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Deadline for next *Pace* is
Sunday, September 17, 2017



The *Pace* of Grace

September, 2017



From the Rector:

Chaos or Community? This is the question that Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, as did Martin Luther King, Jr. before him, put before us in his message to the church following the occurrences in Charlottesville. Chaos is what results when we allow hate, bigotry, oppression and violence to rule the day. Dr. King's last book was titled: "Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community?" Bishop Curry stated,

One of his insights then was that a moment of crisis is always a moment of decision. It was true then and is true now. Where do we go from here? Chaos? Indifference? Avoidance? Business as usual? Or Beloved Community?"

As a community of Christ, or as Bishop Curry calls us "The Episcopal Church of the Jesus Movement", we are called to make decisions, both as the community of Grace Church and as individuals. I believe we are very fortunate as a community to love one another and love our neighbors through positive interaction and common behaviors and speech. I would go so far as to say we are blessed. There is so much that so many of you do every day to make the lives of those around us better and more fulfilling. You are the hands and feet of Christ in so many ways and I thank you for that.

Now I would like us to think about taking it a step further. I am not sure I know what that looks like yet, however I would like us to decide that together. I would like us to begin by watching our own thoughts and behaviors, committing to be that person who stands up for someone who is being beaten down by words and behaviors that would belittle, deny, humiliate another person. Is this scary? Yes! Is it necessary? Yes! It has been said that evil continues because good people said nothing. Silence is complicity! So it is time for us to decide – to decide that we make Jesus visible in the world through our decision to stand up and speak up when we see injustice around us. Please think about ways that we can, as a community make a decision to stand up and speak up in our neighborhood and communities at large. What need or injustice do you observe on a regular basis that we can have some positive impact on as Grace Church? All ideas are welcome and I can't wait to hear from you. Hear the words of Bishop Curry as he concluded his remarks in his video to the church. "I know too well that talk of Beloved Community, which

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Dave Zimmerman
Senior Warden

Chris Burke
Junior Warden

Harry Dodds
Treasurer

Judith Stafanick
Clerk

The Rev. Rose Anne Lonsway,
Rector

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September 4 – Labor Day – Office is closed



September 9 – Rummage Sale 9a – 3p



September 10 – Choir Returns



September 11 – Patriot Day – NEVER FORGET



September 17 – Feast of Grace – One service at 10am



September 23 – Willoughby Outdoor Market 8a – noon



September 25 - Host Meal at McKinley



September 30 – Pet Blessing at Grace at 2pm

From the Rector: *continued*

Jesus was describing when he spoke of the kingdom of God in our midst, can be dismissed as nice but naive, idealistic yet unrealistic. I know that. But I also know this. The way of Beloved Community is our only hope. In this most recent unveiling of hatred, bigotry, and cruelty, as Neo-Nazis marched and chanted, "The Jews will not replace us," we have seen the alternative to God's Beloved Community. And that alternative is simply unthinkable. It is nothing short of the nightmare of human self-destruction and the destruction of God's creation. And that is unthinkable, too.

We who follow Jesus have made a choice to walk a different way: the way of disciplined, intentional, passionate, compassionate, mobilized, organized love intent on creating God's Beloved Community on earth. I am confident that we will be led to the place we are intentional, passionate, compassionate, mobilized, organized love intent on creating God's Beloved Community on earth."

Let's take these words to heart and figure out where our decisions, our choices, our love is meant to be.

Here are some thoughts from Bishop Steven Charleston, written over the last week, that really resonated with me and I hope that you find them as uplifting and encouraging as I do. I give you three because I couldn't decide which was the best one to put here, so decide for yourself which to take to heart.

"Stay strong through these strange times. Do not let the daily news cycle tie you up in knots of fear. While we cannot control the behavior of others, we can control our own responses, and those need to be very thoughtful in these days of unpredictability. If we want a calm center, we are going to have to be that center. Already communities are gathering to strengthen the home front of faith and prepare for a future of hope and reconciliation. There is much to be done. There is a great deal at stake. You are needed more than ever. Stay strong. And help others do the same." **Bishop Steven Charleston**

"What will define us in the years to come, when the history of our time is written? Will it be the

collapse of our society into anarchy or the racial paranoia that haunts us? Will it be the weak leadership or the blustering demands of the few? I do not believe so. I think we will be remembered for the courage of the average person that faced these days and did not abandon faith in the human family. It will be our dignity, our character, our compassion that shines through. We will make history not by what we gained, but by what we would not lose." **Bishop Steven Charleston**

"Today the dance begins, the ghost dance of our spirits, the solemn dance of our souls. The dance is our prayer, our witness, our dream, our claim on the course of history. With every step we take we call the Spirit to earth, inviting the sacred into the world, opening the door of time. Peace will follow our songs, justice will sing beside us. What was broken will be mended. What is wrong will be put right. Today the dance begins and it will not cease until the tribe of the human beings is in balance once more. A great light is coming into the world, the bright hope of a new beginning. Love will not be eclipsed by hate, sorrow will not sing our final song."

