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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

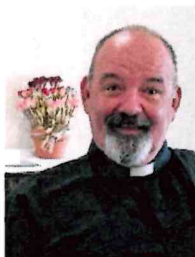
We are disciples of Jesus:
helping one another be the
hands and feet of Christ by
sharing God's love with the
world.

Deadline for the next PACE is
Friday, October 27nd, 2023



The *Pace* of Grace

September 2023



Dear Grace Friends,

Change and transition can be difficult. Every change follows a pattern which ironically begins with an ending. We say goodbye to what was. And, with every goodbye there is a sense of loss and grief. At the same time, we enter what is called the neutral zone. This segment of time is filled with uncertainty and some anxiety about what the future holds. Yet it's during this time we begin to explore different opportunities. We begin to imagine what the future might be like. We start navigating a new way, not really knowing where we will end up. We need to spend as much time as it takes in the neutral zone to make sure we give ourselves the best chance for a fruitful new beginning. My job as an interim is to help guide Grace Church through this period of transition. It doesn't have to be scary. And recognizing the stages of change can help us manage the polarities (highs and lows) which are inevitable. So, now is the time to say goodbye to what was and begin imagining what will be. Is there some ministry you would like to try, but haven't yet? We will try some new things, some old things, and some different things as we explore our way forward searching for that place where your new rector can thrive! Where are your passions? Where is the energy? What do you want to do? As we answer those questions in community, new beginnings will become apparent.

Blessings Fr Jeff+

VESTRY Meeting Minutes_____ **October 2023**_____

Present-Elizabeth Estep, Kathy Hill, Cathy Nash, Fr. Jeff Baker, Lynne Kramp, Phil Davis, Walt Iliff, Sandy Wesley

Opening Prayer by Fr. Jeff

Minutes reviewed-mistakes on spelling of Lynn Kramp, corrected to Lynne Kramp-motion made to accept minutes as corrected by Walt Iliff, 2nd by Kathy Hill, motion carried.

Treasure Report

- Pledges still behind \$8500.00 but 20% less on transfer of funds to expenditures for Jan. thru August are over on small items (pastoral care and website) Phil Davis commented on B&G budget, landscaping contract, Impulitti Co. has not billed church for 4-5 month's, are to be sending invoices every month.
- Wells Fargo usually makes money every month, but this month it is down. Motion made to accept treasurers report by Walt Iliff, 2nd by Lynne Kramp, motion carried.

Interim Rector's Report

- Computer server, problems with email not getting to church, Elizabeth Estep and Greg Mackey attempted to contact the company in charge. Father Jeff suggested replacing the computer server.
- Fr. Jeff in the process of moving into rectory-Phil Davis informed Fr. Jeff that he made a service call for the sliding door problem and upstairs furnace problem.
- Fr. Jeff needs a debit card for hotel stays-discretionary.
- Liturgy to be changed to the Book of Common Prayer soon.

Senior Warden

- Updating front hall screen with Fr. Jeff's picture
- Elizabeth Estep is also working on website, maybe a service needed, may be commercial Word Press.com or standard software instead of ChurchPost
- Sign outside to use Banners.com-will be here this week-Fr. Jeff Baker's name to be put on the sign.

Building and Grounds

- Report attached.
- Kitchen painting finished, floor and cabinets to be done in 2024.
- No bill has been received for damage to neighbor's fence from fallen tree as of yet.

Stewardship

- Seeking a leader, no leader at this time.

Outreach/Evangelism

- CPR classes, sign-up sheet in lobby, no set date yet.
- Sign-up sheet for Willoughby clean-up on 9/30-23
- Sign-up sheet for Willoughby outdoor Market on 9/23/2023
- McKinley report from Kathy Hill-new roof completed, 10th anniversary on 10/7/2023, invitations have been sent out. McKinley serves 207 families, 627 people, and there are 166 new families.

Other business:

- Motion made for vestry meeting to start @ 11:45am rather than noon by Cathy Nash, 2nd by Elizabeth Estep, motion carried.
- Resolution by Elizabeth Estep to do a standard housing letter for housing allowance of \$20,000.00 a year for Father Jeff Baker, 2nd by Walt Iliff, motion carried.
- Pet Blessing discussed for October, inviting Grace Woods and Boy scouts.
- Meeting ended at 12:50 pm, next Meeting 10/15/2023 at 11:45am

Respectfully electronically submitted by Sandy Wesley

Worship Committee Meeting Minutes_____October 2023__

Members Present: Scott Arra, Debbie Zimmerman, Bobbin Davis, Father Jeff Baker, David Zimmerman,

