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June 2020

# The *Pace* of Grace

## From the Rector:



I must begin by giving thanks, abundant thanks on several fronts. First, I want to commend and thank your Vestry for their faithful, unrelenting service to you, the people of Grace Church and our God. Your Vestry has committed to meet weekly during this time of physical separation. Every Saturday they give up an hour (at least) of their day by Zoom to provide stability to our parish. As you are aware, they have also committed to call you all every week to check in and keep us in communication with one another. Well done, good and faithful servants!

Congratulations to our Seminarian, Noah Sutterisch who has completed his studies and as he graduates from Bexley Seabury Seminary with a Master of Divinity degree. He is awaiting news of his ordination to the transitional Deaconate and possible placement. This means that we will soon be without his smiling face. Thank you, Noah for your presence with us these last two years. Though you were with us as a student, you have contributed to our life at Grace and we have learned from you. We send you off with our love and best wishes for a blessed, God—filled ministry. You will be missed.

I want to give you all my personal thanks as we celebrated our five years together. It seems impossible that it has been five years, and yet, it feels we have been together so much longer! I believe that is the best of all worlds. You all took me by total surprise with your gifts of love and remembrance. The flowers were lovely and the meal from Mario Fazio's was outstanding (It is one of my favorite places), and the gift card from Vestry just put it over the top. I am so touched and humbled by your generosity in this time of stress and concern. I am so blessed to be your Rector and I thank you with all my heart.

Finally, I want to thank each of you for hanging in there as we navigate the unknown. We may be physically separate, but we have remained together socially and that is no easy task in these circumstances. You have been so patient as we have figured out different and new ways to worship and be together. I have had much to learn from a technology standpoint, and I am still learning. I am sure your patience has been tested many times. I know mine sure has! I have likened it to the children's game of Whack-a-Mole, where with mallet in hand one pounds a "mole" back into its hole and at the same time another pops up out of a different hole. As the game progresses, the popping and whacking continues non-stop. It seems the same happens each week as we prepare to worship, however, we have persevered, with God's help.

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*Rector*

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## Congratulations, Noah!

**Candidate for Holy Orders, Episcopal Diocese of Ohio**

**Seminarian, Bexley Seabury Seminary Federation**

**Grace Episcopal Church, Willoughby**

**Building Steward, St. John's Ohio City**

After three years of course work, study, and internships on May 15th Noah Sutterisch graduated from Bexley Seabury seminary and was conferred the degree of Master of Divinity. Noah was also recently approved for ordination by the Diocese of Ohio and currently awaits an ordination date to the transitional diaconate.

*Grace Episcopal Church*

*Seminarian*

*Noah Sutterisch*

*Candidate for the Holy Orders*



Our seminarian, Noah Sutterisch, was ordained to the Sacred Order of Transitional Deacons Thursday, May 28. This is the final step before Noah's ordination to the priesthood. Sadly, he is leaving us to serve in his new role at a new parish.

We will miss Noah and wish him well as he continues his journey.



## About Resuming In-Person Worship at Grace

As you may already know, on May 19 our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth Jr., issued guidelines for resuming in-person worship in the Diocese of Ohio. These call for a phased approach and require parishes to implement certain mandatory procedures and protocols to resume worshipping together in person. The Diocesan guidelines are extremely thorough and detailed but provide some degree of contextual flexibility. On May 23, Bishop Hollingsworth issued a follow-up communication clarifying some of the finer points of the initial document.

The Vestry held a special meeting on May 22 for preliminary discussions about the guidelines and about how and when Grace Episcopal Church might resume in-person worship. I took time out of my vacation to attend via Zoom.

It was decided that Grace leadership needs additional time to work out how to meet all the procedures and protocols required by the Diocese. **This means that worship at Grace will remain online only at this time. The Vestry will continue making preparations to move the parish toward a possible return to in-person worship this summer and will take up the issue again at its next meeting, June 21.** The Vestry and I feel strongly that the church's most important obligation at this difficult time was to protect the well-being—physical as well as spiritual—of its members.

Although Bishop Hollingsworth allowed parishes to resume in-person worship as soon as Sunday, May 31 (Pentecost), he also cautioned that this “does not mean that a particular congregation or communicant must resume in-person gathering at that time, only that it will be permitted, given suitable preparations. Each parish and individual's decision will be particular to its own context and circumstances. For some, regathering may be appropriate, for others it may not.”

