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9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Monday - Friday

Children's Christian Education

Sunday School

Team teaching by:
Bobbin Davis
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, February 17th, 2023



February 2023

The *Pace* of Grace

From the Rev. Rose Anne Lonsway:



From the Rector January/February 2023

Welcome 2023! As we prepare to enter the second month of the year already, we are busy preparing for our Annual Meeting, scheduled for the first Sunday in February – 02/05/23.

Thanks to Kathy Ivey, Cathy Nash and Debbie Zimmerman, we will enjoy a bagel bar, complete with yogurt and fruit to get us through our work. There is one service only that Sunday at 9:00 a.m. and the meeting will follow upstairs in the Gathering Space. There will be a zoom option available, however I am still trying to figure out how those who are not present can vote, so stay tuned please.

I believe that it is really important to be here for the Annual Meeting in person if it is at all possible, not only for forming a strong community, but to hear your voice as we celebrate our accomplishments in mission over the past year and work together to discern what God would have us plan for 2023. I so look forward to seeing you there!

I make a point of this because I believe that, like so many other churches, we are struggling to figure out who and how we can be post COVID. I believe we are in a recovery phase and just like recovery from physical or emotional disabilities, we need a good plan of care for our parish and for one another. We need to develop this plan together, so I urge you to be an active part of this plan development. It is time for us to Show up, Stand up, and Pray for our future. We have 152 years under our belt, and I do not believe that God is done with us yet!

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From the Rector (continued), Let us consider holding close what scripture tells us God desires of us: Micah 6:8 tells us that: “³⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” The New Testament continues those instructions as Jesus plainly tells us in Matthew 22: 37-40 ...“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

Let's spend some time concentrating on these guiding words. One of the things we will discuss at the meeting is the best timing to begin coming together for a practice called Centering Prayer, or Contemplative Prayer. I believe that I have discerned a need for us to place more emphasis on our spirituality and one way to do that is to spend more time in prayer. This type of prayer is described by Fr. Richard Rohr, a Catholic brother, as: “Centering Prayer is simply sitting in silence, open to God's love and your love for God. This prayer is beyond thoughts, emotions, or sensations. Like being with a very close friend or lover, where words are not required, Centering Prayer brings your relationship with God to a level deeper than conversation, to pure communion.” (quoted from Richard Rohr's daily email meditations)

I plan to begin our sessions with Lectio Divina, method of bible study, and then move into a time of centering prayer. I envision spending about an hour a week, beginning with learning how to accomplish both of these activities. There are many rewards, both individual and as a community to be reaped from intentional time with God outside of the time of formal worship. I pray you will pledge to give this a try.

You all remain in my prayers as we work on finding our way to what God has in store for us.

M. Rose Anne

VESTRY Meeting Highlights

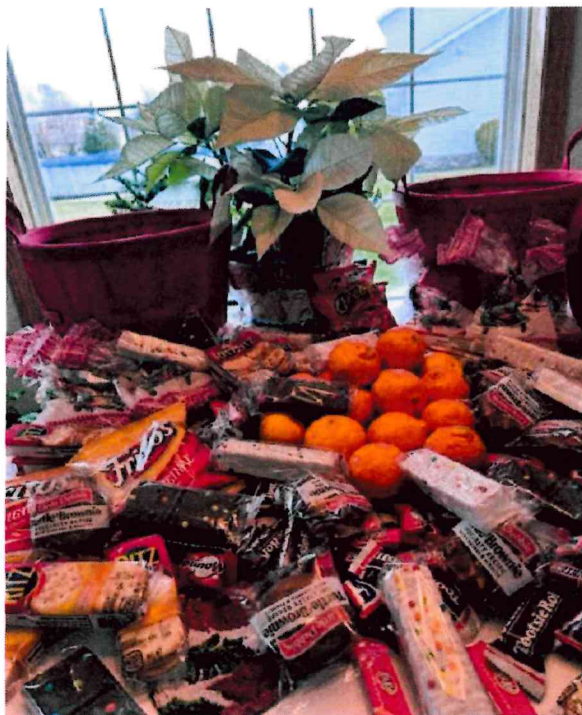
December 18, 2022

Grace Episcopal Church

- Treasurer's report- remain behind \$5000 in pledges-usually evens out at the end of year-pastoral care had extra meals/funerals this year, transfer of funds is on budget-money market was down 6%, Grace Woods funds to be reviewed-staff bonuses

discussed. Budget discussed and adopted with some possible salary adjustments in the future.

