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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, September 20th, 2024



The *Pace* of Grace

September 2024



Let Us Walk Prayerfully and Gracefully

It never ceases to amaze me how fast summer seems to fly by us! Here we are in September, the unofficial end to summer and beginning of fall. Kids go back to school, football is in the air, and the Church's program year begins to ramp up!

We've had a productive past few months. Our parish profile is done. We are working on updating our website. We switched to one 9:30am service. We will continue at that time through the rest of the liturgical year. Then we will reevaluate for Advent. Feedback for this time shift has been positive. It feels like a more complete Body of Christ when we all worship together! The Feast of Grace is on the 15th and the choir will be back in full throat! While we've offered Sunday School throughout the summer, we hope to ramp up those numbers once the kiddos adjust to their new routines. Oh, and don't forget about the Rummage Sale on September 14th!

Life is good here at Grace, Willoughby. Hope is in the air. Laughter continues to fill the halls. All of which point to the presence of the Holy Spirit! Jesus is walking with us in this period of change and transition. He offers a sense of His calming presence as we search for your new Rector.

So, let us trust the process as we prayerfully and Gracefully walk this path with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Faithfully and lovingly,

Fr Jeff+



Everyone is cordially invited to

Feast of Grace

September 15th, 2024 following the 9:30 service

Provided

Hotdogs, Hamburgers, Coffee, Iced Tea, Water, and Pop

Please bring a dish to pass.

Sign-up is on the communication board in the lobby

From the Senior Warden

Below please find a list of long-range planning projects created by the Building and Grounds Committee. We would like the members of Grace Church to review this list and select the three which you as a member of Grace determine are the most important at this time. At the September 15th gathering "Feast of Grace" copies of these projects will be distributed for Grace members to choose which they feel are most important.

Long Term Planning for Grace Episcopal Church

- Additional parking lot lighting
- Replace siding and trim on Ed. Wing building to include connector
- Future asphalt partial replacement or topping
- Exterior painting an exterior trim to reduce future painting needs
- Reduce ground maintenance burden by thinning trees, installing low maintenance plants, etc.
- North lightwell drainage improvements
- Replace carpeting on stairs and nave aisles
- Furnace filter for dining room system
- Rectory finishes like painting walls, replacing carpet, etc.
- Rectory drainage issues
- Chapel window replacement
- Security cameras to display and record in high-risk parts of building
- Major updating of downstairs toilet rooms
- Derive a storage/stockpiling plan allocating spaces and disposing of useless clutter
- Replace current signage with an electronic system
- Electronic open doors for upstairs bathrooms
- Elevator
- Remodeling of kitchen cabinetry

Update from the Vestry on the progress of the Search

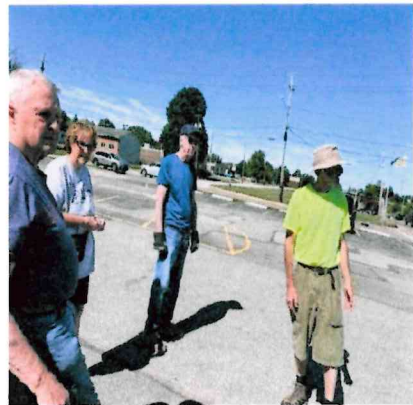
Committee. The OTM questions are complete and have been submitted to the Vestry on August 11th for approval. Work is being done to update the Grace Website. The search committee meets twice a month. Beth Sphatt is your contact person.

Outreach and Evangelism Committees

The Outreach and Evangelism Committee's Christmas in July collection was a wonderful success. As you can see in the photos below, we collected a great number of gifts for Forbes House. Kathy Strancar (Forbes director) was very enthusiastic about our contributions. Since their flood the residents have been relocated to a hotel. Our gifts are very beneficial because they will help them to get a reduced rate on their hotel. They do not use any maid services or amenities from the hotel. After the cleanup they should be able to be back in their location soon and will be able to use the remaining supplies there.

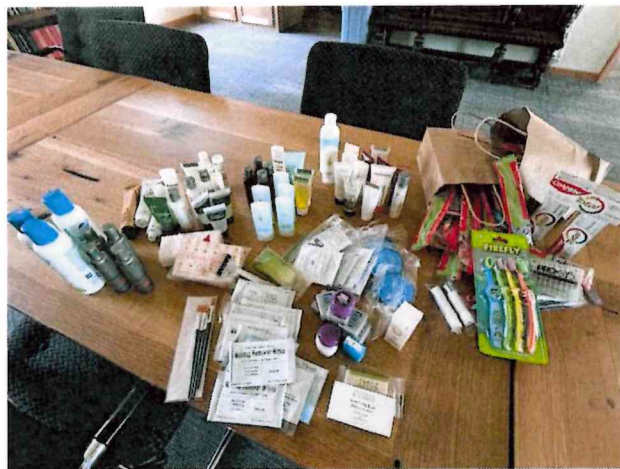


Did you have the opportunity to help out with our
Willoughby Neighborhood litter cleanup?!?!?



