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is Sunday, Feb. 17, 2019**



# The *Pace* of Grace

**January-February 2019**



## From the Rector:

Well, here we are on the other side of Christmas, We have celebrated Epiphany, the arrival of the Magi, and are moving into the days after Epiphany – Ordinary time that takes us to Ash Wednesday and Lent. The seasons of the church move on, whether or not we are ready for it. What shall we do with this

Ordinary time? Here at Grace, there is much to be done.

One important thing that we need to attend to is scheduled for February 3. That's the date of our Annual meeting, where we elect new members of our Vestry. It appears that we will have a contested election this year and I am very excited by that prospect. This tells me that we have more than one or two people who are ready and willing to serve on the body that manages the business of our parish, determines how our resources are used and works to envision what God has in mind for our future as Grace church. The Vestry is most effective when they function as a team. That takes dedication and focus; a willingness to engage in God's Holy work for the good of the parish rather than individual good.

An article by Chris Holmes in the January 2019 issue of ECF Vital Practices describes the successful Vestry team. He writes:

"Life-giving teams build community and synergy around a higher purpose while utilizing the gifts of each member of the team. This kind of a team doesn't just sort of happen. It is the consequence of a process of careful selection, intentional development and team leader training.

The first thing to realize about teamwork is that a team is fundamentally different from a group. Groups come together for sharing or learning and then apply that learning to their individual lives. Teams develop a common vision with established goals, and rise or fall together because their members share responsibility for the results of their work.

The church Vestry is innately designed to function as a team with shared responsibility for church governance, structure and selection. It holds a place at the top of the local congregation's organizational structure, with the purpose of helping the congregation fulfill its mission. The best of vestry life happens when the organization functions as a team accomplishing its work productively and collaboratively. ...

*(Continued inside)*



## 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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### Lessons / Reading

## Looking Ahead

- **Monday, January 28** – NEMAC, 6:00 pm.
- **Friday-Saturday, Feb. 1-2** – Diocesan Winter Convocation at Kalahari Convention Center in Sandusky, Ohio.
- **Sunday, February 3** – One service at 9:00 am. **Annual Parish Meeting following.**
- **Monday, February 4** – Buildings and Grounds, 5:45 pm.
- **Tuesday, February 5** – Evangelism, 6:00 pm; Outreach, 7:00 pm.
- **Tuesday, February 12** – Finance, 4:30 pm; Worship Committee, 7:00 pm.
- **Tuesday, February 19** – Vestry, 7:00 pm.



## Cornucopia of Care

For Thanksgiving, volunteers collected this beautiful display of fresh fruits and vegetables, which was displayed in front of the Altar. Afterward, the food was donated to the McKinley Community Outreach Center.

## From the Rector, continued:

A research study involving thousands of teams identified as effective, found these six common actors:

- *Effective teams have a compelling direction.* The purpose for meeting is captivating and clear and the team is able to measure what success looks like.
- *The right people are on the team for the right reasons.* Most often these are stakeholders in the mission of the organization who have the ability to play well with others.
- *Team membership is well defined.* There is utter clarity about who is on the team and who is not. You would be surprised at how often this is unclear.
- *The team matters to the organization and its leadership.* The team is given enough authority to carry importance, has an adequate budget and undisputed organizational buy-in.
- *The structure of the team is solid.* There is administrative support, a reasonable time-line, role definition and clarity about critical details.
- *The team is adequately led/coached.* The leader of the team is trained and has a good grasp of working with others.

The study on Team Effectiveness found that when the first five of these factors are in place, there is a 60% chance that the team will be effective in doing its work. The other 40 percent chance of success in effectiveness depends upon the quality of leadership provided to the team."

We at Grace have been blessed with Vestries that form well-functioning teams with strong Wardens who have led with wisdom and competence. I have no reason to think that that will change.

The Vestry represents you, so I urge you to know your candidates (see the bios of those running elsewhere in this PACE), to pray for your Vestry as they do the work God has given them to do, and to support them with your presence and partnership. We are all on this journey together.

I found this prayer in the New Zealand Prayer Book (pg. 125), which I have put on a post-it note and keep on my desk as a reminder of what we are called to: "God, give us work until our life shall end and life until our work is done." Let us do God's work together as we strive to be the hand, feet and heart of Christ in this world.

