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Church Office Hours

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, March 24th, 2023**



The *Pace* of Grace

March 2023

From the Rev. Rose Anne Lonsway:



We have entered into Lent, our time of concentrating on our relationship with our God, focusing on repentance and coming to resurrection. We have buried our Alleluias, and we have received Ashes as a sign that we belong to Christ Jesus. There are options available here at Grace to help us maintain our focus and intention. Our Lenten series this year is presented via video and a study guide by Rabbi Jason Sobel, a Messianic Jew, who will lead us in understanding Jesus through the Old and New Testaments and recognizing the importance of both to our understanding of our faith. The series is six weeks in length and will meet each Wednesday of Lent, once at 10:00 am, Wednesdays and a second time at 6:00 pm, again on Wednesday. Each class will study the same material and may be attended either in-person or via ZOOM. I hope to see you at one of these sessions. We can also engage in a bit of levity as we participate in "Lent Madness" learning about those whose faith we commemorate. Join in, vote for your favorites and find out who will wear the "Golden Halo".

I urge you to find ways to be a part of our larger Christian community. As you contemplate how you will spend your Lent, and strengthen your Lenten journey individually and communally, I leave you with the exhortation from the prayerbook that we heard on Ash Wednesday. Please read it and take it to heart; And as you are absorbing the tasks of Lent, read the words of Pope Frances and adopt them as a part of your Holy Lent.

"Dear People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection,

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From the Rector (continued),

and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. And, to make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now kneel before the Lord, our maker and redeemer.

(BCP p 264-65)

Words from Pope Francis: Do you want to fast this lent?

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and trust in God.

Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

"I invite you, therefore, to the observance of a holy Lent", and I pray that your Lenten journey will bring you peace and a deeper relationship with our God.

M. Rose Anne

VESTRY Meeting Highlights _____ **February 19, 2023** _____

Treasurer's report: Profit & Loss is where it should be. Wells Fargo-lost 7% at end of year 2022.

Senior Warden: Vestry liaisons chosen, Foundation-Elizabeth Estep, Stewardship-Elizabeth Estep, Outreach-Kathy Hill, Building & Ground-Phil Davis (team leader), Evangelism-Cathy Nash, Worship-Lynn Kramp, Fellowship-Walt Iliff (team leader), Pastoral Care-Cathy Nash, Long range planning, finance-Elizabeth Estep. Coffee hour discussed-Vestry was in charge in the past, Walt Iliff volunteered to make coffee at 8:00a when serving - vestry will take care of food if no one has signed up, February & March are covered at this time.

Junior Warden: Wood handrail for altar steps discussed, expensive-wave (designer) grab bar discussed-less expensive, is stainless steel with electrostatic coating, 3ft in length-designer grab bar approved with no opposition. The cabinets from basement installed by Phil & Bobbin Davis in Sacristy, countertops needed, Walt Iliff to purchase them.

Rector Report: Parochial report approved (2-19-2023), Survey for Centering Prayer needed. Mother Rose Anne will have surgery Friday Feb. 24th, will be off for a couple of days, Sunday 2-26-2023 will be Morning Prayer led by Elizabeth Estep @ 8am, Harry Dodds @ 10 am., Scout Sunday was successful.

Foundation: \$1490.00 given to 4 charities. Next meeting Sun. 4/23/2023 @ 9am.

Stewardship: Episcopal Church Network theme is "Grounded in Abundance."

Outreach/Evangelism:

Outreach: Kathy Hill resigned from being team leader of Outreach but will continue with Little Feet & McKinley. Sunday School moved to Worship comm. from Outreach, Grant School was provided 4 winter coats, giving tree successful. Ideas for the coming year, McKinley, Stuff the Truck, CPR class, bloodmobile. Next meeting 3-7-2023

Evangelism: Community soup & salad event suggested, Way Out Ministries discussed, maybe talk with congregation.

Worship: Debbie Zimmerman sent out crafts for Valentine's Day/Easter for Sunday School-no feedback.

Finance: Next meeting will be March 14-2023, Will decide whether to change starting time to 5pm instead of 4:30 pm.