Peggy Burkacki, Elizabeth Estep, Nancy Brothers - The meeting opened at 11:20AM

- 1) August meeting minutes were reviewed. Scott Arra read them out loud. Bobbin Davis made a motion to accept them. Nancy Brothers seconded the motion to accept the minutes.
- 2) Altar Guild - Small Chalice has been returned from Silver Smith and is back in use. Large Bread Box also Was previously repaired and is back in and in use. Bills for both were given to the Treasurer for payment. David Zimmerman talked a bit about the Lay Eucharistic Ministers use of the home visit kits. There are two kits. David would like to still do visit to Carolyn Stacks. Father Jeff and David will figure who will visit Pat and ray Newyear and Father Jeff will help make a connection for Sheila Smith who moved to Painesville with the Priest at St James in Painesville. David Z. will let Altar Guild Staff know on Wednesday's if he needs the kits set up for visits so Altar Guild can be ready for Sundays.
- 3) Choir -Speakers and organ continue to be adjusted by Scott to get best and fullest sound. Organ repair man shared with Scott that adding Roger's speakers would be the best option. Scott feels we have adjusted the sounds to the best level currently with the equipment we have. Father Jeff said the organ sounds fine. No changes currently.

Choir Practice resumed 09/07/23. The choir will do an anthem next week. Currently choir has members

David Webster, Dorothy Ferguson, Marti Mackey, Charlotte Stoldt and Nancy Brothers. Always looking for more members. Discussion on trying to get choir interns from Willoughby South or Lakeland Community College or Andrews Osborn. Scott will reach out to the Music teacher at Willoughby South.

- 4) Sunday School - Debbie and Bobbin said they will resumed Sunday school today. No kids present.

The Sunday school is ready for Arriana and kids Ages 3-5 and do have things for kids up until Grade 4 if needed. Miss Debbie did get some new crafts to have on hand for Sunday school.

All teachers need to update their Safeguarding our Children training.

Father Jeff use to be a trainer.

He will arrange this training for the parish members who need to take it.

New training is called

Safe Church training. All Sunday school teachers and all vestry should take training.

Discussion about when new families come with children. Scott offered a observation that to many different people are approaching these folks to quickly. One family was approached 5 times over a short period of time. We all need to learn to allow them to settle and once in church allow them to get acclimated without multiple people talking to them. We appear to be scaring them away as we appear desperate for new people.

5) Review of services and events:

Father Jeff and the worship team discussed going back to using the prayer book for services as of Sept 23rd.

Prayer B will be used. Sherrie (Office Secretary) and Father Jeff will meet and talk and a new bulletin will be created. We will use Prayer book more and we will rely on the bulletin a bit less. This will last until November When the church seasons change.

6) Upcoming services: Feast of Grace on September 24th 10AM service.

Discussion was held about what to do after service to celebrate.

Pot Luck will be provided. Hot Dogs and Hamburgers - Walt will be the Grill Master.

Parish members will be side dishes. Please contact Sherrie with what you will bring.

We will still do two services that day but will do music and Pot Luck after the 10AM.

Father Jeff will find out who is leading this event. It was suggested that the Fellowship team

Might be doing this event?

7) Other Discussion: Zoom - Connor has been willing to do the Zoom video of services. No more

Facebook. Zoom seems to be going well for all involved. THANK YOU CONNOR.

Discussion was held about adding the Feast of Grace Sept 23rd 10AM service with music and Pot Luck to Follow to the sign out front.

Next meeting will be Oct 8th at 1120AM

Meeting adjourned at: 12:10PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Nancy Brothers

Evangelism and Outreach Team_____ **September 2023**_____

Attending: Chris Burke, Cathi Nash, Peggy Burkacki,
Meeting opened at 6:30 with a prayer by Cathi Nash.

- A discussion was had to combine Outreach and Evangelism into one group. This will hopefully avoid confusion in the future. The motion was made, and all voted in favor of combining the groups.
- Willoughby outdoor Market. Grace is scheduled to set up a table at the WOM Sept. 23. Cathi N is going to post a sign-up sheet to see if we get any volunteers. If we don't get any takers, we will cancel this event.
- Cathi contacted the Willoughby Fire department about CPR classes. We are going to put out a sign-up sheet for Oct. 10th, 17th, and 24th to determine when we will offer the class.
- The E&O team delivered a meal to the Friends of Recovery Brotherhood group on Aug 22. We provided spaghetti and meatballs, lasagna, garlic bread, salad and drinks. The men appreciated the meal and were very thankful.
- Several visitors to the Church received bakers and takers goodies. It was noted that this ministry is going strong and is always well received.
- Kathy Hill reported that Hanna Home has collected \$80,000 dollars from the baby bottle campaign. They still have more bottles to count.
- Kathy is also in touch with Diana from Grant Elementary school preparing for this year's Little feet shopping day.

The meeting concluded at 7:1r

The next meeting will be held October 3, at 6:3- pm.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS_____ **September 2023**_____

Agenda

Lord, give us eyes to see that the fields are ripe for harvesting. May the Church reap what has been sown by our forebears and sow the seeds that will bring forth the fruit of the future.

AMEN

Housekeeping tasks: 2020 Project blueprints / to be scanned

*** B & G materials storage, paints, flooring, ceilings, etc.

Mowing contract performance

Sugar Shack : 2 mowers; *** bags of conc. / **Phragmites in ditch**

Kelley Cleaning contract review ~ **Schedule revised (-\$3,100)**

Various tasks completed by B & G this summer.

