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sharing God's love with the  
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Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2021**



# The *Pace* of Grace

**October 2021**

From the Rev. Dawson Moorer:



For my contribution to the *Pace* this month, I want to offer you a simple short story. I love these kinds of stories, and this is one of my favorites.

### The Law of Love

There was a monastery, centuries ago, that fell on hard times. There were only a few monks left, with no novices to replenish their ranks; and the ones that were left were old, and too few and too weak to maintain their crumbling monastery.

A rabbi lived in the forest nearby, a rabbi with a reputation for being wise and holy. In desperation, the abbot of the monastery went into the forest to find the rabbi and ask for his advice. He found him at a small cottage; the rabbi greeted him warmly, offered him food and drink and a place to rest. The rabbi listened to his tale about the decline and imminent demise of the monastery. The rabbi listened and commiserated with him and shared his own woes about the decline of the synagogues, and their inability to bring into the community any new believers. They wept together, comforted each other, but the rabbi had no words of wisdom to offer the abbot. Apologizing for his inability to help, he said goodbye to the abbot, only to add as the abbot was walking away, "There is one thing you should know: one of you is the Messiah."

Arriving at the monastery he told them of his time of the rabbi, and of their failure to discern any help or hope for the monastery. Then he said, "As I was leaving, the rabbi said something very puzzling to me, something I don't quite understand: he told me that one of us was the Messiah."

The monks shook their head at this, not at all sure what to make of it, as they went back to the few chores they could still manage. But the rabbi's words nagged at them, and they began to wonder whether one of them really was the Messiah; and if so, which one? Surely not Brother Andrew, he was a dimwit who could barely keep up with his simple job of washing pots in the kitchen. It couldn't be Father Lot; sure, he was wise, but he was also crabby, prone to bite the heads of any brother who failed in his duties, however slightly. It wasn't Brother Joseph — or was it? Who could it be?

Slowly a change came over the monastery as they wondered which of them could be the Messiah. The change came in the way they regarded each

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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*

## Inside this Pace

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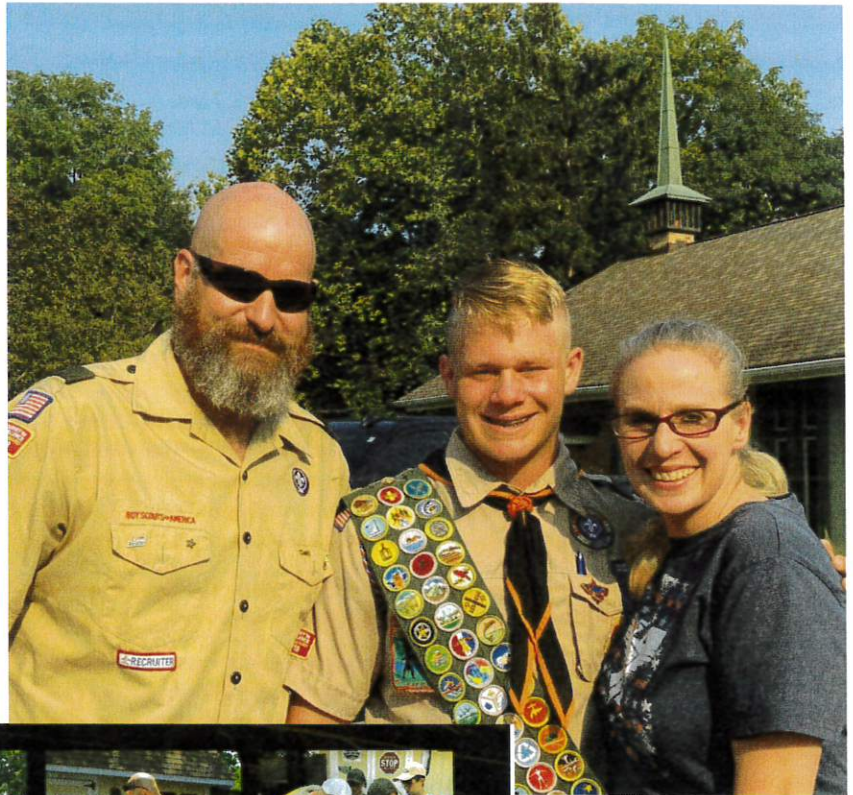
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## Riley earns his Eagle

From Sharon Trsek: "I wanted to share the exciting news, [my son] Riley [Gumto] completed his Board of Review, held at Grace Church, and earned the Eagle Scout rank last weekend. He began to cry with joy and said he earned his Eagle and, as a result of his earning so many more merit badge than needed for the Eagle rank, he will also be awarded twelve Eagle Palms (a palm is earned for every 5 merit badges beyond the 21 required). It was a wonderful moment - made even more special standing on the grounds of Grace." Congratulations, Riley!



