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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 15, 2021**



August 2021

The *Pace* of Grace

From the Rector:



How is August here already? Looking ahead at the calendar, I was shocked to realize that school will be back in session in about a month from the time of writing this column. It is time to begin planning our fall schedule and activities.

Part of that plan is my personal schedule. I have decided to avail myself of some sabbatical time. I have been with you for a little over six years now and the terms of my contract allow the accumulation of two weeks of sabbatical time every year of service, which can be taken after six years of service. After prayer and discussions with our Vestry, I have discerned that it is time that I participate in some self-care. I must admit that this is an area that I have rarely been successful in over the course of my work life, both as a nurse and as a priest. I also must admit that I am feeling the intensity of the last year of lock down. For me, that meant grappling with concerns over the health and welfare of our community, country, and our world; managing the beautiful but complex and lengthy renovations at the church; and taking on the steep learning curve needed to provide continuity to our community of faith through electronic worship.

I know that you all have felt this intensity in various aspects of your own lives. I thank you for your willingness to hang in there as we journeyed through this "interesting time" together. Please take some time to look over the last year and a half to see what lessons presented themselves that we can apply to the future. I anticipate that we can find new or different ways to be the hands and feet of Jesus in the world.

My sabbatical time will begin Sunday, September 5. I will return Tuesday, October 19. You will note that I am not taking all my earned sabbatical time right now. It is my intention to take the rest of that time next year. This decision was made for a couple of reasons. Once I accomplish some healthy self-care, I would like to travel to a retreat or Holy site for spiritual refreshment. Many of the places I considered are not yet open to visitors or located where I feel it is safe to travel. I anticipate (and pray) that there will be more availability next year. The other reason for shortening the time taken is that this time frame felt more manageable to your Senior Warden, who will shoulder the greatest burden during my absence.

There will be no interruption of worship schedules, operations, or

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Officers and Rector

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

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A Shower for Cathy and Emily

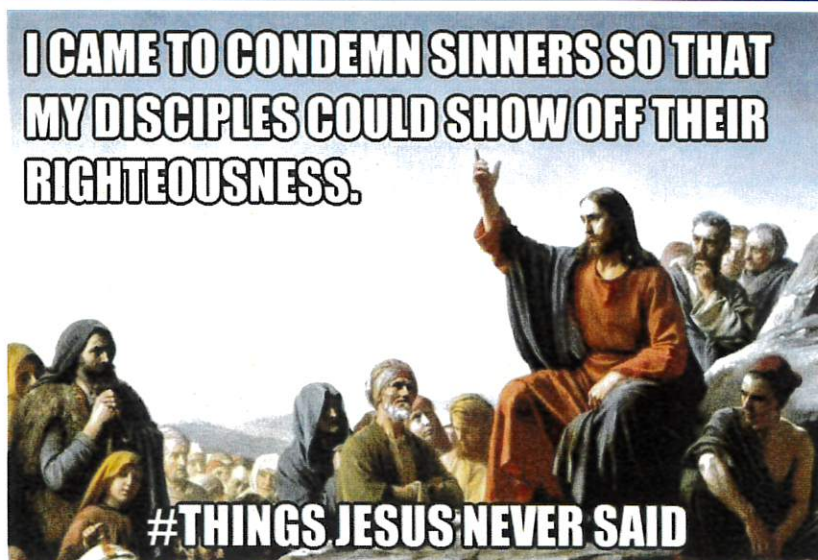
In order to help our dear friends Cathy and Emily Nash, who have been struggling with serious medical issues, the Grace Pastoral Care team is throwing a virtual shower and you're all invited!

A box will be placed on the table in the Conference Room where you can donate items to help Cathy and Emily. Since both of them are on very strict dietary restrictions we will be collecting non-food items such as:

- * Gift cards
- * Gas card
- * Visa gift cards
- * Paper towels
- * Paper napkins
- * Toilet paper (Charmin)
- * Washing machine detergent (Purel)
- * Dishwasher soap
- * Hand soap
- * Sanitizer
- * Kleenex
- * Toothpaste
- * Mouthwash
- * Cleaning supplies
- * Any other non-food item you think they can use and need.

