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Monday - Friday

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Sunday School

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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 September 18, 2022**



The *Pace* of Grace

September 2022

From the Rev. Rose Anne Lonsway:



The first chapter of 1 Timothy instructs the letter's recipients about avoiding false teaching and promotes "divine training, known by faith" (1:4). Verse 5 states "But the aim of such instruction is love that comes from a pure heart, a good conscience, and sincere faith." Sirach (Ecclesiasticus) 51:25-26 says, "I opened my mouth and said, acquire wisdom for yourselves without money. Put your neck under her yoke, and let your souls receive instruction; it is to be found close by." The "her" referred to here is Wisdom, so we are being directed to open ourselves to the words of God's Wisdom that will lead us to sound thinking, calm conversations and hopefully, sound relationships.

We have an opportunity to take part in some of this "divine training: this 'love that comes from a pure heart'". We will be joining with Church of the Epiphany in Euclid to take on the study of material put together by The Episcopal Church and described as "a sensitive, prayerful resource that creates space for difficult but respectful and transformative dialogue on race and racism." The experience (as described on the Sacred Ground website:

"invites participants to walk back through history to peel away the layers that brought us to today, reflecting on family histories, and stories, as well as important narratives that shape the Collective American story, and, It holds as a guiding star the vision of beloved community – where all people are honored and protected and nurtured as beloved children of God, where we weep at one another's pain and seek one another's flourishing. "

I can tell you that this is not easy work; it is not easy learning. Rev. Hughes and I have taken this course with a group of fellow clergy. The learning is sometimes hurtful, **Continued inside**

From the Rector, continued

sometimes anger producing, yet always showing the way to love better, to do better, to be better. No matter your position on the issues of race, discrimination and oppression in this country, there is something to be learned that will give us wisdom and open our hearts to each other. The information presented may put our desire for civil discourse and what we learned about it in the class we just finished to the test, however, I believe we will persevere!

Please sign up and join in this important work. We do need RSVPs by September 12th so that I can order enough books for all participants, and they will be here for our first class. There will be preparatory reading to do before the first session and that will be coming to you right after the sign-up deadline. The videos and most of the articles are available online. If you want to participate but do not have on-line access, I will get the materials to you and schedule times for you to come to the church to view the videos. There will be no cost to participate in this program.

The other sign-up we are asking for is an RSVP for the Feast of Grace. For the first time in two years, we will come together to celebrate Grace and to continue to recognize our 150+2 years. Sunday September 18 we will have one service at 10:00 am in the Grace Woods pavilion, followed by a potluck lunch. We have invited our friends from Grace Woods and Breckinridge to join us for worship and/or the lunch. We are not asking them to bring anything, but we are asking them to RSVP as well so we can be well prepared.

We have so much going on here at Grace and so many opportunities to serve our Lord in our community. We need all of you to help us continue to be the presence of Jesus in our community, to be the face of Grace! We need you to help us Show up, Stand up, and pray!

M. Rose Anne+

Stand up, Show up, Pray!!



Feast of Grace September 18th - All are Welcome!!

The nominees for 12th Bishop of the Diocese of Ohio are:

- The Rev. Anne B. Jolly, Rector of St. Gregory's Episcopal Church, Deerfield, IL, Diocese of Chicago
- The Rev. Diana L. Wilcox, Rector of Christ Church in Bloomfield and Glen Ridge, NJ, Diocese of Newark
- The Rev. Dr. Elaine Ellis Thomas, Rector of All Saints Episcopal Parish, Hoboken, NJ, Diocese of Newark

The full slate of nominees, including those approved by the Standing Committee through the Petition Process, will be announced in mid-September once all due diligence has been completed. All nominees will be included in the Meet and Greet in October.

October 21-28, 2022 – Meet and Greet with Diocese [Visit the diocesan website for more details, dates, and venues to meet the candidates](#), and add them to your calendar today!

<https://www.dohio.org/bishop-search/transitions-committee>

Prayer for the Election of the 12th Bishop of Ohio

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.

VESTRY Highlights

August 21, 2022

Treasurer's Report-still behind on pledges for the year, ahead in transferring funds, plate offerings are non-pledge. 1st Sunday of the month plate offering is for discretionary fund.

- Stone bench purchased for \$1900.00 for Memorial grove.
- Altar guild to purchase new linens when they are on sale. estimates were not obtained due to leaking hot water tank and toilet.
- The invested funds of the church are down 7.28% for the year to date.
- B&G bill for rectory \$3200.00 for new toilet and hot water tank. - Mary Miragliotta to talk with Campbell's plumbing-bill to be transferred to capital (capital is \$500 +up).
- Foundation earned \$595.00 in dividends through 2nd quarter- \$1200.00 charitable donations to - Habitat for Humanity, St. James, Way out Prison, Church of Epiphany.