Watch and listen for the next opportunity!!!!

In June the **Outreach Team** put together 15 packets of toiletries for St. James, to be given to the homeless.



From the Bench ~Music Director Scott Arra

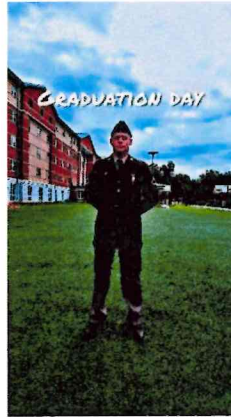
Choir Practice will be Thursday evenings, starting September 12th at 7pm. Come warm up and learn some beautiful music with us!!
Sunday Mornings we warm up our voices at 9am, then share our beautiful gifts that God has blessed us with during the 9:30 service.
All are welcome!!!!



Coffee Hour

Is a super fun way to get to know our Grace family and for us to get to know you. So please join us each Sunday after the service in the gathering room. Everything is provided! If you would like to host, please sign up at our communication board. Provide a simple snack. Before the service starts, make coffee, and set up the napkins, cups, plasticware, juice, and water. Once the coffee hour is over, just clean up the coffee pot and put away any unused utensils.

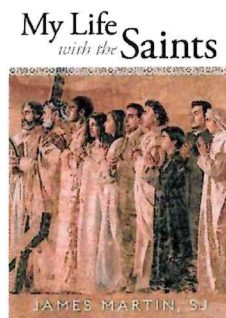
Hope to see you there!!!!



Update on Riley Gumto

Beginning of August Riley graduated from AIT (in Virginia at Fort Gregg-Adams) and has flown to his next destination which is Fort Wainwright in Alaska where he will be stationed for a few years. He did say there is a possibility of a rotation in Poland but, for now, he'll be in Alaska. Riley's birthday is September 26th!!

The 10am Wednesday morning Zoom Discussion Group will be starting another book by Father James Martin. We previously enjoyed his lighthearted comments in his "My Life With The Saints" and "Jesus, A Pilgrimage". He chiefly makes fun of himself. In *BETWEEN HEAVEN AND MIRTH* he uses biblical passages, personal anecdotes, and Saints stories to show that joy and laughter are part of a life of faith. Please let me know if you want a paper copy. Sue Mancino



The Prayer Shawl group will begin meeting again on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 2pm in the gathering room. September 19th will be our of the season!!

Throughout the year we work together and at home making shawls, baby blankets, baby sweaters and hats.

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

Ray, Beth, Thora, Pat, and Bobbin.

And thank you all to those who have donated yarn.

Beth Sphatt

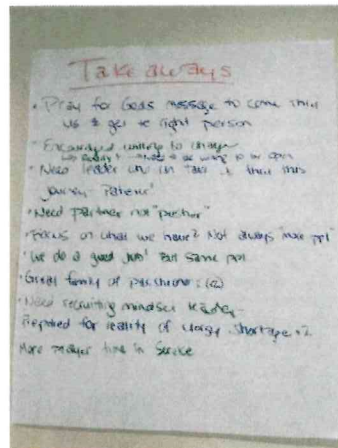
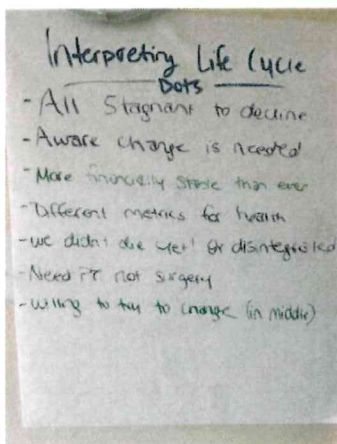
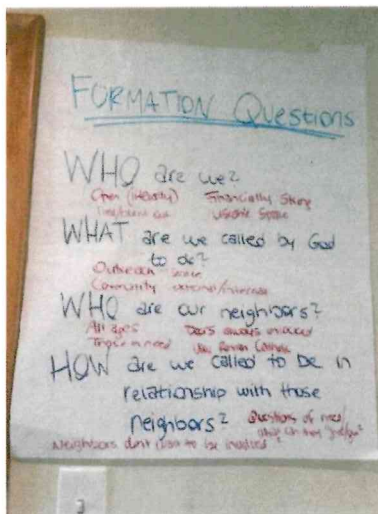


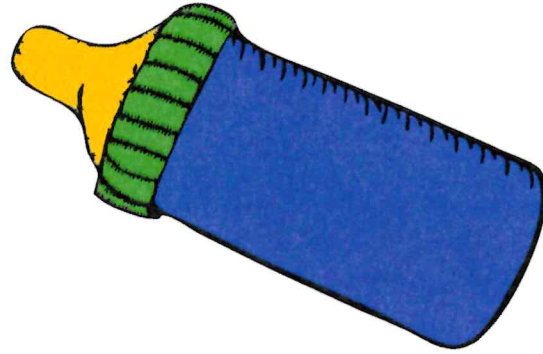
Sunday School has been in session all summer. We will Start the Fall session on September 22 at 9:30 a.m. Hope to see you.

