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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

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Lynn Kramp

Bobbin Davis

Deadline for next *Pace* is
Sunday, August 20, 2017



August, 2017

The *Pace* of Grace

From the Rector:



The last month or so has found me asking you all to prayerfully consider meeting some needs that have arisen at Grace. We need a director for our Sunday School and someone to fill in for our vacant Junior Warden position. As unreal as it seems, our children will be returning to school in only 3 weeks! Sunday school needs to be gearing up and planning for the spiritual growth of our precious little ones. We have dedicated

teachers who have made our Sunday School an outstanding program that the children love to attend. We need someone to guide and coordinate. This is not a “Lone Ranger” job. There is on-going and generous support from teachers and parents, and lots of love from the children.

Since Larry Seymour resigned as Jr. Warden, due to heavy work load and schedule, we are in need of someone to fill the role of Jr. Warden until our Annual meeting in February 2018. The role of Jr. Warden can be a big job, overseeing the health and wellbeing of our facility and grounds. This role does not need to be a “Lone Ranger” either. There are many willing hands to get things done; the critical need is the coordinating, scheduling, and follow-up piece.

Please continue to hold these needs in prayer and dig deep to see if you are called to one of these roles. It is my desire to have these roles filled by the August 15th Vestry meeting. Please remember the mantra introduced last year: Step up; Show up; Pray! I am waiting for you.

New opportunities abound! Beginning August 13th following the 8am service, Deacon Lydia Bailey and Jane Schierloh will host a Scripture study/discussion. This is scheduled to occur monthly. Please plan to come and check it out.

The adult education class will have had its first meeting by the time you read this. If you would like to know more about Episcopal beliefs and practices, as well as getting to know more about each other, it is not too late to join. If any adults are interested in being confirmed, received into the Episcopal Church or renewing your faith commitment, these classes will get you ready for that as well. A regular meeting day and time will be selected at the first session on July 30 and announced in the weekly announcements so stay tuned!

(Continued inside)

Officers & Rector:

Dave Zimmerman

Senior Warden

Junior Warden

Harry Dodds

Treasurer

Judith Stafanick

Clerk

The Rev. Rose Anne Lonsway,
Rector

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Looking Ahead



August 19 – The first anniversary of Nik’s adoption day



August 20 – Grace in the Garden – 6pm



August 21 – Eclipse of the sun



August 26 – Willoughby Outdoor Market 8a – noon



September 4

Labor Day in the United States is a public holiday celebrated on the first Monday in September. It honors the American labor movement and the contributions that workers have made to the strength, prosperity, laws and well-being of the country.

Watching Birds



Dick Taylor (Marilyn’s son) took this photo ~ a rare species of flycatchers (beaks open) ~ seen on Lake Erie this summer.

We celebrated “BIG” birthdays this month



Jean Plesnicher turned 94 on June 28
Bill Hutchinson turned 100 on July 8

From the Rector: continued

There is another opportunity coming up that will help us serve the wider community. St. James Painesville is looking for volunteer companions to work with the unsheltered people that use Phelps Street, between St. James and Morley Library in Painesville, as their neighborhood. The companions are part of a new community catalyst project that is a public-private collaboration to offer a guided process of self-expression for the unsheltered members of the Phelps Street neighborhood to create a dedicated "neighborhood" section of Morley Library. The primary place that volunteers are being sought is from Episcopal parishes in our mission area.

The unsheltered participants will be encouraged to create a narrative describing their unique personal history from the margins of our community. Content created in this process may be spoken and/or written word, along with visual art forms or music. It is planned that their stories, told in various art forms will be publicly available at Morley library.

The volunteer companions will walk with our unsheltered neighbors during the journey of telling their story, reflecting on it and creating the narrative.

Why do this? In a request for funds for the project to the NEMAC, Mother Vanessa of St. James wrote the following description.

" People who are homeless are often viewed one-dimensionally by neighbors, community groups and public service officials. In creating a narrative, we can leverage the power of telling our story to expose our community's part in enforcing the cycle of homelessness. Engaging the public in our unsheltered neighbors' lives nurtures Painesville's barren spiritual ground to receive the gospel's transformative elements. Telling the story of Christ gives us power to transform the world toward the Kingdom of God. Telling these stories of pain, corruption and hope with integrity gives our marginalized neighbors power to impact sinful cycles of institutional injustice. The final goal of the project is to expand the sense of community and services for marginalized individuals so the library becomes not simply a building where it is safe to move out of the elements, but a place where they can continue to explore

how their life stories are reflected and extended by the stories, both personal and literary, that they can find within the library. If Morley Library can become a partner with St. James' feeding ministry of welcome and nurturing, we can effect a paradigm shift across Painesville."

