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# The *Pace* of Grace

December/January 2022-2023

From the Rev. Rose Anne Lonsway:



From the Rector December 2022 and January 2023

Dear Friends,

Many of you who are followers of Forward Movement daily meditations, are familiar with Scott Gunn, Forward Movement's Executive Director and co-founder of Lent Madness. Scott had a major health crisis this summer and has written about it. I share it with you because I found it very moving and insightful. There is much here to contemplate as we enter the Advent and Christmas seasons.

It also reverberates with me because I am familiar with Scott's wife, Sherilynn. Having been ordained in the Diocese of Southern Ohio, I did Fresh Start for new clergy with Sherilyn. This brought a deep investment in this miracle for me. I hope you absorb this experience as deeply as I did.

## Of preservation and blessings

BY [SCOTT GUNN](#) · SEPTEMBER 26, 2022

Every day I pray the General Thanksgiving — one of my favorites from the Book of Common Prayer — twice, once each at morning prayer and evening prayer. Certain lines have always stuck with me, and others have been less remarkable. Very recently, I've been praying one line with particular fervor: "We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life..."

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### **From the Rector, continued**

The “creation” and “blessings” have always been easy for me to celebrate. But I’d given less thought to “preservation.” This was a missed opportunity, one that I hope to catch up on.

Back in my parish priest days, it was my practice most weeks to stand outside the church on Sunday mornings to greet worshipers as they arrived. Though it’s been more than ten years, I can still remember the standard greetings from several parishioners in the parishes I served. There was one man who said the same thing each week. He’d walk up, and I’d say something like, “Good morning! How are you today?” And every week, like clockwork, he replied, “It’s all good. I’m still on the right side of the grass.”

I used to laugh with him at his jovial comment. Looking back, I now realize that he was thankful in a profound way for the “preservation” of his life. Whatever else came his way, he was grateful simply to be alive and savoring God’s creation day by day. He was a deeply grateful man, so it’s not surprising his gratitude list would include preservation.

If you had asked me a few months ago if I’m grateful to be alive, I’d have truthfully answered “yes.” But I’m not sure that it hit me the same way it does now, to be *deeply* grateful for God’s preservation of my life.

You see, a few weeks ago, I almost died.

On July 20, I arrived at Singapore’s airport intending to be there a few hours while I waited for my connecting flight on my way to Vietnam for vacation. Instead of catching my flight, I had a serious medical crisis: I suffered a cardiac arrest. There in the airport, people performed CPR on me for 59 (!) minutes. They administered six shocks to my heart to get it going again. It’s easy to imagine a CPR team giving up before the 59th minute. But they continued, and their work and perseverance saved my life.

That's not all. When I collapsed from the cardiac arrest, I hit my head. That did quite a number on my brain, causing several different injuries. I was rushed to the nearest hospital and placed in intensive care.

Sherilyn, my spouse, was not with me. She was back in Ohio when I collapsed and was admitted to the hospital. When she first spoke with the people at the hospital, they told her I probably wouldn't survive.

I won't bore you with the details, but during the two weeks or so I was in the hospital, I received outstanding medical care from the doctors and nurses at Changi General Hospital.

There are just too many astonishments to believe that my continued life is anything but a miracle. There were skilled people near where I collapsed, and their CPR worked, eventually. My brain was injured but not permanently broken. Before long, the doctors were telling Sherilyn that I'd eventually make a full recovery, though the healing journey will be a long one.

After I was discharged from the hospital, I had to remain in Singapore until I received medical clearance to travel home. On August 10, I had a CT scan of my brain. The neurosurgeon said I was having a remarkable recovery. The bleeding had stopped. There was some non-critical but still serious swelling, and a couple of other issues. The doctor was encouraging in terms of eventual recovery, but he said I should wait a while longer for the brain swelling to subside before traveling home.

On September 7, I had a follow-up CT scan. When I walked in the door of the neurologist's office, he said something like, "You don't even look like the same person I saw a month ago." This is not a surprise, because I had walked into his office in September; in August I arrived in a wheelchair. When he started reviewing the scans, he joyfully said something like, "I'm so surprised by what I'm seeing. Nearly all the damage is healed! Your brain looks remarkably healthy."

Again, I won't bore you with all the detail, but suffice it to say that he cleared me to travel home. And he was visibly moved by the unexpected healing he saw.

A cardiologist I spoke with couldn't quite bring himself to use the word "miracle" but he was unable to explain my survival of the original incident and my ongoing healing.

