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9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Monday - Friday

Children's Christian Education

Sunday School

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Lynn Kramp

Debbie Zimmerman

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
Friday, November 18, 2022



The *Pace* of Grace

November 2022

From the Rev. Rose Anne Lonsway:



From The Rector November 2022

Dear Friends,

We are Drawing closer to the election of our Bishop Coadjutor, and I hope that you all have had an opportunity to read about and listen to the three nominees. I had the privilege of spending time with them during Meet and Greet week and I have come to understand what a difficult decision we have ahead of us. The difficulty of this decision makes it even more important that each of you pray that the Holy Spirit lead us to the candidate of God's choice. That will happen when we all do our due diligence and discernment and share our thoughts with our convention delegates, who will be voting as your representatives. Don't forget that I have a vote as well as delegates Elizabeth Estep, David Webster, and David Zimmerman. Alternates are Mary Miragliotta and Greg Mackey and they need to be as prepared as the delegates in case they are called on to fill in for a delegate. This is such important work for us and for our Diocese; please help us hear the Holy Spirit.

There are a few things coming up beside convention that you may want to know about.

1. Many thanks to Elizabeth Estep and Toni Swisher for their great work on our fall Stewardship activities. We are reminded that we are the beneficiaries of God's great love and abundance – knowing that it is always enough. If you have not yet committed to supporting our parish over the next year, it is not too late to turn in a card. There are extras on the table at the entrance. Your commitment to Grace Church is a commitment to God and allows us to become the hands and feet of Christ in our community, spreading His love in the world.

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From the Rector, continued

- Lay licenses have expired, and we need to get them reactivated. If you have an interest in serving as a Eucharistic Minister, Eucharistic Visitor and/or Worship Leader, let me know. I am planning a training for Saturday November 12th at 10:00 a.m. If that does not work for some of you, I will schedule another session as soon as I am able.
- Advent begins the Sunday after Thanksgiving, and we will follow our tradition of beginning our services by lighting the Advent Wreath. Please sign up for one of these opportunities. The signup sheet will be in the entryway.
- As many of you know, I will be taking time off in December. We will have a variety of services to observe this time of anticipation and reflection, as we prepare to meet our Lord as an infant once again and discern how we are being called to follow him. Check out the calendar so you can plan ahead to be a part of these special worship experiences. Father Dawson will be with you for several of our services, we will have Advent Lessons and Carols, Morning Prayer, and an Advent Study. Please support these worship opportunities with your presence and participation.
- The Vestry nominations Committee is working diligently to develop a slate of candidates to become Vestry members at our Annual Meeting in February 2023. I ask you to consider allowing your name to be placed in nomination for this most important work. Our polity is that of a representative body as I discussed above. The Vestry is responsible for not only the business of our parish, but assisting the Rector in matters spiritual, giving advice and counsel that directs our present and our future. Remember to Stand up, Step up and pray! And consent to be considered for a seat on the Vestry Leadership Team.

Lastly, I ask your prayers for those of us facing surgery in November, for our families and for the medical personnel providing our care. I want to assure you again that my situation appears to be the best it can be within the diagnosis. I believe that the surgery will be but a brief hiccup and that, thanks to be to God, all will be well.

Peace, health, and blessings,

M. Rose Anne+

Treasurer Report

- \$5000 behind in pledges; no transfer from Grace Woods; no concerns, vestry expense questioned-the \$250 was for the Mutual Ministry Review, consultant.
- Our investments with Wells Fargo are down.
- Budget needs approval from Vestry before annual meeting 2023; committee heads need budget in by approx. Nov. 1, 2022. Vestry liaisons to contact their team leads.

