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# The *Pace* of Grace

May 2021

## From the Rector:



Bishop Stephen Charleston wrote this about faith:

*We are not exempt from pain, those of us who call ourselves people of faith. We have no secret to share about how to expect the unexpected or how to put hearts back together after they are broken. We are as vulnerable as any human being. The invitation to believe is not a ticket out of suffering and sorrow. It is only a choice, one that must be made freely, to believe that through it all, the good and the bad, that there is a purpose to embody and a vision to follow. Faith will not make life hurt less, but it will give those hurts a different place in life. Not an inevitable consequence of our fragility, but an expression of our deepest courage. Faith can turn wounds into witness: it has many times before. It will again, for those of us who hold our faith dear. For those of us who close our eyes each night believing that no matter what happens we will see the light again.*

The words that struck me in this writing are courage and faith. These are two of the things that we have had to hang on to over the course of the last year. I would add patience and trust. We have certainly been tested over and over again, facing unprecedented challenges and having to try to find the way forward in ways that preserve relationships and community, our community in Christ.

Faith, courage, patience, trust. Are you finding any of these in short supply as you face life day to day?

Speaking for myself, I believe that I have been gifted with a strong faith that has carried me through many different and difficult circumstances. Courage? Depends on the day and the circumstance, but I believe that my faith strengthens and provides courage when I need it, thanks be to God. Trust? That, to depends on the day and the circumstance and who is wavering in the trust zone. I must confess that I do not always trust every person I come in contact with, or that every situation will automatically resolve in my favor. Welcome to life, Rose Anne! Patience? Sometimes my downfall! Have you heard the saying "God grant me patience, and I want it right now!"? That, my friends, is too often my mantra.

Do you join me in that mantra? I want a full life back, and I often long

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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*

## Inside this *Pace*

**Forbes House needs your help! (Below)**

**This & That:** Outreach Updates, Evangelism Updates, ChurchNext Update,  
Vestry Highlights

**Virtual Easter, Real Joy**

**Insert:** May Calendar/Volunteer Schedule

**Lessons / Readings**

### Forbes House needs your help!

Forbes House lost a significant portion of its funding due to state budget cuts. Decreased appropriations for the Victims of Crime Act cost Forbes House about \$254,000 this past year, and the Attorney General warned that another 34 percent cut is expected this year. As a result, Forbes House is asking members of the community to **write our state senators and state representatives** and ask them to support additional funding for domestic violence shelters. Due to the budget cuts, Forbes House has reduced staff. It has also lost volunteers due to COVID. Below you will find a list of items needed by Forbes House, in addition to funding and volunteers. If you can help in any way, the Outreach and Evangelism teams of Grace Church encourage you to do so.



**The following items are needed by Forbes House at this time:**

Cleaning supplies (Lysol disinfectant spray, bleach, wipes, floor cleaner)

Dryer sheets

Batteries (AA/AAA/C/D/9-volt)

Conditioner

Body wash

Garbage bags

Plastic ware

Uber gift cards

Fast food gift cards

Starbucks gift cards

Ladies pajamas (sizes S-XXL)

Ladies yoga pants (sizes S-XXL)

Adult coloring books

Journals

Pantry items/ dry goods

Coffee

Garbage bags

Old cell phones

Tissues



## From the Rector, continued

for how things used to be, especially when it comes to our faith community. Now that things are showing some small signs of improvement, I want it to go faster, to be done with all of this. I have found myself dreaming of being back in church with all of you and wake up distributing communion to each of you. That is when my patience is really put to the test and my heart aches for it to be real.

So, where does that leave me? Well, my faith tells me to have courage to face your and my disappointments that we are not yet together, and, to trust that it will happen soon. My faith gives me the courage to believe that our Lord is in this mess with us every minute of every day and that we have a bright future in front of us because we can take what we have learned during these difficult times and use those lessons to be what God calls us to be—God’s church, the followers of Jesus, carrying out God’s mission in this community. We do that when we trust in each other and have the courage to believe that we have and are acting in love—God’s great and abiding love for each of us.

