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



The *Pace* of Grace

November, 2017



From the Rector:

How does one begin to describe the experience of a lifetime? My two weeks in Brasil were filled with new experiences and dichotomies of sight and sound. The first week was spent in and around the City of Brasilia. The city is only about 55 years old and is a totally planned undertaking. All greenery was planted as the city was built.

The city is shaped like an airplane (a huge one), with the President's Palace at the nose of the plane. There are beautiful buildings and luscious greenery. Weekends finds the highway closed to motor traffic and is used for walking, running, cycling, etc. There is no real middle class. One is either very well off or extremely poor. Everywhere you look there are metal gates, window bars and concrete walls. There is graffiti everywhere. Some is wonderfully artistic and much is gang



related, especially in the outer areas, referred to as satellite cities. We were told that those who are lucky enough to have a job in the city (the capitol city of Brasil) often only go home on the weekends because they cannot afford the bus fare to get there every day. Many sleep in their place of work or in the parks during the week. We visited three mission churches in satellite cities and the poverty was devastating. The churches are small and as are all other

homes and businesses, behind walls and bars, yet open to the community and the children for school and after school activities. Despite the poverty, the people are beautiful. Their welcomes and generosity of greeting, hosting and sharing of themselves was unmatched. They were so excited to greet us and felt honored that we took the time to meet with them. They openly shared their love of Christ with us. God was so present, everywhere we went. The children sang for us, the adults witnessed to God in their lives and we worshiped together. Hugs were plentiful and the language differences

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Junior Warden

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Clerk

The Rev. Rose Anne Lonsway,
Rector

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November 4 – Clambake – 3pm Social Hour – 4pm Food



Saturday, November 4th turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed

November 5 – Healing Sunday, UTO In-gathering, All Saints Sunday



November 7 – Election Day



November 11 – Veterans Day



November 11, 12 & 13 – Diocesan Convention in Cleveland and Bellwether Farm



November 23 – Thanksgiving Day



December 3 – First Sunday in Advent

From the Rector: continued

were no barrier to communicating the love present there. I found it to be very similar to what scripture tells of the early church; the people took care of one another and shared what little they had. The older children looked after the little ones, saw to their needs and provided love and comfort when needed. They are the definition of community. We were privileged to meet the Bishop of Brasilia, who traveled with us most of the week, hosted us in his home and led us in Sunday worship at the Cathedral. The cathedral is quite small and is shaped like a nomad's tent, to honor those who first followed God. It is a humble and holy place, filled with God's presence. Again, we were greeted with open arms, presented with gifts and treated to a Brazilian BBQ. Rio de Janeiro is a huge, and somewhat typical big city. We stayed on Copacabana Beach, which is lovely and quite busy. I was able to peek into the Copacabana Hotel and it is lovely. (We did not stay there as it is quite expensive to do so. We were in a less expensive, but very nice hotel two blocks down.) I was also able to dip my toes in the Atlantic Ocean and, despite the tropical climate, that water is COLD! Again, we found the dichotomy between wealth and poverty. There are 18 favelas in and around Rio. We traveled by bus to various sites. On one such trip we travelled through an area in which the river water was so fouled that you could smell it on the air-conditioned bus for several miles and see the contamination. It is hard to realize that people in poverty live with this 24/7. My



friend, who was a missionary and priest in this area for many years, said it was no different when she lived there and worked in the favelas of Rio. We felt helpless to do anything for the people but pray. Yet, there is great beauty there, in and around the city and it is watched

over at all times by Christo Redentor; Christ the Redeemer. What a magnificent rendering of our Savior. One has no idea how massive

the statue is until one stands at its feet! We were all in wonder that humans could build such a thing on a mountain 830 meters high with the tools and roads available in 1921. The statue is 30 meters (98 ft.) tall, excluding its 8-meter (26 ft.) pedestal. The arms stretch 28 meters (92 ft.) wide. Christ is seen from anywhere in the city, day or night, as it is lit at night. It is sometimes hidden in the mist and one waits with baited breath for Christ to appear again. I made sure to have a last look as I was leaving the city to come home! You find yourself drawn to the sight again and again. It is amazing. Amazing! How often I have used that word to describe this trip of a lifetime. I am so blessed to have had this opportunity and to view mission in action in another culture. I will always treasure this experience and hope to be able to continue to share it with you in more depth over the coming months.

