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# The *Pace* of Grace

October 2019

## From the Rector:



Dear Friends,

I was catching up on some reading the other day and ran across a quote from Dorothy Day. If you are not familiar with Dorothy, she was a journalist, a social activist, who stood up for the poor, the homeless, the working person, was a co-founder of the Catholic Worker Movement and named a "Servant of God" by the Catholic church (a precursor to canonization). She was also active in the suffrage movement, and was jailed in 1917 for her actions on behalf of the cause. She was a pacifist and practiced civil disobedience. She is referred to as a saint and a troublemaker. Dorothy is quoted often and the quote that stuck with me as I read is this: "We love God as much as the person we love the least." That is quite a showstopper isn't it? How can so much be packed into such a short statement?

What does that statement say to you? It caused me to wonder. I wondered about how I feel about people and how I feel about God. To me the God part is simple – I can never love God enough! To me God is this huge, embracing love that surrounds us every moment of every day, making the good better and the not-so-good bearable, constantly urging me to be kinder and more loving. So, knowing I am on a consistent learning curve with God, where does that leave me with people? Well, I think I am still working on that one. Our baptismal vows call us to "strive for peace and justice and respect the dignity of every human being." (BCP p. 305) Oh! How I want to do that all the time. Oh! How I fail so often! And then here comes Dorothy, reminding me of my shortcomings — "We love God as much as the person we love the least." Ouch!

So what to do now? Well, I had best be busy doing a better job of loving all people so that my love for God is not seen as lacking, but that is a hard one. It might be easier if I only thought about loving those who are close to me and I interact with frequently. That is pretty easy (although some days easier than others). What about those that are not a part of my life and my work? What about those I heartily disagree with when I read statements they have made? What about those souls that seethe hate and anger in the world?

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## **Looking Ahead**

- **October 1**—Evangelism, 6:00 pm; Outreach, 7:00 pm.
- **October 3**—Stewardship, 6:30 pm.
- **October 4**—Pet Blessing for Ohio Living residents, 1:00 pm in the Gazebo
- **October 6**—**Blessing of stuffed animals** at both 8:00 and 10:00 am services; **Pet Blessing** for parish and community, 2:00 pm, upper parking lot.
- **October 7**—Buildings and Grounds, 5:45 pm.
- **October 8**—4:30 Finance; 7:00 pm Worship Committee.
- **October 15**—Vestry, 7:00 pm.
- **October 17**—**NEMAC**, 6:00 pm.
- **October 28**—Office Closed (Mark out).
  
- **November 2**—**Annual Clam Bake**, 4:00 pm.
- **November 3**—UTO In-gathering, 8:00 and 10:00 am services.



## From the Rector, continued

What about those who hurt other people, either by omission or commission? If I don't love them, if I don't love them as I believe God loves me—what does it say about my love for God? What a conundrum! What a challenge!

As I ruminate on this dilemma it occurs to me that I cannot do this on my own. I need to turn to the God that loves me, shortcomings and all, and ask for the strength and clarity to be better at this loving thing. Maybe we not only help ourselves, but I wonder if it is possible that by our love we can change the level of hate in the world; if by our love we can open the way for God to soften hurting, hate-filled hearts?

"We love God as much as the person we love the least." What does that say to you? I hope you will take that thought into yourself and really wrestle with it. You may come to a completely different place with it than I did and that's OK. I hope that we can all come with one similar take-away from the statement and that is to be sure that our relationship with God, our love for God, is one of our highest priorities. I believe that as God becomes our priority, as that changes and grows us, we can learn to become part of the hard love, loving "others" better and therefore loving God more and more.

May our least loved be loved more than we can even imagine right now, so that our all-loving God will be loved with a love that is our priority and our all-consuming passion. I wonder how different our world will be when that happens?

- M. Rose Anne+



### The Clambake is Coming!

**The annual Grace Clambake will be held on Saturday, November 2.** Fellowship will begin at 4:00 pm, with dinner at 5:00 pm. Bring your own Beverage. Price for bake, which includes a dozen clams, a half chicken (plain or barbecue), sweet potato, corn, bread and butter is \$22.00 per person. An extra dozen of clams is \$10.00. You can sign up beginning Sunday, October 6, in the church lobby. Checks should be payable to Walt Iliff and must be turned into the office no later than Wednesday, October 30. If you have any questions please contact Walt at [Eastlakewalt@gmail.com](mailto:Eastlakewalt@gmail.com).