The need right now is for the companion volunteers, as the initial funding has been obtained. Volunteers are asked to commit to 20 weeks of involvement. The training to be a volunteer is ten weeks and the actual volunteer-participant interaction is another ten weeks. Volunteers must be willing to commit to work with a therapist if the work with the participants causes life events, past or present, to cause the volunteer distress. There will also be a chaplain available to conduct group sessions with the volunteers and to be available for volunteer support. I will be that chaplain.

This is an opportunity to be the hands and feet of Christ in our world, to make the Gospel visible, and to meet and love our neighbor. This is no small undertaking, but if any of you feel called to this work please let me know and I will get you in touch with the program.

As a parting thought, I would like to share with you the contemplations of a member of St. James, Linda McConnell. She has tackled a question we often ask and seem to struggle with finding the answer. I think Linda got the answer exactly right and, I believe, supports the work described above. Linda writes:

"I'd like to share a prayer with you. This is one I often pray in the morning, from Phyllis Tickle's 'The Divine Hours'. 'Lord God, almighty and everlasting father, you have brought me in safety to this new day. Preserve me with your mighty power, that I may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all I do direct me to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ my Lord, Amen.' One day it struck me that this prayer doesn't request to be spared from adversity, but instead asks not to be overcome by it, and that's a distinction worth remembering. None of us escapes adversity. Problems, challenges, tragedies, grief, illness, injury, loss – all of these things are part of life in this world. It isn't a reasonable thing to ask, 'May I never suffer in this life.' Instead,

the prayer is realistic and practical. Unspoken is, 'I know adversity will come.' And the prayer's plea is, 'Let me not be overcome by it when it does.' It made me think about what Jesus meant when he promised to give us what we ask for, We all know that we could pray fervently every day, 'Please let me win the lottery' but we're still going to end up with a losing ticket instead of the millions of dollars we dream about. More seriously, we might pray for relief of financial troubles, only to have our car break down and make things worse. Maybe we plead for a loved one's healing, and it doesn't happen. So did Jesus lie to us? Of course not! He is God and God doesn't lie! I think He meant that if we pray for strength, for wisdom, for guidance, when we ask for God's grace and for His help to grow in the virtues, we can trust that he will give us those things. When we pray that we won't be overcome by adversity, He is right there with us holding us up." (See Matthew 7:7-11 for the scripture that ended this piece)

I give thanks to and for Linda and for her wonderful contemplation so generously shared.

Mother Rose Anne

WORSHIP

The Worship Committee did not meet in July. The next meeting is Tuesday, August 8 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

Even though our Evangelism Team didn't meet in July, we still kept up with our normal activities. If you are interested in deepening your faith through learning and discussion of

the Episcopal faith, classes will begin soon. If you are interested but haven't signed up yet, please contact Mother Rose Anne. There will be more information in the weekly bulletins.

We have been at the Willoughby Outdoor Market (8a – noon) three times this summer and there are three more opportunities for you to join us (August 26, September 23 and October 21). You don't have to be there the entire four hours. Any time you can give between 8am and noon will be appreciated. You just need to smile, say hello, and maybe answer a question or two.

Please let me know if you don't have a nametag, and I will make sure we get one for you.

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, August 6 after the 10am service. All parishioners are invited to join us and find out what we are up to.

Peggy Burkacki

SENIOR WARDEN STUFF

Long Term Facility Planning – The last meeting was held on Sunday, June 25th after the 10AM service. The next meeting will be on August 13th after the 10AM service. David Webster offered his professional services to provide a Capital Reserve Study of the church and rectory. We decided to accept his generous offer. Mother Rose Anne reminded us of the work the Holy Currencies has already done in identifying Holy Places and usage within the church. David will begin accumulating the necessary information provided by our Treasurer Harry Dodds between now and the next meeting. Tony Frazier has agreed to be the liaison reporting to vestry.

The Long-Term Facility Planning has begun. The decisions we make concerning our facility need to coincide with Grace's mission and ministry which is also under review. Continue to pray that our leadership may discern God's will for Grace.

Junior Warden – Thank you to Larry Seymour Junior for his service. He stepped up to the plate and accepted the role willingly.

Due to work responsibilities and some health issues Larry is forced to step down as Junior Warden.

Please pray for a qualified person to step forward and take on this important ministry before our August Vestry meeting.

David Zimmerman
Senior Warden

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

VESTRY MEETING

The Vestry took a summer break and did not meet in July. The next meeting is Tuesday, August 15 at 7pm.

Submitted by: *Judy Stafanick, Clerk of Vestry*

OUTREACH TEAM

Little Feet-

We are looking forward to scheduling the date for the kids from Edison and Grant elementary schools to shop for their shoes or boots. Our goal is to make this a year around opportunity. Your contributions and prayers are always greatly appreciated.

