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Mon. 8-2pm

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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, September 22nd, 2023**



The *Pace* of Grace

September 2023

Dear Grace Friends,

My name is Father Jeff Baker, nice to meet you! I'm your new Interim Rector. I'm very excited to begin this ministry with the wonderful people of Grace Episcopal Church, Willoughby! I'd like to take this opportunity to tell you a little about myself. My wife of 33 years is Kristin. She is the head Certified Athletic Trainer working at Thiel College in Greenville, PA. We have two daughters and sons-in-law, Amanda and Jacob of Kent, Ohio and Jaclin and Shashanka who live in Boston. I've been a priest for almost 16 years. Before ordination I owned Critter Castle Pet Shop for 10 years. If it flies, swims, slithers, or has a tail, I've likely owned or sold one. Currently, we have three Labrador Retrievers, Murphy, Red and Kodi. I have been breeding Labs since my Dad and I started over 45 years ago. Now, I share that hobby with my daughter, Jac. Check out our website if you want:

BakersLabs.com! I also have a greenhouse and raise a variety of orchids. I enjoy fishing, camping, boating and swimming. And, I collect nutcrackers. Well, that's my resume and probably more than you really wanted to know! More importantly, I very much look forward to getting to know each of you! As we go forward in this new ministry, we will be trying to answer these three questions: Who are we? Who are our neighbors? What is God calling us to do? Once we explore the answers to those questions we'll create a firm foundation for your next Rector. And, along the way we are going to have a lot of fun doing it!

Blessings

Fr Jeff

VESTRY Meeting Minutes_____ **September 2023**_____

Present: Kathy Hill, Lynn Kramp Elizabeth Estep, Sandy Wesley, Cathy Nash, Phil Nash, Harry Dodds

Opening Prayer @ 12:00 pm by Phil Davis

- Safe Church Program (NEMAC) St. James to have the program in person, has room for additional people to join, Worship and SS committee should be added to the program.
- Minutes approved from 7-16-2023, motion by Phil Davis to approve and 2nd by Cathy Nash, accepted by acclamation.

Treasurer Report

- \$6500 behind in pledges
- Expenditures are down.

Motion to accept treasurer report by Phil Davis, 2nd by Kathy Hill, motion carried.

Senior Warden

- Bishop Jolly request Grace to have interim rector at this time.
- The Rev. Jeff Baker as interim rector discussed. Has years of experience, have an escape clause on contract. Contract discussed-6month contract to end 5/1/2024, minimum salary, medical insurance is required but \$700 requested in lieu of medical insurance, to use rectory as needed since he is from Youngstown, cell phone to be covered under utilities, total salary to include salary/housing/SECA/utilities/pension/health insurance.
- Resolution by Phil Davis-Senior Warden permitted to negotiate housing formula between \$8400-14,400, Senior allocation of total between salary compensation to categories, 2nd by Kathy Hill, motion carried.
- Sherrie's vacation October 9th through October 27, returning back in the office Monday Oct. 30th. (need volunteers)
- Facebook and Zoom-zoom is by 4-5 people weekly. Facebook to be discontinued. Zoom not always working well and that shows up on Facebook, zoom is distracting during 10 am service, maybe tried at 8am service or camera moved, discussed.

Building and Grounds

- Sent by email and attached.
- Auditor update received.
- Kelly janitorial schedule discussed, church cleaned 3x's weekly (\$19,000 per year)-resolution by Phil Davis to renegotiate contract with Kelly Janitorial to reduce to 2x's weekly rather than 3x's, 2nd by Lynn Kram, motion carried.

Stewardship-No activity

Outreach-Kathy Hill contacted JC Penney for Little Feet for the end of October.

Evangelism

- The fire dept. will contact us for CPR classes.
- Meals for Friends of Recovery Men's home for 8/22/23 lasagna/pasta with meatballs/salad/Italian Ice.
- Community Trash pick-up day with other churches (Vine Street) discussed.
- September outdoor market Willoughby discussed.
- Feast of Grace to be planned September 24th (Fellowship comm.)

Pastoral Care

- Meal taken to Bev Schutt today.
- Survey sent out.

Motion to adjourn by Phil Davis, 2nd by Kathy Hill, motion carried.

Closing Prayer by Cathy Nash @1:39pm

Respectfully electronically submitted by Sandy Wesley

Worship Committee Meeting Minutes_____September 2023__

Present: Scott Arra, Debbie Zimmerman, Bobbin Davis, Nancy Brothers

The meeting opened at 10:59AM

1) July meeting minutes were reviewed. Nancy made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Bobbin Davis.