Fellowship: No activity

Pastoral Care: No Activity

Next Meeting 3-19-2023 @12 noon

Respectfully submitted electronically by Sandy Wesley

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Worship Committee Meeting Highlights February 2023

- Altar Guild: Scout Sunday went well. Members of the Scouts read the lessons and served as Acolytes. The service was very well attended, 59 came up to railing for communion. Mother Rose Anne will write up the common cup change reminder that will be available to all.

Choir: There will be an opening hymn all through Lent, except for Ash Wednesday. Scott will confirm that we have a commitment from choir for Ash Wednesday. Scott will reach out to Willoughby South for choir interns. He will also check into other options to recruit choir members.

Upcoming Services: Ash Wednesday 12:00 p.m. and 7:00pm. There will be imposition of ashes at both services and music at the 7:00 p.m. service only. Sunday Feb. 26, Morning Prayer Rite II at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Harry Dodds will lead Morning Prayer. Sunday March 5, hopefully HEII as usual. Great Litany to begin service since we missed it on 2/26 (BCP 148).

Other discussion:

Sunday School: (Kathy Hill for Debbie Zimmerman) – Debbie mailed the Valentine and Lent crafts and will mail the Easter crafts closer to Easter. Due to the mailing cost, Debbie might consider handing out the craft envelopes to relatives in church to give to the children. Debbie asked for our thoughts. Rose Anne mentioned that

the cost isn't that great. Our kids are well worth the cost and it is so nice when they receive their crafts timely. Scott and Kathy agreed. Debbie was informed of this conversation. Will do the Decalogue each Sunday in Lent (BCP 350). Will use the prayer book for Lenten Services with abbreviated bulletin. Begin services with Penitential Order (BCP 351).

Next meeting will be March 12, 2023 **(FYI - DST begins)**.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Hill.

Evangelism and Outreach Team

Evangelism

- The Way Out Ministries was discussed. Cathy Nash and Peggy Burkacki will complete an application and get in touch with Jim Wilcox of The Way Out Ministry to possibly present their ministry to Grace parishioners at both services. Information regarding this ministry will appear in this PACE.
- Bakers and Takers-1 new name.
- Sunday School - Debbie Zimmerman purchased and mailed crafts for Valentine's Day, and Lent. Samples were shown. Easter crafts will be mailed closer to Easter. At this time, 6 children receive these crafts.

Ideas for 2023 Evangelism:

- A soup & salad meal was suggested for an Evangelism project.
- Willoughby Market will be discussed as well.

Outreach

- McKinley Update - The roof for McKinley is expected to be replaced this spring.
- Our Giving Tree items were delivered to Grant Elementary to be distributed from there to Edison, Longfellow and Jefferson Elementary Schools by Diana, the Grant School Family Liaison.
- Grace Outreach encountered an opportunity to provide winter coats for 4 wonderful children at Grant School. Kathy and Gary Hill went shopping and delivered coats in time for the nasty cold weather we had. Along with the warm and beautiful hats, gloves, and scarves from the giving tree a lot of warmth was provided to our little friends when most needed. Many, many thanks to all who contributed to this effort.
- Rummage Sale - we will collect items and see how much we get before deciding to have the sale this year or the next.

Ideas for 2023 Outreach:

- Stuff the Truck for McKinley (info to follow)
- CPR classes
- Host a Bloodmobile

The Evangelism and Outreach Team meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm in person. A Zoom link is available also. Please join us and share your ideas to reach out to our community and to each other. All are welcome.

Peace and blessings,
Your Evangelism and Outreach Team

Altar Flowers



Have you been meaning to sign up for Altar Flowers but have not done so yet? Here is your chance! Altar Flowers add to our worship services, a reminder of the many good gifts we receive from God. Altar Flowers are a way to express our thankfulness and celebrate the many blessings we have. Flower arrangements for a Sunday are \$40. Use the form below to sign up. *Please note* more than one person/family can sign up for the same Sunday.

Name: _____

Date: _____

** there are no flowers on the altar during Lent, Greens only during Advent

zoom chrome OS

We are **in need** of assistance with manning the electronics during our hybrid services here at Grace. If you have a love for technology, please see me to find out how you can help and put your skills to work. The majority of need is for the 10:00 am Sunday services and there are also some special services that need assistance as well, such as during Holy Week.

We also need some help with updating the TV videos at least monthly. Please prayerfully consider how you might lend a hand.