### UTO in-gathering will be All Saints Day, Nov. 3.

As we enjoy these sparking days and glorious colors of autumn, we remember to be thankful for all these gifts of harvest and home, family and friends. While we are lifting up thankful prayers to God for all his grace and goodness, we also try to remember to add coins to our little Blue Box to care for people in all places throughout God's world where the need is great and ongoing. Sometimes it seems that we can do little about the troubles and disasters that are so great, but United Thank Offering is a mission of witness and the prayers of thanks the "little" (every penny) when gathered together from all of us, is granted out to needs here and abroad.

Sunday, November 3, All Saints Sunday, we will gather in these tangible signs of our thankfulness, as we sing the UTO hymn, and offer our Blue Boxes or envelopes. Envelopes will be placed in the pews the week before, to take home and return for the ingathering. If you are absent, or forget, we always wait a week or two before sending in the total.

Thanks—EVERY day,  
- Jeanne Schupp

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## OUTREACH TEAM UPDATES

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- **Little Feet Update:** Kathy Hill will meet with counselors from Thomas Jefferson, Longfellow, Grant, and Edison Elementary Schools. The shopping day was scheduled for October 12 and 13, with a makeup day October 26. It was suggested that church members who help at JCPenney wear a nametag or T-shirt from the church.
- **The LCCN Prayer Walk has been rescheduled for May 3.**

- September was a busy month! Our Annual Rummage Sale was held Sept. 7, the Community Hot Dog Cookout was Sept. 15, and the "Feed the Body, Feed the Soul" Dinner at McKinley Community Outreach Center happened September 23. Look more information on these events elsewhere in this issue of the *Pace*.
- **Our annual Pet Blessing will be held October 6 at 2:00 pm in the parking lot for the parish and guests.** We will hold a separate Pet Blessing on October 4 (St. Francis Day) at 1:00 pm in the Gazebo for Ohio Living residents.
- The next Outreach Team meeting will be October 1.

- *Kathy Hill and Kathy Ivey, co-chairs*

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## EVANGELISM UPDATES

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- The Evangelism Team is exploring potential projects to help Friends of Recovery, headed by North East Ohio Next Step Living. The group is a Christ-centered organization in Willoughby that helps people in recovery from addiction become a productive part of society knowing they are supported by a Loving Father. At this time they have a home for men, a home for women planned to open before Christmas, and a home for women with children hoping to open next year. We plan on inviting Dennis Anthony, the president of the Willoughby team, to speak to our parish in the future about their ministry and different ways we can help them out.
- Grace set up at the Willoughby Outdoor Market for the final time in 2019 on Sept. 28. We will return to the Outdoor Market next summer.
- Don't forget to invite your friends to bring their animals to our pet blessing on Sunday, October 6 at 2:00 pm in the upper parking lot.

- *Peggy Burkacki*

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## KIDS CORNER

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- **Sunday School is back!** On September 22, we welcomed back our Sunday School children with a special blessing of their school backpacks.
- We welcome Kristen Ludvik and Phil Davis to our Sunday School Team.
- Mr. Davis and another team member will offer a class for those in grades 4 and up. More details on this class in the next *Pace*.
- **On October 6, children are invited to bring a stuffed animal to be blessed during the 10:00 am service.**

- *Debbie Zimmerman*




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## STEWARDSHIP UPDATES

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Grace church will kick off its Annual Pledge Drive with its **Fall Parish Stewardship Kick-off Luncheon** on **October 13**, following the 10:00 am service. The theme this year is "The Joy of Generosity." Food will be provided by Maxim's Italian Catering of Mentor.



Beverages will be available. If you are able, please bring a dessert to share. No sign-up is necessary this year. We are trusting in God's abundance. Child care will be provided.

