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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, November 15, 2020



The *Pace* of Grace

November 2020

From the Rector:



We are in a time of many uncertainties. As I write this, we are less than a week away from an election fraught with uncertainties: Who will be the next leader of our country? What will be the response of the winning and losing sides? How will the economy respond to the election results? Will there be violence in the response? What effect will the election results have on the work of those striving for racial justice?

There is a new U.S. Supreme Court justice, whose installment has created additional uncertainty for many Americans. Many people outside of the white, heterosexual members of our society are contemplating what a very conservative court may mean to their lifestyles, their legal standing, and their physical safety. Those with healthcare insurance insecurities and preexisting conditions share uncertainty about their future health and related economic stability.

Need we mention the uncertainty caused by COVID-19? Just when we thought things might be improving the numbers began to go crazy. Wearing masks became a political issue in some arenas. Asymptomatic COVID carriers could be most anywhere. Will the disease claim the life of a loved one? There is the daily uncertainty of what color our community will be on the COVID scale and what that will mean to our lives, our freedoms, and even our ability to contemplate coming back to church to worship together. Uncertainty surrounds how we can worship when we finally can return to our building. When we do come together to worship, it is uncertain when we will be able to sing together, to see each other without masks on our faces, and greet each other with handshakes and hugs.

So many of these uncertainties weigh on my mind as I think about how we will observe Advent, Christmas and Epiphany this year. If we cannot come together to worship, how will we find comfort in long held traditions with our families and in our community of faith?

Meanwhile, we have the responsibility to protect those we love and care for. We have the responsibility to minimize the potential for virus spread. We have the responsibility to continue to do the work that Jesus has for us to do. There is uncertainty in how we can carry out these competing responsibilities and deal with this myriad of uncertainties.

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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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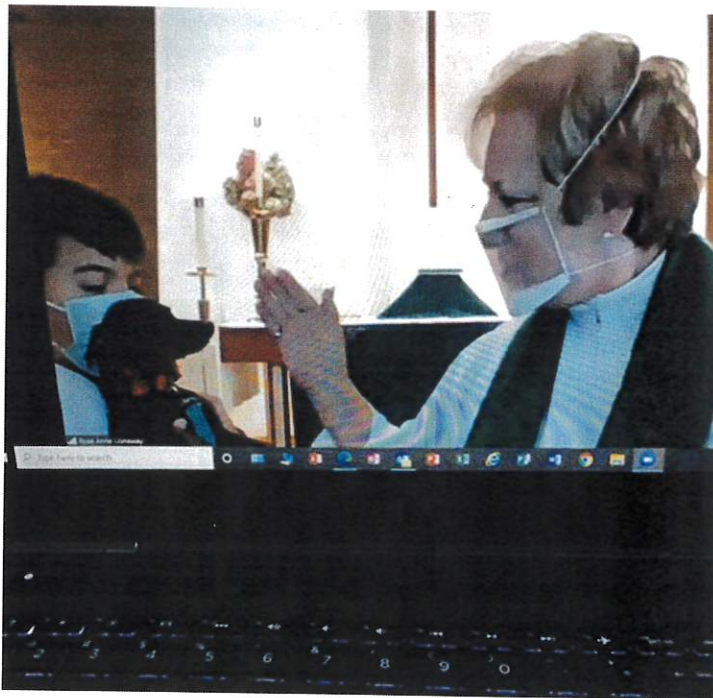
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Annual Pet Blessing Goes Online



Mother Rose Anne wasn't going to let COVID stop Grace's annual Blessing of the Animals on October 4. So, during our online service that morning, she offered a blessing for the Lonsway family pooch, Nugget, as well as parishioners' pets (or, by church tradition, stuffed animals) gathered at home for remote blessings. Thanks to grandson James for the assist!