We will collect these items for the first two weeks of August and deliver them to Cathy and Emily August 16.

If you have any questions, please contact Pat Newyear, Pastoral Care team leader, or call the office. Thanks in advance for your participation!



From the Rector, continued

mission activities while I am gone. We have made arrangements for the Rev. Dawson Moorer to be with you as supply for the entire time I am gone, and I believe you will be in good hands! Rev. Moorer has agreed to be here 10 to 15 hours per week for worship services, to provide any needed pastoral care, and to be in consultation with Elizabeth and Mark as needed. It will seem very strange to be away from you all for so long. I will miss you all while I am away, and I ask your prayers for a smooth, healthy, and peaceful time apart.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Enjoy the rest of this summertime and remember to give thanks to our amazing God for all the blessings we enjoy.

- *M. Rose Anne+*

OUTREACH UPDATES from Kathy Hill and the Outreach Team

McKinley Center: In addition to non-perishable food items, pet items, and taxable items, McKinley is accepting donations of towels only at this time.

Little Feet: TJX Companies, Kohl's as well as JCPenney are under consideration as potential partners for shoes for Little Feet this year.

St. James Meal Program: St James Meal Program in Painesville is accepting our packaged toiletry items (from our Blessings Basket). Crocheted crosses donated by Joyce Hoste will be added to these packages along with prayer cards.

Friends of Recovery: Kathy Ivey scheduled a date for Grace church to provide a meal for 25 men residents at Tikvuh Recovery House, Tuesday, July 27. The meal consisted of Sloppy Joe's made by Sandy Wesley, pasta salad made by Kathy Ivey, carrots, celery and ranch dressing supplied by Toni Swisher. Walt provided a watermelon and iced tea. Chris Burke picked up the meal at church and delivered it to the house by 5:00 for the men's evening meal prior to their meeting.

Rummage Sale: There will be no Rummage Sale this year. However, parishioners will be invited to select items and leave donations in the jars provided. All donations will go to Little Feet. Any remaining items can go to City Mission. In preparation for this, the storage area needs to be sorted and organized.

Next meeting: The Outreach Team will take August off, The next meeting will be September 7 at 7:00 pm, in person and via Zoom. Please join us, all are welcome!

Kathy says: "Many thanks to a great team for their caring hearts, creative ideas and helping hands. Grace church is blessed indeed!"

EVANGELISM UPDATES from Peggy Burkacki and the Evangelism Team

Charities need help: All the charities that Grace supports are up and running and need our help at this time. Donations have been very low lately. Please see the Contents page of this newsletter for a full rundown of all the ministries we support on an ongoing basis.

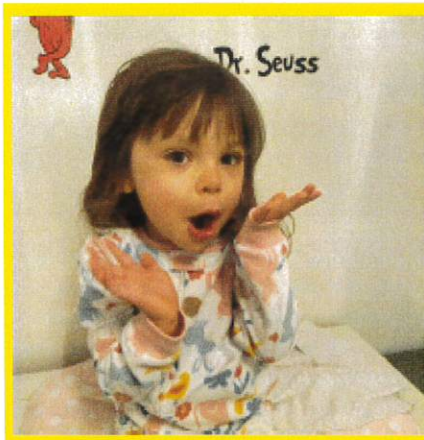
Prayer study: Marilyn and Peggy are still developing the curriculum for a prayer study class, which will be offered to the parish. Look for more information soon.

Pet blessing: After a forced year off in 2020, we are planning to resume our annual pet blessing October 3. Get your pets ready for the occasion!