McKinley meal -

Our next meal to host for McKinley will be September 25. That will be the last meal for this year.

Rummage sale -

Don't forget to bring your no longer needed treasures to the carpeted area of the undercroft for the upcoming rummage sale.

The Outreach Team meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7pm in the lounge. We welcome your ideas to reach out to serve others in our community.

Peace and blessings.

Kathy Hill
Chair, Outreach Team

FORBES HOUSE

As many of you know I volunteer at Forbes House (a shelter for those suffering domestic violent situations) and fully support their efforts. I would like to invite you to help out by donating, or purchasing tickets to their annual event. If you know of a business that would like to help sponsor this event, please contact me or Forbes House.

Peggy Burkacki 440-975-1496

The Impact of Your Support

Last year's event, *Unmasking the Unspoken*, raised enough to provide 141 nights of safety for survivors and their families. This year we hope to increase that number! Your support truly makes a difference in the lives of individuals in Lake County. During our annual campaign in 2016, we shared that \$30 buys four helpline calls with trained crisis advocates, \$45 funds a counseling session for a shelter or community client, and \$60 provides case management with a legal advocate. It costs \$1.17 per day to feed an adult client three meals a day plus snacks in the shelter.

Event Details



Date

Friday, October 6, 2017

Location

La Malfa Center, 5783 Heisley Road, Mentor, Ohio 44060

Time

6-11 pm

Purchase Tickets! This event features a deluxe buffet, open bar, music, and many opportunities to win! Money raised will benefit survivors and families who stay at Forbes House and use our community services, like support groups, counseling, and prevention education.

Single Ticket: \$100 (1 chance to win \$2,500 and admit 1 for the event).

Couple Ticket: \$150 (1 chance to win \$2,500 and admit 2 for the event)

**ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
9am – 3pm
MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

By the time you are reading this Pace there will be just a little over one month until our Annual Rummage Sale on Saturday, September 9th. We are receiving more “good stuff” all the time and there will be more to come. If you are cleaning out your 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. 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 person’s junk is another person’s treasure.

~ Walt Iliff ~ *Supervisor of stuff*

GRACE IN THE GARDEN



Our next Eucharist Service in the Grace Garden will be Sunday, August 20 at 6pm. Bring a chair. Worship with friends. Enjoy the outside.

God loves you. No exceptions.

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS AND
ANNIVERSARIES**



Birthdays in August

Connor Crowley	2
Kathy Iliff	3
Karl Kramp	3
Jewel Mbajika	4
Broden Parks	5
Phil Davis	7
Meghann Crowley	16
Joe Flowers	16
Justin Gramley	23



Anniversaries in August

Kathy & Walt Iliff	17
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THANKS TO YOU ALL!

The **McKinley Community Outreach Center** sent a note thanking us, Grace Episcopal Church, for our generous contribution they received in the amount of \$5,000. We made a commitment this year to donate \$10,000 to McKinley and this was our last payment. With the use of our donation McKinley was able to help families in need with food and taxable distributions and to keep up the building. Thank you to everyone for supporting this ministry.

The **Lillian Valley School** thanks you for collecting the General Mills box tops for their school. With the money they received from General Mills they were able to purchase four books for each student to take home this summer. This is a ministry that is close to Jeanne Schupp’s heart and one that she has supported for many years.

SCRIPTURE STUDY STARTS SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

Scripture Study between the services!

Deacon Lydia Bailey and Jane Schierloh have graciously offered to lead a study of Scripture once a month beginning Sunday, August 13th following the 8am service. It will end in time for attendance at the 10am service. The discussion will center around learning how God is speaking through scripture to us in today's world and circumstances. There is also opportunity to get to know one another better through purposeful listening. Hope to see you there!

ST. LUKE and COMMUNITY FUND PARTNERSHIP 5K RUN 1m WALK

Saturday September 16, 2017

Website: www.greaterclevelandxc.com

Location: Mountain Run Station, Maple Highlands Trail, 12601 Chardon-Windsor Road, Chardon

Races begin at 9:00am

Registration begins at 8:00 am

Online registration available at:

www.greaterclevelandxc.com

OR MAIL CHECK, PAYABLE TO

St Luke Episcopal Church p.o. box 244
Chardon, Ohio 44024 (MEMO, 'RACE')
Call 440-285-4641 for more information

BELLWETHER FARM



Bellwether Farm, a ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio, offers a model for sustainable living that promotes physical and

spiritual wellness, fidelity to the environment, and social justice by incorporating farming, food production, and environmental stewardship into land-based educational programs for people of all ages and backgrounds.

