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The *Pace* of Grace

May 2018

From the Rector:



So many of us have been asking, “Will spring ever get here this year?” It has seemed so dark with all of the rain and cloudy days – more fall-like than spring. It takes effort to keep our minds and our moods focused on the light doesn't it? At the same time we are in the wonderful and festive 50 days of Easter, in which we have been focusing on Jesus as the light in our darkness. I ran across these words from Bishop Steven Charleston that I found very fitting to this image of Christ.

“We have all been to the dark places, that shadow land just next door to what we call reality, where clarity is lost and doubt dwells, where we are uncertain what tomorrow will bring, if tomorrow can come at all. The dark places can appear slowly or suddenly, but either way they cover us in a fog of doubt, leaving us feeling alone. It is at this moment that faith becomes our compass, for it reminds us that darkness is only a detour, never a destination. These small corners are not the true landscape of our life. They cannot contain the power of love. We have only to listen to our heart. Then the Spirit calls for us until we find our way, out of the dead-end of worry, and back to the broad and bright streets of hope” (Accessed April 26, 2018).

We know that Jesus is our light, our way out of the darkness that sometimes comes and seems to surround and envelop us. It is faith, the gift that God gives us, that also surrounds and heals us; that pushes the darkness away and brings us back into the light – the light of Christ in this world with us. I don't know about you, but I am beginning to see the signs of light and spring. As I write these words the sun is out and the sky is bluer than it has been in a while. Flowers are blooming; the willow trees are yellowing; there are red buds on the trees, and the air is warmer. All signs of lightness and spring.

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**Deadline for next *Pace* is
Sunday, May 20, 2018**

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Elizabeth Estep
Clerk

The Rev. Rose Anne Lonsway,
Rector

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Looking Ahead



May 6 Baptism at 10:00 service
Adult Education – A Journey Through Acts after the 10:00 service

May 10 & 24 Prayer Shawl Ministry 6 pm with Brown Bag supper

May 12 & 26 Men's Group 9 am at Pete's restaurant



May 13 Scripture Study between services

May 18 LCCN Annual Chinese Auction

May 20 Bike Blessings 2:00 pm in front parking lot

May 26 Grace at Willoughby Outdoor Market 8a – 12p

May 27th - Trinity Sunday, Renewal of Vows Meredith and James Velez

From the Rector: *continued*

What are the signs we see that let us know that Jesus is leading us from darkness into light? Is it a feeling? Is it something we observe? Is it something that we observe in others or that we do ourselves? I believe that it is different for each of us, depending on how we experience God in our lives. It can be as simple as the smile given to or received from a stranger, an act of kindness freely given, feeling grateful for blessings recognized, knowing that we are held in prayer by our community, or, thanking God for the beauty of nature as spring opens to light and new life.

Several of us attended a presentation by Diana Butler-Bass April 21. She made a statement that really resonated with me and helps me know that Jesus is our light: "The resurrection does not erase the incarnation". We are in the season of special attention to the resurrection, the Great Fifty Days of Easter; where faith and hope spring anew; where light overcomes the darkness. I think what Diana was saying is that as amazing as the resurrection is, we must not lose sight of the incarnation – God walking as human, learning and knowing what our darkness is like and how desperately we need the light that Jesus brings to us. This knowledge and understanding from our Lord is truly the gift of faith. We are Christ's own and as such we are called to live in the light and to be light for others.

Psalm 27 begins "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? The answer is "fear not", because we have light, we have faith and we have hope. Darkness be gone!

M. Rose Anne

OUTREACH TEAM

The meeting was opened at 7:00 PM with prayer by Peggy. In attendance: Peggy Burkacki, Kathy and Walt Iliff, Chris Burke, and Toni Swisher

Little Feet - We viewed finished posters. They are very nice and seem durable. Discussed ideas for handouts to prospective business donors for Little Feet. Felt a simple handout with explanation of project via bullet points would be easier to explain. Also would tell them they would be acknowledged in the Pace and weekly bulletin. Chris suggested setting names for donors of certain amount, i.e. Platinum Donor \$500 - \$1000, Gold Donor \$250 - \$499 etc.

Evangelism Update – They are making a banner for the Willoughby Market.

