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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, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024**



# The *Pace* of Grace

March 2024



My dear new friends, please know how very grateful our family is for your prayers and support. It has really helped us work through and with our grief.

Faithfully yours,  
Fr Jeff+

We have a sign-up sheet to make soup for Wednesday evenings through Lent. Dates: 3/6, 3/13, and 3/20. Come join in the fellowship and share in our walk through this Lent season.

Also, I'm leading a class on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am. Dates: 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 4/7, 4/14. Anyone interested in more information about the Episcopal Church, becoming a member, being received, The Bishop will be making a visit to Grace Episcopal April 21, 2024. This book study will help those interested walking down this path in a fun and interesting way. The book: Walk in Love

## Grace Volunteers Needed

2024 is opening up so many new doors for all us to explore! Are you feeling a tug on your heart strings to maybe help out in a new way this year? We have several committees that could always use an extra hand and we have several behind the scene groups that need an extra hand, someone run (walk), drive, fold, staple, mail, bake, phone call, visit, the list can go on and on.

Needs:

Ushers/Greeters

Bakers and Takers

Coffee hour Host

## Grace Episcopal Vestry for 2024

Vestry Member	Year Elected	Term Expiration
Nancy Brothers	2024	2026
Phil Davis	2023	2026
Kathy Hill	2022	2025
Walt Iliff	2023	2025
Thora Scott*	2024	2025
Beth Sphatt	2024	2026
Dave Zimmerman	2024	2027

Senior Warden: Walt Iliff

Junior Warden: Phil Davis

Treasurer/Clerk: Elizabeth Estep

Asst Treasurer: Harry Dodds

\*Cathy Nash resigned as she is moving away. Thora Scott will complete her term.

## BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Our committee continues doing maintenance, and making improvements at Grace. Our page in the last Annual Report shared thoughts of year past and year present.

Our upcoming meeting March \_ has an Agenda that includes:

- Consider a springtime Saturday morning parish Work Party;

- The pending Kitchen Phase 2 ~ new countertops and flooring ~ 2 quotes thus far;

- Pending masonry repairs;

- Commercial carpet cleaning.

During our last meeting, discussion included giving some guidance to ongoing tasks that parishioners might undertake on their own.

- Take a few minutes to pick up twigs in the picnic area by Memorial Grove; disposal pile is next to a tree there;

- Planting bed maintenance at front entry, by back entrance, and near overlook benches off the Rear Parking Lot.

- Neatening bulletin boards in the Dining Room ~ confer with Kathy Hill;

- Putting clean dishes away in Kitchen.

If you incur out-of-pocket expenses, keep your receipts. See me to get a reimbursement form completed and signed.

*by Phil Davis, Jr. Warden*

## Special Thanks

We would like to thank all the church members for the donations for our church family. Their Christmas dinner was wonderful and magical. Also, a big thank you to our church member who supplied extra goodies and toys that made their Christmas really super special. The Church family wanted to say a huge "Thank You" as they had a wonderful Christmas because of all the love that was shared.

Beth S. & Kathy H.



Electric Wheelchair up for grabs!!! Just asking for the cost of the 2 new batteries (\$200) that have recently been put in it. Other than that, the chair has never been used! If interested, please give Ray (440)-725-9920 or Beth Sphatt (440)-622-8566 a call.

## Tuesday Night Bible Study

A small group meets weekly to read the lessons and Psalms in advance of Sunday's service. This allows us to look up words not in our common vocabulary, to determine relationships between geographic locals, and learn some of the history of why the Bible writer may have written what they wrote. To lighten the load on any one person, we divide up the weekly readings with each student looking at the background of their assigned reading. This results in some interesting discussions. The class is generally limited to one hour, but sometimes the discussion is so enriching, we run over. We are currently meeting on Tuesdays at 7:00 by ZOOM. Come join us.

Submitted by David Webster, facilitator.

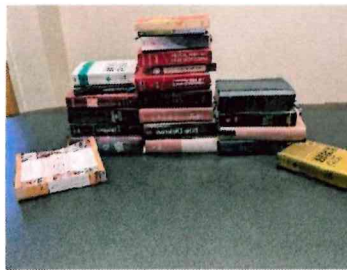
Zoom credentials for the meeting follow:

**Bible Study – Tuesday 7:00 pm**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89845285740?pwd=TjMwVDVoM3JYZ0gzYy9NMk5vR28rdz09>

