

The PACE is published by

Grace Episcopal Church  
36200 Ridge Rd.  
Willoughby, OH 44094  
Phone: (440) 942-1015

E-mail:  
Office@GraceWilloughby.org

Web Site  
<http://GraceWilloughby.org>



“Like us on Facebook”

Church Office Hours  
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, July 16, 2017



July, 2017

# The *Pace* of Grace

## From the Rector:



We have had a very busy and productive year so far. The Little Feet project is off to a great start. We have studied together, worked together and played together. There is much being accomplished by some very busy and dedicated people! You can read all about it in the articles in this PACE so I will not repeat it here. I will only say THANK YOU to all of you

who present Jesus to the world through your actions. You are awesome! In order to recharge for the work yet to be done, most of the teams that plan and carry out our ministries are taking the month of July off for well-deserved rest and relaxation. If you are not sure if your team is meeting, please check with the office before you show up.

You may have heard that our Jr. Warden, Larry Seymour, has resigned from the Vestry because of work and school obligations. When you see Larry, please thank him for the outstanding work he has done in this role. Much has been accomplished through his knowledge and dedication. Larry has promised to continue to help where he can as his schedule allows and we so appreciate that. The Vestry is currently looking for someone, to fill Larry's remaining term. I ask you to prayerfully consider who may be the "one" to take this on and let us know. We want to have the person identified by the August Vestry meeting. Are you the "one"? Volunteers cheerfully accepted!

On another note, I ran across an article that really got me to thinking. Peter S. Hawkins, an educator at Yale Divinity School, wrote an article in Christian Century magazine titled *Conjuring God*. The article tells of a weekend in his younger days and his experience with Jesus and of all things a Ouija Board! Yes, the forbidden contact with the spirits brought him a profound message that, regardless of the method, caught my heart and soul. After a lengthy debate with himself about whether or not to participate, Peter did and asked the question "Who is Jesus Christ?" The answer he got was

(Continued inside)

## Officers & Rector:

**Dave Zimmerman**

*Senior Warden*

*Junior Warden*

**Harry Dodds**

*Treasurer*

**Judith Stafanick**

*Clerk*

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

## Inside this Pace:

### **This & That**

- *Worship*
- *Evangelism*
- *Sr. Warden Reflections*
- *Vestry*
- *Outreach*
- *Book Study*
- *Rummage Sale*
- *New News*

### **Monthly Finances**

### **Calendars**

### **Lessons / Readings**

---

## **Looking Ahead**



July 4 – Independence Day – Happy Birthday America!

Independence Day, also referred to as the Fourth of July or July Fourth, is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence 241 years ago on July 4, 1776.



July 8 – Bill Hutchinson turns 100 years old!



July 16 –Grace in the Garden – 6pm



July 22 – Willoughby Outdoor Market 8a – noon

## From the Rector: continued

“He is the lens in the dark box”! He goes on to say;” I was taken someplace I wouldn’t have gone on my own. I was blindsided by the Holy Spirit. Not that I should have been entirely surprised by the weirdness of the context, for isn’t the Word of the Lord invariably spoken in impossible and inappropriate places: to an ancient couple with an old woman’s barren womb, in a death valley crowded with bones that are very dry, to a girl from nowhere like Nazareth, at a public execution? Is anything too absurd or too embarrassing for the Lord?

Or is anything too metaphorical? Are any of Jesus’ names other than mysteries spelled out in letters, concealed in syllables and symbols? John the Baptist wonders if he is the “one who is to come.” Peter confesses him in one Gospel to be the Messiah, in another to be the Holy One of God. For others he was Master, Rabbi, Son of David, Son of Man, Son of God, King of the Jews – “the lily of the valley, the bright and morning star, the fairest of ten thousand. And what did he call himself, (with echoes of the divine) ‘I am what I am’ [Exod. 3:14]? ‘I am the bread that comes down from heaven,’ ‘I am the light of the word,’ ‘I am the way, the truth, the life.’