M. Rose Anne

WORSHIP

The Worship Committee met October 10 with Scott Arra and Judy Stafanick leading the meeting in Mother Rose Anne's absence. The blessing of live pets was Saturday, September 30 with happy pets and owners in the front parking lot. Bishop Persell will be at Grace Church at 10am on Sunday, September 22 for confirmation, reception and reaffirmation. A reception is planned for after the service in the lounge. Jeanne Schupp, Kathy Hill and Judy Stafanick have their assignments to make for a special occasion. The Bishop will meet with the Vestry after the service. There will be acolytes on the altar for the confirmation service. November 5 will be All Saints Day and the Fall UTO In-gathering. Thanksgiving will be celebrated on November 19 and Jeanne Schupp and Kathy Hill will have the cornucopia for that service. Christ the King will be on November 26. The First Sunday of Advent is December 3. There will be a sign-up sheet in the library for families to sign up to light the Advent Wreath each week. December 17 Grace Church will do caroling at Grace Woods around noonish. Everyone is

invited to join the Sunday School kids, the Choir and Frank Burkacki with his guitar at the caroling. Pizza will be served before going down the hill to sing. Advent 4 is December 24 which is also Christmas Eve. It was suggested that we have one service in the morning at 9am with greening of the church to follow. The Christmas Eve service will be at 7pm. There is a possibility of two Choir Interns from South High School. Melanie Stoldt will also be one of the Choir Interns. The Choir Interns will be here for Christmas and will be required to be part of the caroling group. Jeanne Schupp closed the meeting with prayer. Everyone is invited to attend the meetings and learn how the worship services are planned. No experience is necessary.

Submitted by: *Judy Stafanick*

EVANGELISM

The Evangelism Team is working on building our Coffee Hour Team and our Bakers and Takers. We need more volunteers to make it easier on everyone. Coffee Hour teams are made of two parishioners who work together on a rotating schedule to set up and clean up after the 10:00am service. For Bakers and Takers you can do either or both. A Baker makes bread, muffins or some other bread type treat to be taken to visitors at Grace. The Takers deliver the bag with the bread and information about Grace Church. Please contact me, Peggy Burkacki at 440-975-1496, if you feel called to any of these ministries. It is said that more hands make lighter work. On Sunday, December 17th we all have an opportunity to join together with the Sunday School and the choir to spread a joyful noise at Christmas time for the residence of Grace Woods. We will have pizza and snacks in the undercroft after the 10am service, go over some Christmas carols, and then head down to Grace Woods for their lunch time about noon. Everyone is invited and a good time will be had by all!

Peggy Burkacki

STEWARDSHIP

Fall Parrish Stewardship Kick-off Luncheon – Thank you to everyone who attended the luncheon. Remember to have your 2018 pledge card into the office by **Sunday, November 5th**.

The Stewardship Team

Why I Give!

My name is Cathy Nash and I give because God gives to me. I tithe 10% of my income. I am on Social Security and what I don't have God has always provided. I have food on my table and a car to drive. It seems that worrying doesn't pay the bills but faith does. God has also given me lots of opportunities to help others and share my faith with my neighbors. I am one of the staff at McKinley Community Outreach Center. I am in charge of furniture donations and giving out medical needs (canes, walkers, bedside commodes, and wheel chairs). The members here at Grace Church have helped McKinley so much and touched many lives. One of the greatest gifts God has given me is Grace Episcopal Church. I wanted an extended family and support network, and boy, was God generous! I love you all and hope you love Grace as much as I do. This is why I joined the Stewardship Team. It takes money for everything. It is so much easier to give when you have a strong tie to where you are giving. My heart is here. My friends are here. I sincerely hope Grace is always here.