Meeting ID: 898 4528 5740

Passcode: 152079



## Wednesday Morning Study Group

We started a second book by Corrie Ten Boom called TRAMP FOR THE LORD. It is about her inspirational life for over 30 years after getting out of the German concentration camp. Father Jeff Baker joined us over the Summer and is our advisor for some of the theology questions. Our discussions are general enough that anyone can join us on Zoom if there is an opening on an occasional Wednesday morning. Tell me or Sherrie if you need the link. Sue Mancino

Topic: Wednesday Morning Study Group

Join Zoom Meeting via PC, MAC, iPad, iPhone or Android:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89185778099?pwd=S2NjVXEyUGlWYVdKaStCN2lyajlkQT09>

Meeting ID: 891 8577 8099 **Passcode: 491065**

Or dial by telephone +1 408 638 0968 US





The Prayer Shawl group has been working all year making shawls, baby blankets, baby sweaters and hats.

We meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 2 pm in the social area. We are off during the summer.

Please come and join us. You don't have to knit or crochet.

Ray, Beth, Thora, Pat, and Bobbin.

We want to thank all those who have donated yarn.

Beth Sphatt

## 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

## Support for Little Feet



-**Metal Drive continues.** Any metal object can be donated. The only we cannot use is refrigerators. Items can be placed on the carpeted area next to the fellowship downstairs area.

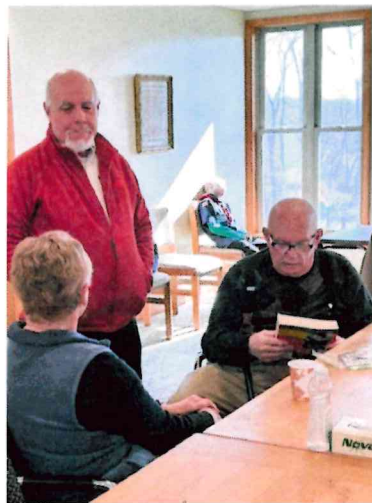
-**Rummage Sale** will be held on September 14, 2024. Items can be placed on the carpeted area next to the fellowship downstairs area. Please, **NO** electronics and only novels when it comes to books.

-**Annual Pancake Breakfast** on palm Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> from 9 to noon. A goodwill donation will be accepted.

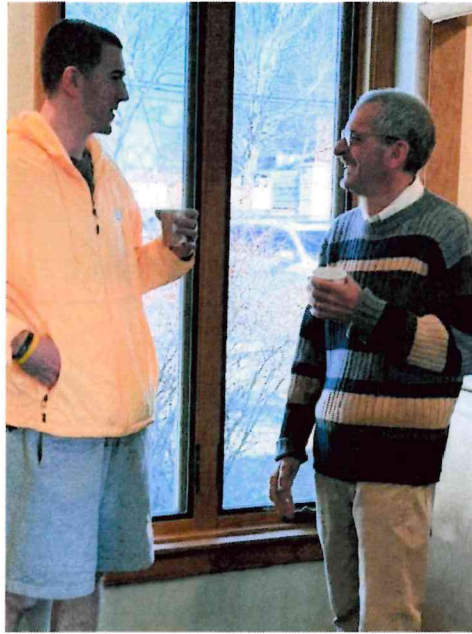
## Coffee Hour



Debbie Zimmerman, Thora Scott,  
Dorothy Ferguson



Greg Mackey, Beth & Ray Sphatt and  
a young Scout with the best seat in the house!!



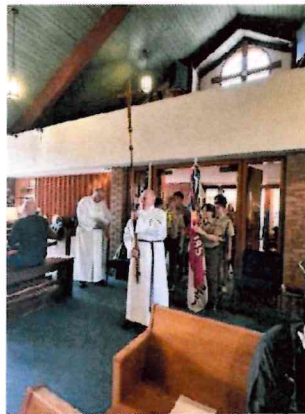
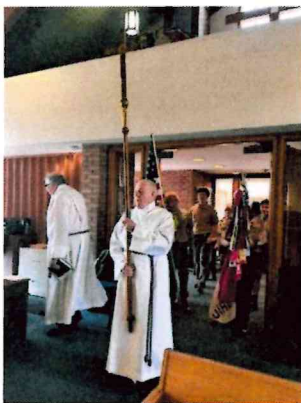
Konnor Thompson and Chris Burke