But for me, having asked ‘Who is Jesus Christ’, in a highly improbable setting, he is first and foremost the lens in the dark box. He is the imaginable focus who enables me to conjure the unimaginable God. He is the human prism in whom a transcendent divine light becomes a set of shoulders overturning a table of money changers, a finger writing in the dust, a back being scourged, a voice in extremis crying out the words of a psalm. He is an aperture, an opening up of a darkness I cannot fathom. He is at

one God’s question and God’s answer. He is the lens in the dark box.”

Wow! The lens in the dark box, the one who shows us God the creator, God the redeemer, God the sustainer, our all in all, our guide and our salvation. I urge you to take the time to ask “Who is Jesus Christ? Who is Jesus to you? I anticipate some amazing answers!

Mother Rose Anne

## WORSHIP

The June 13<sup>th</sup> Worship Team meeting was cancelled due to lack of attendance. It has also been decided that the Worship Team will not meet in July. The Next meeting will be August 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Everyone is invited to join us and see and learn what all goes into planning services as we go through the church calendar. Remember, no experience is necessary.

Submitted by: *Judy Stafanick*

## EVANGELISM

Volunteers are needed to help out at the Willoughby Outdoor Market in July, August, September, and October. You don’t have to be there for the full 4 hours, just whatever time you can give. It’s a great way to meet friends, old and new, and let others know who we are. Sign up on the bulletin board above the coffee hour table or call me (Peggy) at 440-975-1496.

A big “thank you” to Phil Davis for having our outside sign ready well before the Blessing of the Bike’s held in our front parking lot. And, to Cathy Nash for making a sign to go on the table we use at the Willoughby Outdoor Market.

Adult Education Classes exploring our Episcopal faith will start at the end of July. These classes will serve as the education

needed if you desire to be confirmed (adults), renew your faith profession or be received into the Episcopal Church when Bishop Persell visits in October. There will be 10 classes lasting 1 ½ hours each. Please let Mother Rose Anne know if you are interested.

The Evangelism Team **will not** have a monthly meeting in July. However, we will still be working on projects to reach out to our community and inward to our parish, continuing to spread God's love. Our next meeting will be on Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> after the 10am service. David Ivey will be joining us for this meeting.

*Peggy Burkacki*

## SENIOR WARDEN STUFF

**Long Term Facility Planning** - Since the last Vestry meeting we at Grace are developing a group of professionals to determine the long-term planning goals of our facility. At the Building and Grounds meeting in June an initial group was formed to include: Harry Dodds, Tony Frazier, Josh Shaffer, and David Webster. As with all of our "Teams" this is an open group. My part is primarily as Senior Warden.

We determined a need for a Capital Reserve Study as a basis for moving ahead with long-term planning. We are truly trying to be proper Stewards/Managers of God's gracious gifts. Pray for us as we attempt to discern God's will for our facility.

By the time you read this we will have had a meeting on June 25<sup>th</sup> after the 10am service. You will be kept informed of our progress.

David Zimmerman  
Senior Warden

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

## VESTRY MEETING JUNE 20, 2017

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

### **Eagle Scout Projects**

- Mark Zussman presented his Eagle Scout project. He will update and stain the fence in the overlook area, move the picnic table, build four benches for this area, remove the stones and replace with dirt and grass seed. He asked the church for a donation of \$200 to go along with his fundraising.
- Vince Covelli presented his Eagle Scout project. He will finish the Eagle Scout project started last year by building in-ground stairs at the top and bottom of the project and make them 12" stairs. He asked the church for a donation of \$500 to go along with his fundraising.

Kathy Hill asked that the last of the approved 2017 contribution to McKinley be made available in the amount of \$5,000.

Amy Cossick – Lake Geauga Habitat for Humanity presented the project Apostles Build to Grace Church for consideration in the future.

The Minutes and Treasurer's Reports from May were accepted.

