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**Deadline for next *Pace*
is Sunday, Sept. 23,
2018**



The *Pace* of Grace

September 2018

From the Rector:



We are in the thick of planning our new program year. It seems that summer has flown by. Has that been your experience? I hope you found some time to be still and reflect on how God is active in your life and how God is calling to you to serve in our community. This type of reflection relates to our new program year, since we are always in need of loving, committed hands to help Grace Church serve our neighbors and one another.

Together, as individuals and as a parish, we strive to discern where God would have us be the hands and feet of Christ in our community and beyond. I ask you to pray and then listen for God's "tap on the shoulder." Read the PACE and the Sunday Bulletin, and, with God's help, determine where your gifts lie and how you can use them to further our work.

If you feel called to serve on a Diocesan level, there are opportunities to accept nominations to serve as:

- **Diocesan Trustee** – one lay or clergy (5-year term)
- **Standing Committee** – one lay and one clergy (4-year term)
- **Diocesan Council** – two lay and two clergy (3-year term)
- **ECS Development Council** – three lay and one clergy (3-year term)
- Or **Diocesan Disciplinary Board** – two lay and one clergy (3-year term, clergy ordained at least 5 years).

You can find more information about these positions on the Diocesan website under Our Diocese > Convention > Nominations and Elections. The deadline for completed nominations is September 14, so please let me know soon if you have an interest or sense a call to serve.

We will have the opportunity to be a part of the important work of formation with a seminarian from Bexley-Seabury Seminary beginning this September.
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Officers and Rector

Debra Zimmerman
Senior Warden

David Webster
Junior Warden

Harry Dodds
Treasurer

Elizabeth Estep
Clerk

The Rev. Rose Anne Lonsway,
Rector

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- **Saturday, September 8** – Annual Rummage Sale, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
- **Sunday, September 9** – Welcome seminarian Noah Sutterisch
- **Thursday, September 13** – Choir practice resumes
- **Sunday, September 16** – Feast of Grace, one service at 10:00 am, with cookout to follow. Please bring side dish or dessert to share. A signup sheet is posted in the library area.
- **Saturday, Sept. 22** – Willoughby Market
- **Saturday, Sept. 22** – Lay and Clergy leadership conference at Bellwether Farm, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
- **Sunday, September 23** – Sunday School resumes; Also: First Sunday of the fall with Choir.
- **Saturday, October 6** – Vestry retreat
- **Sunday, October 14** – State of Grace, 11:15 MAC, 6:00 pm
- **Thursday, October 25** – NEMAC, 6:00 p.m.

From the Rector, continued:

Noah Sutterisch will be with us at Grace for 10 to 15 hours a week during the school year. He will be doing what is termed field education and it will be our privilege to show him how parish life works. Noah will need to look at the parish from a different perspective and seek ways to learn about people, “church,” and spiritual growth, perhaps in ways he has not yet considered. I am honored and excited that we have been entrusted with this responsibility and I know that you all will welcome Noah and help him meet his learning goals as well as his own spiritual growth goals. In turn, I believe that we can learn about ourselves as the people of Grace Church when we see ourselves through the eyes of a learner and seeker.

I am not going to tell you about Noah here. I am going to leave that information gathering to you and Noah and to your curiosity.

Here are some words of wisdom I ran across from one of my favorite thinkers, Bishop Steven Charleston. Contemplate these words as you wait for that “tap on the shoulder from God” I talked about at the beginning of this article. I found them words that I can sink into deeply to soothe my soul and capture my energy and imagination. I hope you enjoy them as much as I did:

The quiet will come, when all the noise fades away, when the others have all had their say, and only the passing breeze drifts by on its way to find the sea. Then you can have time to think, to let your thoughts sort themselves out, until the image of an answer stands before you like an old friend from childhood.

So do not be anxious that you don't know which way to turn, for the way forward will become clear, just as it always has, in this life of twists and turns, of noise and too much talking, where we wait for the quiet to come. And it always does.

M. Rose Anne+

ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

The annual Grace Rummage Sale will be held on **Saturday Sept. 8 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm**. The funds raised from this sale will be used to support the Little Feet program sponsored by Grace Church. Besides the rummage sale, we will also have a Bake Sale, a 50/50 drawing, and refreshments. Debbie Zimmerman will again be organizing the bake sale, so if you wish to contribute please contact Debbie.

WHERE'S THE FINANCE REPORT?

At its August meeting, the Grace vestry voted to begin publishing the Finance Report in the PACE quarterly, rather than monthly. Quarterly updates should make it easier for parishioners to identify trends and better grasp the church's overall financial status. (See Vestry Highlights for other updates.) Any questions about church finances should be directed to treasurer Harry Dodds, (440) 951-6426, or Mother Rose Anne.

