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helping one another be the  
hands and feet of Christ by  
sharing God's love with the  
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Sunday, Nov. 14, 2021**



# The *Pace* of Grace

**November 2021**

From the Rev. Rose Anne Lonsway:



It is so great to say hello to you all after my time away. I missed seeing you all and hearing your voices!

Thank you all for your warm welcome and support of Fr. Moorer. From everything I heard he took wonderful care of you all in my absence. Many thanks to you Dawson – I am most appreciative of your ministry here at Grace!

While I was away from you, I spent time relishing God's beautiful creation and admiring God's artwork in the colorful arrival of fall. This got me to thinking about how our lives have changed over the past almost two years and wondering how they will continue to change in our future. I participated in many webinars and podcasts and heard a lot of discussion about where we are as a society, about the increasing secularization of the world around us, and the loss of kindness and trust. These things are so apparent in what we hear, see, and read throughout the various media formats. In both religious media and popular media outlets, I found great focus on how we are perceived as church, as opposed to who we strive to be as followers of Jesus. I heard a great deal of discussion about how the Church universal has failed: at best it is accused of turning a blind eye to injustice and oppression and at worst, participating in it. In spite of it all, I do not for one minute believe that God is finished with God's church.

What has become apparent to me is that we need to seriously consider what we need to be, and what we are called to change, to show us the path God would have us follow for the next 150 years of Grace. We have a wonderful history to carry us forward to our future and we will build on that.

I wish I could tell you that I have the answers we need, but alas, I do not. Some of you have heard me say this and you also heard me say that I believe that the answer will be found when we work together to discern the way. We have a lot of work to do to get there, however. There are some hard truths that we need to recognize. Those truths include how to better love all our neighbors, how to look into ourselves to recognize those places in ourselves that are still a little rough around differences of opinions, philosophies, theologies, and cultures, and how to move out into the community around us to bring Jesus alive for everyone God brings to our paths. We also can look to identify areas of commonality where we can learn, discuss, and perhaps even disagree as friends, as neighbors.

Our Vestry is beginning this process by really delving into how we

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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*

**A letter from the Senior Warden (Below)**

**This & That:** Outreach Updates, Worship Updates, Vestry Highlights, Financial Update

**Pet Blessing Returns**

**Insert:** November Calendar/Volunteer Schedule

**Lessons / Readings**

### A letter from the Senior Warden

Dear Grace Community:

It's time to prepare for the new year. Just as gardeners are clearing out annuals, planting bulbs, and preparing the ground for a spring awakening, Grace is also preparing.

The first step in preparation is to identify our resources. To this end, please consider what resources you can share to continue Grace's mission. Grace could really use your time, your talent, and your treasure. Submitting your pledge card helps your Vestry plan priorities for the next year.

If you can contribute either time or talent, please contact a team leader, Vestry officer, or the Grace office. We can help you determine where your time and talents can best be used. We could really use:

Welcoming people to help congregants and visitors at our in-person services.

Technical people to help with our online presence

Musical people to sing with our choir

Readers and acolytes for services.

Friendly people to stay in touch with parishioners and greet new visitors

Giving and organized people to help with outreach programs

For my part, I contribute and help out at Grace because I need, as the hymn says, "companions on the way." Grace is where I practice my faith, learning from your guidance and feedback and forgiveness. I hope each of you also finds Grace a community that helps you best live your life in Christ, and worthy of your contributions.

Sincerely yours,



Elizabeth Estep

Most of you will have received Elizabeth's letter about our 2022 stewardship campaign in the mail, but we're reprinting it here in case you missed it.

**Pledge cards were due back on October 31, but there's still time to submit your faith promise to Grace Church for 2022.**

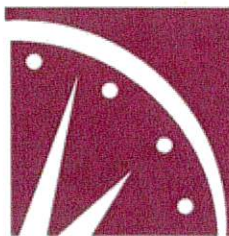
Please drop your pledge card in the mail, or drop it off at the church.

If you lost your pledge card and need another one, or if you didn't receive a pledge card but would like to, please contact the office and I will get one out to you ASAP.

Thanks,

-Mark

### Stewardship 2022



Time



Talent



Treasure

## **From the Rector, continued**

operate as a parish, who does what and where and what is the result. These efforts came out of the Vestry retreat held the beginning of September. This work will serve as the building blocks for identifying our strengths, our growing edges, and areas of learning.

As a next step, I plan to schedule meetings with all of you in small groups of two or three, as I did when I first joined you here at Grace. Let's explore and identify your heart's desire for Grace's future and what you see as your role in getting us there. Stay tuned for sign up opportunities please.

Please plan to join me in this period of discernment and what I am sure will be taxing but rewarding work. Let's keep Micah 6:8 as our guiding light:

*He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?*

When we follow our Lord in this way we can't go wrong!