Website omits any reference to B & G team / ministry.

Current Projects:

2023 Kitchen UPGRADE / ~ Furnace Room exist. panel no labels / EM Painting & Const. price quoted July – no Contract until late Aug. / Bolton-Pratt started 9-6-23, reduced cost by \$700.

Dispose of 4 speaker cab'ts ~ hire a hauler or Craig's List

First Aid kits / knife storage

72 Degrees HVAC semi-annual service ~ Email 6-27-2023 / Vmail 7-12-2023 / rec'd Email reply 8-11-2023 for Rectory A/C repaired / Rectory attic unit not serviced since 12-2021.

Pew plaque ~ Jim and Mary Mackey gift; see attached ~ comments ???

Dispose of old table dolly

Church Sign / Chris B. update, please.

Catch basin drainage / Chris B. & Phil D. separately confirmed blockage / Formica Plumbing notified July 31 / onsite Aug. 16; failed to clear, but flowing fine now!!!

Package some exterior carpentry items ??? siding; beam out front; Chris' drip ~ no progress.

Snowplowing 9-page Contract, last of 3-year term this coming winter ~ comments???

Rectory vacated / former Rector agreed to pay for repairing damaged Pella patio screen door / Great Lakes Glass said it could not be repaired / R.A.L. Emailed later saying door "repaired" / Phil D. advised R.A.L. and Elizabeth that screen door neither closes, nor latches.

Rectory has some of Rose Anne's personal property that she says Walt I. will deal with.

AquaDoc is a contractor for maintaining Grace Woods' pond. They have quoted the chemical killing of Phragmites in Rectory ditch. See attached.

Proposed Rectory Capital Expenditures 2023:

Pella sliding screen door, est. \$750 / A-C repairs, \$815 / bedrooms wall painting, ???\$'s ditch weed remediation \$350 / dumpster ???

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 We are in the process of going through the questionnaire and making corrections to our directory and updating our database.

Thank you.

Grace Pastoral Care Team



Bobbin Davis made this beautiful banner and donated it to our church. This beautiful piece was blessed by Father Jeff at the 10:00 service, and can now be seen in the Sanctuary.
Thank you, Bobbin, and thank you to Phil for his role in making this loving gift.



With our focus just on zoom at this time to share our service we have been able to enhance the viewing and hearing ability of the service. Zoom links can be found on our website.

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.

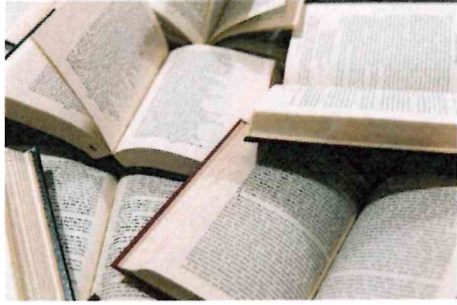
If you have a love for technology, please contact the office to find out how you can help and put your skills to work. The majority of need is for the 10:00 am Sunday services and there are also some special services that need assistance as well, such as during Christmas and Holy Week.

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-not pictured)





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

The new Wednesday Morning Discussion Group's book, starting October 25th, 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 not 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

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





Pet Blessing at Grace Church on October 8th, 2023

Stuffed animals will be blessed the same day at our 8am and 10 am services.

Our Fury and Feathered friends can be blessed during our special service being held at the Grace Woods Pavilion Sunday October 8, 2023 at 12:30pm. Please keep your pet leashed/restrained for the safety of humans & animals!



ITS BACK

The annual Grace Church Clambake will be held on Saturday, November 11. A social hour will be held starting at 4pm with dinner at 5pm. The cost this year will be \$25.00 per bake which includes one dozen clams, half a chicken, sweet corn, sweet potato, coleslaw, a roll and all the paper products needed for the dinner. A signup sheet will be placed in the church lobby for Grace Church members to sign up for this event. Payment and checks need to be made to Walt Iliff by Wednesday, November 8. and can be left at the church office.



READINGS FOR THE DAY

October 1

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 21

[Exodus 17:1-7](#)
[Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16](#)
[Philippians 2:1-13](#)
[Matthew 21:23-32](#)

October 8

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 22

[Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20](#)
[Psalm 19](#)
[Philippians 3:4b-14](#)
[Matthew 21:33-46](#)

October 15

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 23

[Exodus 32:1-14](#)
[Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23](#)
[Philippians 4:1-9](#)
[Matthew 22:1-14](#)

October 22

The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 24

[Exodus 33:12-23](#)
[Psalm 99](#)
[1 Thessalonians 1:1-10](#)
[Matthew 22:15-22](#)

October 29

The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 25

[Deuteronomy 34:1-12](#)
[Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17](#)
[1 Thessalonians 2:1-8](#)
[Matthew 22:34-46](#)