Cathy Nash

VESTERY MEETING

The October 17, 2017 meeting was opened with prayer by David Zimmerman. David Zimmerman led the meeting in Mother Rose Anne's absence. The minutes and Treasurer's reports were accepted and approved.

All the "Teams" need to have their budgets to the Finance Committee before their next meeting on November 14, 2017.

The Senior Warden shared that: *The Long Range Planning Team is planning their wish list and Dave Webster is working on the Capitol Reserve Study. *The Rt. Rev. William D. Persell will be at Grace Church on Sunday, October 22 for Confirmation, there will be a reception in the lounge after the service and the Bishop will meet with the Vestry for lunch. *The 201st Annual Convention is November 10 & 11. The delegates from Grace are: Margaret Dodds, Cathy Nash, Tiffany Parks and the alternates are: Peggy Burkacki, David Webster and David Zimmerman

The Junior Warden shared that: *The lights in the church have been checked and replaced where needed. *There will be a work party to clean up the church before the Bishop's visit. *The Boy Scout installed two more benches in the lower lot *Some work needs to be done at the Rectory. The Stewardship dinner will be Sunday, October 29 after the 10am service with Laura R. Knat, Chief Development officer, from the Diocese as the speaker. Tiffany Parks will discuss Holy Currencies at the dinner.

Evangelism – see article

Outreach – see article

Worship – see article

Pastoral Care – the people requesting visits have been visited.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 21.

Submitted by: *Judy Stafanick, Clerk of Vestry*

SENIOR WARDEN STUFF

Vestry Positions – Chris Burke (filling Larry Seymour's remaining term), Pat Newyear and Dave Zimmerman will have completed their terms by the 2018 Annual meeting. Our tradition at Grace is to have the people going off the Vestry become the Nominating Committee. Since Pat Newyear is having health issues Kathy Iliff has agreed to join the Nominating Committee.

Vestry is an extremely important ministry.

If you are interested in being part of the Vestry Ministry contact one of the people mentioned, a vestry member or Mother Rose Anne. The remaining people on Vestry are: Linda Beharry, Tony Frazier, Kathy Iliff and Deb Zimmerman. An orientation session for anyone interested will be conducted in January to explain the role of a Vestry member and answer any questions.

David Zimmerman
Senior Warden

OUTREACH TEAM

Little Feet – Little Feet shopping weekend We had our shopping weekend Saturday and Sunday, October 14 and 15 at JCPenney at the Great Lakes Mall. The kids were very proud of their new shoes or boots that they picked out themselves. Parents were so very grateful. Of the 112 children on the list, 63 families came to pick up their shoes. JCPenney also had very cute book bags available at a discounted rate if there was money left over on the gift card. The kids were so happy to get the book bags also. We are planning another shopping day for those families who were unable to come that weekend. Both Family Liaisons, Diana at Edison Elementary and Amanda at Grant Elementary are contacting families to see what we can put together to help them out. Diana and Amanda also came to the store to greet parents and kids, and help them find the perfect pair of shoes. Everyone at JCPenney's was so helpful and really put their best foot forward to make this a successful and happy day for the kids. They look forward to working with us in the future and we are blessed to have them participate in this ministry. We also are blessed to have so many helping hands, prayers and warm thoughts to provide shoes for our little ones. It was a very warming experience to say the least. And, thanks to those who came to the shopping event. Thanks be to God.
Kathy Hill, Outreach Chair

Something to reflect on -

In the 16th century, Saint Teresa of Avila said, "Christ has no body now on earth but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which Christ's compassion is to look out to the world. Yours are the feet with which Christ is to go about doing good." It's still true. What our world today is going to know about Jesus will be through us and because of us.

