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Deadline for next *Pace* is Sunday, May 19, 2019



# The *Pace* of Grace

May 2019

#### From the Rector:



Alleluia, Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!

The alleluias are back, thanks be to God! Our Lord is risen; not has risen or was risen, Christ *is* risen. As a resurrection people it's important that we remember and live into that distinction. It is important that we recognize that the resurrection was not "just" a historical event that happened so long ago, but that the resurrection shows us

that Christ is with us every day as the living bridge to lead us to living relationship with our amazing God. The fifty days of the Easter season give us the opportunity to continue the journey begun in Lent and to keep deepening our relationship with God and our neighbors. One essential way to do this is to commit to worship in community—the community of our beloved Grace Church and all those who make up our community.

I so enjoyed the following description of Easter worship as experienced by Garrison Keillor of Lake Woebegone fame, who just happens to be an Episcopalian. I can sense a very similar experience at our Easter celebrations here at Grace. The Spirit was alive and well represented. Many thanks to all those who helped it be so; musicians, Altar Guild, acolytes, lectors, ushers, greeters, bakers, sign makers and changers, our dedicated Administrative Assistant, Sunday School teachers, anyone I have forgotten and of course you who faithfully remained present and in relationship:

#### What happened in church on Sunday, I think

Church was packed on Easter morning, brass players up in the choir loft, ladies with big hats, girls in spring dresses, and when the choir and clergy processed up the aisle, the woman swinging the censer looked like a drum major leading the team to victory, which is what Easter is about, the triumph over death. Resurrection is not something we Christians talk about in the same way we talk about our plans for summer vacation or retirement, but it is proclaimed on Easter and the

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#### **Looking Ahead**

- May 5 State of Grace Luncheon, 11:15 am.
- May 6 Buildings and Grounds, 5:45 pm.
- May 7 Evangelism, 6:00 pm; Outreach, 7:00 pm.
- May 9 Stewardship, 6:30 pm.
- May 14 Finance, 4:30 pm; Worship Committee 7:00 pm.
- May 19 Blessing of the Bikes, 2:00 pm.
- May 21 Vestry, 7:00 pm.
- May 27 Memorial Day, OFFICE CLOSED.

#### From the Rector, continued

hymns are quite confident (with added brass) and the rector seemed to believe in it herself and so an old writer sitting halfway back and surrounded by good singers has to think along those lines. It's right there in the Nicene Creed and in Luke's Gospel — the women come to the tomb and find the stone rolled away and the mysterious strangers say, "Why seek ye the living among the dead?"

And then, on my way back from Communion. the choir struck up a hymn, "I am the bread of life," with a rocking chorus, "And I will raise them up. And I will raise them up. And I will raise them up on the last day." As the congregation sang, a few people stood and some raised their hands in the air, a charismatic touch unusual among Anglicans. and then more people stood. I stood. I raised my right hand. I imagined my long-gone parents and brother and grandson and aunts and uncles rising from the dead and coming into radiant glory, and then I was weeping and my mouth got rubbery and I couldn't form the consonants. I stayed for the benediction, slipped out a side door onto Amsterdam Avenue, and headed home.

That's what I go to church for, to be surprised by faith and to fall apart. Without the Resurrection, Episcopalians would be just a wonderful club of very nice people with excellent taste in music and literature, but when it hits you what you've subscribed to, it blows the top of your head off.

Let's continue to be together in the presence of our God and each other, figuring out how we can continue to be "surprised by faith," revel in the unimaginable gift of the resurrection, the life it brings us, and figure out how we can revel in "what we've actually subscribed to."

Alleluia, Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!

M. Rose Anne+

#### **New Crochet Group Begins Soon**

Joyce Hoste and friends have launched a new crochet group, separate from the Prayer Shawl Ministry. The new "Chat and Hook" group will meet monthly here at Grace beginning May 26 from 1 to 4 pm. All are welcome!

#### STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Don't forget that this year the State of Grace Luncheon will be held on **Sunday, May 5** after the 10:00 am service. The program should be complete by 1:00 pm. The main dish (chicken) plus beverages will be provided. We are asking the congregation to provide salads and desserts as they are able. There is no sign-up for the luncheon. We are trusting in the Lord that everything will work out!

The agenda for the meeting will include an update from the Long Term Planning team including architectural drawings of the elevator location, and reconfiguring of the rest rooms, office and lounge. We will also take time for input and discussion. The agenda will also cover a video prepared by David Ivy and web-site updates. We expect to have updates from Evangelism, Outreach, Sunday School and Altar Guild. Noah Sutterisch may share some of his experiences and reflections on his trip to England and Spain.

