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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, November 24<sup>th</sup> , 2023



# The *Pace* of Grace

November 2023



### *Emmanuel—God is with Us!*

It amazes me how fast the past two months have flown by us. We are winding up the liturgical year A with Christ the King Sunday on November 26<sup>th</sup>. Advent and Christmas seasons are literally right around the corner! This time of the year we anticipate the holidays and cherish our friends and family a little more deeply.

Still, there is work to be done. Our Diocesan Convention will meet in Wooster this month where we will collectively make decisions on our future vision of the church. This vision will be informed by the many Listening Sessions conducted by our new Bishop Anne and staff and will affect each of our individual parishes.

Grace, Willoughby is hiring the Reverend Dawson Moorer as our Search Consultant who will help us form a Search Committee to attract and call your new rector. It is an exciting time in the life of the parish.

All of these changes can lead to increased anxiety about what the future holds. It is especially important in these times to trust in God. We do not do this work alone; God is with us. In fact, that is what we celebrate in Advent and Christmas—the coming of Christ and the Incarnation. Emmanuel!

The best place to gain comfort from the stress of these seasons is in your church pew. Come to church! Experience the energy! Savor the Eucharist and become what you eat—the Body and Blood of Christ. So, bring a friend and experience together the Grace of God this holiday season!

Faithfully yours,  
Fr Jeff+

## **VESTRY Meeting Minutes**

**November 2023**

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- \$9,000 behind in pledges
- Ordinary expenditures
- Wells Fargo is down.
- Rectors' salary needs revised.
- B&G needs revised due to exceeding the budget for the year-\$5,000 to be added to B&G
- Increase to \$50,000 for director/rector salary, out of Grace Woods funds, motion to accept treasure report by Kathy Hill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Walt Iliff, motion accepted.

### **Interim Rector's Report**

- Feed back from liturgy change, Prayers of the People, responses not always good.
- Revisions needed for search committee, expectation period will be approximately 2 years, consult period compensation possibly could be \$2,000 plus expenses, Re. Dawson Moorer to be search consultant, trained by diocese. There are many openings in the diocese. Motion made to have Rev. Dawson Moorer as search consultant by Walt Iliff, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elizabeth Estep. Motion carried, liaison to vestry needed.
- License for Memorial Garden- Should be classified as a cemetery if ashes are interned. Grace needs clear records. A lawyer, chancellor Bill Powell to be notified per Fr. Jeff (new business)

### **Senior Warden**

- Website using 501 companies (Churchpost) need to be updated or hire out. Deb Murphy to be notified by Fr. Jeff to set up IT
- Convention delegates-Dave Zimmerman, Cathy Nash, David Webster, Peggy Burkacki, motion to accept as delegates or alternate delegates and certify them, Grace will pay for fees, motion by Walt Iliff, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kathy Hill, passed by acclamation.

### **Junior Warden**

- Thompson Tree Services for \$1,800 covered under capital expenditures, to be done with Phil Davis present, motion to proceed by Phil Davis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Walt Iliff, motion carried.
- Tree limbs intertwined with cable, power lines, commercial tree trimming company refused to clear due to contact with voltage cables touching limbs CEI will trim area, scheduled for 2024
- Brilliant electric Sign Co.-repaired due to sign not lighting, letters falling into case, completed 8/11/23, motion by Phil Davis to pay for sign under capital expenditure, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cathy Nash, motion carried.
- Venclauskas(Andrew & Dahlia) household-cutting down trees and clearing land on church property, certified letter sent. Andrew called, wants to "make it right" meeting date needed, building dept, surveyors notified.

- Small chest freezer(under\$300) to be purchased for furnace room, large water dispenser jugs to be discontinued in 2024.

#### Stewardship

- Every member canvas to be done by phone

#### Outreach/Evangelism

- CPR class done, maybe have one every 6 months (class went well) instructor suggested moving defibrillator into lobby, somewhere very visible, suggestions given to B&G, Harry Dodds.
- Little Feet- Kathy Hill will get in touch with Diane from Edison school (Diane has been off work due to family problems) no data for shopping yet
- McKinley-no meals yet, ribbon cutting went well
- Fellowship **Christ party will be Dec. 9, Clambake, November 11**, cake will be purchased for desert.

#### **Next meeting 11/17/2023 @ 11:45am**

Meeting ended at 1:10pm with prayer from Fr. Jeff

Fr. Jeff informed vestry that his mother is under hospice care.