Above, from left to right:  
Mike Johnston, Assistant  
Scoutmaster and Advance-  
ment Chair with BSA Troop  
185; Riley; and proud  
mother Sharon Trsek.

Left: To earn his Eagle,  
Riley oversaw the con-  
struction of the new Out-  
door Learning Center at  
Grant Elementary.



## **From the Rev. Dawson Moorer, continued**

other, the way they cared for each other. Gradually, they became much gentler with each other, treating each other with greater and greater respect, just in case the rabbi was right, and one of them really was the Messiah. Such respect gradually filled the atmosphere of the monastery, as the love each of them once felt for the Christ, began to arise in their hearts again, as each of them offered that love to each other, for the Messiah lived in each of them, and all together, they were the body of Christ.

A traveler stopped for the night and astounded at the monks' compassion and hospitality he began to tell others and more visitors began to trickle in, then more and still more. And young men began to come to the doors, seeking admittance to the community, asking to live out the life of compassion and respect that the brothers shared with each other. The monastery thrived, for the spirit of Christ was in each, and each saw it in the others, and the law of love became the law governing their lives.

My sisters and brothers of Grace, one of you is the Messiah.

- Dawson+

**Very special thanks to Father Dawson for his leadership and companionship during Mother Rose Anne's sabbatical. He will remain with us for the first few Sundays in October. Mother Rose Anne returns to work Tuesday, October 19. - Mark**

### **OUTREACH UPDATES** *from Kathy Hill*

#### **McKinley Community Outreach Center:**

- McKinley is opening more of their rooms for guests to pick-up needed items. These rooms are operating on an honor system at this time. (The honor system does not apply to pantry, taxable or the pet room. These rooms are manned.) The rooms are opened at the same time pantry is held.
- Currently, selected donations will be taken by appointment only.
- Our check for \$5,000 as our final pledge to McKinley for 2021. Pastor Beth was most grateful to receive Grace's generosity.

#### **Little Feet:**

- Meetings with JCPenney, Marshalls, and Diana Zaverl, our school liaison, are underway.
- October 23 and 24 are the dates set for shoe shopping. We know of 61 children from Edison and Grant schools who are eligible for shoes or boots at this time. We expect approximately 5 to 60 more from Longfellow and Jefferson Elementary schools (the number of eligible children is not available at this time from these two schools).

**Thanksgiving and Christmas:** Thanksgiving food baskets and Christmas donations are being discussed. We will have the giving tree again this season.

**Rummage Sale:** About \$300 was raised from rummage sale donations. The group "Donate Stuff" will remove the remaining items from the rummage sale, except for the larger furniture pieces. These items may be donated to Habitat for Humanity or St Vincent De Paul.

**Clam Bake:** Walt Iliff discussed the possibility of having a clam bake in November. More discussion is needed.

**Next Meeting:** The next Outreach Meeting will be October 5 at 7:00 p.m. in person and via Zoom. Please join us. We are always looking for new ideas!

#### **EVANGELISM UPDATES** *from Peggy Burkacki*

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- **Forbes House:** They are still in need of pantry items and paper and cleaning products.
- **Prayer Study:** The prayer study that Peggy Burkacki and Marilyn Taylor are preparing is on hold for now. At some point the prayer study may be combined with the ChurchNext study sessions.
- **Prayer Box:** Phil is still looking into the Scouts building a prayer box that will have a lock.
- **Pet Blessing:** The Pet Blessing is scheduled for October 3 at 2:00 pm. Father Dawson will officiate. Mark is arranging for ads to be placed in the News Herald and The Lake County Gazette. He made flyers to be distributed to Grace Woods, Breckenridge, PetSmart, McKinley, veterinarian offices, and various other places to get the word out.
- **Take and Take:** Muffins were taken to Jo Bennet who recently move back to Willoughby and now resides at Breckenridge Village. Jo has attended several services now.

#### **The Prayer Shawl Ministry is back!**

After an informal meeting in August, our Prayer Shawl group has agreed to resume regular in-person meetings at 2:00 pm on the first and third Thursday of each month, beginning in September. All knitters and crocheters are invited!

#### **WORSHIP UPDATES** *from the September 14, 2021, Worship Committee Meeting*

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##### **Altar Guild:**

- It was noticed that fewer people are using tweezers for intinction during communion. Since there seem to be too many tweezers being set out, we will set out only 5 or 6 for each service going forward. Peggy will let Nancy know of this change to procedures.
- Judith Junda is trying to get back to her routine helping Altar Guild and other things.

