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Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2022



The *Pace* of Grace

January-February 2022

From the Rev. Rose Anne Lonsway:



This year seems to have begun in a flurry of activity. There is a lot happening at Grace and in the Diocese. Here at Grace, I have held several small group meetings with those of you who chose to chat with me and look ahead to the future of our parish. We have begun our Mutual Ministry Review with in-person and Zoom meetings, where we discussed what Grace has, does, and means to us and to the community we live in, and to begin to discern where God is calling us in our next 150 years. Our consultant, Fr. Albert Jennings, will interview me and the Vestry, so that your Vestry has information to inform discernment and God's calling.

February 6 will find us at our Annual Meeting, coming together to carry out our work – electing new Vestry members, recognizing and thanking those who have served, and updating our by-laws. We are accomplishing all of this as we navigate and negotiate Covid avoidance. I am so thankful and grateful to God and to you all for keeping us going and hanging in these past long, difficult two years. Let's work to keep it up. We have come too far to lose heart now! Each and every one of you are critical to our future. You are each loved and valued.

As if that were not enough to keep us occupied, we are entering the process of searching for a new bishop. The following is the initial information about the process, and I urge you to read the reports being disseminated and to get involved. We have been well-supported for the last 18 years by Bishop Hollingsworth. Be a part of the future of the Diocese, as well as the future of Grace. Stay tuned, read, learn, and participate as you can. Plan to attend the listening sessions when they are announced and plan to be a part of the walkabouts as you are able so that sound decisions will be made. Here some key dates to keep in mind:

January 18, 2021 – Profile is Posted and Applications Open

March 1, 2022 – Applications Close

March-May, 2022 – Application Review and First Round of Interviews

August 4-6, 2022 – Discernment Retreat with Semi-finalists

August 15, 2022 – Initial Slate Announced

August 16-30, 2022 – Petition Period

September 1, 2022 – Announce Final Slate

October 21-28, 2022 – Meet and Greet with Diocese

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

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Catching Up with the Rev. Dustin Berg

Submitted by Phil Davis

We are continuing our years-long decluttering effort at home, so I was going through more old church papers last month. Sorting through a folder, I was reminded of Dustin Berg. He and I had worked together when he was Interim at Grace and I was a Warden, if I remember correctly. I didn't know what had happened to him, so I did a search, then followed with an email to him. He and his family are on the Island of Oahu. For those of you, who have been around Grace for more than a decade, here's his email reply:

Hi Phil,

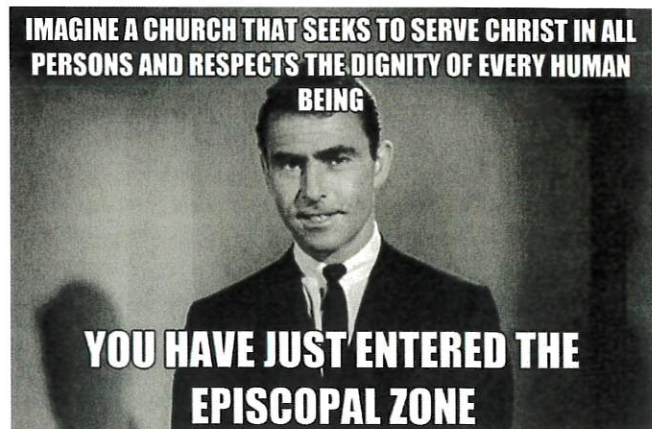
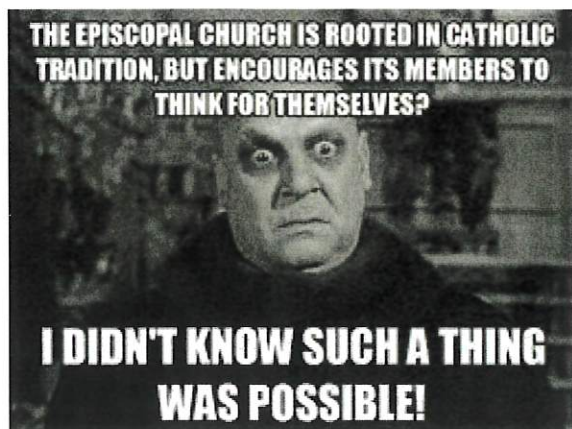
What a nice surprise to hear from you! Yes, we've been here since the fall of 2017—quite the adventure, to be sure. We moved mainly for Heather's job, and so as many churches go these days, I am only part-time at Calvary. It was a small place before the pandemic and is especially so now. I was just recalling earlier today how I've not seen maybe a third to a half of my congregation in person in almost two years. But we do our best with Zoom, inadequate though it is.