O GOD, you created all living things on the face of the earth and gave us dominion over them; Grant that we may be faithful to this trust in the way we treat all animals, both wild and tame. Teach us to admire their beauty and to delight in their cunning; to respect their strength and to wonder at their intelligence. Grant that our use of them may be both merciful and wise. So may we lend our voice to their praise of your goodness, which endures for ever and ever. AMEN.

From the Rector, continued

The bottom line is we don't have the answers to all of these questions yet, but I believe that there are some certainties in our lives!

I am certain that God is walking with us amid these uncertainties and discomforts. I am certain that as we get answers to the questions swirling around us, God will provide the directions and actions we are to follow to carry out God's overriding directions to us – to Love the Lord, our God, with all our heart, mind and strength and to love our neighbor as ourself. God has shown us the way—to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with our God. While these directions leave latitude in definition, they give us clear knowledge of the direction we are to take as the community of Grace Church.

You have been doing it all along! We have continued to be in community through online worship, online coffee hours, Bible studies, social hours, and team meetings. We have continued to be in community through the dedication of your Vestry, making weekly phone calls without fail since March and meeting via zoom weekly to ensure God's mission through Grace Church continues. You have continued to meet the needs of our larger community through your faithfulness in giving; both to support the church as well as giving to meet the needs of our neighbors in need.

I am certain that despite the uncertainties facing us, God will lead us to the answers, behaviors, and actions God desires of us. I am certain that we have seen many blessings amid these trying times and that we will get better at seeing the blessings coming our way, be they large or small.

I am certain that as we continue to hold each other, our community and our country in prayer, as we stand together and show up to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world, these uncertainties will pass and God's love will prevail.

M. Rose Anne+

Outreach Team Updates from Kathy Hill and the Outreach Team

McKinley Update:

- There probably will not be any "Feed the Body, Feed the Soul" meals for the remainder of this year due to COVID.
- The only donations being accepted at this time continue to be non-perishable items for the pantry and taxable items, all to be distributed curbside only. The monthly senior food boxes continue to be distributed curbside also.
- McKinley is also thinking about providing gift cards for Thanksgiving turkeys for their guests. More discussion and planning are needed.

Holiday Outreach:

- Grace will provide a family from McKinley with Christmas gifts again this year. More information to come.
- We will have the scarf and mitten tree again this year. It may be located at the front of the church near the piano.
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Little Feet: At this time the Willoughby school children are back to home schooling. In talking with the Family Liaison from Edison Elementary School, if their district decides that students can come back into

the buildings on October 25, there is a chance that we could look at a date in November, before Thanksgiving, to have our Little Feet shopping event. This sounds hopeful.



Joyce Hoste made 100 scarves that may be distributed to the children who participate in Little Feet shopping. (Pending approval.)

Rummage Sale Update: We have been getting so many donations that we have to stop taking items for now. We have run out of space at this time. So, thank you for your donations. You all have been so generous! By the way, there is a box or two of vinyl LP records that someone donated. If anyone is interested in purchasing the records, please let Walt know.

Construction Startup: The kitchenette items in the lounge may be put on Craig's List to see if anyone is interested in purchasing it. The items currently being collected for Hope Chest will be taken downstairs for the rummage sale.

Next Meeting: The Outreach Team meets every first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to attend and share ideas on how we can reach out to others in our community. Please contact the office, or Kathy Hill or Kathy Ivey for the Zoom link.

Evangelism Updates from Peggy Burkacki and the Evangelism Team

Embracing Evangelism: Our last Embracing Evangelism class will be held on Thursday November 12. I think we have all gained a better understanding of Episcopal Evangelism from this class, and were able to get to know each other better, and build deeper relationships. Talk to one of the participants and see if this is something you might want to look at in the future.

Forbes House:

- We continue collecting non-perishable food items for Forbes House. Please drop off your donations on the pew at the top of the stairs to the undercroft. They will be collected on the second Tuesday of each month.
- We are starting a new project for Forbes to be organized by Judith Junda. There will be a box on the same pew to donate unused greeting cards and books of stamps. These can be cards you don't want or ones that you were mailed by a charity. They can be used to give to the residents by the staff or given to the residents to mail to someone.

