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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

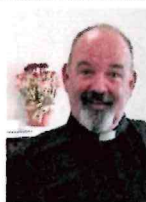
We are disciples of Jesus:
helping one another be the
hands and feet of Christ by
sharing God's love with the
world.

Deadline for the next PACE is
Friday, May 23rd, 2025



The *Pace* of Grace

May 2025



Things are Being Made New!

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! The Lord is Risen Indeed! Alleluia! We have had a productive and faithful Lent. We gathered and read *Why Church?* on Wednesday evenings and had challenging and productively faithful conversations. We celebrated the Passion of our Lord during Holy Week, from palms to washing feet to burning sins, to a glorious Resurrection service. Now this May we will bask in the glow of the Easter season. I love the wording of the last Solemn Collect we prayed on Good Friday:

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

(BCP p. 280)

This prayer promises hope for the future, our individual futures and our collective future. Things are being made new! And, in times of transition that is welcome Good News, indeed. May we continue to worship in this way and joyfully follow the journey with our Savior Jesus Christ our Lord.

Faithfully and lovingly,

Fr Jeff+

Our Vestry for 2025!!



Fr. Jeff, Nancy Brothers, Toni Swisher, Jenn Lonsway, Beth Sphatt, Phil Davis, Dave Zimmerman, Sandy Wesley

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.

The Church Office will be closed Thursday May 15th- Wednesday May 21st. Sherrie will be traveling to Lincoln, Nebraska for her youngest son's college graduation and his 24th Birthday!!!! Needed-Volunteers to bring in the mail and to check the voicemail and emails.



2025 HANNAH'S HOME BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Dear Friends,

It's Baby Bottle time again!

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 and new mothers 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 play a crucial role in providing shelter, resources and care to mothers in need. And, we recently added our HOPE program that serves women and children who do not live in the 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.) 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 will be available on a table near the entrance by Sunday, May 11th. Please help yourself.

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

Come join our Sunday School!

Staff and Arianna, have lots of fun learning each week what God word says to our hearts. We will be meeting through the month of May but taking a break from May 25th-until Late August early September. We will announce a startup date as we get closer.



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



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!!!!

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!

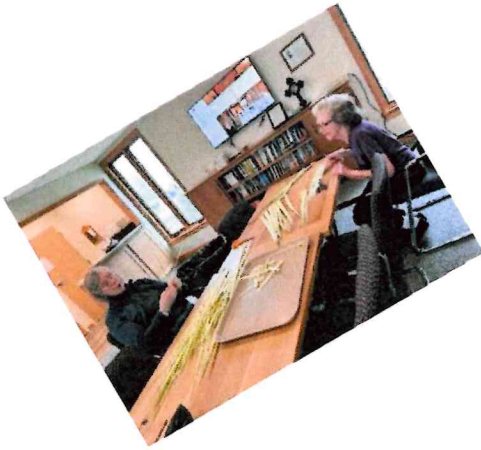


2025 weekly Altar Flower Sign-up Sheet



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.

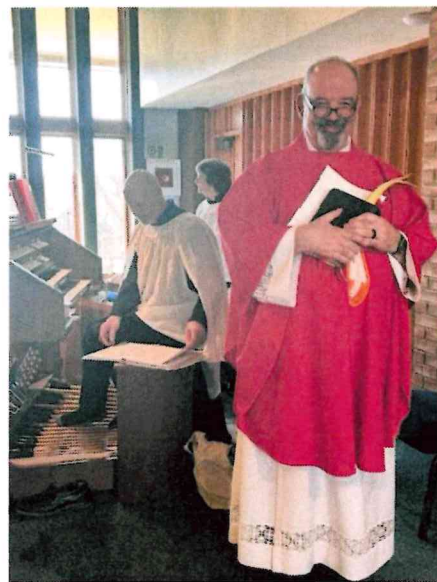
**Our Palm Cross experts hard at work.
Nicely done!!**



Thank You Ladies!!!!

