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hands and feet of Christ by
sharing God's love with the
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is Sunday, March 17,
2019**



The *Pace* of Grace

March 2019

From the Rector:



Lent is almost upon us. As we consider how best to keep to the intent of this introspective time, there are options available to guide us.

Bishop Mark Hollingsworth, our Diocesan Bishop, is scheduled to visit us April 28. While he is with us, he will offer the rites of Baptism, Reception, reaffirmation and Confirmation. What do these sacraments mean and what does one promise when desiring and accepting these rites of the Episcopal Church?

Baptism—Baptism is full initiation by water and the Holy Spirit into Christ's Body, the Church. The bond which God establishes in Baptism is indissoluble. (BCP p 298)

Confirmation—Confirmation has been increasingly understood in terms of a mature, public reaffirmation of the Christian faith and the baptismal promises.

Reception (Christian Commitment)—Baptized persons who have been members of another Christian fellowship and who wish to be affiliated with the Episcopal Church may make a public affirmation of their faith and commitment to the responsibilities of their baptism in the presence of a bishop. The bishop lays hands on each candidate for reception and says, "We recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion" (BCP, p. 418). Candidates for reception normally have made a mature commitment in another Christian fellowship. Some dioceses have reserved reception for those candidates who have previously received sacramental confirmation with laying on of hands by a bishop in apostolic succession.

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows—The BCP refers to those persons already baptized who are presented to the bishop in the context of a service of Baptism or Confirmation to reaffirm their baptismal vows. These might be persons returning to the church after a period of unbelief or those who have entered a new level of spiritual life. The BCP does not specify who these

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The Rev. Rose Anne Lonsway,

Rector

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Looking Ahead

- **Monday, March 4** – Buildings and Grounds, 5:45 pm.
- **Tuesday, March 5** – Evangelism 6:00 pm; Outreach 7:00 pm.
- **Wednesday, March 6** – Ash Wednesday (Lent begins). Services at noon and 7:00 pm, with imposition of ashes at both services.
- **Tuesday, March 12** – Finance, 4:30 pm; Worship Committee, 7:00 pm.
- **Wednesday, March 13** – Lenten Education Series Begins, 6:00 pm. This series continues every Wednesday in Lent.
- **Thursday, March 14** – Stewardship, 6:30 pm.
- **Tuesday March 19** – Vestry, 7:00 pm.
- **Monday, March 25** – “Feed the Body, Feed the Soul” meal at McKinley Community Outreach Center, 5:00 pm.
- **March 30** – 6th Annual Soup & Chili Cook-off, 11:00 am-2:00 pm.
- **Sunday, April 14** – Palm Sunday. Eucharist at 8:00 am and 10:00 am with pancake breakfast hosted by Scouts BSA following both services.
- **Sunday, April 21** – Easter Sunday. Eucharist at 8:00 am and 10:00 am with kids’ Easter Egg hunt following the 10:00 am service.

From the Rector, continued:

persons are, and a variety of interpretation exists. The BCP provides a form to be used for reaffirmation of baptismal vows instead of the confirmation formula (BCP, p. 419).

These rites are a way to stand firm before God in your beliefs and willingness to be a professing part of the community of Grace Church. I encourage you to consider one of these professions if you have not already done so. Please see me to answer any questions. Our Seminarian, Noah Sutterisch will be offering the preparatory classes for participating in these rites.

LENTEN SERIES

As is our custom, we will be offering a Lenten Education series on Wednesday evenings throughout Lent. The title of the class is *Walk in Love*. It's a five-week course that combines book and video content with discussion. It looks really good. The sessions will begin Wednesday, March 13. We will begin at 6:00 pm with a simple meal, have Evening Prayer or Compline, and discuss the content. On the last Wednesday (during Holy Week) we will do Stations of the Cross and Eucharist.

Please let me know if you intend to participate so that the books can be ordered, or, if you have any questions.

I look forward to sharing a Holy Lent as we self-examine, pray, fast, forego or take on, read, meditate and learn together, growing in knowledge of God's love, mercy and grace, through Christ our Lord.

