

The PACE is published by

Grace Episcopal Church

36200 Ridge Rd.

Willoughby, OH 44094

(440) 942-1015

E-mail

Office@GraceWilloughby.org

Web Site

<http://GraceWilloughby.org>



"Like us on Facebook"

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

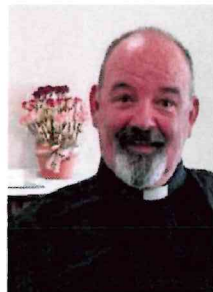
We are disciples of Jesus:
helping one another be the
hands and feet of Christ by
sharing God's love with the
world.

Deadline for the next PACE is
Friday, March 21st, 2025



The *Pace* of Grace

March 2025



Let's Land a Rector!

Searching for a new Rector kind of reminds me of Musky fishing. Wait, what?! I know that's a bit weird but hear me out. The Muskellunge is a difficult fish to hook, let alone land. They hunt their prey over vast territories and feed only when conditions are favorable. Catching one is an amazing feat which can be exhausting and most rewarding. Rarely does one get a trophy on the first try.

Well, we had a potential Rector interested, but he changed his mind. He got off the hook so to speak. This isn't as uncommon as one might suspect. All the conditions must align to extend a call and welcome a new Rector. Simply put, this was what happened with our search.

So, we are back to accepting names of potential Rectors. The Search Committee reportedly did some tweaking of our Parish Profile and further cleaned up our website. Our Building and Grounds Committee is diligently improving the Rectory. The floors and walls will get a facelift. The Diocese plans to put our name back out there again this month!

And now we wait. Like catching Musky, we have fine-tuned our gear, and we have begun trolling...and waiting. God has given Grace Church everything it needs to be successful in this search. Which means we are not in this alone. Jesus is in our boat, calming the storms and gently guiding our journey. It never ceases to amaze me that, when the conditions and timing are right, how fast we land a nice fish! Of course, priests are not fish, and this is simply an analogy. However, we have done the work, and we are poised for a successful

Continued inside...

From the Rector, continued

search. We need to stay the course to enjoy the ultimate reward. Please continue to invite the Holy Spirit on this voyage through your prayers. Let's land your next Rector!

Faithfully and lovingly,

Fr Jeff+

SafeChurch Training

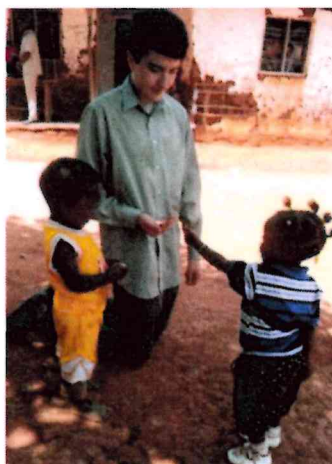
Who needs safechurch training? Vestry members, lay leaders and those who work and interact with children.

safechurch@dohio.org

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!!

March 9 During Coffee Hour- James Freshwater will be sharing his recent trip to Tanzania (w pictures) following the 9:30 am service.



Sunday School

Come join our Sunday School!

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



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.

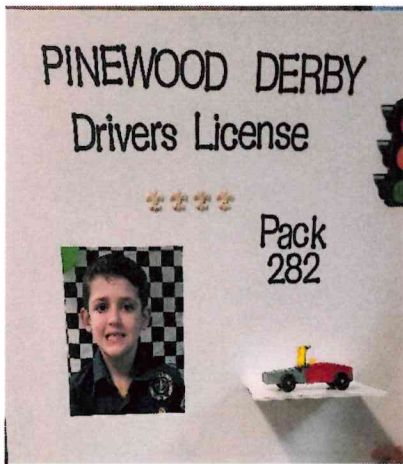
Everything is provided! If you would like to host, please sign up at our communication board. Provide a simple snack. Before the service starts, make coffee, and set up the napkins, cups, plasticware, juice, and water. Once the coffee hour is over, just clean up the coffee pot and put away any unused utensils.

Hope to see you there!!!!

Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby!!! was

Saturday, January 25th 8am-12noon.

It was a super fun morning watching the smiling, excited faces of these amazing cub scouts who had been working hard designing, and then together crafting their pinewood derby car. The giggles and screams of excitement really began every time the gate raised, and that checker flag was waved!!!



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.

155th Annual Parish Meeting

If you need our Annual Parish Meeting Reports, a copy can be picked up in the office. A few copies are also available in the lobby.

