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9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Monday - Friday

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Sunday School

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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, April 18, 2021



The *Pace* of Grace

April 2021

From the Rector:



He is Risen! The Lord is Risen indeed!

May you receive these words with joy and gladness. May these words cause your soul to vibrate with the wonder and awe of what the Easter message means: that in spite of our flaws, in spite of our propensity to sin, our God loves us so much that God defeated death on our behalf. Thanks be to God!

We may find it difficult to find the joy in this second Easter apart. Joy is so much easier to find and experience when we are together to witness the miracle of love isn't it? Yet it has seemed to me that this spring is brighter, warmer, more uplifting than any I remember in recent years. Perhaps that is because we are beginning to see the beginning of the end of this time in our wilderness of Covid -19. More and more of us are achieving vaccinations. The hard part is to continue to be cautious until the numbers go down to result in at least orange status. I believe that with God's help we can get there, we can persevere.

We have so much to look forward to when we can live without the restrictions. Our renovation project is nearing an end. The construction phase is complete, and Mark and I are moved into the new space, although we are still finding ways to manage the "stuff". We are still in process of acquiring furniture for the gathering space and new conference room. We have such a beautiful, open, light and airy space to welcome all, and I can't wait until we can do that.

The project currently under study is determining what we need to continue to provide our worship opportunities to those who join us electronically. We have some work to do so that we can provide what is termed "hybrid" services, allowing interaction without distraction as we broadcast services. You will hear more about this in the near future. Meanwhile your Vestry is hard at work, not only looking forward, but organizing to continue staying in touch with all of you while we are apart and lending support to the teams carrying out the ongoing work of God through Grace Church.

In the meantime, there are a couple of changes in leadership to let you know about. Marilyn Taylor has resigned as the leader of the Pastoral Care team. Many thanks to Marilyn for her loving care and concern in this role.

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Officers and Rector

Elizabeth Estep, *Senior Warden*
Cathy Nash, *Junior Warden*
Harry Dodds, *Treasurer*
Kathy Hill, *Clerk*
The Rev. Rose Anne Lonsway,
Rector

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A note from the CEO of Cleveland Clinic

There are now fewer COVID-19 cases and more people vaccinated. Because of this, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued new guidance for those who've gotten their vaccine already.

These new guidelines are the first steps toward a return to normal. But it's crucial that we follow the regulations and not cut corners. I know you are all eager to see friends and family, but we must remember that the pandemic is not over yet. It's important that we continue to protect ourselves and those around us.

What do the new guidelines mean?

If you're fully vaccinated, you can now visit in small household groups, indoors with others who are fully vaccinated without wearing face masks or maintaining physical distance. You may also gather with members from a single household who aren't vaccinated — as long as no one in the household is considered high risk. **You are considered fully vaccinated two weeks after you've received the second-dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, or at least two weeks after receiving the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine.** This means that grandparents who are fully vaccinated can now visit maskless, indoors with their low-risk, unvaccinated children or grandchildren who all live under the same roof.

Last, it's important to note that these new guidelines are meant for private situations only. They don't apply to work, school or other public settings. They also don't apply to healthcare settings.

If you're fully vaccinated, you should still:

- * Continue wearing a face mask in public.
- * Avoid anyone who is high-risk and hasn't been vaccinated yet.
- * Avoid medium and large-size gatherings.
- * Wear face masks and follow safety protocols when visiting with other unvaccinated people from multiple households.

Science is showing that COVID-19 may not spread as much among vaccinated people. However, it's still early and there's more to learn about how effective the vaccines are against the COVID-19 variants and whether or not the vaccines keep people from spreading the virus.

While things are slowly improving, I ask you to remain alert. If you're fully vaccinated, please continue to protect those around you. Together, we can control the spread of COVID-19. Thank you for your patience as we work to vaccinate our communities.



Tomislav Mihaljevic, MD
CEO and President
Cleveland Clinic

From the Rector, continued

David Zimmerman has also decided that it is time for new leadership of our Stewardship team. Many thanks as well to David for his dedication to this critical aspect of our mission and ministry. Please give both Marilyn and David your thanks when and as you can. Of course, their resignations leave us in need of people to carry on these ministries. Pat Newyear has volunteered to lead the Pastoral Care team and I am most grateful to her and thankful that she stepped forward. We remain in need of someone to lead stewardship. If you believe that God is calling you to this role, please let me, or Elizabeth Estep, Senior Warden, know of your interest.