### **Senior Warden – David Zimmerman**

Presented the Long Range Planning Committee and Capital Reserve Study and discussion of both followed.

David shared that Larry Seymour has resigned from the Vestry and Junior Warden and a replacement will have to be found.

**The Junior Warden** - Larry Seymour has resigned as Junior Warden and Dave Zimmerman will ask him where the proposed projects stand. The old chest freezer has been disposed of and Mother Rose Anne donated a freezer which will be in the furnace

room and will be locked. The Grace Woods landscaper has agreed to mow the Overlook, rectory and picnic areas.

**Rector Report** - St. Luke's asked for support of their Belize Science Success Program which will be forwarded to the Foundation. Hope Over Heroin – the Vestry was asked to look over the information. We will try to find grants for a new user friendly front sign. There will be a Bike Blessing at McKinley on Monday, June 26, 2017. The Ohio Living Hospice service was well received. The ECW luncheon was a success. IT Team is looking for a consultant. Mother Rose Anne is a new member of Lake Health Spiritual Care Advisory Board and Ohio Living Homecare & Hospice Professional Advisory Committee.

**Holy Currencies** had a joint meeting with four other churches in the Diocese that participated in Holy Currencies to plan and share how to best incorporate this program.

**Evangelism** – the Willoughby Outdoor Market presence is going well.

**The Pastoral Care Team** – a meal was taken to Pat & Ray Newyear.

There is **no** Vestry meeting in July. The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 15.

The meeting was adjourned with closing prayer by DaveZimmerman.

Submitted by: *Judy Stafanick, Clerk of Vestry*

## OUTREACH

### **Little Feet**

Conversations with Edison and Grant Elementary Schools and JCPenny are ongoing. JCPenny is communicating with their corporate office to ensure they will be ready with shoes when the shopping date is determined and scheduled. Our first grant application was sent last week and Toni Swisher is pursuing other grant opportunities. Our Little Feet account totals just over \$3,000. Thank you all for your donations and for your prayers.

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

The LCCN fundraiser was held on Friday evening, May 19th at St. Gabrielle Church. The event was very well attended and a lot of fun. At this time, proceeds were about \$9,300. Again, 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 5:30p to 6:30p, following the Blessing of the Bikes. Walt will bring his grill. Burgers/cheese burgers, dogs/chili dogs will be served along with chips, water melon, and cookies. Toni Swisher is preparing pasta salad. Thank you Toni. Sounds good, doesn't it?

### **Rummage Sale**

We have begun to sort and price items for the rummage sale. We have a lot of good stuff this year. We can use a few more hands to help us out. We will let you know when we have our next sorting/pricing session. Thanks to all who have already contributed items and helped with this organizing session.

Please join us at our Outreach Team meetings the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00p in the lounge. The next meeting will be August 1 as we are taking off the month of July.

Peace and Blessings.

Kathy Hill  
Outreach Team Chair

## BOOK STUDY

The Wednesday Book Study is taking a vacation for part of the summer beginning in July. We will be starting back up again in mid-August. Please stay tuned for the date, which has not been set as of this writing. We plan to take some trips to various sites. We are going to Kirtland to see and learn about the Mormon Church. We also hope to go to tea soon as well. If you have a suggestion of an interesting place, please let us know. All are welcome to any or all of our outings.

*Bobbin Davis*

## NEMAC

The third quarter meeting for NEMAC will be held on Wednesday, July 19th at 6pm at Grace, Willoughby. We will share an update on both the Belize and the Phelps Street Projects and discuss the past Human Trafficking Program, which was held at Grace, and determine our future involvement moving forward. Two possible programs on "Bridges Out of Poverty" and "Community Assessment" are currently tabled. If you are interested in hearing more about these projects, NEMAC meetings are open to all interested parish members. In addition to the above projects, we will also hear from about the following:

Council News & Updates - The Rev Ann Kidder  
The Council on Racial Understanding - The Rev Lisa O'Rear

Margaret Dodds  
Council Chair

## ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

Are you cleaning out attics, garages, closets, drawers and cupboards, have stuff that has accumulated for the last 20 years or so, please remember our annual rummage sale because we will take your treasures. Our "Annual Rummage Sale" will be on Saturday, September 9. If you have stuff 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 stuff

## GRACE IN THE GARDEN



Our next Eucharist Service in the Grace Garden will be Sunday July at 6pm. Bring a chair and a friend.