Now, what you might not believe — I was also thinking of you the other day! We have an ever-present problem with water drainage and flooding, and in a huge rain storm about two weeks ago, the church's front office flooded. We think it was from water seeping underneath the floor, and I thought, "What we need is a building engineer to come and take a look." So I said to my bishop's committee, "Well, I know who I'd call back in Ohio!" No joke.

Anyway, very good to hear from you!

Blessed, Merry Christmas to you and yours, and to the good people of Grace,

- Dustin



From the Rector, continued

November 18-19, 2022 – Electing Convention *To be determined* – Ordination and Consecration

The Bishop Search Committee has posted the Search Profile on the Diocesan website (<https://dohio.org/>), which now has a section devoted to the Bishop Search Process. This information can be accessed directly from the dohio.org home page. The Search Committee also is busy planning the listening process which will begin in February. From the Committee:

“The listening process provides an important opportunity for every member of the diocese to share in the Search Committee’s work. We invite all lay and clergy members of the Diocese of Ohio to gather as the body of Christ, bonded by our Baptismal Covenant, and eager to develop further our prayer for the next Bishop of Ohio. Sessions will be offered virtually and in person throughout the Diocese. Participants will have an opportunity to respond to open-ended questions provided in advance for prayerful consideration. These questions will solicit your ideas and thoughts to inform the Search Committee’s review of applications and interview of candidates. All comments will be treated with care and consideration. In closing, we ask for your continued prayers.

Loving Creator, you call us together and you send us forth to be your witnesses in all places. We ask you now to lead us, accompany us, and direct us as we seek that person who is to be our next Bishop. Grant us perception, faithfulness, and joy that we may hear your still small voice. And then, give us the courage to follow as you lead us along the way. In the name of Christ Jesus who is the shepherd and bishop of our souls. Amen.”

- M. Rose Anne+

OUTREACH UPDATES from Kathy Hill

Holiday Outreach:

- Our holiday outreach this year focused on filling stockings for children at Forbes House and providing much needed gifts for a survivor (a former resident) of Forbes House. Extra bags of goodies were given to the children and moms as well.
- A Christmas food basket with 2 turkeys and additional holiday goodies was delivered to Friends of Recovery houses.
- The Giving Tree contained 68 pairs of gloves, scarves, etc, and 29 hand-made masks in addition to a variety of pet food and treats.
- Walt and Kathy Iliff held the Christmas Card Exchange again this year.
- Debbie Zimmerman did a great job decorating the bulletin boards downstairs.
- Jo Bennett, Cathy Nash and Sue Mancino decorated the tree downstairs for the Groups. It looked so beautiful!
- Many thanks to everyone who made contributions of their many talents and time and worked so hard to help make the holidays happier for so many this year.

New ideas for Outreach in 2022:

- Walt suggested a scrap metal collection in lieu of a rummage sale this year. Any metal including appliances can be included. This could be a year-round project.
- At Peggy’s suggestion, Grace is now supporting Donna’s Christmas Trees. This is a non-profit group in Lake County called Donna’s Christmas Trees, which collects unwanted

Christmas trees, ornaments, and decorations and throughout the year. They refurbish these items for distribution to families and facilities that are in need of some help during the Christmas Season. We are collecting items to be given to them, so if you have any extra or unnecessary Christmas items please bring them to church.

Future of Outreach and Evangelism Teams: It was decided that the Evangelism and Outreach team meetings should be combined. The two teams will continue to have separate chairs and distinct missions, but will meet together to combine and coordinate resources. Outreach will "feed the body" and Evangelism will "feed the soul." The combined Evangelism-Outreach meetings will be held first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom and in person.

Next meeting: The first combined Evangelism Outreach meeting will be February 1 at 7:00 p.m.

EVANGELISM UPDATES *from Peggy Burkacki*

Forbes House:

- Dave Webster and Peggy Burkacki delivered items from our Thanksgiving Drive to Forbes House which amounted to 32 rolls of toilet paper, 22 cleaning supply items, 67 pantry items, \$18.50 in cash, and a \$50 check. The assistant administrator said they were very happy with the donations and always know they can count on Grace for support.
- Debbie Zimmerman, Lynn Kramp, Kathy Hill, Cathy Nash, and Peggy Burkacki. Met on December 16th to stuff the stockings to be delivered on December 17th. Six stockings with 2 bags attached to each and plenty of gifts for our survivor were delivered. This was a great show of love for a parish our size.

