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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, May 19th, 2023



The *Pace* of Grace

May 2023

From the Rector May 2023



God always provides! I was sitting at my desk, trying to decide what to say in this time of change and new beginnings for you as Grace Church and for me as your soon to be retired rector. Suddenly, the following words by Father Richard Rohr (Center for Action and Contemplation meditations@cac.org 05/03/2023) appeared in my inbox and his words spoke to me as I hope they will speak to you as we lean into "being attentive to the presence of God in times of change".

Holy Transitions

For Father Richard, liminal space transforms us when we are attentive to the presence of God in times of change:

The Latin word *limen* means "threshold." Liminal space is an inner state and sometimes an outer situation where we can begin to think and act in new ways. It is where we are betwixt and between, in transition, having left one room or stage of life but not yet entered the next. We usually enter liminal space when our former way of being is challenged or changed—perhaps when we lose a job or a loved one, during illness, at the birth of a child, or a major relocation. It is a graced time, but often does not feel "graced" in any way. In such space, we are not certain or in control.

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From the Rector (continued),

The very vulnerability and openness of liminal space allows room for something genuinely new to happen. We are empty and receptive—blank tablets waiting for new words. Liminal space is where we are most teachable, often because we are most humbled. Liminality keeps us in an ongoing state of shadowboxing instead of ego-confirmation, struggling with the hidden side of things, and calling so-called normalcy into creative question.

It's no surprise then that we generally avoid liminal space. Much of the work of authentic spirituality and human development is to get people into liminal space and to keep them there long enough that they can learn something essential and new. [1]

We all need to consciously spend time at the thresholds of our lives, and we need wise elders to create and hold such spaces for us. Liminality is a form of holding the tension between one space and another. It is in these transitional moments of our lives that authentic transformation can happen. Otherwise, it is just business as usual and an eternally boring status quo existence.

Over the decades, I've seen the need for such liminal spaces again and again. Without some sort of guidance and reframing, we don't understand the necessary ebb and flow of life, the ascents and descents, and the need to embrace our tears and our letting go as well as our successes and our triumphs. Without standing on the threshold for much longer than we're comfortable, we won't be able to see beyond ourselves to the broader and more inclusive world that lies before us. Revelation 3:20 tells us that Christ stands at the door and knocks. Too many of us want to show up at the doorway looking prim and proper and perfect. We stuff our egos and anxieties in the front hall closet so Christ won't see them when we open the door. But Christ isn't showing up to see our perfect selves. Instead, we are invited into a real, deep, transformative conversation, there on the threshold between who we are and who we can become, if we are willing to let go of what holds us back. [2]

[1] Adapted from Richard Rohr, *Adam's Return: The Five Promises of Male Initiation* (New York: Crossroad Publishing, 2004), 135–138. [2] Adapted from Richard Rohr, introduction to *Oneing* 8, no. 1, *Liminal Space* (Spring 2020): 17–18. [Available in print](#) and [PDF download](#).

Change is not always easy; however, change can be interesting, invigorating and sometimes even good when undertaken with open hearts and minds. I am adopting Fr. Rohr's call to find God in the change and strive to be, as attributed to Saint Catherine of Siena, and, quoted by our Presiding Bishop: "Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire." I believe that in the change ahead we can, each in our own way, "set the world on fire" for our loving, merciful, and gracious God.

Rose Anne+



April 17, 2023

Dear colleagues and friends,

Gun violence is nonpartisan and nondiscriminatory. Its victims and perpetrators, alike, are young and old; black, brown, and white; inclusive of all gender identities and sexual orientation; not specific to one political party or philosophy. Gun violence shows no partiality. It occurs in schools, workplaces, churches, public venues, and private homes. It is both self-inflicted and inflicted on others. Its only common denominator is that it involves firearms in the hands of people who should not have access to them.

In our Diocese, state, and country, the right to have and carry firearms is more highly valued than the right to go to school in safety, to work in safety, to worship in safety, even to go home in safety. As a nation, we are approaching 150 mass shootings in 2023 alone. The heartache of gun violence is felt every day by ever-increasing numbers of families and communities. Yet, tragically, gun ownership, use, and safety have become so politicized and polarizing that even engaging in conversation about it feels to many people to be unsafe.