-Br. Curtis Almquist

Society of Saint John the Evangelist

UTO

Bright October weather. Our little part of God's good creation is full of color and sunshine; the gathering of harvest and family and friends in thanksgiving. All the devastation loss and grief experienced all around us makes us doubly thankful for the abundance God provides us. While we cannot be present, in person, to help, we can thank God for our many blessings – every day – a drop a grateful coin or two in the little Blue Box, or an envelope, or a jar if you have neither. This is not a fundraiser, of which there are many and for urgent causes, but it is a discipline to give thanks and a token of gratitude. These blessed thanks-givings are granted out, every penny, to needs throughout the Church in the world.

We will gather in these thank offerings on November 5, All Saints Sunday.

Jeanne Schupp, UTO Northeast Mission Area

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



Birthdays in November

Muna Mbajika	1
Nancy Brothers	5
Cynthia Seymour	13
Charlotte Stoldt	13

Cheesie Mbajika	17
Aaron Seymour	19
Gayle Gramley	22
Melanie Stoldt	22
John Hoste	23



Anniversary in November

Fred & Charlotte Stoldt	13
Chris & Carol Burke	29

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Grace Church is now offering Youth Sunday School to middle schoolers and older in addition to our usual programs. The intention is that we would prepare a lesson once a month, starting November, 2017. Part of that lesson would typically include the appointed readings. Class would be on the 2nd Sunday during regular Sunday School times. Purpose of class is to offer a limited program that builds on the work we have done with Confirmation candidates over the last 12 months, starting in October 2016. Please, contact the Rector, if you have questions, or if your child has an interest in this offering.

by Phil Davis, "Teacher"

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS



Saturday, November 4th turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed or you will be early for church.

KIDS CORNER

*Congratulations to Aidan Seyler, Nina, Nicholas and Natalie Zargari who were confirmed by the Rt. Rev. William D. Persell on Sunday, October 22, 2017.

*The confirmation class went to McKinley Community Outreach Center to sort baby items and they also collected and donated baby clothes and items for the families in need.

*Kelsey and Shaylee Frazier had a lemonade stand over the summer and are contributing half of what they made to a charity of their choice.

*Nina Zargari just completed her first year of cross country at West Geauga Middle School.

*The Sunday school children made their colorful nametags.

*Natalie Zargari's drawing was chosen to be painted on a school wall for the Mural Club at West Geauga Middle School.

*If any children have anything to share in the Kid's Korner, please text or email Debbie Zimmer, or share with a Sunday School teacher to pass on to me. Thank You.
Debbie Zimmerman

Debbie Zimmerman
Co-Director of the Sunday School

THE BULLY

My little sister Sue had a much-loved teddy bear which of course was named Teddy.

One day a bully came up to her on the playground and hit the teddy bear in her arms. When my sister objected, he said, "I'm going to hit him again,"

Sue replied fearlessly, "I'm going to kiss him for every time you hit him."

Wisdom from a small child...

Jane Schierloh

WAY OUT MINISTRIES

Soon you will see flyers about giving to Way Out Ministries for Christmas. Way Out

Ministries bring God's love and His word to those who have taken a wrong path in life. This is a way to help those in prison and those coming home from prison to help fit back into society. Please make sure you follow the items on their shopping list. Prisons have strict rules on what can be given to prisoners. These may not seem like much, but they are treasured by those who receive them. I will take the donations to be packed to give out at Christmas celebrations, so please have your donations in by November 26th. If you can't donate at this time, please keep the prisoners and volunteers in your prayers for the Holy Spirit to be with them.

Peggy Burkacki

CHURCH MOUSE TAILS

Gracie the swan from Grace Woods decided she needed to know what goes on in the outside world and took a walk up to the church. She was free until they came to get her and got her back on the pond.

I'll bet no one noticed but, the piano that was in the hallway by the office is gone. It was moved downstairs. I enjoyed the journey.

Nik, the crazy cat, was here to play host at the Live Pet Blessing and to be blessed because the girl says he really needs it.

An Eagle Scout project for one of the nice Boy Scouts was to put benches in the overlook by the downstairs parking lot. They have been used. Even had four deer come up to check them out. They are probably going to tell Santa about them.

