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9:00 a.m. to 3pm

Monday - Friday

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**Deadline for next *Pace* is
Sunday, July 22, 2018**



The *Pace* of Grace

July 2018

From the Rector:



My prayer for all is that we have a restful and peaceful July. Most of the teams are taking the month of July off for a well-earned R and R. So many work so hard during the rest of the year and I am thankful for your commitment and demonstrations of faith in our world.

The IT Team remains busy with our new web site. It is hoped that it will be launched within the month. There will be new features, including the opportunity for e-giving! Stay tuned for updates. The Men's Group and the Prayer Shawl Ministry will continue to meet in July and we will be at the Willoughby Outdoor Market July 28th. Hopefully it is a little dryer than June's market was!

Please consider attending Grace in the Garden Sunday Evening July 15th at 6:00 pm. We will meet no matter the weather. If necessary we will meet in the chapel.

It is time to think about updating our church directory. Elsewhere in the PACE you will find a form to fill out to update your information. I am asking everyone to fill out a form and return it in person, by snail mail or e-mail. Don't assume that we have all of your information correctly. We try to stay up-to-date, however, with the changes in the office, we really need to be sure we are as error free as possible. We will also be taking pictures of everyone over the next month or two, so that we can have a picture directory. We have not had an updated picture directory in a long time so I am looking forward to this update!

The information update form also has a couple of very important questions that we need answered. We will be taking the PACE electronic when the new website is up and running and we have your email addresses in Flocknote. Knowing that not all have or want electronic contact, we will still mail the PACE to those who request it.

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From the Rector: *continued*

We will also be surrendering our bulk mailing permit so mailing will be done first class only and only to those who request it. Currently we have to mail out a minimum of 200 pieces to use the reduced bulk mail postage rate. These changes will decrease the cost of publishing the PACE and allow us to continue to communicate to the best of our ability.

There will also be opportunity to pick up a paper copy at church as has been the practice for some. So please be sure to fill out the form and get it back to us. Our goal is that no one is left out of the communication loop. Please talk to me if you have any questions or concerns about this.

On another note – I have had some people express their concern that I have been too political of late. There has been a lot going on in our country that affects our common life and we all have differing views on what is the “correct” position. My response to this is that I value each of you and your individual positions. It is OK to have different positions. What is not OK, in my mind, is to stop talking to each other about our differences. When we talk to one another we can often times find some common ground that we can stand on together. While we may still have differences, we can lean into our commonalities and come together on that common ground, no matter how small it is.

I for one, no longer want to play in the “blame game”. I no longer want to hear who did what, or did it first or to whom – I just want us to work together to fix the problem causing the difference. I want us to find ways that are loving, compassionate, and in keeping with the Gospel and laws of our country that allow us to “respect the dignity of every human being”.

You have read my response; now here is my prayer: I pray that love will prevail and that when I speak of the conditions that affect humanity, God’s creation and all of God’s children, you hear the Gospel, not politics. I

pray that my heart and my mouth stay firmly in the Gospel, and that no matter what – we never stop having the hard conversations. You have my thanks, love and respect for hanging in and listening.

M. Rose Anne

WORSHIP

Educational programs

The Wednesday morning study group is reading “The Book of JOY” by Dalai Lama, and Desmond Tutu, with Douglas Abrams. The group meets at 9:30am. Wednesdays. Adult education classes will resume this fall.

Sunday School updates

Summer child care will be available when two adults are present. Regarding the Sunday Paper - The Junior version is for kids up to age 9.

Review of Pentecost and Blessing of Bikes

We had a good turnout for Blessing of the Bikes. There were 2 bike blessings this year, one at the scheduled time of 2:00 and again just before the Scout meeting later that afternoon.

Summer Services

Eucharist in the Garden –The third Sunday of each month at 6:00 pm.

Other topics discussed

Contemplative prayer sessions - To be discussed further

Morning prayer - We may begin having Morning Prayer with Eucharist once a month, perhaps starting this fall.