Given that polarization, there are no easy answers to resolving this deadly pandemic. Progress will only come with a cost to everyone. We cannot insist on getting our way and expect change. That is why we pray, "Thy will be done." One thing, however, is certain: if we do not find ways to talk about it, it will only get worse. All the power of evil ever wants is to keep us from working together. It is the only way that it protects division and death. It is the only way it wins.

Faith communities and faithful people have a critically important role to play in this. We put a high priority on caring for others at our own expense; on building relationships across diverse experience and perspectives, in order to make us all more whole; and on learning what it is we need to sacrifice, in order make possible what God is dreaming for us.

Last year, the Diocese provided to any congregation that requested them, copies of the Rev. Rosalind Hughes's book, *Whom Shall I Fear*, a handbook for addressing difficult conversations about guns and gun violence. This year, we are able to provide Rosalind as a parochial and diocesan resource and consultant, available to any congregation or group of communicants wishing to explore constructive ways of moving toward safe, open conversations and programmatic activities addressing gun violence and our complicity in it. She is representing Bishop-elect Anne and me on provincial and church-wide efforts, including Bishops United Against Gun Violence, and is available to each of you as together we work toward a safer world for all of God's beloved.

Please see Rosalind's message below and contact her directly at rhughes@dohio.org or 440.865.0499.

The Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth, Jr.

Bishop of Ohio

Dear friends in Christ,

Against all worldly reason, this is a season of resurrection. While on Friday, all seemed lost, and Saturday was set aside for grieving, now we awaken to a new embodiment of what it is to be followers of Jesus, to whom all is never lost.

As Christians, we celebrate the impossible boundlessness of mercy.

God knows, we need such encouragement in these days, when gun violence surrounds us in the news and in our neighborhoods, and we know the trauma of our people who worry for their schoolchildren and grandchildren, and for themselves. We worry, too.

We know, we have seen, too, that the way of the Cross is not an easy fix, yet it is our hope and our call. And, it addresses with enduring grace our culture of violence and defensiveness, our divisions and despair, and our longing for an end to lamentation.

As the Body of Christ, we are drawn together to remember that with God, nothing will be impossible.

So many of you are already doing what is needed in your communities and congregations to make the pilgrimage toward peace. You are praying, which is where we all begin and end; you are supporting survivors; you are putting pressure on local leaders to take action to save lives;

you are inspiring others to the work; you are following in the way of the Cross, sure of its saving power.

I'd love to hear from you. I'd love to hear what you are doing, what you dream of doing, and how I might be able to find you help and encouragement along the way. I'd love to hear what you want me to do for you, for us, for the sake of Christ. I am deeply grateful to Bishop Hollingsworth for the invitation to lean further into this work to relieve the pressure of gun violence upon us and all of God's people.

While I will be waiting for you emails or calls, I will also be reaching out to all of you, encouraging you to sign up for regular updates on our work together. I'll try to share ways to continue to counter gun violence, its causes, and its repercussions, such as [this invitation](#) from the [Fellowship of Reconciliation](#) to sign a letter to President Biden, asking him "to declare this Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14, 2023, to be a national day of repentance, mourning, prayer, and reflection to address the culture of gun violence that is staining our collective soul."

I will be praying for us all, that Christ will lead us in all humility through this valley full of death toward the new light of resurrection.

Faithfully,

Rosalind

rhughes@dohio.org

440.865.0499

VESTRY Meeting Highlights _____ April 2023 _____

Vestry Highlights 4-16-2023.

Guest Present at meeting: The Rev. Percy Grant, Canon for Ministry Diocese of Ohio.

Treasurer: Slightly behind in pledges (normal for this time of the year), \$20,000 in transfers, including the \$5000 outreach donation to McKinley, extra spent for the deep cleaning of the kitchen after stove and hood was removed and to wash/wax kitchen and Undercroft floor. Funds still remain for 150th celebration group, Men of Grace and Youth group. The finance committee to be notified and decide what to do with funds.