David Zimmerman

#### **UTO In-gathering May 12**

As we prepare ourselves for the joyous Eastertide we remember to count our many blessings. So let us gather in all those prayers and coins of thankfulness, place them in our little blue boxes, and send them out to bless others through the United Thank Offering. Our Spring ingathering will be on **Sunday**, **May 12.** Envelopes will be in the pews on the Sunday before, to take home and bring back.

Jeanne Schupp



#### **OUTREACH TEAM UPDATES**

#### **Expanding our outreach**

The Outreach Team is exploring ways to reach out to Grace Woods residents. An evening potluck dinner for church members and guests from Grace Woods was suggested. Other possible events with Grace Woods's guests include: A picnic, game night, or movie night. A tea was also suggested, where we can gather to talk about and listen to stories and experiences from our long-time parishioners. Please feel free to share your ideas for expanding our outreach. There are so many things we can do that aren't costly or labor intensive.

#### **McKinley Community Outreach Center**

The recent "Feed the Body, Feed the Soul" meal at McKinley Community Outreach Center went well. The Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts did a great job with the games at our first game night prior to the meal. It was great to see them engaging the guests. Both Scouts and guests were having a good time. The kids also were so awesome helping with the meal, taking plates of food to the guest's tables for them and cleaning up afterward.

McKinley is raffling off an iWatch. The winner will be drawn live on Facebook May 11. Tickets are available \$10 each and can be purchased from Mother Rose Anne.

#### **LCCN**

Again this year we will donate theme baskets and wine to the Lake County Community Network's Chinese Auction fundraiser May 31. Grace will donate 3 or 4 baskets for the event (chocolate, knitting, wine, coffee and tea baskets). Ideas for items for the baskets can be found on the harvest table. Tickets this year are available for \$20 each. This is for admission to the event and chances to win 3 door prizes. You can see Kathy Hill for tickets or

the office has tickets as well. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. This is LCCN's biggest fund raiser of the year and is so important in providing continued help to Lake County residents in need. Checks can be made payable to LCCN with "Auction" written in the notes, of course cash donations are gratefully accepted as well. Please have any donations or basket items to Grace no later than May 7.

#### **Anniversaries**

Next year, 2020, will be mark the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Grace Episcopal Church. A celebration of the history of Grace was discussed but no definite plans have been put forward so far.

Mother Rose Anne will begin her fifth year at Grace on May 15.

#### **Next Meeting**

The next Outreach meeting will be May 7 at 7:00 pm in the lounge. All are welcome to attend and share ideas!

Peace and blessings,

- Kathy Hill and Kathy Ivey, co-chairs

#### **EVANGELISM UPDATES**

#### **Holy Week**

Cards were sent out to visitors from this past year to remind them of our Holy week services. Phil Davis, Cathy Nash, and Judith Junda will help to give bouquets to our new Easter visitors this Easter Sunday.

#### **Outdoor Market**

Our evangelism team discussed how we will set up our booth at the Willoughby outdoor market this year. We hope to be able to run the video David Ivey made to show off the highlights of our church, but are waiting to hear on using electricity at the market. Give it a try. Your presence is more than appreciated at one or as many of the Saturdays as you would like this summer. They are June 22, July 27, August 24, and September 28.

Come to the State of Grace Luncheon, May 5, to hear more about our evangelism team and our involvement at the Willoughby Outdoor Market.

#### Blessing of the Bikes

Mother Rose Anne will be blessing bikes coming up on Sunday May 19 at 2:00 pm in the upper parking lot. Come have your bike blessed or invite a friend, neighbor, or family member. The bike can be motor or pedal powered. Even a Flintstone mobile or a unicycle is fine if you have one! Hope to see you there,

- Peggy Burkacki

## KIDS CORNER

**Updates from our Sunday Schoolers:** 

- Sabella is on the Honor Roll at her school. She went with her Grandmother Cindy to see *The Phantom of the Opera*.
- Annabelle went to Florida with her dad over Spring break. She enjoyed feeding the manatees, fishing, swimming at the beach, boating and going to an alligator farm.
- Maggie went to an Easter egg hunt and a spaghetti dinner.
- Shaylee has been cast as part of the ensemble of *The Secret Garden* at Willoughby Fine Arts.
- Kelsey was given a tree as part of a project at school and her dad helped her plant it in their front yard.
- Shaylee and Kelsey visited Bellwether Farm
  with their parents for the first time this
  month. They loved it! Their favorite part was
  being able to pet all the barn animals. Shaylee
  will be going to sleep-away camp there for a

- week in July and Kelsey will be old enough to go next year.
- Riley had a camp-out at the church and helped his Boy Scout troop with the Pancake breakfast on Palm Sunday.
- Mason, Caleb, Andrew, and Alex are all working on a Duty to God program through the Lenten season. When they're finished they will each earn a special religious neckerchief for their Cub Scout uniforms in Pack 105.
- Easter Sunday the Sunday School children enjoyed their Easter Egg hunt, finding over 200 plastic candy-filled eggs.
- Debbie Zimmerman, Sunday School Team cochair

#### **PLEASE NOTE**

Due to time constraints with preparations for Holy Week and Easter, the Worship Committee did not meet in April.

