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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, August 16, 2020



The *Pace* of Grace

July 2020

From the Rector:



How I miss seeing you all in person! How I miss worshipping together face to face, using our familiar patterns and being in our familiar places. While I do long for these things, I am also looking forward to the opportunities we have to explore ways to be God's presence in this world in ways we have not thought of before. I know that Zoom and Facebook Live have presented some challenges for us. We are still learning the best ways to use them effectively. However, we have persevered and have felt the blessing of being together in this new way to worship, learn and visit.

Your Vestry has been doing check-in meetings every week and have deliberated and discerned prayerfully while making decisions that affect the health and safety of us all. They have discussed and weighed many options and the ramifications of those options from all angles. The Vestry last met June 20 and at that meeting decided that it was in all our best interests to delay opening to in-person worship.

It was not easy to arrive at this decision. The factors considered included the restrictions on how we can worship in person as well as the apparent rise in infections happening now. If we were to return to in-person worship we would, of course, have to wear masks, maintain physical distance of six feet in all directions, have no physical contact (no handshakes, no hugs, no reception line at the end of the service), no food or drink of any kind at coffee hour, no singing, and no distribution of communion. Some have asked about meeting outside. We would need to observe these same restrictions inside or out.

As difficult as it is to continue to be physically separated, I believe, as do others, that we are actually closer via Zoom than we could be in person. So, again, we will persevere. The Vestry will re-visit this decision again at its July meeting. Please continue to pray for your Vestry as they are praying for you. They are feeling the weight of these decisions and welcome your support. Please talk to your Vestry person when they call and let them know what you are thinking about in these challenging times. It is important to keep talking to one another.

There is another change coming soon. You will read elsewhere in this *Pace* issue that this will be the last all paper edition of the *Pace*. There will be

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Officers and Rector

Kathy Hill

Senior Warden

Cathy Nash

Junior Warden

Harry Dodds

Treasurer

Elizabeth Estep

Clerk

The Rev. Rose Anne Lonsway,

Rector

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An Important Announcement about the *Pace* newsletter

Dear parishioners and friends of Grace:

The *Pace* newsletter you hold in your hands is the last edition that will be mailed out in hard copy form. Beginning with the next issue, the *Pace* will be distributed by email except by special request.

Moving to email distribution will have several important benefits:

- It will save the church considerable expense (primarily through savings in paper, toner, and postage).
- It will enable the newsletter to be more comprehensive and current, since we will be able to continue adding and revising content basically until the day we email it to you.
- It's more environmentally friendly.

For these and other reasons, many parishioners have requested the *Pace* move to email distribution, and the Vestry has approved this transition.

However, we understand that some of you will prefer to receive a paper copy of the *Pace*, for a variety of reasons. We will be happy to continue mailing it to you, at your request. **If you want to continue receiving a paper copy of the *Pace* by mail, please email (office@gracewilloughby.org) or call (440-942-1015) and let us know. Paper copies will also be available for pickup in the lobby at the church, as usual.**

The next *Pace* will be a combined August/September issue, which should arrive prior to the first Sunday in September. **If you do NOT receive the August/September *Pace* by email, please contact us and verify that we have your current email address.**

Thanks,
-Mark

From the Rector, continued

paper copies at the church as usual. But if you wish to continue to receive a paper copy of the *Pace* by mail, you must let us know.

We are still receiving *Forward Day by Day* and they are in their usual place if you wish to stop by to pick one up. If you are not out and about, let Mark know and he can mail one out to you, or I will deliver it to your home, as always. maintaining proper distancing.

Lastly, I ask you to join me in learning new ways to think about how we live into our Baptismal vows, as we strive for justice and peace, and respect the dignity of all people. I am learning every day to look at our world and listen to people with new eyes and new ears. I am trying really hard to understand privilege and systemic racism from new perspectives. I am beginning to realize that some of the issues we face today have to be addressed from a different perspective than we have in the past. Loving our neighbor means taking responsibility for facing ingrained, unrecognized cultural assumptions and changing our thinking and behaviors so that all can live as equals. This is an amazingly difficult task and I hope that you will join me in learning, changing what we need to, and being a part of bringing God's kingdom to reality in our time.

Thank you for being a part of Grace Church, thank you for hanging in during these challenging times, and thank you for your love of and dedication to our Lord and His mission in our world.