It's humbling to think that God might have intervened to heal me. Why would God choose *me*? What does this mean for the remaining time in my earthly pilgrimage? I don't really have good answers yet, but I'm praying about this regularly. Maybe ask me in a few years, should God continue to preserve me for that long.

For now, there are three big insights on which I am reflecting.

First, when I pray the line about creation, preservation, and blessings from the General Thanksgiving, I fervently bless God for preserving my life. And now I understand God's *preservation* of other lives differently, too. I don't know how long it will continue, but I experience each day as a profound gift. That gift was always true from the moment of my birth, but perhaps I took it for granted. I am grateful now each morning when I wake up — my habit of morning and evening prayer has taken on deeper and new meanings for me.

Second, when I first became aware of what had happened to me, I was struck anew by the precarious nature of my life — and of all our lives. As I thought about the possibility of dying, I realized that I'm unafraid of death. All these years, I *intellectually believed* that was true, but when the possibility gets serious you really ponder this stuff! Maybe you've had this experience. But I am here to testify that I believe that Jesus Christ has conquered death and sin on the cross and in the empty tomb. God our Father raised Jesus to new life, and he can surely raise each one of us to new life, also. "Death no longer has dominion" is not an abstraction. By God's grace, I am not afraid.

I do not know how long I will live. Because of my desire to bear witness, I hope I am given many more years! But I know I am ready to meet my Maker when that moment comes.

Third, and you might have figured this one out by reading this very blog post, I have some desire to share the Gospel with increased urgency. I've devoted much of my life to preaching the Gospel, and I have no regrets about any of that. But now I want to bear witness to God's deep love of us and of God's desire that we might live abundantly, both in this life and in the life to come.



I thought about waiting a bit longer to write all this. Inevitably, major life events — both triumphs and traumas — look different with the benefit of time and reflection. So perhaps I'll want to write something else in due course. But I also didn't want to wait a moment longer to bear witness.

People are understandably always asking how I'm doing. I'm still under medical care, and I'm focused on my journey of healing. So far, all the doctors continue to say that they expect I'll make a full recovery. I've got some work to do, and it will be a while until I'm back to my regular activities 100%. But I look forward to that day. My journey will surely have some twists and turns. Meanwhile, I'm grateful for prayers and for tangible acts of kindness from strangers and friends around the world. I plan to say more about that in future posts.

If you message me and I don't answer, it's because I'm limiting screen time and focusing on rest and recovery. But I do look forward to being in touch and to returning to my work when the doctors tell me it's time for that.

Thank you for your prayers! And blessings to you all. God really loves you. Personally. And life is precious, a daily gift. Savor your time and be delighted by the gift of preservation.

If you don't know it, here's the General Thanksgiving in the lovely cadences of ancient (Rite I) language. You can join me in praying morning and evening prayer with the free Forward Day by Day app ([iOS](#) or [Android](#)) or at the [prayer website](#) from Forward Movement.

***The General Thanksgiving***

*Almighty God, Father of all mercies,*

*we thine unworthy servants*

*do give thee most humble and hearty thanks*

*for all thy goodness and loving-kindness*

*to us and to all men.*

*We bless thee for our creation, preservation,*

*and all the blessings of this life;*

*but above all for thine inestimable love*

*in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,*

*for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we beseech thee,  
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,  
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;  
and that we show forth thy praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to thy service,  
and by walking before thee  
in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,  
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.*  
— 1979 Book of Common Prayer, page 58

### **Lessons from a crisis**

BY [SCOTT GUNN](#) · OCTOBER 27, 2022

As I wrote in my previous post, I’ve had some epiphanies after a recent health crisis this past summer. In this post, I won’t retell the details of my crisis (you can learn more from Episcopal News Service, [first report](#) and [update](#), and my post about [what I learned from it](#)). In today’s post, I want to share some more practical lessons. Perhaps I’ll have more to say about theological lessons in the future.

Nothing I’m sharing here is particularly novel. But it was helpful to me to refresh my learning, and maybe it will be helpful to you, too.

### **Say it now**

When I served full-time as a parish priest, I found funerals to be some of the most difficult but also the most honest moments in ministry. I would hear people say loving and deeply heartfelt things to one another. Often they would share their affection for the deceased. Again and again, I found myself wondering, “why did someone have to die in order for these conversations to take place?”

