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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

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Lynn Kramp

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



November 2025

The *Pace* of Grace



The Rest of the Story...

There's frost on the pumpkins! Autumn in Northeast Ohio is quite beautiful, and this year is no different. The changes outside mimic our changing liturgical year. The Last Sunday after Pentecost is called Christ the King Sunday which is followed of course by the First Sunday of Advent on November 30th this year. Advent is all about preparation. Preparing for the Second Coming of Christ and the First Coming of the Christ Child. In the lectionary, the prescribed readings for each Sunday, if we pay attention, are pointing to the Second Coming of Christ a couple weeks *before* Advent.

As a parish in transition, we are preparing to call a new Rector. There is new energy in the Search Committee which is working diligently to once again update the Parish Profile. They are interested in why you come to Grace so faithfully every week. Why are you attracted to this place? What would you like to say to a member of the clergy who is seeking a new call?

I'll finish up with a prayer which I find comforting in times of uncertainty. It was written by Reinhold Niebuhr at the beginning of WWII. You'll likely be familiar with the beginning of the Serenity Prayer, but you may not know the rest of the story:

God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things that I can, and the wisdom to know the difference. Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time. Taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it. Trusting that You will make all things right, if I but surrender to Your will. So that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with You forever in the next. Amen.

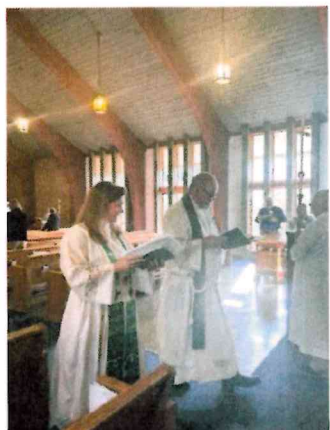
I hope and pray that this prayer grants you comfort in this time of preparation and transition.

Faithfully and lovingly,

Fr Jeff+

We missed you at our service Sunday October 12th

The Rev. Canon Jessie Gutsell Dodson, Canon to the Ordinary shared great hope at our service and then met with our search committee, giving us all hope and clearer direction and guidance.



Canon Jessie, Fr. Jeff and Elizabeth



Fr. Jeff and Walt



Clergy Day



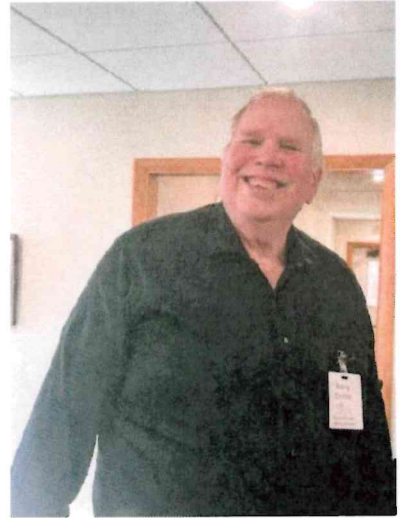
Marge, Mary, Carl and Debbie



The Weichsel Family



Toni, Sandy, Betsy, Lynn and Linda



Harry



Beth & Ray



Our Search Committee: Greg, Peggy, Konnor, Beth, Mary, Canon Jessie and Ray

SafeChurch Training

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

safechurch@dohio.org

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

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 3rd 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.

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!!!!!!**





# Hannah's Home

*at the heart of life*

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October 1, 2025

Grace Episcopal Church  
36200 Ridge Rd.  
Willoughby OH 44094

Pastor Longway,

We are overflowing with gratitude for your church's participation in this year's Baby Bottle Campaign! Because of your willingness to come alongside us, lives are being touched in a very real and lasting way.

Together with many other churches in our community, this year's campaign raised an amazing \$139,939.85! We are thrilled to celebrate that your church family contributed \$997.22 of that amount. What a beautiful picture of God's people working together for His purposes.

Your generosity helps provide safe housing, mentoring, and the loving support mothers need as they choose life for their babies. More than just raising funds, your church raised hope. You showed compassion, lifted burdens, and reflected the heart of Christ to women and children who need it most.

Please know how much we treasure your partnership. Every bottle filled, every dollar given, and every prayer lifted up matters—and together it's making an eternal difference.

