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The *Pace* of Grace

November 2018

From the Rector:



We find ourselves in the midst of stewardship season, that time where we concentrate on the blessings that God has gifted us with and how we are called, as individuals and as a church, to give back to support God's kingdom in this world. This is a topic that makes some people uncomfortable. I remember being instructed as a child that one did not discuss

politics, religion or money in polite society. How about you? Did you get that message as well?

I believe that the time has come to talk about religion and money. We are talking about everything else these days, aren't we? We at Grace have a lot to think about and a lot to talk about. God has been so generous to us and it is clear that God asks so little back from us. This comparison dawned on me years ago as I sat writing out checks to pay bills and worrying about my paltry budget. I happened to really compare the amount I was paying for my comforts in life and the amount I was giving back to God. It struck me that even though I was tithing, that amount seemed so small compared to everything else and that difference has never left me. It was a real revelation to me.

The other stewardship revelation I have had is that while this time of year is about money, our year-round call is for time and talent as well. We are a busy bunch here at Grace and some of the busy people are getting a little weary because they are keeping so many balls in the air at one time. I believe that we need more of you to prayerfully consider what God is calling you to give, not only from your pocket, but of yourselves – time and talent! I have been asking myself and asking those who have been meeting with me "What do we need to do to get folks to become more engaged with God's missions here at Grace and to make those missions a higher priority in our lives." I would love to hear from you on these topics if I have not already, or if I have and you have more thoughts.

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From the Rector, continued:

Here is a list of the teams we have in place:

Buildings and Grounds, Worship, Altar Guild, Acolytes, choir, Outreach, Evangelism, Sunday school, Adult Education, Stewardship, Pastoral Care, Fellowship, Finance, Foundation, Information Technology, Long Range Planning, and Holy Currencies.

Whew! Did you realize how much we are involved in? These teams include things such as serving at McKinley Center and Forbes House, making our “Little Feet” program come alive and serve the children, help prepare for worship every week and keep the facility running and sound. These are only examples and not all inclusive. Each and every team could use more time and talent – your time and talent. If you are one of those who ask, “What talent do I have?” just offer your time and I am confident that your talents will be recognized and utilized!

Other things I hear from people are that we are old, too busy, already done that, don’t drive at night, too tired – and the list continues. I urge you to really pray about how you can be more engaged at Grace. I know that that once you make the decision to step up that God will make the way for your participation. You don’t have to take on the world. Select one area that speaks to you and give it a try. Talk to someone serving on a team you are interested in and get some more information or come and talk to me about your interests and/or concerns. Shared work is easier work. Come and share.

I leave you with a couple of thoughts as you ponder your contributions to God through Grace Church:

- Matthew 6:21: “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”
- From “A New Zealand Prayer Book” (p. 125): “God, give us work till our life shall end and life till our work is done.”

Open your hearts and your hands to God’s mission through Grace Church.

M. Rose Anne+

NEW MISSION STATEMENT

Grace Episcopal Church leadership has approved a new mission statement:

*We are disciples of Jesus: helping one another
be the hands and feet of Christ
by sharing God’s love with the world.*

EVANGELISM UPDATES

Thanks to everyone who participated in greeting people at the Willoughby Market this year! We all had a good time while we were representing Grace Church. The Willoughby Market has ended for this year. We met many people in our community, both shoppers and fellow vendors.

The pet blessing was another way of involving ourselves in the community. We need help in getting the word out to the community when we have an event. Please help us by taking flyers to friends and family, or anywhere you frequent.

If you are interested in finding ways to help us be better known in the community, join us at a team meeting. We meet the first Tuesday of the month in the lounge at 6:00 pm. Our next meeting is November 6. You don’t need any special training, just come in and share your ideas. We hope to see you at a meeting in the future!

- Peggy Burkacki

BAKE SALE

A big THANK YOU to all who made our Second Annual Bake Sale a huge success. Thanks to everyone who donated their delicious baked goods!

- Debbie Zimmerman and Sandy Wesley

OUTREACH TEAM UPDATES

Look for pictures from McKinley and an update of Little Feet elsewhere in this month's Pace!

LCCN Updates

Lake County Community Network will not conduct its usual Christmas Wishes program this year. The program was discontinued since so many other churches and agencies were also providing holiday gifts. LCCN will provide food baskets for Thanksgiving again this year and the Christmas scarf/mitten tree program will continue. Look for more information in future updates. Mother Rose Anne will check with St. James to see if they could use help with gift and food baskets.

McKinley Update

Thanks to everyone who helped prepare and serve our Feed the Body, Feed the Soul meal at McKinley Community Center on Monday, October 22. We had a great dinner of chili, cole slaw, an assortment of bread from the McKinley pantry and totally awesome desserts baked by Kathy Ivey. What a wonderful treat! We cooked up almost 20 pounds of hamburger for the two roasters of chili and there wasn't a speck left. I got so many compliments on the entire meal, especially the chili.