Grace parishioners should be aware that, per these Diocesan guidelines, several significant changes will be made to in-person worship services once they resume. These include:

- All worshippers, including clergy, **must** wear face mask and practice social distancing. Grace will provide face masks for those who may forget to bring one.
- There will be **no singing** by the choir or the congregation.
- If Eucharist is celebrated, only the presider may consume the body and blood of Christ; communion will **not** be distributed to the congregation at this time. The Prayer of Spiritual Communion may be utilized.
- There will be no physical touching during the passing of the peace, and parishioners should remain in their pews. Coffee hour and other fellowship gatherings remain suspended.

Thanks to each of you as we have learned new ways to worship and remain in community. Your patience and prayers are appreciated. We will keep you updated as we progress to in-person worship.

- M. Rose Anne+

## From the Rector, continued

Thank you also for your faithfulness in continuing to support Grace Church financially. It can't be easy to remain so faithful in the midst of so many unknowns, however, you all are amazingly so and the mission and ministries of our God, through this place, continue unabated.

The question we now face is, in light of the phased re-opening of our State, when will we be back to worshipping in the church? That is an interesting and complex question. So many of you have expressed concern that we do not do it too quickly, being concerned about a rise in exposure and illness. It is a concern I share. Bishop Hollingsworth and the Diocesan staff are working on a guidance document that will hopefully be published by the time you are reading this column. Our Bishop is working with the Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Ohio, Bishop Thomas Breidenthal, and his staff to develop a joint document. I have not yet seen the document, but from clergy discussions it seems that the plan will be conservative, gradual, and respectful of the needs and complexities of individual parishes.

Our Vestry has already begun to think about what it would take for us to begin to re-open. I know that they will consider every aspect of our situation and keep health and safety in the forefront of their thinking. We all want to be back in church and to be together. Some talk about getting back to "normal" It is tempting to look back and pine for what we perceived as normal. We will have normal again, however, I believe it will be a new normal, the normal that God is already at work on. There are many opportunities waiting to be discovered during the uncertainty of the present time. Many of you have heard me define "normal" as a setting on a dryer! Let's work together to find the new normal that God is leading us into. I believe it will be just as awesome as you all are.

- M. Rose Anne+

P.S. Another example of how blessed I am and how wonderful you all are: As I was writing this column, my grandson brought me his mother's computer and to my astonishment, there via Zoom, were over 20 people who took the time to sign on to celebrate our five years together! My heart is so full, and I am so grateful: Thank you, thank you, thank you!!! I love you all! RAL+

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## OUTREACH TEAM UPDATES

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### McKinley Outreach Center Updates:

- "Phase 1" of the process to restore services began Tuesday, May 12, with a curbside taxable distribution. There were additional distributions on May 19 and 26.
- Pantry hours will continue as usual. Included with distribution of food will be distribution of pet supplies and monthly senior food boxes.
- No meals are being served.
- Medical supplies given out by appointment only, as usual.
- Currently McKinley is accepting nonperishable food donations only.
- McKinley plans to open very slowly and take every precaution to keep everyone safe.
- Any food items being dropped off at Grace Church will continue to be delivered to McKinley on a regular basis. They remain in need of pantry food items.
- In addition to the \$12,200 grant McKinley received from NOPEC, the owner of the Cleveland Brown and his wife gave a \$20,000 grant to McKinley. This will be a great help since the May 15 fundraiser that was to be held at Brim in Willoughby, "The Taste of McKinley," has been cancelled due to the Covid-19 virus.

**End 68 Hours of Hunger Program:** This program provides food during the school year for school children from the Willoughby/Eastlake and Wickliffe school districts during the hours they are not in school. Since the schools have been closed and are no longer distributing food for this program, Pastor Beth at McKinley has been working with the Family Liaisons at the schools to distribute the bags of food to the parents during pantry hours so the kids will still have food on the weekends. No plans for a summer program have been announced at this time.

**Rummage Sale:** Whether we have the sale depends on the rules on gathering at that time. Donations continue to come in. Information will be forwarded as it is available.