Chili/Soup Cook-off – Not sure how this could be improved. Really need to push getting more cooks for the event and putting out the word to get more visitors. Not sure if Breckenridge was notified this year. Maybe we could get organization teams to participate next year.

LCCN Fundraiser is Friday, May 18th, \$20 at St. Gabriel's. We will probably donate a basket for the Chinese Raffle and Wine for the Wine Pull. There will be a notice in the Pace.

Forbes House is having a fundraiser in October at LaMalfa for \$100 per ticket. We should do a basket for this event also.

McKinley Meal is set for Monday, April 23. We already planned the meal of hot dogs, burgers etc. Walt and Chris are cooking. Nothing to make but will need people for shopping, set up, serving and clean up.

The Rummage Sale is set for September 8th. This is the same date of the Breckenridge sale. Notice will be in Pace.

Toni said closing prayer and meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

EVANGELISM

Starting MAY 26TH we will have a booth at the Willoughby Open Market on the 4th Saturday of the month through September 22nd. Please join us to say hello, and get to know people in the community. The booth will be open from 8:00 am to noon. You can volunteer for 1 to 4 hours of your time. Set up will be handled by Frank Burkacki and Chris Burke. While you are there you can walk the market to see what is available. The Boy Scouts, McKinley outreach center, Cub Scouts, and Forbes House volunteers have been invited to share the table with us on different weeks from June –September. Sign up or talk to Peggy Burkacki about volunteering. The dates will be as follows: June 23rd, July 28th, August 25th, and September 28th.

OLD SPIRAL STAIRS

Long-Range Planning team, with Vestry approval, has deemed the circular stair, located near the Sacristy, surplus to our anticipated needs and recommends its removal. Jr. Warden David Webster is accepting offers from parishioners for its purchase. If no parishioner is interested, it will be offered to the public. Deadline for offers is 1 June 2018. Buyer is responsible for its removal. It is five feet in diameter with a floor to floor height of 10' 6". Installed during the 1957 construction of the current church building, it is no longer compliant with the 2018 Ohio Building Code, because vertical handrail supports are too widely spaced. Buyer is required to sign an acknowledgement that they are buying it "as is" and that it may have lead-based paint (but unproven). The church will be responsible for covering the hole in the floor.

After its removal, the upper level will be used to store acolyte robes, banners and other worship-related equipment. The lower level will provide for increased Boy Scout and Cub Scout equipment storage.

NEMAC

The Northeast Mission Area Council, or NEMAC meets at Grace quarterly. The 1st meeting, held April 23, was well attended. Our own Margaret Dodds chaired this group for several years now, and has retired from that position. A new chair and secretary was elected. Bob Thompson of Epiphany, Euclid will serve as Chairperson, and Linda Webb from St. Christopher's by the River, Gates Mills, will serve as Secretary. Many thanks to Margaret for her great leadership and dedication to the Mission Area Council. She remains on council, for Grace Church.



The UTO Spring Ingathering will be Sunday May 13th. We are now in the Great Fifty Days, and are feasting on

the joy and love, grace and mercy, and in the immeasurable gift of the Risen Christ.

Recognizing the blessings, small and large, everywhere and all the time, we are Thankful. We offer a prayer and drop a coin in the Blue Box or a jar or envelope. Gathered in, these blessings bless others throughout the world, wherever the need is great and ongoing. All this will be emptied out, counted out and every penny granted out. If you miss the 13th, bring it the following week. We always wait a week to count. Thanks!

Blessings,

Jeanne Schupp

**UTO boxes can be found on Harvest
Table
Envelopes will be in the pews**

KIDS CORNER

Allison Ivey took a test in black belt for karate and passed. She came in second place out of five kids.

Sabella Burnett went to her grandparents for Easter. She got lots of candy and learned how to say Thank-you in German.

Shaylee and Kelsey Frazier traveled to New York City with their parents for Shaylee's 10th birthday. Shaylee saw the musicals Wicked and Phantom of the Opera. Kelsey visited the Central Park Zoo with her Dad. Shaylee Frazier will be performing with the Singing Angels. Look for a list of performances and times soon and how to order tickets. Kelsey Frazier attends Lego Club through Willoughby-Eastlake libraries. You can see her creations on display at the Eastlake and Willoughby Library.