Senior Warden: No report at this time

Junior Warden: Written report submitted.

Rector: Rev. Jim Wilcox will be speaking at the 8 & 10am services on May 7th about Prison Ministry, Centering Prayer has begun

Rev. Percy Grant: spoke with Vestry concerning Mother Rose Anne's retirement. Stated that businesses and churches are facing difficulty in finding employees due to generations of employees retiring. Interim period might involve part-time rectors or 2-3 priests a year. Many priests looking for positions-A name was suggested by Rev. Percy Grant. Senior and Junior Warden are to contact this person. A search committee will be formed after interim secured, probably in the fall at the earliest. June 4, 2023, Rev. Percy Grant will do both services at Grace.

Worship Committee Meeting Highlights_____April 2023____

Worship did not meet in the month of April.

Evangelism and Outreach Team_____April 2023____

Did not meet the month of April due to Holy week. Here are the minutes from the March meeting that will be reviewed at the May meeting.

March 7, 2023

Attending: M. Rose Anne, Cathy Nash, Peggy Burkacki, Kathy Hill, David and Debbie Zimmerman, Chris Burke,
Toni Swisher

Opening at 6:40 with a prayer for the Unity of the Church from the Book of Common Prayer.

Kathy Hill resigned as Outreach Leader but will continue 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.

Minutes from the February meeting were reviewed and approved.

Outreach –

- McKinley Update – Kathy H. McKinley will offer meals after the new roof is completed. No date as of yet. A new floor is being installed in the server area.
- Friends of Recovery – having a furniture sale on March 18 at Willoughby Bible Church
- A notice regarding rummage sale items will be put to the parish. We will have a sale this fall or in 2024 depending on how many items we receive.
- The old stove from our kitchen is being taken to scrap metal place this week. A new stove or stoves should be installed soon.
- Chris is going to contact Red Cross and offer Grace as a blood drive site.
- Cathy 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 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 boy scouts are having a pancake breakfast in the undercroft on Palm Sunday April 2nd. They are also having a Chili Cookoff on April 30th. Entry fee is \$20.

Closing prayer by Cathy Nash at 7:55 PM

Next meeting is Tuesday, April 11th at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Toni Swisher

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS_____April 2023_____

March 6 attendees: Phil, Rose Anne, Mary, Chris, Harry, Cathy N.

Housekeeping tasks: 2020 Project blueprints located; digital copy should be made

Impullitti 2023-yard maint. contract revised and signed;3-21-23.

Phil D. 2023 calendar distributed to Committee, to anticipate when some coverage will be needed during my out-of-town trips.

Mission of B & G discussed.

Current Projects:

Sacristy cabinets / countertop pending.

Priest vestment storage T.B.D. / Altar Guild input / tabled to May 21 Vestry meeting.

Kitchen UPGRADE / 1960's stove removal competed / Champion Fire demolished chemical fire suppression / letter to Fire Prevention / Plumber installed new gas line / new Stove delivered and installed / favorable reviews from Pancake Breakfast crew / Refrigerator being serviced due to motor bearing and worn out door gaskets; last serviced in 2010.

2023 scope of Kitchen upgrades discussed: focusing on electrical first.

This item dates from 2022 / results from the work not completed satisfactorily in 2020 renovation; Exit sign at Front Door / Chris B.; backup battery needed.

This is years-old item / 4 speaker shelves to be primed / painted by PMD / Scott Arra's guidance rec'd 3-17-23 / dispose of 4 abandoned speaker cab'ts / Carpenter Contractor needed for install on ladders & scaffold / May 2023 is target completion date.

COVID 19 signage, dated March 2022 / discussed and removed.

Downstairs urinal Men's Room / manual flush valve updated to automatic
COMPLETED.

Gilmore annual alarm insp. April 17 w/ Fire Inspector / PMD to be present.

This item dates from 2022 / Tree work behind Rectory? Memorial Grove; no progress.

Lake County Dept of Utilities water service requires backflow preventer; we were inspected on 2-28-2023, but no written notice so far / Formica Plumbing estimated cost at \$3,100; equipment would go in Furnace Room / Capital Fund Expenditure per Vestry, 3-19-2023.