Good News Garden: Chris Burke will prepare the ground for our Good News Garden. This will ensure that we have the soil in good condition for planting next year. Special garden plaques from our previous Day Care and Sunday Schools were unearthed by Ken and Leon when they were clearing weeds. These will be incorporated into the garden.

New prayer cards: New prayer cards have been placed outside the sanctuary, and in the undercroft (to be used by our 12 step groups).

Next meeting: The Evangelism team will not meet in August. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 7 at 6:00 pm. Everyone is invited to join us either in person or on Zoom.



24 in 24 for Harper

Our Chloe Baldauf is running a "24 in 24" campaign to raise money for a little girl with cerebral palsy named Harper. (pictured). Harper's wish is to meet Minnie Mouse, so Chloe is raising money (and training to run 24 miles in 24 hours!) from now until October. "Travel expenses for children with special conditions can be high, so I'm going to try hard to achieve my fundraising goal of \$2,500," Chloe says. "Grace Church has been so generous with raising money for my 2019 wish child Cece and my 2020 wish child August, I wanted to ask if its members could help me raise money for Harper." To donate, please use this link:

<https://the24in24.org/team-harper-s/chloe-baldauf> Thank you!

Help wanted: Sunday School returns soon.

Fall is just around the corner and the Sunday School Team is looking forward to resuming Sunday School with the children of the parish. The team needs volunteers to assist with crafts and help guide the kids through activities. A questionnaire was recently sent to parents with some questions about our plans for the fall. Please reply with your feedback. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact team leaders Debbie Zimmerman or Bobbin Davis. Thanks!

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS *from the July 18, 2021, Vestry Meeting*

Welcome Pat Newyear: The Vestry welcomed Pat Newyear, who will complete Cathy Nash's unexpired term. Pat will have the option to run next year for a Vestry seat if she chooses.

Treasurer's Report: For June, the pledge payments were above budget. The expenses reflect normal spending.

Hybrid Worship Technology Project: A donation has been made for the downstairs TV that will be used for announcements/events.

Senior Warden's Report:

- Elizabeth will be away July 30-August 8.
- A By-Laws Review meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, July 20. A draft for Vestry to review may be ready by next month.

Junior Warden's Report:

- Buildings and Grounds: Rectory Basement
 - The issue of the leak in the rectory basement is on hold for now. Chris Burke will keep an eye on the issue and keep the gutters clean and revisit in Sept.
 - A roofer will look at the rectory roof to address missing shingles and possibly replacing down spouts with larger ones.
- Mary will be away from August 8-22.
- Placement of Eagle Scout plaques was discussed. The Buildings & Grounds Team will decide placement.

Foundation: Will meet July 25.

Rector's Report:

- Mother Rose Anne met with Altar Guild and Ushers to review revised procedures.
- A work day for cleaning the balcony was held and many boxes of books were sorted, organized and arranged on the book shelf. Thank you to all who helped!
- Ushers and lectors are needed for the Sunday 8:00 a.m. service.
- Eucharistic Visitors are also needed.
- Planning for this year's Vestry Retreat is underway.
- All members of Vestry will complete Anti-Racism Training and Safe Guarding God's Children training.
- Sabbatical plans:
 - Mother Rose Anne will take half of her sabbatical, from September 5-October 18. She has arranged for the Rev. Dawson Moorer to cover worship and pastoral care in her absence. He agreed to preach Sunday, July 25, to introduce himself to the parish. Rev. Moorer will be compensated hourly, approximately 10-15 hours per week.

Stewardship: The team still needs a new leader.

Evangelism and Evangelism: Please see updates elsewhere in this *Pace*.

Pastoral Care Team: Pat Newyear suggested having a shower of paper products, items other than food, any taxable items, gas cards, grocery cards, etc., to assist a family in need. Will check with family for approval and make the appropriate arrangements from there.

Next meeting: The date of the next Vestry meeting was changed to Sunday, August 22, at 11:00 am.

Groups we Support: What They Do and What They Need

Grace collects donations on an ongoing basis for several charitable organizations in our community.

