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Children's Christian Education

Sunday School

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world.

Deadline for the next PACE is
Friday, January 24th, 2025



The PACE of Grace

January 2025



Happy New Year 2025!

Do you remember the Bridges' model I explained to you this time last year? It was the model that helps explain the process of change. There are three areas that are present in any given transition: Endings, Neutral Zone, and New Beginnings.

A year ago, we were concentrating most of our energy saying goodbye to what was and entering the unknown of the Neutral Zone. There was a hint of New Beginnings, but we really didn't know what to expect. Since then, we have spent a fair amount of time and energy in the Neutral Zone discerning who Grace is now and where we hope to go. The Search Committee was formed, we cleaned up our website, and we came together as a whole community with only one service on Sundays.

All of these steps were necessary to get where we are today: a place in which New Beginnings are becoming much more clear and the Neutral Zone is diminishing. Now the Search Committee is taking names and interviewing potential new Rectors! It's all very exciting.

I am very impressed and proud of all the hard work which this parish has done to get to this point. Grace has a promising future because of your dedication and faithfulness. You trusted the process and now will enjoy a new relationship with your next Rector. Congratulations!

God has been walking this path with us and encouraging us along the way. The Spirit is strong here because your bonds of friendship and love of your fellow parishioners is solid. We still have more work to do, but the Light at the end of the tunnel is shining brighter with every step. 2025 will indeed be a Happy New Year!

Faithfully and lovingly,

Fr Jeff+

Help Needed!!!!

We are in need of at least two ushers-If you are able to volunteer your time and gift of greeting and welcoming our Grace family just one Sunday a month. We need help on the 2nd and the 4th Sunday of every month. Please contact Sherrie in the office, she will set you up for training and get you on the schedule!!

Our Annual Parish Mtg will be upon us quickly!!

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If you are a team leader of one of our many outreaches, it is time to give an overview of the past year and what dreams the group may have for the future and any needs. Please turn your reports into Sherrie at the office by Friday, January 24th, 2025

Update from the Vestry on the progress of the Search Committee.

The search committee meets twice a month. Beth Sphatt is your contact person. *We are now open to receiving applications from the Diocese.*

Sunday School

Come join our Sunday School!

Staff and Arianna, have lots of fun learning each week what God word says to our hearts.



Outreach and Evangelism Committees

WILLOUGHBY-EASTLAKE SCHOOLS

Elementary students participate in Little Feet

Outreach ministry of Grace Episcopal Church now in its eighth year

By **Marah Morrison**
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Elementary students in the Willoughby-Eastlake School District recently participated in Little Feet, an outreach ministry of Grace Episcopal Church in Willoughby.

On Nov. 23 and 24, 70 stu-

dents chose a pair of new shoes or boots as part of the outreach ministry, now in its eighth year.

"The children shopped and selected their own stylish footwear," observed Kathy Hill, an outreach evangelism and vestry team member at the church. "This is always so much fun for them and such

a privilege for us."

Again, this year, JCPenney at Great Lakes Mall in Mentor provided the footwear. Between the funding from Grace Episcopal's fundraisers and donations, and sales at the store, the families acquired a pair of shoes or boots at little to no cost, Hill said.

School liaisons from Edison, Grant Longfellow, Thomas Jefferson and Royalview elementary schools provided a list of children eligible to participate.

In previous years of doing the outreach, many parents, prior to the shopping date being selected, have called to ask if the church will be do-

ing this again, Hill said.

"We have comments from people about what a great thing it is," she said. "I think when you have the opportunity to help someone else, it's a good thing to do, especially when they really need the help."

Additionally, Grace Episcopal receives letters and

cards from children, and parents expressing their thanks toward Little Feet.

"All of us would like to thank the liaisons and JCPenney management, and staff for their support of this, and thanks to everyone who generously donated to or participated in providing for many little feet," Hill said.

Evangelism/Outreach Team



New shoes and fun too!!

Home Giving Tree

Hannah's Home is so very grateful to Grace Episcopal Church's participation in their giving tree again this year. We put 26 gift tag requests on our little tree and we are so happy to report that all 26 wishes were picked up and granted.