I hope to see each of you at the Annual meeting!

M. Rose Anne+

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## OUTREACH TEAM UPDATES

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Thank you all so much for contributing to our holiday outreach this year!

### *Mitten Tree*

Our Mitten Tree was filled with mittens, gloves, scarves, caps and much more, even goodies for pets. Most of these items will be divided among Edison, Grant, and Longfellow elementary schools. The adult items and pet items will be taken to McKinley Community Outreach Center. A holiday food basket also was provided to a family in our community. Everyone was so very grateful.

We also provided Christmas gifts for a family from Forbes house. Everyone was so very generous in making sure the family had a very happy Christmas. Again, thank you all for your generosity.

### *Feed the Body, Feed the Soul*

Our next "Feed the Body, Feed the Soul" meal at McKinley is scheduled for **Monday, March 25**. As always you all are welcome to participate in the planning, preparing the meal, setting up and serving. The guests really need and enjoy the food and fellowship we bring to them.

### *Soup & Chili Cook-off*

The Soup & Chili Cook-off is scheduled for Saturday, March 30. If you wish to prepare your favorite soup or chili recipe, and maybe even win a prize, please complete the form for your entry and return it to Peggy Burkacki, to me or you can drop off your entry form in the office. It's really such a good time and a real feast! All proceeds will benefit the Little Feet ministry.

### *Next Meeting*

Our next Outreach meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 5 at 7:00 pm in the lounge. All are welcome.

Peace and blessings,

- Kathy Hill, Co-chair

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## EVANGELISM UPDATES

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Thank you, Grace Church! On behalf of the Evangelism Team, thanks to those donated cookies for our parish Christmas cookie trays. We set up and delivered heaping full trays and special Christmas cookies to all five support groups that meet weekly downstairs. These groups are: Dry Dock, Lost & Found, Northcoast, Sharing in Sobriety, and Tonight Show.

In the last few weeks, we have had some new faces at worship. A few of those visitors signed the parish's guestbook. The Rector and Evangelism Team try to follow-up with local visitors.

The next Evangelism Team Meeting is planned for Tuesday, Feb. 5, at 6pm.

Peace and blessings,

- Phil Davis (for Peggy Burkacki)

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## VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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*From the December, 2018 Vestry Meeting*

**Attending:** The Rev. Rose Anne Lonsway, Debra Zimmerman, David Webster, Linda Beharry, Tiffany Parks, Peggy Burkacki, Elizabeth Estep, Harry Dodds, Noah Sutterisch.

### *Treasurer's Report*

- Finance Committee Report/Review of 2019 Budget: Little Feet expenses now included under Outreach. Tiffany Parks moved to accept. Linda Beharry seconded. Motion carried.
- Capital Funds Budget 2019: Deb Zimmerman moved to accept. Dave Webster seconded. Motion carried.
- Bonuses to Administrative Staff for 2019: Dave Webster moved, Deb Zimmerman seconded. Motion carried.

### *Senior Warden's Report*

Report from the Nominations Committee: One additional candidate identified, with the same 'will not serve as Junior Warden' caveat. Debra Zimmerman will gather previous Junior Wardens to plan how to make the role easier.

### *Junior Warden's Report*

- Building and Grounds Team: No updates.
- Work Day: 8 people showed with 5 workboxes and chose tasks from the ample list.
- Light over the Altar. Chris Burke figured out how to change the bulbs.

### *Rector's Report*

- Annual reports are due Jan 21, 2019.
- Pace will have combined Jan-Feb edition.
- Diocese of Ohio Winter Convocation is Feb 1-2, 2019. There is a discount if 6 or more parishioners attend.
- Use of our space by the Y delayed until 2019.
- Flocknote: Database cleaned up.
- Our new parish directory will available at the Annual Meeting.
- E-giving availability is ready to go!
- Mother Rose Anne will be out of office December 27, 2018-January 4, 2019.
- Caroling at Grace Woods went great.
- Holy Currencies: No updates. Thanks to the Stewardship team for a great job this year!

### *Evangelism*

- Suggestion for downstairs Bulletin Board by Phil Davis: Still gathering info.
- No meeting in January.

