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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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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, April 21st, 2023



The *Pace* of Grace

April 2023

From the Rev. Rose Anne Lonsway:



Dear Friends,

In order to ensure that everyone sees the letter
from Mother Rose Anne, here it is in its entirety.

Many of you know that the canons of the Episcopal Church require ordained persons to retire at age 72. I have been extremely blessed that our Bishop has, as allowed by the canons, granted me permission to remain your Rector beyond that expectation. After much prayer and deliberation, I have determined that now is the appropriate time and therefore, effective July 1, 2023, I will retire. Several factors influenced this decision, and I will be happy to discuss them with you individually if you would like to do so.

It has been a great honor to serve as your Rector for the last eight years and I pray that I have served you in a way that allowed you to serve our Lord with joy and peace in your hearts and souls. I believe that we have been faithful to the work that our God has given us to do. We, like many other parishes, have experienced the weight of the changes and challenges brought on by COVID and while those changes have impacted our sense of well-being and our efforts to bring new souls to faith, you have stayed the course, and I believe, stand ready to continue to explore ways to re-engage as an active and growing parish. We have truly been blessed in many ways, and I know that you all will continue to bring the light of Christ into our community.

My last Sunday with you will be May 28, which is Pentecost. What a wonderful day to celebrate new beginnings and being open to exploring where and how the Holy Spirit will lead and send us. I will then take accrued time off until the stated retirement date.

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From the Rector (continued),

The Rev. Percy Grant, Canon for Ministry for the Diocese of Ohio will meet with your Vestry at their April meeting to determine how you will best move forward to find a new Rector and the support available to help you do that. One important element to remember is that once I have retired, I can no longer be available to you in a pastoral role. Rev. Grant and your Vestry will ensure that any pastoral, spiritual and operational needs are met with love and care.

This was not an easy decision and I approach retirement with very mixed emotions. You all will remain in my heart and in my prayers. I look forward to and will treasure our remaining time together.

Faithfully and fondly,

Rose Anne+

VESTRY Meeting Highlights _____ March 2023 _____**Vestry Highlights March 2023**

Treasurer's Report: Pledges down for month but ahead for the year, Wells Fargo accounts lost again this month,

Senior Warden: Help needed on Fellowship committee, the Giving Corner by the basement stairs cleaned up, Hope Chest bin to be moved, two new people joined Stewardship Committee

Junior Warden: Capital projects for 2023 allocated \$44,000 in improvements, -Kitchen 38% (\$18,000) for new ceiling/lighting/kitchen stove, carpeting Narthex, and stairs 7%, grounds, trees, fencing 18%, exterior painting (partial) and repairs 11%, other 20% covered walkway at front door to be checked out, needs to come all the way up to the door of building. Church vestments-old church vestments are in the way of cabinets in Sacristy, suggestions are: rack to be put on brick wall or use closet shelves or combine with robes in other closet in lobby- vestments may be used by visiting clergy or donated? Kitchen deep cleaned by cleaning company. Choir loft needs cleaned out to use for storage, shelves for organ speakers need to be hung, scaffolding needed over stairs to get shelves hung and speakers off the floor.

Rector's report: Centering Prayer questionnaires discussed to determine what day/time-looks like Tuesday afternoon in person or via ZOOM is best. Scout Pancake Breakfast Palm Sunday- Scouts to cook/serve, Walt Iliff to buy supplies. Someone is needed for IT/zoom, maybe change zoom times to 1 or 2x's a month? Phil Davis suggested to inquire @ South High for a student interested in IT to work part-time @ church for pay.

Stewardship-report given under Senior Warden

Outreach: McKinley will start serving meals again after roof repaired and new kitchen floor put in, Rummage sale will probably hold off until next year, First monetary donation of the year given to McKinley, Donna's Christmas Tree's to be called to pick up donations, Kathy Hill retired as team leader, Chris Burke to head Outreach.

Evangelism: Cathy Nash inquired about CPR from Fire Dept.- they need a head count, maybe open it up to the community/scouts, Herb Garden discussed - maybe enlarge it, Willoughby Market one Saturday a month or 2x's per season this year, Soup/Salad Hymn Sing discussed.

Worship: Palm Cross Workshop on 4/1/2023 at 10am Saturday, Saturday Easter Vigil will be at Trinity Cathedral

Pastoral Care: two meals taken.

Other Business: Use of Prayer Book after Lent discussed instead of a bulletin.

Mother Rose Anne announced her retirement effective July 1, 2023, with her last Sunday being May 28th. The Rev. Percy Grant, Canon for Ministry for the Diocese of Ohio will meet with vestry at their April meeting.

