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Monday - Friday

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We are disciples of Jesus:
helping one another be the
hands and feet of Christ by
sharing God's love with the
world.

Deadline for next *Pace* is
Sunday, Feb. 16, 2020



The *Pace* of Grace

January-February 2020

From the Rector:



How long have you been a part of the Grace community? How much of the Grace story is your story? We are getting ready to share the story of Grace in the Willoughby community. 150 Years! That is how long God has been working through our parish and the people of Grace to show God's love in this world. Grace Church was chartered May 15, 1870. The "old" Grace Church building still stands in Willoughby. It was finished in 1883 and it is still in use! That is just a couple of the facts that we will be learning and sharing this year as we celebrate our meaningful history.

The 105th Anniversary team has been hard at work planning events that will make our celebration memorable. The people giving generously of their time are Jeanne Schupp, Pat Newyear, Ken Hughes, Walt Iliff, Dave Ivey, Kathy Hill, Cathy Nash and Thora Scott. We learn new and fun facts every time we meet. The team made a trip to Trinity Commons to visit the Diocesan Archives, where the Rev. Dr. Brian Wilbert, Archivist, shared his knowledge and vast historical collections with us. There is a folder just for Grace Willoughby resting in the archives.

It is our intention to celebrate this anniversary all year long. A special dinner planned for Saturday, May 2 at St. Noel's Banquet Center. Please save the date! We are also exploring doing a Sunday morning service as it would have been done in 1873. Other events under consideration include a choral evensong, a community festival in the front parking lot, and re-creating the play performed at the church's 100th anniversary celebration. A commemorative video is being produced through Dave Ivey and his connection with Auburn Career Center. This video is the senior project for videography students at Auburn. Not only does Grace provide God's good things in the community, we receive blessings all the time.

The plans are coming along but remain fluid, so if you're interested in helping with planning these special events please join the team at their next meeting. The date and time is published in our Sunday announcements.

Also mark your calendars for our upcoming Wednesday Lenten gatherings. As in years past, we will gather at 6:00 pm in the undercroft for a meal together, followed by Evening Prayer and study. The study focus this Lent will be on "Signs of Life," and centers on building community through

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David Webster

Senior Warden

Cathy Nash

Junior Warden

Harry Dodds

Treasurer

Elizabeth Estep

Clerk

The Rev. Rose Anne Lonsway,

Rector

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A letter to Grace Episcopal Church from the Rev. Deacon Lydia Bailey

Dear Grace Church:

I am so thoroughly fond of you as a congregation and those I have begun to know over my last 2 1/2 years here. Mother Rose Anne, you are such a compassionate, level-headed friend for me, and true pastor for all of Grace. Seminarian Noah, I love following your walk to ordination. Your regard for all the parishioners at Grace is evident and genuine.

I have been commissioned by a Foundation to do a photography project, photographing the women at Norma Herr Women's Shelter in Cleveland—and also to write their stories, which require unhurried time getting to know the individuals. This will be a formal exhibit, to be done with lots of careful work. Because this will be in addition to my full-time work at LMM's Men's Shelter in Cleveland, and not overlapping it, I need to pull back from being a deacon here at Grace. There simply are not enough hours in day without scrimping on the most important thing, which is my family.

As a deacon, I have seen your wonderful relationships in the community of Willoughby and I think that's where my deacon-work with you would lay. But I simply don't have the capacity to help you in your ministry of fostering relations here in this community. On a limited basis, I will continue to be a deacon at St. Christopher's Church in Gates Mills. The church is involved at the shelter where I work, with individuals and groups volunteering, so that I can keep my focus consolidated around this urban ministry at the shelter.

I am fond of all of you. I have loved doing my monthly Scripture study here with you, Jane Schierloh & participants- and the stories we've shared stay with me. Now onwards, with creative work in Willoughby & beyond! Thank you to you-the good people of Grace Church. With your gentleness & love, with your eyes for the world around you, Grace Parishioners, you are mighty in Spirit.

The Rev. Lydia Bailey

PLEASE NOTE: To avoid unnecessary repetition and make room for more news and photos, the "Looking Ahead" section of the *Pace* has been discontinued. A complete monthly calendar of parish events is included in every issue of the newsletter.