There is a catalog that offers an opportunity to help build, equip, and furnish the camp, retreat, and education center by making a gift to purchase items on our wish list,

There are giving catalogs available "just for kids" and for adults and they are available at Grace Church. For more information please visit: <http://dohio.org/outfitting-bellwether-farm>

CHURCH MOUSE TAILS

Kathy Hill finally left on a jet plane and went to see her family in California. And a good time was had by all.

That cat has been around here for a whole year. So happy adoption day Nik!

Rest up kids and enjoy your vacation because school starts in a few weeks. Ha!

The girl went to an alpaca farm in Illinois with her granddaughter, Danielle Freeman. They had a good time and didn't buy an alpaca or yarn.

Can you imagine that Bradley Stoldt will be starting his second year of college at the University of Akron? Good going Brad.

Harry Dodds and Dave Zimmerman went south to spend a week diving. They finally came up for air and had to come home.

So sad to see the Choir Interns leave. Alannah, Michael and Zac will be going to college in the fall. And maybe Gina and Melanie will be back for the Winter Interns.

So much for all that, it's time for my nap.



August 19th we celebrate the First Anniversary of Nik's adoption day



Nik's baby picture



Nik hard at work with the girl

If you would like to honor Nik's First Anniversary, he will gladly accept cat food, treats, litter or toys and make sure that everything is taken to McKinley to share with the cats in need.

Note: Since Nik has been adopted, and except for the Church Mouse, the church is now mouse free.

Love God.
Love your neighbor.
Change the world.

HOSTING THE JUNE MCKINLEY MEAL

Monday, June 26 members of Grace Episcopal Church hosted the meal at the McKinley Community Outreach Center and a good time was had by workers and eaters.



Walt Iliff cooks with Chris Burke supervising



Sandy Wesley and Debbie Zimmerman are ready to serve up the food.



Debra Zimmerman getting buns ready for the hamburgers and hot dogs



Peggy Burkacki and Kathy Iliff doing some important preparations



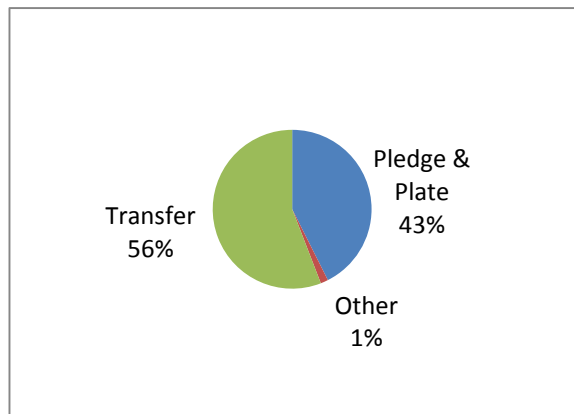
Toni Swisher, Mother Rose Anne and Kathy Iliff waiting for dinner to begin

Photos taken by Kathy Hill

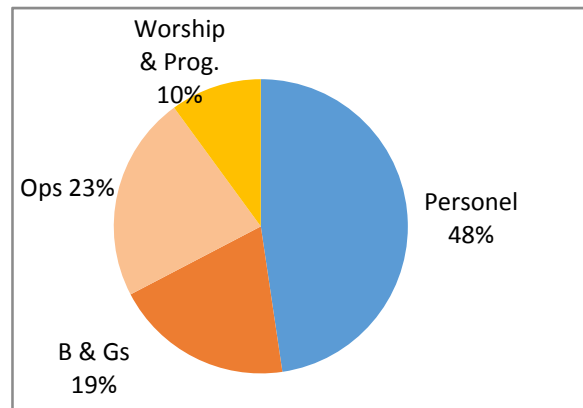
Operating Fund Interim Report -- thru end of June 2017

<u>Income</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Pledge and Plate Contributions	\$45,687.80	\$42,502.96	\$3,184.84
Other Income	\$1,645.00	\$2,362.50	-\$717.50
Transfer from Grace Woods Capital Fund	\$60,000.00	\$68,734.98	-\$8,734.98
Total Income	\$107,332.80	\$113,600.44	-\$6,267.64
 <u>Expenses</u>			
Personel	\$54,910.26	\$55,567.50	-\$657.24
Buildings and Grounds	\$22,670.20	\$16,699.96	\$5,970.24
Operations	\$26,052.75	\$28,350.02	-\$2,297.27
Worship and Programs	\$11,585.90	\$13,242.52	-\$1,656.62
Total Expenses	\$115,219.11	\$113,860.00	\$1,359.11
Excess/Deficit	-\$7,886.31	-\$259.56	-\$7,626.75

Income



Expenses



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

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August 6
The Transfiguration of our
Lord Jesus Christ

August 13
The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 14

August 20
The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 15

August 27
The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 16

READINGS FOR THE DAY

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

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

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

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