Bishop Steven Charleston

Now, consider these words from Sirach. Let us listen to these words from our God and pledge to carry them out in our world, our community, today.

Sirach 7:32-36

Stretch out your hand to the poor,
so that your blessing may be complete.
Give graciously to all the living;
do not withhold kindness even from the dead.
Do not avoid those who weep,
but mourn with those who mourn.
Do not hesitate to visit the sick,
because for such deeds you will be loved.
In all you do, remember the end of your life,
and then you will never sin.

Make them real in our world
M. Rose Anne

WORSHIP

The Worship Committee met August 8 at 7pm. We discussed how much we enjoy having Deacon Lydia and the class she will be presenting with Jane Schierloh. Pentecost was enjoyed by all. The ECW luncheon meeting was held at Grace and was hosted by Jeanne Schupp. It was decided to try and hold the Blessing of the Bikes earlier next year and have better and more advertising. The Sunday School is still in need of a director. In Ordinary Time we will do – Grace in the Garden, Backpack Blessing, Feast of Grace, September 10 the Choir returns, Pet Blessing and the stewardship kick-off with the State of Grace. Jeanne Schupp closed the meeting with prayer. Everyone is invited to attend the meetings and find out how the services are planned. No experience is necessary.

Submitted by: *Judy Stafanick*

CHOIR

After a summer vacation the Choir is back and ready to sing on Sunday, September 10 at the 10am service. We welcome back our faithful choir members along with some new faces. If you would be interested in being a part of this ministry, the Choir meets Thursday nights at 7pm for rehearsal in the back of the church by the organ.

Scott Arra
Music Director

PET BLESSINGS

Pet Blessings (Real and Stuffed)

Put this on your calendar! Saturday, September 30 at 2pm we will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals and the environment. Live pets will be blessed that afternoon by Mother Rose Anne in the front parking lot. All animals must be caged or properly restrained. “Biscuit and Treat Fellowship” will follow the service.

Sunday, October 1 Mother Rose Anne Lonsway will bless our stuffed animals at the 8a and 10a

services. Everyone is invited to bring their favorite stuffed animal and friends and participate in this blessing service.

EVANGELISM

Everyone attending the adult education classes seems to be enjoying them while learning new things. We have been learning more about each other, the Episcopal Church and other religions and beliefs, while sometimes getting to know ourselves better.

The Evangelism Team has been working on more ways to let people know about Grace Episcopal Church. We will try to make sure that our table at the Willoughby Outdoor Market has information about us and upcoming events.

Help for our team is always welcome. Our meetings have changed to the first Tuesday of the month at 6pm. Please join us if you feel called in any way to be part of this ministry. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 5th at 6pm. Thanks,

Peggy Burkacki

SENIOR WARDEN STUFF

Vacant Vestry and Junior Warden Positions

– Chris Burke agreed to fill in the remainder of the Vestry term held by Larry Seymour, Jr. Chris was then duly elected to the Vestry. Chris Burke has also agreed to fill the remainder of Larry’s term as Junior Warden. The entire church thanks Chris for stepping forward to fill this vital ministry.

Thank you Lord for allowing the Holy Spirit to work through Chris.

David Zimmerman
Senior Warden

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

STEWARDSHIP

Fall Parrish Stewardship Kick-off Brunch –
Theme “Faith Not Fear”.

The brunch is scheduled for Sunday, October 29th after the 10AM service. Food and beverages will be provided. Child care will be provided.

This year Laura Hnat the Diocese of Ohio's Chief Development Officer has agreed to join us. She will be sharing with us her thoughts on Stewardship of our Time, Talents and Treasure. We will have parishioners sharing their personal faith journey and thoughts on pledging. The Stewardship Team is still in the formative stage of planning the event. More details will be provided once available. We wanted everyone to save the date in this important part of Grace's ministry. Our average weekly attendance is 63. For the past two years we have had attendance at our luncheons between 35 and 40. Our goal for the Stewardship Kick-off this year is to at least reach the average weekly attendance.

David Zimmerman

VESTRY MEETING

The August 15 meeting was opened with prayer, the agenda was presented and Lectio Divina followed.