We all had a great time with Bishop Persell and his wife Nancy when they were here for confirmation. First they had dessert upstairs and then they had lunch downstairs. Eat dessert first I always say.



Happy Thanksgiving - From me and the family

Hosting the McKinley Meal
September 25, 2017



A time to pray and give thanks



Chef – Walt Iliff



Our Helpers – Cub Scout Pack 282

PET BLESSING AT GRACE CHURCH
Saturday, September 30, 2017
In the front parking lot
Hosted by Nik, the Church Cat



October 13 & 14, 2017
Little Feet Shopping at JCPenney



October 26 – The last Saturday at the Willoughby Outdoor Market

Sunday, October 22, 2017
Confirmation, Reception and Reaffirmation



Front Row: Mother Rose Anne, Ralph Slaw, Ray Sphatt, Beth Sphatt
Second Row: Natalie, Nicholas, Nina Zargari, The Rt. Rev. William D. Persell, Aidan Seyler



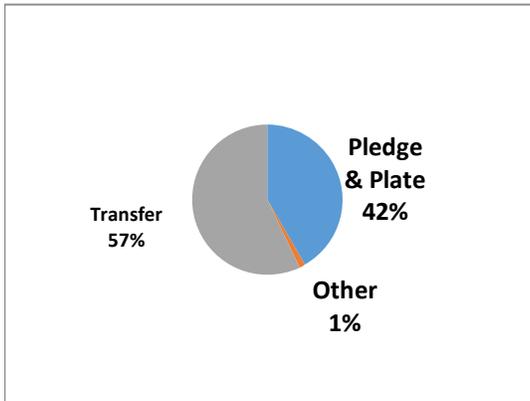
Operating Fund Interim Report -- thru end of September 2017

<u>Income</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Pledge and Plate Contributions	\$65,631.55	\$63,524.94	\$2,106.61
Other Income	\$2,135.00	\$3,543.75	-\$1,408.75
Transfer from Grace Woods Capital	\$90,000.00	\$103,102.47	-\$13,102.47
Total Income	\$157,766.55	\$170,171.16	-\$12,404.61

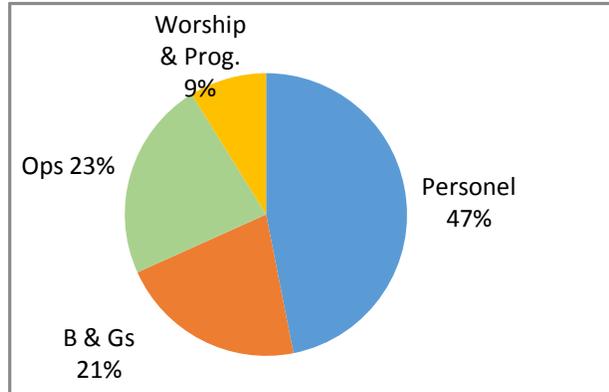
Expenses

Personel	\$81,551.89	\$83,351.25	-\$1,799.36
Buildings and Grounds	\$37,141.73	\$25,119.94	\$12,021.79
Operations	\$39,913.42	\$39,900.03	\$13.39
Worship and Programs	\$15,296.33	\$16,026.28	-\$729.95
Total Expenses	\$173,903.37	\$164,397.50	\$9,505.87
Excess/Deficit	-\$16,136.82	\$5,773.66	-\$21,910.48

Income



Expenses



Treasurer's Report

Our expenses to date are in line .

Harry Dodds, Treasurer

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November 5
The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 26

READINGS FOR THE DAY

Revelation 7:9-17
Psalm 34:1-10, 22
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12

November 12
The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 27

Amos 5:18-24
Psalm 70
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

November 19
The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 28

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
Psalm 90:1-8, (9-11), 12
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25: 14-30

November 26
The Last Sunday after Pentecost
(Christ the King)
Proper 29

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 95: 1-7a
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25: 31-46