2) Altar Guild nothing new to report

3) Choir – Speakers are all installed on shelves. Speakers and organ adjusted by Scott to get best and fullest sound.

Scott asked Organ repair man for further advice to make sound adjustments. Organ repair man said adding Rogers speakers would be the best option. Scott feels we have adjusted the sounds to the best level at this time with current equipment.

4) Sunday School - Debbie and Bobbin said they will resume Sunday school on Sunday Sept 10th. Lynn and Bobbin will do the first week.

Miss Debbie is not buying new crafts yet as she has some to use from previous years.

5) Review of services and events: Since we are not sure which weeks we will have a priest. We are just rolling with it week by week. Some weeks Morning Prayer and some weeks Holy Communion.

6) Upcoming services: Feast of Grace on September 17th 10AM service. Discussion was held about what to do after service to celebrate.

Ice Cream Social was decided upon. Will be easy with less people available to help and would be enjoyed. We will still do two services that day but will do music and ice cream social at 10AM. Need volunteers to help with this. Worship team will notify vestry of need for help.

7) Supply Clergy:

Clergy Coverage August 20th Rev Dawson Moorer, August 27th Unknown , Sept 3rd Unknown, Sept 10th Unknown

Other Discussion: Zoom and Facebook video of services. Distraction for folks worshipping in the church

Discussion was held about the on going issues that we are having with providing video of services. This is taking a lot of time and we are not really putting out a good or positive reflection of the church. We suggest that the Vestry talk about this process and discuss if we continue to provide video streaming. Other options are available to parish members and they still can participate in Wednesday and Friday on line events. Trinity Cathedral and other parishes put out beautiful services weekly.

Next meeting will be Sept 10th at 11AM

Meeting adjourned at: 11: 25AM

Evangelism and Outreach Team_____September 2023_____

- Willoughby Market (3rd Sat of the Month) The last date is 9/23/2023 for the year. 8am to noon
- No Meeting in August-Next meeting Sept. 5, 2023
- Pricing Day will be held this fall for rummage sale

Christmas in July for Forbes House was a great success- Thank you!!!!

Just a quick not from all the busy bees on the Evangelism and outreach Committee:

On the third Saturday in August, we went to our first Willoughby Outdoor Market day of the year. We told just about everyone we saw about the projects and programs Grace Episcopal has to offer. We also gave out ice cold bottles of water and candy for the kids. On Sept 23rd we are

planning to put up our tent again and we would love it if you could donate an hour of your time and come join us for the fun.

On the first Sunday in August, we harvested our little garden at the back of the church. We had oregano, sage parsley, chives, basil, and cherry tomatoes. (see the picture). We brought our feast upstairs and everyone was invited to help themselves. The leftovers were taken to Beth Morgan at McKinley Community Center who was tickled pink with the fresh offerings for their clients. In addition, we had enough cherry tomatoes so we could send a container home with Father Dawson!

On August 4th, 2023 we made supper for the local recovery house for the ladies here in Willoughby, Menu: sloppy joes, Italian pasta, baked beans, lemonade, watermelon, and cookies for about 25 people. On August 22nd, 2023 we made supper for the men's recovery house for about 25 to 30 people. Menu: spaghetti and meatballs, lasagna, salad, drinks and desert. Chris Burke has been our delivery man and has helped with preparations. Toni Swisher, Walt Iliff, Peggy Burkacki, Sandy Wesley, and Cathy Nash also helped with everything, and they have been the hands and feet of Christ.

We will stay in touch with everyone so that you will all know about the coming events we have planned for the year.

Submitted by Cathy nash and Chris Burke co-chairs of Evangelism and Outreach Committee



Herbs from the Garden



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BUILDINGS & GROUNDS_____September 2023_____

Current Projects:

Sacristy cabinets / wall cabinet doors installed per Altar Guild

Kitchen UPGRADE / no progress / rec'd a much lower quote from EM Painting &

Const., after July Vestry mtg.; went back to Bolton-Pratt seeking \$700 reduction ~ no response in a week's time.

Organist has 4 cabinet speakers to be disposed of ~ disposal options include Craig's List, or the street for free sign.

Ongoing contracts with Impullitti's for mowing, Kelley Cleaning, and Terminix are under review, and have been loosely monitored for performance in recent years.

Discuss Kelley at this meeting.

Interactions with Rose Anne about rectory have included.

Broken sliding screen door that Rose Anne asked for guidance on how to get deal with it, so I recommended Great Lakes Glass on Vine St., who concluded it could not be repaired. Next, I gave her contact info for Pella, which led to me making tentative arrangements with Pella, followed by an Email from Rose Anne saying door is repaired. A week or so later, after she'd vacated, I observed the door is not working properly.