## ADDRESS UPDATE

Phyllis and Don Speidel, long time members of Grace Church and regular attenders of the Sunday 8am service, have a change of address. Please update your parish directory and if you would like to send them a card, their address follows:

Speidel  
Symphony of Olmsted Falls  
25880 Elm St.  
Olmsted Falls, OH 44138

## UNITED THANK OFFERING

The Spring In-Gathering of the United Thank Offerings was \$380.91. Please notice the penny. They are all important – whether it is daily, or a couple of time a week, or suddenly reminded, our thankfulness is lifted to God and our blessings are sent out to do good to others, wherever the need is great.

*Jeanne Schupp*

## HELP WANTED

We have openings for ushers and greeters. We have people who usher two or three times a month. Please take the summer to prayerfully consider taking on this ministry. You will be thoroughly trained and paired with someone who knows the ropes. If you are interested in this position, please let the office know so arrangements can be made for training. If you have any questions about the responsibilities of the usher/greeter, Charlotte Stoldt is a good person to answer any questions you might have.

## PRESCRIPTION BOTTLES



Thanks to everyone who donated empty prescription bottles and over the counter bottles. Also thanks to Elizabeth Estep for her donation of many 7 day pill boxes. We far exceeded our goal of 200 in celebration of the 200 year Anniversary of the Diocese. 183 Rx bottles, 72 over the counter bottles and 195 pill boxes were mailed to

**Matthew25Ministries**  
**11060 Kenwood Road**  
**Cincinnati OH 45242**

They then distribute to poor, rural areas where patients are given meds but need something to carry them home in to keep them dry and safe. Most are sent to places in South America but some are used in the USA.

There are two more final boxes to be mailed. This is complete as a Grace Church project but if you would like to continue doing this on your own, please send to above address.

*Toni Swisher*

***God loves you. No exceptions.***

## JULY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



### **Birthdays in July**

Marilyn Taylor	1
Margaret Dodds	4
Tony Frazier	5
Bill Hutchinson	8
Jamie Seymour	8
Michelle Crowley	17
Paula Smith	20
Ken Hughes	22
Savannah Sumph	24



### **Anniversaries in July**

Courtney & Josh Werling	1
Sue & Jerry Mancino	13
Beverly & Kenneth Schutt	27

## CHURCH MOUSE TAILS

With all the "Teams" taking the month of July off, I guess I'm in charge.

Who do we know that is 241 years old? America, that's who! Happy Birthday America!

Thanks to Harry Dodds and Dave Zimmerman for moving the old chest freezer to the dumpster and moving in the freezer that belonged to Mother Rose Anne's mother. We can always count on the old guys to get things done.

The girl has seen Sandi Pandy who continues her long, long recovery and she thanks everyone for their prayers.

We celebrated the life of Martha Key who was the longest standing parish member of Grace

Church with a beautiful service and great food. I never got to meet Martha but I hear she was a really nice lady and she and the girl were good friends. The girl was blessed.

Bill Hutchinson will be 100 years old on July 8. I should look that good when I'm 100. Happy birthday big guy!

Whoever invented air conditioning, I can't thank them enough.

The Boy Scouts are going to be working on their Eagle Scout projects, and I'm going to be keeping my eye on them

Gayle Benigar had shoulder surgery. Get well soon. You have knitting to get done.

Now Judith Junda has black eyes after taking a fall in the parking lot. You gotta take care of yourself girl.