- Convention Report-went well, The Rev. Ann Jolly, elected Bishop coadjutor, 2 assisting bishops (Persell & Williams) to retire end of year, Bellwether Farm doing well.
- Senior Warden: Church greened after the 10am service. Greenery should be taken down by 1/8/2023, Elizabeth Estep to take the candlesticks down-removal of decorations will be discussed at B & G meeting, Mary Miragliotta will organize. Elizabeth Estep will go through Christmas decorations after Christmas-get rid of broken ones.
- Stewardship: envelopes will be ready Christmas Eve- Thank You jar will be read anonymously on Christmas Eve.
- Junior Warden (Building & Grounds): Rectory garage gutter replaced by RJK, Rectory deck stain to be done in spring-getting bids for painting/siding options for church, capital budget expense, stairway to garden to be finished in spring, lector/reader railing being investigated-carpeting being investigated-cabinets from downstairs are upstairs but not installed yet. In Progress: stoves being investigated in kitchen, kitchen needs cleaned clutter from groups/committees need labeled and cleaned or they need to be tossed out, faucets (outdoor) need to be winterized. James needs to shut off valves in rectory (needs to be notified), downstairs education wing cleaned out, leak on flat roof near door being checked out-freon from old kitchenette to be removed on rear patio before scrapping, coat rack being investigated, inside entrance windows need varnished, rotted wood on peak front east door needs wood filler, weather permitting.
- Rector Report: church is having issues with website and email. need new provider, Sacred Ground ongoing, convocation is at Kalahari Feb 3 & 4, 2023, annual meeting is Feb. 5, 2023.
- 150th + 2 team finished; scrap books completed.
- Outreach: 10 stockings done for Forbes house, Hannah's Home; items taken from Christmas tree tags, turkey, and food baskets to be taken before Christmas-Christmas Tree is downstairs for groups, trays of wrapped foods to be given- Donna's Christmas Trees, items are put downstairs in education room, rummage sale to be this year, or next year- Little feet will follow up with Royalview School in Willowick-no Epiphany service this year-
- Pastoral care-Lake County Retired Teachers will donate to Donna's Christmas Tree's in February.



These holiday baskets were this year's gift to each of the seven 12 step groups who use our facility downstairs for their meeting's. The baskets were stuffed with individually wrapped packs of cookies, crackers, chips, candy, chocolate covered pretzel sticks and of course apples and oranges for that something healthy treat. Included with each basket was a lovely handwritten card from Mother Rose Anne.

Thank you to Sherrie and Elizabeth for providing the info to distribute these baskets appropriately. And thank you to Gary Hill for the skillful packing and delivery of the baskets to the church. (I helped too!)

Kathy Hill

Thank you for the blessing meeting!
 Blessed to be here! Happy New Year!
 Thank you!
 It was such a nice
 thought over the holidays.
 We appreciate you
 Cassie M

Davey Fitzgerald
 Happy Holidays
 Father
 "Thank you blessing" from
 many thanks! Ann
 Rhonda T.



Dear Rev. Rose Ann
 + people of Grace
 Church
 Thank you!! Darin
 Melissa
 Bateley

100%
 Thank you!
 Kyra A

Thank you!!
 Amy

Thank you, Karen

Sharing in Sobriety
 Thank you for the
 delicious cookie
 tray! We love
 Grace!



Hannah's Home

— at the heart of life —

Hannah's Home Giving Tree program was a great success and that success was due to you who participated in the program.

Hannah's Home received a variety of items used for Christmas gifts for our past and current residents and their children which they greatly appreciated. We also received many other items for our programming. By donating goods to Hannah's Home, funds are freed up to be used for providing mental, emotional, and spiritual services.