- M. Rose Anne+

SOUP & CHILI COOK-OFF REMINDER

Bring your appetite to our **6th Annual Soup & Chili Cook-off March 30, 11:00 am-2:00 pm**. There will be lots of different soups and chili to try, and all proceeds benefit our Little Feet Ministry. Tickets are \$1 or 6 for \$5. A ticket buys a soup or chili, corn bread, or something to drink. Each ticket also gives you a vote. If you have a dish to share please see the flyer elsewhere in the Pace, or contact Peggy or Frank Burkacki by March 16.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

This year the Grace Church "**State of Grace**" Luncheon will be held on **Sunday, May 5th following the 10:00 am service**. The main dish (chicken) plus beverages will be provided. We are asking the congregation to provide salads and desserts as they are able.

At this point we are expecting to have an update from Long Term Planning to include architectural renditions of the elevator location, and reconfiguring of the rest rooms, office and lounge. We will also take time for input and discussion. The agenda for these gatherings seems to evolve on its own with each agenda being different from the last. I feel the Holy Spirit working within the Stewardship Team and Grace Church.

The Stewardship Team is still looking to replace outgoing members Cathy Nash and Tiffany Parks. Having the gift of hospitality is helpful but not necessary.

- David Zimmerman

OUTREACH TEAM UPDATES

Little Feet

Great News! Our Little Feet Ministry received a \$1,000 grant from the Diocese of Ohio. This prompted a discussion of expanding the Little Feet program outside Willoughby Schools—possibly into Painesville or Wickliffe. Further discussion with the guidance counselor at Edison Elementary is needed before any decision is made. This is the fourth year for the Little Feet ministry, providing new shoes or boots to children in need in our community.

McKinley meal

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

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serving. The guests really need and enjoy the food And fellowship we bring to them.

Rummage Sale

The Annual Rummage Sale is scheduled for September 7. Again this year, Walt and Kathy Iliff have generously volunteered to coordinate this year's sale. Thank you Walt and Kathy! Walt has been busy cleaning out rooms downstairs and donating items left from last year. We also will have a bake sale again this year along with the rummage sale.

Bowling for NAMI

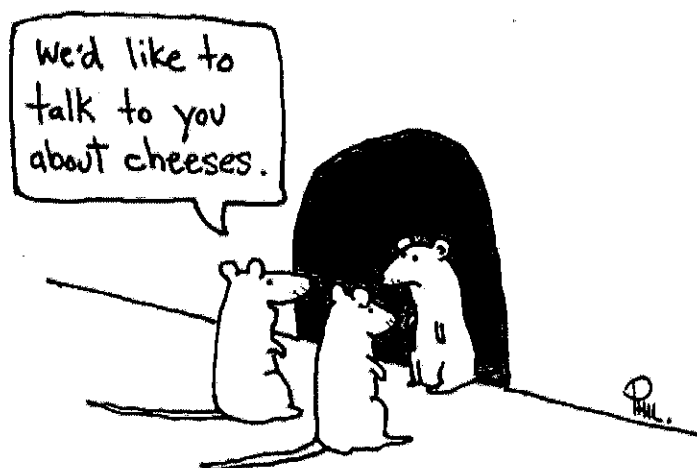
NAMI held a bowling event to raise funds for those affected by mental illness. The Outreach Team decided to sponsor a lane (\$80 for up to 6 bowlers) at Wickliffe Lanes February 23. Thank you all for your donations and participation in this important ministry.

Next Meeting

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

Peace and blessings.

- Kathy Hill, Co-chair



Church Mice.

EVANGELISM UPDATES

Name Tags

We are working on getting people to start wearing their name tags. They are important to our visitors including the bishop when he comes. Remember we only have to remember one or two people's names while visitors have to remember quite a few.

Blessing of the Bikes

The bike blessing is set for Sunday May 19th at 2:00 pm in our upper parking lot. This will include motor and pedal vehicles from one wheel and up.

Next Meeting

Join us at our next meeting March 5 at 6:00 pm in the lounge. Help us to find new ways to reach out and welcome newcomers and each other!