Mother Rose Anne

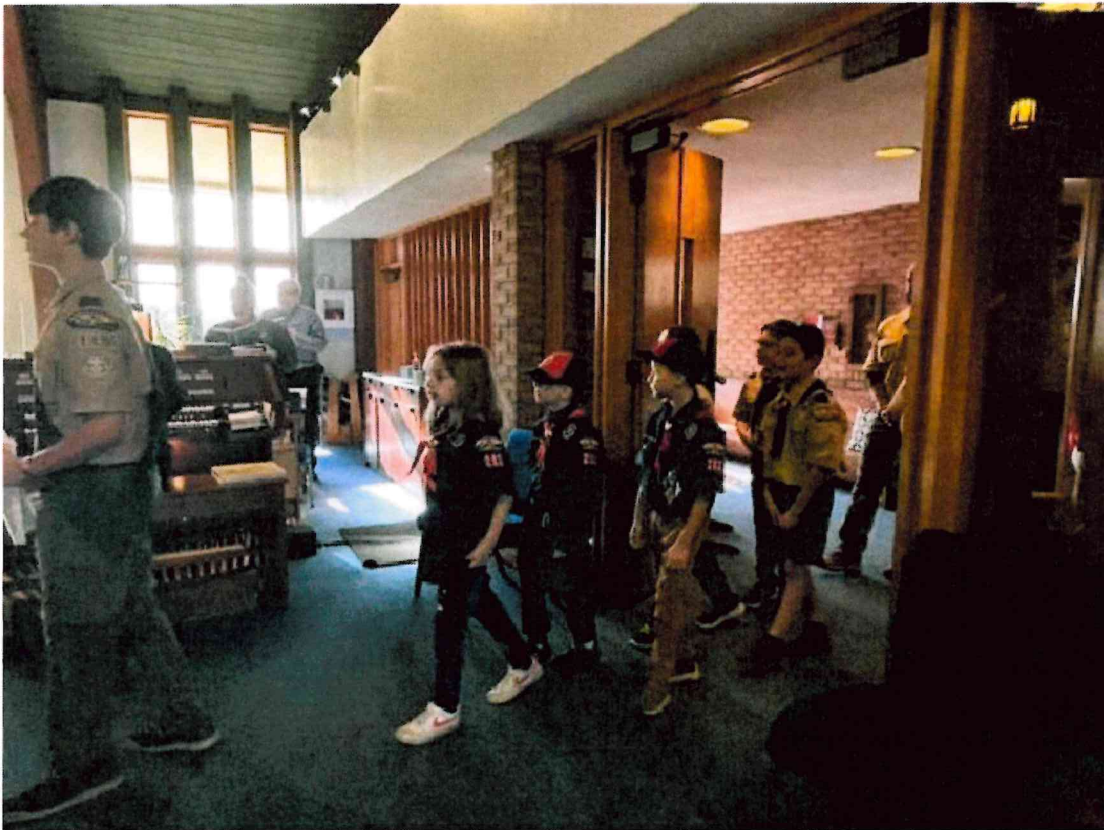


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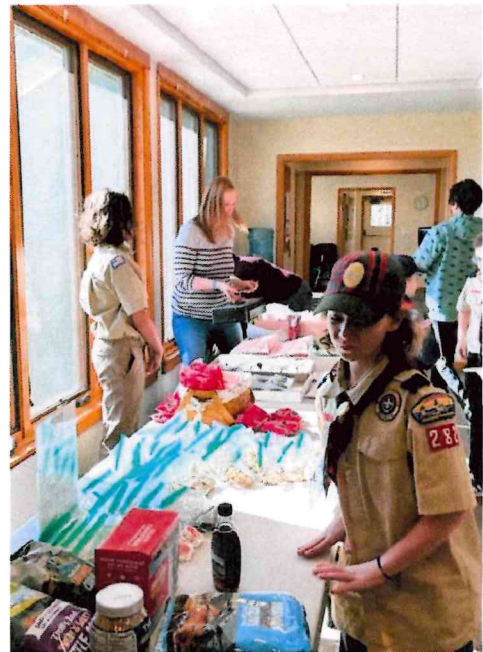


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A Special OUTREACH Thanks!!