Blessings,

Ms.Bobbin, Ms.Lynn, Ms.Debbie

We enjoyed our **service with Canon Jessie Gutsell Dodson** and then we had a great visit with her and her husband during coffee hour. She introduced us to the idea of the life cycle of an organization, and some questions important to church formation.





Results of Hannah's Home Baby Bottle Campaign, 2024

A big "THANK YOU" to all who contributed so generously to the Baby Bottle Campaign for this year.

Together Grace parishioners contributed \$792.55 to the campaign.

Hannah's goal this year was \$130,00. As of 8/22 the total collected was \$149,590.52.

Many thanks for helping make this such a successful campaign for Hannah's Home. So many moms and babies will benefit from these donations and lives will be changed. Thanks be to God.

God bless,

Kathy Hill

Annual Rummage Sale is happening **Saturday September 14th 9-3**

Come help set-up Friday anytime after 7am!! Need many hands to set-up, make it run and then clean-up. See someone from the Outreach and Evangelism Committee to see where you can help!!

FUND RAISER FOR LITTLE FEET



Loot for the boot!!

Every year when the kids are settled back in school, Grace's Evangelism/Outreach Team holds a shopping day for our young friends at the Willoughby Eastlake Schools.

The schools we serve are Edison, Grant, Longfellow, Jefferson and Royalview elementary schools. We work with the school counselors who determine the eligible families. JCPenney supplies the shoes and boots for our little friends to choose from on shopping day. There is no other ministry that we are aware of that allows children to select their own brand-new footwear right in the store. What a boost to their self-esteem!

Our Evangelism/Outreach Team is holding a fund raiser through August and September to raise money for the gift cards used to purchase shoes for the kids. Our Little Feet account needs some strengthening and we need your help with contributions of "Loot for the Boot".

Any contribution will be greatly appreciated and can be placed in the not so "Little" boot you will find in the entry area. Checks can be made payable to Grace Episcopal Church with "Little Feet" on the memo line or dropped off in the office. The donations will be locked up after coffee hour.

All prayers are welcome. I know the families are so grateful for the new shoes or boots for their little ones, especially with everything being so expensive, as we all know.

Many thanks for your help and loving hearts.

Peace and blessings,

Kathy Hill



Grief Support Group

It's real help for deep hurt for those on the journey from mourning to joy.

Thursdays 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

September 5, 2024 to December 5, 2024 (13 weeks)

**Ohio Living Breckenridge Village
36500 Euclid Avenue • Willoughby**

Facilitators: Rev. Bev Wrobel PC & Lynn Shandle
Phone: 440-954-8373 • Email: bwrobel@ohioliving.org

Please register by calling or e-mailing Chaplain Bev Wrobel
For more information visit the GriefShare website at www.griefshare.org

Weekly Video Seminars help you on the journey from mourning to joy.

1. Is This Normal?
2. Your Grief Journey
3. Loneliness & Sadness
4. Self-Care
5. Fearful & Overwhelmed
6. Anger
7. Regrets
8. Grief & Your Household
9. Grief & Your Friendships
10. Questions for God
11. Stuck in Grief
12. Hope & Resilience
13. What Do I Live for Now?



Hmmmm, let me see, ya, this looks like a good parking spot!!



READINGS FOR THE DAY

September 1

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 17

[Song of Solomon 2:8-13](#)
[Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10](#)
[James 1:17-27](#)
[Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23](#)

September 8

The Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost
Proper 18

[Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23](#)
[Psalm 125](#)
[James 2:1-10, \[11-13\], 14-17](#)
[Mark 7:24-37](#)

September 15

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 19

[1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14](#)
[Psalm 111](#)
[Ephesians 5:15-20](#)
[John 6:51-58](#)

September 22

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 20

[Proverbs 31:10-31](#)
[Psalm 1](#)
[James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a](#)
[Mark 9:30-37](#)

September 29

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 21

[Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22](#)
[Psalm 124](#)
[James 5:13-20](#)
[Mark 9:38-50](#)

October 6

The Twentieth Sunday of Pentecost
Proper 22

[Job 1:1; 2:1-10](#)
[Psalm 26](#)
[Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12](#)
[Mark 10:2-16](#)