Groups: Candy canes were set out for our 12-step groups, along with Christmas cards notifying them of our Christmas services.

Sign up to host Coffee Hour: There will be sign-up sheets for volunteers for coffee hour hosts, and bakers and takers. Bakers are people who are willing to bake bread, rolls, or something of that nature when asked to be taken to a newcomer. Takers are the people who are willing to deliver that freshly made bread to that newcomer. Bags with a thank you note and other paperwork from Grace are provided.

Spring projects:

- Chris Burke will be preparing our Good News Garden for spring. In spring we will need help to plan and plant an herb garden.
- Phil will be working on making prayer boxes for our lobby and undercroft as soon as the weather breaks.
- Mark has printed trifolds with information about Grace and they are ready for our ushers to give out to newcomers who visit.

Evangelism Chair: Peggy also announced that she plans to step down as Evangelism chairperson at the end of March. If you know of anyone to take over to lead the evangelism team please contact Mother Rose Anne, Peggy Burkacki, or Kathy Hill.

Scout Sunday rescheduled

We are recognizing Scout Sunday for the second Sunday of February. This shift leaves the first Sunday for the parish's Annual Meeting. Cub Scout Pack 282 and Boy Scout Troop 185 are sponsored (chartered) by Grace Church, and have been, for about 40 years. This year Cub Scout Pack 282 is doing a Bake Sale fund-raiser after the 10:00 am worship service. Please, ask your friends to shop the Bake Sale, if they're in the area. Thank you! – *Phil Davis*

WORSHIP UPDATES *from the January Worship Committee Meeting*

Altar Guild:

- Church linens replacements: There are additional linens in the sacristy that we may be able to use. The white chalice cover can be cleaned as we get closer to Lent.
- Many thanks to all for making the services beautiful! A special thanks to Nancy and Dennis for putting up the pew candles.

Sunday School: As kids are vaccinated maybe we will be able to think about starting up Sunday School again. Hopefully soon.

Choir: Many thanks for making the services even more beautiful! And special thanks for Scott getting the Seasonal Brass for our Christmas Eve service. Scott asked them to be here for Easter services as well. The Brass group is a part of the group named True North.

Review of services and event:

- *When Christmas Hurts*: Low in-person attendance.
- *Christmas Eve*: Approximately 16 attended in person. Father Dawson officiated.
- *Christmas Day*: Cancelled due to Covid precautions.
- *Lessons and Carols*: Good participation overall in person, Zoom and Facebook.
- *Epiphany*: Good attendance from Zoom and Facebook. Will consider having an Epiphany service next year also.

Upcoming services and events:

- *Ash Wednesday* (March 2, 2022) noon and 7:00 p.m. Father Dawson will confirm times. (Mother Rose Anne will be completing her sabbatical at the beginning of Lent.)
- *Our Lenten Study Program* will be held on Wednesday evenings. Fr. Dawson made a suggestion for study. The materials will be ordered.
- *Scout Sunday* is Feb. 13. Mother Rose Anne put out an invitation for those who would wish to participate. So far, there have been no responses.

Other discussion:

- Mother Rose Anne will be away January 24-31. Father Dawson will celebrate services on Sunday, January 30.
- Mother Rose Anne will complete her sabbatical from Feb. 7 through March 15. Once again Father Dawson will cover during her time away.

Next meeting: The Worship Committee meets again Sunday, on Feb. 13 at 11:30 am.

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS from the December and January Vestry meetings

Treasurer's Report (Harry Dodds):

- Nothing out of the ordinary in expenses. Due to closure and other factors actual budgeted expenses were \$22,000 less than budgeted for 2021.
- Vestry approved the 2022I budget to be presented at the Annual Meeting.

Senior Warden's Report (Elizabeth Estep):

- Nominating Committee /Slate for Vestry Election:
 - We currently have 4 candidates (Debra Zimmerman, Kathy Hill, Lynn Kramp and Sandra Wesley) for three seats.
 - Our Vestry is made up of seven members. The three seats that need to be filled are of Thora Scott, Debra Zimmerman and Jean Ockuly.

Junior Warden's Report (Mary Miragliotta):

- Buildings and Grounds:
 - Phil Davis is working with the electrician to test the existing lights in the church to determine if they can get retrofitted for brighter lights.
 - Cleaned out downstairs yesterday. Dumpster coming Tuesday.

