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The *Pace* of Grace

November 2019

From the Rector:



I, like Bishop Steven Charleston, whom I often quote, have a fondness for moonflowers. He says:

"The moon flower reminds me that some beauty is rarely seen. It is hidden by the shadows. Some people go through life and are not recognized for the grace they have shared. So I want to celebrate the moon flower in all of us. I want to acknowledge the beauty of every soul, even if it only blooms when the light is low."

As I pondered these words, the beauty of the words describing the beauty of these glorious flowers, I thought of a conversation I was a part of recently that weighs heavily on my heart. I think this conversation falls under the "only blooms when the light is low" part of the quote. Bear with me while I tell you about it please.

I was in conversation with a person who has been a friend since I was fifteen years old. It is a friendship that I have treasured for these many years and that I am now struggling to maintain. While this person and I have always had differing views and approaches to many things, it never interfered with the friendship. Over the years we have both changed as people do with life experiences. I now find myself diametrically opposed to many of this person's views and positions which they express frequently, insistently, and loudly. I find myself struggling to keep my ears open and my mouth shut. I have to confess that I have not always been able to do so and, to my embarrassment, have been just as loud and insistent on more than one occasion.

So why, one might ask, do I continue to have conversations with this person? I have struggled with this question over and over. I believe that the answer is that Jesus calls me to "acknowledge the beauty of every soul, even if it blooms when the light is low"! I think this is similar to our baptismal vow to respect the dignity of every human being. I have also found that sometimes this is really hard to do! So—now what? I realized that if I want to maintain this friendship, I was the one who had to do something different. I have had to learn to change. While I have not changed my views or positions, I have learned to respond differently.

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Rector

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Looking Ahead

- **November 2**—Annual Clam Bake, 4:00 pm.
- **November 3**—All Saints Sunday
- **November 3**—UTO In-gathering, 8:00 and 10:00 am services.
- **November 4**—Buildings & Grounds, 5:45 pm
- **November 5**—Evangelism, 6:00 pm; Outreach 7:00 pm
- **November 7**—Stewardship, 6:30 pm.
- **November 8 and 9**—Diocesan Convention in Sandusky
- **November 10**—Sunday School Teachers Meeting, following 10:00 am service.
- **November 11**—150th Anniversary Planning Team, 4:00 pm
- **November 12**—Finance 4:30; Worship Committee 7:00 pm
- **November 19**—Vestry
- **November 28 and 29**—Office Closed for Thanksgiving



- **December 18**—Grace hosts WAMA, noon.
- **December** —When Christmas Hurts service, Date and Time TBA
- **December 24**—Christmas Eve Service with Seasonal Brass, 7:00 pm.
- **December 25**—"Come as You Are" Christmas Day service, 10:00 am.
- **December 29**—Lessons and Carols, 10:00 am.

From the Rector, continued

There have been several things that have helped me change my response to this person. Underlying everything is prayer, of course. I have found that it is not enough to pray for the person, but I needed to pray that I could change as well—change how I received information and how I responded.

The second thing that helped me was to remember a statement made by Brian McLaren at a seminar I attended in which he proposed responding to divisive statements by saying “I see that differently” and then taking time to think about a response, setting an appointment at a future date to talk. While that is a positive approach, it doesn’t fit the bill all the time.

The third thing I am working on and hope to share in more depth with you in the future, is the discipline of civil discourse. I was made aware of a website <https://www.revivecivility.org>, that is a wealth of information. The organization, Revive Civility is dedicated to overcoming problematic, even hateful interactions between people who may not agree. They give advice and techniques on participating on social media, texting, individual conversations and group discussion that can result in respectful conversations.

For example, to remain respectful on social media their handout recommends checking for accuracy, avoiding insults and name calling, seeking information from different perspectives, walking away, and spreading respect. Sound pretty simple doesn’t it? Sometime however, what is simple is getting caught up in the moment and letting it get away from us, sometimes unintentionally.

What I am hoping is that we can be open to learning a better way to be together when the going gets tough. I am hoping we can learn to listen and listen to learn – that we can find the kernel of truth or a place of agreement (no matter how small) in those hard conversations. It won’t be easy, but then this following Jesus thing has never been held out as easy—just very, very good. Take some time to noodle around on the web site and plan to join in our work together to “Revive Civility,” “to acknowledge the beauty of every soul, even if it only blooms when the light is low.”