June 26 Rose Anne Emailed that downstairs A/C was not operating, while I was gone for a week. She ordered a repair by 72 Degrees, our HVAC service provider. They did a temporary fix. I have scheduled them to do the permanent fix for \$815.

Rose Anne noted that mice were in the rectory. My preliminary inquiry established that Terminix's contract does not include rectory.

Walt I. has reportedly agreed to clean out stuff that Rose Anne no longer wants.

No one has claimed frozen food, the Rose Anne moved into Kitchenette freezer.

In the matter of church's tree limb damaging a neighbor's, I asked neighbor to forward a copy of bill when work is completed.

Chris B. oversaw repairs to the lighted monument sign, and placed new announcements.

B & G established over the last few months that the middle catch basin in lower Parking Lot is not draining, overflowing in heavy rains. I scheduled Formica Plumbing for Aug. 17, and they were unable to video and jet the pipe in question, that leads to a downstream catch basin. Formica tried to video and jet, but unsuccessfully. They are estimating that a commercial vacuum truck is needed, about \$3,000; matter is on hold until the Sept. B & G meeting. This kind of project, in my opinion, is hard to get apples-for-apples bids. Ciro's is no longer locally owned, but has this kind of equipment too.

Vestry report, August 20, 2023 / 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



zoom



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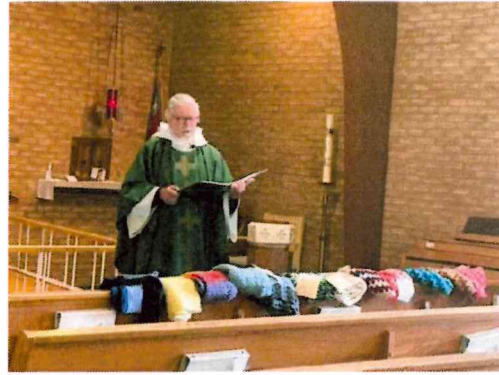
Want to take a moment to thank David Webster who has been manning most of our zoom Sundays during this past summer.

He will be stepping away and back into his beloved role in the choir.

We look forward to our IT team working through some glitches and enhancing this depended upon outreach of Grace.

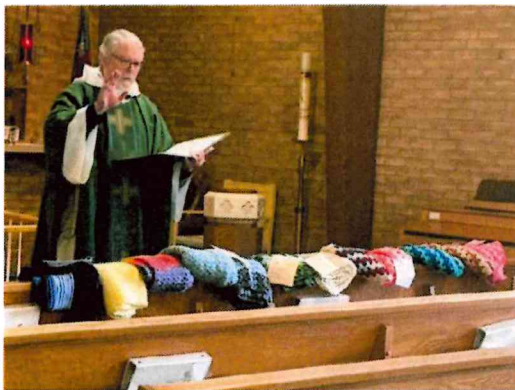
If you would like to join Elizabeth Estep, Dave Zimmerman, Greg Mackey, Sherry Occkial, or Konnor Thompson with assistance of manning the electronics during our hybrid services here at Grace. If you have a love for technology, please contact the office to find out how you can help and put your skills 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 has had a nice break over the summer and will resume on September 21st at 2pm. Each month, come gather with us on the third Thursday, 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 babies at the Ivy Center for Women and any who are in need. We make shawls, hats, scarves, baby sweaters. Shawls are in a basket in the social room. Please come and join us.

Beth, Ray, Thora, Pat and Bobbin





The Wednesday Morning Discussion Group's book is.....

The new Wednesday Morning Discussion Group's book, starting in mid October, will be TRAMP FOR THE LORD by CORRIE TEN BOOM. It was published when she was 82. This is her story of walking out of a concentration camp at age 52 and God's leading her into a new life for the next 35 years as an Evangelist all over the world. But she is now showing herself as a saint. Corrie shows us her very human side while her words about Jesus change the lives of the people who hear her. Please let me know if you want a paper copy. Sue Mancino



God's Beauty as I was passing by a sanctuary window in the wee hours of the last Monday morning of August.

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



READINGS FOR THE DAY

September 3

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 17

[Exodus 3:1-15](#)

[Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c](#)

[Romans 12:9-21](#)

[Matthew 16:21-28](#)

September 10

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 18

[Exodus 12:1-14](#)

[Psalm 149](#)

[Romans 13:8-14](#)

[Matthew 18:15-20](#)

September 17

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 19

[Exodus 14:19-31](#)

[Psalm 114](#)

[Romans 14:1-12](#)

[Matthew 18:21-35](#)

September 24

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 20

[Exodus 16:2-15](#)

[Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45](#)

[Philippians 1:21-30](#)

[Matthew 20:1-16](#)