- M. Rose Anne+

## **OUTREACH UPDATES from Kathy Hill**

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**McKinley Community Outreach Center:** Just a reminder that in addition to pantry and taxable items being accepted daily, other items are being accepted *by appointment only*. Call McKinley at (440)269-8008 for further information.

**Little Feet:** The shopping weekend was scheduled for October 23 and 24.

**Rummage Sale:** Over \$300 from donations was raised for Little Feet. The Cleveland Furniture Bank was scheduled to pick up the remaining furniture items on October 26.

**Holiday Outreach:** Holiday outreach will be the focus of our November meeting. Information for Thanksgiving and Christmas outreach ideas will be distributed as it becomes available.

**Next meeting:** The next outreach meeting will be Tuesday, November 2 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom and in person. We would love to hear your ideas for holiday outreach so please join us!

## **EVANGELISM UPDATES from Peggy Burkacki**

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**No meeting:** The Evangelism Team was unable to meet in October.

**Prayer Garden:** The small pine tree growing in the garden space outside the back door of the church undercroft can be transplanted to the front of the church to honor Ken Hughes' wish to preserve the tree. Chris Burke volunteered to clean up the garden space to make it ready to plant for Evangelism's prayer garden next spring.

**Next meeting:** The next Evangelism Team meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 2 at 6:00 pm.

## **WORSHIP UPDATES** *from the October 19, 2021, Worship Committee Meeting*

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### **Altar Guild:**

- Jeanne would like to see some kind of support on the railing that she could hold on to when she goes up to the altar to read or attend to Altar Guild duties. This will be discussed further at the next Building and Grounds meeting.
- The tacks are protruding on the edge of the pulpit and there are a couple of areas behind the Lector's chair on the altar where pieces of wood are loose. This also will be discussed at Buildings and Grounds.

**Choir:** The music for the Sunday, October 17 service went very well while Scott was out. Frank Burkacki provided the music and did a great job, and the choir was awesome as always.

**Sabbatical review:** Services, meetings and events went smoothly during Mother Rose Anne's sabbatical thanks to Fr. Moorer and Grace leaders.

**Pet Blessing:** Please see photos and article elsewhere in this *Pace*.

### **Upcoming Services:**

- All Saints Sunday is November 7. Names of loved ones will be read at the service and pictures of our loved ones may be placed near the Altar.
- Thanksgiving is November 25. There will be a service Thursday morning at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom only. The service will be Morning Prayer with Thanksgiving prayer, no Eucharist or music.
- There will be a harvest table in front of the Altar this year. The veggies and fruit from the table will be divided between the McKinley and Forbes House pantries following Sunday service the week of Thanksgiving. Donations of not-quickly-perishable vegetables and fruit are needed.
- Advent begins November 28. We will have an Advent study in place of our current Bible Study. The study may be scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday to hopefully better accommodate all schedules.

### **Other discussion:**

- We will have an Advent wreath this year.
- The wooden spacers have been removed. We all continue to follow safe distancing rules.
- The Choral Concert for Ohio Living will take place at Grace on December 11.
- The Prayer Study that Marilyn Taylor and Peggy Burkacki are working on is on hold until after the first of the year.

**Next Meeting:** The Worship Committee will meet again November Monday, Nov. 8 at 7:00 pm.

## **VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS** *from the October 17, 2021, Vestry Meeting*

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### **Treasurer's Report:**

- Pledge payments for September fell below the budgeted amount but we continue to be ahead of budget for the year.

- Grace made its final donation of the year to McKinley Community Outreach Center, in the amount of \$5,000.

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

- Pledge cards for the 2022 Stewardship Campaign have been mailed out. We are asking that they be returned by October 31. The Treasurer needs the final numbers by November 12.
- Bishop Hollingsworth announced that he will retire in two years. A search committee is being formed at the Diocesan level to find our next bishop. \
- We are looking for volunteers to attend the 2021 Diocesan convention November 13. The participants who vote will need a cell phone and computer. Elizabeth will make some calls to others in the congregation to see if they are interested in attending as a Convention Delegate or Alternate.

#### **Junior Warden's Report:**

- Pure Window Cleaning will clean the windows in the church and rectory on October 29.
- The snowplow contract has been shared with Vestry members.
- Roof shingles repair to church and rectory has been completed by RJK.
- Mary is working on bids for masonry repairs.
- Thanks to Elizabeth for making the fabric dividers for the pews!

**Evangelism:** Please see update elsewhere in this *Pace*.

**Outreach:** Please see updates elsewhere in this *Pace*.

**Vestry retreat project:** At the annual Vestry retreat, members decided they needed to collect an inventory of teams and what they do. That information is being gathered, Liaisons will review the information they have been given and follow up with team leaders for additional information as needed.

