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helping one another be the
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sharing God's love with the
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Wednesday, March 16, 2022



March 2022

The *Pace* of Grace

From the Rev. Dawson Moorer:



"You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and
prepare with **JOY** for the Paschal feast...."

—Preface for Lent

What's joy got to do with it?
Honestly, even now, the first thing that comes to mind
when I think of Lent is the question, "What are you giving
up for Lent?" Ah, the power of childhood conditioning!

What *was* I going to give up Lent? Chocolate? That's *really* a big ask.
Television? Not likely—my dad would never agree to stop watching
television. The trick was to pick something to give up that I wouldn't really
miss (I know! Green Peas!). Really, giving something up for Lent seemed like
so much drudgery, and where is the joy in that?

"...prepare with **JOY** for the Paschal feast..."

Self-denial certainly has a place in the spiritual journey, but what you delete
from your life and why is so very important. If you walk the path of self-
denial, you must begin with the question, "What separates me from Christ?"
Jesus is always present, at every moment, but what keeps you from being
aware of his presence and rejoicing in it? Perhaps it is some much-needed
aspect of self-care, or simply trying to cram too much into a day. Perhaps you
struggle with some persistent set of sins, or old resentments arising from old
hurts. Lent is a time to search for and define such things, and then you begin
to chip away, a bit at a time. It is not just a Lenten discipline; it is a lifelong
journey, drawing ever closer to Christ, to life with Christ, to life in Christ.
And therein lies the joy.

"You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with **JOY** for
the Paschal feast...."

I am convinced that joy, outright joy, is God's desire for us. I am also
convinced that a key component of joy is gratitude. Nothing in our lives is
really ours. All of it, friends, possessions, family, is in our lives by grace. It is
all a gift from the God who is love. Gratitude is the fundamental and joy-
producing stance we are to take in relationship to God, the source of all good.

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Officers and Rector

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

Inside this month's *Pace*

Repaint Party (Below)

This & That: Thanks be to God!, Evangelism-Outreach Updates,
Scrap Metal Drive, Worship Updates, Vestry Highlights

Scout Sunday

Insert: March Calendar/Volunteer Schedule

Lessons / Readings

It's time to give the interior of Tikvah House a fresh coat of paint!

Repaint Party at Tikvah Home for Men

Bring your family, your friends, or your church group to join in the fun

Saturday, March 5, 2022

8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Tikvah Home for Men

37915 Euclid Avenue

Willoughby, OH

Lunch and supplies provided.

To sign up, contact Sue @ 440-669-9599

Exciting news from
Friends of Recovery!

More Volunteer Opportunities

If you represent a group and would like to schedule a volunteer day for your group, or if you are skilled in a construction trade and would like to help with our **Shalom Home renovation**, please contact Lorrie at (440) 376-4419. Shalom Home will support women and young children in their next step to healthy living.

If you are not able to help physically, we are continually open to the following types of support and donations:

- **Paper Products:** Toilet paper, napkins, paper towels, heavy paper plates, 8 or 12oz paper cups.
- **Marc's/Aldi's Grocery Gift Cards**
- **Gordon Food Service (GFS) Points:** When shopping at GFS, ask to have your purchase points applied to "Friends of Recovery NE Ohio."
- **Amazon Smile:** If you already shop at Amazon.com, sign up for AmazonSmile to effortlessly donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to **FORNEO** — no fees, no extra cost, no brainer! Just shop like you normally do and Amazon Smile will do the rest!



From the Rev. Dawson Moorer, continued

Recent social science teaches us that gratitude has a number of personal benefits, but the spiritual benefits are paramount. Gratitude draws us closer to God, who is not only the source of all good, but the source of all joy. All this is why I invite you into a particularly rich Lenten discipline this year, an opportunity to develop a habit of gratitude, of thanksgiving. The Thanks Campaign, conceived and designed by Elizabeth Estep, is a very simple practice that offers great benefits. I invite you to read Elizabeth's article, "Thanks be to God!," which follows mine, for the details. Amazingly, the simple practice she outlines really does have the potential to be transformative. It can make God's call to "prepare with JOY for the Paschal feast" a reality.

Blessings to all,

- Dawson+

Thanks Be to God!

Would you like to improve:

- your mood and emotional health
- your relationship with God
- your capacity for empathy and caring

Then join the rest of us at Grace in thanking God for our blessings.