### *Outreach*

- Little Feet Report: 99 pairs shows/boots purchased. The team is considering expansion to a fourth elementary school.
- Six items for each member of Forbes-sponsored family, and additional presents for Forbes House were gathered and will be distributed as needed.

### *Worship*



- No meeting in January.
- Making plans for Epiphany and beyond.

### *Fellowship*

The Fellowship team needs a new leader as Linda has resigned. Thanks to Linda for all she has done and has attempted to do as our fellowship leader. Please consider whether or not you may feel a call to this demanding but joy-filled ministry.

### *Other Business*

- Wreaths Across America: DAR sponsors wreaths on veteran's graves: one was placed in our Memorial Garden.
- a. NAMI (National Association for Mental Illness) group will meet here the first and third Wednesdays of each month in 2019.

### *Next Meeting*

The next Vestry meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2019, at 7:00 pm.



## MEET OUR VESTRY CANDIDATES!

Three members of vestry will be elected at the Annual Parish Meeting on February 3. Here are profiles of candidates who are running for vestry this year:

*Sandy Gonzalez*

*Profile not available by Pace deadline.*

*Kathy Hill*

I have attended Grace Episcopal for 5 years. I previously served a 3 year term on Vestry and look forward to returning to be a part of this challenging and rewarding body of our church.

I served as Chair of our Outreach Committee for the past 4 years and currently serve as Co-Chair along with Kathy Ivey. I was also a member of our Search Committee. My other ministries include service on our Worship Committee, Evangelism committee, and Foundation, as well as being an usher.

I feel so blessed to be a part of this congregation and it is a privilege to serve!

*Cathy Nash*

Hello, my name is Cathy Nash and I would like to serve Grace Episcopal Church by working with our Vestry team. Most of you know me as the lady who survived cancer. I am also on the staff of McKinley Community Outreach Center. The other hat I wear is that of co-director of the Grace Church Sunday School. I love being involved in our church family. Please vote for me!

*Sandy Wesley*

I've been an Episcopalian all my life and a member at Grace since 1980. My son, Casey, was baptized here in the early Eighties. I also taught Sunday School during that time. Nowadays, I work with the Outreach team and help however I can. I have never served on Vestry before but I am excited about the opportunity and promise to do the very best that I can!

## PRAYER SHAWL

## MINISTRY UPDATE

Our prayer shawl group has moved its meetings from 6:00 pm to **3:00 pm**, so members can return home before dark during the winter months. The group meets on the second and fourth **Mondays** of the month. All are invited.



## *A Joyful Noise... Caroling at Grace Woods*





# 7<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SOUP & CHILI COOK-OFF

Enjoy the tastes and vote for your favorites!



**SATURDAY MARCH 30, 2019**

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Grace Episcopal Church

**All proceeds will benefit the Little Feet ministry**

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*Please complete this form and return to the office in order to participate...*

Yes! I want to be part of the  
7th Annual Grace Episcopal Church  
**SOUP & CHILI COOKOFF**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of dish: \_\_\_\_\_

Chili\_\_\_ Soup\_\_\_

**Instructions:**

1. Make a Crockpot of chili or soup and include ingredients on an index card for those with dietary restrictions.
2. Bowls and spoons will be provided.
3. Cornbread and beverages will be available for purchase at the event.
4. **Set up at 10 a.m. on March 30, 2019 in the lower level of the church.**
5. **Registrations must be received by March 16, 2019.**

CONTACT Peggy and Frank Burkacki at (440) 975-1496 to register or for any questions or concerns.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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## READINGS FOR THE DAY

January 20  
The Second Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 62:1-5  
1 Corinthians 12:1-11  
John 2:1-11  
Psalm 36:5-10

January 27  
The Third Sunday after Epiphany

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10  
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a  
Luke 4:14-21  
Psalm 19

February 3  
The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Jeremiah 4:1-10  
1 Corinthians 13:1-13  
Luke 3:7-18  
Psalm 71:1-6

February 10  
The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
Luke 5:1-11  
Psalm 138

February 17  
The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Jeremiah 17:5-10  
1 Corinthians 15:12-20  
Luke 6:17-26  
Psalm 1

February 24  
The Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Genesis 45:3-11, 15  
1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50  
Luke 6:37-38  
Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42