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Church Office Hours

Mon. 8-2pm

Tue. Wed. & Thur.

1:30-3:30pm

Fri. 8-2pm

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, August 25th, 2023**



The *Pace* of Grace

July/August 2023

Updates from the Senior Warden:

As you know, with the retirement of Bishop Mark and many senior members of his staff, the Diocese is currently in a state of change. As part of getting started with us, Bishop Anne is hosting a number of 'listening sessions' across the diocese this summer: chances to spend a couple of hours sharing with her and her staff our concerns, interests, and goals. You can find the complete schedule at: <https://www.dohio.org/listening-sessions>. I strongly encourage you to share your thoughts with her as she begins her ministry with us.

While we might be in the lazy days of summer, Grace has not just been coasting. As always, you are all still active in your various ministries. Some highlights include:

- The Pastoral Care team has been busy bringing meals to our shut-ins, and is also renewing our calling program to build up our community.
- The Outreach/Evangelism team is attending the Willoughby Farmer's Market once a month to reach out to the community. They are also involved in presenting a meal at the Women's Recovery House, and negotiating to offer a CPR class here at Grace.
- While our choir is on summer hiatus, many members of the choir are showing up each Sunday to support the musical aspect of our service.
- The Buildings and Grounds team, guided by our Junior Warden, Phil, continues to both maintain and improve our property, including moving forward with painting the kitchen, clearing out old material from the choir loft, and other general maintenance around the building.
- The Vestry and Wardens are continuing the search process for an Interim Rector.

Meanwhile, the North East Mission Area Council (NEMAC), to which we belong, is seeking opportunities for shared fellowship across the churches in our council, such as cookouts or parties.

Please share your thanksgivings, prayers, and plans with the parish, so we can continue to support one another.

Yours in Joy

Elizabeth Estep, Senior Warden

VESTRY Meeting Minutes _____ **July/August 2023** _____

Present – Phil Davis, Cathy Nash, Lynn Kramp, Harry Dodds, Elizabeth Estep, Sandy Wesley, absent-Kathy Hill and Walt Iliff.

Meeting opened at 12:00 pm, agenda reviewed. Phil made a motion to accept, 2nd by Lynn Kramp, accepted by acclamation.

Finance/Treasurer Report

- \$2000 behind in pledge payments
- \$11,000 less taken from Grace Woods Fund.
- Spending up in Pastoral Care and Fellowship, due to funerals and M. rose Anne retirement party.
- Wells Fargo up by 5%; Dividends/capital gains are up

Motion to accept Treasurer Report by Phil Davis, 2nd by Cathy Nash, motion carried.

Senior Warden

- Rev. Jeff Baker negotiations in progress for interim rector
- Outside fabric sign being ordered, electric sign needs repair.

Junior Warden

- Kitchen painting project, Phil Davis received a quote from Bolton Bratt for \$7000, a second competitive quote is expected in a week. Phil Davis made a motion to be authorized to proceed, with the cost not to exceed \$7000 plus 10% contingency, Cathy Nash 2nd, motion passed
- Rectory 1st floor A/C not functioning, so work done last week of June by 72 Degrees Co. no reply by 72 degrees when contacted; cost unknown.
- Sliding screen door needs repair by M. Rose Anne, Pella Window and Doors contact info given to M. Rose Anne.

Stewardship-no update

- Next function should be to greet interim rector

Outreach & Evangelism

- CPR from Willoughby Fire Dept to be setup, Cathy is waiting for a response/date for class
- Willoughby Outdoor Market to be 7/22/23 and 8/23/23
- McKinley roof project almost done.
- Hannah Home ribbon Cutting is July 20
- Friends of Recovery sale 8/4 & 5,23

- Women's Recovery meal is 7/18/23, food brought to church to be delivered by 5:45pm (sloppy joes, pasta salad, watermelon, ice tea/lemonade, dessert)
- Card & gift card for Kathy Hill 7/18/2023 from outreach/Evangelism team.

Pastoral Care

- No updates
- Meals given for Mother rose Anne, Gary Hill and Dodds family

Junior & Senior Wardens vacations

- Phil Davis- August 2-August 8
- Elizabeth Estep – July 28th-August 13

Cathy Nash made motion to adjourn, 2nd by Lynn Kramp, motion carried

Meeting adjourned @ 12:50 pm

Next meeting 8/16/2023 @ 12 noon

Respectfully electronically submitted by Sandy Wesley

Worship Committee Meeting Minutes_____July/August 2023____

Present: Scott Arra, Peggy Burkacki, Bobbin Davis, Nancy Brothers, Kathy Hill

The meeting opened at 11:20 a.m. with prayer by Nancy.

