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Church Office Hours

Mon. 8-2pm

Tue. Wed. & Thur.

1:30-3:30pm

Fri. 8-2pm

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

Children's Christian Education

Sunday School

Team teaching by:

Bobbin Davis

Lynn Kramp

Debbie Zimmerman

Deadline for the next PACE is
Wednesday, September 24th,
2025



The *Pace* of Grace

September 2025



Dog Days and Jesus!

So, we're in the 'Dog Days of Summer'. What does that mean, exactly? Well, I'm glad you asked! The ancient Greeks and Romans observed that Sirius, the brightest star in the sky, known as the Dog Star, would appear near the sun during the hottest part of the summer. They believed this alignment with the sun caused the extreme heat and other phenomena like sudden thunderstorms, lethargy, and even outbreaks of madness in dogs and people.

Sirius is part of the constellation Canis Major, the Greater Dog. The Greeks and Romans called this period "dies caniculares" (days of the dog star), which was later translated into English as "dog days".

While ancient cultures attributed the heat to Sirius's influence, modern science recognizes that the Earth's tilt and its orbit around the sun are the primary causes of summer's heat. However, the term "dog days" has persisted as a way to describe the hottest, most humid part of the summer, typically lasting from late July to early September. (Thank you, Google for your help!)

And here's the Good News! Grace Church is completely air-conditioned! So, if you are experiencing the negative effects of the Dog Days of Summer, come to church! Not only will you get to listen to excellent music (thank you Scott, Marge, and the Grace Notes Choir!), but you can hear a sometimes-decent sermon, have communion, and enjoy the fellowship of coffee hour!

Also, we have the Feast of Grace (September 7) and the Rummage Sale (September 27) to look forward to this month! Don't let the Dog Days get you down, come and enjoy Jesus with your church family!

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!!!!

Pat Newyear is retiring from her long standing position here at Grace of heading up Pastoral Care-if interested please contact the office or Fr. Jeff.

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 to 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 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

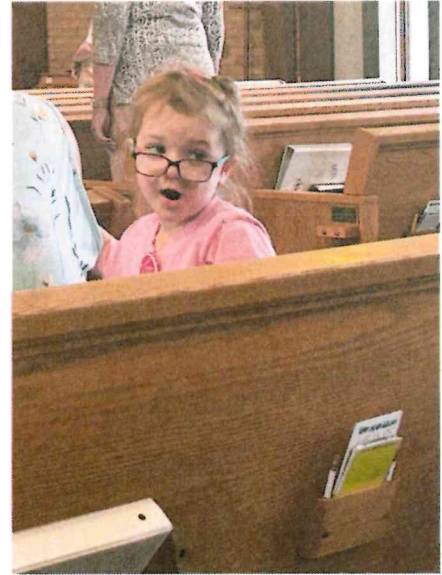
Also, if anyone needs to update your information, even birthdays and anniversaries, please contact the office or give info to usher.

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



Chris Burke and Kathy Hill-Birthday Celebration!!

Picture provided by Mary Miragliotta



Birthday Girl Arianna, singing with the Choir!!! Happy Birthday Arianna!!!

Pictures provided by Kathy Hill



Feast of Grace is planned for Sunday September 7, 2025
Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. All are invited!!!!

Thank You!!!!

Many hands make work easy.

My sincere THANKS goes out to those hands that have helped setup, take down, and do all the necessary jobs involved with the funeral luncheons. I appreciate all who volunteer when help is needed, and I know the families appreciate what you do even more!

Thora

Hello Grace Family!

I will be taking over responsibility for the church happenings that play on the monitors. Please send me anything you think should be included! Photos of happenings at Grace, photos of Grace Family engaging in outreach in the community. Events in the community you might like to have us participate in.

Diocese happenings...

Things YOU are doing that you would like us to know about....

Please send submissions to jllonsway@gmail.com with Grace Church in the subject line.

With love,

Jenny Lonsway



Christmas in July25'

Picture provided by Kathy Hill

I took a trunkful of donations to Forbes House from our Christmas in July collections. Kathy, their executive director was very happy and pleased with our gifts. She wanted to thank everyone who contributed, and said it will all be put to good use.