It’s so easy to take life for granted. But as I’ve been freshly reminded, each day is a gift from God. It really shifts one’s perspective to think, “what shall I do today, possibly my last day?” Or “so-and-so might not be with us tomorrow, so what do I need to say right now?”

After my mother had a stroke, I was with her a lot over her last few months. We had a chance to talk about the most important things. She shared with me how she felt about her impending death. We talked about plans after she died. Of course, I was deeply saddened when she finally died, but I had no regrets for unspoken words. More to the point, we had some conversations that were truly holy.

Maybe it's not so surprising that too many of us often stop short of the vulnerability of saying things that matter. There's little time for heartfelt conversation in a go-go-go world. But I hope we can change that.

One gift of my Summer of Unpleasant Events is that many people — strangers and friends — from all over the world shared with me their deep concern and fervent prayers. And many people told me how my life and ministry have affected them. I'm not a person who usually relies on external affirmation, but the wave of kindness and concern was an astounding gift. Sure, I wish I didn't almost die, but it's gratifying to hear that my vocation has made a difference to so many people.

I'm so grateful to people for saying what they needed to say. I hope I follow this example not just in crisis, but always. And I invite you to do the same.

### **Offer tangible support**

When friends have gone through difficult times, I have often said, "If you need anything, say the word. I'm glad to help in any way I can." In saying this, I was trying to make a sincere offer without imposing my agenda on a person going through a crisis. But after facing a lengthy crisis, I am profoundly grateful for all those who offered tangible support in concrete ways. We received the help we needed without having to ask for it.

On the day I collapsed in Singapore, one friend helped Sherilyn figure out where I was, how to contact the hospital, and how she could get to Singapore quickly. Another friend started working on getting me local pastoral care in Singapore from the Anglican diocese. Another friend traveled to Singapore to help Sherilyn. Other friends took care of our house and found lodging for our beloved companion, George T. Dog. When George's first accommodation didn't work, another set of friends took him into their home for weeks. Yet another friend sent us lavishly beautiful flowers that would

brighten our home when we returned from Singapore. Other friends scooped up Sherilyn and got her to the airport when she needed to leave; they also insisted on picking us up the day we flew back to the USA. I could go on and on.

The cost of last-minute plane tickets, medical care, hotels, and daily expenses in an unplanned stay in another country add up. Several folks sent us money to help. That relieved my worry considerably.

We didn't have to ask for a bit of help. And yet people stepped up. I'm quite sure if we had needed other help, friends would have been glad to do it.

Now, each one of these friends gave their help in a gracious and kind way that didn't impose their agenda onto us as we faced the crisis. They gave us opportunities to say no. But they offered before we needed to ask.

I see now that this makes perfect sense. From now on, when one of my friends is facing a crisis, when I'm offering help, it will be specific help that I imagine they might need. They may say no if they want, but they won't need to ask for help with whatever needs they might have.

Words cannot say how grateful I am for all the help and kindness we received. There is so much to celebrate in knowing the wondrous people who inhabit the wondrous world in which we live.

### **Care for staff**

Over the last few weeks, I had a few visits to occupational therapy. I was getting some tests to make sure I was ready for work and so on (the news is all good). On my first visit, the occupational therapist asked me about work: when did I need to return? I told her that I work for a small church-related nonprofit with a fantastic board. I said that they had told me I should stay away from work as long as I need to in order to heal, that healing literally comes before work. The board also found someone to serve as acting executive director in my absence and assured me that my job was waiting for me when I was well enough to return.



When I said all this to the occupational therapist, I think her jaw actually dropped. She told me that many of her patients are fired after serious injuries or illnesses. Others face tremendous pressure to return to work before they are healed. Thanks to a compassionate and forward-leading board, I didn't have to worry about work at all. I just had to focus on healing. Perhaps that's one reason I've healed so well thus far!

If you are in a position to see to the welfare of staff facing a crisis, I implore you to see them primarily as people, not as human resources. For years at Forward Movement, I've said to staff members again and again, "family comes first" or "get well, we'll take care of the work while you heal." I never had any idea that this workplace culture would one day serve me as I faced a crisis. But thanks be to God, the staff and board at Forward Movement have valued me first as a servant of God and a person. Because of that, I'll come back as a stronger, healthier, and more faithful executive director. Praise be to God.

### **Love others as Christ loved us**

Jesus gathered with his disciples the night before he died, and he gave them some instruction on how to carry on his work. We read in John 13 the new commandment that Jesus gave his followers: "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."