From the Rector, continued

the meaning of light, water, food, shelter and relationship (community) as seen through the God lens. The sponsors of the program, the Brothers of St. John the Evangelist, describe the experience thus:

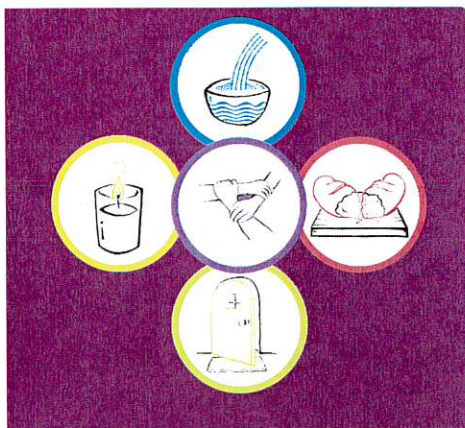
Worship engages our deepest human needs and has the power to transform our lives. Join the Brothers of SSJE in exploring the signs and symbols at the heart of Christian worship.

This 5-week offering encourages individuals and groups to explore the riches of our worship traditions, liturgy and sacraments, and the art and architecture of our worship spaces, revealing the full meaning of these signs, deepening our experience of Christian vocation and guiding us toward ongoing conversion.

I think this exploration of Life, Water, Food, Shelter and community will lead us to a deeper walk with God and each other this Lenten season. Please consider making this time a priority for your Lenten discipline.

We have much to celebrate this year and I invite you to be an integral part of our celebrations and worship.

- M. Rose Anne+



SIGNS OF LIFE

why church matters

To learn more about this enriching program, please visit <https://www.signsoflife.org/>.

OUTREACH TEAM UPDATES

Holiday Outreach: We provided Christmas gifts and a bounty of food for a family of eight from Willoughby. These "Christmas Wishes" were greatly appreciated. Our "mitten tree" was laden with gloves, mittens, scarves, hats, children's socks and underwear which will be taken to the four schools we served for Little Feet. The pet supplies will go to McKinley. Thank you all so much for your generosity!

Tikvah and Arukah Houses: The Outreach Team, along with the Evangelism Team, is discussing how we can reach out to the residents of Tikvah House and Arukah House in Willoughby. These two houses are part of Friends of Recovery, Northeast Ohio Next Step Living Ministries.

2020 Schedule: Upcoming Outreach events include:

- Our annual Soup and Chili Cook-Off, March 8.
- "Feed the Body, Feed the Soul" meals at McKinley Community Outreach Center, March 23, July 27 and October 26.
- Annual Rummage Sale, date TBD.
- "Young at Heart" gatherings, dates and more information to follow.

The Outreach Team meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the lounge. Everyone is welcome to join us and share ideas for reaching out to others.

Peace and Blessings in our new year,

- Kathy Hill and Kathy Ivey, co-chairs

EVANGELISM UPDATES

Cookie Tray Update: Thank you, Grace Church! On behalf of the Evangelism Team, thank you for those donated "delectables" to make our parish Christmas cookie trays. Sharon Trsek's son, Mason Gumto, was the youngest baker among us. The personal effort of all bakers was obvious in the varied designs and flavors. We set up and delivered heaping full trays and special Christmas cards to each of the five support groups that meet weekly downstairs. These groups are: Dry Dock,
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Lost & Found, Northcoast Group, Sharing in Sobriety, and Tonight Show. When making prior arrangements with each group, they all voiced gratitude in advance of these holiday treats.

December efforts: We didn't meet in December, but remained busy. Phil completed a new directional sign across from our lower entrance door. We caroled along with the Sunday school at Grace Woods. Christmas bags were put together and given out to those who attended Christmas Eve services. A new organizer for our name tags is being obtained from Grace Church Sandusky. Thanks to Walt Iliff and Connor Crowley for transporting these from Sandusky to Willoughby. We think the new organizer will be much more attractive, and simplify locating your lanyards.

Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 4 at 6:00 PM in the lounge. We are always looking for new ways to reach out to newcomers and our community in this coming year. Please join us!

- Peggy Burkacki



The Pasta Lady

Joyce "The Pasta Lady" Hoste prepared and sold her handmade gourmet pasta during the holiday season, donating all profits to the Little Feet Ministry. If you missed out on her delicious noodles this time, don't fret! She will be making more to sell during the upcoming Soup & Chili Cookoff and our Annual Rummage Sale.



Jeff gives it up for Lent.

Don't forget! Lent Begins Ash Wednesday, February 26. Services with imposition of ashes at Noon and 7:00 pm.

KIDS CORNER

Updates from our Sunday Schoolers:

- **Maggie's** mommy gave her a sloth on Christmas Eve. They wore matching Grinch P.J.'s on Christmas. She hung a Christmas ornament she made at school and Sunday school on her tree. Brody, her cousin, slept over. They made a huge fort. She is excited for school to start to see all her friends. Maggie our Epiphany angel has perfect attendance.