Christmas Cookies: Usually, during the Christmas season we distribute homemade cookies to the 12-step groups that meet here at Grace. Unfortunately, COVID safety guidelines will not permit us to do this

in 2020. The team will discuss alternate gifts or other ways to handle this at its next meeting. One suggestion was to give wrapped candies. If you have any ideas, please join us to discuss this topic.

Next meeting: Our Next meeting will be on Tuesday November 3 at 6:00 PM via Zoom. Please contact the office or Peggy Burkacki for the Zoom link.

STUDY and WORSHIP: WEEKLY REMINDERS

- Don't forget: We offer a Wednesday morning book study online every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. followed by Eucharist at 11:00. You can attend either or both! Zoom info:

Join Zoom meeting Topic: **Wednesday Morning Study Group and Eucharist Zoom info**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89185778099>

Meeting ID: 891 8577 8099,

Passcode: 491065

- Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm, we offer Bible study followed by Compline. Everyone is welcome to attend! Zoom info:

Join Zoom meeting Topic: **Bible Study**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89845285740?pwd=TjMwVDVoM3JYZ0gzYy9NMk5vR28rdz09>

Meeting ID: 898 4528 5740

Passcode: 152079

Stewardship Update from Dave Zimmerman and the Stewardship Team

If you're a Grace parishioner, you should have received your 2021 stewardship packet and pledge card by now. Please return your pledge card as soon as possible if you haven't already done so. And if you did not receive a stewardship packet but would like to contribute to the church and its ministries, please contact the office and we will happily send a packet your way.

Why I Give to Grace Church

Giving to the House of God, Grace Episcopal Church, is important to me to help support the functionality of the church. Pledging and adhering to the pledge is a commitment that reinforces that God is a priority. I feel when you give, you are sowing seeds and giving is my way to continue to show discipline as well as contributing to the income to assist in the churches operating budget.

Mary Miragliotta

The Stewardship Committee asked me to share my thoughts about Stewardship. The Church is the Lord's house, and as members of the Church we are its stewards or caretakers. There are no membership fees. We will be looked after and cared for no matter how much or how little we give toward its care, but it does need to be cared for and that is our responsibility.

There are several ways for us to be good stewards. One is our monetary gift. Grace Church is a church that cares for many people less fortunate through the gift of money to organizations set-up to aid those in need. We need to care for Grace Church itself. We are asked to give what we can

monetarily for the care of the church and its work. Time is another way we can be good stewards. The church has many activities that we can donate some of our spare time to help out with.

Working together is good fellowship bringing us closer together. And talent, people possessing different talents that add to the beauty and care of our building.

If we all add what we are able of our time, talents, and treasure we will each be a good steward of what is needed for the care and workings of the Lord's house.

Thora Scott

Vestry Highlights from the November 17, 2020 Vestry Meeting

COVID-19 and Worship: Based on the increasing numbers of incidence, we will continue to worship on-line.

Election of Convention Delegates: Delegates elected are Elizabeth Estep, Mary Miragliotta and Cathy Nash. Alternates are Kathy Hill and David Webster. Mother Rose Anne is a clergy delegate. Each delegate is required to have two electronic devices because the convention is virtual this year. One device is for attending Convention and a smart phone is required for voting.

Vestry nominations Committee: The committee will consist of Vestry members whose term is ending; Kathy Hill, Sandy Gonzalez, and David Ivey. They will be looking for candidates for election to the Vestry at the February Annual meeting.

Senior Warden's Report: Kathy Hill reviewed the opportunities for on-line continuing education and spiritual development through ChurchNext and recommended we take advantage of the offerings, especially since most of them are now free.