The Feast of Grace will be either September 16th or 23rd followed by brunch or a picnic. More information to follow.

God’s Peace, Kathy Hill

OUTREACH TEAM

Lake County Community Network (LCCN) is participating in the Back to School Bash being held at Harvey High School on Saturday, August 4th from 9 am to 2 pm. We will staff a table with literature to hand out, and some kind of family or kid friendly activity to engage folks. This program is designed to give the people most in need of services access to agencies all at once while they are in the building getting free haircuts, immunizations, sports physicals, clothes, dental exams etc. This is the fourth year of the event and a great opportunity for LCCN to access all these folks in need who could benefit from knowing about LCCN. Please let me know if you would like to help at the table.

McKinley Meal – Monday June 25. On the menu - sloppy joes, coleslaw, chips, celery and carrot sticks with dip and dessert for 70-75 guests.

Peace and blessings, *Kathy Hill*

VESTRY

Meeting opened with prayer; Lectio Divina using Romans 1:16-25

Two Boy Scouts presented potential Eagle projects that were approved by Vestry. One of the scouts will be holding a car wash at the church to raise money for his project.

The guidelines for the Memorial Garden were reviewed with Walt Iliff, with no changes made.

Treasurer's Report showed pledges ahead of budget, so we've not had to transfer funds as expected, and we were 15K under budget for expense. Annual Audit is completed, Vestry approved report and it will be sent to Diocese. We need to follow procedures for reimbursement, using designated form, need

to ensure form is available when office closed. Will post in office hallway.

10th Anniversary of Ohio Living and Grace Relationship. Ohio Living agreed that a celebration would be a good idea. Linda Beharry offered to assist Rose Anne with organizing something this summer.

Senior Warden Report

Long Range Planning/Capital Campaign had slow response from the elevator suppliers on costs. New peaked roof may proceed earlier, as changing the roof will cost only a bit more than just re-roofing the flat roof and doesn't need to wait on the other work.

Deb found some advice on vestry responsibilities –Vestry to review in the next two months and then discuss at the August meeting.

Junior Warden's Report

Buildings and Grounds Team: Phil Davis is working on the front door; some of the brass has been replaced already. Frank Burkacki found and installed missing furnace filters. Ken Hughes has been checking that the exit lights are lit.

Two families may have offered to pay for two new toilets if the church will have them installed. Rather than put it on a to-do list, Dave recommends we pay for the installation to get it done. Deb moved that we fund the installation, and any costs not covered by donation. Peg seconded. Approved by acclamation. Two broken windows downstairs– Phil Davis is meeting with glazier this week to get them fixed.

Rector's Report

Reschedule postponed Vestry Retreat: Sat, 6-Oct. NEMAC Update: Bob Thompson, from Epiphany, is the new Chair; Linda Wells is the new Secretary

Rose Ann was approached by someone interested in starting a daycare downstairs. We'd be leasing the space. Concerns were expressed about the facility meeting regulation, maintaining the best relationship with us, and the tax implications of renting to a

for-profit. Rose Ann would like to continue exploring.

Update of Directory: She's asking people to take photos to provide, request updates, and ask people whether they want to receive electronic mail. IT Update: new website getting ready to launch in a couple of weeks. e-giving availability – working with Stewardship to get that ready,

Oct 14th for fall State of Grace

Evangelism:

Working on the Willoughby Market; Taking trifold sign downstairs for Sunday School; Working on Elevator speeches at the beginning of each meeting; Looking over the surveys to address and keep up.

Outreach

McKinley dinner is Monday, 6-25. Cooking here at 1:30, taking to McKinley about 4:30. Planning the Campaign for Little Feet. Advertising and collecting funds at the Willoughby Market.

Worship

Planning to do a Sung Morning Prayer with Eucharist in Fall; Feast of Grace after 10 am on 16-Sep-18.