As Episcopalians, we acknowledge three interlocking sources of authority: Scripture, Reason, and Tradition. When a question of faith or practice arises, we rest our decisions on all three. Scripture, Tradition and Reason all tell us that building a regular practice of thanksgiving and gratitude is essential to our faith, our community's well-being, and our own spiritual health.

This Lent, starting with Ash Wednesday, March 2, please join us in our Thanks Campaign, an exercise in developing Christian gratitude. To participate:

1. Make a commitment to record a daily Thanks to God throughout Lent 2022.
 - a. Plan when, where, and how you will record your Thanks.
 - b. Write down your plan, possibly using a Thanks Journal, which you can pick up (free of charge) at Grace.
2. Every day, as you committed, write a note telling God about the blessing you are grateful for.
3. As you wish, share your thanksgivings with your Grace family at our Thanks Campaign station.

Scripture says:

- Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. - *1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*
- Praise the LORD in song, for He has done glorious things; let this be known throughout the earth. - *Isaiah 12:4-5 (NASB)*
- This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. - *Psalms 118:24 (ESV)*

Tradition says:

- It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. - *Book of Common Prayer, p. 361.*
- Q. For what do we offer thanksgiving?

- A. Thanksgiving is offered to God for all the blessings of this life, for our redemption, and for whatever draws us closer to God. - *BCP, Catechism, p. 857.*

Reason says:

Gratitude helps people feel more positive emotions, relish good experiences, improve their health, deal with adversity, and build strong relationships.

- *Counting Blessings vs Burdens, Emmons and McCullough. Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, 2003. Vol 84, No2, 377-389.*
- Elizabeth Estep, Senior Warden

EVANGELISM AND OUTREACH UPDATES from Sandy Wesley

Combined Meeting: Due to some overlapping activities, it was decided to merge the Evangelism and Outreach teams. While this means that more hands will be available to serve each ministry, each team will maintain their own distinct functions. Peggy announced that she will step down as the Evangelism Team chair. Cathy Nash has agreed to fill Peggy's role. The first combined Evangelism-Outreach meeting was held February 1.

Evangelism Projects:

- The Good News Garden and "Bakers and Takers" ministries will continue.
- Attending The Willoughby Outdoor Market was discussed. It was decided that we will have a space at the market every third Saturday of the month this summer: 5/21, 6/18, 7/16, 8/20 and 9/17. We may purchase a smaller tent to better fit the space that is allotted to us. Did you know that Grace Church was the first church to have a space at the Willoughby Outdoor Market? It looks like we set a good example. Also, this year the Market welcomes a new administrator.
- Bringing people/friends to church was discussed. We can offer to pick them up!
- Prayer Study being planned by Peggy and Marilyn Taylor is still on hold at this time.
- A sign-up sheet for Coffee Hour was discussed. Currently, we continue to serve only coffee, juice, and water.

Sunday School: Debbie Zimmerman reports:

- A questionnaire was sent out to families.
- The Weekly Sunday Paper Jr. is being sent to Sunday School children. The Sunday Paper Jr. will be put downstairs for children of groups along with books for the kids to read and enjoy.

Outreach Initiatives:

- *McKinley Outreach Center:* While McKinley is accepting some donations, please call McKinley at (440) 269-8008 prior to bringing any donations.
- *Friends of Recovery:* Shalom (house for women with dependent children) should open fall of 2022.
- *150th Anniversary:* The 150th Anniversary Committee needs help planning the celebration. The committee meets every Wednesday at 1:00 pm. The anniversary celebration dinner is

scheduled for May 13, 2022, with a service at the Abbey on Sunday, May 15. Having a booklet with the history of Grace was discussed, and perhaps a summer picnic.

Next Meeting: The next combined Evangelism-Outreach meeting will be March 1 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom and in person.

Little Feet Scrap Metal Drive

Due to the pandemic, the Evangelism-Outreach Committee has decided not to have a rummage sale again this year. Instead, will hold a year-long scrap metal drive. We're looking for anything that could be sold for scrap. Examples: Metal kitchen utensils, old outsider grills or fire pits, kitchen stoves, microwaves, washing machines, dryers, bed frames, pipe fittings especially copper lengths of pipe, etc.

Donations can be brought to the church and placed on the outside pavilion located next to the lower parking lot. If you need to have an item picked up, please call Walt Iliff at (440) 241-9218. If you have questions, please call or email Walt at Eastlakewalt@gmail.com. Thank you!

WORSHIP UPDATES *from the February Worship Committee Meeting*

Altar Guild: For Ash Wednesday services, Mother Rose Anne usually puts ashes in a ramakin with lemon and bowl of warm water near-by.