Henri Nouwen states, "Fund-raising is a form of ministry. It is a way of announcing our vision, and inviting other people into that vision with the resources that are available."

The brunch is an opportunity for parishioners from both Sunday services to get together for fellowship and discovering how our mission/vision is being carried out at Grace through our building and beyond.

**Food for thought:** From "The Right Use of Money," part of a sermon by the Rev. John Wesley (eighteenth century revival leader and founder of the Methodist movement):

1. Gain (earn) all you can (without hurting yourself or your neighbor)
2. Save all you can (save all you can by cutting off every expense that serves only to indulge foolish desire; waste nothing.)
3. Give all you can (do not limit yourself to this or that proportion...a tenth...a third...a half. Give all you can to God...that you may give a good account of your stewardship.

- David K. Zimmerman

## *Why I Pledge to Grace Church*

I have been a member of Grace as long as I can remember. One year when I was a Sunday School student, my mother made a birthday cake for Jesus the Sunday before Christmas. That's when I finally got it.

During high school we had communion before school one day a week. That was the highlight of school. We also had a youth group that was very active. We went to a nursing home once a month to sing and do a service. We put on dinners for the parish and community. We published *The Acts*, the *Pace* of the day. Most of the members of that group are still very active in the parish in their area.

As a college student in Maine, Jim Johnson, our priest, called me every so often to see how I was doing. That sure helped make my college days memorable.

Post college, I came home and became very active in the parish. I have been an usher, head of dresses for Haiti, head of the church school, and have lead adult discussion groups, among other things.

During my recent health problems, along with my husband, the church has been my saving grace. I don't think I would have made it without the church's prayers and thoughts and Mother Rose Anne's visits. I felt the prayers and knew God was by my side the entire time.

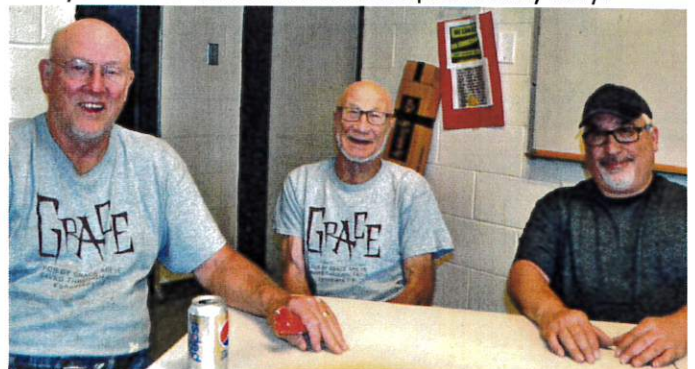
I can't imagine not giving to the church since it has given me so much. Our pledge has been one of the first things we pay each month.

*Pat Newyear*

## **Rummage Sale Recap**



These smiling faces—and others—greeted shoppers at Grace's Annual Rummage Sale on September 7. The event raised nearly \$2,000, all of which will go toward funding the church's Little Feet Ministry, which provides new shoes and boots for elementary school children who couldn't otherwise afford them. Thanks to everyone who contributed or helped in any way!



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# VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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## *Highlights from the September 17 Vestry Meeting:*

### **Election of Diocesan Convention Delegates**

Delegates must be elected by Oct. 11 and certified by Oct 25. Dave Webster moved that Kathy Hill approach Sue Mancino, Phil Davis, Dave Zimmerman, Debra Zimmerman, and Tony Swisher, or others, about becoming delegates and alternates, to be confirmed by an electronic vote. The vestry approved this motion.

### **Senior Warden's Report**

- Long Range Planning (LRP)
  - Signed Architectural Contract
  - How do we review contracts? The reviewers raised some concerns which were discussed by the Vestry. One concern is that our initial estimates that may have been low and should be discussed again by the Long Range Planning (LRP) Committee.
  - Additional questions the LRPC needs legal answers about are: Given the scale of the renovation, would we need to add a fire sprinkler system? And, If we install an ADA bathroom on the upper floor, are we then required to add one downstairs?
  - The next LRP meeting is 5:30 pm Sept. 30.