KIDS CORNER

The Sunday School children of Grace have all started school on different days and different times. We are excited to hear all about the start of their school year and to **see them all again at Sunday School starting Sept. 23.**

OUTREACH TEAM UPDATES

Little Feet

Information defining our Little Feet ministry is on the harvest table and there are envelopes in the pews for anyone at Grace who wishes to make a donation. Checks can be made payable to Grace Episcopal Church. Please be sure to add "Little Feet donation" on the memo line. Cash donations are welcome and can be given to the office, see Kathy Hill or Mother Rose Anne.

A tentative date has been scheduled for parents and children to shop for the child's shoes or boots the weekend of October 13 and 14. More information will follow. We hope to add Longfellow Elementary School children to the list of kiddos to receive shoes or boots this year!

Lake County Community Network (LCCN)

LCCN participated in the Back to School Bash held at Harvey High School on Saturday, August 4. Over 20 agencies were there to provide information on a variety of topics for people living in Lake County who are in need. In addition, free clothing, haircuts, immunizations, sports physicals, clothes, dental exams, and more were provided. We had a very good turnout and hopefully many families will be helped.

Feed the Body, Feed the Soul

The next Feed the Body Feed the Soul meal at McKinley will be Monday evening, October 22. If you are interested in helping with the planning, cooking or serving the meal please contact Kathy Hill or Mother Rose Anne. We are always grateful for the helping hands.

Next Meeting

The next Outreach Team meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 4, at 7:00 in the lounge. Please join us.

Peace and blessings,

Kathy Hill
Outreach Team Chair

EVANGELISM UPDATE

The Evangelism team discussed our past welcoming survey. One of the things that we found still needing attention was to spruce up our bathrooms. This is temporary as the Long Range Planning planning team will be making changes. If you have any ideas for this please contact Kathy Hill or Peggy Burkacki.

A training session was planned for ushers and greeters to make sure we are all on the same page.

Thanks to Phil for getting a second sandwich sign to use in advertising and for special events. We were able to use our new sign at our booth at the Willoughby Market to advertise our Sunday School. We also can use it for our rummage Sale in September.

Please join us for our next meeting Tuesday September 4 at 7:00PM in the lounge. You are always welcome.

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

The 2018 “State of Grace” Stewardship Kick-off Luncheon is set for Sunday, October 14 after the 10:00 am service.

Since we received such positive feedback with using Kuhar's as our caterer we have decided to have them prepare the meal again this year. The final agenda will be determined at the next Stewardship meeting on September 13 at 6:30 PM. Please mark October 14th on your calendar. We will be celebrating God's abundance. Good food, fellowship, and information will be shared.

The Stewardship Team discussed the first chapter of the book *Propel* by Rev. Dr. Clayton Smith (United Methodist). The first chapter was about the importance of Leadership in carrying out the mission and ministry of the church. He also talked about fear as being an obstacle of generous giving. The top five financial fears facing all of us:

- 1) Fear of losing our financial security.
- 2) Fear of outliving our income, savings, and social security.
- 3) Fear of escalating medical costs.
- 4) Fear of increasing tax burden.
- 5) Fear of not being able to support church and charity needs

I have found that trusting in The Lord is the first step in overcoming these fears.

*All Things Come of Thee and of Thine Own
Have We Given Thee*

David K. Zimmerman

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

From August, 2018 Vestry Meeting

Attending: Rose Anne Lonsway, Deb Zimmerman, Kathy Iliff, Tiffany Parks, Linda Beharry, Dave Webster, and Tony Fraser also: Harry Dodds, Elizabeth Estep.

- I. The new Administrative Assistant, Mark Clark, was introduced to Vestry and them to him.
- II. The Meeting was opened with prayer and Lectio Divina.
- III. *June Meeting Minutes*: Approved with one revision (Dave Webster actually attended).
- IV. *Treasurer's Report*:
The treasurer's report was approved and it was noted that finances are "on track". We are blessed that pledges are ahead of budget. It was also noted that only 39 percent of expenses are covered by pledge income. Long range planning has estimated future Building and Grounds expenses.
- V. *Finance Committee*:
It was proposed to publish the financial report in the PACE quarterly instead of monthly. No objections to the change from the Vestry. If there is a major variance, it will be noted in the PACE for that month.
- VI. *Senior Warden's Report*:
Long Range Planning – There was some discussion of a statement that appeared in last month's minutes. Long Range Planning has **not** decided that the flat roof is more important than the elevator. It was discussed that the roof needs done before interior work that could be damaged. There may be some economies of scale of doing roof and elevator at the same time, but that remains to be decided. Discussion followed regarding the use of existing financial resources (i.e., how much of what money is available and what do we want to use?) versus having a capital

