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9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
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Children's Christian Education

Sunday School

Team teaching by:
Bobbin Davis
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Bobbin Davis
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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 the next *Pace* is
Sunday, May 15, 2022**



May 2022

The *Pace* of Grace

From the Rev. Rose Anne Lonsway:



He is Risen! Alleluia! Wait! What? You might ask? Easter was in April! Well, we have this thing in the Episcopal Church; there are 50 days of Easter and the season lasts until Pentecost, which this year falls on June 5. During this time, we can freely and enthusiastically offer our Alleluia's to our maker, redeemer and sustainer.

This Easter celebration seemed even more joyful to me. We are working on safely emerging from COVID, getting to see more of each other's faces when we feel it is safe to unmask, and being together in person, welcoming and supporting those who want to continue masking. It is so nice to be among folks who are accepting of those with and without masks – no judgement! Thank you to all for this gift. May will be a very special time for us as we finally get to celebrate our 150+2 years. The team has been hard at work, meeting every week and then some, planning the activities. It is my hope and my prayer that everyone will find a way to celebrate this amazing event. Our dinner, as you have seen from your invitations, is Friday May 13, 2022 at St. Noel's banquet Center, beginning at 6:00 pm. I want to make sure that you all know that there *cannot* be any walk-ins to this dinner. Everyone must have a reservation.

Sunday May 15 is the actual anniversary of our charter – May 15, 1870. We will have one service that day at 10:00 am and it will be held in the original Grace Church, now known as The Abbey. We will say the service as it would have been done in 1870, so come and experience our history and be a part of celebrating the life of Grace Willoughby for the last one hundred and fifty-two years. We will have the honor of Bishops Williams and Persell and their wives joining us for these events. What an honor and blessing to be able to celebrate serving our God for so many years. I believe we have many more years to come.

The Vestry has been working on discerning what our next 150 years may look like. By the time you read this they will have participated in a retreat to analyze all the data received from our Mutual Ministry Review meetings and survey. We hope that this process of discernment will yield goals for our future.

I invite you all to think about this and share your thoughts and dreams for our future. What would you like our mission and ministries to look like? How can we re-engage post COVID and how would you like to be involved?

Continued inside

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*

Palm Cross Workshop, memes (Below)

This & That: 150th+2 Anniversary, Evangelism-Outreach Updates, Thanks for the Thanksgivings!, Worship Updates

Striving for Hope Walk

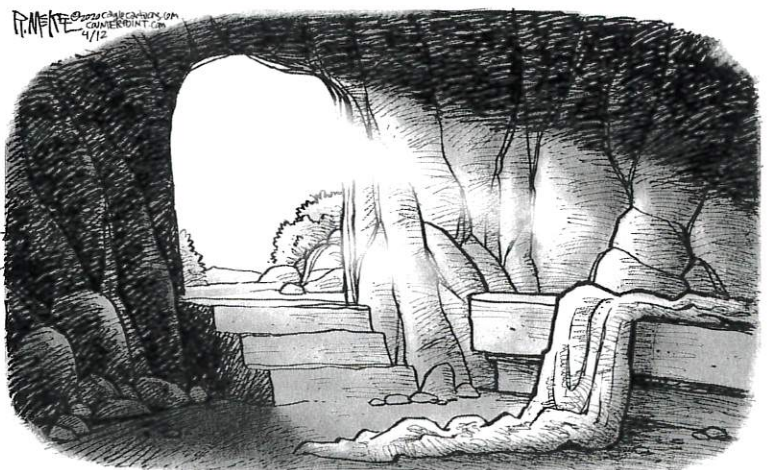
Blessing of the Bikes

Insert: May Calendar/Volunteer Schedule

Lessons / Readings



Much fun was had by our team of Palm Cross folders, preparing for Palm Sunday. The crew included, above left: Peggy Burkacki (rear), Bobbin Davis (left), Charlotte Stoldt (center), and Cathy Nash. At right, Lynn Kramp tried to hide but we caught her anyway.



The LIGHT at the END of the TUNNEL

From the Rector, continued

Do you have ideas about reaching out into the community be able to bring faith and Jesus to those outside the walls of Grace Church? We often long to return to the comfort of “normal”, however, God may have different ideas for us if we are brave enough to look past “normal” and grasp the challenges and opportunities that await us. I believe there are many of each and that being supported by our successful history to date and knowing the strength and dedication of the people of this parish, we are well positioned to discern our future. Thanks be to God!

- *Mother Rose Anne*+

BREAKING NEWS: There's still time to RSVP for the 150th+2 Anniversary Dinner at St. Noel's!