Junior Warden's Report:

- Re-seeding/re-planting done.
- The fill dirt and grass seeding donated by Mary Miragliotta has been done.
- Green Room – still waiting for mold testing to be done
- Outdoor faucets – Chris Burke has volunteered to make sure that the faucets are drained and off for the winter.
- Undercroft Window – Phil Davis is procuring aluminum screening for the downstairs windows to hopefully prevent any more broken windows.

Rector's Report:

- Mother Rose Anne applied for and we have received a grant from the Diocese to help cover some of the cost of the foundation work and potential mold remediation in the downstairs.
- She also reminded the Vestry that Anti-Racism training that is available and encouraged.
- Thanks for supporting the NAMI Walk! This is a most worthy cause.
- Mother Rose Anne is attending Mayor Fiala's Roundtable on race relations.

Stewardship: Vestry was asked, when making their weekly check-in calls this week, to inform parishioners that the Stewardship packets were mailed out this week, confirm if the packet had been received, and ask parishioners to prayerfully consider their giving. If any questions arise, please contact Dave Zimmerman or Mother Rose Anne.

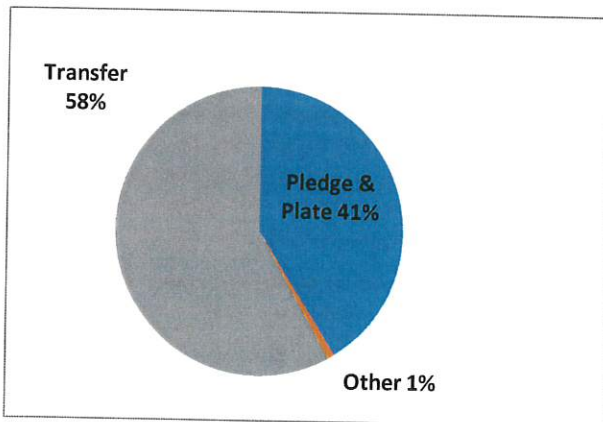
Operating Fund Interim Report -- thru end of September 2020

<u>Income</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Pledge and Plate Contributions	\$66,970.91	\$72,149.99	-\$5,179.08
Other Income	\$1,456.00	\$2,200.01	-\$744.01
Transfer from Grace Woods Cc	\$95,000.00	\$107,500.50	-\$12,500.50
Total Income	\$163,426.91	\$181,850.50	-\$18,423.59

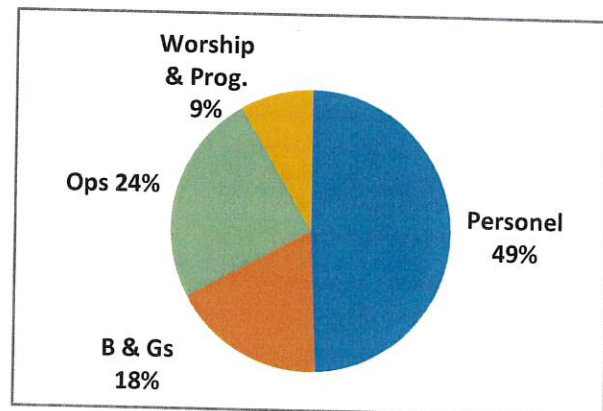
Expenses

Personel	\$80,880.01	\$88,924.21	-\$8,044.20
Buildings and Grounds	\$29,078.10	\$32,434.51	-\$3,356.41
Operations	\$40,125.23	\$38,475.00	\$1,650.23
Worship and Programs	\$13,796.91	\$22,045.50	-\$8,248.59
Total Expenses	\$163,880.25	\$181,879.22	-\$17,998.97
Excess/Deficit	-\$453.34	-\$28.72	-\$424.62

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

Renovations are Underway!