In addition, a couple of reports were missing in the binder, in addition a request from McKinley Community Outreach Center came in after our meeting. Those reports have been included here. Also, the 2025 Vestry binder has been brought up to date. If any other reports have been missed, please contact Sherrie or get your report to the office so that it can be added.

SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT

The search committee was formed at the end of 2023 to find a new priest to lead Grace Episcopal Church. The committee is comprised of Miragliotta, Greg Mackey, Ray Sphatt, Konnor Thompson, Peggy Burkacki, and has Rev. Dawson Moorer as advisor. Because everyone on this team had never performed this job before we spent a lot of time learning

the process. The parish contributed by attending dinners accompanied by discussions giving us information on who and what the parish was looking for.

We completely revamped the website and added a profile of Grace for the applicants to read. A program put together by the diocese was studied and reviewed. In November we were able to receive applicants sent to us from the diocese to interview. We continue to work through the process.

Peggy Burkacki

Chair person

Tuesday night Bible Study Report

2024

A small group of Grace members meet on Tuesday evenings at 7 to go over the Bible readings scheduled for the following Sunday. This year we've learned about the wide spectrum of Bible commentaries available on the internet. Each participant is assigned one of the scheduled readings and they can pick out any related commentary for discussion. Sessions are limited to an hour. One can go as deep into scripture as one chooses.

Grace Church Foundation

2024

The Foundation was created in 1982 and its organizational structure formalized at the 2000 Annual meeting. The purpose of the Foundation is to administer and disburse funds to support activities of the parish, for outreach within the local community and in support of charitable programs brought to their attention by parishioners. For 2023 the Foundation Trustees were Toni Swisher, David Webster, Debra Zimmerman and Kathy Hill, with ex-officio members Elizabeth Estep, Harry Dodds and Fr. Jeff.

Attached is a detailed statement of all funds for the year. We were able to donate \$6355.32 to various charities and needy. With the continued upturn in the market, our net assets grew over 10 percent.

The Foundation meets on a quarterly basis in January, April, July and October and are open to all suggestions. If you have a charity or project you are interested in and wish for the Foundation to assist, please put together some information about the group and present it to the trustees. We very much like to spread our donations around so the same programs are not always getting all the money.

Toni Swisher
Chairperson



So, what happens at the McKinley Community Outreach Center and why is it so important to the people of Western Lake County?

Our 2024 stats:

We distributed over 165,000 lbs. of food – Produce, meats & bread/bakery.

We served 2358 households, a total of 5900 people, and 240 were new families in need right here in our local communities.

Distributed to people in need of medical equipment, over 70 walkers, wheelchairs, canes etc.

Our faithful Servants donated 4217 volunteer hours.

Our Monthly Services include-

Non- perishables / meats / fresh produce / breads

Clothing (men's, women's, children's, infants)

Taxable items such as toilet paper, paper towels, laundry soap, household cleaner, body soap, shampoo, shaving cream, razors, etc. (Approximately \$17, 685.00).

Bedding, pots & pans, towels other household items

Dural medical equipment/ incontinent supplies /baby diapers & wipes pet food/ shoes / books/ Bibles and Spiritual books in our Chapel.

For over 11 years McKinley has been committed to offering a safe, non-judgmental atmosphere in which people can receive assistance with their daily needs for food, clothing & Taxable items.



March 2

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

March 5

Ash Wednesday

March 9

The First Sunday in Lent

March 16

The Second Sunday in Lent

March 23

The Third Sunday in Lent

March 30

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

READINGS FOR THE DAY

- [Exodus 34:29-35](#)
- [2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2](#)
- [Luke 9:28-36, \[37-43a\]](#)
- [Psalm 99](#)

- [Joel 2:1-2,12-17](#)
- *or* [Isaiah 58:1-12](#)
- [2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10](#)
- [Matthew 6:1-6,16-21](#)
- [Psalm 103 or 103:8-14](#)

- [Deuteronomy 26:1-11](#)
- [Romans 10:8b-13](#)
- [Luke 4:1-13](#)
- [Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16](#)

- [Genesis 15:1-12,17-18](#)
- [Philippians 3:17-4:1](#)
- [Luke 13:31-35](#)
- [Psalm 27](#)

- [Exodus 3:1-15](#)
- [1 Corinthians 10:1-13](#)
- [Luke 13:1-9](#)
- [Psalm 63:1-8](#)

- [Joshua 5:9-12](#)
- [2 Corinthians 5:16-21](#)
- [Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32](#)
- [Psalm 32](#)