And yes. I have my eye on that cat!



The cat is still in the bag.

Love God.  
Love your neighbor.  
Change the world.

### Blessing of the Bikes – June 11, 2017

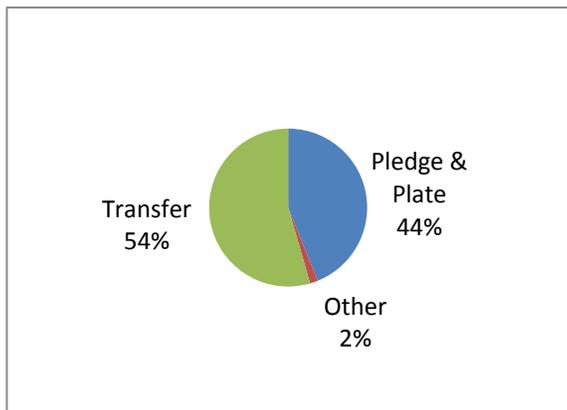


Innocent by-sitter

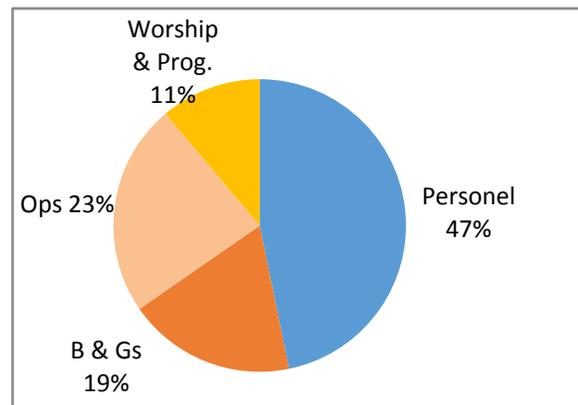
## Operating Fund Interim Report -- thru end of May 2017

<u>Income</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Pledge and Plate Contributions	\$40,252.70	\$35,484.30	\$4,768.40
Other Income	\$1,480.00	\$1,968.75	-\$488.75
Transfer from Grace Woods Capital Fund	\$50,000.00	\$57,279.15	-\$7,279.15
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$91,732.70</b>	<b>\$94,732.20</b>	<b>-\$2,999.50</b>
 <b><u>Expenses</u></b>			
Personnel	\$46,759.97	\$46,306.25	\$453.72
Buildings and Grounds	\$18,536.96	\$13,983.30	\$4,553.66
Operations	\$23,501.63	\$21,283.35	\$2,218.28
Worship and Programs	\$11,136.46	\$12,314.60	-\$1,178.14
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$99,935.02</b>	<b>\$93,887.50</b>	<b>\$6,047.52</b>
<b>Excess/Deficit</b>	<b>-\$8,202.32</b>	<b>\$844.70</b>	<b>-\$9,047.02</b>

Income



Expenses



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

# GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

36200 Ridge Road  
Willoughby, OH 44094  
440-942-1015

US POSTAGE PAID  
WILLOUGHBY, OH  
PERMIT # 38

NON-PROFIT ORG.



*OR CURRENT  
RESIDENT*

Dated material  
Please deliver by July 1, 2017

## READINGS FOR THE DAY

July 2  
The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
Proper 8

Jeremiah 28:5-9  
Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18  
Romans 6:12-23  
Matthew 10:40-42

July 9  
The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
Proper 9

Zechariah 9:9-12  
Psalm 145:8-15  
Romans 7:15-25a  
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 16  
The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost  
Proper 10

Isaiah 55:10-13  
Psalm 65: (1-8), 9-14  
Romans 8:1-11  
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 23  
The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost  
Proper 11

Isaiah 44:6-8  
Psalm 86:11-17  
Romans 8:12-25  
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 30  
The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost  
Proper 12

I Kings 3:5-12  
Psalm 119:129-136  
Romans 8:26-39  
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52