- campaign or other fund-raising methods. The first draft plan for the upstairs revision is complete. The Junior Warden has requested a cost estimate for working plans and specs. As soon as Long Range Planning formally accepts the updated proposal, the request for detailed working plans expenses will be submitted to the Vestry.
- VII. *Junior Warden's Report:*
Buildings and Grounds Team update was outlined in full under Long Range Planning, as it was a combined report.
- VIII. *Foundation*
Donations were made to the NAMI Run and Forbes House. The continuation of the Foundation's World Vision sponsorship will be discussed at the next meeting.
- IX. *Rector's Report*
Mother Rose Anne reported the following:
- The 2018 Vestry Retreat is scheduled for October 6 at 9:00 am.
 - There was interest expressed by an outside party to lease space for a daycare: After research, it was decided that this opportunity was not in our best interests going forward.
 - Bill Hutchinson was pleased with our response to the Little Roses request.
 - Rose Anne will be mentoring a seminarian, Noah Sudderisch, here at Grace. Noah will be here 10-15 hours a week, including Sundays, beginning Sept 9. He'll be with us one or two years.
 - A Lay and Clergy Leadership Conference is scheduled for September 22 at Bellwether Farm from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Since there's a discount if a group registers together, let Rose Anne register you if you decide to go.
 - Updated Reimbursement forms are now on a clipboard hanging by the hall mailboxes
- X. *IT update:*
- Our new website is preparing to launch, hopefully within the next two weeks. E-giving availability is waiting for the website release.
- XI. *Holy Currencies – Currency of Relationship:* The Rector will preach at the Sunshine Hour at Lyon's Chapel the First Wednesdays of each month.
- XII. *Worship Updates:*
- a. Sunday School begins September 23.
 - b. The first Choir rehearsal will be September 13.
 - c. The first Sunday with Choir will be September 23.
 - d. The Feast of Grace will be September 16.
 - e. Worship Committee is planning a Sung Morning Prayer with Eucharist for October 21.
- XIII. *Other Updates:*
- a. *Stewardship:* The State of Grace meeting is scheduled for October 14.
 - b. *Evangelism:* Phil Davis has recommended doing some type of computerized display for our downstairs sign, similar to the display at the Willoughby Library. Please check it out.
 - c. *Outreach:* Willoughby Market Update. September will be the last one for 2018. Fundraising for Little Feet in progress and we are adding a 3rd school this year (Longfellow). There's info on the Harvest Table about how to reach out for funds.
 - d. *Other Business:* Deb Zimmerman, Kathy Iliff, and Linda Beharry constitute the Nominating Committee for next year. They are talking about how to proceed to connect with those parishioner's willing to serve on Vestry.

7th Annual Soup Supper

To benefit Episcopal schools in El Salvador


All-You-Can-Eat Soup – Large Variety Available
with bread and dessert

Saturday, October 20, 2018

5 PM - 7 PM

St. Hubert's Episcopal Church

8870 Baldwin Road, Kirtland Hills, Ohio



Tickets: \$12 Adults
\$6 Children 12 & under
\$30 per family

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Peggy Burkacki (right) and a boy scout staff the Grace Church booth at the Willoughby outdoor market in July.

Grace will return to the market September 22.



**Meet Mark Clark,
our new
administrative
assistant**

Mark Clark began work as our new administrative assistant August 14. For 12 of the past 13 years, Mark has been involved with the Education for Ministry program, as either a student or a mentor. This year he is organizing a group of EfM graduates. For the Diocese of Ohio, Mark serves on the Board of Examining Chaplains, which reviews the academic readiness of seminarians preparing for ordination. His wife Vanessa is the priest at St. James Episcopal Church in Painesville.

Mark graduated from the University of Louisville in 1988 and then served as a reporter and film critic for the Louisville *Courier-Journal*. After leaving newspaper work in the mid-1990s, he spent more than a decade in the corporate world, including a decade at Nationwide Insurance as project manager. Since leaving Nationwide in 2008, Mark has worked primarily as an author and film historian, writing about classic movies and TV shows. Along with essays and reviews, he has published five books and is currently writing a sixth.

Mark and Vanessa live in beautiful Mentor on the Lake with their daughter Vivianne, 14, son Thomas, 9, and two dogs.

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READINGS FOR THE DAY

September 2

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 17

Song of Solomon 2:8-13
Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10
James 1:17-27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

September 9

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 18

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23
Psalm 125
James 2:1-10, [11-13], 14-17
Mark 7:24-37

September 16

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 19

Proverbs 1:20-33
Psalm 19
James 3:1-12
Mark 8:27-38

September 23

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 20

Proverbs 31:10-31
Psalm 1
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a
Mark 9:30-37

September 30

The Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Proper 21

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22
Psalm 124
James 5:13-20
Mark 9:38-50