- M. Rose Anne+

About the Next *Pace*

Since most committees and teams are not meeting in July, **the next *Pace* newsletter will be a combined August/September issue.** This will be the first *Pace* distributed primarily via email. It should arrive prior to the first Sunday in September.

As a result, **the August Calendar and Volunteer Schedule will be distributed by email and will be posted on the church website** (<https://gracewilloughby.org/>). **Paper copies will also be available for pickup at the church.** Please see the Contents page for more information.

- Mark

OUTREACH TEAM UPDATES

McKinley Update: We are waiting to hear from Pastor Beth regarding whether a summer food program for kids will be available at McKinley. Kathy Ivey stated that parents of all children on the free lunch program are to receive \$7.50 a day per child from the government from March 17 thru end of May.

COVID-19 Discussion: The Vestry is working on how to reopen the church for services and stay within Diocesan safety guidelines. Some agree that at this time Zoom may actually be better in that we can feel closer to each other than in person where there are so many restrictions. If anyone has concerns about reopening the church to in person services, please let Mother Rose Anne or Vestry know.

Little Feet: It is not known at this time what we will be doing for Little Feet this year. The Family Liaison from Grant Elementary School will keep in touch and JCPenney wishes to continue to work with us whenever we can move forward. The Mentor store is slowly opening, and we have been told they will not be closing this store.

Evangelism: Peggy thanked Kathy Ivey for the article she wrote about Friends of Recovery. Grace donations of toiletries, food and paper goods are taken to Forbes House and Friends of Recovery houses and will continue to be taken regularly. Your donations are greatly appreciated. Toni advised that Grace Foundation donated \$250 each to Forbes House, Friends of Recovery and Project Hope. Also \$500 was given to the Diocese of Ohio for Covid-19 efforts and \$500 to Feed Belize Program.

Rummage Sale: We will not be having the rummage sale this year. However, we continue to collect items. If you have items you would like to donate, please bring them to the undercroft, carpeted area.

Next meeting: The Outreach team will not meet in July. Its next meeting will be Tuesday, August 4 at 7:00 pm, via Zoom.

- The Outreach team, Kathy Hill, and Kathy Ivey co-chairs



Happy Noah

Our former Seminarian, the Rev. Deacon Noah Sutterisch, seems pleased with his gift from the parish, a new stole. Noah also received a generous gift certificate for the purchase of additional clergy gear thanks to donations from parishioners. We wish Noah all the best in his future ministries!

EVANGELISM UPDATES

The Willoughby Market opened June 6 with drive-thru shopping only. We will not be participating since we are unable to hand out anything. It's possible we could resume in August. We will wait and see. At this time, we plan on participating next year.

Donations: Paper products, food, and toiletries were taken to Forbes House and Friends of Recovery this month.

Evangelism Training: The Evangelism team is considering taking a training program for Episcopal Evangelism.

I'm so proud of our parish that we can keep moving forward in this difficult time!

— Peggy Burkacki

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights from the June 20 Vestry Meeting:

COVID-19 and Worship: The Vestry discussed potential options for re-opening for in-person worship, continuing to worship online, or a combination of the two. The Vestry decided that worship will continue to be online only, streaming via Zoom and on Facebook Live at 10:00 am, for the time being. The Vestry will continue to discuss the re-opening plan over the next few weeks, and will revisit this decision at its July meeting, taking into consideration feedback from the congregation and the trend of COVID-19 cases in Ohio over the next few weeks.

Re-opening could involve having an in-person 8:00 am service (meeting Diocesan guidelines including wearing face masks, appropriate physical distancing, no singing, no shared eating, etc.), followed by an online-only service streaming at 10:00 am.

Senior Warden's Report: The architect hired for our renovation project was tasked with delivering the plans to the city. He did not do so because a question arose regarding return air vents and pass-through vents, which arose from the mechanical engineer. Joe finished the plans without the engineer. He wanted to run the revised plans by the Vestry before submitting. The Vestry advised the architect to go ahead and submit the drawings. Dave Ivey suggested asking the architect to provide an update on acquiring a general contractor at the next Vestry check-in.

Junior Warden's Report:

- *Banners/Signs*—Dave Ivey has banners and frames in his garage. Needs to schedule group to get it set up.
- *Foundation work*—Completed. Cost may be higher than originally planned

for, per Phil Davis, but we're still awaiting the final bill.