Worship Committee Meeting Highlights _____ March 2023 ____

1. Altar Guild – Building & Grounds is waiting for countertops to arrive for completion of cabinet install in the Sacristy.
2. Sunday School – Arianna is coming every other week for now. She may come every Sunday beginning in May.
3. Choir –The Seasonal Brass will pull together a group for our Easter service. Scott will pursue updating the Praise book. We need to be selective in our choices and careful that we use only Copyrighted selections.
4. Review of services and events – Ash Wednesday - no comments, Morning Prayer - short and sweet. There were a variety of comments, many positive.
5. Upcoming Services – Holy Week, Altar color is red. Palm Sunday April 2 – We will have 100 palms. Need someone to lead making palm crosses. Rose Anne will check with Charlotte regarding teaching people to make crosses. Stations of the cross are up. We discussed leaving stations up year-around. It was decided to just put them up early as we did this year. There is an 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. service and a pancake breakfast scheduled for Palm Sunday.

6. Deep cleaning will be done in the kitchen tomorrow, 3/13. We will have 1 residential size stove for now. There is discussion about having 2 residential stoves at some point.
7. There will be a procession at both Palm Sunday services, from the outside of the church (depending on the weather).
8. Will put an ad in The News Herald for service information as we have in the past.

- a. Monday 4/3 Eucharist 7p.m.
- b. Tuesday 4/4 Eucharist 7p.m.
- c. Wednesday 4/5 Stations of the Cross 6:30 p.m. and Eucharist 7p.m.
no music
- d. Thursday 4/6 Eucharist 7p.m. and Vigil (Maundy Thursday)
- e. Friday 4/7 Eucharist 7p.m. (Good Friday) Strip the Altar
- f. Saturday 4/8 Vigil at Trinity Cathedral
- g. Sunday 4/9 Easter Eucharist one service at 10a.m.

9. Other discussion

Easter Season lasts 50 Days

Common Cup, intinction – Some parishioners want to see the tweezers available for intinction. We will need 2 chalices to accomplish this. We will determine the best way to meet the needs of all of our parishioners.

10. We need an IT person, as David Ivey will not be serving any longer.

11. Pentecost, May 28, 2023 is Memorial Day weekend this year. (Red on the Altar)

Evangelism and Outreach Team_____ **March 2023**_____

Kathy Hill resigned as Outreach Leader but will continue on the team to lead Little Feet and McKinley projects. Chris Burke is the new Outreach Team Leader. Thank you to Kathy for all her leadership and thank you to Chris for stepping up as leader.

Chris would like to see us do more to build relationships and focus on the programs we already have rather than adding new programs.

Outreach –

- McKinley Update – McKinley will offer meals after the new roof is completed. A new floor was installed in McKinley's kitchen.
- A notice regarding rummage sale items will be circulated to the parish. We will have a sale this fall or in 2024 depending on how many items we receive.
- Chris is going to contact Red Cross and offer Grace as a blood drive site.
- Cathy Nash is going to call the fire department about having a CPR class at Grace.

Evangelism –

- The Way Out Ministry – Cathy N. and Peggy completed the application for letters to prisoners. We will see about having Jim Wilcox speak to the parish at both services regarding this mission.
- Forbes House is having another Tea on May 12th. When Peggy gets the details, she will present it to the parish.
- Bakers & takers – Peg will bake and Toni will take to Donna Bowman.
- Willoughby Outdoor Market – Lots of discussion about how often to participate. We need more volunteers and Cathy N. is going to check the dates to make sure we don't do the market when other events are in downtown Willoughby.
- Herb Garden – Cathy N. would like to enlarge it and plant tomatoes and lettuce. Debbie suggested using the sandbox as a raised bed for this. Again, more volunteers needed to water and weed.
- Other – The old stove from our kitchen downstairs was removed for scrap metal. A new stove or stoves should be installed soon.
- The Cub scouts Pack 282 will be helping with the pancake breakfast in the undercroft on Palm Sunday April 2nd. Troop 185 will be hosting a Chili Cookoff fund raiser on April 30th. Entry fee is \$20.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS_____ **March 2023**_____

There has been great “gnashing of teeth” over the years regarding our worn-out Kitchen. We are taking baby-steps in the direction of upgrading that utilitarian component of our facility. We expect that some of Grace’s Capital Budgets will be allocated towards the Kitchen over the next couple years.

The photograph is after we had loaded the inoperable 1960’s gas range onto a trailer for the scrap yard. A new 4-burner stove should be in place by Palm Sunday. Stove disposal team (Walt I. included virtually) in the photo is L to R: Taylor, Chris, Konnor, Harry, and Greg . As the team’s “coach” I designate Konnor as “Player of the Day”, because he achieved his “personal best” as it pertains to Team B & G completing its task that day. Konnor regularly attends Sundays at 10. Evangelism may want to honor Konner, because he persuaded his friend, Taylor, to help us too.

by Phil Davis, Jr. Warden



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

*sign-up poster in hallway by restrooms

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

Have you "Saved the Date" for the Ordination and Consecration of our next Bishop, Anne B. Jolly, on 29th April?