##### **Sunday School:**

- We had a new family with a nine-year-old boy attend services via Zoom. He may be interested in coming to Sunday school. Mark may be able to pull down the email address from Zoom so that we can contact the family.
- Elizabeth will get in touch with David Ivey and Nancy to update Zoom and Facebook regarding adding Sunday school information. We can also add some information about Sunday school in our bake and take packets.

##### **Choir:**

- Rehearsal will begin at 6:45 p.m. instead of 7:00 p.m. on Thursdays. There will be four members in the choir.



- An Offertory hymn will be selected when we don't have an Anthem.
- On October 17, when Scott is out, Frank Burkacki and David Ivey will provide the music for the 10:00 a.m. service. Scott can select the songs and we will have choir. Frank and David will join the choir for practice that Thursday evening.

**Next meeting:** The Committee will meet again Tuesday, October 19, at 6:00 p.m., in person with a Zoom option.

#### **VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS** *from the September 19, 2021, Vestry Meeting*

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##### **Treasurers Report:**

- We are ahead year to date on pledge payments.
- We are not spending as much on programs and additional activities this year due to COVID.
- We no longer have extra cleaning services.
- The Junior Warden can operate under her own budget. Expenses out of budget or unexpected larger expenses can be discussed with Buildings & Grounds and Vestry.

##### **Senior Warden's Report:**

- Grace Woods is refinancing their bonds. This doesn't change our contract with them. According to our attorney it's important that we are apprised of these actions in order to protect us from any encumbrances to Grace Church. Elizabeth will follow up with our attorney.
- We received "Thank You" notes from Forbes House and Journeyman. These notes were signed by each person on their team. The notes will continue to be shown in the PACE. They also can be given to Dave Ivey to be put on the monitors.
- *Clean up Vestry Liaisons list:*
  - The team chairs will check their membership lists and update as needed.
  - Vestry Liaisons are being confirmed.
  - Debra will be the Liaison for Evangelism.
- *Fall Pledge Campaign:*
  - Harry has agreed to November 12, 2021 as the date for final receipt of pledge payments. The web page will be updated. There will be an article in PACE, we will use email list to let people know that pledge cards are available.
  - We are looking for someone to witness why they pledge. We are asking them to speak and write an article for the PACE. Debra Zimmerman volunteered to find a testimony team of 2 or 3 people. Hopefully this can be completed in 1 or 2 weeks.

##### **Junior Wardens Report/Buildings & Grounds Updates:**

- Mary will send thank you to person who did concrete work in the back at no charge.
- *Window Washing:*
  - Mother Rose Anne will pay for cleaning windows at rectory.
  - Mary will confirm that the bid from Pure Window Cleaning, LLC covers all windows in the church.
  - Willoughby Window Washing Company did not respond to Mary's call to them.

- **Snow Plowing:**
  - Eshelman will submit a contract. The Eshelman contact was disappointed to hear that we were not happy with their services this past season and wanted to submit a bid for the upcoming season. He said that he was unaware of any issues.
  - A snow plowing bid will be submitted by Arrow Landscaping also.
  - The Junior Warden needs to keep detailed enough records to indicate if there is a problem with a vendor. Mary will follow up with Mark for procedure for contractor use, record of issue.
  - The cost to replace/repair shingles on the rectory and church is \$366.00. Mary will authorize payment for these repairs. Harry indicated that the Church shingles should be under warranty and he will give Mary the warranty. There is one shingle at the church in need of replacing. The rectory is in greater need.
  - Harry received a bill from Gillmore Security for the maintenance fee for the entire year, which was less than the monthly fee. This month he received a bill that went back to old monthly maintenance fee causing much confusion. He is monitoring the fee. Mary will follow up with Phil to figure out the bill. If necessary, she will contact Gilmore.
  - Mary will check with Andy Simons to find out how to change HVAC from air to heat. Prior to meeting with Andy, Elizabeth and Mary will meet to talk about additional items that Elizabeth has to mention to Andy as well.
  - Mary thanked Harry for installing the TV downstairs and Kathy & Gary Hill for purchasing the TV.
  - Phil wants the wooden barriers in the church removed. Do we want to stop social distancing measures and mention it to people are sitting to close? Kathy suggested we remove the wooden barriers and leave the ribbons. Elizabeth made a motion to remove the wooden barriers from pews, Mary seconded. The motion carried.
- **Foundation:** The next meeting will be in October.
- **Stewardship, Evangelism, and Worship:** Please see updates elsewhere in this *Pace*.
- **By-laws discussion:**
  - The revised By-laws were proposed to Vestry. Major areas of change were discussed. The redlined version was not available.
  - Mary made a motion to accept the revised by-laws as presented, David seconded the motion which then passed by acclamation.
  - Next steps: The revised by-laws will be presented at the annual meeting, then filed with the Diocese if approved.
- **Other Business:** Debra will assist Harry in compiling finance procedures from his desk for a procedures manual.
- **Next meeting:** The next Vestry meeting will be Sunday, October 17, at 11:30 am.