- Peggy Burkacki

KIDS CORNER

Updates from our Sunday Schoolers:

- Shaylee will be auditioning for *Matilda* at Beck Center's Mercury Theatre Camp and for *The Secret Garden* at Willoughby Fine Arts.
- Kelsey attended her first sleepover at her friend Sophia's birthday party.
- The Sunday School class made some Valentine Day Cards for parishioners.
- Maggie went to the Red Park with her mommy. She received a desk/bunk bed from her dad. Her bedroom also has a bookshelf in the corner of her room.
- Riley and Mason participated in Scout Sunday.
- Nina and Natalie and their Girl Scout Troop would like to THANK those who brought in shoes for their Fundraiser!

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- Andrew, Alex and Amyh from Grant Elementary School joined us Sunday, Feb. 17. Amyh likes ballet and gymnastics. Andrew and Alex enjoy wrestling and are looking forward to baseball season. They both participated in Scout Sunday. Cub Scout Troop 105.

This year's Easter Egg Hunt will be held Sunday, April 21. The Egg Hunt will immediately follow the Easter Sunday service. This probably means more kids will be able to attend the event, so we'll need more candy for the eggs! Please consider donating wrapped candy. You can leave the candy in the office. (Editor's note: Mark promises not to eat the candy.)

If you're interested in getting to know the wonderful children of Grace Church and helping them learn more about the Bible, the Sunday School Team is looking to add a new teacher. You would be working with an experienced teacher and given everything you need. Please contact Debbie Zimmerman, Cathy Nash or any of the Sunday School teachers to find out more.

- *Debbie Zimmerman, Cathy Nash, and Sunday School Team*

WORSHIP UPDATES

Altar Guild

The spiral staircase and pole have been removed. A solid floor will be built soon.

Educational programming

Wisdom Distilled from the Daily by Joan Chittister is the book being discussed by the Wednesday morning study group.

The Adult Ed Advent program, *The Way of Love*, was completed and there was positive feedback overall. If you would like to give your feedback please let Noah or Mother Rose Anne know.

Our Lenten program this year is a class titled *Walk in Love*. This is a five-week course that combines book and video content with discussion. Classes will meet at 6:00 p.m. beginning Wednesday, March 13. We will also have a simple meal and celebrate Evening Prayer or Compline. On the last

Wednesday, during Holy Week, we will have Stations of the Cross and Eucharist.

Choir Interns, Acolytes

Scott Arra will reach out to Willoughby South for candidates for spring interns. We continue to look for Acolytes for our Worship services. Please note that adults can be acolytes too!

Upcoming Services

March 6 – Ash Wednesday services at noon and 7:00 pm. Ashes will be imposed at both services.

April 14 – Palm Sunday. A pancake breakfast prepared by the Boy Scouts will follow both the 8:00 am and 10:00 am services.

Holy Week – Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, Eucharist will be held daily at 7:00 pm.

Wednesday, April 17, Eucharist will be preceded by Stations of the Cross at 6:30. April 18, Maundy Thursday service will be held at 7:00 pm, followed by a vigil. For Good Friday, April 19, there will be the annual Cross Walk in downtown Willoughby at 10:00 am. NEMAC area churches will hold a Vigil Saturday, April 20 at St. Andrew's in Mentor, beginning at 7:00 pm.

Easter April 21 – Easter services will be held at 8:00 am (contemplative) and 10:00 am (with music). A kids' Easter Egg hunt will follow the 10:00 am service.

April 28 – Bishop Mark Hollingsworth will visit Grace. He will offer the rites of Baptism, Reception and Confirmation at the 10:00 service. See Mother Rose Anne's column for more details.

- *The Worship Committee*

New Scripture Study

Peggy Burkacki has volunteered to lead a new Scripture Study group, which will meet at 9:00 am, between the two Sunday services, on the first Sunday each month, beginning March 3.

Our current Scripture Study group, led by Jane Schierloh and the Rev. Deacon Lydia Bailey, will continue to meet at 9:00 am on the second Sunday.

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

From the February Vestry Meeting

Attending: Tony Frazier, Kathy Hill, Peggy Burkacki, Dave Ivey, David Webster, Sandy Gonzalez, Cathy Nash, Harry Dodds, Elizabeth Estep, the Rev. Rose Anne Lonsway, Noah Sutterisch.

Dave Ivey joins Vestry

The Vestry welcomed Dave Ivey, who was appointed to complete the one-year, unexpired term of Tiffany Parks.