Fellowship

Reception for Jean Plesnicher on 24-June, with organ recital. Also Scott Arra's 50th birthday.

tending to his backyard berry garden (growing blackberries, gooseberries, strawberries and blueberries) which he can't wait to pick and eat later this summer, and, later this month, he'll be participating in a Cub Scout obstacle and mental agility course called Tough Cubber Ultimate Ninja Warrior!

Shaylee Frazier had a few more performances with the Singing Angels this summer. She got to sing at Playhouse Square, St. John's Lutheran Church in Highland Heights, at the Crusher's game in Avon to sing the National Anthem, The Jennings Center for Older Adults and to end June – sang the National Anthem at our own Captain's Stadium June 30th.

Anabelle Brothers

She is just hanging out this summer.

Kelsey Frazier

She bought turtle earrings and a turtle purse in New Mexico on her family vacation.

Nina and Natalie Zargari

They performed at Mentor Theater and are taking tap and ballet lessons at Spot Light Studio. They volunteer at West Geauga library for book buddies and Vacation Bible School in Chesterland.

Sabella Burnett is on a swim team.

Allison Ivy attends College for Kids at Lakeland Community College.

Debbie Zimmerman, Co-Director of the Sunday School

KIDS CORNER

Riley Gumto served as a Youth Staff member for one week during Cub Scout Day Camp in Madison. Next week, he'll enjoy five more nights of camping at Summer Camp on the Beaumont Scout Reservation in Rock Creek with Troop 185. He will be working on his Emergency Preparedness, Archery, Communication, Robotics, Camping and Entrepreneurship merit badges.

Mason Gumto has had a busy first month of summer playing on two baseball teams, participating in the Library reading program,

FROM THE SCOTTS

Sherwood and I can hardly believe that we have been living in Willoughby almost a year. We only knew four people when we moved here, and then we met the Grace Church community. We sincerely want to thank all of you for the warm welcome you gave us; and the wonderful kindness, and friendship you continually give us. Sincerely, Sherwood & Thora Scott

2018 GEN'L CONVENTION

Words to Ponder:

From Bishop Hollingsworth: This is a quote from Bishop Hollingsworth in his article in Church Life, "A Message from the Bishop" (Vol 122 #2 pg 5). "Over the years of our serving together, many of you have heard me explain who, for me, the structure and polity of our church are essential to the discipline of self-sacrifice into which Jesus invites us to join with him. That structure and polity constitute an important part of how God answers my prayer that "thy will be done". If I want a community where I get my own way, this is not it. And of course, regardless of what I may want, that is not what I need. What I need, in my faith and in my life, is a context of accountability and sacrifice that leads me with others ever deeper into the heart of God."

General Convention

The General Convention of the Episcopal Church happens every three years. This is the year and it is being held in Austin, Texas, **July 5-13**. Our representatives in the House of Deputies will be learning and leading and shaping our church for the next three years and beyond, along with the House of Bishops. If you want to follow the action here is how:

Go to general convention web site, <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/library/topics/general-convention-2018>

From those in the know, here is how the information plays out:

- for a balanced perspective the center aisle: <https://centeraisle.blog/>
- for a leftist perspective the episcopal cafe - www.episcopalcafe.com ,and,
- for a rightist perspective the living church - livingchurch.org

To read the proposals, legislation and resolutions:

www.generalconvention.org/bluebook2018/

For general information about convention:

www.generalconvention.org/about-the-general-convention

M. Rose Anne

Jean celebrates 95 years

June 24th was a day of celebration for Grace Church. We came together to celebrate Jean Plesnicher's 95th birthday. Jean joined Grace Church about 66 years ago. She was and still is active in the choir. She also served as the church organist for 20 years or so. Jean, we wish you the best of years and thank you for your dedication to Grace church and your gift of music as we worship.