If you have not yet signed up, **we have extended the deadline to RSVP for our gala anniversary dinner until May 8.** Please fill out this form and return it to the office with your check, or simply call the office to let us know you're coming and mail in a check. **If the cost of the dinner presents a barrier for you, please let us know and we will work something out.** We want the entire Grace community to join together for this once-in-a lifetime event!

Yes! I plan to attend Grace Episcopal Church's gala 150th Anniversary dinner at St. Noel's Banquet Center.

I would like to purchase ____ dinners at \$45 per plate (couples \$85)

Name(s) of those attending _____

Please clip out and return this RSVP by April 29, 2022, with a check for the total number of dinners requested, made payable to Grace Episcopal Church. Proceeds gathered that exceed the cost of hosting the dinner will benefit the ministries of Grace Episcopal Church. Mail to:

**Grace Church 150th Anniversary
36200 Ridge Road
Willoughby, OH 44094**



EVANGELISM AND OUTREACH UPDATES *from Kathy Hill*

Evangelism Updates:

- **Inviting People to Church:** Inviting people back to church was discussed. It was decided to send postcards with a picture of Grace as an invitation.
- **Inviting People to Church events:** Friends of Recovery, WAMA members and other ministries we serve can receive the *Pace* for schedules.
- **Willoughby Outdoor Market:** Chris Burke purchased a 10 x 10 tent in order to be compliant with the market's space restrictions. May 21 will be the first day that Grace will participate in the market. A sign-up sheet with the schedule of the dates we will participate will be available for those who wish to help out.
- **Bike Blessing May 22:** Flyers will be made and distributed to various shops and clubs by team members.
- **Prayer boxes:** New prayer boxes are in the works, one for upstairs and one for downstairs. More details coming soon.
- **Coffee hour:** Coffee will continue to be poured rather than pouring your own. Wrapped individual snacks can be served. Social distancing continues for now.
- **Sunday School:** Debbie Zimmerman sent crafts to the kids for Palm Sunday and Easter.

Outreach Updates:

- **McKinley Outreach Center:** Bag lunches to be made after Easter. These will contain: 1 sandwich with one meat and cheese, 1 bag chips and 1 cookie. Lunches will be available to guests who are present during Wednesday and Thursday pantry hours. The lunch bags will be assembled Tuesday, May 24. Chris Burke will shop. Kathy Ivey will make cookies. Kathy Hill will deliver the lunches to McKinley.
- **Donna's Christmas Trees:** Grace donated four Christmas trees, 9-10 boxes of a variety of Christmas decorations. These were picked up by Rob and John from Donna's Christmas Trees. They would like to come to Grace and speak during a church service about how their organization began and the wonderful outreach their organization does. Last year 300 families were helped through Donna's Christmas Trees.
- **Forbes House Mother's Day Tea:** May 6, noon to 2 pm at Mentor Yacht Club.
- **Friends of Recovery:** A Tuesday night meal will be planned. Kathy Ivey will pick a date before next meeting. Maybe the menu will be a hamburger/hot dog meal.
- **Scrap metal fund raiser for Little Feet:** First delivery of scrap metal by Walt Iliff netted \$30.
- **Hope Chest:** There is a large plastic chest labeled "HOPE CHEST" for donations of clothing. It is in the hallway next to the table with the donation baskets (near the back steps).

Mission Statements: The teams reviewed Mission Statements for Evangelism and Outreach.

Next meeting: The next combined Evangelism-Outreach meeting will be May 3, 2022, at 7:00 pm.

Thanks for the Thanksgivings!

I want to thank Elizabeth Estep for the wonderful idea of keeping a Thanksgiving Journal throughout Lent. I don't like journaling and resisted it at first, but it was one of the best practices I have started. I moved my prayer time to when I woke in the morning and first wrote in my journal, followed by reading meditations and ending in prayer. I want to try to continue this practice because I really feel the benefits. Again, THANK YOU Elizabeth! – Peggy Burkacki



Nine students from Mentor Memorial Middle School spent time at McKinley for a school project on March 31. They attended a short presentation on poverty given by Pastor Beth Morgan, then proceeded to help volunteers serve the community guests receive items from pantry, the taxable room, clothing rooms, etc. It was good to see how attentive the kids were to the guests and their needs. They were really in the moment.

WORSHIP UPDATES *from the February Worship Committee Meeting*

Choir/music: It is preferred to have background music piped in for the 150th+2 Celebration and Jubilee instead of the Seasonal Brass playing. Scott will check into having music piped in. The choir will robe for the Easter Sunday service.

Holy Week: The Committee set the times and details for Holy Week and Easter services, which were communicated ahead of those services.

Pentecost: Falls on Sunday, June 5 this year.