James Freshwater and his scout friends Pack 282 helped serve pancakes on Palm Sunday. They also helped serve dinner at the McKinley Outreach Center. Thanks for the great job.

Gracie Ivey passed her Karate tests.

Nina and Natalie Zargari have parts in the school play Wizard of Oz. They both are on the honor roll at school. They also made the Wolverines Flag holders during West Geauga H.S. football games in the fall. They had a chorus concert and Natalie had a solo. Natalie also had a jazz and band concert. Nina runs track for W. Geauga Middle School. Nicholas Zargari plays basketball at Lost Nation sports arena.

Maggie Ores was excited to tell Sunday School that she received LOL dolls and candy from the Easter bunny. She also went to a spaghetti dinner with her cousins **Brody** and **Aidan** and family for Aqua Amigos scuba club. **Aidan Seyler** took state test for school.

Annabelle Brothers enjoys swimming lessons. She is great helper helping Maggie at Sunday School.

Brandon Berry runs track at Wickliffe High School you can see his name in the News - Herald for his different winning events

CONGRATULATIONS AND THE BEST TO MELANIE AS SHE GRADUATES FROM HIGH SCHOOL.

A VERY BIG THANKYOU TO ALL WHO DONATED CANDY AND PLASTIC EGGS FOR OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL EASTER EGG HUNT.

Debbie Zimmerman, Co-Director of the Sunday School

BLESSING OF THE BIKES

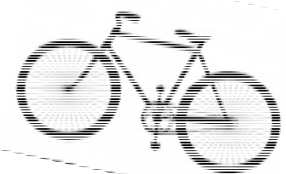
MOTOR AND PEDAL



SUNDAY, May 20TH AT 2PM
in the upper parking lot of

GRACE CHURCH / 36200 RIDGE ROAD
The Rev. Rose Anne Lonsway, Rector

We are looking for helpers to pass out flyers to homes and businesses in Willoughby next Tuesday and Thursday. We don't need a permit to do this, but we do need to let the police department know of our mission. If you are able to help, please contact Peggy Burkacki at 440-975-1496



VESTRY

Approved Vestry minutes will be posted in either the Library or office hallway beginning soon. The Vestry believes that it is important that the parish has access to the minutes for transparency since the Vestry members are elected to represent you all.

The Vestry Liaisons reported on their areas of responsibility. Each team and committee has a Vestry Liaison to support the work of that group.

The Sr. Warden, Deb Zimmerman, reported that pictures of the Vestry are being taken and will be posted so that all will know who their representatives are.

The Jr. Warden reported that the Long Range Planning Team is working hard and will present concepts developed to date at the "State of Grace" gathering. Buildings and Grounds is moving forward with removing the circular staircase (see the notice elsewhere in the PACE). Also being discussed and planned for is refinishing of the brass on the front doors and back-lighting the round Cross Window in the balcony so it will stand out at night. The garage doors were replaced on the Rectory.

The Rector reported that search for an Administrative Assistant is in process, as is the Flocknote project. The Vestry Retreat scheduled for April 21 was modified as two of the members are unable to attend. Those able attend the presentation at Willoughby First Presbyterian by Diana Butler-Bass on Gratitude and its effect on being church. The afternoon session of the retreat is to be rescheduled.

Your Vestry is here for you. If you have ideas, questions or concerns, any Vestry member as well as the Rector are here to listen.

THANKS

After 6 surgeries and 5 months of being unable to put weight on my prosthesis, I am finally learning to walk again. I have been using a cane in the house, but still use the walker outside the house. I wish to thank everyone for all their prayers and

cards. They sure helped in my recovery. I know God was with me all the way or I wouldn't be doing as well as I am.

Ray has been a wonderful care taker but I think it really took a bigger toll on him than either of us realized. He had to have double bypass surgery March 13th at Hillcrest Hospital and then spent 10 days at Fairmount Center in rehab. He is doing very well here at home. He does get tired easily but that is to be expected.