- M. Rose Anne+



Mother Rose Anne blessed our new frontal medallion, lectern hanging, and priest’s stole at the 10:00 am service on Sept. 29. These were made possible through Dorothy Ferguson’s (center) generous donation of her father’s chasuble, and Carolyn Englert (left) and Pat Newyear’s (right) sewing skills. God bless all of you!

OUTREACH TEAM UPDATES

Little Feet Update: We had a very successful shoe shopping weekend October 12 and 13 at JCPenney. As of the 13th, there were 64 children sporting new shoes or boots, and boy were they proud! Many thanks to all who donated money and time, and who sent prayers and good thoughts. Many of you participated in the shopping weekend by being in the shoe department greeting families, and assisting the kiddos find just the right pair of shoes or boots. This kindness and effort made a real difference. Look for pictures elsewhere in this *Pace*.

A final makeup shopping day was held on October 26, but the final count was not available by *Pace* deadline. Look for that next month. The staff at JCPenney were awesome. Two of the three counselors from the schools we served were present most of the weekend to meet and help their kids. The school counselors sent a reminder letter to the families who couldn’t make the

first shopping dates in hopes of getting shoes or boots to as many children as possible.

Other Updates:

- **LCCN** held its Dine-to-Donate fundraiser at Baker's Square on October 21. Twenty percent of each guest check was donated to LCCN. Good food and good fun were had.
- Grace's **Giving Tree** will return again this year. We will collect scarves, hats, mittens, gloves, and kids' underwear and socks. The plan is to divide the children's items among the four schools we worked with for Little Feet.
- **McKinley Christmas gift giveaway:** The Outreach team is looking into working with McKinley Community Outreach Center to provide gifts and candy to the children whose families use the McKinley Center's services. Gifts will be provided to infant children to 12 year olds. More information to come.
- **Next Meeting:** The next Outreach team meeting is scheduled for November 5^h at 7:00 pm. Please join us and share your outreach ideas with us. We are always looking for new ideas to reach out to those in need in our community.

Peace, blessings and many thanks to you all.

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

EVANGELISM UPDATES

- The results of the survey taken at our August meeting indicate that Grace is doing well in most areas. We would like to make some changes to our signage at our entrances to make it easier for visitors and newcomers to navigate through our church.
- Dennis Anthony, the president of the local group Friends of Recovery has been invited to speak to the parish about his ministry. The organization helps people on their road to recovery from addiction, guided by Christ. They have a home for men in Willoughby, and will

soon open a home for women. Another home for women and children is planned for next year. This ministry will help people in our community and we may be able to help in some way. Be here on November 10^h to hear all about this ministry and ways to help.

- Phil Davis will begin collecting homemade cookies soon to be given to the 12-step groups that meet at Grace. Also, we look forward to caroling at Grace Woods in December.
- Come join us for our next meeting, Tuesday November 5 at 6:00 pm in the lounge. You are welcome to bring a brown bag meal if you like.

- *Peggy Burkacki*

KIDS CORNER

Sharon Trsek wants to lift up **Phil Davis** for his efforts helping her sons **Riley** and **Mason** earn their BSA Religious Emblem for the Episcopal faith. Phil helped Riley complete the God & Church Program, geared toward Middle School students. For Mason, it was the God & Family Program, geared toward upper Elementary-aged students.

"Phil did such a great job and devoted many hours of time to working with each of them in our scheduled meetings," Sharon reports. "I think it's just awesome that we offer this youth spiritual education opportunity to Scouts through Grace Church!"

NOTE: Phil recently began teaching older youth (children in grade 4 and up) as part of our Sunday School program. His group meets the first and third Sundays of the month in the small classroom at the bottom of the stairs.

Other Updates from our Sunday Schoolers:

- **James** is in the 6th grade and plays basketball at school.
- **Kelsey** joined Girl Scouts and had Girl Scout sleepover at the Cleveland Zoo.
- **Maggie** is excited that she will be going Trick-or-Treating with her friend Hannah. She went to the Children's Museum and Jumpyard with her Daddy.