**God loves you.  
No exceptions.**



# Grace Church needs you!

**We're facing a shortage of volunteers in key ministries. You can help.**

*By Mark Clark*

Due to COVID-19, by Diocesan order, and to protect the health and safety of our parishioners, Grace Episcopal Church offered online worship only for more than a year. Since we resumed in-person worship, some of our most reliable volunteers have been unable to return to their roles due to health issues or other concerns. As a result, our available volunteers have been stretched thin for months.

With the busy seasons of Advent and Christmas approaching, we need to identify more members willing to play supporting roles in our life as a community. Most of these roles are simple and straightforward. While some of them involve certification from the Diocese, training will be provided. No experience is necessary.

*The need for volunteers is especially acute at our Sunday 8:00 am service.*



Here's a rundown of some of the roles we need filled:

**Altar Guild:** Dan Brown was right. There is a secret cabal lurking behind the scenes that controls the church. It's called the Altar Guild! OK, that's a joke. But seriously, the Altar Guild plays a crucial role in the life of the parish. Guild members work closely with Mother Rose Anne to help plan and prepare for worship. They also tidy up after service and perform other tasks essential to the sacramental vitality of our community. For more information about Altar Guild, please contact Nancy Brothers at [nbrothers8@gmail.com](mailto:nbrothers8@gmail.com) or (440) 479-7618.

**Ushers and Greeters:** These women and men provide a warm welcome to parishioners and visitors to our church. Ushers and greeters distribute bulletins and offer a helping hand and a friendly smile to newcomers who may be confused by the Prayer Book or other aspects of the service. They are the face of our parish, and our ambassadors to potential new members. The recent passing of our beloved Ken Hughes left us very short on volunteers in this key role.

**Acolytes:** These men and women, and sometimes youth, serve at the altar alongside Mother Rose Anne in various roles: The Crucifer carries the cross. The Chalice Bearer and Eucharistic Ministers help distribute the Body and Blood of Christ during communion. Acolytes also serve as Vested Lectors. These are ancient, sacred roles that can be deeply meaningful to perform. Plus, you get to wear a cool-looking robe!

**Lectors (Vested and Unvested):** These men and women proclaim the word of God by reading aloud from the Holy Bible during worship. Our services typically involve a Vested Lector (and Acolyte who reads) and an Unvested Lector (someone from the congregation other than an Acolyte). If you can read, you can Lector. Plus, if you're unvested, you don't have to wear a dorky-looking robe! To find out more about becoming an Usher/Greeter, Acolyte, or Lector, please contact Elizabeth Estep at [elizabethestep@wowway.com](mailto:elizabethestep@wowway.com) or (440) 382-5741.

**Zoom Hosts:** This is a new position created during our online-only worship days. Formerly known as the Zoom "usher," this person welcomes in our visitors who are viewing the service via Zoom or Facebook Live and makes sure those online streams are up and running throughout the service. It's not as technical or complicated as it may sound! This is an ideal role for someone who wants to be part of the life of the parish but prefers to remain behind the scenes. If you want to learn more about becoming a Zoom Host, please contact Dave Ivey at [daveivey32@ATT.net](mailto:daveivey32@ATT.net) or (440) 840-2097.



## READINGS FOR THE DAY

October 3  
The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Proper 22

Job 1:1; 2:1-10  
Psalm 26  
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12  
Mark 10:2-16

October 10  
The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
Proper 23

Job 23:1-9, 16-17  
Psalm 22:1-15  
Hebrews 4:12-16  
Mark 10:17-31

October 17  
The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost  
Proper 24

Job 38:1-7, (34-41)  
Psalm 104:1-9, 25, 37b  
Hebrews 5:1-10  
Mark 10:35-45

October 24  
The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost  
Proper 25

Job 42:1-6, 10-17  
Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22)  
Hebrews 7:23-28  
Mark 10:46-52

October 31  
The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost  
Proper 26

Ruth 1:1-18  
Psalm 146  
Hebrews 9:11-14  
Mark 12:28-34