While I was there, I received a tour of the renovated facility. It looks really beautiful and welcoming. It gives the availability of more room and differing floorplans for families who will be staying there. Due to shipping problems furniture will not arrive until mid-September so that will cause another delay in getting families back into the house. So please keep praying for them.

Peggy Burkacki

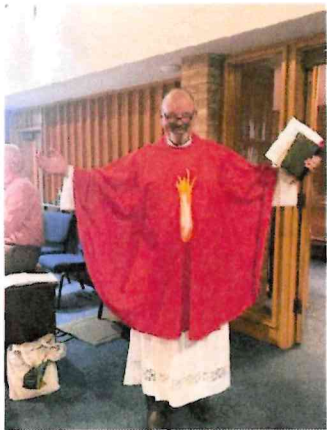


From the Bench ~Music Director Scott Arra

Pop-Up Choir - 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 also have: **Hymn request**

Let Scott know the hymn and the date preference if you have one. There is also a sign-up sheet on the lobby bulletin board.



Fr. Jeff



Arianna & Greg



Happy Birth Day Church!!!

Pentecost 25'



Blessing of our Graduates Allie and Chloe

 **Hannah's Harbor**
anchored in second chances

A Place of Restoration, Purpose, and New Beginnings

A thrift store operated by Hannah's Home, is getting ready to open its doors!



Our thrift store isn't just about great finds—it's about changing lives. Every purchase helps fund job readiness training for mothers at Hannah's Home, a Christ-centered maternity home. Your support directly contributes to:

- Employing women rebuilding their lives
- Teaching real-world job and life skills
- Supporting babies and mothers in need
- Reducing waste through sustainable practices

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS page 1

"Something is rotten in Denmark." Well, if you're over 60, this line was probably part of a high school English class curriculum. I open with it, because rotten wood has, and will be a condition that our Buildings & Grounds Committee will be dealing with, seemingly, "without end. AMEN" Cases in point include :



This sign's trim has been fixed for now, but trim around all of these signs is rotting. Trim will have to be replaced or removed in the foreseeable future. This wood is less than 20 years old, but received no routine maintenance.

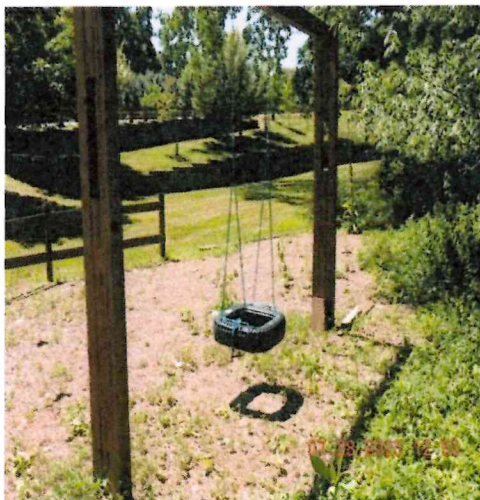


Fire escape treads (steps) had rotted. Buildings & Grounds Comm. worked together on the rebuild, but Harry Dodds definitely took the lead, despite hot, hot weather. Please, tip your hat to Harry.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS page 2

RECTORY

Our general contractor, Bolton-Pratt, completed the interior “refreshing”. That included painting walls and doing various carpentry repairs. Our janitorial service, Kelley Commercial/Residential Cleaning, waxed the vinyl flooring downstairs, and cleaned windows, up and down. Walt I. refuses to “act his age”, so singlehandedly applied fresh wood stain to the rear deck and front stoop, also in hot, hot weather ~ see photo.



GROUND

One of the benefits of being on church’s property during weekdays is meeting “neighbors” who appreciate Grace Church’s hospitality. The playground down below the rear Parking Lot, near the picnic tables, was created as an Eagle Scout project. I have encountered a mother with her toddler at the playground a couple times ~ they reside on Deer Creek Dr. I have seen families connected to Grace Woods’ residents there too. This photo captures a tire swing, replacing a damaged one, newly installed by a Grace Woods resident. His grandkids use that playground when visiting.

Part of the Ground Lease negotiations with Breckenridge nearly 20 years ago included a principle of minimal emphasis on property boundaries for Grace Woods’ resident.

by Phil Davis, Jr. Warden

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!