Senior Warden Report

- Nominations in progress: Vestry should be asking members for nominees.
- Stewardship started, letters, cards sent out, should be returned by middle to end of Oct.
- Cookie exchange discussed for Christmas. 2nd week in Dec.
- Thankfulness Jar will be starting in @ advent

Junior Warden Report

- Rear fence repair discussed-\$450 for black post by Shannon Fencing, to be done when tender has availability.
- Cabinets from lower level to be put up by Phil Davis & scoutmaster Michael Johnson, counter tops needed, possible purchase, Phil Davis to evaluate.
- Discussed exterior painting of church
- Containers for ice melt discussed for upstairs and downstairs doors so anyone can use them
- Forenza Stone-Thank you note to be sent for cutting the stone for Memorial Grove free of charge

Rector's Report

- Sacred Ground, had first meeting, next meeting is Oct. 30th. Sound needs to be improved for zoom.
- Review of Vestry Retreat/goals: Priorities-1. Operation guidelines, 2. Spiritual life 3. Communication. So far Fellowship-doing well, Get protocols in writing, Calendar, Thankfulness jars out at beginning of advent.
- Meet & Greet: refer to website <https://www.dohio.org/> for current dates and places
- 8am service: discussed, moving to chapel or move to one service 9 or 9:30am, more discussion needed.
- Safeguarding God's children & racial justice is online, required for vestry members
- Had email issues with emails bouncing on yahoo and AT&T, changing provider considered
- Mother Rose Ann will be here Oct. 23. (was previously going to be off)
- Is going to gone Nov. 25th thru Dec. 22, Father Dawson here 12/4, 12/7, 12/18, 12/21

Morning Prayer Dec. 11- Wed. morning Prayer will be Father Dawson or cancelled possibly

Wed. Bible Study group- David Webster to assist

Friday Zoom Social- Sherrie

Outreach & Evangelism Report

- Little Feet 11/5 & 6
- Hannah's Home to have giving Tree
- Donation of \$5000 to McKinley
- Prayer box to be made for upstairs
- Final outdoor Willoughby Market was Sept. 15. For this year.

Worship Report

- Pet Blessing-one animal other than the Rector's family of 3 animals.
- Sunday School-I child
- 150th anniversary group-redoing pictures, scrapbooks
- Vestry encouraged to communicate with members of church more, socialize
- Clambake very well done, approx. 20 people attended

EVANGELISM AND OUTREACH UPDATES *from Kathy Hill*

- Our Pet Blessing was held Sunday, October 4. Mother Rose Anne blessed 4 beautiful dogs. Of course, the pets enjoyed a yummy treat and were given a St. Francis medal along with their blessing.
- Our final Willoughby Outdoor Market was held September 17. We are so grateful to all who took the time to come to the market to set up and man our tent. We were blessed to have a presence at the market this year and hopefully made some new friends.
- We are grateful to Phil Davis who has agreed to make a second Prayer Box to be placed upstairs near the front entrance. Phil also made the Prayer Box that is currently being used by the Groups who meet downstairs.
- Joanna, an associate from NAMI gave a very informative presentation on better understanding mental illness and that help is available.
- Peggy Burkacki introduced a new Evangelism project idea with The Way Out Ministries. More information to follow.
- On October 2, our sweet Arianna was the first to attend this year's Sunday School with Miss Debbie and Miss Bobbin.
- Mother Rose Anne and Kathy Hill met with Diana, Family Liaison with Grant Elementary School regarding this year's Little Feet shopping weekend. The shopping weekend is scheduled for Saturday November 5 and Sunday November 6. Our most current estimate from Diana of children attending this shopping weekend is 120 children. Again, this year eligible families from Edison, Grant, Longfellow, & Jefferson Elementary Schools will be participating. JCPenny will provide the shoes and boots with gift cards provided by Grace Church.

- McKinley Community Outreach Center - Bag lunches and meals are hold until roof repaired, which it sounds like will be soon.
 - Grace's final donation of \$5,000 for 2022 was made and most gratefully received. This completed our \$10,000 pledge to McKinley for 2022.
- Friends of Recovery's H.O.P.E. shop held their first very successful sale September 15 - 17. They sell gently loved furniture and household items. Proceeds help support the operations of Arukah, Tikvah and Shalom houses in Willoughby.
- Again, we feast! So don't forget the Clam Bake is October 15 at 4:00pm, downstairs. We dine at 5:00 pm. Many thanks to Walt Iliff and all the good cooks who put on this feast!
- For our Holiday Outreach, this year it was agreed that we go with the "Giving Tree" for Hannah's House. Tags with items needed will be provided for the tree. Information to follow.
- Feast of Grace service and meal went very well. The service was beautiful and there was plenty of delicious food brought in by our members. Several residents of Grace Woods attended. What a great day!
- Our next Evangelism and Outreach meeting is scheduled for November 1 at our new start time of 6:30 pm.