If we weren't careful, we could imagine that loving others roughly equates to being nice to people. But when Jesus says we're meant to love one another as he loves us, we must think about how he loves us. Fully. Sacrificially. Graciously.

When Sherilyn arrived in Singapore this summer, I was in intensive care. She was trying to piece together my health condition and what I needed — and what she needed. It was overwhelming.

One of our friends worked through a network of church folk so that an Anglican priest would come to visit me in the hospital and anoint me. Word spread in the Anglican Diocese of Singapore, and before long the vicar of a church not far from the hospital also visited. When I was finally awake, he brought me Holy Communion and prayed with me, several times. He and his wife took Sherilyn under their wings and offered her meals and helped her find good coffee. They even offered her the use of an

apartment at the church. In short, they did everything they could to help her feel anchored and loved in a strange place and a strange time.

When I was discharged from the hospital and feeling a bit better, this amazing church again offered their apartment to us. Parishioners brought us food. Some invited us for meals. They welcomed us into their church community and invited us to take part in church life as we were able. Most importantly, they prayed for us without ceasing.

About the second week I was able to attend Sunday services, Sherilyn and I sat together in church. Right after the service, a couple came over to introduce themselves, having realized we were new to the church. When we introduced ourselves, they said, “Oh, we didn’t recognize you, but we know who you are. We’ve been praying for you in our home every day.” Strangers. They were praying for us not because we were their friends, but because we are fellow members of Christ’s body, the church.

Again and again, this church — its members, its staff, and its clergy — loved us. Everyone loved us as Christ has loved them, and in so doing, they showed us and the world that they are living as disciples of Jesus Christ.

I’ve seen and experienced plenty of love in churches. It comes quickly and easily for those we know. What especially inspired me about our time at the church in Singapore is that so very many people loved us beyond measure though we were strangers.

If you ever have a chance to be in Singapore, I encourage you to visit [St. Hilda’s Anglican Church](#). The way these people live in the Gospel changed our lives, and it might change yours, too.

As I said in the introduction, I haven’t broken any new ground here. You may well have known all this. But if reading my story helps you on your journey, I am delighted to share what I can.

If you are so moved, please consider leaving a comment with lessons you’ve learned from crises.

I don't wish trauma or crisis on anyone, and I'd be just fine to live the rest of my life without any more. But, also, in the midst of challenges we often discover graces and mercies. In loving others as Christ loved us, we can be bearers of God's grace and mercy. Thanks be to God.

Peace, health, and blessings,  
M. Rose Anne+

### **VESTRY Meeting Highlights**

**November 2022**

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#### **Treasurer's Report**

- \$20,000 transferred from Grace woods to operating funds
  - Pledges \$5000.00 behind for year
  - Expenditures a little over budget for outreach (\$5000 for McKinley donation), altar guild (probably weekly flowers for Altar)
  - building & grounds-utilities below budget
  - budget performance-no negative signs
  - proposed budget, pledges needed from stewardship, approx. \$83,000-was \$91,900 last year.
- A discussion of the candidates for Bishop Coadjutor held.
- Senior Warden-
- stewardship, couple of pledges lost this year due to deaths
  - nominations to date for vestry discussed
  - Thankfulness Jar on altar 11/20/2022 thru Advent-to add Thanksgivings for the Christ Child- to be read anonymously

#### **Junior Warden**

- Mary, unable to be at meeting, sent a list of plans and accomplishments of B&G
- Vestry member reported that another parish had removed their Industrial Stove and replaced it with 2 regular stoves, and it worked out very well.

## Rector's Report

- Mother Rose Anne discussed her health issue, all good news
- Andy Simons needs to be notified about the fencing around air conditioner & bathroom fans, M. Rose Anne is unable to reach him
- Sacred Ground is going well with Epiphany.
- Blue Kinta Cloth to be used for Advent
- Meet & Greet-700-800 people attended sessions in person or virtually (for Bishop)
- Schedule given for M. Rose Anne's time away
  - Father Dawson picked up all Wed. Eucharists
- Sunday Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022, is greening the church
- One service on Christmas and New Year's Day
- 3 clergy scheduled for emergency pastoral care in Mother Rose Anne's absence
- Advent study to be headed by David Webster