Vestry report, April 16, 2023 / 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: _____

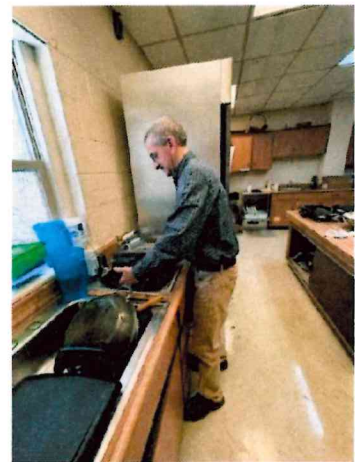
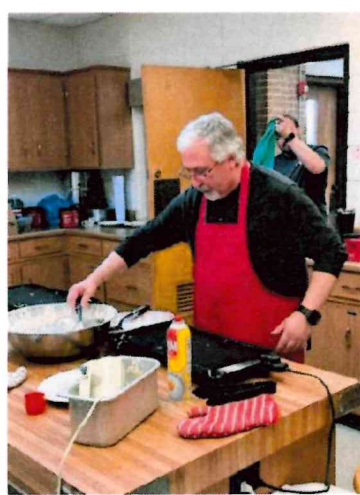
** there are no flowers on the altar during Lent, Greens only during Advent

*sign-up poster in hallway by restrooms





Boyscout Troup #185 Pancake Breakfast





Great opportunity to learn and meet new friends!





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



James working his IT magic!

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 April!!!

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



Thora Scott, Beth and Ray Sphatt

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Blessing of the Shawls by M. Rose Anne

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 book is.....

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



University Hospitals Needs Volunteers: Are you interested in making a difference in people's lives, making new friends or giving back to the community. University Hospitals Lake West in Willoughby and TriPoint Medical Center in Concord is seeking volunteers. You must be 16 years old or older. For more information call today. TriPoint Medical Center in Concord 440-354-1665 or Lake West Medical Center in Willoughby 440-953-6049.

Palm Cross Workshop- Lead by
Charlotte Stoldt



Bobbin Davis, Thora Scott, Charlotte Stoldt and
Lynn Kramp

"Are we done
yet?" Arianna
Stoldt



"left, right, center, no
wait that was the game
last night!... Melanie,
Pamela and Charlotte



Ok, now let me get back to concentrating.
Charlotte Stoldt, Lynn Kramp



M. Rose Anne, Melanie and Arianna Stoldt



Bobbin Davis



Lynn Kramp ,Peggy Burkacki, Bobbin Davis



Bobbin Davis, Thora Scott, Charlotte Stoldt



Arianna and Charlotte Stoldt



BABY BOTTLE 2023

Partner with us to protect LIFE and raise
\$120,000!

Hannah's Home is located in Mentor, OH and exists to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ while also providing a safe and nurturing home for single women who are pregnant. We provide 24/7 care for the mom and her child(ren) which includes food, transportation, clothing, all baby items needed, pregnancy and parenting classes, faith-based counseling, life skills classes, social work services and so much more! We also provide daycare services for our current moms and alumni moms who are working or furthering their education.

We do not receive any state or federal funding. We rely strictly on donations and our services are free of charge!

1. Take a baby bottle home.
 2. Fill it with coins, cash or a check made out to Hannah's Home.
 3. Return the bottle to your church no later than June 19, 2022.
- OR you can simply scan the QR code located below, click the "Donate" button and fill out the information needed.
- And as always, pray for the work and ministry of Hannah's Home and the impact your donation will make.