So, thank you all for making such a blessed and happy Christmas for so many moms and alumni moms and their beautiful children.

Thank you so much for your generosity and love.

God bless you all.

Kathy Hill

Evangelism and Outreach Team



From the Bench ~Music Director Scott Arra

Choir Practice Thursday evenings, 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!!!!

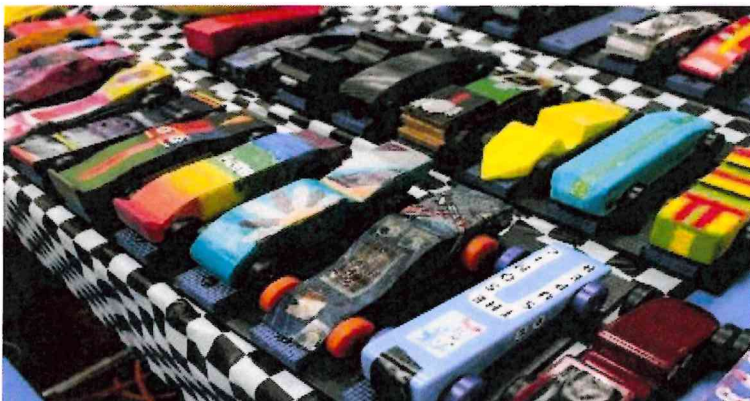


Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby!!!

Saturday, January 25th 8am-12noon.

Come enjoy a super fun morning watching the smiling, excited faces of these amazing cub scouts who have been working hard designing, and then together crafting their pinewood derby car. The giggles and screams of excitement really begins every time the gate raises and the checker flag waves!!!

Who will be the Grand Champion of 2024-25?



Prayer Chain, Prayers of the People, Prayer Calendar

“Prayer is standing in the presence of God with the mind in the heart; that is, at that point of our being where there are no divisions or distinctions and where we are totally one. There God's Spirit dwells and there the great encounter takes place. There, heart speaks to heart, because there, we stand before the face of the Lord, all-seeing, with us.” — Henri J.M. Nouwen, *The Way of the Heart: The Spirituality of the Desert Fathers and Mothers*

Each Month before the 1st, please contact the church office to update the Prayer chain list for the weekly bulletin. Going forward this list will be wiped clean the 1st Sunday of each month. Also whenever an * is seen after a name, please note that this name came from our prayer boxes.

the Prayer Calendar, which will come to you each month. You'll note that there is a parish member/family designated for each day of the month on the calendar. Please take a moment to pray for that person on the day indicated, whether you know them or not! Prayer blesses the one who prays and the one who receives prayer, so incorporating this prayer calendar into your daily devotions is a win/win situation!



2025 weekly Altar Flower Sign-up Sheet



Sign-up sheet is now available in the hallway between the restrooms before the gathering room. Consider signing up for a week that will bless us all with the fragrance and beauty upon the altar. A donation of \$40 will cover the cost. And please let Sherrie in the office know if your blessing is in celebration, memory or thankfulness, so that she may mention in the bulletin.



January 5

Second Sunday after Christmas
Year C

January 12

The First Sunday after the Epiphany
The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ

January 19

The Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 26

The Third Sunday after Epiphany

February 2

The Presentation of the Our Lord Jesus
Christ in the Temple

February 9

The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

READINGS FOR THE DAY

- Jeremiah 31:7-14
- Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a
- Matthew 2:13-15,19-23
- or Luke 2:41-52
- or Matthew 2:1-12
- Psalm 84 or 84:1-8

- Isaiah 43:1-7
- Acts 8:14-17
- Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
- Psalm 29

- Isaiah 62:1-5
- 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
- John 2:1-11
- Psalm 36:5-10

- Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
- 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
- Luke 4:14-21
- Psalm 19

- Malachi 3:1-4
- Hebrews 2:14-18
- Luke 2:22-40
- Psalm 84
- or Psalm 24:7-10

- Isaiah 6:1-8, [9-13]
- 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
- Luke 5:1-11
- Psalm 138