150<sup>th</sup> comm. Wrapping up-scrapbooks and pictures albums completed

## Outreach

- Little Feet shopping at JC Penney went very well, 42 children participated.
- Kathy Hill to purchase frozen turkeys if needed for Thanksgiving baskets
- Chaplain Jim gave a presentation from Way Out Prison ministries 11/1/2022
- Prayer Box built by Phil Davis, placed in lobby
- Debbie Zimmerman sent crafts out to children
- J.C. Penney donated crafts from Little Feet shopping day
- Christmas Tree setup with tags from Hannah's Home

## Fellowship

- **Christmas Party signup sheet in lobby**

## Pastoral Care

- Three meals done for Mother Rose Anne, Frank Burkacki, and Ray Sphatt
- Funeral for Phyllis Speidel
- Coffee hour-no open or loose food (single sized packets only)

Next meeting 12/18/2022



## Dec. 2022 Evangelism and Outreach PACE Article Submitted by Kathy Hill



### **Evangelism**

- Chaplain Jim Wilcox from The Way Out Ministries made a presentation at our November meeting. They are a non-denomination local Christian mission serving the communities of Northeast Ohio and committed to proclaiming Christ and providing for the spiritual growth of men, women, and youth in various types of correctional facilities. A part of this ministry is writing letters of encouragement and hope, and sharing our relationship with Jesus. There will be further discussion on The Way Out Prison Ministry in our next meeting.
- The second prayer box is now finished. You will find it on the table in the entrance as you walk into the church. Thank you so much, Phil Davis. It's beautiful. Prayer request slips are available along with the box.
- Debbie Zimmerman made up samples of some crafts that are sent to the kids. The items are displayed in the windows in the gathering area. Please take a minute to check them out.

### **Outreach**

- Little Feet Shopping Weekend November 5&6 - We had 42 happy kids pick out their shoes or boot and that's something wonderful to celebrate. JCPenney had an awesome selection of shoes and boots this year. Two of the school Liaisons attended as well. The staff at JCPenney was so helpful and patient, as usual. The General Manager of the store brought out a box of crafts donated by the store for the kids to have fun with. We had the Little Feet signs up along with balloons - really looked festive!  
Many thanks to those who took the time to come to the store to meet and greet the families and kids and help find just the right pair of footwear for each child. Toni Swisher, Cathy Nash, Thora Scott, Sandy Wesley, Chris Burke, Debbie and Dave Zimmerman, David Webster and my husband Gary. Thank you all for your help and good humor.
- Holiday Outreach – We are partnering with Hannah's Home this year and sponsoring their Giving Tree for the Christmas Season. Items needed for their moms, alumni moms, and their children are on tags on the tree in the church entry way table. Items included on the tags are items needed in the day-to-day running of the home, items the moms

earn as they complete levels of their in-home programming (pregnancy, parenting, and life skills), gift items for birthdays, Christmas, etc.

There will be a box or basket in the office where you can drop off your unwrapped gift no later than December 11. Surprise! Yes, that's right – we don't need to wrap anything!!! Toni Swisher and Sandy Wesley are coordinating the Giving Tree outreach this year. Thank you, Toni and Sandy.

We also can make up food baskets and have them available for families in need at holiday time. A parishioner has donated a couple of turkeys to have available.

- Our Grace Christmas Party is December 12 from 6-9pm and will be held upstairs in the Gathering Room. A ham is being provided for the main dish. There will be a cookie/chocolate exchange and a white elephant gift exchange will be held also. See the sign up in the entryway if you wish to bring a dessert or side dish.
- God's blessings for a peaceful and blessed holiday,
- Your Evangelism/Outreach Team.

## **Worship Committee**

**November 13, 2022**

1. Sunday School - Debbie Zimmerman is sending out crafts. Examples have been made and placed in the windows in the gathering room. A small kitchen area in the play area downstairs is set up for children who may come for Sunday school. (Nancy presented the Sunday school information in Debbie's absence.)
2. Altar Guild - Nancy turned in the budget for Altar Guild.  
Waiting for Phil to put up cabinets in sacristy.  
Next week will be all white for Christ the King.
3. Choir – Scott will follow up to obtain the names of members of the Brass for holiday music.
  - Frank will not be able to play at the Christmas party. Scott will talk with Dave Ivey, Scott will play the organ. Jenny may be singing at the party as well.
  - No news about caroling at Grace woods.
4. Review of events  
All Saints - The service went well.
5. Upcoming Services
  - a. Christ the King Sunday 11/20/2022. We will do an introit right before the service, Christ the King focused.
  - b. Thanksgiving Morning Prayer 9 am on line only. Rose Anne will officiate from home.
  - c. Advent begins:
    - i. 11/27 8a – MP Rite II – The Advent wreath will be up.
    - ii. 11/27 10 am- Advent Lessons and Carols, Elizabeth will lead.  
(We will do 2 verses of Carols between readings for Lessons and Carols.)
    - iii. 12/04 8 and 10 am HE Rite II Prayer B Fr. Dawson - Holy Eucharist