You can bring in your Christmas Cards to be recycled for Sunday School projects.

Thanks,

- Debbie Zimmerman and the Sunday School Team

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights from the December 17 Vestry Meeting:

Finance Committee:

- Phil Davis is stepping down from the Committee.
- Rectors Housing Resolution letter. Dave Webster moved the Resolution be accepted. Cathy Nash seconded the motion, which passed by acclamation.

Senior Warden's Report

- *Long Range Planning:* Signed Architectural Contract: Working drawings will be available on December 24. Long Range Planning team will meet Monday, January 6 to discuss the plans. Consultant Andy Simon has again offered to assist with reviewing plans.
- *Nominations Committee Report:* No definitive candidates at this point. Proposed changing meetings to Sunday after 10:00 am service since current meeting schedule presents a barrier for some potential Vestry members.

Junior Warden's Report

- *Sign repair:* Done.
- *Exhaust fan in Lounge BR:* Done
- *Parking lot lights:* Done
- *Furnace in Sunday School:* Now working
- *Downed tree follow-up:* We have firewood behind the rectory still.
- *Downstairs sign:* Done by Phil Davis
- *Siding for Rectory:* Contract is signed with Mike's Home Improvement.
- *LED lights for parking lot:* No bids as yet.
- *Stop sign in parking lot:* Phil Davis has taken it home for repairs.
- *Door stop for downstairs door:* Still needs to be addressed.

Rector's Report:

- *Anna Sutterisch Ordination:* December 19 at Trinity Cathedral.
- *Winter Convocation:* February 7-8. More details to follow.

- *Formation Activities:* Working on inter-religious presentations and activities. Three people went on the Lutheran Church visit for Teatime for Peace.
- *150th Anniversary 2020*
 - St Noel's has been reserved for a family-style dinner
 - Field trip to Diocesan Archives 11/21/19, 11 am. Went well.
 - Video. Dave Ivey is doing a video about Grace.
- *Annual Meeting preparation:* The meeting will be held February 2. Will again have a brunch with the meeting after the 9:00 am service. Vestry meeting immediately after to elect wardens and setting vestry retreat.
- Lydia Bailey has to rebalance her commitments and will not be attending Grace after this Sunday.

Stewardship: e-giving and offering cards will be available as of Christmas Eve service.

Evangelism:

- Pictures of new members for updated directory needed.
- Name Tag Board: Saw some name tag holders at the church in Sandusky where the Convention was. The church is getting rid of them

Outreach:

- The gifts for our family have been coming in. We will meet with them on December 23 in the McKinley parking lot to give the mother the gifts.

Worship:

- Attendance at Worship team meetings has been minimal. To improve attendance, the meeting date and time is changing to the second Thursday at 6:00 pm.

Highlights from the January 21 Vestry Meeting:

Finance Committee: Harry Dodds presented a 2020 Annual Capital funds budget. Dave Webster moved the

Capital Funds budget be accepted, Peggy Burkacki seconded, and the motion was then passed by acclamation.

Policy—Safeguarding God's Children: Vestry reviewed the policy proposed by the Diocese and began identifying where our situation may require changes. A team was appointed to review the policy and proposed changes.

Change in Boy Scout Charter Organization

Representative: Chris Burke is resigning as our rep and nominated Phil Davis as the Charter Org Representative. The motion passed by acclamation.

Letter from Bishop Hollingsworth: The Bishop sent a letter to Clergy and Wardens about the Absalom Jones celebration and service on February 16. The Vestry will ask the Foundation about making a donation as the Bishop suggests.

Senior Warden's Report: Long Range Planning

- Architect's working drawings delivered at the end of December were missing some desired components, so additional work has been requested.

Junior Warden's Report

- Firewood is available behind the Rectory.
- Siding for Rectory will be replaced this month.
- Rocking Chairs to be replaced in the Nave
- Metal strip and carpet seam in Nave need repair again.

Rector's Report

- *Winter Convocation:* February 7-8. Discount if 6 or more register from the parish. The L.E.A.D. (Lead, Engage, Act, and Discern) program, a Diocesan Council-sponsored initiative to support lay leadership, will be introduced at Convocation and later at Mission Area meetings. Mother Rose Anne helped design this program.
- Mother Rose Anne was re-appointed to Diocesan Council Executive Committee by Bishop Hollingsworth.
- Registration for summer camp at Bellwether is now open.