The celebration included a short organ concert by our current organist Scott Arra (who also celebrated a birthday that day). Scott treated us to Prelude in E Minor by J.S. Bach, Calm as the Night by Nathan Haskell Dole/Carl Bohm, accompanied by soprano Linda Beharry (Jean's daughter) and Psalm XIX Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739), Arranged for organ by Walter Buszin. Many thanks to Scott and Linda.

The concert was followed by a scrumptious brunch of finger sandwiches, fruit and cake. Many thanks to Pat Webster, her friend Audrey, and Charlotte Stoldt for their wonderful contributions, and thanks be to God for such joyous celebrations!

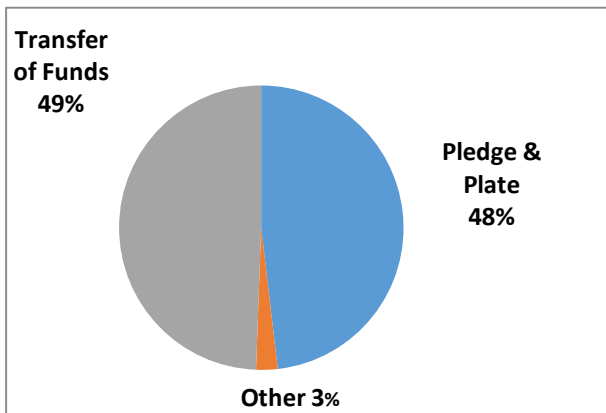
Operating Fund Interim Report -- thru end of May 2018

<u>Income</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Pledge and Plate Contribu	\$36,074.11	\$31,629.04	\$4,445.07
Other Income	\$1,824.89	\$1,053.31	\$771.58
Transfer from Grace Wood	\$37,000.00	\$55,800.00	-\$18,800.00
Total Income	\$74,899.00	\$88,482.35	-\$13,583.35

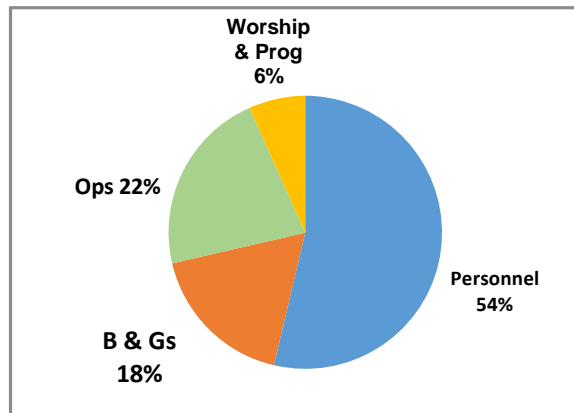
Expenses

Personel	\$42,285.40	\$48,583.38	-\$6,297.98
Buildings and Grounds	\$13,899.30	\$13,374.52	\$524.78
Operations	\$17,311.27	\$22,204.00	-\$4,892.73
Worship and Programs	\$5,262.93	\$8,905.94	-\$3,643.01
Total Expenses	\$78,758.90	\$93,067.84	-\$14,308.94
Excess/Deficit	-\$3,859.90	-\$4,585.49	\$725.59

Income



Expenses



Treasurer's Report

Year to date our expenses are about \$14,000 under budget and contributions about \$4,500 over budget. This is still a good trend.

Harry Dodds, Treasurer

Update of contact information for Grace Episcopal Church July 2018

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First Last Date of Birth

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City State ZIP

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E-Mail address

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READINGS FOR THE DAY

July 1

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 8

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27
Psalm 130
2 Corinthians 8:7-15
Mark 5:21 – 43

July 8

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 9

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10
Psalm 48
2 Corinthians 12:2-10
Mark 6:1-13

July 15

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 10

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19
Psalm 24
Ephesians 1:3-14
Mark 6:14-29

July 22

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 11

2 Samuel 7:1-14a
Psalm 89:20-3.7
Ephesians 2:11-22
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 29

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 12

2 Samuel 11:1-15
Psalm 14
Ephesians 3:14-21
John 6:1-21