A new FAQ page is live on the Diocesan website.



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.

Thank you, Judith Junda, for helping out for the month of March!!!

If you can help, or give Judith a hand? Please let Sherrie know and Thank you in advance!!



Repairs at McKinley update - These are before and after pictures of the floor of the serving kitchen at McKinley. What a difference – it's just beautiful! Clearly finishing touches are needed, but we are moving forward. Thanks be to God.
Kathy Hill



Sacred Ground Study

With the Church of Epiphany will be Sunday April 23, 2023.
They will be our guest once more in person! If need be
we will be available via zoom.



I just wanted to thank everyone for giving my Aunt Nancy a smile on her birthday. Lots of cards and a visit to the beauty shop. It's a good day. Happy 91st Birthday !!!!

Deborah Baumgartner



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

Spring is in the air!!! Come join us!!!! 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



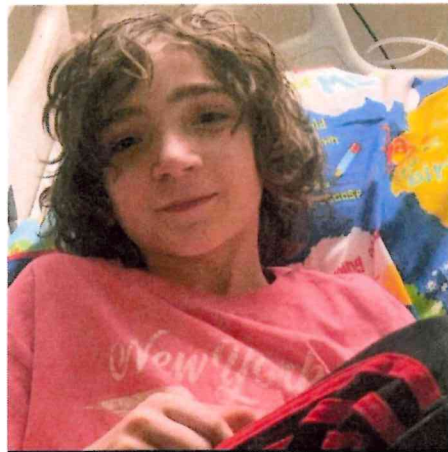
The Wednesday Morning Discussion Group's next book will be.....

JESUS - A PILGRIMAGE by JAMES MARTIN, S. J. (Society of Jesus). Some of us met Father Martin before in *My Life with the Saints*. He is traveling again. Sister Helen Prejean. Says " Want a pilgrimage to the Holy Land with a reliable guide? Travel with Jim Martin, who is at his best here, opening the Gospels with a light touch. Serious scholar, yes, but mainly a pilgrim, trying to make his way, just like us." And if you ever wondered what Archbishop Desmond Tutu read, he read this book and found it "refreshingly innovative". Please let me know if you want a paper copy. Sue Mancino

My Grandson Nolan says Thank You to all of you for your Prayers and for your cards, He really did enjoy reading them and putting them up on his wall for all the nurses and Doctors to see and read. He was able to finally go home Monday after the long two-week tune-up that his body desperately needed.

Thank you again!

Be God's
Sherrie





A thank you from the Altar Guild to all those who have ordered flowers to bless the altar this Easter season. Your faithfulness and generosity enhances and beautifies our celebration of Christ's Resurrection!

Dear Grace Episcopal Church,



As a steadfast supporter of Forbes House, we want to ensure that you are aware that your contribution of **\$100.00** received on **April 14, 2022**, has allowed us to provide valuable services and support to survivors of domestic violence.

In 2022, Forbes House proudly served **439** individuals, sheltered **105**, provided court advocacy for **333**, and answered **1,331** crisis calls. We could not offer this support if we did not have yours!

On behalf of the survivors and the children we serve, thank you!

Sincerely,

Kathy D. Strancar
Executive Director

*We are so grateful for your
Support! Thank You.*



Hannah's Home
— at the heart of life —

Donation Statement

So, thank you—again. Together, we are changing our world here, one life at a time.

Date: 3/20/2023

Number: 6351

In His grace and for His glory,

for the baby crochet items

Vicki Krnac
Executive Director



READINGS FOR THE DAY

April 2

Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

- [Matthew 21:1-11](#)
- [Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29](#)
- [Isaiah 50:4-9a](#)
- [Philippians 2:5-11](#)
- [Matthew 26:14- 27:66](#)
- [Psalm 31:9-16](#)

April 9

Easter Day

- [Acts 10:34-43](#)
- [Colossians 3:1-4](#)
- [John 20:1-18](#)
- [Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24](#)

April 16

Second Sunday of Easter

- [Acts 2:14a,22-32](#)
- [1 Peter 1:3-9](#)
- [John 20:19-31](#)
- [Psalm 16](#)

April 23

Third Sunday of Easter

- [Acts 2:14a,36-41](#)
- [1 Peter 1:17-23](#)
- [Luke 24:13-35](#)
- [Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17](#)

April 30

Fourth Sunday of Easter

- [Acts 2:42-47](#)
- [1 Peter 2:19-25](#)
- [John 10:1-10](#)
- [Psalm 23](#)