



The Grace Vine

April 2007



Rector's Writ

In some ways it seems like Ash Wednesday was a short time ago, and already Easter is only two weeks away. We really don't like to linger on the suffering and death of Christ. It seems the Scripture readings of the Triduum—Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday—are about as much as we can take in terms of a last supper in an upper room; betrayal and denial; injustice at Jerusalem; then a hateful crucifixion at Golgotha. The poignancy of these readings reminds us that, at the hands of human beings, these afflictions were endured by a willing Savior whose temporary end was a cross and a quiet tomb. Even though it was guarded and sealed with a huge stone, the sun rose over an *empty* tomb on Easter.

It's ironic how God's plan for our redemption included death and resurrection to bring joy, hope, and fullness of life to humanity. God in Christ has done what we cannot do for ourselves. Our Lenten repentance and discipline end with the joy of Easter and the promise of new life. Following are a few quotes which express the Easter joy that we make ready to celebrate.

From the Exsultet: ... *"This is the night, when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life. This is the night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave. How holy is this night, when wickedness is put to flight, and sin is washed away. It restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn. It casts out pride and hatred, and brings peace and concord. How blessed is this night, when earth and heaven are joined and (we) are reconciled to God."* (BCP, pg. 287)

"Christianity has died many times and risen again, for it has a God who knows the way out of the grave." (G.K. Chesterton)

"Spring bursts today, for Christ is risen, and all the earth's at play." (Christina Rosetti)

"The resurrection consists not in words, but in life and power. The heart should take inward delight in this and be joyful." (Martin Luther)

"Hail, thou once despised Jesus! Hail thou Galilean King! Thou didst suffer to release us; thou didst free salvation bring. Hail, thou universal Savior, bearer of our sin and shame! By thy merit we find favor: life is given through thy Name.

Paschal Lamb, by God appointed, all our sins on thee were laid: by almighty love anointed, though hast full atonement made. All thy people are forgiven through the virtue of thy blood: opened is the gate of heaven, reconciled are we with God." (Hymn #495)

Easter Blessings & Joy to You and Yours.



Service and Lay Ministry Schedule



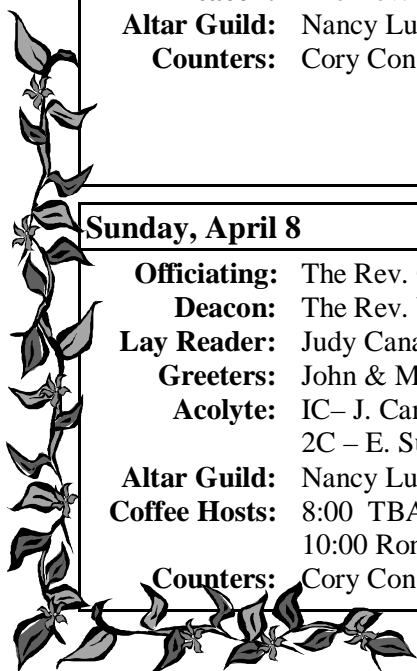
Sunday, April 1	8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	Palm Sunday
Officiating: The Rev. Carol S. Evans Deacon: The Rev. William D. Snyder Lay Reader: Carolyn Englert Greeters: Jim & Nancy Ervin Acolyte: Paige Thomas & Janell Moore Altar Guild: Nancy Lundgren & Cindy Hoskins Coffee Hosts: 8:00 TBA 10:00 Judy & Kay Canan Counters: Cory Conway & Bette Brooks Loyalton: Maynard Evans	1st Reading Isaiah 50:4-9a 8:00 Roberta O'Keefe 10:00 Tim Splinter Psalm 31:9-16 2nd Reading Philippians 2:5-11 Cathy Mansor Gospel Luke 22:14-23:56	