I ask you to join me in discerning where your heart is in relation to your faith, courage, patience and trust and use it to prepare to be a part of our future.

As for me—the patience part—well, that remains to be seen doesn’t it?

- *M. Rose Anne*+

P.S. If you haven’t done so already, get vaccinated!

## OUTREACH UPDATES from Kathy Hill and the Outreach Team

**Welcome Jeanne:** We are pleased to welcome Jeanne Ockuly to our team. Jeanne also is the Vestry Liaison for Outreach.

**McKinley Center:** The McKinley Community Outreach Center continues to distribute pantry and taxable items via curbside. An “angel” left a large donation of a variety of non-perishable food items and water at Grace. The generous gifts were divided between McKinley and Forbes House. What a wonderful and generous surprise!

**Little Feet:** Our shoe shopping is still on hold.

**Friends of Recovery:** Kathy Ivey contacted Dennis Anthony, Director of Friends of Recovery NE Ohio. He reports that construction on a third recovery house is underway and should be housing women and their dependent children sometime next year. You may recall that Friends of Recovery have two other next step living houses in Willoughby, Arukah House for women and Tikvah house for men. There was an open house for all 3 houses on Sunday, April 18. The other two established houses are again having Tuesday meetings. No one has volunteered meals for the men’s meetings. Kathy will check into the possibility of helping out with some meals. These two houses are in need of paper products and laundry detergent (preferably liquid). There are marked boxes with the houses names on them which are set up on pews in the Chapel for your donations. For information on this next step living ministry, please go to [www.friendsofrecoveryneo.com](http://www.friendsofrecoveryneo.com).

**Scouts BSA:** The Scouts clothing drive fundraiser earned \$600. The Troop collected so many items of clothing that they are making a second delivery to the buyer the first week in May.

**The Return of Fun?:** Kathy Ivey is hoping that when we can gather in person again that maybe we can have an event with our community neighbors. Something fun to look forward to!

**Next Meeting:** The Outreach Team will meet the second Tuesday of the Month from May through August, to accommodate a stewardship Webinar. Meetings are 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Please join us.

#### **EVANGELISM UPDATES** from Peggy Burkacki and the Evangelism Team

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**Forbes House:** Forbes House lost a significant portion of its funding due to state budget cuts. The Evangelism team suggests that parishioners write to state senators and state representatives regarding getting funding back for domestic violence shelters. The committee is also starting a month-long campaign to collect items on their wish list to try to help them out. (More info on the Contents page.)

**Evangelism podcasts:** The team is also signing up for Zoom podcasts from the Diocese that are focused on evangelism.

**ChurchNext:** Elizabeth and Mother Rose Anne are working on a group class for the Church Next project.

**Bike Blessing:** Our bike blessing will be on hold until Lake County's COVID threat level drops back to orange.

**Outdoor Market:** The team is also trying to determine if there is enough interest to resume the Grace Church booth at the Willoughby Outdoor Market. We would reopen the booth in June if there are enough volunteers to operate it. The Outdoor Market requires that COVID protocols be followed at this time (wearing a mask, social distancing, wiping down the booth after guests' visit). If you're interested in participating, please contact Peggy Burkacki or call the office ASAP.

**Prayer Box:** After discussion it was decided that Mother Rose Anne will bring Sue's idea of a prayer box to the vestry to decide if it is feasible.

**Next Meeting:** You can contribute to our meeting by talking to one of us about your ideas or join us on May 11 at 6:00 pm. You are always welcome.

#### **CHURCHNEXT UPDATE** from Elizabeth Estep

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Please consider these new online courses now available free of charge through ChurchNext. Contact the office if you need more information about ChurchNext.