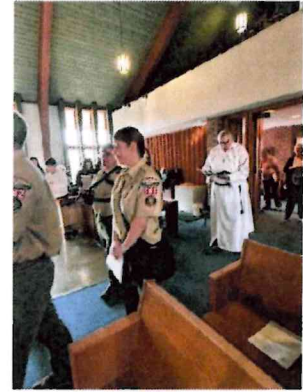


I have attached a photo of my son, Riley Gumto. Riley took his Oath of Enlistment for the Army on February 13<sup>th</sup> and flew to Fort Jackson in Columbia, South Carolina that day. Having achieved Eagle Scout Rank in Boy Scouts, Riley enlisted as an E-3 (Third Class). His Basic Training began last Tuesday and will continue for another 8 weeks. While at Fort Jackson, Riley is a member of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Platoon, Echo Company, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment. Please keep Riley in your prayers as he begins this new chapter and adventure in service to our Country. Sharon Trsek~Mom



# *Scout Sunday*











Have Hope Share Hope

Grace Episcopal Church  
Family,

Friends of Recovery NE  
Ohio would like to thank  
you for your recent donation  
to the ministry. We are  
continually thankful for  
your support and prayers.  
Please pray with us as  
we look for a home for  
men! The FORNEO Team

Friends of Recovery NE Ohio - Next Step Living Ministry  
[www.friendsrecoveryneo.com](http://www.friendsrecoveryneo.com)  
Have Hope - Share Hope



## *Tell me about Grace.....Who are we??? Why Grace???*

### Search Committee

We need to get as much feedback as we can from as many people as we can to put together a portfolio about Grace past, present, and future. The focus of our meetings has been to plan the agendas of our parish meetings. Please try your best to attend these meetings. We can't do our work without your help.

We will try to keep you informed on our progress.

*Be the change you want to see in the world!! ----Ghandi*

Peg

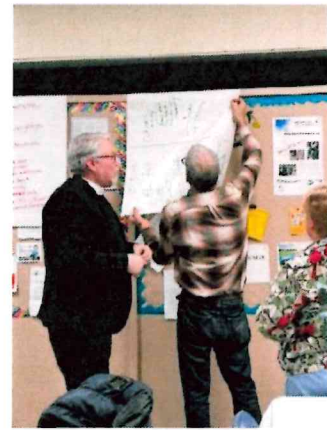
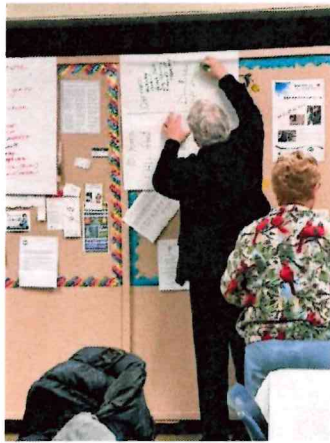
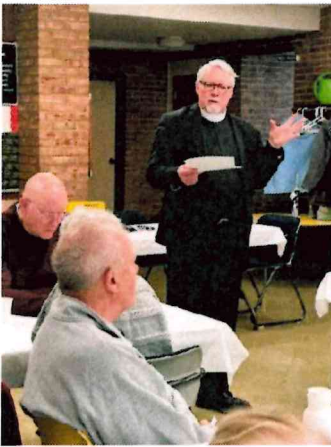
## *Pictures from our first All Church Search Mtg*

**Next mtg planned for March 13<sup>th</sup> Dinner will be provided promptly at 5:30 with mtg beginning @6pm sharp**











### **March 3**

The Third Sunday of Lent

### **March 10**

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

### **March 17**

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

### **March 24**

The Sunday of the Passion  
Palm Sunday

### **March 31**

The Sunday of the Resurrection  
Easter Sunday

### **April 7**

The Second Sunday of Easter

## **READINGS FOR THE DAY**

- [Exodus 20:1-17](#)
- [1 Corinthians 1:18-25](#)
- [John 2:13-22](#)
- [Psalm 19](#)

- [Numbers 21:4-9](#)
- [Ephesians 2:1-10](#)
- [John 3:14-21](#)
- [Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22](#)

- [Jeremiah 31:31-34](#)
- [Hebrews 5:5-10](#)
- [John 12:20-33](#)
- [Psalm 51:1-13](#)
- *or* [Psalm 119:9-16](#)

- [Mark 11:1-11](#) [Isaiah 50:4-9a](#)
- [Philippians 2:5-11](#)
- [Mark 14:1-15:47](#)
- *or* [Mark 15:1-39, \[40-47\]](#)
- [Psalm 31:9-16](#)
- *or* [John 12:12-16](#)
- [Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29](#)

[Romans 6:3-11](#)  
[Matthew 28:1-10](#)  
[Psalm 114](#)

- [Acts 4:32-35](#)
- [1 John 1:1-2:2](#)
- [John 20:19-31](#)
- [Psalm 133](#)