- iv. 12/07
- v. 12/11 8 and 10 am MP Rite II
- vi. 12/14 11 am HE Rite II Fr. Dawson
- vii. 12/18 8 and 10 am HE Rite II Prayer B Fr. Dawson
- viii. 12/21 Wed. 11 am HE Rite II Fr. Dawson
- ix.

- d. Greening of the Church 12/18
- e. Christmas Eve 12/24/2022 Festive Choral Eucharist 7p with Brass
- f. Christmas Day 12/25/2022 Sunday 10 am only no music, come as you are (Scott will not be here).
- g. New Years Day 01/01/2023 Sunday Christmas Lessons and Carols

6. Other discussion

Epiphany –There will not be a service. “We Three Kings” Carol will be included in Carols. “Journeying the Way, Practicing the Way of Love”, will be done by book study group and Bible Study group for Advent study. Dave Webster is coordinating and leading the study.

Next meeting – January 8, 2023 11:30 am (We will not meet in December.)  
Meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Hill.

### 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**.





**Join us to celebrate our  
Grace Family  
Christmas  
Season**

**December 10, 2022  
6:00pm - 9:00 pm**



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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.







For Outreach:

Donna's Christmas Trees - As you decorate for Christmas this year, if you find ornaments, trees, Christmas plates, mugs, linens, or anything Christmas that you no longer need, please consider donating them to Donna's Christmas Trees.

Donna's is a non-profit organization that collects Christmas items, refurbishes them, and distributes them to families and facilities who need help during the Christmas season.

You can bring your items to the church and Donna's elves will pick them up. Easy – right?

If you have any questions, please call Kathy Hill 440-715-3515.

## Little Feet 2022



Oct 25, 2022

% Kathy Hill  
Grace Episcopal Church  
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44094

Grandmother of Michael  
Pierce would like to Thank-you  
very much for the shoe  
voucher of \$30<sup>00</sup>. It will come  
in very handy.

Thank-you  
Sharon Cornwall  
Michael's Grandma

## Little Feet 2022



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## McKinley Community Outreach Center

On Wednesday, November 23 McKinley was blessed with a visitor from Madagascar.

On Wednesday, November 23, the McKinley Center was blessed to have Sister Josephine Rasoamampionona, from the OSST religious order join our volunteer team.

Sister Josephine is from Madagascar. She works at Immaculate Conception Parish in Willoughby as Parish Catechetical Leader.





Prayer Shawl Ministry  
*1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 2:00 pm*  
*Please come!!! You don't have to knit or crochet*



- **Sacred Ground Study** with The Church of Epiphany will be, **Sunday January 8th, 2023**. Then again **January 29<sup>th</sup>** because of the busy holiday season during the month of December. The remaining meetings will be once a month on Sundays after our 10am service. We will be in-person at each site and also available via zoom. Let M. Rose Anne know if you want to attend and have not yet signed up. Books are available.





## READINGS FOR THE DAY

### **December 4**

The Second Sunday of Advent Year A

- [Isaiah 11:1-10](#)
- [Romans 15:4-13](#)
- [Matthew 3:1-12](#)
- [Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19](#)

### **December 11**

The Third Sunday of Advent Year A

- [Isaiah 35:1-10](#)
- [James 5:7-10](#)
- [Matthew 11:2-11](#)
- [Psalm 146:4-9](#)
- *or* [Canticle 15](#)

### **December 18**

The Fourth Sunday of Advent Year A

- [Isaiah 7:10-16](#)
- [Romans 1:1-7](#)
- [Matthew 1:18-25](#)
- [Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18](#)

### **December 24**

The Eve of the nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ

- [Isaiah 62:6-12](#)
- [Titus 3:4-7](#)
- [Luke 2:\(1-7\)8-20](#)
- [Psalm 97](#)

### **December 25**

The nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

- [Isaiah 52:7-10](#)
- [Hebrews 1:1-4,\(5-12\)](#)
- [John 1:1-14](#)
- [Psalm 98](#)