**Walk in Love: Part 1:** Looking for a concise, accessible explanation of Episcopal faith and beliefs? Learn about Episcopal beliefs and practices in this first of four courses called Walk in Love. This course is based on the companion book, *Walk in Love*. The Revs. Scott Gunn and Melody Shobe unpack the basic beliefs and practices of Episcopalian tradition. This is the first of five courses that survey the Sacramental life. The four video presentations include: 1) The Anglican Way of Christianity; 2) The New Life of Grace; 3) A Wonderful Sacrament; and 4) Grow in Grace.

**Contemplative Knitting:** The Church has some wonderful contemplative prayer practices that have been around for hundreds and even thousands of years. Sitting quietly in prayer, walking the labyrinth, praying with beads and other practices are tactile ways for us to delve into silence to discover God. Julie Cicora discovered that she could connect her passion for knitting with her need for silence in order to deepen her relationship with God. In this course, Julie explains what creating a contemplative practice out of your passion (in this case, knitting) looks like. She discusses best practices for getting started, as well as how to stay on track with your practice when life gets in the way. Finally, Julie connects our practices to the Church seasons and offers creative ways in which we can get in the flow of life with our contemplative creative practices.

#### **VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS** *from the April 18 Vestry Meeting*

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**Treasurer's Report:** We are caught up on year-to-date pledge payments. The market did well for our mutual funds.

#### **Renovation Update:**

- Our Owners Representative, Andy Simons, reports that the closet in the entryway needs to be finished.
- A lot of the items are being moved out of the nave. More items will be moved this week. Bolton-Pratt will come out next week to temporarily fix the broken front canopy pillar to make it as safe as possible until a permanent repair can be done.
- A parishioner donated \$1,000 for tables for the gathering room.
- The motors on the fans by Rose Anne's door are not working. Replacement motors will be ordered.
- As a footnote, Joe our Architect was extremely impressed by the carpentry that was done in our church. He has hired them for jobs outside of Grace.

**Finance Committee:** The Finance Committee reviewed and discussed the Grace Phase 1 (Renovation) Project Summary Invoicing and Service Perfect Grace Phase 1 Summary email from Andy Simons for the church renovation. Finance agrees that the amount of \$12,295 due to Service Perfect Solutions should be paid.

**COVID-19 and Worship:** We had a request from a Parishioner who saw others going to church on Easter Sunday and he felt sad that we were not back in church as well. Upon discussion the Vestry came up with a few thoughts to include the following:

- We could do house churches, groups of up to 10, small groups of vaccinated people.
- We could find people who would want to meet during services, maybe 2 families, come together to worship and talk in their homes.
- We could provide a set up at the church to accommodate viewing Zoom services for a small group of people. This idea has definite drawbacks and will not be pursued.

All liked the idea of talking to people about inviting others into our home for service. Rose Anne may suggest this idea for parishioners to consider. For now, we will continue as we are with Zoom and Facebook.

**Hybrid Worship Technology Project:** Dave Ivey continues to gather data and is talking to other parishes.

**Senior Warden's Report:** Calls to parishioners continue with feedback about not being in church. Most parishioners would rather not go back until we can do as we used to. When making calls we can find out who is vaccinated and who is interested in the house - church concept.

**By-Laws Review Committee:** The first meeting was scheduled Tuesday, April 20 at 5:00. Attending will be Elizabeth Estep, Phil Davis, Harry Dodds, Kathy Hill, David Webster, Mother Rose Anne,

**Junior Warden's Report:**

- Buildings and Grounds: Phil Davis chaired the April 12 meeting in Cathy Nash's absence.
- Brilliant Signs will come out to the church the first week in May to convert our outside lighted sign to LED lighting.

**Rector's Report:**

- The Vestry Liaisons List received a final edit.
- Cleaning up/out "stuff" - We need input from people as to some of the items that need to be kept.
- Anti - Racism - Diocesan efforts and Willoughby Mayors Round Table discussions continue. ChurchNext update - We will be starting a class and letting people know what they need to do to sign up.
- Labyrinth - no report at this time.