**Little Feet Update:** Since it's unknown how the Covid-19 situation will be in September and October, we need

to think about how we may need to work with Little Feet this year. Discussion with school liaisons will be helpful.

**Project Hope:** Please keep in mind that paper products continue to be delivered to Project Hope on a regular basis. Please leave your donations in the basket under the harvest table.

**Blessing Bags:** Items for the Blessing Bags are still being accepted and can be placed in the large basket on the coffee table in the Library.

**Next Meeting:** Our next meeting is Tuesday, June 2. Please join us by Zoom. It's just like being there ... well, sort of!

Thank you all for reaching out to so many others during this very difficult time with cards, phone calls, e-mails, donations, and prayers.

May God bless us all with good health and safety.

- Kathy Hill and Kathy Ivey, Co-Chairs

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## UTO UPDATE

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Since the usual little blue boxes and envelopes can't be distributed at this time, United Thank Offering's Spring In-gathering will take place by mail.

Please mail or drop off your contributions at Grace, to be sent along to UTO. Make sure to include "Ingathering Diocese of Ohio" and "Grace Church" on the Memo line of the check. If the office is closed, please place your check in the Administrative Assistant mail slot or slide it under the door.

This Spring all funds gathered by UTO will go to Episcopal ministries responding to the COVID-19 pandemic and economic downturn.

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## STUDY GROUP UPDATE

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At the beginning of July, the Wednesday Morning Study Group will introduce a new book, *Crossing the Waters: Following Jesus through the Storms, the Fish, the Doubt, and the Seas* by Leslie Leyland Fields. The author lives on Kodiak Island and worked with her family fishing for salmon. She was still fishing at age 58 when she wrote this book. We may never look at our faith or salmon again in the same way! The group meets at 10:00 am and all are welcome. If you would like a copy, please let me know.

- Sue Mancino

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## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

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Thanks to all of you who are mailing in your weekly or monthly pledges since we are unable to gather on Sunday mornings. This is our preferred method of receiving your contributions at this time. It keeps everyone safer to reduce the number of people coming to church to drop off checks. To simplify this, you can set up a recurring automatic payment with your bank.

You may also donate electronically through the church website. However, our online payment vendor charges us a 5 percent fee for online transactions. If you choose to donate this way, please consider increasing your donation to cover this expense.

Another online option is to donate through the Diocese using the following link:

<https://dohio.org/designate-a-gift-to-your-parish>

Grace is NOT charged a fee for donations received through the Diocese.

For information about these options, please contact the church office.

-Mark



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# VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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## *Highlights from the May 16 Vestry Meeting:*

Dave Ivey moved to thank to Elizabeth Estep for the thorough minutes. Mother Rose Anne seconded the motion which passed by acclamation (Mother Rose Anne also required this vote be included in the minutes!)

**Treasurer's Report:** For the month, income was slightly reduced. Expenses are under budget, except for advertising and the website. Mutual fund has recovered somewhat from previous drop. The Finance Committee has chosen to move funds in the Money Market account, and set aside for capital expenses, into the Mutual Fund.

**COVID-19 and Worship:** The Diocese is developing a plan for opening churches, in coordination with the Diocese of Southern Ohio. The document should be available soon. As a preliminary report, there will be a phased approach, but each parish will have flexibility due to circumstances.

## **Policy for the Protection of Children and Youth for Parishes:**

- The Subcommittee has left it to the Vestry to decide how to address the need for training everyone with access to keys.
- Training will be required only volunteers they interact with children.
- During the COVID-19 shutdown, online training is approved for the initial class.
- Dave Ivey will take the online training and report back to the Vestry about how long it takes.
- Kathy Hill thanked the subcommittee for all the work. The motion was passed by acclamation.

**Senior Warden's Report:** Long Term Planning Team and the architect will join the Vestry check-in meeting on June 6 to provide an update on the status of the project.

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

- *Foundation Work:* Contract from Adelio's needs to be signed.

