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Sunday, March 18, 2018



The *Pace* of Grace

March 2018



From the Rector:

Lent is a time for seeking our truth in God and God's unlimited love for us. As you move through this time of reflection and self-examination I would like to share with you a couple of thoughts by others whose words and opinions I find challenging and worth spending time thinking about. The first is from Bp. Steven Charleston, a thinker whose grasp of spirituality

keeps me wanting to hear more from him. In this statement we are called to be the change we desire and to take responsibility for our futures.

"Do I have some knowledge of what is to come? Can I see into the future? Yes, I can. Not because I am a prophet or a clairvoyant, but because I am making that future right now. By what I choose to do or not do, say or not say, I am shaping what is to come. And so are you. So are we all. We do not need second sight or a crystal ball, but only a sense of personal responsibility. We are not the observers of history, but participants. As close to home as the love we share, as far as the most distant village, our choices count. We make hope happen. We turn the wheel of time." (Steven Charleston)

This article is written by a fellow priest and friend, the Rev. Nancy Springer, whose opinion I respect. She is reflecting on the criticism leveled to those who say, as I often do, "You are in my thoughts and prayers". She makes the case that "Praying is not the opposite of doing ...", and she has addressed the issue soundly and given her permission for me to share this with you for your consideration.

St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Harlingen Tx

February 16 at 11:45am ·

Thoughts & Prayers

I've been seeing a lot of posts in the past few days about the uselessness of the phrase "my thoughts and prayers are with you". Now, I'm fairly certain these comments and posts are supposed to be

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Harry Dodds

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Clerk

The Rev. Rose Anne Lonsway,

Rector

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March 10 – 6th Annual Soup & Chili Cook-off – 11am – 2pm



March 11 – Daylight Saving Time Begins – turn your clocks forward one hour



March 24 – Palm Cross Workshop 10a – noon



March 25 – Palm Sunday – Liturgy of the Palms 8am & 10am services



March 25 – Pancake Breakfast – 9a – 1p – Good will offering accepted



March 26 & 27 – Holy Eucharist – 7p

March 28 – Stations of the Cross and Holy Eucharist – 7p



**March 29 – Maundy Thursday Service – 7pm. Foot Washing
All Night Vigil – 8pm – 8am**



March 30 – Good Friday Service – 7pm



March 31 – Mission Area joint Easter Vigil @ Epiphany, Euclid – 7pm



**April 1 – Easter Sunday – One service at 9am
Children's Easter Egg Hunt after the service**

From the Rector: continued

directed toward a specific leader but they still stab me in the heart and cause me pain, especially when they come from someone who professes to be a Christian.

Thoughts & Prayers and Action & Change are not opposite sides of an issue. For Christians, they must be used together. We thoughtfully consider the value of all human life and pray for God's power and strength to reveal to us where we need to change so that everything we think, say, and do reflects God's love for all people and a hurting world. We pray that our city, state, and country leaders will thoughtfully consider which policies will best serve the people and the common good and not their own political agendas or power trips.

And then, we need to think hard about how all of this "opposite" thinking is part of the problem when we approach life as a constant competition and debate. This type of thinking puts us all in battle mode, it fosters angry attitudes toward others, and in the end devalues human life. If I am in constant debate with you, you cease to be a person and become an object I must defeat.

One of the most important things I've learned in life is that I don't have to make you wrong to be right. Very little in this world is absolutely 'right' or absolutely 'wrong' - there is a lot of grey area in our thinking and in our policies. I cannot "fix" you and I definitely can't fix the whole world but I can do the next good thing in front of me. I can write my mayor, governor, senators, representatives, and president and voice my views in the most diplomatic and intelligent way possible because if I write them or speak to them in anger and hatred, not only will they not listen, I'm just being a part of the problem and perpetuating the dichotomous attitudes that keep us all so angry most of the time. I can use the power of my vote to make my opinions known - and, yes, I do pray about the way I vote, asking God to help guide my intelligent thinking to make the right choice.

I've also learned, and I do confess I had to learn the hard way. I cannot change or control another's behavior or attitude. But, I can model loving and compassionate behavior and pray that with God's help my behavior can influence others to do the same.

When we remove prayer from the "make the world better" equation, we are letting our egos take the place of God. I will fix this. I will do it. I don't need - or want - God's help.

God never asks us to check our brains, or our abilities, at the door of his Kingdom. He asks us to live now in his kingdom on earth as it is in Heaven, living life grounded in him and his love for everyone whom he has created. So, do things to make the world a better and more loving place, do things which will affect the policies of our government and attitudes of our leaders, and pray to God before, during, and after doing it. He is with us always and his greatest desire is for us to acknowledge that so that all we do is by his love and for his glory.