Our expert cooks for this feast were Chris, Noah, Deb Zimmerman, Sharon and her sons Riley and Mason. The helping hands that set up, served and cleaned up were Mother Rose Anne, Walt and Kathy Iliff, Chris, Kathy and Dave Ivey and Allison, Sandra Wesley, Peggy, Sharon, Mason and Riley, Debbie Zimmerman and Gary Hill. We were honored to have representatives from the Scouts. Allison Ivey represented the Girl Scouts, while Riley Gunto represented the Boy Scouts and Mason Gunto the Cub Scouts.

I know the fellowship with the guests means so much to them, so thank you all for making the guests feel so special and welcome. I spoke with one lady who knew of McKinley but had never been to a meal. She was so grateful for the great dinner, prayer and fellowship. She said we all were so welcoming and she enjoyed the evening. This is what it is all about. Sometimes the smaller things can bring a lot of joy to someone's life and I could see it in her face. Sometimes in the process of putting it all together we may encounter a bit of frustration, but in the end it is well worth it. And, thank you Mother Rose Anne for the prayer and message for the evening. All in all, it was a very successful event.

Next Outreach Meeting

Come join us at our next meeting on Tuesday, November 6 at 7:00 pm in the lounge. All willing hearts and hands are welcome to share ideas to reach out to those in need. Peace and blessings.

- *Kathy Hill, Outreach Team Chair*

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

A total of 44 people attended our annual State of Grace Stewardship Kick-off Luncheon. Kuhar's Catering provided a delicious meal. The desserts brought by parishioners satisfied our sweet tooth. Thank you to those who provided the desserts.

I would also like to thank the Stewardship Team (Frank Burkacki, Mother Rose Anne, Tiffany Parks and Toni Swisher for all their hard work in preparing for the meal and program. My wife, Debbie was invaluable in organizing and keeping me on track.

Additionally, I would like to thank: Marilyn Taylor for her reflections on giving, Tony Benigar in sharing with us the importance of the Rummage Sale in building relationships, Greg Mackey in updating us on E-Giving, Vestry for providing our Mission Statement, Cathy Nash and Tiler for providing the table decorations, Riley Gunto for watching the children, ushers for passing out

the 2019 Pledge Cards, and all the many people who helped set up and clean up. Everyone pitched in to help make the luncheon a success.

-David K. Zimmerman

Why I Give to Grace Church

I was raised by parents who went to church every Sunday, even while vacationing, and they always gave generously to their church. My sister and I were encouraged to put coins in the "Poor Box". So I never thought much about why we gave. It was just something you did.

As I got older and lived on my own I had a more utilitarian reason to give: Because I felt that my church home needed to be maintained and pay the bills, just like the home in which I lived.

When my husband and I had young children and both became very involved with all the ministries of our church, my feelings about giving changed. We gave more because we saw so much need and felt it was important to help the church make a difference in the community.

When my husband and I retired we were worried that we may have to cut back some on our giving, but we decided to wait and see and found out that we were fine by continuing our usual pledge amount.

Again when my husband died I thought I might have to give less but decided to make a small increase. That year I noticed no difference in my financial well-being.

Over the years God has given me pain and problems, but also solutions and much joy. I have faith that God has reasons for all he does, even though sometimes it is hard to know why. Mostly, I feel very blessed by God. I think everything I have is from God. And therefore, I want to give back to Grace Church as a way of thanking and giving back to God.

From my first visit here it was a warm and welcoming place. The parishioners here are some of the nicest people I have met. After attending services here for a couple months, Dave Zimmerman appeared at our door with hot cross buns made by Bobbie Mackey. After that

it was a done deal! I have been a member of Grace for about 10 years. I want Grace to be successful in all its missions and to grow and to be here long after I am gone. Therefore I will continue to support Grace as I am able.

Sincerely,

Toni Swisher

KIDS CORNER

Updates from our Sunday School students:

- **Annabelle's** cousins Grant and Marshall came to visit her. She is going to be a witch for Halloween.
- **Kelsey** will be starting to play basketball. She recently was chosen as the first star student in her first grade class.
- **Maggie** is going to be a super dog for Halloween.
- **Shaylee** got a part as one of the orphans in Annie at Cassidy Theater. She is also in Elf Jr. at the Brecksville Theater. At school, she is learning to play the flute in the band.
- **Allison** helped serve at the McKinley dinner.
- **Sabella** enjoyed going to the Grape Festival and the covered Bridge Festival with her Grandparents Seymour.
- **Mason** also helped serve at the McKinley dinner.
- **Riley** babysat at the Stewardship luncheon and also helped cook and serve for the McKinley dinner.
- **James** is going to dress up in his Skeleton Morphsuit for Halloween.
- *Debbie Zimmerman and the Sunday School teachers*

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

From October, 2018 Vestry Meeting

Attending: Rose Anne Lonsway, Deb Zimmerman, David Webster, Linda Beharry, Kathy Iliff, Noah Sutterisch, Tiffany Parks, Peggy Burkacki, Harry Dodds, Elizabeth Estep.