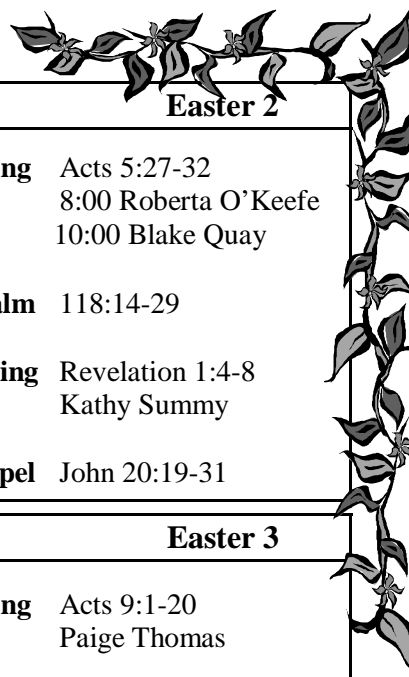
Thursday, April 5	7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday
Officiating: The Rev. Carol S. Evans Deacon: The Rev. William D. Snyder Lay Reader: Bette Brooks Greeters: Judy Canan & Carolyn Englert Acolyte: Julie Canan Altar Guild: Nancy Lundgren & Cindy Hoskins Counters: Cory Conway & Bette Brooks	1st Reading Exodus 12:1-14a Carolyn Englert Psalm 78:14-20, 23-25 2nd Reading I Corinthians 11:23-32 Gordon Thompson Gospel Luke 22:14-30	

Friday, April 6	7:00 PM Holy Eucharist	Good Friday
Officiating: The Rev. Carol S. Evans Deacon: The Rev. William Snyder Lay Reader: Maynard Evans Greeters: Fred & Nancy Lundgren Acolyte: Janell Moore Altar Guild: Nancy Lundgren & Cindy Hoskins Counters: Cory Conway & Bette Brooks	1st Reading Isaiah 52:13—53:12 Psalm 22:1-11 2nd Reading Hebrews 10:1-25 Gospel John 18:1-40-19:1 -37	

Saturday, April 7	10:00 AM (no Holy Eucharist)	Holy Saturday
Officiating: The Rev. Carol S. Evans Deacon: The Rev. William D. Snyder Altar Guild: Nancy Lundgren & Cindy Hoskins Counters: Cory Conway & Bette Brooks	1st Reading Job 14:1-14 Psalm 130 Reading I Peter 4:1-8 Gospel Matthew 27:57-66	

Sunday, April 8	8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	Easter Day
Officiating: The Rev. Carol S. Evans Deacon: The Rev. William D. Snyder Lay Reader: Judy Canan Greeters: John & Mary Jean McDonald Acolyte: IC- J. Canan, 1 T S. Stickle & E. Splinter 2C - E. Summy, 2T - J. Summy & S. Conway Altar Guild: Nancy Lundgren & Cindy Hoskins Coffee Hosts: 8:00 TBA 10:00 Ron & Kelly Postlethwaite Counters: Cory Conway & Bette Brooks	1st Reading Isaiah 65:17-25 8:00 Roberta O'Keefe 10:00 Steve Barna Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 2nd Reading Acts 10:34-43 Kelly Postlethwaite Gospel Luke 24:1-12	



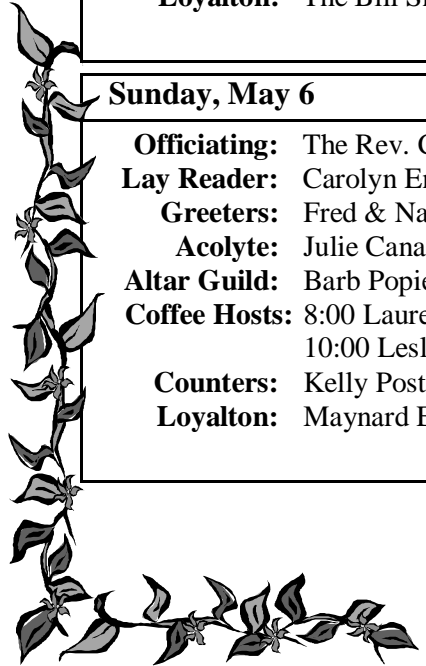


Sunday, April 15		8:00 & 10:00 am Holy Eucharist		Easter 2
Preaching:	The Rev. William Snyder	1st Reading	Acts 5:27-32	
Lay Reader:	Bette Brooks		8:00 Roberta O'Keefe	
Greeters:	Leslie & Paige Thomas		10:00 Blake Quay	
Acolytes:	Paige Thomas		Psalm	118:14-29
Altar Guild:	Nancy Lundgren & Cindy Hoskins	2nd Reading	Revelation 1:4-8	
Coffee Hosts:	8:00 George Furrer 10:00 John & Irene Machisko		Kathy Summy	
Counters:	Cory Conway & Bette Brooks		Gospel	John 20:19-31