A special thanks to the Lake County Retired Teachers Association who collected 2 SUVs filled with beautiful Christmas decorations for Donna's Christmas Trees. Thank you Pat Newyear, Thora Scott and Louise Bennet in transporting these decorations to Grace where they will be picked up by our friends at Donna's. Also many thanks for the continued donations to Donna's from our own generous parishioners and friends.

What a fine example of reaching out to others in need.

Peace and blessings,

Kathy Hill



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!!

Exploring Mysticism

Thursday, March 16, 5:00 p.m. – Saturday, March 18, 1:00 p.m.

What is mysticism? Who were/are the Mystics? Do they have any relevance for today's world and our lives as Christians? The Rev. Sally Goodall will lead the exploration into those questions, then illuminate Teresa of Avila's "Interior Castle", her image to describe the soul's journey to God.

Teresa of Avila lived in 16th century Spain, a time of political instability, religious turmoil, and renewed interest in mystical experiences. Despite the challenges of the Inquisition and suspicion of anything written by a woman, Teresa wrote prolifically about prayer and the spiritual life. As we step into Teresa of Avila's "Interior Castle" we will taste a little of her rich life of prayer and sample the music of the mystics.

As Teresa said, *"Contemplative prayer in my opinion is nothing else than a close sharing between friends; it means taking time frequently to be alone with him who we know loves us."* This will be an opportunity to explore what she meant.

\$280 per person (all rooms are single occupancy for this retreat)

Registration is limited to 20 participants – only a few spots remain!

Please register on the Bellwether website www.bellwetherfarm.com/calendar

For more information or questions, contact Ruth Mercer at 216-774-0453 or rmerc@doehio.org

• **Sacred Ground Study** with The Church of Epiphany will be, **Sunday March 26, 2023**. And we are traveling to Epiphany as their guest! February was a delightful as Epiphany joined us here at Grace in person. 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

"...in spite of my littleness, I can hope to be a saint":

On the Christian Way

A LENTEN RETREAT FOR PASSIONTIDE

March 24-26, 2023

Christopher Snook

Retreat Leader

This Retreat is offered as a ministry of St Luke Episcopal Church and is open to all. There is no cost to participants associated with the retreat.

However, registration is required for the purposes of planning hospitality.

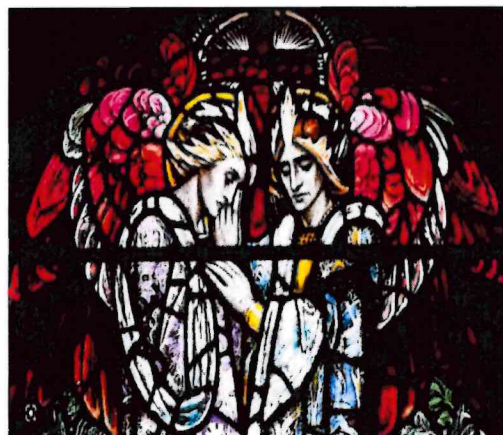
Register by emailing: stlukechardon@yahoo.com

Or by calling: 440-279-4022.

You may also register by mail (see below).

When registering please include your name, contact information and how many are planning to attend.

Since light refreshments will be offered, please mention any dietary restrictions when registering.



Name: _____ # of attendees: _____
Telephone: _____
Email: _____
Dietary concerns: _____

Mail to:
St. Luke Episcopal Church
Box 244, 11519 Wilson Mills Road,
Chardon. 44024



READINGS FOR THE DAY

March 5

The Second Sunday in Lent Year A

- [Genesis 12:1-4a](#)
- [Romans 4:1-5, 13-17](#)
- [John 3:1-17](#)
- [Psalm 121](#)

March 12

The Third Sunday in Lent Year A

- [Exodus 17:1-7](#)
- [Romans 5:1-11](#)
- [John 4:5-42](#)
- [Psalm 95](#)

March 19

The Fourth Sunday in Lent Year A

- [1 Samuel 16:1-13](#)
- [Ephesians 5:8-14](#)
- [John 9:1-41](#)
- [Psalm 23](#)

March 26

The Fifth Sunday in Lent Year A

- [Ezekiel 37:1-14](#)
- [Romans 8:6-11](#)
- [John 11:1-45](#)
- [Psalm 130](#)