- **Amyah** has joined the Cub Scouts. She likes her school and teacher.
 - **Alex** and **Andrew** went camping with the Cub Scouts in Buffalo and slept on a retired U.S. Navy cruiser. They also stopped at Niagara Falls.
 - **Shaylee** is starting rehearsals for *Frozen: The Musical*. She will be selling pepperoni rolls as a fundraiser for her theatre group soon.
- Sharon Trsek and Debbie Zimmerman

STEWARDSHIP UPDATES

Thanks to everyone who made this year's State of Grace Luncheon a success! (Look for pictures from the event and other details elsewhere in this *Pace*.) Thanks to: all who provided the desserts; the Stewardship Team (Frank Burkacki, Mother Rose Anne, Sandy Gonzalez and Toni Swisher) for all their hard work; Cathy Nash for the beautiful centerpieces; Jennifer Lonsway and Riley Gumto for watching the children; Ken Hughes for passing out the 2020 Pledge Cards; and all those who stayed around to clean up. Special thanks to my wife, Debbie, who again was invaluable in organizing and keeping me on track.

The program included parishioner Dorothy Ferguson's reflections on pledging to Grace Episcopal Church, treasurer Harry Dodds discussing financial trends over the last three years, Senior Warden David Webster on Grace's impact in the community, and myself on aspects of giving/tithing.

By the time you read this, I am certain you have all sent in your 2020 Pledge Cards. Thank you in advance!

- David Zimmerman

Why I Pledge to Grace Church

My name is Sandy Wesley and I have been a member of Grace Episcopal Church for 39 years. I came to this church because I wanted my son to be baptized—he was born in February, 1980 and baptized in May, 1980. I grew up Episcopalian. My sister and I went to church with our grandparents at St. Stephens Church on 150th Street in Collinwood. I give because God provides everything for me and I feel he is with me always, and the church provides a lot of me always. In my younger

years I probably did not "tithe," but as I got older I tried to increase my giving. Then when I retired, the first couple of years were a little rough financially. When I got my pledge card I thought, "Maybe I should decrease my offering or keep it the same," but something stopped me whenever I went to write that decreased or same pledge. I couldn't do it, so I finally put an increased amount, even if only a couple of dollars a week. It was a great feeling and God provided everything I needed, and more!

Sandra Wesley

In the fall of 1972, after moving from Albuquerque, New Mexico, my family and I started coming to Grace Church. It was the perfect fit for us! We enjoyed the many activities, the beautiful and spacious grounds, and especially the worship services.

Much has happened since then, and I found Grace Church and the people of Grace were here for me when I needed them. In May, when a tree fell on my house and destroyed it while I was still in it, I found the people of Grace as well as our priest, Mother Rose Anne, very supportive. I am truly very thankful to all of you for your prayers and your support!

My faith throughout these past 40 years has been made stronger. God has been with me all the time but since May, I felt God within me, God with me, and God beside me. I pledge because I truly believe that worshipping at Grace Church, the people of Grace, and Mother Rose Anne our priest, has made a difference in my faith and brought PEACE to my life!

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Dorothy Ferguson



VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights from the October 15 Vestry Meeting:

Finance Committee Report

Long Range Planning Team decided to proceed with installing tri-phase power to the building. The Finance Committee has voted electronically to approve. Cathy Nash moved that the Vestry approve the Finance Committee's recommendation to spend no more than \$10,000 to install the tri-phase power. Dave Webster seconded the motion. The motion passed by acclamation.

Election of Diocesan Convention Delegates

Election of the delegates was certified by the Clerk. Elected as per electronic vote: delegates: Peggy Burkacki, Cathy Nash, and David Zimmerman, Alternates: David Webster, Debra Zimmerman, and Ken Hughes.

Senior Warden's Report

Long Range Planning Team:

- The team proposes placing cabinets in the area of the Narthex currently being used as a chapel to store the choir and acolyte robes while renovations are underway. A chapel will be maintained.
- Dave Ivey moved the Vestry reaffirm the previous decision to accept the renovation plans dated February 2, 2019. Cathy Nash seconded the motion. The motion passed by acclamation.
- Dave Ivey moved the Vestry approve signing the architectural contract as amended by Grace. Cathy Nash seconded the motion. The motion passed by acclamation.
- The architect has asked the city to concur with the interpretation that we do not have to create a second ADA bathroom or sprinkler system to complete our renovations.