Sunday, April 22		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist		Easter 3
Officiating:	The Rev. Carol S. Evans	1st Reading	Acts 9:1-20	
Deacon:	The Rev. William D. Snyder		Paige Thomas	
Lay Reader:	Judy Canan		Psalm	30
Greeters:	Julie & Kay Canan	2nd Reading	Revelation 5:11-14	
Acolyte:	Samantha Stickle		Gordon Thompson	
Altar Guild:	Nancy Lundgren & Cindy Hoskins		Gospel	John 21:1-19
Coffee Hosts:	8:00 Janice Lallathin 10:00 Fred & Nancy Lundgren			
Counters:	Cory Conway & Bette Brooks			
Loyalton:	Maynard Evans			

Sunday, April 29		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist		Easter 4
Officiating:	The Rev. Carol S. Evans	1st Reading	Acts 9:36-43	
Lay Reader:	Maynard Evans		8:00 Roberta O'Keefe	
Greeters:	John & Irene Machisko		10:00 John Machisko	
Acolyte:	Schyler Conway		Psalm	23
Altar Guild:	Nancy Lundgren & Cindy Hoskins	2nd Reading	Revelation 7:9-17	
Coffee Hosts:	8:00 Frank & Joan Seman 10:00 John & Irene Machisko		Cathy Mansor	
Counters:	Cory Conway & Bette Brooks		Gospel	John 10:22-30
Loyalton:	The Bill Snyder			

Sunday, May 6		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist		Easter 5
Officiating:	The Rev. Carol S. Evans	1st Reading	Acts 11:1-18	
Lay Reader:	Carolyn Englert		8:00 Roberta O'Keefe	
Greeters:	Fred & Nancy Lundgren		10:00 Judy Canan	
Acolyte:	Julie Canan		Psalm	148
Altar Guild:	Barb Popiel & Goldie Shriver	2nd Reading	Revelation 21:1-6	
Coffee Hosts:	8:00 Lauren & Melissa Strainer 10:00 Leslie & Paige Thomas		Tim Splinter	
Counters:	Kelly Postlethwaite & Cathy Mansor		Gospel	John 13:31-35
Loyalton:	Maynard Evans			





Did You Know?...



Five members of the youth group, **Julie Canan, Emily Summy, Joshua Crouse, Philip Crouse, and Nicole Stickle**, (with **Kathy Summy** as chaperone) went to Christ Church, Shaker Heights for a youth gathering with other Episcopal youth from all over the diocese and had a wonderful time. The theme was the Underground Railroad and they had an eye opening experience...

The Wednesday Lenten supper/program/worship has been well received with an average of 16 people in attendance. **Blake Quay** cooked for the first of the Lenten Soup Suppers and programs, with **Carolyn Englert** facilitating the lesson, **Nancy Lundgren** cooked for the March 14th meeting, with **Blake Quay** facilitating, and **Marsha Snyder** cooked on the March 21st meeting with **Bill Snyder** facilitating, **Carol and Maynard** cooked the third Wednesday, with **Kathy Summy** facilitating and **Alice Boydell** will cook the last of our series...

The E.C.W. met on March 3rd with **Sue Ahrens and Marsha Snyder** cooking breakfast. In attendance were **Betty Capriola, Alice Boydell, Pat Williams, Cindy Hoskins, Mary Jean McDonald, Bev Louis Mercury, Bonnie Quay, The Rev. Carol Evans, Kay Canan and Judy Canan**. It was decided to send \$100.00 to the native Indian, Lillian Vallely Episcopal School in Blackfoot Idaho, and \$50.00 to **Jean and Len Mercer's** niece and her husband who will be trained to translate the Bible in different languages...