Hannah's Home Needs

Fabric Softener

*Shorts/Capris - all sizes

*Preggie Pops

Copier Paper

*Pacifier Leash

Pedialyte

Tissues

*Forever Stamps

Baby Wrap Carrier/Baby Sling

*Nursing Bras - all sizes

White Cardstock

Colored Cardstock

*3" 3-Ring Notebooks

Compression Socks (all sizes)

*Lip Balm

Colored/Designed File Folders

Napkin

Nipple Cream

Granola Bars/Snacks

*LakeTran Bus Passes (\$4 all day & \$10

*Solid Colored T-Shirts - L, XL, XXL, XXX

*Diaper Genie Refills

Ziploc Baggies (gallon sizes)

K-Cups (dark roast, regular, hazelnut, french vanilla)

Medicine Disposal System (bags)

Disposable Baby Changing Pads

*Pill Boxes with AM & PM

Sunscreen (Adult/Baby)

Newborn No Scratch Mittens (Boys & Girls)

*Cantu - Shampoo & Conditioner

Reusable Water Bottles

Gift Cards: Uber, Hobby Lobby, Gas Station, Walmart, Target, Meijers, Subway

60 Watt Light Bulbs

*Batteries (AAA, C, D, 9V)

Paper Plates (large/small) & Bowls

Ladies Underwear Sz. 8 and up

Art Canvases

*Dental Floss

PJs - all sizes

*High need items

*So many birthday's and wonderful things to be grateful for.....
Especially for Our Mother Rose Anne,
we celebrate you...and your next steps...
Happy 75th!!!!*



Mother Rose Anne



Alice, Emmett, and Benjamin



Alice and M. Rose Anne, Marti Mackey, Beth & Ray Sphatt, Harry Dodds, David Webster, and Arianna

Have cake?..... Let's Celebrate!!!!!!



Kathy Hill, Thora Scott, The Rev. Percy Grant, Jack Occkial, Alice, M. Rose Anne, Elizabeth Estep



Erin and Benjamin Pate

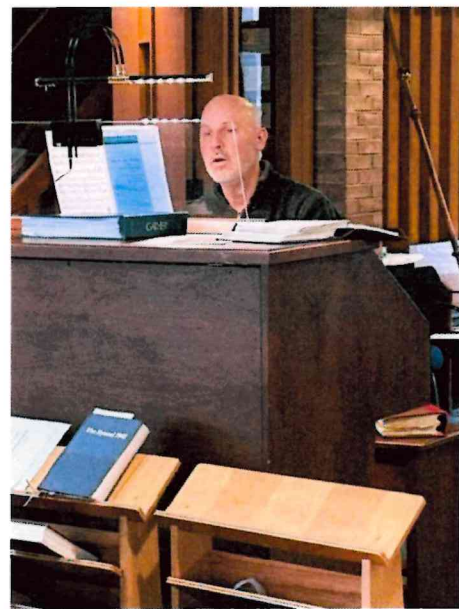
*Thank you everyone for the
wonderful gift card and the
very delicious chocolate cake!*

*Most of all, in sharing this day
with me!*

Rose Anne+



Just selecting hymns for the choir to sing. Hmmm, I like this one.



*Grace Choir: Marti Mackey, Nancy Brothers, Charlotte Stoldt, Jennifer Lonsway, David Webster, Scott Arra
(Not pictured Dorothy Ferguson)*



Delicious fun at the Boy Scouts of Troop 185 Chili Cook-Off. The Scouts did the judging and guess who won first prize for the best chili?
That's right - our own Chris Burke! Way to go!!



Mother Rose Anne was asked to pull the winning ticket for the 50/50 raffle. Hope it all fits in the winner's piggy bank.



This event earned about \$500 which will be divided equally among each member of this Troop to support their Scouting activities. God bless all who support these wonderful kids.

Kathy Hill





READINGS FOR THE DAY

May 7

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

- [Acts 7:55-60](#)
- [1 Peter 2:2-10](#)
- [John 14:1-14](#)
- [Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16](#)

May 14

The Sixth Sunday of Easter
(Mother's Day)

- [Acts 17:22-31](#)
- [1 Peter 3:13-22](#)
- [John 14:15-21](#)
- [Psalm 66:7-18](#)

May 21

The Seventh Sunday of Easter
The Sunday after Ascension Day

- [Acts 1:6-14](#)
- [1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11](#)
- [John 17:1-11](#)
- [Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36](#)

May 28

The Day of Pentecost
Whitsunday

- [Acts 2:1-21](#)
- [1 Corinthians 12:3b-13](#)
- [John 20:19-23](#)
- [Psalm 104:25-35, 37](#)