Junior Warden's Report

- Our snowplow contract has been signed with Shannon Eshelman, including the revisions requested by the Vestry previously.
- Sewer repairs were completed on Oct 2.
- Dave Webster moved the rector's new office fuchsia with lime green highlights and large daisies. Kathy Hill seconded the motion. The motion was passed with great acclamation.
- Green room wall discoloration is probably due to moisture. Phil Davis is taking care of getting a moisture meter to monitor it. Building and Grounds team will wait a month before replacing the discoloration.
- There is wood available for the taking from the downed trees at the Rectory.
- Paul Fussner is getting an exhaust fan for the Lounge bathroom, and made repairs to the switches. One of the Lounge electrical heaters is broken, but the Committee suggested use only the one heater this winter. Mr. Fussner suggested either keeping the thermostat lower, as it's far away from the working heater. Dave Ivey moved that the Vestry buy a box to go over the thermostat. Kathy Hill seconded the motion which passed by acclamation.
- Kathy Hill asked about acquiring the doorstep for the ground floor door.
- Cathy is getting new bids for Rectory siding.

Rector's Report

- The Nominating Committee for new Vestry members is formed of those leaving the Vestry: Dave Webster, Peggy Burkacki, and Tony Frazier.
- License Renewal for Worship Leaders, Eucharistic Ministers and Eucharistic Visitors, requires completion of Safeguarding God's Children training. We're out of date as the August deadline was missed. Rose Anne will be scheduling the required training.
- Mother Rose Anne recommended attending the Undesign the Redline program at Trinity Commons.
- *Formation Activities:* Seminarian Noah Suttersich will lead a discussion about inter-religious presentations after the 10:00 am service on October 19. Advent Lutheran in Mentor is having an interfaith dialog Tue,

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October 29, at 6:15 pm. Noah will attend and invite others to join him. Noah is also looking to organize an interfaith discussion here at Grace in the future.

- *Scout Badge achievement*: Mason Gumto will present his project on October 27 during the announcements at the 10:00 am service.
- Mother Rose Anne is also involved in these activities outside the Parish:
 - Diocesan Council project on Spiritual Discernment. She's been helping design materials for lay ministry. This is a three-year project she's engaged with.
 - She's on the Diocesan Anti-Human Trafficking task force, and was just involved in a program in Akron.
- Continue to Give (our electronic donations platform) continues to present difficulties. Dave Ivey now has the passwords. Dave also saw another church use professionally laminated cards for the pews with the Q code to allow donations easily. They could be created while Dave Ivey is setting up the back-end. Rose Anne suggested having cards that people can submit at the offertory for donations given electronically.
- The Grace 150th Anniversary 2020 Taskforce has had its first meeting primarily focused on brainstorming. The team's next meeting will be November 11 at 4:00 pm. Anyone is welcome to join the Task Force. Team members to date: Pat Newyear, Thora Scott, Ken Hughes. Jeanne Schupp, and Walt Iliff.
- Research is ongoing to identify a capital campaign consultant.
- Mother Rose Anne will assist in providing pastoral coverage for Breckenridge Village/Grace Woods for the next two months. Their Chaplain, Diane Walker, is retiring Nov. 1. Mother Rose Anne has been preaching at their Wednesday service the first week of the month. She will cover Friday service once in November and December, and will assist with pastoral duties.
- The 2020 budget process begins with asking the various teams to present their proposed budgets for next year in November. Mother Rose Anne will be making the requests for those proposals soon. December 17 is when

the Vestry meets and when they normally vote on the next year's budget.

Stewardship

The State of Grace and Stewardship Campaign kickoff was held Oct. 13. The theme was the Joy of Generosity. Pledge cards were distributed and were due back by October 27.

Outreach

- Evangelism and Outreach are considering supporting Friends of Recovery, an organization that helps people on their road to recovery from addiction, guided by Christ. It operates a home for men in Willoughby, and will soon open a home for women. The director of the organization, Dennis Anthony, will be here at Grace on November 10 during both the 8:00 am and 10:00 am services.
- Grace's Little Feet Ministry received 127 names from schools and has assisted 64 children with shoes. Oct 26 will be the last shopping day. The school counselors will provide reminders. There were 10 or 11 people from Grace at the shopping day.
- Outreach is looking into working with McKinley Community Outreach Center as they begin organizing Christmas gifts for the needy. We'll have our usual mitten tree, and food baskets as needed.

Worship

- Eighteen people (and several animals) attended our annual Pet Blessing at Grace.
- All Saints is coming up November 3. Mark sent out emails to have people bring in picture of their loved ones for the Narthex.
- Advent begins December 1. Noah will be making some liturgical suggestions for Advent.