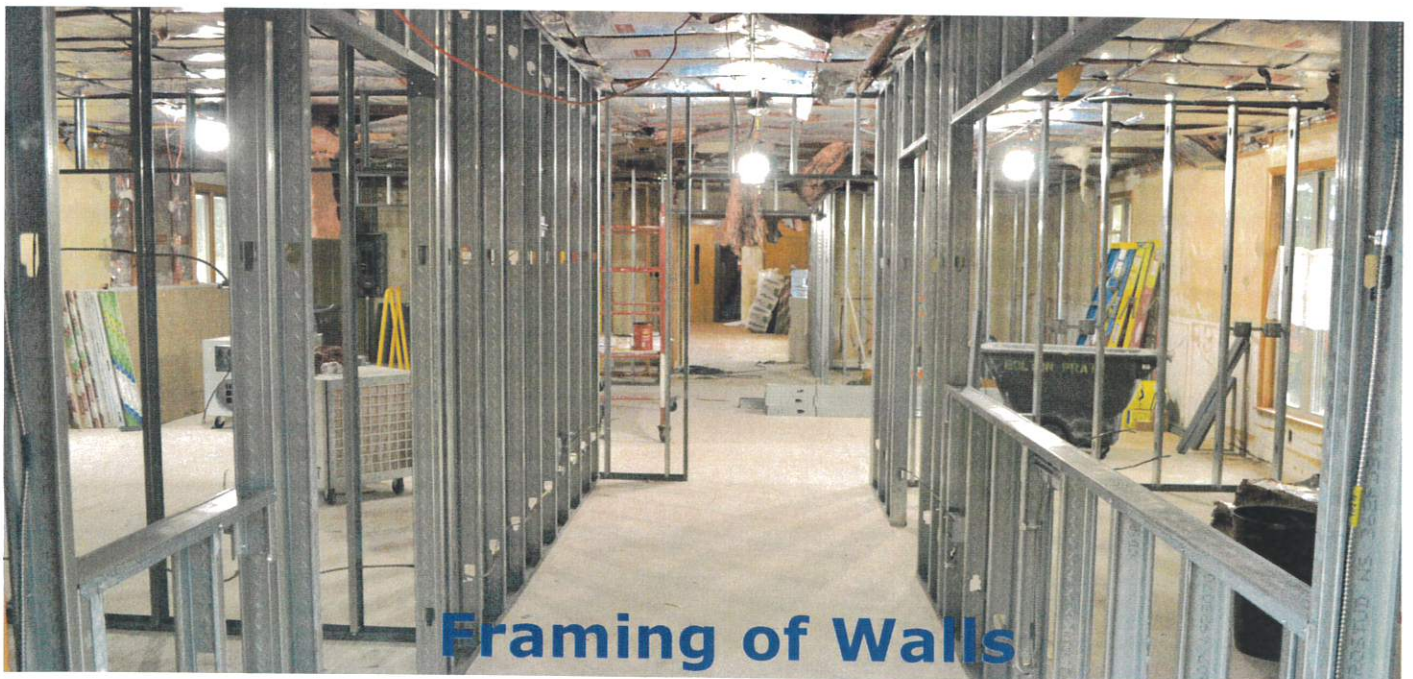
Temporary Offices



A Note from the Senior Warden

As you can see our renovation project is really moving along! Mother Rose Anne and Mark are securely and safely ensconced in their new temporary offices in the Chapel and life at Grace is moving forward. Many of you have had an opportunity to see how the renovations are progressing. Kind of strange in a way to see everything literally gone and now new walls beginning to go up. All very exciting. Andy Simons and his associates have been working diligently at getting us prepared, moved and keeping us in business as usual mode. Their genuine care shown for Grace has been very reassuring and we are blessed to have them working with us. Stay tuned as we move through this experience together with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Thanks be to God! - Kathy Hill

Go up into the mountains and bring down timber and build the house, so that I may take pleasure in it and be honored, says the Lord. - Haggai 1:8



Framing of Walls

Pasta! Pasta!