Other Discussion: The altar in the Chapel will be moved to the Abbey for the May 15 service.

Next meeting: The next Worship Committee meeting will be held after Sunday services on May 1, at approximately 11:30 am.

Where are the Vestry Highlights?

To avoid overlapping with Easter Sunday, the April Vestry meeting was moved from its normal date on the third Sunday of the month (April 17) to the final Sunday of the month (April 24). This meant it occurred too late for Vestry highlights to appear in this month's Pace. Look for a double scoop of highlights in the June newsletter. - Mark

"Striving for Hope" Walk / Virtual

Episcopal Anti-Human Trafficking is hosting a 1 or 2 mile walk to help fund a retreat for the human trafficking survivors at Renee Jones Empowerment Center. This is a spiritual retreat that offers hope for the survivors.

Save the date **May 21, 2022** for the walk.

Place: Solon Community Park

6679 SOM Center Rd, Solon, Ohio 44139

Mail registration to: Grace Church, 36200 Ridge Rd
Willoughby, Ohio 44094-4191

Registration must be submitted by May 18, 2022

Onsite registration begins at 9 AM and the walk starts at 10am

Each person attending must register for this event

Check the box that is best for you.

for one person \$10.00 Name _____

__for family of 4 \$40.00 Family name_____

_____ for a team of 5 \$60.00 Team name _____

_____ for a team of 6 + \$75.00 Team name _____

Walk T-Shirts

Deadline to order t-shirts is May1, 2022

All walk T-shirts will be \$5.00 apiece

____ Small ____ Large ____ XX Large

____Medium ____X Large

Amount due Registration_____

T-Shirt

Cost: _____

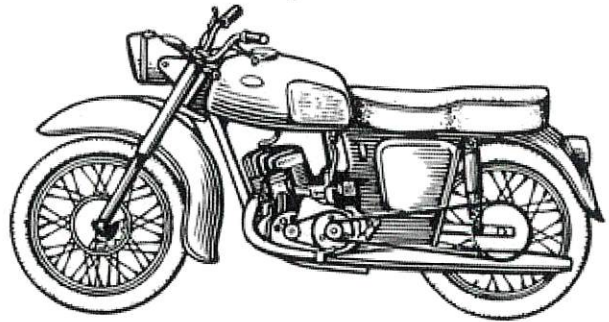
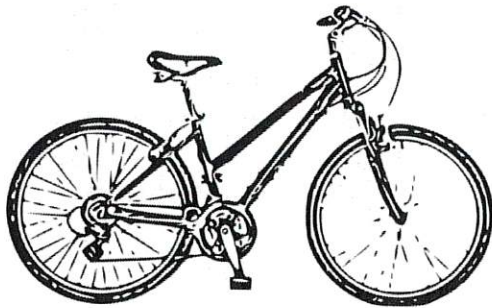
Donations of any amount is greatly appreciated \$ _____

Donations are to be sent to St. Martin's, 6295 Chagrin River Rd, Chagrin Falls, 44022

It's back!

BLESSING OF THE BIKES

(Motor and Pedal)



Sunday, May 22, 2:00 pm

in the upper parking lot of

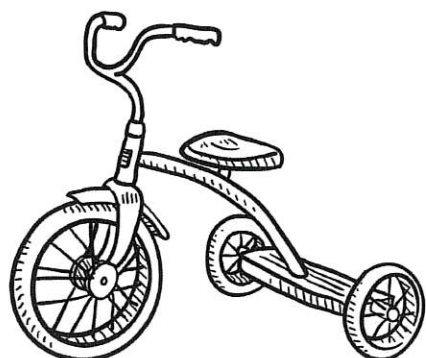
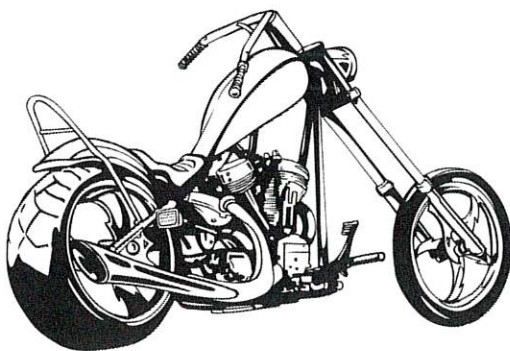
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READINGS FOR THE DAY

May 1
The Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)
Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19
Psalm 30

May 8
The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:36-43
Revelation 7:9-17
John 10:22-30
Psalm 23

May 15
The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1-18
Revelation 21:1-6
John 13:31-35
Psalm 148

May 22
The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:9-15
Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5
John 14:23-29
Psalm 67

May 29
The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:16-34
Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21
John 17:20-26
Psalm 97