From all of us at Hannah's Home, thank you for standing for life with us. We thank God for you and look forward to seeing all He will continue to do through this partnership.

In His name and for His glory,

Vicki Krnac  
Executive Director



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

**Our Jan – July/Aug 2025 stats:**

We have distributed over 140,000 lbs. of food – Produce, meats & bread/bakery.

*We have served 1423 households, a total of 3641 people, and 145 were new households in need right here in our local communities.*

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

*Our faithful Servants have donated 4217 hours of their valuable time. (50 active volunteers).*

**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.

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 12 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.*



# McKinley Community Outreach Center

To love our neighbors by assisting with basic needs, and creating a community of hope that supports personal and family stability as well as fostering positive change.

## Taxable Items



Items such as toilet paper, paper towels, soap, detergent, and deodorant cannot be purchased with an Ohio SNAP card. Families, who may visit once a month, must provide proof of residency in Willoughby, Willoughby Hills, Willowick, Eastlake, Timberlake, or Lakeline.

## Book Room



Take a break and sit down to read a book, or take one home. The book room offers a selection of books for all ages. When you are finished, bring it back...or pass it on to a friend.

## Choice Food Pantry



McKinley Food Pantry provides its services to all seven communities in Western Lake County.

Guests must bring a photo ID as well as a current utility bill to receive food. Families may receive food once every 30 days, and must initial an income verification form each visit.

## Clothing/Shoes



Donations of gently used clothing and shoes come from individual donors in the community.

## Medical Room

Donations of durable medical supplies are distributed by appointments coordinated by the McKinley Office. This equipment includes canes, shower chairs, raised and bedside toilet seats, walkers/rollators, and wheelchairs (manual only).

Appointments are made by calling the McKinley Office.

## Linens & Household Goods

Donations of linens and household goods can be brought to McKinley by appointment only.

## Pet Supplies



Pet food and supplies are available to help families in need during taxable distributions.

## Donation Hours

Call the office for an appointment.  
440-269-8008

## Office Hours

Mon. thru Thurs. 9:00 am — 1:00 pm  
Closed Friday through Sunday

## Food Pantry Hours, Taxables &

### Pet Food

Mondays 4:00 pm — 5:00 pm  
Wednesdays 12:00 pm — 1:30 pm  
Thursdays 12:00 pm — 1:30 pm



## A MCKINLEY COMMUNITY OUTREACH CENTER UPDATE

As you can see by the July/August McKinley update and list of services, so many families, our neighbors in need were helped by the Center. As you can also see, McKinley is not just a community pantry. They also provide many other necessities our neighbors require for daily living, including spiritual support. They do indeed “feed the body and feed the soul”.

In meeting with Beth Morgan, the Director at McKinley, she expressed how food pantries have been affected by State and Federal challenges. Pairing this with rising food prices McKinley is seeing more and more people experiencing food insecurities. New households are being added to their guest list on a regular basis.

McKinley is truly grateful for the support we continue to provide with Grace’s yearly generous donation, donations of pantry items and the many other donated items from us at Grace that McKinley can provide to those in need in our community.

Because of these donations from the many supporting churches and communities McKinley Community Outreach Center is able to continue their work in the community as they have for the past 12 years.

*We are the Hands and Feet of Christ.*

Peace and Blessings,

Kathy, Evangelism/Outreach Team



## *Thank you for your support 2025*

Dear Grace Episcopal Congregation,

We hope this letter finds you joyful this Fall season!

Just keeping in touch to let you know how very thankful we are for all your loyal support to our work in the community, over the last years. We couldn't help as many families as we do without your partnership.

Fun facts you may enjoy that we are so proud of- So far this year (Jan – Aug) McKinley has distributed over 140,000 lbs of food (produce, meat, breads).

Who did we help – 1423 households, a total of 3641 people living in those homes.

*Our neighbors in need* also were blessed with many other items we have available (clothing, household, pet food, books, durable medical equipment, baby diapers, incontinent supplies and personal hygiene and cleaning supplies, TP etc.)

We are thankful for the 50 faithful volunteers that donated 4217 hours of their valuable time to make all this happen.