It's that time of year again when we can begin thinking of holiday gift giving. Here's a delicious idea!

Joyce ("The Pasta Lady") Hoste is once again busy making her array of delicious pastas. Her offerings this season are:

- Plain
- Tomato, basil & oregano
- Parsley & garlic
- Italian herb
- Spinach kluski (a wider noodle ¼ inch wide and 1 inch long)

These pastas are delicious with a variety of sauces of your choice or as Joyce says, "when in doubt put butter on it!" Works for me.

The cost is \$6.00 per bagged tray. Orders are due by December 1. You can email your orders to Joyce at jjpastacouple@sbcglobal.net (that's "jjpastacouple") or you can call her on her cell at (440) 227-7468. Deliveries can be made by December 15. Arrangements to pick up your order can be made directly with Joyce.

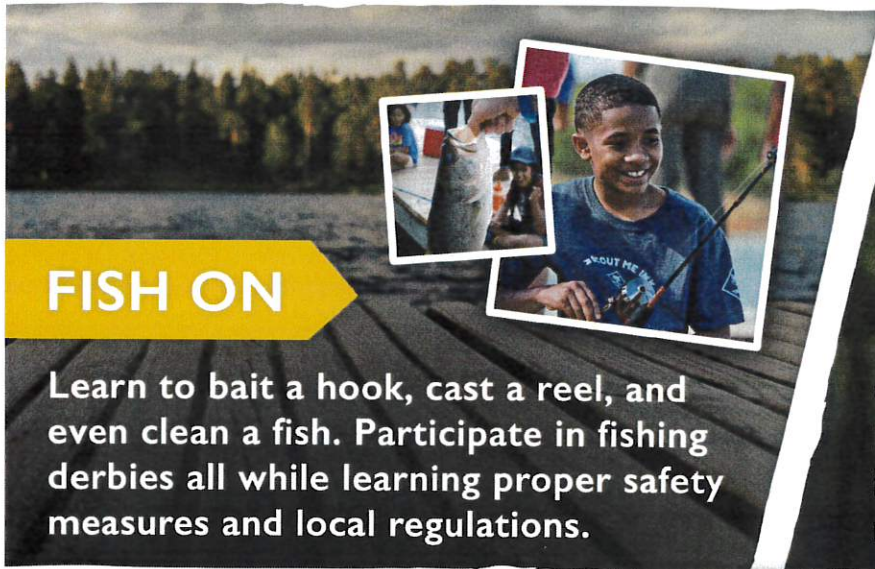
Joyce is generously donating a portion of the proceeds from her pastas sales to Little Feet, as she has done in the past.





PINEWOOD DERBY

Build a car with an adult's help and then compete with other Cub Scouts for trophies, ribbons, and other prizes. Are you up to the speed challenge? Find out in Cub Scouts!



FISH ON

Learn to bait a hook, cast a reel, and even clean a fish. Participate in fishing derbies all while learning proper safety measures and local regulations.



SCOUTING IS FOR EVERYONE

Cub Scouts is for all youth in Kindergarten - 5th grade. All it takes is a sense for adventure and a minimal registration fee. Join the fun today!



CUB SCOUT PARENTS AND GUARDIANS ARE PART OF THE TEAM

Cub Scouts are great achievers, but they could not do it without their parents and guardians support. You will enjoy watching your Scout grow as you build and play right alongside them. Parents and guardians will love the experience so much they may want to lead a Cub Scout group themselves! Contact your pack leader or Unit Serving Executive for more information.



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READINGS FOR THE DAY

November 1
All Saint's Day

Revelation 7:9-17
Psalm 34:1-10, 22
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12

November 8
The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 27

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25
Psalm 78:1-7
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

November 15
The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 28

Judges 4:1-7
Psalm 123
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

November 22
The Last Sunday After Pentecost
Christ the King Sunday
Proper 29

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 100
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46

November 29
The First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 64:1-9
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37
Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18