Sunday School: Debbie Zimmerman continues to send Sunday School information and crafts to Sunday school children.

Choir: David Webster found a mask to make him feel comfortable. He may be joining choir again.

Scout Sunday: Feb. 13 was Scout Sunday. Pack 282 Cub Scouts and Troop 185 attended. Members of Troop 185 Scouts served as Greeters, Ushers, Acolyte, Cross Bearer and Reader.

Upcoming services and events:

- *Ash Wednesday:* There will be two services on Ash Wednesday, at Noon and 7:00 p.m. The 7:00 pm service will be a hybrid full service with music. Father Dawson will see about getting help with the Zoom link. There will be a silent processional, Prayer A, and the *Agnus Dei*.
- *Lent:* Once we get into Lent, we will do the Kyrie through Lent, a processional hymn, Prayer A, and the contemporary Lord's Prayer.
- *Lenten Study:* The Lenten program begins Wednesday, March 9. The study will be a spiritual walk through Holy Week with a look at scripture about Jesus' last week. Dawson will do the first session at the Wednesday 10:00 a.m. book study and the 7:00 p.m. Bible study, via zoom only. The study will run for five sessions, concluding April 6.

Other discussion:

- *Sabbatical:* Mother Rose Anne is completing her sabbatical from Feb. 7 through March 15. Father Dawson will cover during her absence.
- *Palm Sunday:* Palms will arrive the weekend before Palm Sunday. Nancy will contact Bev Schutt, Charlotte Stoldt, Bobbin Davis who know how to fold palms into crosses.

Next meeting: The Worship Committee meets again March 20 at 11:30 am.

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS *from the Parish Annual Meeting and February Vestry Meetings*

Highlights of Parish Annual Meeting Feb. 6:

- New Vestry members elected: Kathy Hill, Sandy Wesley, Lynn Kramp.
- Proposed 2022 budget approved.
- Update to Grace's By-laws, as developed by the By-laws Committee, approved.

Highlights of the ad-hoc Feb. 6 Vestry Meeting (following Annual Meeting)

New Vestry member terms:

- Kathy Hill, 3 years
- Sandy Wesley and Lynn Kramp: 2 years

Elections for Vestry officers:

- Senior Warden, Elizabeth Estep
- Junior Warden, Mary Miragliotta
- Treasurer, Harry Dodds
- Clerk: Sandy Wesley

Highlights of the Feb. 22 Vestry meeting

Treasurer's Report:

- Expenses are overbudget for the month because property tax and snow plowing budgeted over months but paid once.
- Results of the annual audit of the Rector's Discretionary were presented.

Senior Warden:

- Vestry liaisons to committees and teams reviewed and updated. Lynn Kramp will liaison with the Sunday School and Altar Guild; Sandy Wesley with the 150th Anniversary Team. Other liaisons were unchanged.
- Annual Parochial Report to the national church was approved by the Vestry, signed by the Senior Warden, Treasurer, and Clerk.
- Thanks Campaign will be part of our Lenten activities.