Rector's Report:

- *Annual Meeting format:*
 - Elizabeth moved the annual meeting be in person in church with masks, Mary seconded.
 - Need quorum for the meeting to take place. If a parishioner intends to vote they need to be physically present for the meeting as we don't have a way to handle hybrid voting at this time. No meal will be served.
 - The revised Parish By-Laws will be presented for adoption at the Annual Meeting.
- *Small Group Meetings:* About 15 people have attended so far.

Stewardship: Still needs a new leader.

Fellowship: Still needs a new leader.

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

Pastoral Care Team (Pat Newyear):

- There is one parishioner with health issues. We have not been asked to do anything yet.
- Jim Mackey passed away. There will be a private service in the spring.

Other Business:

- The Grace 150th Anniversary planning committee will meet Wed. Jan. 19 at 12:30. Updating information is in process. We are looking for more people to join in and help us. Still need to go through rest of boxes in balcony.
- Follow up on video of parish inventory. Debra will research what goes into video inventory of a church.

Next meeting: The next Vestry meeting will meet briefly after the Feb. 6 annual meeting and again Feb. 20, following the 10:00 am service.

Greening Grace



A team of "elves" including Cathy Nash and James (top left), Phil Davis (top right), Jo Bennett (above left), Bobbin Davis (above right), and others not pictured helped Green the Church in preparation for our Christmas services this year. Much fun was had and the results were beautiful!





READINGS FOR THE DAY

February 6
The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 6:1-8, [9-13]
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11
Psalm 138

February 13
The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Jeremiah 17:5-10
1 Corinthians 15:12-20
Luke 6:17-26
Psalm 1

February 20
The Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Genesis 45:3-11, 15
1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50
Luke 6:27-38
Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42

February 27
The Last Sunday after Epiphany

Exodus 34:29-35
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2
Luke 9:28-36, [37-43a]
Psalm 99

Don't forget: The Annual Meeting is Sunday, Feb. 6

Sunday Feb. 6 we will have one service at 9:00 am, followed by the Annual Meeting (at approximately 10:30 am). This is always an important event in the life of our parish, when we elect our Vestry for the coming year and conduct other business vital to our faith community. This year's meeting will be held *in person only*. That's because we will have a contested Vestry election this year (with four candidates running for three seats), and technological limitations prevent us from holding an online election.

Please see the flip side of this page for this year's Vestry candidate bios.



Vestry Candidates 2022

Kathy Hill

I have been a member of Grace Episcopal Church for nearly eight years. I have previously served several terms on Vestry, and I look forward to hopefully returning to Vestry to be a part of this body of our church. I currently serve as Vestry Clerk and as chair of our Outreach Committee. I also serve on our Worship Committee, Evangelism Committee, Finance Committee and Foundation, as well as being an usher, and I am a member of our Altar Guild. I feel so blessed to be a part of this congregation and it is a privilege to serve! Peace and blessings,

Kathy Hill

Lynn Kramp

My name is Lynn Kramp. I am married and have four grown children and five grandchildren. I am recently retired as a dental hygienist, which means I have no business experience (which I'm not sure if that is a plus for being on the Vestry). My husband Karl and I have been members of this church for decades, and having recently retired, I may have more time now to be on Vestry than in past years. I have been a Sunday school teacher for many years, though the last 2 years with Covid going around we haven't really had any classes for the kids. I have also been on Altar Guild for a few years now. Thank you,

Lynn Kramp

Sandy Wesley

My name is Sandra Wesley, and I am interested in joining Vestry. I have been a member of Grace Episcopal Church since 1980. As a child I attended St Stephen Church in Collinwood. I have been involved in Outreach and as an assistant Sunday School teacher in the early 1980s. I usually attend the 8:00 am service. Thank you,

Sandy Wesley

Deb Zimmerman

I am a cradle Episcopalian, brought to this parish at five months old. I was confirmed in the old church and sang in the junior choir at our present location. Jeanne Schupp and Marti Mackey were my Sunday School teachers. I served on the Long-Range Planning Committee, the Breckenridge Committee and had a failed attempt to re-start the Women of Grace group. Currently I serve on the Foundation, am a lay reader, usher, and have completed the last several months of Cathy Nash's term on Vestry. My work experience includes 18 years at Xerox in sales, sales management, and training. For 10 years I was an independent contractor with Solution Selling, selling the Solution Selling sales process and instructing it. Thanks,

Deb Zimmerman