1. June 2023 meeting minutes were reviewed. Nancy made a motion to accept minutes, seconded by Scott.
2. Altar Guild - Nothing to report at this time.
3. Choir - shelves are installed in the loft. Speakers are connected but they need some tweaking. Scott will work on this as time allows.
4. Sunday School - Nothing to report at this time.
5. Review of services and events - We remain on ordinary time.
6. Upcoming Services -
Feast of Grace will be around Sept. 17. We can check with Walt to see if he is still Fellowship leader as earlier stated. We may have a traditional service and invite guests from Breckenridge and Grace Woods. An ice cream social was suggested.
7. Supply Clergy

Clergy Coverage:

7/16/23 Dawson Moorer

7/23/23

7/30/23

August -

Other discussion:

Next meeting – August 13, 2023 11:30 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 am.

Evangelism and Outreach Team July/August 2023

Present-Peggy Burkacki, Toni Swisher, Chris Burke, Cathy Nash, Walt Iliff, Sandy Wesley

Meeting opened @ 6:30 pm-Bicentennial Prayer read together

- Evangelism-minutes from 6/6/2023 corrected, Way Out ministries moved to Evangelism rather than Outreach and the date for the July meeting changed to July 11 rather than July 10. Motion made to accept minutes by Peggy Burkacki, 2nd by Cathy Nash, motion carried.
- Willoughby Market (3rd Sat of the Month) The next date 7/22/2023, last date is 9/23/2023 for the year.
- Meal for Arukah (women's house) planned for 20 adults on 7-18-2023, sloppy joes-sandy Wesley, pasta salad-Toni Swisher, watermelons-Walt Iliff, buns-Chris Burke, Ice tea, lemonade-Peggy Burkacki, dessert-Cathy Nash, food brought into the church by 4:30 pm, to be delivered by Chris burke by 5:45pm.
- Outreach-McKinley- roof being replaced
- August 4th & 5th @ friends of recovery 8am to 4pm
- Kathy Hill to follow-up on Little Feet.
- Metal Drive continues per Walt Iliff
- Cathy Nash contacted Willoughby Fire Dept for CPR classes, is waiting to be notified of when and where.
- Bakers & Takers for one new parishioner, Kathy Hill baked, Deb Zimmerman delivered.
- Thank you, letter, received from Forbes Tea
- Ivy Women's Center discussed; they received a donation from Grace Foundation.
- No Meeting in August-Next meeting Sept. 5, 2023

- Card and gift card to be given to Kathy Hill from Outreach & Evangelism team.
- Pricing Day will be held this fall for rummage sale
- Hannah Home-ribbon cutting ceremony 7/20/2023 to celebrate new living quarters

Respectfully electronically submitted by Sandy Wesley

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS_____July/August 2023_____

Our committee continues doing maintenance, and making improvements at Grace. Our last meeting included a cook-out in my backyard. Next meeting will be Monday after Labor Day.

Projects underway include:

Administrating pre-existing janitorial, lawn mowing, and furnace contracts with outside Vendors ~ not as easy as it sounds.

Dave and Debbie Zimmerman are staining the fence surrounding the Memorial Grove, with Walt Iliff's help.

Chris B. is getting the monument sign repaired; (others are procuring a fabric sign for the front yard frame).

Projects completed since my last PACE article include:

Precision Woodwork performed some door repairs at the lower floor level, and installed 4 shelves for organ speakers on the Choir Loft back wall.

Weed control and shrubbery trimming are done here and there.

Harry D. restored our defibrillator with a new battery and pads.

Cathy N. hung fresh wreaths to enhance the church's entry doors.

2023 Kitchen Project next phase is replacing ceiling tiles and painting walls. By the time this PACE is published, we expect to be under contract for that phase, as approved by Vestry on July 16.

After Rose Anne vacates Rectory on or around Aug. 1, we expect to commence with a new project of refreshing Rectory for its next occupant. This work will be mostly done by a contractor, I suspect.

Lastly, Jr. Warden expects to be out-of-town between Aug. 2 and Aug. 8 on a long planned for family gathering. In the Adirondacks, there is perfect isolation from communications.

by Phil Davis, Jr. Warden



Pastoral_Care_____July/August 2023

Parish Contact questionnaires went out to all parishioners in the directory from the Pastoral Care Team. This is to help our Grace family find the best ways to keep us all in touch. Please return them to the basket by the Prayer box in the outer narthex or by email office@gracewilloughby.org

Thank you

Grace Pastoral Care 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: _____

*sign-up poster in hallway by restrooms





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 contact the office 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 Christmas and Holy Week.

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

Prayer shawl ministry will take a break over the summer and resume in September on the first Thursday of each month at 2:00. All are welcome to come even if you do not knit or crochet. We share items with the church, VA, dialysis, Hannah's House, Forbes House, Giving Tree and all in need. We make shawls, hats, scarves, baby sweaters. Shawls are in a basket in the social room. Please come and join us. We will still be making items all summer from home.

Beth, Ray, Thora, Pat and Bobbin



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



Office Administrator Sherrie made a weekend trip to Almost heaven W. Va. Faith Mountain for a family Reunion. And it was almost heaven!! No Wifi and just beautifulness! Came home and did a head count of all my chicks!! They were all there, here are just a few! I can spend hours just watching them! Lol

Still time to send in your pictures of your travels of this past summer, Maybe your almost heaven was right in your own back yard or on your front porch?! Send to office@gracewilloughby.org