Chris Burke was elected by email vote to complete the Vestry term of Larry Seymour and was welcomed to the Vestry.

The minutes and Treasurer's reports were accepted and approved.

The Annual Audit has been completed. It was brought to the attention of the Vestry that the lock on the office door is not working properly. It was promised that it would be fixed.

The snow removal contract for 2017-2018 with LTB Landscaping was approved.

The Finance Committee approved the contract for the new copy machine. It was presented to the Vestry and approved.

It was moved that Chris Burke take over the position of Junior Warden and approved. We all thank Chris for stepping up to fill this position.

The Long Range Planning Team has met and their next meeting is September 25 at 6:30p.

Buildings and Grounds will get an estimate to paint the rectory, fix the garage door and check the basement for water.

Chris Burke will contact the Boy Scouts and check on the Eagle Scout projects.

Here are some things from the Rector:

A safety audit was done. It was suggested that the Fall Vestry retreat be at the 2017 Lay and Clergy Leadership Conference in Elyria on September 23. The IT Team will look into what needs to be done with the website and Facebook page. We have WiFi downstairs and guest WiFi that does not need a password. The Groups were given new agreements. Confirmation is on October 22.

The Feast of Grace will be September 17 with one service at 10am with the Fellowship Team taking charge of the arrangements.

The Stewardship Kick-off is October 29 with a meal after the 10am service.

The Little Feet Ministry is a year around project. The last McKinley meal for the year will be Monday, September 25.

The Foundation made a donation of \$800 to Bellwether Farm to buy a chicken coop and two chickens. The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 19.

Submitted by: *Judy Stafanick, Clerk of Vestry*

OUTREACH TEAM

Little Feet – Early October is the tentative date scheduled for the parents and kids to shop for the children's "Little Feet" shoes or boots. The best estimate we have is 100 kids needing shoes at this time. That is the combined number from both Edison Elementary and Grant Elementary Schools in Willoughby. As you may or may not know JCPenny is working with us on getting the shoes and boots for this shopping event. They have been most gracious and generous in their assistance. Along with our gift certificate for \$25 they will offer a 30% discount on boots and shoes ordered for this event, but the discount will apply to other children's sale and clearance shoes and boots also.

McKinley - We will provide the September 25 "Feed the Body, Feed the Soul" meal at McKinley. This will be the last meal we will participate in for 2017. Please let someone on the Outreach Team know if you would like to help prepare and serve the meal or have fellowship with the McKinley guests the evening of the meal.

Rummage Sale – Almost time for our annual rummage sale, September 9 is the date. We also will have a bake sale this year – that's

exciting!!! Contact Walt Iliff or me if you wish to help out. There is a lot to do. All proceeds will go to Little Feet.

LCCN – Lake County Community Network is having the following fundraisers to help meet their budget for 2018:

Chipotle at 36200 Euclid Ave. #12 in Willoughby
Wednesday, September 6th between 5:00 pm and 9:00 pm. *They are donating 50% of the proceeds to LCCN.*

Applebee's at 9174 Mentor Ave., Mentor
Wednesday, August 30 between 11:00 am and 9:00 pm. *They will donate 15% of the proceeds to LCCN.*

LCCN could really use our help – and we all like to eat – right? There will be flyers in the library. Flyers must be presented in order for LCCN to receive credit for the purchase.

Edison Elementary School – Volunteer Opportunity - Just something to ponder (since Edison Elementary is part of our outreach ministry). More info to follow.

Volunteers are needed at their Carnival on October 7 from noon to 3pm. If anyone is interested in helping out, that would be wonderful. The jobs are usually broken up into 1 hour segments. The tasks include running games and handing out prizes, monitoring bounce houses, concessions, and face painting. Our kids are invited to volunteer as well, as long as they partner with an adult. Our next Outreach Team meeting will be Tuesday, August 5 at 7:00 pm in the lounge. Please feel free to join us.

Peace and blessings.
Kathy Hill
Chair Outreach Team

served after the service in the undercroft. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Library to bring either a side dish, salad or dessert. Hope to see everyone there!!

**ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE AND
BAKE SALE
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
9am – 3pm**

By the time you are reading this there will be just days until our Annual Rummage Sale on Saturday, September 9th. We received “good stuff” which has been priced and will be sorted on Friday, September 8. If you can help, contact Walt Iliff for the details. – *see his number below.* This year we will have a bake sale and baked goods are needed. Debbie Zimmerman will be in charge of the bake sale and will be looking for help. Let Walt know if you can help with that.