All are welcome. Peace and Blessings.

Your Evangelism and Outreach Team

Worship Committee Highlights

October 2022

1. Sunday School
 - Debbie and Bobbin held Sunday School for Arianna Sunday, Oct. 2. For now, we will continue upstairs.
 - Two tables were moved out of the Sunday school room downstairs and into the large room.
 - New crafts have been ordered. Debbie received Halloween, fall and Thanksgiving crafts to send. Advent wreaths ordered. Debbie will talk to Sherrie about ordering crafts for the older children.
2. Altar Guild
 - Buildings and Grounds is getting ready to proceed with cabinets for the Sacristy. Phil Davis presented Plan A and Plan B. Plan B was favored by Altar Guild.
 - Thora Scott will repair the altar linen that was accidentally burned during Feast of Grace.
3. Choir
 - Scott heard from the Brass Group, who confirmed for Christmas Eve. The names of the musicians to perform will follow.
 - Choir remains small group but consistent.
4. Upcoming services and events (per spreadsheet distributed at this meeting)
 - All Saints 11/1, celebrated 11/6 – Mother Rose Anne will be here.
 - All Souls (Weds 11/2)

Christ the King Sunday (11/20)

Thanksgiving (11/24) – 9:00 a.m. Morning prayer, no Eucharist. Zoom and Facebook live.

Advent begins 11/27 – Advent Lessons and Carols. We will do 6 lessons. Scott is putting the music together. Bulletins will be created.

5. Review RAL+ worksheet for time away. Worksheet was discussed, edited, and updated.

Other discussion:

We will discuss with Vestry having the 8:00 a.m. Sunday service and 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday service in the Chapel since attendance has been so low. Do we need to have UTO? This has been discussed and Elizabeth is trying to come up with further information on collection date, etc.

A few extra notes from the Senior Warden's Corner

Our Next Bishop

The election- our next Bishop happens at the annual Diocesan convention on **Sat**, 19-Nov. As we're up to date on our Diocesan reports, dues, and other responsibilities, our three lay delegates and Mother Rose Anne, representing Grace Church, will vote. Your lay delegates are Elizabeth Estep, David Webster, and Dave Zimmerman

We delegates would very much like to hear your opinions about the candidates. There are posters in the Gathering Place about the three candidates with space for you to provide comments and feedback. There are Meet and Greets with the candidates around the diocese the week beginning 19-Oct. There are also links at the Diocesan website (www.dohio.org) to biographies, resumes, responses to standard essay questions, and short videos of each candidate.

Grace 2023 Budget: Pledge Cards and Teams

Please return your Pledge Cards by **Sun, 6-Nov**. They are collated, and the totals given to the Treasurer for planning our 2023 budget.

If you are the leader of a Grace Team that has expenses throughout the year, please make sure your 2023 budget request is given to the Treasurer by **6-Nov.**, so it can be included the 2023 budget planning.

The Treasurer will use this info to build a draft budget, to present for review at the November Vestry meeting. This gives your Vestry two months to discuss and revise the budget to support our mission and needs before voting to approve it. The Vestry-approved budget is then presented to the parish at the Annual Meeting on 5-Feb for ratification.

Thanksgiving Jar

The **Sunday** after **Thanksgiving** is Advent 1, the season of preparing for the coming of our Lord at his birth on **Christmas** morning. The shepherds came to greet him with gifts of praise and

awe, the wise men with gold and incense, and we will greet with him gifts of [thanksgiving](#). During the season of Advent, please share your thanksgivings in our [Christmas Thanksgiving Jar](#), in the entry way, to be presented to Jesus of Nazareth during our celebration of the gift of his birth at [Christmas](#).



Vestry

*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!