God's peace be with us all,
Mother Nancy+

My thoughts and prayers are with you as we live this Lenten season and emerge stronger in our faith and bolder in our love for others through the love of our amazing God as known in our Lord Jesus.

M. Rose Anne

WORSHIP

The Worship Committee last met on February 13, 2018, and the following was discussed.

Lent

*For the Adult Education in Lent we will do the Good Book Readings using the book, A Journey with Luke on Sunday morning after the 10am service, the Wednesday Morning Study Group at 9am and the Wednesday Evening Lenten Study at 6pm.

*After Easter the Sunday Adult Education and the Wednesday Adult Study Group at 1pm will use the book A Journey through Acts.

*Starting Ash Wednesday and during Lent we will use the Book of Common Prayer

Holy Week

*Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday there will be a service with Eucharist at 7pm.

*We will do the Stations of the Cross on Wednesday

*Thursday we will have foot washing, stripping of the altar and the all-night vigil

*Friday Service

*Saturday – joint Mission Area Easter Vigil at Epiphany in Euclid

*Sunday Easter Service – there will be one service at 9am with a nice coffee hour to follow

*The Seasonal Brass will be here for Easter

*The Sunday School will have an Easter Egg Hunt after the 9am service on Easter Sunday. Mother Rose Anne will talk to Greg Mackey about having the acolytes learn all the altar jobs so they are available any Sunday.

Choir Interns

Scott Arra is thinking about reworking the Choir Intern program.

The next meeting will be March 13, 2018.

Everyone is invited to attend a meeting to find out how the services are planned. Remember no experience is necessary.

Judy Stafanick

PALM CROSS WORKSHOP

Please mark your calendars so you remember the Palm Cross workshop on Saturday March 24th at 10am. Come and join a group of fellow parishioners as they fold and shape the palms into crosses. It is a time of fellowship and fun that lasts about an hour. We hope to see you there.

The Altar Guild

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

March 26 – March 31

Monday, Tuesday Eucharist at 7pm

Wednesday Eucharist and Stations of the Cross at 7p

Maundy Thursday service at 7pm with Washing of the Feet, Stripping the Altar and the All-Night Vigil to follow.

Good Friday begins with the WAMA breakfast at the West End YMCA at 7:15am with a program. The Cross Walk to follow at 9:30am. Grace service at 7pm

Saturday a joint Mission Area Easter Vigil at Epiphany, Euclid at 7pm

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 1

One service at 9am with a special coffee hour to follow

The Seasonal Brass will be here for Easter
The Sunday School will have an Easter Egg Hunt after the 9am service for the children



EASTER FLOWERS



If you would like to have a spring plant on the altar this Easter, please fill out a slip and put in the collection plate or return to the office by March 13th, 2018. The cost of each plant is still only \$15. The flowers can be given in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for a blessing received.

Please make check payable to Grace Church and in memo line write: Easter Flowers

STEWARDSHIP

STATE OF GRACE

Spring State of Grace Gathering - This year the State of Grace Luncheon will be held on April 29th after the 10AM service. Since we are meeting late in April the weather may cooperate enough to have a cook-out. We will provide the hot dogs and hamburgers plus beverages. We are asking the congregation to provide salads and desserts as they are able.

At this point we are expecting to have an update from Long Range Planning to include architectural renditions. We will also take time for input and discussion. Also anticipated is a fun exercise from Holy Currencies on Relationship.

These gatherings seem to evolve on their own with each agenda being different from the last. I feel the Holy Spirit working within the Stewardship Team and Grace.

We are also looking for someone to replace Cathy Nash who moved from Stewardship to Sunday School co-director. Having the gift of hospitality is helpful but not necessary.

David Zimmerman

VESTRY MEETING

The February 20, 2018 Vestry meeting was opened with prayer and Lectio Divina by Mother Rose Anne. The minutes and Treasurer's reports were accepted and approved.

The Parochial Report for 2017 was presented and approved and will be forwarded to the Diocese.

The Senior Warden – Debra Zimmerman' asked that the approved minutes be posted on the church bulletin board

Photos of the Vestry members will be taken and put in the Pace so parish members will know who they are.

The Vestry members will start taking turns doing the closing prayer

Debra Zimmerman shared information about Whole Health Action Management

The Junior Warden – David Webster

He discussed the Long Range Plan Reviewed the Capital Needs Assessment We need to look into the water issue by the stairs going down to the undercroft Ray Sphatt has a dream for a Men's Group and will work on it when he gets back in town.

Buildings and Grounds – David Webster

The garage doors at the Rectory need to be replaced along with other work that needs to be done.

Having the parking lots salted – Mother Rose Anne will call the contractor if she thinks the parking lots need to be salted – except on Sunday mornings which needs to be done before the 8am service and that will be at the discretion of the contractor so the lots are safe by the time the congregation arrives for the 8am service.