**Stewardship:** We need a new Team Leader. Description: Leading the Stewardship team to ensure that we are meeting the needs for a year-round stewardship as well as for the annual drive in the fall. There is a seminar coming up on stewardship sponsored by the Diocese.

**Evangelism:** See updates elsewhere in this *Pace*.

**Outreach:** Discussed a parishioner inquiry about providing a prayer request box outside of the rectory for Grace Woods residence to utilize. Further investigation needed. See other Outreach updates elsewhere in this *Pace*.

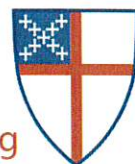
**Foundation, Worship, Fellowship and Pastoral Care:** Teams did not meet and had no reports.

**Other Business:** The shredding effort went well. Thanks to Mary Miragliotta for making the arrangements to have our shredding taken care of!

**Next meetings:** The Next Vestry Check-In will be May 2, 2021 12:00 p.m.; the next full meeting will be May 16, 2021 12:00 p.m.

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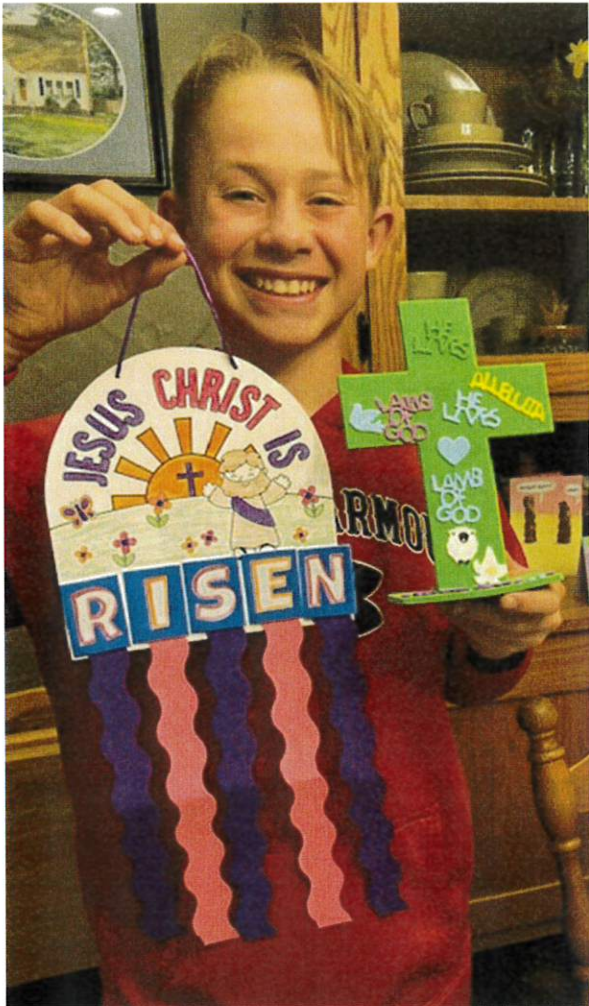
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## Virtual Easter, real joy

For Easter this year, our Sunday Schoolers received a packet in the mail that they could use to assemble homemade decorations (great job, Mason!). Meanwhile, the church “elves” decorated the Altar and the church doors, and put up a new banner advertising online Sunday worship.





## READINGS FOR THE DAY

May 2  
The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:26-40  
1 John 4:7-21  
John 15:1-8  
Psalm 22:24-30

May 9  
The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:44-48  
1 John 5:1-6  
John 15:9-17  
Psalm 98

May 16  
The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26  
1 John 5:9-13  
John 17:6-19  
Psalm 1

May 23  
The Day of Pentecost  
Whitsunday

Acts 2:1-21  
Romans 8:22-27  
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15  
Psalm 104:25-35, 37

May 30  
The First Sunday after Pentecost  
Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 6:1-8  
Romans 8:12-17  
John 3:1-17  
Psalm 29