Sr. Warden's Report (David Webster)

David Webster provided an update from the Long Range Planning Team on the elevator project. David then moved for the Vestry to approve the elevator location and moved for the Vestry to approve creation of the working documents for the elevator for a fee not to exceed \$15,000. Both motions carried. Some initial ballpark estimates for the project have been received but the working documents are required for valid estimates.

Junior Warden's Report (Cathy Nash)

Cathy Nash provided an update from the Buildings and Grounds Team:

- The team is starting to gather bids for repairs to the rectory windows.
- The spiral staircase in the Sacristy has been taken down and removed.

Rector's Report

- The lighting equipment in the West (rose) window is currently the personal property of Phil Davis. He would like to take it home. The church will purchase the necessary equipment to keep the window lit.
- Our Lenten Adult Ed series, Walk in Love, begins March 13 at 6:00 pm and continues throughout Lent.
- The sacraments of Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation of Baptism, will be offered by Bishop Hollingsworth during his visit April 28. Noah Sutterisch is pulling together a class for parishioners seeking these sacraments.

Stewardship

The date of the annual State of Grace luncheon has been changed to May 5, following the 10:00 am service.

Evangelism

Vestry members were asked to please wear name tags to service.

The Evangelism Team is looking at getting involved in Outdoor Market. This event normally starts organizing in April.

Outreach

- The Little Feet Ministry received a generous \$1,000 grant from the Diocese of Ohio. Outreach is considering expanding the program to additional schools.
- Outreach supported a bowling event to raise funds for NAMI.
- The Soup & Chili cook-off coming up. We already have 8 entries and are starting to collect prizes. The team is also spreading info to other groups.

Worship

- The Holy Week schedule will be published soon.
- The Worship Team would like to recruit more acolytes, including adults.

Fellowship

The Fellowship Team is still searching for a new leader.

Pastoral Care Team

It's been quiet other than two surgeries in mid-February.

Other Business

- The next Vestry meeting is scheduled for March 19. Kathy Hill will be serving as Clerk.
- The Vestry retreat is scheduled for Saturday, March 23 (and possibly the evening of Friday, March 22).
- Cathy Nash offered the closing prayer.

Web Site Update: GRACEWILLOUGHBY.ORG

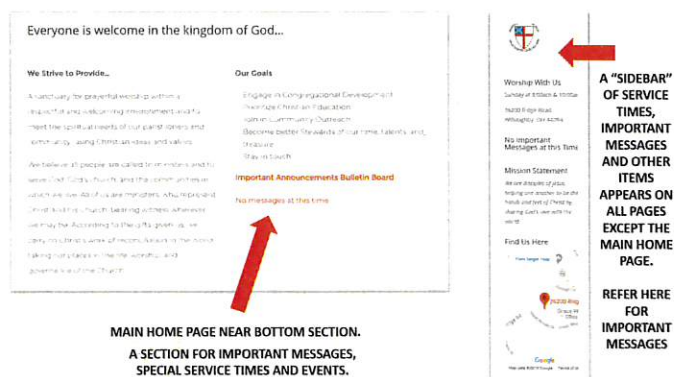


Grace Church has a modern look with our all-new website. Designed specifically for our current members to be able to immediately access important messages, events, calendars and the Pace Newsletter, the webpage will be the central point of contact for many of us. There is also more to come as the website will be adding exciting features. Coming soon will be the ability to post videos, record Sunday sermons and prompt posting of articles, church happenings and social events. The site is also "user and display friendly" for today's smart cell phones, tablets.

The site was also designed to attract new members to our church. Did you know that over 60% of potential new members look at the church's website first before visiting? As such, our website has to be easy to use, so we added an "I'm New" section that visitors can easily read for information on our services before their first visit.



The site is easy to navigate. Above, see an image of the main home page. A red arrow points to the main menu. You will be able to go directly to "Calendars" which contains our *Event Calendar* and *Volunteer Calendar*. The menu to the right is that of "Newsletter" which contains the monthly *Pace Newsletter*. These menus have multiple sub-menus where other topics, church programs and groups can be found. Please "look around" and see what the site has to offer. Another red arrow (above) points to the E-Giving section, which stands for Electronic Giving. In simple words, you will be able to donate to the church "on-line," just like paying a bill on-line. This function will go live soon. Look for details in future updates.