**Thanks, Father Dawson!** The Vestry thanked The Rev. Dawson Moorer for his service to Grace during Mother Rose Anne's sabbatical.

**Next meeting:** The next Vestry meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 21 at noon.

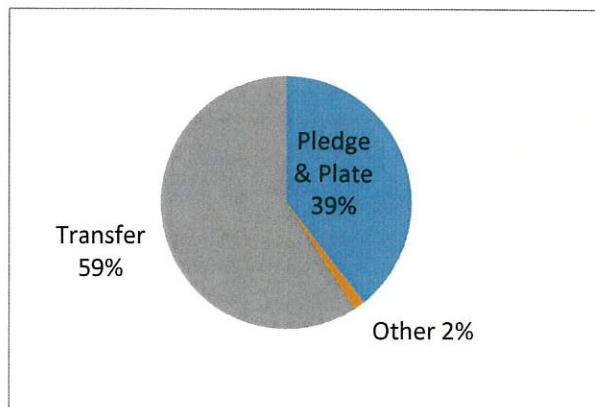


## Operating Fund Interim Report -- thru end of September 2021

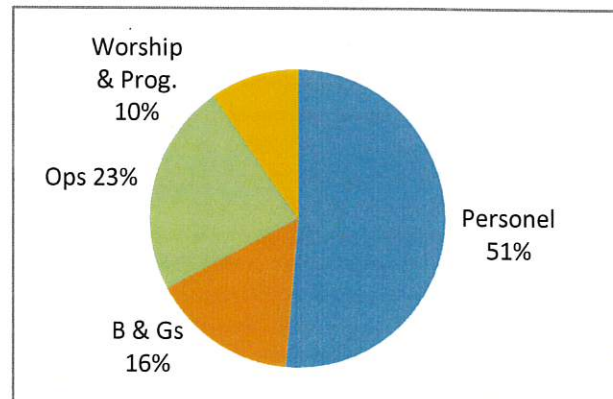
<u>Income</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Pledge and Plate Contributions	\$69,876.80	\$72,149.99	-\$2,273.19
Other Income	\$2,469.00	\$2,212.51	\$256.49
Transfer from Grace Woods Capital Fund	\$105,000.00	\$107,500.50	-\$2,500.50
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$177,345.80</b>	<b>\$181,863.00</b>	<b>-\$4,517.20</b>

<u>Expenses</u>			
Personel	\$85,317.54	\$88,908.02	-\$3,590.48
Buildings and Grounds	\$26,352.21	\$32,434.51	-\$6,082.30
Operations	\$38,305.23	\$38,475.00	-\$169.77
Worship and Programs	\$16,080.32	\$22,045.50	-\$5,965.18
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$166,055.30</b>	<b>\$181,863.03</b>	<b>-\$15,807.73</b>
<b>Excess/Deficit</b>	<b>\$11,290.50</b>	<b>-\$0.03</b>	<b>\$11,290.53</b>

Income



Expenses



### Treasurer's Report

Plate and pledge income have fallen below budget which is some what normal for this time of year. Expenses are below budget as worship costs continue to be lower than expected. Anyone who would like a full accounting of all funds available to the church can see me or any vestry person as they are given a full accounting every month.

*Harry Dodds, Treasurer*

## Grace Church Pet Blessing goes on .. Rain or shine



Even though Mother Rose Anne was on sabbatical, and despite a slight drizzle that dampened attendance, Grace Episcopal Church revived its annual Pet Blessing service on October 3. The Pet Blessing had to be cancelled last year due to Covid.

The Rev. Dawson Moorer filled in for Mother Rose Anne. Ten pets attended, along with their humans. These included one cat, one camera-shy parrot (not pictured), and eight dogs.

Our youngest Grace member, Arianna Stoldt, also attended to help celebrate our wonderful pets. Teddy bears and other plush animals were blessed indoors during our 8:00 and 10:00 am worship services.

Shortly after the Pet Blessing ended, the heavens opened and it started raining cats and dogs.

*-Kathy Hill*





## READINGS FOR THE DAY

November 7  
The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
Proper 27

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17  
Psalm 127  
Hebrews 9:24-28  
Mark 12:38-44

November 14  
The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
Proper 28

1 Samuel 1:4-20  
1 Samuel 2:1-10  
Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25  
Mark 13:1-8

November 21  
The Last Sunday after Pentecost  
Proper 29  
Christ the King Sunday

2 Samuel 23:1-7  
Psalm 132:1-13 (14-19)  
Revelation 1:4b-8  
John 18:33-37

November 28  
The First Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33:14-16  
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13  
Luke 21:25-36  
Psalm 25:1-9