Hannah's Home receives no state or federal funding. We are dependent on those who graciously support our ministry.

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Your generosity and caring actions have blessed Hannah's Home, its residents and babies, and reflects the love of Christ you carry in your hearts.

In His grace and for His glory,

Vicki Krnac

Vicki Krnac
Executive Director

These items were collected from our generous Grace friends and packaged for distribution to the homeless by St. James, Painesville.

Thank you, Sandy Wesley and Kathy Hill, for putting these packs together, 14 total, and delivering them. They will be greatly appreciated.



Did you miss the greening of the Church?-It was so much fun! Try to join us next time!



Nancy Brothers



Elizabeth Estep



Greg Mackey



Elizabeth Estep



Jennifer Lonsway and Konner Thompson



Nancy Brothers, M. Rose Anne, Mary Miragliotta, Scott Arra

We also received Thank you notes from Forbes House for our \$100 donation toward the 12 Days of giving, This year Forbes House proudly served 430 individuals, sheltered 105, provided court advocacy for 326, and answered 1,322 crises calls. Also, a big thanks for the 10 Christmas Stockings received on December 20, 2022.

Thank you for believing in us and our mission at Forbes House!

Kathy D. Strancar
Executive Director

Worship Committee Meeting Highlights

January 22, 2023

1. Altar Guild - Many thanks to the Altar Guild and helpers for greening of the church and taking everything down again.
2. Choir – Scott will ask if the Brass can return for the Easter Sunday service. We will have the Decalogue for all Sundays of Lent and the Great litany for first Sunday in Lent.
3. Review of services and events: (Christmas, Lessons, and Carols) - There were about 70 participated between zoom, Facebook and in person. Many came to church in spite of the inclement weather.
4. Upcoming Services
February 5 - There will be one service at 9:00 prior to the Annual meeting followed by a bagel bar.
Scout Sunday February 12, 2023 – with bake sale, TGD
February 22 - Ash Wednesday services 12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
(We will not have an 11:00 service.)

Lenten Studies will be held Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

5. Other discussion: discussed going back to common a cup or at least offering it. Could have options so that we have a cup to drink from and a cup to intinct the host using tweezers. This subject will be added to the agenda for the annual meeting.
6. Sunday school - No Sunday school February 5 due to the annual meeting.

Request and Needs:

Grace Church is in need for a couple of volunteers a month to take care of the recycling of the Church. We have a Blue bin outside the Church office doors, that collects paper, plastic and cardboard and another bin inside the church office that is mostly paper.

If you can help? Please let Sherrie know and Thank you in advance!!

- **Sacred Ground Study** with The Church of Epiphany will be, **Sunday February 26, 2023**. 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.

Prayer Shawl meets the first and third Thursday of the month at 2:00 pm.

All are welcome to join us in the gathering room.

We take baby sweaters and hats to Hannah's House, and prayer shawls to Mentor Dialysis and to Forbes House, and to anyone who needs one. They are also on the back pew for anyone who needs one to take.

We want to thank those people who have participated and donated.

Beth and Ray Sphatt





READINGS FOR THE DAY

February 5

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany Year A

- [Isaiah 58:1-9a, \[9b-12\]](#)
- [1 Corinthians 2:1-12, \[13-16\]](#)
- [Matthew 5:13-20](#)
- [Psalm 112:1-9, \(10\)](#)

February 12

The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany Year A

- [Deuteronomy 30:15-20](#)
- [1 Corinthians 3:1-9](#)
- [Matthew 5:21-37](#)
- [Psalm 119:1-8](#)

February 19

The Last Sunday after Epiphany Year A

- [Exodus 24:12-18](#)
- [2 Peter 1:16-21](#)
- [Matthew 17:1-9](#)
- [Psalm 99](#)

February 22

Ash Wednesday

- [Joel 2:1-2, 12-17](#)
- [2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10](#)
- [Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21](#)
- [Psalm 103](#)

February 26

The First Sunday of Lent Year A

- [Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7](#)
- [Romans 5:12-19](#)
- [Matthew 4:1-11](#)
- [Psalm 32](#)