Pastoral care

*We have recently had a couple of funerals. As usual the same few people made them very pleasant welcoming events. **Now is the time we need bring new people on board.***

Usually, an order needs to be placed and picked up for small sandwiches, veg. tray & desserts. *The serving area downstairs needs to be setup. Coffee and & tea prepared. Serving & eating utensils setup. **If you can and are interested in helping in any of these areas, please let M. Rose Anne or myself know. Any help will be appreciated!*

*Pat Newyear
Chair Pastoral Care
440-946-8384
prnewyear@oh.rr.com*

Operating Fund Interim Report -- thru end of September 2022

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Pledge and Plate Contributions		\$66,606.40	\$70,667.91	-\$4,061.51
Other Income		\$3,604.00	\$2,834.50	\$769.50
Transfer from Grace Woods Capital Fund		\$110,040.00	\$111,056.26	-\$1,016.26
Total Income		\$180,250.40	\$184,558.67	-\$4,308.27
<u>Expenses</u>				
Personel		\$90,550.62	\$98,702.76	-\$8,152.14
Buildings and Grounds		\$40,817.00	\$31,120.24	\$9,696.76
Operations		\$43,218.77	\$39,673.96	\$3,544.81
Worship and Programs		\$10,092.37	\$20,133.76	-\$10,041.39
Total Expenses		\$184,678.76	\$189,630.72	-\$4,951.96
Excess/Deficit		-\$4,428.36	-\$5,072.05	\$643.69

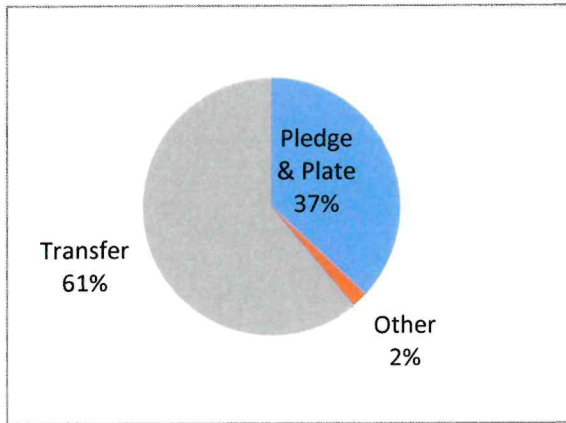
Treasurer's Report

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.

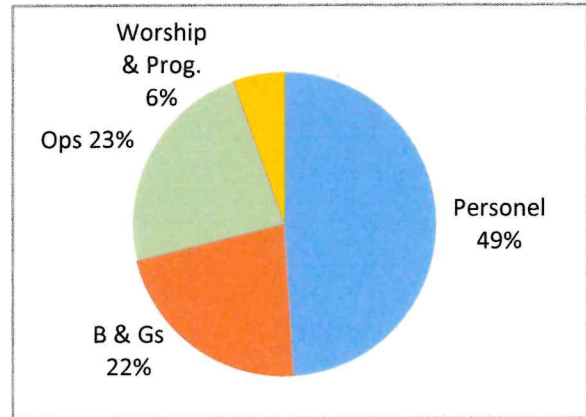
Harry Dodds, Treasurer

From the Treasurer Corner

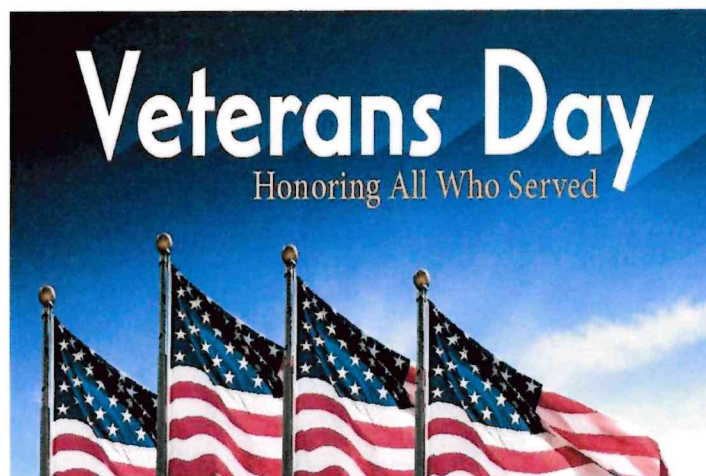
Income



Operating
Fund Interim
Report thru
end of Sept
2022
Expenses



The dust has settled on the construction of a handicapped accessible restroom. It is time to reconvene the Long-Range Planning Committee to study where we go from here. What is more important: the installation of an elevator to connect the two levels of the church building, remodeling the downstairs kitchen, making the downstairs restrooms handicapped accessible, replacing the sign board out front with an electronic sign or many other things we'd like but can't afford at the same time. If interested in serving on this committee contact David Webster by e-mail at dqw70969@yahoo.com, telephone at 440-944-9362 or in person after any 10:00 am Sunday worship service.