Finance Report

Budget planning for next year has begun. Some committees have been asked for a list of their expenses to help with budgeting.

Diocesan Convention

The vestry approved the following slate of delegates and alternates to represent Grace Church at this year's Diocesan Convention:

- **Delegates:** Elizabeth Estep, Cathy Nash, Ken Hughes
- **Alternates:** Kathy Hill, Dave Webster, Peggy Burkacki

New Mission Statement

The vestry approved the proposed new mission statement: **"We are the disciples of Jesus: Helping one another be the hands and feet of Christ by sharing God's love with the world."**

Senior Warden's Report

The search for vestry nominees is underway. No meeting has been held yet, but people have expressed interest.

Junior Warden's Report

The snow removal contract is signed and paid.

Rector's Report

- **The Grace Church annual Clam Bake will be held Saturday, November 3. Reservations and pre-payment are**

required and must be received by October 31.

- Mother Rose Anne is trying to schedule one-on-one meetings with as many parishioners as possible. She is looking forward to these discussions.
- Work on a new Photo Directory is underway. Dave Ivey is taking pictures.
- Flocknote Update: A cleanup of the church's member database, which is necessary to move to Flocknote, is also underway.
- Two years from now will mark the 10th Anniversary of Ohio Living and Grace Church relationship. This will coincide with the 150th anniversary of Grace's foundation. The parish will celebrate both events together.
- IT update: New website will go live very soon. E-giving will be available as soon it goes live.
- The Y has asked to use our facility for some meetings.
- Mother Rose Anne will be away November 15-20. The Rev Sahra Harding will serve as supply priest. Mother Rose Anne will also be away December 27 through Jan 4, 2019.

Stewardship

The Feast of Grace kick-off on Oct 16 went well. Feedback from attendees on the proposed new mission statement was appreciated.

Outreach

The Little Feet ministry has paid for 81 pairs of shoes so far this year. A make-up shopping day was scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 27. More shoes will be distributed then.

Worship

Seminarian Noah Sutterisch will preach October 28.

Next Meeting

The vestry will meet next on November 28, at 7:00 p.m.

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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Looking Ahead

- **November 3** – Annual Grace Clam Bake, 4:00 pm
- **November 6** – Vote!
- **November 7** – WAMA at Grace, noon
- **Sunday, November 18** – Dedication of Pledge Cards, both services
- **Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23** – Church office closed for Thanksgiving
- **November 28** – Vestry, 7:00 pm.

Feeding the Body and the Soul at McKinley



Little Feet ministry brings big smiles!



We had a very successful shopping weekend for Little Feet Oct. 13 and 14. Out of the 110 kids on the list from our three participating elementary schools, 81 children have selected their shoes or boots so far. Another shopping day was scheduled for October 27.

The parents and kids all were so grateful and thanked the Grace family for providing the much needed help. I saw some familiar faces from our Grace family in the store for the shopping event. Thanks to Mother Rose Anne, Kathy and Dave Ivey, Peggy Burkacki, Chris Burke and David Webster for their participation in the event. The associates at JCPenney were so accommodating, and friendly to all the families. They really enjoyed the opportunity to do something so special for the children.

Thank you all so much for your donations, and participation in this ministry. Because of your generous donations and hard work we had more than enough to purchase the gift cards for the shoes and boots. It is such a blessing to actively serve our community by providing warm and comfortable footwear to so many children in need. The Little Feet ministry enables us to truly be Christ's hands – and feet – in the world. God abundantly blesses us for sure.

- Kathy Hill

Dear Grace Episcopal Church,

10-16-18

Thank you so very much for the 25 gift card. I was able to get a brand new pair of boots. I really needed them for this winter. I got a black and grey pair of boots, the grey part is the cloth around the side. I hope you have a great year.

Dear Grace Episcopal Church,
Thank you for my new black and white shoes. They are very nice and comfortable to wear. They are a new brand of shoe that seems to be very popular. I was lucky to get a pair that fit my feet. I am very grateful for my shoes. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Dear Grace Episcopal Church,
Thank you for my shoes.

Dear Grace Episcopal Church,

Thank you for putting your time and money to help us get a new pair of shoes. With my \$25 I got a pair of Flea shoes that are green and black. I appreciate that you helped kids get a pair of shoes.

Grace goes to the dogs

Mother Rose Anne blessed pets from Grace Woods in the pavilion on St Francis Day (Oct. 3) and pets from the parish in the upper lot Sunday, Oct. 7.



*Fellow creature, friend and companion;
may God your creator and preserver,
bless, defend, and keep you this day and for ever.
Amen.*