Foundation -

David Webster has resigned from the Foundation and it was approved that Toni Swisher will take his place.

Rector's Report – Mother Rose Anne

The Vestry Liaison's chart has been updated The Convocation on February 2-3 was good

- Flocknote – our database needs some updating to get it to work with Flocknote and that will be worked on
- IT – Dave Ivey put together a binder to use
Greg Mackey will look into a new host for the Website
Elizabeth Estep is looking at other websites for ideas

The reimbursement form was explained and given to team leaders to use

Chris Burke and Walt Iliff will be asked about the Pancake Breakfast on Palm Sunday
Holy Currencies – out of the Holy Currencies model Stewardship and the congregation will work on "relationship"

Stewardship – the "Team" will be looking for new members. The "State of Grace" will be after the 10am service and Long Range Planning will be discussed. We will have a fun exercise from Holy Currencies on relationships.

Evangelism – they are working on a sign to be used at the Outdoor Market and other places.

Outreach –

- March 10 is the Soup & Chili Cook-off with proceeds going to Little Feet
- The McKinley Meal has been changed to April 23
- LCCN will have their fundraiser and Chinese Auction on May 18
- The Phelps Street Project tries to give people a voice and relationship

The meeting was adjourned at 9pm with prayer by Peggy Burkacki.

The next meeting will be March 20, 2018

Submitted by:

Judy Stafanick, Clerk of Vestry

OUTREACH TEAM

Little feet – Some members of our Outreach Team will be reaching out to community vendors for funding our Little Feet Ministry.

If you would like to help us with this effort, all hands, energy and ideas are welcome and it would be greatly appreciated.

A meal at McKinley is being planned for Monday, April 23. Please let me know if you would like to help plan, prep or serve the meal. Also we always need people to fellowship with the guests. I know they appreciate the caring conversation.

Lake County Community Network (LCCN) will hold their Annual Chinese Auction Fundraiser this May. This is their biggest fundraiser of the year and is critical to their operation. As we get closer to the date I will pass along further information on how we can help this worthwhile ministry.

Join us in our team meetings and share your thoughts. We meet the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm in the lounge. Peace and blessings.

Kathy Hill, Outreach Team Chair

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month. Come at 6p, bring your dinner and stay for knitting at 7p or just bring your yarn and needles to knit or crochet at 7p.

FELLOWSHIP

The Fellowship Team is planning on an exciting trip to see a Captains' game this summer. More to come!

Linda Beharry

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS ON MARCH 11

Spring Ahead - Daylight Savings
Begins March 11th



Remember to turn "**ALL**" your clocks your **AHEAD** one hour before you retire for the evening on Saturday, so you're not late for church on Sunday, March 11th.

MANY THANKS

Thank you all so much for your condolences and warm thoughts during the passing of Gary's mother, Bette Nimmo.

Also for the prayers and well wishes for me during my health issue. This really means a lot.

Kathy Hill

MARCH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARY



Birthdays in March

Fallon Dodds	6
Lindsey Flowers	9
Shaylee Frazier	12
Sandra Wesley	15
Elizabeth Estep	16
Ray Newyear	16
Karla Zargari	19
Walt Iliff	23
Debra Zimmerman	23
James Mackey	28

Anniversary's in March

David & Pat Webster	3
Harry & Margaret Dodds	24

KIDS CORNER

Aidan Seyler picked his high school electives. Law 101 and Gourmet cooking. He received an A on his math test and he is finally taller than his mom Tiffany.

Shaylee Frazier has been taking piano lessons for two years at Fine Arts. She also takes musical theatre dance at Spotlight Dance Studio.

Brody Parks has watched The Monster Truck movie.

Kelsey Frazier has learned how to whistle. She was allowed to bring a stuffed animal to school for good behavior. She enjoyed a Valentine's Day party at school with special treats and cards. Her mom April was the room mom and helped with the party.

Nina and Natalie Zargari volunteered at Lindsey Elementary School for a family math night. They helped children and parents play different math games.

Brandon Berry was inducted into the National Honor Society at Wickliffe High School. He has qualified for a national running race in New York on March 9, 10 and 11. Good Luck. Congratulations for being chosen to the leadership council to represent leadership at Wickliffe High School.

Natalie Zargari has drawn The Little Feet Caterpillar to be used for the logo for the Grace Church Little Feet Ministry.

Nina and Natalie Zargari and four of their friends will be competing in a Destination Imagination Fine Arts program at Barberton Middle School on March 4.

We will be planning ahead and are asking anyone who would like to donate a bag of wrapped Easter candy for our annual Easter Egg Hunt to please leave it in the office.