As I close, my thoughts turn to what we can do now, as we eagerly anticipate life returning to whatever normal will be. My request to God is that we can be patient for a while longer and that with that patience, we continue to protect ourselves and others with physical distancing and continuing to wear masks, to doing those things that we so desperately want to be done with. I pray that we can find ways to relieve the stress of this time. We are living in difficult times and so many are struggling and some acting out in dangerous and life-threatening ways. I pray that when we do come in contact with other people, we can demonstrate with our lives, our voices and our behaviors, the love that our God so generously and unfailingly gives to us.

He is Risen! The Lord is Risen indeed!

- *M. Rose Anne*+

OUTREACH AND EVANGELISM UPDATES from Kathy Hill and Peggy Burkacki

No meetings in March: The Outreach and Evangelism teams were unable to meet in March.

Outdoor Market: The Willoughby Outdoor Market opens May 1. Unsure when we will participate. The same restrictions as last year, so we can't hand anything out.

Next meeting: The Outreach and Evangelism teams will meet via Zoom Tuesday, April 13, 2021. Evangelism meets at 6:00 pm with Outreach following at 7:00 pm.

PASTORAL CARE TEAM UPDATE from Pat Newyear and the Pastoral Care Team

Marilyn Taylor has retired as Pastoral Care Team Chairman after several years of devoted service. Thank you for all your work, Marilyn!

I (Pat Newyear) have volunteered to take over. At this point the other team members are David Zimmerman, Lay Eucharist Minister; Debbie Zimmerman, card lady; and Chris Burke. We would welcome any new members, that after reading what we will be doing, feel they can also join in being the hands and feet of Jesus.

As you know the Vestry is calling each parish family weekly to keep in touch. If you have any problems or are in need of help you can tell them, and they will report your needs to the rector. The rector will then contact me as the Pastoral Care team leader to see the need is met to the best of our ability. If you would feel more comfortable calling the rector in your need, please do not hesitate. All conversations are strictly confidential. Some of but not all of the things the team can help with are help with getting food to the family, getting rides to necessary appointments, getting signed up for the vaccine, do personal visits or go with the priest on visitations (when we are again able to), call once in a while just to talk. Please feel free to let your Vestry caller or the rector know your needs so we can follow up.

CHURCHNEXT UPDATE from Elizabeth Estep

Some of you may not be aware that Grace is now offering enriching online educational opportunities through ChurchNext, a high-quality online spiritual formation resource. ChurchNext courses cover a variety of topics including scripture, liturgy, and many other areas of personal and spiritual growth. Their courses are taught by experts, many from The Episcopal Church. You can take a class individually, learning what you want, when you want to, and at your own pace. Courses can also be organized for groups of people who want to learn together. All courses are available to you free of charge. Check out <https://graceformation.pathwright.com/> Here are two courses worth considering:

Mr. Roger's Simple Faith—Simple, patient, and calm. It's not just the recipe for a hit children's show, but for the spiritual life as well. These concepts are at the core of this course and unpacked by Westina Matthews in four video presentations entitled:

- Remembering Mr. Rogers
- Following the Teachings of Jesus
- Simple and Deep
- Making a Difference

This course is ideal for those seeking to deepen their spirituality by exploring these foundational Christian concepts.

Praying the Collects—When the disciples asked Jesus how to pray, they got the "Our Father." When people asked the assemblers of the Book of Common Prayer how to pray, they got something nearly as memorable: The Collects. Collects are short prayers and a distinctive part of Anglican worship, liturgy, and theology. Episcopalians have long subscribed to the conviction of 'lex orandi, lex credendi' or 'praying shapes believing.' This means that the way we pray carries great significance. In this class, scholar, writer, and seminary dean Ellen Wondra helps us understand the Collects, delving into the structure and theology behind these amazing prayers. We will learn:

- The Purpose and Structure of Collects
- The Collect of the Day - Part I
- The Collect of the Day - Part II
- A Symphony of Collects

WEDNESDAY MORNING STUDY GROUP

Who is your favorite saint? In May, the Wednesday Morning Study Group will begin reading *My Life with the Saints* by Father James Martin, S. J. (Society of Jesus), which "introduces us to saints throughout history, from St. Peter to Dorothy Day, St. Francis of Assisi to Mother Teresa, and chronicles the author's lifelong friendships with them. Filled with fascinating tales, Martin's funny, vibrant, and stirring book invites readers to discover how saints guide us throughout our earthly journeys and how they help each of us find holiness in our own lives."