The image to the left shows two different areas of the site, but with one main theme. It was determined that members needed to receive important information, updates and messages in a timely fashion. The section to the far left is on our main home page and will provide messages and updates "in red." The image on the near left is known as a "sidebar" and can be found on every page on the new site, except the main home page.

BE SURE TO SEND US YOUR SUGGESTION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

EMAIL: OFFICE@GRACEWILLOUGHBY.ORG

- Dave Ivey

Annual Meeting 2019



Food, fun, and fellowship were on tap at the 149th Grace Episcopal Church Annual Parish Meeting last month. Attendees also received updates on the state of the parish, discussed plans for 2019, and elected new Vestry members.



New Vestry Members!



At the Annual Meeting, the parish elected (from left to right) Sandy Gonzalez, Kathy Hill, and Cathy Nash to join the Vestry.

Scout Sunday

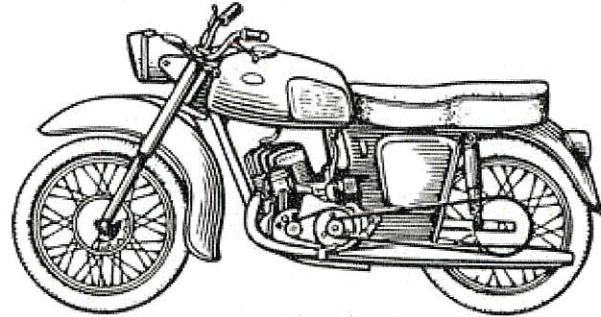
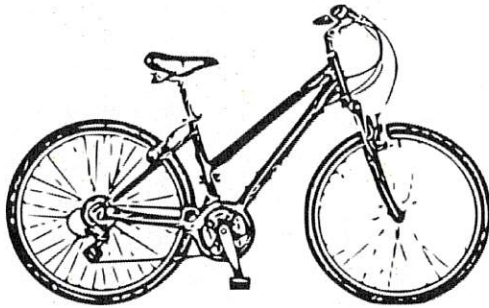


Grace Episcopal Church hosted a big crowd of young people from Scouts BSA Troop 185 and Cub Scout Troop 282, along with their families, turned out for Scout Sunday at Grace, February 10. Scouts processed the flag and helped lead worship. (Above right, Riley Gumto reads one of the morning's lessons.)

The scouts will return to Grace to prepare a pancake breakfast for the parish on Palm Sunday.

BLESSING OF THE BIKES

(Motor and Pedal)



Sunday, May 19, 2:00 pm

in the upper parking lot of

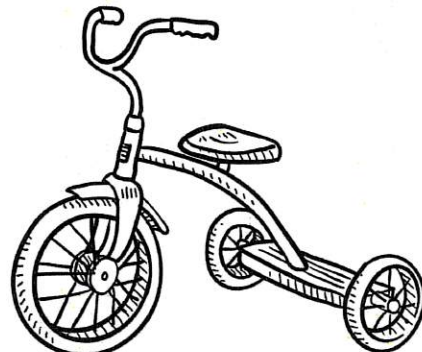
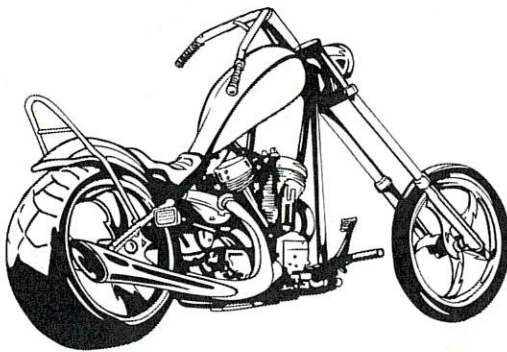
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The Rev. Rose Anne Lonsway, Rector

7th 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

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

March 3
The Last Sunday after Epiphany

Exodus 34:29-35
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2
Luke 9:28-36, [37-43a]
Psalm 99

March 10
The First Sunday in Lent

Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Romans 10:8b-13
Luke 4:1-13
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

March 17
The Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
Philippians 3:17-4:1
Luke 13:31-35
Psalm 27

March 24
The Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 3:1-15
1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Luke 13:1-9
Psalm 63:1-8

March 31
The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Joshua 5:9-12
2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
Psalm 32