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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
Monday, June 23rd, 2025



The *Pace* of Grace

June 2025



The Grace of Our Lord

Pentecost and the season following are times of growth in our Church's liturgical year. We change our hangings and vestments to red on the Day of Pentecost signifying the gift of the Holy Spirit. Then to green on the days following. This season used to be called Ordinary Time, not because it's plain or unremarkable, but because we follow a lectionary based on an Ordinal developed in the Church of the Mid-Ages. The green vestments and hangings remind us of the growth happening in nature and the growth of knowledge and spirituality happening in our church life.

Ironically, Episcopalians tend to take advantage of the improved weather to vacation and rest and church attendance suffers. Still, this time of sabbath in our church year cycle is important. It helps us regenerate and play, spend time with loved ones and friends in an intentional way, and helps our emotional and physical health.

Thus, we shouldn't feel guilty for missing some pew time. And we are encouraged to change up our prayer life and get out of those ruts engraved by our complacency and comfort levels. When we learn new spiritual prayer rituals and perhaps enjoy a liturgy in another setting, we experience God in new ways. This helps us appreciate home cooking while also experiencing relatively exotic nourishment.

Enjoy your summer. Gain perspective. Cherish the experience. Perhaps you'll return with increased yearning for a stronger connection with Jesus.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14

Faithfully and lovingly,

Fr Jeff+

SafeChurch Training

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

safechurch@dohio.org

Help Needed!!!!

We are in need of at least one usher-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 3rd Sunday of every month. Please contact Sherrie in the office, she will set you up for training and get you on the schedule!!

We have new friends that have been joining us each week for worship, and we would like to make sure that we are getting updated information from you right away, especially if there is an emergency or any date/time changes. The only way that we can do this is to be able to include you in our Grace Church Directory and also to be able to send out through our church email.

You can give your information to the usher, or send to Sherrie @ office@gracewilloughby.org

Also, if anyone needs to update your information, even birthdays and anniversaries, please contact the office or give info to usher.

Anyone interested in more information about the Episcopal Church, becoming a member, being received, This book study will help those interested walking down this path in a fun and interesting way. The book: Walk in Love, Episcopal Beliefs & Practices. Let Fr. Jeff know or leave a message with the office. 440-942-1015 office@gracewilloughby.org



2025 HANNAH'S HOME BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Dear Friends,

Our Baby Bottle Campaign for 2025 is well underway! I see some bottles have already been returned with donations, to the office. How wonderful – a million thanks for getting us off to a great start!

We need your help to raise essential funds for the operation of Hannah's Home, a faith based maternity home.

Grace Episcopal Church's past generosity has helped to make a significant impact on the lives of pregnant women, their children and new mothers and babies in crisis. Hannah's provides these moms with a safe and nurturing environment where they can receive counseling, continue their education and become equipped to make life decisions based on the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The funds raised plays a crucial role in providing shelter, resources and care to mothers in need. And, we recently added our HHOPE program that serves women and children who do not reside at Hannah's Home but are in need of our services.

This campaign runs from May 11th, Mother's Day to June 15th, Father's Day. The empty baby bottles provided can be filled with loose change, cash or checks. (Checks can be made payable to Hannah's Home.) Please bring your bottles with donations to the office.

Hannah's volunteers will then come and collect all the bottles beginning the week of June 23. After the campaign Hannah's Home will let us know how much our church was able to raise.

Baby bottles and information on Hannah's Home are available near the entrance. Please help yourself if you need another bottle or if you haven't picked up your bottle yet.

If you have any questions, you can call Kathy Hill at 440-715-3515, or feel free to email, khill1253@sbcglobal.net. Also, you can call Hannah's Home at 440-209-9615.

Peace and blessings,

Kathy Hill & the Evangelism/Outreach Team



Sunday School



Planting Mother's Day flower's with Arianna

Thank you Mrs Bobbin and Mrs Debbie!!!

June 8th is the official last day of Sunday School until fall-enjoy your summer!!!

Arianna, Deb Z., Bobbin D., & Lynn K



From the Bench ~Music Director Scott Arra

Last Choir Practice June 5th Thursday evening, 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!!!!

For the summer we will have:

Choose your favorite Hymn please sign up. Scott Arra will arrange to play it

We are so proud of our Graduates!!!!



Proud Nana and Papa Zimmerman of Natalie.

Graduated from Ohio State University in 3yrs, Summa Cum Laude. 3.907 gpa Starting job at Epic, a software medical company in Madison, Wisconsin



Chloe graduated from America University in DC, Ally graduated from Lake Erie College
- Proud grandma Jean Ockuly



Aaron Wickland graduated of Lincoln Nebraska University
- Proud mama Sherrie Miller

We would also like to congratulate **Luke Hovencamp** who will be a part of the **Eagle Court of Honor** here at Grace Episcopal on June 1st. Along with Mom, Dad and lil brother John(troop 185), your Grace family are very proud of you!!!



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.



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!!!!

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!





READINGS FOR THE DAY

June 1

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

- [Acts 16:16-34](#)
- [Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21](#)
- [John 17:20-26](#)
- [Psalm 97](#)

June 8

The Day of Pentecost

- Acts 2:1-21
- Romans 8:14-17
- John 14:8-17, (25-27)
- Psalm 104:25-35, 37

June 15

The First Sunday after Pentecost
Trinity Sunday

- [Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31](#)
- [Romans 5:1-5](#)
- [John 16:12-15](#)
- [Psalm 8](#)

June 22

The Second Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 7

[1 Kings 19:1-4, \(5-7\), 8-15a](#)
[Psalm 42 and 43](#)
[Galatians 3:23-29](#)
[Luke 8:26-39](#)

June 29

The Third Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 8

[2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14](#)
[Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20](#)
[Galatians 5:1,13-25](#)
[Luke 9:51-62](#)