WE WILL NOT SELL ANY ELECTRONICS

If you need last minute stuff 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*

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND
ANNIVERSARIES**



Birthdays in September

Margaret Ores	5
Irene Mbajika	9
Phyllis Speidel	10
Brandon Berry	15
Beverly Schutt	18
Emily Nash	22
Gayle Benigar	28
Lynn Kramp	28
Donald Speidel	29



Anniversary in September

Karla & Doug Zargari	16
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THE FEAST OF GRACE



The Feast of Grace will be celebrated on Sunday, September 17 with one service at 10am. If the weather cooperates, the service will be at the Grace Woods Gazebo and if it doesn't, we will meet at the church. A picnic lunch of Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will be

BELLWETHER FARM



The Grace Foundation made a generous donation of \$800.00 to support the purchase of two chickens and a chicken coop for Bellwether Farm. We received a letter from The Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth, Jr., Bishop of Ohio, thanking our church family for joining in this important endeavor.

CONFIRMATION CLASS DONATIONS

The 2017 confirmation class is collecting donations for the McKinley Community Center, in a program created by them called Teens for Toddlers. There is a basket upstairs in the Library for the donations. They are asking that people bring things such as diapers, wipes, pacifiers, wash cloths, and baby shampoo. The class will go to the McKinley center early next month to give out and sort the donations, but they will still continue accepting donations after that. The goal is for 200 donations.

Nina Zargari – 2017 Confirmation Class

THE PEOPLE'S CONCERT IN THE PARK

BENEFITTING THE MCKINLEY COMMUNITY OUTREACH CENTER

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2017

6:30PM – 8:00PM

POINT PARK IN DOWNTOWN WILLOUGHBY

AREAWIDE MUSICIANS AND VOCALISTS
PERFORMING UPLIFTING AND
INSPIRATIONAL CONTEMPORARY MUSIC

FREE WILL OFFERING

*CARING FOR OUR LESS FORTUNATE
FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS IN WESTERN
LAKE COUNTY*

WILLOUGHBY OUTDOOR MARKET

Saturday, August 26 Grace Episcopal Church was represented at the Willoughby Outdoor Market with a canopy and members of Grace Church greeting the shoppers.



Debra Zimmerman, Peggy Burkacki, Kathy Hill,
David Zimmerman, Phil Davis

CHURCH MOUSE TALES

Judith Junda and Cathy Nash were working very hard getting the front gardens in shape and then the rains came and they got soaked.

Bobbin Davis spent two mornings weeding the little garden by the downstairs door to the parking lot. If only our flowers grew as fast as those pesky weeds.

Nik, that cat, wants to thank Kathy Hill and Shirley Wilkes for remembering his adoption day with food and cat treats that were taken to McKinley Community Outreach Center. He wanted to share because he is such a lucky cat.

Nik also wants everyone to know that he will be at the Pet Blessing in case you want to meet him and get his paw print.

I can't wait until the choir is back in September. Heavenly noise is my favorite.

We had a really nice morning when Deacon Lydia Bailey and Jane Schierloh had a scripture study between the services on August 13. They only do this once a month, so the girl will put it

in the bulletin when they will do the next study. Listen when I say, you should give it a try.

The Church Mouse tales started when the girl and Marilyn Taylor were at the Farm Park for some knitting thing and saw Jack Krysiak driving the team of horses that took visitors around the farm. That was shared. And as they say (not me) that was that.



Please pray in discernment to determine if you are called to serve the wider church at the Diocesan level. Please let Mother Rose Anne know if you have question or feel called to offer to stand for election and serve.

Dear people of the Diocese of Ohio:

We are called every day to renew our commitment to a life of discipleship, following the countless examples of those who have gone before us and many others who now travel the way with us. We do this work prayerfully, in companionship; even when working in apparent isolation, we are contributing to the ministries of our own congregations, this diocese and the wider world.

We are also called every year to consider how our discipleship can evolve and grow, to better "seek and serve Christ in all persons," as promised in our baptismal covenant. Each one of us has particular gifts and skills that are essential "to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ." - Ephesians 4:12

Now is the time to prayerfully consider how you will contribute your gifts and skills to the Diocese, and to invite and encourage others in your parish to offer their gifts in Diocesan leadership. There are many opportunities to serve as elected members of various Diocesan groups, outlined below. Self-nominations are encouraged and welcome. How is God calling you? Be open to that still, small voice.