The April Vestry meeting was held April 28, following Bishop Hollingsworth's visit to Grace. Minutes from this meeting were not available by Pace deadline.

Look for updates from both Worship Committee and Vestry in next month's newsletter.

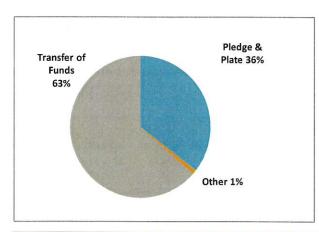


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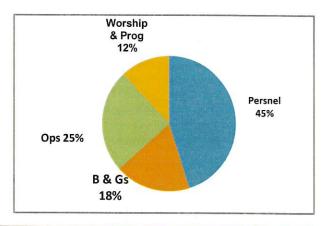
#### Operating Fund Interim Report -- thru end of March 2019

<u>Income</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Pledge and Plate Contributions Other Income Transfer from Grace Woods Ca	\$22,409.13 \$650.00 \$40,000.00	\$23,160.00 \$712.50 \$35,430.00	-\$750.87 -\$62.50 \$4,570.00
Total Income	\$63,059.13	\$59,302.50	\$3,756.63
<b>Expenses</b>			
Personel	\$26,504.10	\$29,293.98	-\$2,789.88
Buildings and Grounds Operations	\$10,666.18 \$14,510.63	\$8,640.00 \$12,945.00	\$2,026.18 \$1,565.63
Worship and Programs	\$6,980.31	\$9,498.50	-\$2,518.19
Total Expenses	\$58,661.22	\$60,377.48	-\$1,716.26
Excess/Deficit	\$4,397.91	-\$1,074.98	\$5,472.89

Income



#### Expenses



#### Treasurer's Report

Year to date our expenses are about \$1,700 under budget and contributions about \$3,700 over budget. This is a good trend. Nothings seems out of the ordinary for this time of year.

- Harry Dodds, Treasurer

## **Making friends at McKinley**



At our last "Feed the Body, Feed the Soul" meal at McKinley Community Outreach Center, on March 25, in addition to serving a healthy meal, volunteers from Grace Episcopal Church also played simple games and spent time getting to know our guests. It was a wonderful opportunity. Our next "Feed the Body, Feed the Soul" meal at McKinley will be June 24. You're welcome to join us!









## Our 7th Annual Soup & Chili Cook-Off cooks up fun...







#### ... and Funds!

A great time was had by all at our Seventh Annual Soup & Chili Cook-Off on March 30. The event raised over \$400 for our Little Feet Ministry, which provides shoes and boots to elementary school students.

There was quite a crowd tasting and voting for their favorites. We had 11 totally different dishes all deserving of a prize. Unfortunately we could only give out 3 for soup and 3 for

The winners were:

1st Place: Kathy Ive 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Gary Hill

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Bob Shay, Jim

Mackey (tie)

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Kathy Hill

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Frank Burkacki 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Joyce Hoste

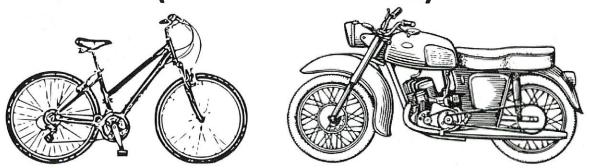
## Pancakes for Palm Sunday ... courtesy of our Scouts!



Scouts from Troop 185 and Cub Scout Pack 282 prepared a special pancake breakfast for everyone who attended church at Grace on Palm Sunday. The scouts camped out on the church grounds, got up early and prepared breakfast for parishioners and guests at both the 8:00 am and 10:00 am services. Many thanks to these wonderful young men!

## BLESSING OF THE BIKES

(Motor and Pedal)



## Sunday, May 19, 2:00 pm

in the upper parking lot of

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#### **READINGS FOR THE DAY**

May 5 The Third Sunday of Easter

May 12 The Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 19 The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 26 The Sixth Sunday of Easter: Rogation Sunday Acts 9:1-6, (7-20) Revelation 5:11-14 John 21:1-19 Psalm 30

Acts 9:36-43 Revelation 7:9-17 John 10:22-30 Psalm 23

Acts 11:1-18 Revelation 21:1-6 John 13:31-35 Psalm 148

Acts 16:9-15 Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5 John 14:23-29 Psalm 67