I have four copies of this book, two with slightly larger print because they are older editions. I am asking for a donation of \$15, if you can afford it. **If you want a copy, please contact me and tell me if you want the slightly larger print size.** We will start discussing it at 10:00 am Wednesday probably the first week in May. The first chapter is about the Saint he hid in his childhood sock drawer. - *Sue Mancino*

WORSHIP UPDATE from Kathy Hill and the Worship Committee

Altar Guild: Linens will be changed, and brass candles should be cleaned. Stripping and wiping down the Altar should be viewed during worship on Maundy Thursday, as it adds to the experience.

Sunday School: Debbie Zimmerman purchased three Easter crafts for each of our Sunday School kids and will send them out. The *Sunday Paper Junior* also continues to be mailed to kids.

Choir: Scott shared the opportunity for our choir to participate in the virtual Easter choir.

Review of services and event: Per our Vestry, our worship services and meetings will remain virtual until Lake County returns to Orange status (will revisit then).

Upcoming Services (all services will remain online only):

- *Holy Week*—All services will be virtual. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday Eucharist 7 p.m., no music.
- *Maundy Thursday*—Eucharist, 7:00 pm, no central vigil. Instead, we could have a sign-up system of some type with first name and last initial so that people could participate in a vigil from home if they choose. A symbolic foot washing is being considered, perhaps with James as the participant. There may be a hymn at that same time.
- *Good Friday*—Service at 7:00 pm. It has not yet been determined if we will “pound the nail” at the end of the service. There will be one hymn, “Were You There?”
- It has not yet been decided if we will have Stations of the Cross service.
- *Easter, April 4*—One service at 10:00 am. There will be no Easter Vigil this year. Scott has planned music. The brass orchestra will not join us this year.
- *Sunday, April 11*—The Second Sunday of Easter we will participate in a pre-recorded online worship service. Mother Rose Anne and Scott will take the day off.

Easter Flowers: Extra flowers were ordered to accommodate late orders.

Next meeting: The next Worship Committee meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS from the March 21 Vestry Meeting

Treasurer’s Report: Per the February 2021 report pledge payments have increased. Payment was made toward the renovations. To date approximately \$247,800 has been paid. There have been some cost overages. Andy is working with Bolton-Pratt to determine the amount and circumstances of these overages, which will be discussed with us prior to receiving the final invoice. Additional monies will be needed for the remaining furniture, cameras, security system, etc.

Owners Representative Report: Andy Simons reported that the offices have been moved and the conference table has been assembled. Andy cleaned up downstairs. The Green room is finished except for replacing the carpet. Drywall is done. The outside wall has been sealed; there is no indication of water. Bolton Pratt will address the damaged post in the entrance to the church.

Scouts BSA:

- Vestry responded to a request from our Scouts, via Phil Davis, that Scouts be allowed to resume meeting in the undercroft. Elizabeth will write a letter stating that the Scouts will be allowed to begin to meet in building. It will be made clear that they follow Grace Episcopal

Church's and the BSA requirements/rules for using our facility. The letter is to go out with Elizabeth's and Rose Anne's signatures.

- Walt Iliff Walt proposed building wooden benches for memorial grove as an Eagle Scout project. A motion to contact Walt to proceed with project was made and approved. The Eagle Scout will be invited to begin by presenting his proposal to Buildings and Grounds. The Vestry would support the project through the process.

Hybrid Worship Technology Project: Dave Ivey made an initial presentation on Hybrid Worship Technology and how it can benefit us in moving forward to remain vibrant and viable in our worship. Discussion topics included:

- Lay ground rules on what we will do in the future.
- Determine how to deal with technology in next 3 months.
- First goal, what do we do when church opens up?
- How do we organize our worship?
- Dave Ivey and Mother Rose Anne will meet to discuss putting together a group of individuals (hopefully with some technical knowledge) for this project. Elizabeth and David Webster volunteered.