As you have seen on the News over the last several months, Food Pantries have been affected by State and Federal challenges, pairing this with rising food prices; we are seeing more and more people experiencing food insecurities.

**So, we just wanted to let you know how thankful we are for your very, very generous donation of \$5000.00 this month.**

We are proud to partner with you, helping our neighbors in need, right here in our communities.

God bless,

Beth Morgan, Director

McKinley Community Outreach Center

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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**

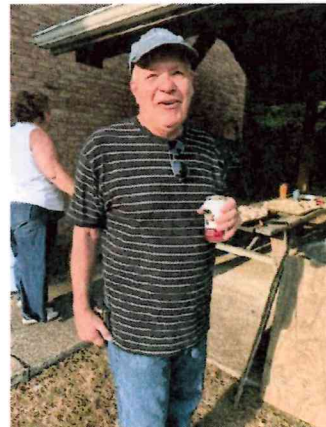
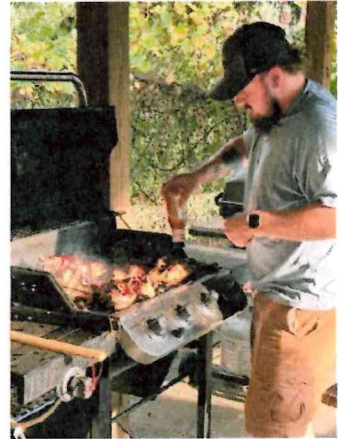
Sign-up sheet is now available in the hallway between the restrooms before the gathering room. Consider signing up for a week that will bless us all with the fragrance and beauty upon the altar. A donation of \$40 will cover the cost. And please let Sherrie in the office know if your blessing is in celebration, memory or thankfulness, so that she may mention in the bulletin.



**Shawl ministry- has changed their name! 'Creative hands' which meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month @ 1pm.** Pictured: 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 or just show up.

## 2025 Clam Bake- What a Feast!!!







## 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!



## Search Committee

After our meeting with Canon Jessie we are revisiting our approach for our search including writing an open letter to candidates for the position. We will be inviting them to join us on the journey in the next chapter of ministry at Grace. We are asking you to let us know of positive statements why you are a member of Grace church. If you have a comment please give it to a member of the committee or leave it anonymously in the prayer box. Since this has been a long process we have been approved to have 2 new members join our committee. If you have an interest, please contact Peggy Burkacki.

Peggy Burkacki

Mary Miragliotta

Greg Mackey

Ray Sphatt

Konnor Thompson



# Up Coming Events



**December 13, Saturday – Christmas Party**

**Mark your calendars Now!!!!** Invitation below

Grace's Annual Christmas Party

December 13<sup>th</sup>

Lesson & Carols- 5pm

With Dinner @ 6pm

Gathering Rm

Ham provided

Please bring a potato, vegetable, salad, or desert dish to pass.



White Elephant Exchange

The Christmas Tree will be up and ready to be decorated: incase you would like to bring hats, gloves, mittens and scarves to help decorate.



## READINGS FOR THE DAY

### **November 2**

All Saints' Day  
The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost  
Proper 26

[Daniel 7:1-3,15-18](#)

[Psalm 149](#)

[Ephesians 1:11-23](#)

[Luke 6:20-31](#)

### **November 9**

The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost  
Proper 27

[Haggai 1:15b-2:9](#)

[Psalm 145:1-5, 18-22](#)

*or* [Psalm 98](#)

[2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17](#)

[Luke 20:27-38](#)

### **November 16**

The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost  
Proper 28

[Isaiah 65:17-25](#)

[Canticle 9](#)

[2 Thessalonians 3:6-13](#)

[Luke 21:5-19](#)

### **November 23**

The Last Sunday after Pentecost  
Christ the King  
Proper 29

[Jeremiah 23:1-6](#)

[Canticle 16](#)

[Colossians 1:11-20](#)

[Luke 23:33-43](#)

### **November 30**

The First Sunday of Advent

[Isaiah 2:1-5](#)

[Romans 13:11-14](#)

[Matthew 24:36-44](#)

[Psalm 122](#)