- *Re-seeding/re-planting the area*—Help is needed to accomplish this task. The possibility of hiring a landscaper was suggested. The Buildings & Grounds team will discuss at its next meeting.
- *Sound/live streaming system*—No further information on this project until the next Vestry meeting.

Foundation: The Grace Foundation met and agreed to contribute to Forbes House, Project Hope, Feed Belize, and the Diocese of Ohio for COVID-19 work. The next Foundation meeting will be in September.

Rector's Report:

- *Safeguarding God's Children update*—Everyone who needs training has been notified by email.
- *Preaching at Breckenridge 7/3*—Mother Rose Anne's service will be taped rather than live.
- *Grace Woods visitors*—Grace Woods is considering when to open for visitation. Residents would be able to meet guests, with appointments, in the Pavilion. We will loan them parking spaces for this.
- *New self-help groups*—Mother Rose Anne is meeting with two new 12-step groups who are interested in meeting at Grace.
- *Signs up for groups about sanitation*—These have been posted upstairs and downstairs.
- *Grace 150th Anniversary Video*—The parish has received a great deal of praise for this video (which is available on the church website and YouTube page). The video has received over 300 views already.
- *Grace 150th Anniversary Celebration*—On hold at this time.
- *Solidarity Gathering*—Mother Rose Anne attended a Racial Solidarity Gathering sponsored by a local resident and held in the parking lot across from Classic Stadium. At the

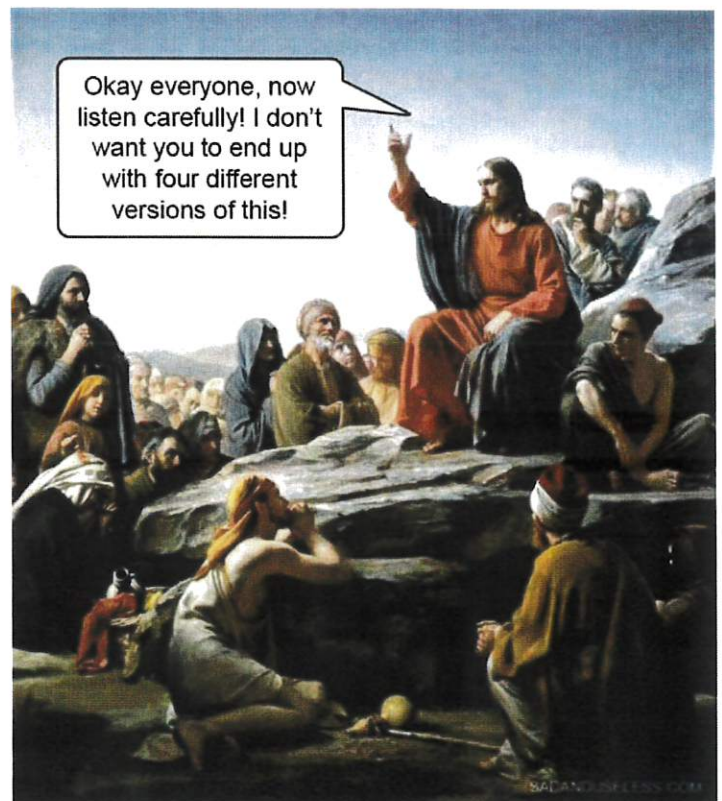
event, Mayor Fiala expressed interest in supporting Grace's 150th Anniversary Celebration.

Evangelism: Peggy is looking at Evangelism study programs for the team.

Outreach:

- *Little Feet*—The Mentor JC Penney is staying open and will work with us if Little Feet goes forward this year. Kathy is talking with the schools who are also doing planning.
- *Rummage Sale*—There will be no Rummage sale this year, but we are taking donations for 2021.
- *Next Meeting*—The Outreach team will not meet in July but will reconvene in August.

Worship: The Worship Committee has also discussed several ideas for re-opening but has not yet reached a decision. Although many other teams are not meeting in July, the Worship Committee will meet and continue this vital conversation.



