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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, October 22<sup>nd</sup>,  
2025



# The *Pace* of Grace

October 2025



*This Troublous Life...*

Well, we're back to school and settling into our routines. Pumpkin farms are in full swing, and the week has more football available to watch on TV than is probably healthy. Such is the reality of autumn in Northeast Ohio.

Seasons change in the church as well. We are in the home stretch of the Ordinary Time which we refer to as the season after Pentecost. Not to alarm anyone, but Advent will be here probably before you're ready. Which means Christmas and the holidays will be soon behind.

One thing that remains constant through it all is the love of our Lord and savior, Jesus Christ. We can withstand the ebbs and flows of the secular world and the seasons of the church because Jesus walks with us and gently guides us forward. I take great courage, especially in these very trying times, in this fact.

I'll leave you with the prayer I wrap up every Vestry meeting from previous versions of our beloved Book of Common Prayer:

O Lord support us all the day long of this troublous life. Until the shadows lengthen, the evening comes, the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work on earth is done. Then in Thy mercy, grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last with Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May this prayer bring you comfort and courage to meet the changing seasons.

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](mailto:safechurch@dohio.org)

## **Help Needed!!!!**

**Pat Newyear has retired 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month. Please contact Sherrie in the office, she will set you up for training and get you on the schedule!!

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**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](mailto: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](mailto:office@gracewilloughby.org)



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](mailto:jllonsway@gmail.com) with **Grace Church** in the subject line.

With love,

Jenny Lonsway



### **From the Bench ~Music Director Scott Arra**

**Choir** – We practice every **Thursday at 7pm** warm up our voices at 9am, on Sundays and then share our beautiful gifts that God has blessed us with during the 9:30 service.



All are welcome!!!!

Arianna loves singing with the choir!!



### **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!!!!!!**



Working Hard to be prepared for our annual Rummage Sale!!!







Every year when the kids are settled back in school, Grace's Evangelism/Outreach Team holds a shopping day for our young friends at Willoughby Eastlake Schools.

The schools we serve are Edison, Grant, Longfellow, Jefferson and Royalview elementary schools. We work with the school counselors who determine the eligible families. JCPenney supplies shoes and boots for our little friends to choose from on shopping day. There is no other ministry that we are aware of that allows children to select their own brand-new footwear right in the store. What a boost to their self-esteem!

Our Evangelism/Outreach Team is holding a fund raiser through August and September to raise money for the gift cards used to purchase shoes for the kids. Our Little Feet account needs some strengthening and we need your help with contributions of "Loot for the Boot"

Any contribution will be greatly appreciated and can be placed in the not so "Little" boot you will find in the entry area. Checks can be made payable to Grace Episcopal Church with "Little Feet" on the memo line or dropped off in the office. The donations will be locked up after coffee hour. Donations accepted until Sunday, Nov. 2.

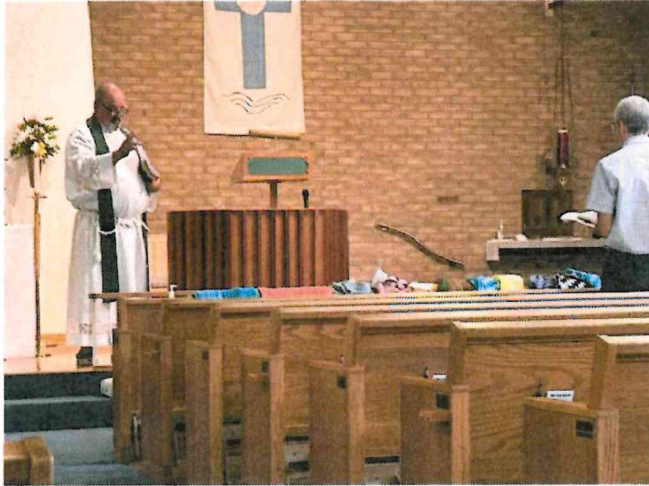
All prayers are welcome. I know the families are so grateful for the new shoes or boots for their little ones, especially with everything being so expensive, as we all know.

Many thanks for your help and loving hearts.  
Peace and Blessing,  
Kathy Hill

## **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.





**Shawl ministry- blessing of the shawls, Pat Newyear, Beth Sphatt, Fr. Jeff, Thora Scott, and Carl(Pat Newyear's son)** If you would like to be a part of the ministry, give Beth a call.

**It must be the Feast of Grace!!!!** What a great feast!!! How blessed we are!!!











## 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 1<sup>st</sup>, please contact the church office to update the Prayer chain list for the weekly bulletin. Going forward this list will be wiped clean the 1<sup>st</sup> 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

*October 5 @ am Pet Blessing @ 11am at the Grace Woods Gazebo. Please have your pets leashed or in a crate and for heaven's sake keep the fishy in his/her bowl*



*October 18, Saturday – Clam Bake fellowship begins at 4pm-Sign-up in the Lobby. \$25 for a dozen of Clams, half of a chicken, Sweet Potato, corn on the cob, coleslaw and a roll. Extra dozen of clams for \$12. Please make payments/checks out to Walt Iliff and mark Clam Bake on the memo line and can be left at the church office by Monday October 6. Any Questions, please contact Walt Iliff at*

*[eastlakewalt@gmail.com](mailto:eastlakewalt@gmail.com)*



**December 13, Saturday – Christmas Party**

**Mark your calendars Now!!!!**