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Church Office Hours
Mon. 8-2pm
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Children's Christian Education

Sunday School

Team teaching by:
Bobbin Davis
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Debbie Zimmerman

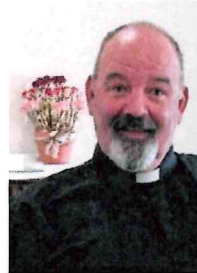
We are disciples of Jesus:
helping one another be the
hands and feet of Christ by
sharing God's love with the
world.

Deadline for the next PACE is
Friday, October 25th, 2024



The *Pace* of Grace

October 2024



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October is a month of transition. The leaves of the trees begin to turn vibrant colors and fall gently to the ground which certainly brightens up the Ohio Turnpike drive! Nature has a way of constantly reminding us that we are always in transition, especially in Northeast Ohio. I have always enjoyed the season change in this region of the country. For me it speaks to the flow of life.

We are well into our search for your new Rector. Perhaps we are in the Fall of that process. As noted above, it can be a beautiful time. I learned recently that as we post our parish profile, the Episcopal Church now has the technology in place to share both parishes in the search process and clergy discerning new calls with 31 different dioceses. This helps increase the chance that new relationships can be founded. Thus, our fantastic parish will be more visible to clergy looking to transition in the eastern half of the United States. In addition, our country is in a period of transition with the general election quickly approaching. Please, make a plan to vote. And please, do not demonize others who may not think like you do. At the end of the day, we are Americans, and we need to work together to honor the work of our ancestors. Jesus preached that the Kingdom of God is near, and we should love our neighbors. This calling is especially important in times of transition.

Faithfully and lovingly,

Fr Jeff+

Update from the Vestry on the progress of the Search

Committee. 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

Building & Grounds

I participated in our November 2023 Every Member Canvas. During those visits, at least, one parishioner inquired about the broken timber post at our main entrance and when it would be replaced. Done. It was replaced by Bolton-Pratt, the same company that did our kitchen countertops and kitchen flooring. That was our final capital project. Buildings and Grounds have completed all capital improvements or replacements Vestry authorized in 2024.

Kelley Cleaning Services will be waxing the downstairs Dining area in October. By the time you read this, Lanigan Heating and Air Conditioning will have completed the semi-annual furnace servicing.

Buildings and Grounds discussed contracting for snowplowing services during several meetings. I issued correspondence to 4 local vendors in September, to initiate a selection process.

by Phil Davis, Jr. Warden

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Here's to a successful rummage sale - we appreciate you!!

How mighty we are when we join together and give our best. Thank you, Chris Burke and Walt Iliff for leading this effort.

Many thanks to all of you who worked so hard through the many sorting/pricing sessions, the setup and finally the day of the sale.

The proceeds of over \$1,800 will surely help to supply a new pair of shoes or boots to many Willoughby-Eastlake elementary school children whose families will receive a much needed assist through our Little Feet Ministry.

God bless you.
strengthens me.

Kathy Hill
Evangelism/Outreach Team

I can do all things through Christ who

PHILIPPIANS 4:13







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!!!!

The Prayer Shawl group will begin meeting again on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 2pm in the gathering room.

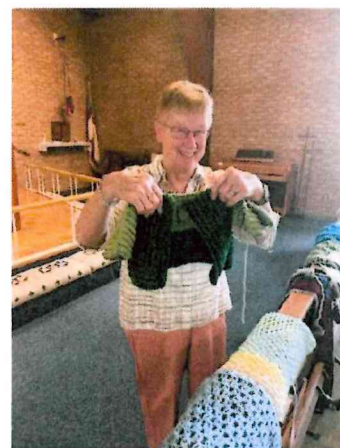
Throughout the year we work together and at home making shawls, baby blankets, baby sweaters and hats.

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





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!!!!

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".

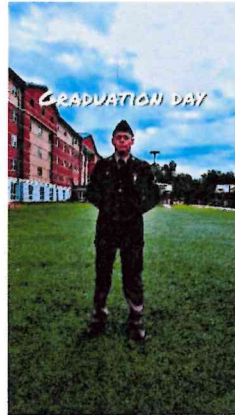
Any contribution will be greatly appreciated and can be placed in the not so "Little" boot you will find in the entry area. Checks can be made payable to Grace Episcopal Church with "Little Feet" on the memo line or dropped off in the office. The donations will be locked up after coffee hour.

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



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!!

PFC Gumto, Riley 574 CSC
3722 Neely Rd.
Fort Wainwright, AK 99703-8424

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

My Life *with the* Saints





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

Annual Rummage Sale happened **Saturday September 14th 9-3**

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READINGS FOR THE DAY

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](#)

October 13

The Twenty-First Sunday of Pentecost

Proper 23

[Job 23:1-9, 16-17](#)

[Psalm 22:1-15](#)

[Hebrews 4:12-16](#)

[Mark 10:17-31](#)

October 20

The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 24

[Job 38:1-7, \(34-41\)](#)

[Psalm 104:1-9, 25, 37b](#)

[Hebrews 5:1-10](#)

[Mark 10:35-45](#)

October 27

The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 25

[Job 42:1-6, 10-17](#)

[Psalm 34:1-8, \(19-22\)](#)

[Hebrews 7:23-28](#)

[Mark 10:46-52](#)

November 3

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 26

[Ruth 1:1-18](#)

[Psalm 146](#)

[Hebrews 9:11-14](#)

[Mark 12:28-34](#)

November 10

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Pentecost

Proper 27

[Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17](#)

[Psalm 127](#)

[Hebrews 9:24-28](#)

[Mark 12:38-44](#)