Next Meeting

The next Vestry meeting will be November 19, 2019, at 7:00 pm

Blessed Companions

Our annual Pet Blessing was a wonderful way of honoring Saint Francis and sharing fellowship with parishioners, community members, and their friends of all species. On Friday, Oct. 4, three dogs belonging to Ohio Living residents were blessed. And on Sunday, Oct. 6, Mother Rose Anne blessed nine dogs, four cats, one hamster, and one bird! – *Peggy Burkacki*



Happy Feet!

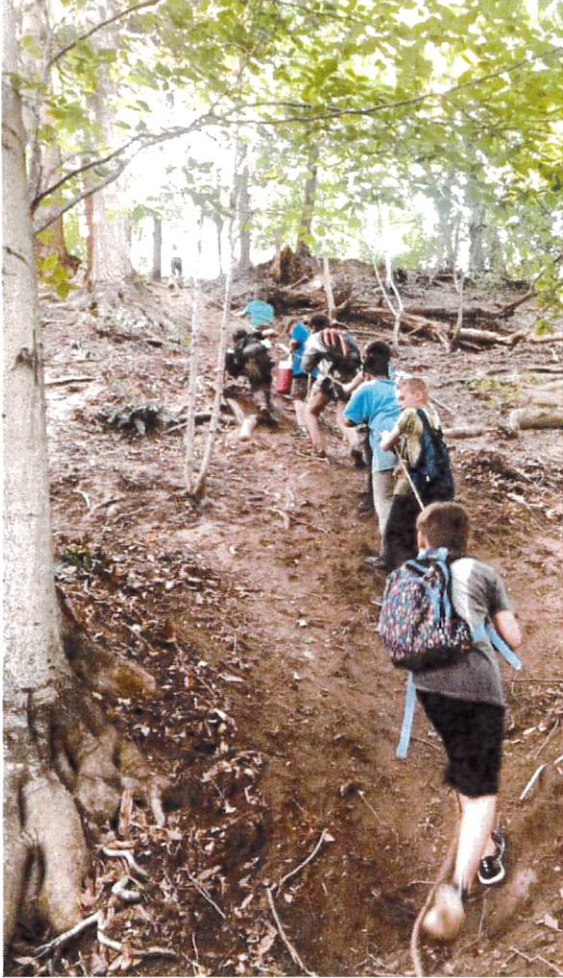
Our Little Feet Ministry helped 64 elementary school children buy new shoes or boots October 12 and 13 at JCPenney in the Great Lakes Mall. Thanks to all who helped! Please read the "This and That" section in this month's *Pace* for more details.



State of Grace luncheon kicks off 2020 Stewardship Campaign



A total of 42 people attended the State of Grace Stewardship Kickoff Luncheon Sunday, October 13. Maxim's in Mentor provided delicious cavatelli, meatballs, garlic bread, and salad. The desserts, brought by parishioners, topped off the meal. Pledge cards were distributed and we heard from parishioner Dorothy Ferguson, Treasurer Harry Dodds, Senior Warden Dave Webster, and stewardship chairman Dave Zimmerman.



Scouts find outdoor fun along Gully Brook

Scouts from BSA Troop 185, led by Assistant Scoutmaster Mike Johnston, camped along Gully Brook in October. Gully Brook, owned by Grace Episcopal Church as part of the Nash family legacy, flows between Grace Woods and I-90, terminating at the Chagrin River. The scouts had a great time, as you can see in these photographs. Going up and down the slopes resulted in kids being thoroughly worn out! During their activities along Gully Brook, one of the Grace Woods residents yelled at them from above. A few scouts and leaders scampered up the slope, some thinking that they were in trouble. Turns out the resident had baked a plate of cookies and wanted the scouts to have some!

- *Phil Davis*



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READINGS FOR THE DAY

November 3
The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 26
All Saints Sunday

Daniel 7:1-3,15-18
Psalm 149
Ephesians 1:11-23
Luke 6:20-31

November 10
The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 27

Haggai 1:15b-2:9
Psalm 98
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
Luke 20:27-38

November 17
The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 28

Isaiah 65:17-25
Canticle 9
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19

November 24
The Last Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 29
Christ the King Sunday

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Canticle 16
Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 23:33-43