- *Banners/Signs:* Dave Ivey has met with Mother Rose Anne about the process and will proceed.
- *Sanitizing building:* Kelly Cleaning has submitted a quote for sanitizing the building prior to reopening.
- *Sound/live streaming System:* A quote for this project was sent out to the Vestry in a separate email. The quote does not address full requirements. Mother Rose Anne suggested getting additional quotes. Dave Ivey recommended compiling a written spec sheet. Mary has offered to pull that together.
- *Storage Shed repair:* On hold.
- *Yard waste issue:* A neighbor has been dumping yard waste onto Grace property. Phil Davis is taking pictures, so we have documentation to address with the neighbor. Mark Clark will write a letter to the property owner.

**Foundation:** The next Foundation meeting was scheduled for May 17, 2020.

## **Rector's Report:**

- *Seminarian Tenure:* Noah's tenure is coming to an end soon. He will be staying until the Bishop ordains and re-assigns him. Noah will be point person while Mother Rose Anne is on vacation.
- *150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration:* On hold

**Pastoral Care Team:** Jan Downing and Jane Schierloh have passed.

## **Next meetings:**

- The Vestry was not scheduled to check in over the Memorial Day weekend but held a special check-in on May 22 to discuss options for resuming in-person worship at Grace. Mother Rose Anne, despite being on vacation, joined via Zoom to participate. For more on the outcome of this discussion, please see the article elsewhere in this month's *Pace*.
- The Vestry was scheduled to check in again, without Mother Rose Anne, on May 30.
- The next regular Vestry meeting (not a weekly check-in) is scheduled for Saturday, June 20. This meeting may be rescheduled if it conflicts with Sunday morning Online Worship and Zoom Coffee Hour.

## Opportunities to Make a Difference

During these uncertain times before us, we are asked to help one another. You may do this by supporting the organizations detailed below, which are near and dear to the heart of Grace Church.

**FRIENDS OF RECOVERY** operates on three biblical principles:

\* **Respect:** Everyone learns to respect themselves, their house family, as well as the community in which they reside.

\* **Responsibility/Accountability:** Everyone learns to be responsible and accountable for his/her actions and behaviors.

\* **Relationship:** Everyone learns how to develop healthy relationships.

**FRIENDS OF RECOVERY** provides housing for individuals recovering from drug addiction. This includes an alcohol and drug-free living environment, peer support, assistance with obtaining drug addiction services and other drug addiction recovery assistance. Friends of Recovery, Northeast Ohio, have renovated two homes on three acres of land on Euclid Avenue in Willoughby, to serve men and women journeying from addiction (slavery) to freedom: TIKVAH (meaning: HOPE) for men and ARUKAH (meaning: HEALING AND RESTORATION) for women. During their stay at Tikvah house and Arukah house clients are taught the life skills necessary to blossom into a functioning/productive member of society. They will learn such things as what addiction is and how it affects you and your family.

*WISH LIST:*

Laketran Bus Passes

\$10 Gift Cards (gas stations, grocery store, Target, Wal-Mart)

Toilet Paper

Lysol Wipes

Paper Towels



**FORBES HOUSE** empowers individuals and families to end the cycle of Domestic Violence. No one deserves to be in an unhealthy relationship, yet 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men experience intimate partner violence. Forbes House is the only domestic violence shelter in Lake County. Their undisclosed location provides a place for survivors in Northeast Ohio to heal from the trauma of abuse and rebuild their lives. All services at Forbes House are provided free of charge. At Forbes House, victims become survivors!

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**How do I help?**

If you feel moved to donate, please drop off dry goods in the baskets at Grace Church. Laketran and gift cards can be dropped off at the office. If the office is closed, please slide under the door. **Thank you!**

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### READINGS FOR THE DAY

June 7  
The First Sunday after Pentecost  
Trinity Sunday

Genesis 1:1-2:4a  
2 Corinthians 13:11-13  
Matthew 28:16-20  
Psalm 8

June 14  
The Second Sunday after Pentecost  
Proper 6

Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7)  
Psalm 116:1, 10-17  
Romans 5:1-8  
Matthew 9:35-10:8(9-23)

June 21  
The Third Sunday after Pentecost  
Proper 7  
*Father's Day*

Genesis 21:8-21  
Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17  
Romans 6:1b-11  
Matthew 10:24-39

June 28  
The Fourth Sunday After Pentecost  
Proper 8

Genesis 22:1-14  
Psalm 13  
Romans 6:12-23  
Matthew 10:40-42