Up Coming Events

September 27, Saturday - Rummage Sale

October 18, Saturday – Clam Bake

December 13, Saturday – Christmas Party

Mark your calendars Now!!!!

A letter from Pat Newyear

I am disappointed that very few people donated to the Elevator Fund at Grace in memory of Ray. The reason we need an elevator was very apparent at Debra Zimmerman's funeral. People were standing and talking in the entrance area of the church not sure how to get downstairs or how to get to the Memorial Grove. An elevator would have helped to get people downstairs and then to the Grove if they chose to go. I personally didn't go downstairs since it is difficult for me to get in and out of a car and to have to do that an extra time was just too much. Until you are in the situation personally it is hard to understand these barriers. Contributions can be made at any time, even if you don't want to do it in memory of Ray, by contacting the Grace Church office at 440-942-1015.

Pat Newyear

Some have requested a copy of Karl's Eulogy for his father Ray Newyear since the sound was not the best that day. If you would like a copy, please contact Sherrie in the office.

Also, donations may be made in Ray's memory to the Grace Episcopal Church Elevator fund. And for those who may have missed it:

Raymond Willis Newyear, age 91, passed peacefully surrounded by family at home on April 1, 2025, after a short illness. He was born March 16, 1934, to the late William and Vera Newyear.

Ray lived almost his entire life in Willoughby. He graduated from Willoughby Union High School and Bowling Green State University where he was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. He then served in the US Army at the Maryland Chemical Center. After earning an Honorable Discharge he worked in quality control management at Lubrizol, IRC Fibers, and Horizons Metalphoto where he obtained several patents involving laser photochemistry before retiring in 1999.

Ray enjoyed road trip camping vacations with his family nearly every year and traveled internationally after retirement. He was active in Boy Scout troop 185 with his Eagle Scout sons. His hobbies included photography, wood carving, yardwork, reading, watching wildlife in his backyard, and he was a proficient amateur musician. He will be remembered for keeping his work areas organized (and labeled!) He was also an avid Browns fan from their founding including the championship years. In his youth he assisted his father build several houses in his neighborhood as well as several additions on his own home.

Ray is survived by wife of nearly 59 years Patricia, sons Karl(Isabel) and Doug(Meghan), niece Joan(Rue) and nephew Bill(Kay), and will be missed by his cat Turk. He is predeceased by his brother Ed(Pat).





Mama Deer leading her babes to church and fun on the playground!



Pictures submitted by Phil Davis and Sherrie Miller

September 2025 Parish Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:30 p NA	2 7 p Bible Study 7pm GA 7:30 p AA	3 10a Group Study 3:30 p Gaining Independence (social skills grp)	4 7p GA 7:30 AA	5 Noon- Social Hour 7:30 p AA	6
7 9:30a Eucharist w Music 11:15 Worship 11:15 Evangelism/Outreach Feast of Grace 3p Gaining Independence (social skills grp)	8 Church Office closed 5:30 p Building and Grounds 6:30 p Search Committee 7:30 p NA	9 7 p Bible Study 7pm GA 7:30 p AA	10 10a Group Study 3:30 p Gaining Independence (social skills grp)	11 7p GA 7:30 AA	12 Noon- Social Hour 7:30 p AA	13
14 9:30a Morning Prayer w Music 3p Gaining Independence (social skills grp)	15 7:30 p NA	16 7 p Bible Study 7pm GA 7:30 p AA	17 10a Group Study 3:30 p Gaining Independence (social skills grp)	18 5:30 p Finance 7p GA 7:30 AA	19 Noon- Social Hour 7:30 p AA	20
21 9:30a Eucharist w Music 11:15 Vestry 3p Gaining Independence (social skills grp)	22 7:30 p NA	23 7 p Bible Study 7pm GA 7:30 p AA	24 10a Group Study 3:30 p Gaining Independence (social skills grp) PACE Deadline for October	25 7p GA 7:30 AA	26 Noon- Social Hour 7:30 p AA	27 Rummage Sale
28 9:30a Eucharist w Music 3p Gaining Independence (social skills grp)	29 7:30 p NA 7:30 District 43	30				