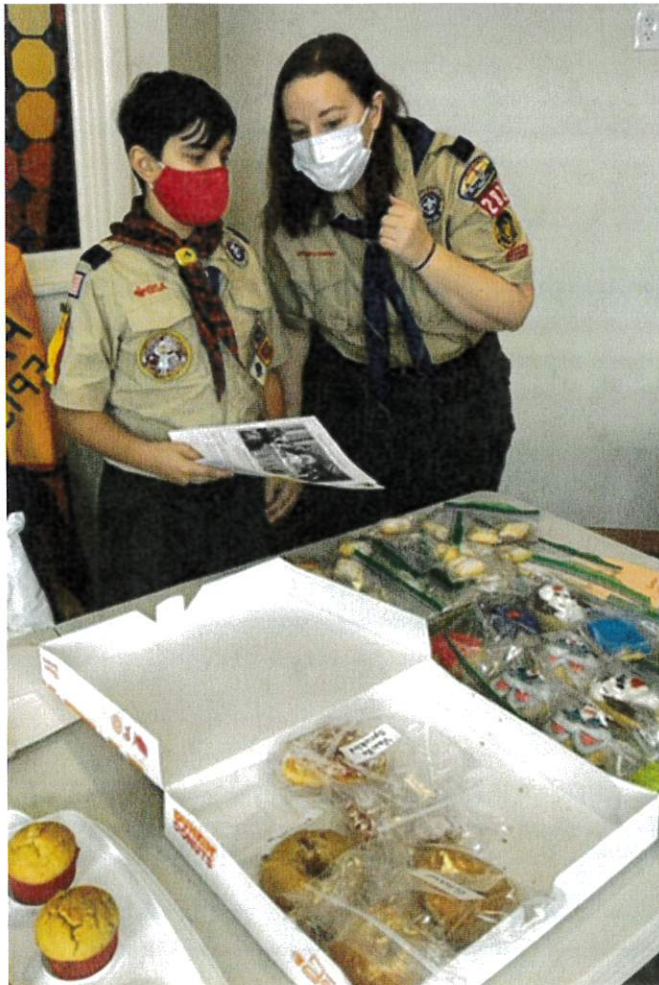
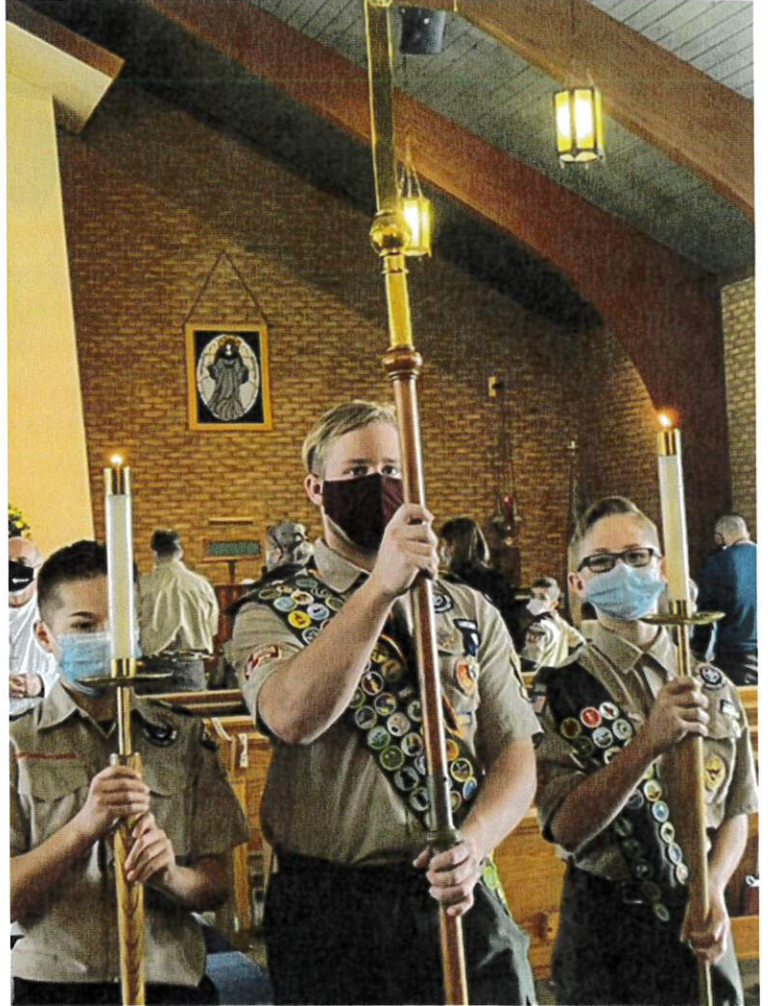
Junior Warden:

- Electrician is testing improved nave lighting.
- Donna's Christmas trees program will be picking up Christmas items from March thru September; being collected in the undercroft alcove.
- The Church's insurance rep will be here for an insurance review on 22-Feb.
- The rectory has gutter damage from heavy icicles.

Worship Team: Ash Wed services will be held at noon and 7 pm.

Mutual Ministry Review: Vestry completed a Mutual Ministry Interview and discussion with Father Albert Jennings.

Scout Sunday 2022



February 13 was Scout Sunday. Members of BSA Troop 185 and Cub Scout Pack 282 served as readers, acolytes, and other roles during the 10:00 am service. Afterward, the Scouts held a bake sale fundraiser. Grace is proud to sponsor both scouting groups!





READINGS FOR THE DAY

March 6
The First Sunday in Lent

Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Romans 10:8b-13
Luke 4:1-13
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

February 13
The Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
Philippians 3:17-4:1
Luke 13:31-35
Psalm 27

February 20
The Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 3:1-15
1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Luke 13:1-9
Psalm 63:1-8

February 27
The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Joshua 5:9-12
2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
Psalm 32