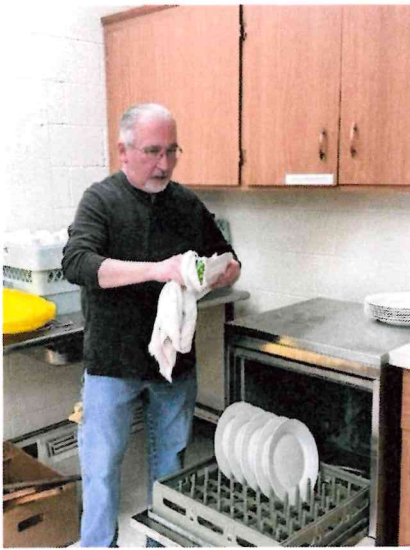


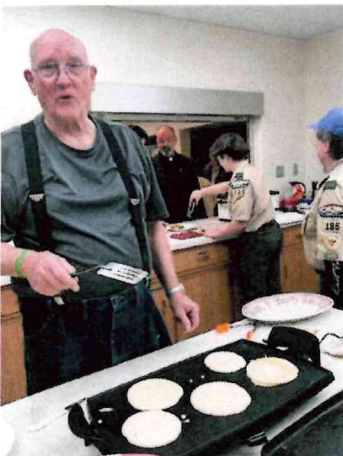
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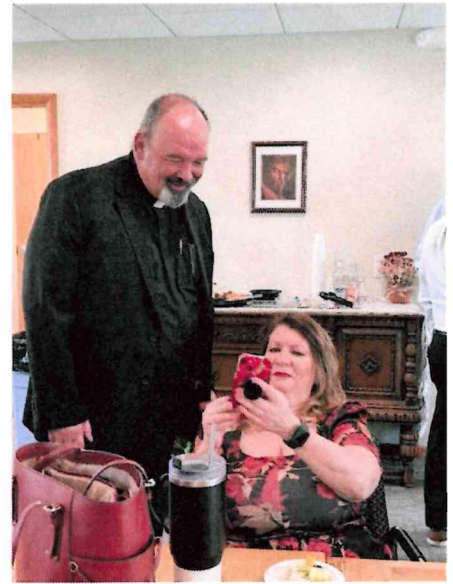
Greg Mackey,
Arinna, Scott Arra,
Fr. Jeff

Pancake Breakfast-Walt Iliff and Friends and the Scouts!!!

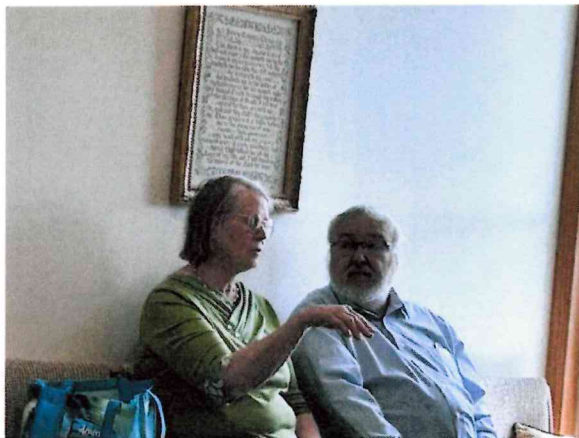
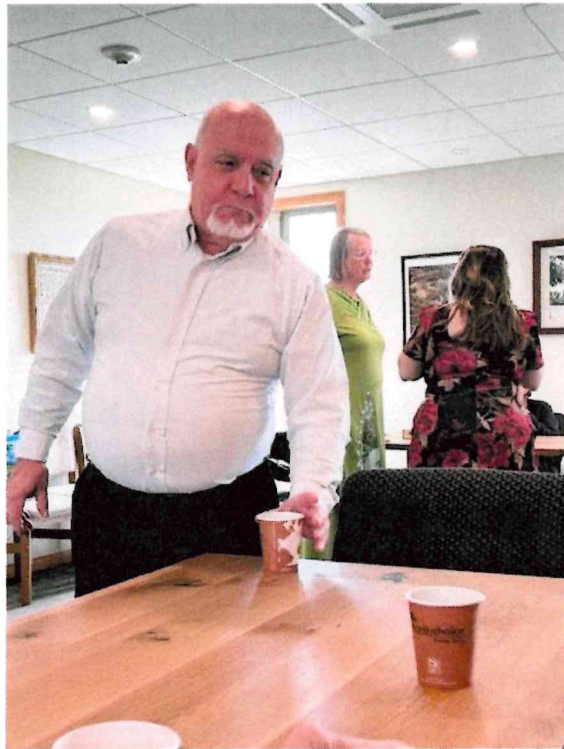














Seasonal Brass shown with Scott Arra.
A big "Thank You" to The Seasonal Brass for joining us in our Easter Sunday celebration.
"He is Risen"

All Pictures submitted by Kathy Hill





**Thank you everyone for
making the Easter Egg
Hunt for Everyone a Huge
Success!!!**

Come to
Kosicek Winery



in beautiful Geneva, Ohio (636 State Route 534)

Sunday, May 25, 2:00-5:00PM

(Memorial Day Weekend)

Enjoy the sounds of



Prime Time Big Band

Our own Marge Rutherford playing the saxophone





READINGS FOR THE DAY

May 4

The Third Sunday of Easter

- [Acts 9:1-6, \(7-20\)](#)
- [Revelation 5:11-14](#)
- [John 21:1-19](#)
- [Psalm 30](#)

May 11

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

- [Acts 9:36-43](#)
- [Revelation 7:9-17](#)
- [John 10:22-30](#)
- [Psalm 23](#)

May 18

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

- [Acts 11:1-18](#)
- [Revelation 21:1-6](#)
- [John 13:31-35](#)
- [Psalm 148](#)

May 25

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

- [Acts 16:9-15](#)
- [Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5](#)
- [John 14:23-29](#)
- [Psalm 67](#)

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](#)