Join us to celebrate our Grace Family Christmas Season

December 10, 2022

6:00pm - 9:00 pm

Grace Episcopal Church



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Grace Cookie Exchange

Grace will host a classic [Christmas](#) Cookie Exchange as part of the Christmas Party Saturday Dec. 10th. Please make your favorite cookies, then package them in sets of a dozen. Bring them to the Gathering Place, and we'll exchange dozens so that we all leave with a variety of cookies for our holiday celebrations.

Please sign up on the sheet in the entry way, so we know how many people are participating. If you know what you plan to bring, please note it, just so we don't wind up exchanging a dozen versions of chocolate chip cookies.





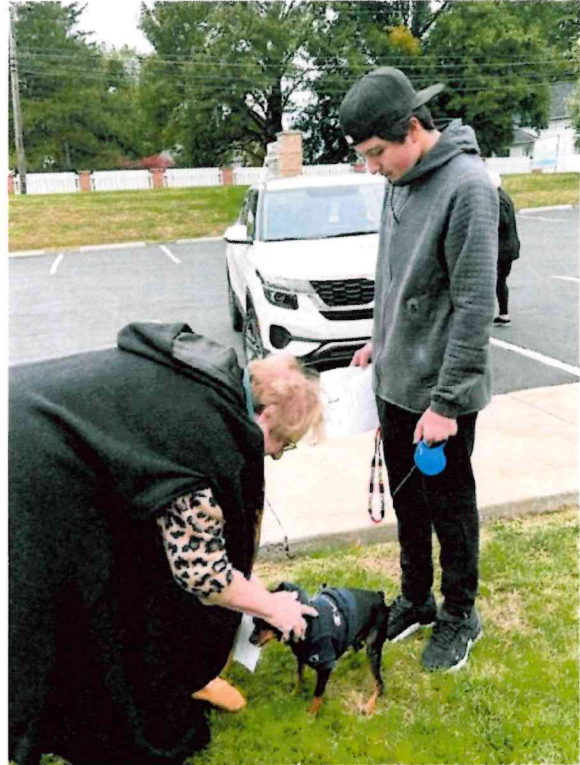
*We are meeting every Wednesday at 1pm
We are going through old pictures and articles and making new scrapbooks
If interest, come join us!!!*

Perhaps the oral presentation at the 152 anniversary was a little long but much of Grace's interesting history had to be left out. We are now collecting people's remembrances to be saved in written form in the church archives for future generations to enjoy. Do you have a favorite story you can share? Please submit your memories to the church office clearly titled HISTORY PROJECT.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

*We are meeting every Wednesday at 1pm
We are going through old pictures and articles and making new scrapbooks. We had a great time
planning the Feast of Grace, what could be next?!*
*If interest, come join us!!! **You don't have to knit or crochet***





Pet Blessing



DEAR GRACE VOLUNTEERS, THANK YOU
VERY MUCH FOR YOUR WORK DURING
MOM'S (MARILYN TAYLOR) CELEBRATION
OF LIFE ON AUGUST 13TH. YOUR WORK
BEHIND THE SCENE WAS SO APPRECIATED.
GRACE BEING MY HOME PARISH, IT WAS GOOD
TO SEE FAMILIAR FACES. AND MEET SOME
NEW FOLKS. THANK YOU!! -BRIT TAYLOR

Brit Dick Inorn Kelli Taylor
Susan Bethany Kim



READINGS FOR THE DAY

November 6

The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 27

[Daniel 7:1-3,15-18](#)

[Psalm 149](#)

[Ephesians 1:11-23](#)

[Luke 6:20-31](#)

November 13

The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 28

[Isaiah 65:17-25](#)

[Canticle 9](#)

[2 Thessalonians 3:6-13](#)

[Luke 21:5-19](#)

November 20

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 29

[Jeremiah 23:1-6](#)

[Canticle 16](#)

[Colossians 1:11-20](#)

[Luke 23:33-43](#)

November 27

The First Sunday of Advent

[Isaiah 2:1-5](#)

[Romans 13:11-14](#)

[Matthew 24:36-44](#)

[Psalm 122](#)