Respectfully submitted electronically by Sandy Wesley

### **Worship Committee Meeting Minutes\_\_\_\_\_November 2023\_\_**

Members present: Father Jeff, Bobbin Davis, Scott Arra, Peggy Burkacki, Elizabeth Estep, Nancy Brothers

- 1) September meeting minutes reviewed. Bobbin Davis made a motion.  
To accept the meeting minutes and Peggy Burkacki seconded this motion.
- 2) Altar Guild – nothing new to report
- 3) Choir – Scott reached out to Music teacher Ben at Willoughby South High School.  
Ben will offer the opportunity to earn a scholarship for singing with the choir to the Kids in choir. He has no males in choir this year. The voices provided would only be Soprano`s and Alto`s. Scott will also ask Sue Mancino to ask Lakeland how we can post a flyer about this opportunity. He will also consider reaching out to Eastlake North Choir for more voices.
- 4) Sunday School – Bobbin Davis said they are working with Arianna Stoltz one on one.  
Bobbie asked about Safe Church training. Father Jeff is waiting for another class  
To be taught so he can get trained and then he will train people here at Grace.

- 5) Upcoming services - Father Jeff asked if anyone remarked about the changes to services being provided: No one has heard anything negative. The changes are going well and enjoyed.

Pet Blessing will be done today at the Gazebo down by the rectory at 12:30PM.

At the next Worship meeting in November, the changes to services for the Advent Season will be discussed.

- 6) Zoom - Konnor and Elizabeth will continue to alternate weeks for Zoom.  
The meeting concluded at 11:35AM.

**Next Worship meeting will be November 12<sup>th</sup> 11:15AM**

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Nancy Brothers

## **Evangelism and Outreach Team**\_\_\_\_\_ **November 2023**\_\_\_\_\_

Evangelism & Outreach Meeting 10/3/2023

Present: Sandy Wesley, Cathy Nash, Kathy Hill, Peggy Burkacki, Chris Burke, Toni Swisher

Opening Prayer by Chris Burke at 6:30 pm

- CPR class is on Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm
- Little Feet-Kathy Hill to get in touch with Diane from Edison Elementary for the number of children, date can be flexible, budget \$4289.00, maybe a voucher for \$40.00 this year, to be determined-may check with Royalview Elementary this year, maybe get a grant this year? Kathy Hill talked with Fr. Jeff about Little Feet.
- McKinley update-roof completed; invitations sent out for 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>. McKinley serves 237 families, 627 people, has 35 new families, has 166 new families since last jan. will start meals once every 3 months in the future.
- Willoughby Outdoor market-last one for Sept. was cancelled due to lack of help-will re-address in the spring.
- Old Banners-will be located and checked.
- Bakers & takers-had 4 at one time
- Peggy-service for 12 step groups discussed, invite them to Sunday service? Maybe a special 12-step service or game night?
- Coffee hour discussed, E&O, Vestry should help out
- Boy scouts- invite scouts for Scout Sunday (first Sunday in Feb) with approval of Fr. Jeff
- Meeting closed 7:15pm

Respectfully submitted electronically by Sandy Wesley



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.

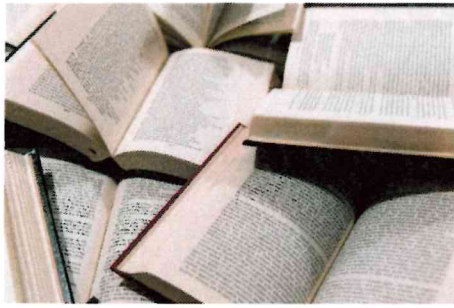
We also need some help with updating the TV videos at least monthly. Please prayerfully consider how you might lend a hand.

Prayer shawl ministry has had a nice break over the summer and will resume on September 21<sup>st</sup> 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





### 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. Payment and checks need to be made to Walt Iliff by Wednesday, November 8. and can be left at the church office.



You are all cordially invited to the  
**Annual Grace Episcopal Christmas Party**  
on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>

Music, Food, Laughter, White Elephant gifts and much, much more!!  
Watch for more details and a sign-up sheet!!



## READINGS FOR THE DAY

### **November 5**

The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost  
All Saints Sunday Proper 26

[Revelation 7:9-17](#)

[Psalm 34:1-10, 22](#)

[1 John 3:1-3](#)

[Matthew 5:1-12](#)

### **November 12**

The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
Proper 27

[Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25](#)

[Psalm 78:1-7](#)

[1 Thessalonians 4:13-18](#)

[Matthew 25:1-13](#)

### **November 19**

The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
Proper 28

[Judges 4:1-7](#)

[Psalm 123](#)

[1 Thessalonians 5:1-11](#)

[Matthew 25:14-30](#)

### **November 26**

The Last Sunday after Pentecost  
Christ the King Proper 29

[Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24](#)

[Psalm 100](#)

[Ephesians 1:15-23](#)

[Matthew 25:31-46](#)

### **December 3**

The First Sunday of Advent

[Isaiah 64:1-9](#)

[1 Corinthians 1:3-9](#)

[Mark 13:24-37](#)

[Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18](#)