes and had the project completed in two evenings. The sod will need to be watered, which Jackson will do, to give it a good start. Thank you Jackson Luck, Boy Scout, for a job well done.

## REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE



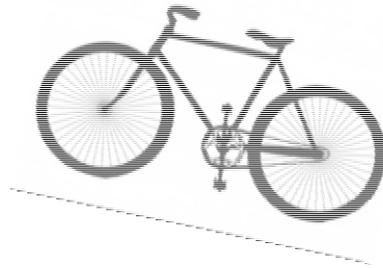
Plastics litter our cities and oceans, and growing evidence shows how they contribute to health problems in humans and animals. By 2050, there will be more plastic than fish in the world's oceans! Plastic coagulates into great floating "garbage patches" that cover large areas of the Pacific. Plastics wash up on beaches and can be found in the stomachs of more than half the world's sea turtles and nearly all of its marine birds. If plastic pollution was bagged up and arranged across all of the world's shorelines, we could build a plastic wall around every shoreline and the sea. This is a problem we can help solve by cleaning up plastic trash, drastically reducing the amount of plastic used and recycling 100% of the rest. **From Earth Day Network**



The cat is in the bag.

Love God.  
Love your neighbor.  
Change the world.

# **BLESSING OF THE BIKES – MOTOR AND PEDAL**



**SUNDAY, JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup> AT 2PM**  
**in the front parking lot of**

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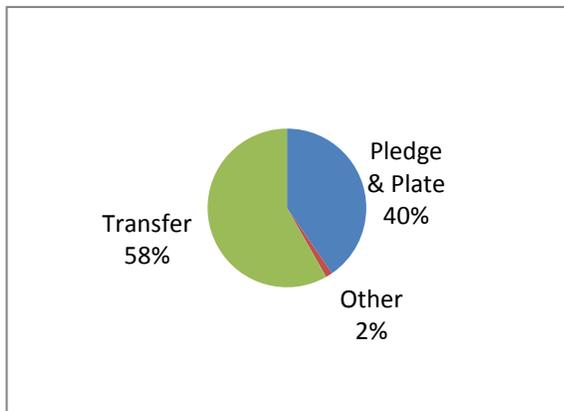
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**The Rev. Rose Anne Lonsway, Rector**

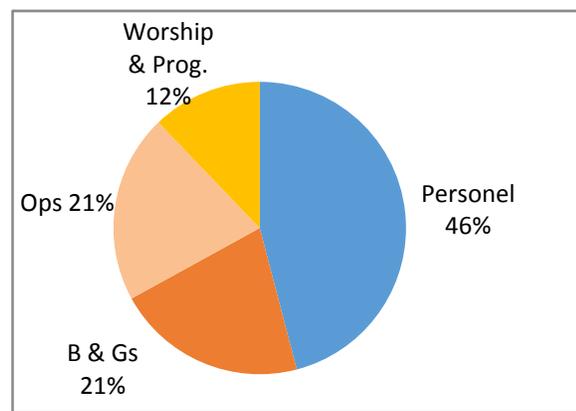
## Operating Fund Interim Report -- thru end of April, 2017

<u>Income</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Pledge and Plate Contributions	\$34,679.70	\$28,338.64	\$6,341.06
Other Income	\$1,180.00	\$1,575.00	-\$395.00
Transfer from Grace Woods Capital Fund	\$50,000.00	\$45,823.32	\$4,176.68
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$85,859.70</b>	<b>\$75,736.96</b>	<b>\$10,122.74</b>
 <b><u>Expenses</u></b>			
Personnel	\$38,361.05	\$37,045.00	\$1,316.05
Buildings and Grounds	\$17,588.51	\$11,066.64	\$6,521.87
Operations	\$17,408.36	\$17,966.68	-\$558.32
Worship and Programs	\$10,162.16	\$6,386.68	\$3,775.48
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$83,520.08</b>	<b>\$72,465.00</b>	<b>\$11,055.08</b>
<b>Excess/Deficit</b>	<b>\$2,339.62</b>	<b>\$3,271.96</b>	<b>-\$932.34</b>

Income



Expenses



Treasurer's Report  
 Our expenses to date are in line.  
*Harry Dodds, Treasurer*

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## READINGS FOR THE DAY

June 4  
THE DAY OF PENTECOST  
Whitsunday

Acts 2:1-21  
Psalm 104:25-35, 37  
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13  
John 20:19-23

June 11  
The First Sunday after Pentecost  
TRINITY SUNDAY

Genesis 1:1-2:4a  
Psalm 8  
2 Corinthians 13:11-13  
Matthew 28:16-20

June 18 – Father’s Day  
Proper 6

Exodus 19:2-8a  
Psalm 100  
Romans 5:1-8  
Matthew 9:35-10:8(9-23)

June 25  
Proper 7

Jeremiah 20:7-13  
Psalm 69:8-11, (12-17), 18-20  
Romans 6:1b-11  
Matthew 10:24-39