September 2025 Prayer Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Shirley Wilkes	2 Michele Wilson (Marshall, Grant)	3 Charles Yaichner	4 Dave & Debbie Zimmerman	5 Roger Anderson <i>Maggie Ores(B)</i>	6 Scott & Patty Arra
7 Father Jeff & Kristin Baker	8 Deborah Baumgartner	9 Linda Beharry	10 Nick & Jessie Billhardt	11 Nancy Born	12 Donna Bowman	13 Dennis & Nancy Brothers (Annabelle Williamson-Brothers)
14 Frank & Peggy Burkacki	15 Chris & Carol Burke	16 Dale & Michelle Crowley (Connor, Meghann) <i>Marshall Wilson(B)</i>	17 Phil & Bobbin Davis	18 Doug Dittmar <i>Bev Schutt(B)</i>	19 Harry Dodds, Fallan Dodds (Maggie Ores)	20 Jane Erickson
21 Jeff & Elizabeth Estep	22 Marylou L. Ezzo	23 Frank Fetcher Jr	24 Paul & Verna Fussner	25 David & Lori Graham-Free	26 Gary & Kathy Hill <i>Riley Gumto(B)</i>	27 John & Joyce Hoste
28 Walt Iliff <i>Lynn Kramp(B)</i>	29 Judith Junda	30 Lynn Kramp				

Let's Pray for Each Other! Introducing 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!

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Volunteer Schedule for September 2025

* Unvested Lector: If you need to reschedule, please make arrangements with someone else and let the office know of the change.

	Altar Guild	Coffee Hour	Zoom Host+	Sunday School	Chalice Bearers	Lectors	Acolytes	Ushers/ Greeters	Counters
September 7 The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 18	Nancy Brother, Lynn Kramp, Peggy Burkacki	Linda BeHarry	Konnor Thompson		Harry Dodds	Harry Dodds, *Peggy Burkacki	C-Greg Mackey	Walt Iliff	
September 14 The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 19	Kathy Hill, Thora Scott, Bobbie Davis		Elizabeth Estep		Walt Iliff	Walt Iliff *Elizabeth Estep	C-Greg Mackey	Phil Davis	
September 21 The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 20	Kathy Hill, Thora Scott, Bobbie Davis		Konnor Thompson		Dave Zimmerman	Dave Zimmerman, *Sandy Wesley	C-Greg Mackey	Phil Davis	
September 28 The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 21	Nancy Brother, Lynn Kramp, Peggy Burkacki		Konnor Thompson		Greg Mackey	Greg Mackey, *Walt Iliff	C-Greg Mackey	Ray & Beth	
October 5 The Seventeenth after Pentecost Proper 22	Nancy Brother, Lynn Kramp, Peggy Burkacki	Linda BeHarry	Elizabeth Estep		Harry Dodds	Harry Dodds, *Peggy Burkacki	C-Greg Mackey	Walt Iliff	
October 12 The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 23	Kathy Hill, Thora Scott, Bobbie Davis		Konnor Thompson		Elizabeth Estep	Elizabeth Estep *Sandy Wesley	C-Greg Mackey	Phil Davis	

Dear friends, a few of our Volunteers need to step down. If you are willing to step in or know someone would be willing, please contact the office at 440-942-1015 or office@gracewilloughby.org.



READINGS FOR THE DAY

September 7

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 18

[Jeremiah 18:1-11](#)
[Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17](#)
[Philemon 1-21](#)
[Luke 14:25-33](#)

September 14

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 19

[Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28](#)
[Psalm 14](#)
[1 Timothy 1:12-17](#)
[Luke 15:1-10](#)

September 21

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 20

[Jeremiah 8:18-9:1](#)
[Psalm 79:1-9](#)
[1 Timothy 2:1-7](#)
[Luke 16:1-13](#)

September 28

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 21

[Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15](#)
[Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16](#)
[1 Timothy 6:6-19](#)
[Luke 16:19-31](#)

October 5

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 22

[Lamentations 1:1-6](#)
[Lamentations 3:19-26](#)
or [Psalm 137](#)
[2 Timothy 1:1-14](#)
[Luke 17:5-10](#)