Debbie Zimmerman
Co-Director of the Sunday School

COURT OF HONOR BOY SCOUTS – TROOP 185

Grace Church will host a Court of Honor on Sunday, March 11 at 3:30pm for two Boy Scouts from Troop 185 which is sponsored by Grace Church. Jackson Luck and Jonathan Luck have achieved Eagle Scout status and will be honored that day. The people of Grace Church are invited to attend the ceremony for Jackson and Jonathan to celebrate their

accomplishments. There will be a dessert reception following the ceremony.

CHURCH MOUSE TAILS

Brandon Berry will be going to Spain this summer with the group from St. James in Painesville. He's one lucky kid.

We celebrated Scout Sunday and there were Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Allison Ivey representing the Girl Scouts. And there was cake after the service. Yum!

Scouts are very helpful. Just ask the girl who needed air in her tire and the Boy Scout Leader followed her to the gas station and showed her how to put air in the tire. Now she can do it herself and she could help you too.

The Soup & Chili Cook-off is March 10 and I'm really looking forward to that. Hope to see you there.

We were watching the crow trying to eat a gummy worm. That was funny.

They are up! The Snow Drops are up and blooming and we love them.

Now that the sun is shining more, it might be time to get up. I'll think about it!



MORE PICTURES



Toni Swisher and Jeanne Schupp
Celebrating Jeanne's birthday with cake



Allison Ivey
representing the Girl Scouts at Scout Sunday

Annual Meeting Brunch



We are ready



Food made by
our generous volunteers



Our faithful cooks and helpers



Some of our parishioners enjoying the
fellowship



A boy and his unicorn



6th ANNUAL SOUP AND CHILI COOK OFF

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Saturday, March 10, 2018

From 11:00AM til

2:00 PM

Enjoy the tastes and vote

for your favorites

All proceeds will go to

The Little Feet Ministry

to help buy shoes for

school children in

our community

who are in need.

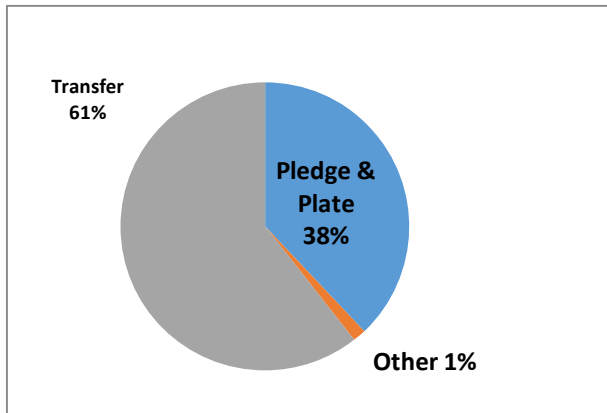
Operating Fund Interim Report -- thru end of January 2018

<u>Income</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Pledge and Plate Contributions	\$6,256.00	\$6,176.15	\$79.85
Other Income	\$236.00	\$210.67	\$25.33
Transfer from Grace Woods Ca	\$10,000.00	\$11,200.00	-\$1,200.00
Total Income	\$16,492.00	\$17,586.82	-\$1,094.82

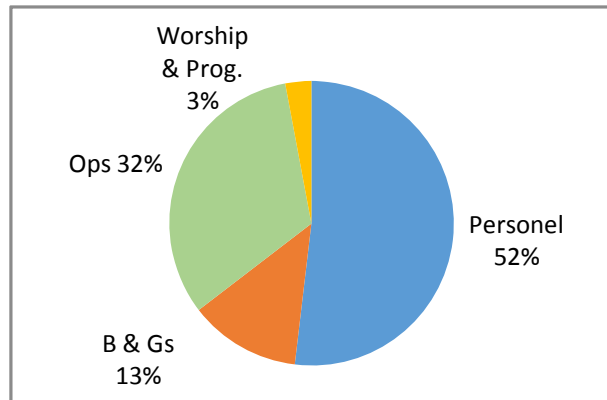
Expenses

Personel	\$8,273.07	\$11,666.74	-\$3,393.67
Buildings and Grounds	\$2,016.27	\$2,656.67	-\$640.40
Operations	\$5,177.68	\$5,407.04	-\$229.36
Worship and Programs	\$475.92	\$3,144.02	-\$2,668.10
Total Expenses	\$15,942.94	\$22,874.47	-\$6,931.53
Excess/Deficit	\$549.06	-\$5,287.65	\$5,836.71

Income



Expenses



Treasurer's Report

Our expenses for the month were well below budget and income only \$1,100 under expectations.

Harry Dodds, Treasurer

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March 4
The Third Sunday in Lent

READINGS FOR THE DAY

Exodus 20:1-17
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 1:18-25
John 2:13-22

March 11
The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Ephesians 2:1-10
John 3:14-21

March 18
The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 51:1-13
Hebrews 5:5-10
John 12:20-33

March 25
The Sunday of the Passion
Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Mark 14:1 – 15:47