Karl came from Colorado when his dad was in the hospital and stayed until he was home a week. Isabel came for 2 weeks. It was great to see them both since they went to Peru for Christmas.

Again thank all of you for your thoughts and prayers. Remember God is always with you so pay attention and give thanks!

Pat & Ray Newyear

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The Worship Committee met and reviewed Lenten / Easter services, and began planning services for Pentecost and Ordinary time (summer and beyond). Special services and events include:

May 6th - Baptism of Emmet Pate (Linda Woessner's great grandchild)
May 20th - Pentecost:, color Red, check with Charlotte about swirlies
May 20th - Blessing of the Bikes 2:00 pm
May 27th - Trinity Sunday, Renewal of Vows Meredith and James Velez
June 2nd – Wedding Adams-Lysiak, 1:00 pm (Mother Rose Anne's cousin)
June 3rd - End of Choir for summer
The group will further discuss continuing Grace in the Garden this summer. Signage was also discussed as we need to be better with announcing services and people pay attention to the sign.

The next meeting will be Tuesday May 8, 2018 at 7:00 pm. Anyone interested in helping to plan worship opportunities here at Grace is welcome to join in.

Mother Rose Anne

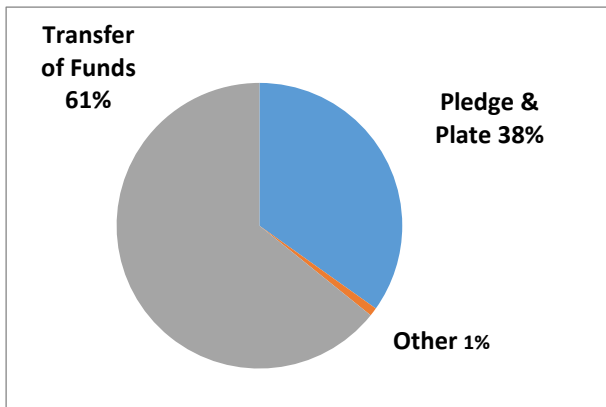
Operating Fund Interim Report -- thru end of March 2018

<u>Income</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Pledge and Plate Contributions	\$20,077.00	\$19,235.72	\$841.28
Other Income	\$548.00	\$633.97	-\$85.97
Transfer from Grace Woods Ca	\$37,000.00	\$33,600.00	\$3,400.00
Total Income	\$57,625.00	\$53,469.69	\$4,155.31

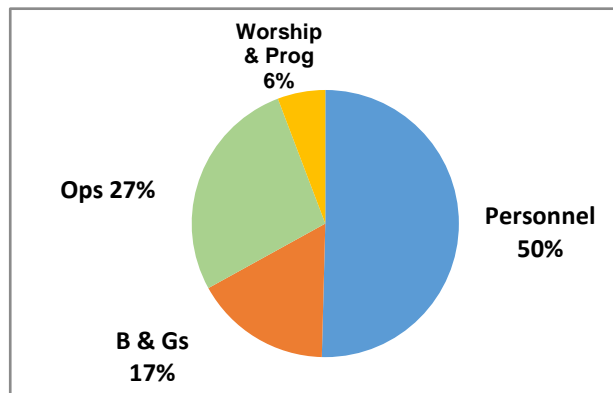
Expenses

Personel	\$27,572.99	\$28,500.06	-\$927.07
Buildings and Grounds	\$9,055.33	\$8,260.36	\$794.97
Operations	\$14,902.18	\$13,723.00	\$1,179.18
Worship and Programs	\$3,160.60	\$5,084.28	-\$1,923.68
Total Expenses	\$54,691.10	\$55,567.70	-\$876.60
Excess/Deficit	\$2,933.90	-\$2,098.01	\$5,031.91

Income



Expenses



Treasurer's Report

Year to date our expenses are about \$900 under budget and contributions about \$800 over budget. As we mover towards warmer weather this should be a good trend.

Harry *Dodds*, Treasurer

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READINGS FOR THE DAY

May 6
The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:44-48
Psalm 98
1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17

May 13
The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Psalm 11
1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19

May 20
Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:25-35, 37
Romans 8:22-27
John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

May 27
Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 6:1-8
Canticle 13
Romans 8:12-17
John 3:1-17