### **Junior Warden's Report**

- *Follow up on Vendor Contract Checklist:* Dave Ivey proposed that all contracts over \$10,000, and any contract at the rector's discretion, be submitted to the church's attorney for review. The vestry approved this motion.
- *Snowplow contract:* Only one contract was submitted on schedule. Cathy will follow-up so we continue to move quickly.
- *Sewer repair:* Ciro will do the repairs on Oct. 5. Phil Davis will guide them. The Green Room wall seems to have moisture where the drains have been leaking. The damaged area will not be replaced until after the sewer work is complete.
- *Tree removal:* Tracy Thompson at the Thompson Services accidentally cleared the chips from the previously downed trees: a truckload will be returned. Payment was held against the wood chips. The vestry agreed to pay Thompson Services for taking down the

trees. There is a fair amount of wood from taking the trees down available for use. Tony will be cutting some.

- *Exhaust fan from Lounge Restroom:* Frank Burkacki needs to call Paul Fussner about the fan and the thermostats.

### **Rector's Report**

- Bishop Persell will no longer be doing Sunday visitations.
- Many thanks to all for the success of Rummage Sale!
- 'Continue to Give' issues: Need to confirm who has the passwords to our electronic giving platform.
- Grace 150th Anniversary 2020: Our project was not taken on by Leadership Lake County. However, the organization is checking with alumni to see if anyone can help us. Parish team members to date: Pat Newyear, Ken Hughes, Thora Scott, Nancy Brothers (maybe).

### **Stewardship**

- State of Grace and Stewardship Campaign will kick off Oct 13. Details elsewhere in this *Pace*.
- A Final Affairs program is planned for 2020.
- E-giving offering cards were discussed. Templates are available once we're set up to receive donations electronically.

### **Evangelism**

Please see updates elsewhere in this *Pace*.

### **Outreach**

Please see updates elsewhere in this *Pace*.

### **Worship Updates**

- The September Worship Committee meeting was cancelled due to a Pastoral Emergency.
- A special Pet Blessing for Ohio Living residents is slated for Oct. 4, 1:00 pm in the Gazebo at Grace Woods. The parish pet blessing will be Oct. 6, 2:00 pm the upper parking lot.
- Choir has resumed.
- Sunday School Resumes Sept. 22. The Blessing of the Backpacks is scheduled for the same day.
- The newly-sewn frontal, lectern hanging, and stole will be blessed on Sept. 29.
- A training session for acolytes, ushers, greeters, and lectors is scheduled for Oct. 6

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

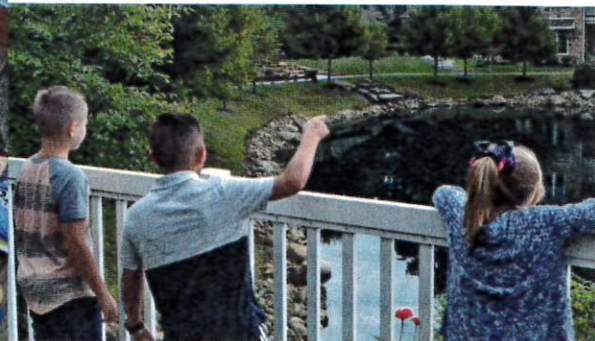


## Hot Dog!

Parishioners, guests relish Feast of Grace and picnic



This year's annual Feast of Grace outdoor service, held September 22, was followed by a Community Hot Dog Picnic open to residents from Breckenridge Village and Grace Woods. Many parishioners stayed for the picnic. Both events were held in the Gazebo at Grace Woods, and were enjoyed by all who attended.



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## READINGS FOR THE DAY

October 6  
The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Proper 22

Lamentations 1:1-6  
Lamentations 3:19-26  
2 Timothy 1:1-14  
Luke 17:5-10

October 13  
The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Proper 23

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7  
Psalm 66:1-11  
2 Timothy 2:8-15  
Luke 17:11-19

October 20  
The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Proper 24

Jeremiah 31:27-34  
Psalm 119:97-104  
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5  
Luke 18:1-8

October 27  
The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
Proper 25

Joel 2:23-32  
Psalm 65  
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18  
Luke 18:9-14