Lately donations have lagged, so here's a reminder of the groups we support, the good work they do, and the ways in which we support them.

Forbes House (Lake County Domestic Violence Shelter)

What they do: Empowers individuals and families to end domestic abuse by intimate partners through education and advocacy.

What they need: Grace provides unused greeting cards and postage stamps, as well as anything you would use in your home--pantry items, paper products, toiletries, women's necessities, household products, laundry needs, etc.



McKinley Community Outreach Center



What they do: Faith-based outreach for Western Lake County to provide daily necessities for those in need.

What they need: Anything you would use in your home—food, household supplies, paper products, toiletries, etc.

Friends of Recovery

What they do: Provides Christ-centered recovery homes offering hope, healing, and restoration for individuals recovering from addiction

What they need: Paper products, cleaning supplies.

Project Hope



Project Hope
for the Homeless

Restoring Hope. Renewing Lives.

What they do: Help homeless individuals and families with shelter, care, and guidance in emergencies and aftercare.

What they need: Paper products

Blessing Bags

What they are: Small plastic bags filled with travel-sized toiletries and other necessities, along with a prayer card, gathered and assembled by Grace volunteers at and distributed to diners at the St. James Episcopal Church Meal Program in Painesville, which serves the unsheltered and underfed several days per week.

What we need: Travel size items.

Grace Makes a Difference in Our Community ... and beyond!

Dear Harry,

Thank you for your gift in support of the humanitarian work of the Diocese of Jerusalem. We are especially grateful for your generosity during these challenging times. We pray that you and your family and those close to you are safe and staying healthy.

Thanks to you, the hospitals, clinics and schools of the Diocese of Jerusalem continue to provide life-changing services to children and families in the Middle East.

We so appreciate your gift of \$100.00 on 4/25/2021 to AFEDJ in support of the area of greatest need. Thank you!

Your generosity brings hope to vulnerable people living in political unrest and fragile economies. Thank you for investing in AFEDJ's mission.

*Many thanks to you and the
good people of Grace for
your generosity and friendship.
John*

With gratitude,

John Lent
Executive Director

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.

*Dear Rev Rose Anne & Grace Episcopal Parish,
We received a \$5000.00 donation from
you last week, what a blessing!
All of us here at the McKinley Center
are so honored to partner together,
being the hands and feet of Christ
to our community. This funding is
helping us feed and cloth so many
seniors, families experiencing difficult
days. God bless you all, Love
Morgan
Director*

Dear Mr. Dodds,

On behalf of the hungry members of our community, our parishioners of St. James, we thank you for your generous donation. This will go far in helping to alleviate hunger in the Painesville area.

We have continued feeding the hungry during the Corona with rising costs to accommodate safety measures and that will help defray these unbudgeted expenses and support 36-year mission to feed our hungry neighbors in the Lake County.

Thank you for thinking of us during these difficult times.

With deepest gratitude,

Alice Griffith

Alice Griffith
Director, St James Lunch Program

Dear Peggy:

Thank you for valuing our service to the community. We deeply appreciate your generous donation of food items, hygiene products and books received on June 14, 2021. Our entire team, survivors and the families we serve appreciate your thoughtful generosity.

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

Sincerely,

Kathy D. Strancar

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Executive Director

We adore you, Thanks!



READINGS FOR THE DAY

August 1
The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 13

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a
Psalm 51:1-13
Ephesians 4:1-16
John 6:24-35

August 8
The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 14

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33
Psalm 130
Ephesians 4:25-5:2
John 6:35, 41-51

August 15
The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 15

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14
Psalm 111
Ephesians 5:15-20
John 6:51-58

August 22
The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 16

1 Kings 8:[1, 6, 10-11], 22-30, 41-43
Psalm 84
Ephesians 6:10-20
John 6:56-69

August 29
The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 17

Song of Solomon 2:8-13
Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10
James 1:17-27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23