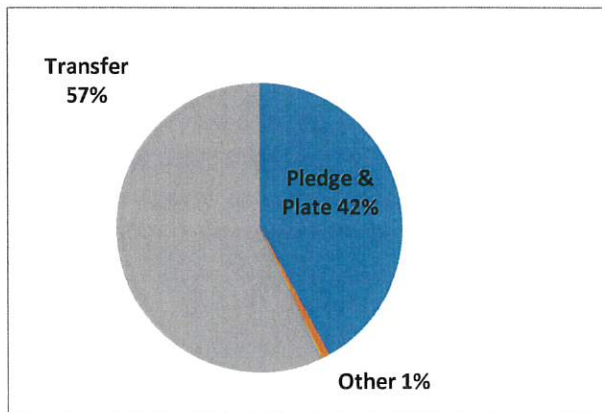
Operating Fund Interim Report (Through May 31, 2020)

<u>Income</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Pledge and Plate Contributions	\$33,025.46	\$40,083.31	-\$7,057.85
Other Income	\$746.00	\$1,141.69	-\$395.69
Transfer from Grace Woods Cc	\$45,000.00	\$59,722.50	-\$14,722.50
Total Income	\$78,771.46	\$100,947.50	-\$22,176.04

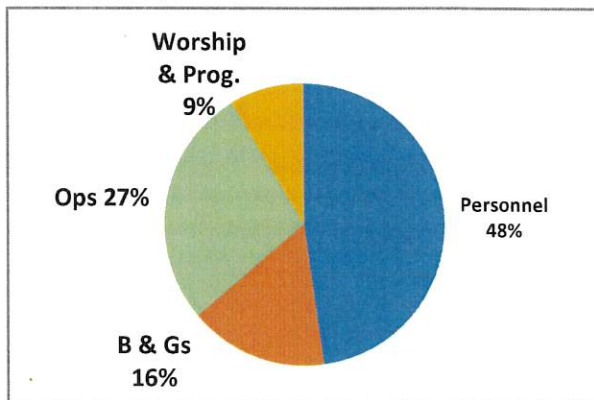
Expenses

Personel	\$42,977.61	\$49,437.94	-\$6,460.33
Buildings and Grounds	\$14,384.94	\$18,019.19	-\$3,634.25
Operations	\$24,978.56	\$21,375.00	\$3,603.56
Worship and Programs	\$7,649.30	\$12,247.50	-\$4,598.20
Total Expenses	\$89,990.41	\$101,079.63	-\$11,089.22
Excess/Deficit	-\$11,218.95	-\$132.13	-\$11,086.82

Income



Expenses



Treasurer's Report

As you can see our plate & pledge income is down for this time. Our expenses to date are also down as we are not spending as much on Worship and programs. Please consider catching up on your pledges.

Harry Dodds, Treasurer

Grace Makes a Difference in Our Community

Here are just a few of the many thank-you notes we receive from those who benefit from the generosity of Grace Episcopal Church and its members.

"Reducing Hunger...Giving Hope"

5-20-2020

April 29, 2020

Grace Episcopal Church
Attn: Mrs. Peggy Burkacki
36200 Ridge Road
Willoughby, Ohio 44094

Re: Forbes House Donation

Dear Peggy:

Thank you for valuing our self generous donation of paper and entire team, survivors and the fa

Advocates at Forbes House are encouraging and empowering individ every day to end the cycle of domestic violence. We could not offer care, shelter or support if we did not have yours. Thank you for believing in our mission of Forbes House.

Sincerely,



Kathy D. Strancar
Executive Director

Thank You!



BLESSINGS, REV. John

St James Lunch Program
St. James Episcopal Church
131 N State St
Painesville, OH 44077



April 2020

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Dear Grace Church,

On Behalf of the members of our community who need a meal, the parishioners of St. James and all the volunteer team members, we thank you for your support with your generous donation of \$200.00 in the month of March. As you know, we have continued to feed the hungry during the Coronavirus Epidemic and your donation helped with our rising costs of operation and purchase of additional supplies such as face masks, gloves, sanitizer and take-home meal supplies.

Beth and Ray Sphatl
c/o Grace Episcopal Church
36200 Ridge Road
Willoughby, Ohio 44094

Dear Beth and Ray,

Thank you so much for your generous contribution to the mission of Hospice of the Reserve during this extraordinary time of challenge and uncertainty by sewing fabric for our clinical teams.

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READINGS FOR THE DAY

July 5
The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 9

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67
Song of Solomon 2:8-13
Romans 7:15-25a
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 12
The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 10

Genesis 25:19-34
Psalm 119:105-112
Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 19
The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 11

Genesis 28:10-19a
Psalm 139: 1-11, 22-23
Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 26
The Eighth Sunday After Pentecost
Proper 12

Genesis 29:15-28
Psalm 105:1-11, 45b
Romans 8:26-39
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52