Election of candidates Diocesan Convention

- The Vestry is to elect three delegates and three alternates for Diocesan Convention. -Elizabeth Estep, David Zimmerman
- - Mary Miragliotta, Peggy Burkacki, Greg Mackey
- Delegates need to be certified by Oct. 31, 2022, alternates may or may not be able to be at convention, this information will be forthcoming. Convention is Oct. 18 & 19, 2022 Meet and Greets are Oct. 21 & -28 in person or electronically for parishioners to attend.
- Motion to elect Elizabeth Estep & David Zimmerman as delegates, and Greg Mackey and Mary Miragliotta as alternates. Motion carried. The third delegate and alternate will be elected at the September Vestry meeting.

Senior Warden Report-Nominating committee - Mary Miragliotta, David Webster, and Pat Newyear recruiting for upcoming vacancies. An article to be in the PACE for running for vestry.

Junior Warden-

- (B & G bill) new carpeting not being pursued at this time.
- B&G Committee recommends removal of commercial stove and hood. discussion of type of stone (or 2 regular stoves), general renovation of kitchen (a capital project).
- Hooks put on bathroom doors by Phil Davis. Many thanks – look great!
- Directional signs to church (need to be cleared with city, as to size and placement)
- Parking lot scheduled for crack repair/seal coating-need white identification lines around chipmunk holes at rectory

Rector's Report

- Civil Discourse Study- Wed. 6pm, 8 signed up
- Sacred ground-sign-up sheet available.
- Gazebo-Feast of Grace has used chairs supplied by Grace Woods at no cost to us. Grace Woods is purchasing rather than renting chairs, inquired if we would want to donate to the cost since we have free access to them. Motion to give donation not to exceed \$500.00, amount to be determined when cost of chairs known. Motion carried.
- Former member of Grace pd for Memorial plaque for ashes to be placed by parents and an aunt in the Memorial Garden. M. Rose Anne keeps files in her office of final arrangement wishes and Walt keeps a record of who is at Memorial Garden. There is a copy of this and a map in the Rector's office as well.in office.
- Grace Church Data Review for last 10 years, average Sunday attendance is down due to COVID and inability to report some electronic attendance numbers.
- Nominations convention For dioceses – notify M. Rose Anne
- M. Rose Anne time away, 5 days Oct. 20th- 24th, Morning Prayer on Oct. 23rd., also Nov. 25 through Dec. 21, morning prayer and possible coverage of some services by Father Dawson. May also consider Carols for Advent and Christmas for some Sundays.

Fellowship

- Fall events- Feast of Grace, Sept 18th

- Clam Bake Oct. 15th
- Thank you to Dave and Kathy Ivey for a wonderful picnic lunch!!

Outreach

- Sunday school questionnaires sent out-no replies to date

Worship Committee – did not meet in August

Pastoral care

- -meal done for Gail Benigar,
- Pat is putting a note to go into PACE for assistance with funerals.

Next meeting Sept. 25, since the 18th is Feast of Grace

- Mary Miragliotta to take minutes since Sandy cannot attend.
- Meeting ended at 1:30 pm

Respectfully submitted electronically by Sandra Wesley 8-22-2022

Worship Committee did not meet the month of August

EVANGELISM AND OUTREACH UPDATES *from Kathy Hill*

Evangelism Updates:

- Grace will participate in the Outdoor Market on Saturday August 27th Thank you to all who attend and help out at the market. It's such a good opportunity to get our names and faces out into the community and let people know who we are and where we are.
- A variety of herbs from the Good News Garden are being harvested and enjoyed. Thanks to those who have participated in watering the garden to keep it growing so beautifully. What a wonderful bounty we have.
- Prayer requests are being submitted using the prayer box placed downstairs.
- Thank you for helping kids get ready for "back to school" with your donations of school supplies to Forbes House.

OUTREACH UPDATES

- Donations of linens continue to come in for McKinley. Many thanks for your generosity. There continues to be such a great need.
- Walt Iliff is still collecting scrap to turn into dollars for Little Feet. You can bring your donations of metal items to the undercroft and Walt will take it from there.