Senior Warden's Report: Vestry members will continue check-in calls to names on our lists. Some changes will be made. The By-Laws Committee is still coming together.

Junior Warden's Report:

- 72 Degrees serviced the furnaces at the church and the rectory and are working on an on-going service plan.
- The sign out front is not lighting up. Phil asked Brilliant to come out to fix the lighting or put in led lights. A motion to replace lights with LED lights was made and approved.
- The damages post at the entrance poses no danger at this time.

Rector's Report:

- Call has been put out to let people know of virtual vigil. Contact Mark to sign up.
- Anti-Racism work continues. Willoughby Mayor is hosting another Round Table Meeting. Mother Rose Anne will attend.
- An e-mail went out to see if people are interested ChurchNext (online Christian formation). A Certificate in prayer book study is one of the courses being offered.
- Rose Anne proposed that we add a Labyrinth to the grounds and Vestry agreed to move forward with this. Jean will work on this with Rose Anne. May talk with Walt about making this an Eagle project.
- Rose Anne will be off Easter Week (week after Easter) the week of April 5.

Vestry Liaisons and Terms: The liaisons schedule was updated and will be distributed. Elizabeth Estep will serve a 3-year term, while David Webster and Jean Ockuly will serve 2-year terms. Kristin Ludvik is serving out the remaining year of the term of Ray Sphatt, who she replaced.

Stewardship: Needs a new Team Leader.

Next meeting: There will be no check in meeting in April due to Easter. Next meeting April 18 at 12:00 noon.

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.

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DIVISIONAL COMMANDER

2/14/21

Dear Grace Episcopal Church Family,
Thank you for continuing to support
Friends of Recovery Northeast Ohio.
You are truly helping us help others.
Our second recovery home - Arkhah
Home for Women is near capacity
and our third home - Shalom Home
for Women with Children is well
into the renovation process. Thank
you for helping to make this all
possible.

March 1, 2021

Grace Episcopal Church Foundation
Mr. Harry Dobb, Treasurer
36200 Ridge Road
Willoughby, Ohio 44094

RE: Donation

Dear Mr. Dobb and the entire congregation,

I speak on behalf of all of us here on staff and the Salvation Army honored we felt upon receiving your grant this year. You mention by the work we are doing here at the Painesville mission we are

February 25, 2021

Rev. Rose Anne Lonsway
Grace Episcopal Church
36200 Ridge Road
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Have Hope and Share Hope!
Dennis

Hannah's Home
PO BOX 1395
Mentor, OH 44061
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Dear Rev. Rose Anne,

On behalf of the Ecumenical Shelter Network of Lake County, Inc. d.b.a. Project Hope for the Homeless and Families Moving Forward, I would like to thank you for choosing to partner with our mission. We are focusing on 'Breaking the Cycle' this year so that our guests are empowered to achieve an abundant life. By giving, you are ensuring that they receive the shelter, care and guidance needed to reach that goal.

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Dear Friends of Hannah

Your contribution **paper products, Kleenex and toilet paper, donated 01/27/2021** is greatly appreciated. Every gift we receive is critical for our guests and in most cases, it is also lifesaving and life-changing to them. A recent story of your impact and upcoming ways to connect can be found on the reverse side of this letter!

As we look back on the trials of 2020, we can see God's having displayed His attributes of His sovereignty, goodness, protection, and provision throughout the year. As we look forward to 2021, we look forward to serving Him by serving the "least of these" as we continue in our mission to serve women in crises and their babies.

We thank you for your prayers and your support through your donation described below.

In His grace and for His glory,

Vicki Krnac

Vicki Krnac
Executive Director



READINGS FOR THE DAY

April 4
Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
John 20:1-18
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

April 11
The Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35
1 John 1:1-2:2
John 20:19-31
Psalm 133

April 18
The Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:12-19
1 John 3:1-7
Luke 24:36b-48
Psalm 4

April 25
The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:5-12
1 John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18
Psalm 23