- Our 150th Anniversary Dinner is scheduled for May 2 at St. Noel's. A special video is being created.
- Annual meeting: There will be one service at 9:00 am February 2, followed by brunch and the Annual Meeting. Kathy Ivey has agreed to coordinate the brunch. Vestry meets immediately following Annual meeting.
- Vestry Retreat will be scheduled at the February 2 meeting.
- A Mutual Ministry Review is being scheduled.
- Malicious Attack Protection Insurance Policy now in force at no cost to Grace. Our insurance company added it.

Stewardship: e-giving offering cards in the pews.

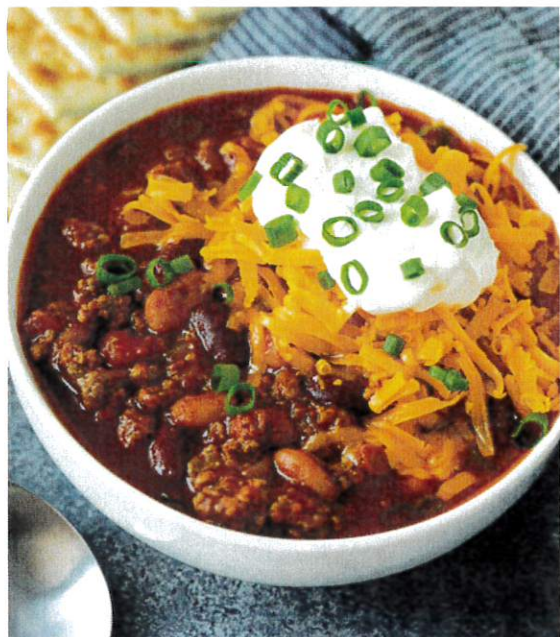
Worship:

- An altar candle was broken. It will be repaired or replaced.
- Family Sundays (no Sunday School) will continue on the fourth and fifth Sundays; all other Sundays as scheduled. Changing fourth and fifth Sundays without notice is upsetting to parents.
- Adults are asked not correct children who are not theirs. If you hear it, stop it please. Children and usual child-like behaviors welcome in this church.
- Worship calendar:
 - Scout Sunday: February 9, 2020.
 - Ash Wednesday: February 26.
 - Lent: February 26 through April 4.
 - Palm Sunday: April 5.
 - Holy Week: April 5 through April 11.
 - Easter: April 12.
- This year's Lenten program is in development.
- Due to poor attendance at Worship team meetings, the meetings were moved to the second Thursday at 6:00 pm. The new day and time are working well.
- We will have two weddings and a possible baptism in 2020.
- Mother Rose Anne will be away February 12 through 18. Arrangements have been made for supply clergy Sunday, February 16, and for coverage of pastoral care situations.

Next meeting:

- February 2, following the Annual Meeting

8th ANNUAL SOUP & CHILI COOKOFF



Saturday, March 7

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Enjoy the tastes
and vote for your favorites!

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

**Yes! I want to participate in the
8th Annual Grace Episcopal Church SOUP & CHILI COOKOFF**

SATURDAY MARCH 7, 2019 , 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Grace Episcopal Church, 36200 Ridge Road, Willoughby, Ohio 44094

All proceeds benefit Little Feet ministry

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 February 22, 2020.**

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

Signed _____

Christmas* Fun



The holiday season was full of fun and the joy of giving at Grace this year!

LEFT: Annabelle, Marshall, and Grant set up the crèche during the Greening of the Church (when the church decorates for Christmas).

RIGHT, Top Left: Our Mitten Tree was loaded down with hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, and socks, which were donated to Willoughby-Eastlake elementary schools. Grace parishioners contributed a total of 244 items to this year's Mitten Tree!



RIGHT, Top Right: Charlotte Stoldt poses with a cake she baked and decorated for Coffee Hour following the Epiphany service.

RIGHT, Bottom: Mother Rose Anne poses with our three Magi (Jim Mackey, Frank Burkacki, and David Webster) prior to the Epiphany service. Mother Rose Anne apparently brought the Christ child the gift of coffee.

***And Epiphany**



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READINGS FOR THE DAY

February 2
The Presentation of Our Lord
Jesus Christ in the Temple

Malachi 3:1-4
Hebrews 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-40
Psalm 84

February 9
The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 58:1-9a, [9b-12]
1 Corinthians 2:1-12, [13-16]
Matthew 5:13-20
Psalm 112:1-9, (10)

February 16
The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Deuteronomy 30:15-20
1 Corinthians 3:1-9
Matthew 5:21-37
Psalm 119:1-8

February 23
The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Exodus 24:12-18
2 Peter 1:16-21
Matthew 17:1-9
Psalm 2