- Well, we are going to go for it and plan a rummage sale for September 9, 2023. Walt has agreed again to manage this endeavor. There will be many opportunities to pitch in and help so stay tuned for more information. Along with the rummage sale we will have a bake sale as in the past and lunch will be available to purchase.
- There will be a clam bake October 15. Walt Iliff and friends will host.
Oh, Walt again. He's going to need a vacation!
- We recently received 15 plastic containers of Christmas decorations from Pat Newyear's very generous cousin, Laura, for Donna's Christmas Tree's. What an amazing gift! Members of your Outreach team and a couple of others of Grace got together to repack the items from the original containers into boxes for pickup by Rob from Donnas Christmas Trees. So, thank you - thank you to Debbie Zimmerman, Thora Scott, Sandy Wesley, David Webster, Peggy Burkacki and Gary Hill for your help. Altogether with the boxes already waiting for pickup, we have about 26 boxes, 2 large trees and a couple of large bags of Christmas items donated. Great job everyone.

Next meeting: Our next combined meeting is September 6, 2022. You can join us in person or via Zoom so please do. All are welcome.



godbeforeguns.org

A Transformative Community Effort

100% Anonymous

All who donate a firearm, in working order and unloaded will receive a gift card for each firearm given.

Prayer Vigil in the Jubilee Garden

All welcome for the outdoor Prayer and music beginning at 1:30 and concluding with a forge demonstration

St. Andrew Episcopal Church
7989 Little Mountain Road
Mentor, Ohio-
440-255-8842
<http://standrew-mentor.com>



**Guns to Gardens
Gun Buy Back Event**
Saturday September 17
11 am-1pm

Sponsored by:

**North East Mission Area
(NEMAC)**
Diocese of Ohio
<https://www.dohio.org>
Grace, Wiloughby,
gracewilloughby.org;
Epiphany, Euclid
epiphanyeuclid.org
Kirtland Hills Police Department

Instructions for Firearm Transfer

Bring working firearms, unloaded, and in the trunk of the vehicle. No ammunition accepted. Remain in the vehicle until the firearms have been removed from the trunk.

Gift card Distribution

Gift cards ranging from \$50 to \$250 will be given in exchange for each firearm. The denomination of gift card given will depend upon the type of weapon turned in.

Forge Demonstration

Watch a gun part turned into a garden tool before your eyes. See examples of garden tools previously made from gun parts

**Still time to sign up for [Sacred Ground](#) course with Church of Epiphany
one Sunday a month around 11:30 am**

SACRED GROUND

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Mother Rose Anne needs a head count by September 12th in order to make the purchase and delivery of both books in time for the first-class Sept. 25th. No cost to you!! Just sign-up. Sign-up sheet is at the table as you come into the church. Here are the tentative dates, subject to change if necessary and by agreement of the final group of attendees of both churches.

Sept 25, Oct 30, Nov 27, Jan 8, Jan 29, Feb 26, Mar 26, Apr 23, May 21, June 25

There will be one more class not yet listed, as an 11th class has been added to the course.

**These are the texts we will be using: *Waking Up White* by Debby Irving,
and *Jesus and the Disinherited* by Dr. Howard Thurman**



Choir rehearsal set to begin Sept.8



"Donna's Trees", working hard are Peggy Burkacki, Gary Hill, Dave Webster, Debbie Zimmerman, and Thora Scott. Not pictured Kathy Hill and Pat Newyear.

It is not too early to begin thinking about running for Vestry. There will be 3 places that will need to be filled in February. As you know the Vestry is the governing body of the church. They meet 1 time a month after the 10:00 am service and hopefully attend the spiritual events that occur. It is a great way to learn more about the workings of the church while having fun. Any questions, ask a present vestry member or M. Rose Anne. Please tell Dave. Webster, Mary Miragliotta, or Pat Newyear if you are interested in running!

Sunday School

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Sunday School will not be starting until the end of September. So, you still have time to send in your questionnaires. If you have any questions, concerns or comments please write them down and return with the enclosed paper you were sent. We look forward to seeing you!

The Sunday School Team

Volunteer Opportunity

The Rev. Mike Currier from the Body of Christ Church and the Willoughby House of Prayer in downtown Willoughby is asking us personally to consider if any of you would be willing to offer two to three hours a week being present at the House of Prayer. By the way there are always two volunteers present when the House of Prayer is open. If you are interested or would like more information, please ask M. Rose Anne

Prayer Shawls

1st & 3rd Thursday at 2:00 pm

Please come!!!

You don't have to knit or crochet



*We are meeting every Wednesday at 1pm
We are going through old pictures and articles
and making new scrapbooks. We are also
planning some events such as Feast of Grace!
If interest, come join us!!!*



READINGS FOR THE DAY

September 4
The Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost
Proper 18

Jeremiah 18:1-11
Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17
Philemon 1-21
Luke 14:25-33

September 11
The Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost
Proper 19

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28
Psalm 14
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10

September 18
The Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost
Proper 20

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1
Psalm 79:1-9
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Luke 16:1-13

September 25
The Sixteenth Sunday of Easter
Proper 21

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15
Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16
1 Timothy 6:6-19
Luke 16:19-31