Please also pray for our elections within your Prayers of the People, perhaps with these or

similar words: "Gracious God, source of all wisdom and truth, we pray for discernment and resolve to offer ourselves or others we know to be nominated for election to diocesan ministry and leadership at our upcoming convention." The nomination process begins with personal reflection and leads, in practical terms, to the Diocesan nominations webpage: dohio.org/nominations. Nominations must be received by September 19 for inclusion in the convention handbook.

Positions to be filled are listed here and descriptions of each body are given further on page 5. If there are questions about the positions or process, please contact William Powel at wpowel@dohio.org or Rita Rozell at rozell@dohio.org.

Nominations are sought for the following positions:

- Diocesan Council: two lay and two clergy (3-year term) (In 2017, after amendment to canons in 2016, incumbents eligible to be re-elected for one additional term)
- ECS Development Council: 2 lay and 1 clergy (3-year term)
- Standing Committee: one lay and one clergy (4-year term)
- Diocesan Trustee: one lay or clergy (5-year term) (Incumbent eligible for re-election for one additional term)
- Diocesan Disciplinary Board: 2 lay and 1 clergy (3-year term, clergy ordained at least 5 years)
- Alternate Deputies to 2018 General Convention: 4 lay and 4 clergy
- Provincial Synod: 2 lay and 1 clergy (3-year term)

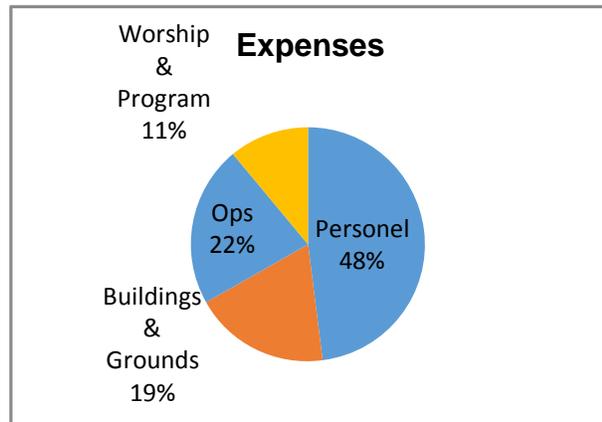
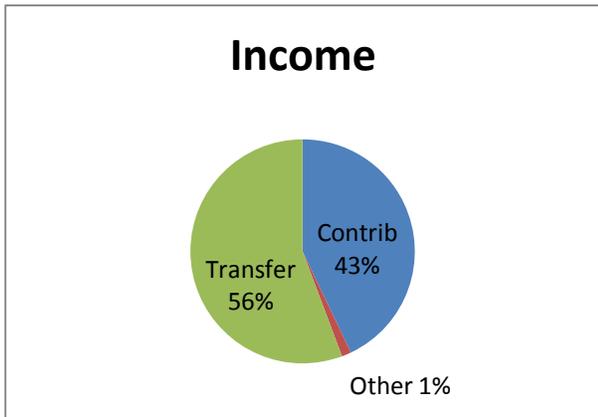
Submitted on behalf of the Diocesan Nominating Committee,
Alison Ricker

The Rev. Rose Anne Lonsway
Rector
Grace Episcopal Church

**Love God,
Love your neighbor,
Change the world**

Operating Fund Interim Report -- thru July 2017

<u>Income</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Pledge and Plate Contributions	\$53,923.80	\$49,521.62	\$4,402.18
Other Income	\$1,810.00	\$2,756.25	-\$946.25
Transfer from Grace Woods Capital Fund	\$70,000.00	\$80,190.81	-\$10,190.81
Total Income	\$125,733.80	\$132,468.68	-\$6,734.88
 <u>Expenses</u>			
Personel	\$63,341.73	\$64,828.75	-\$1,487.02
Buildings and Grounds	\$24,829.12	\$19,566.62	\$5,262.50
Operations	\$29,314.26	\$31,666.69	-\$2,352.43
Worship and Programs	\$14,538.44	\$14,170.44	\$368.00
Total Expenses	\$132,023.55	\$130,232.50	\$1,791.05
Excess/Deficit	-\$6,289.75	\$2,236.18	



Treasurer's Report

Year to date pledge contributions are still ahead of budget. Anyone who would like a full accounting of all funds available to the church can see me or any vestry person as they are given a full accounting every month.

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READINGS FOR THE DAY

September 3
The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 17

Jeremiah 15:15-21
Psalm 26:1-8
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

September 10
The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 18

Ezekiel 33:7-11
Psalm 119:33-40
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20

September 17
The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 19

Genesis 50:15-21
Psalm 103: (1-7), 8-13
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

September 24
The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 20

Jonah 3:10-4:11
Psalm 145:1-8
Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 20:1-16