Betty Capriola is a new great-grandma and so proud of the latest members of her family...

Welcome back to Grace Church the **Rich family, Courtney, Phillip, Jerry, and Maggie** (and a third child on the way). We are so thrilled to see them back in the area and joining us for worship...

The children have been making us more aware of the Two-Cents-a-Meal program and as a result we have seen a significant increase in the collection take on the second Sunday of the month. We owe a big thank you to those who are already participating and to those who are new at this, it's a very good cause with half the money staying here in Portage County and the other half going to the diocese. If you would like a box to keep on your table to place your coins in, just ask one of the youth and I'm sure they will see that you get one...

The fellowship/game night was a lot of fun for those who attended on March 10th, **Marcia and Tim Splinter, Kathy Summy, Addrienne and Cory Conway, The Rev. Carol, and Phil and Courtney Rich...**

Amanda and Beverly Brooks were home on their spring break and it was good seeing Amanda in church on March 11th...

Chris and Fred Ahrens are the proud parents of a bouncing baby girl they've name **Madison**. Madison came into this world on Sunday, March 11th...and on her due date! Congratulations to all the Ahrens family...

Johnnie and Irene Machisko have spent the winter in Florida and on February 21st a Surprise birthday party was held for Irene. However the best surprise of all was that all their children flew down to Florida to celebrate with Irene & John. **Lynn** lives in Ohio, **John** in Georgia, and **David** in Missouri--- what a great surprise...

KSU student **Gordon Thompson** and the members of the Kent State Men's Choir will be traveling on their Spring break. They will be singing at venues in Kentucky, Georgia, Florida, Virginia and the Carolinas and Gordon will be back in time to sing with the church choir for Easter.

Eric & Kevin Splinter participated in their TaeKwonDo school's Breakathon, raising money for St. Jude's. In one hour, about 30 students, mostly under 12 years old, and a rotating gang of about 16 board holding parents broke 2640 practice boards. Owner/Instructor Louis Italiano, broke 4700 personally in that same hour (two on each strike)! The school raised \$2600.

HAVE A HAPPY EASTER!!

Dear Friends,

Once again, the Center of Hope is asking you to help feed those who are hungry. This is the time of year that donations are down, but needs are still great.

For the ninth straight year, Allan Feinstein is offering \$1,000,000 to be divided proportionally among non-profit agencies to fight hunger. The more donations we receive the larger our share of the money will be!!! All donations received from March 1st to April 30th will count toward the Feinstein Challenge.

Thank you for all that you do to help the Center of Hope families.

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Birthdays

1-Richard Lashley
3-Sonja Sherwood
3-Don Sherwood
4-Larry Thomas
6-Laura Price
11-Cory Postlethwaite
12-Cathy Mansor
12-Billy T. Johnson
12-Phillip Rich
13-Kathy Summy
20-Sue Ahrens
23-Bernice McCauslin
23-Charles Marks
25-Julia Canan
29-Marcia Splinter



Baptisms

1-Phyllis Shorts
2-Dennis Dier
4-Jennifer Golec
4-Melissa Strainer
4-Tracy Shriver
4-Betty Capriola
5-William D. Snyder
7-Dale Espey
9-Jim Ervin
10-Jamie Popiel
11-Bruce Ahrens
12-Sally Wolf Langan
12-Julia Canan
13-Amelia K. Golec
18-Shirley Johnson
18-Corbin Baker
19-Billy T. Johnson

Congratulations!

and many happy returns...



Anniversaries

20-Jim & Nancy Ervin

Holy Week & Easter Worship Schedule

Palm Sunday

April 1st 8 & 10 a.m.

Palm Sunday Choral Evensong

at Christ Church, Hudson 5:15 p.m.
Bishop Hollingsworth Preaching
(concert at 4:15 p.m.)

Service of Healing & Holy Eucharist

Wednesday April 4th 6 p.m.

Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday April 5th 7 p.m.

Candlelight Watch**

Thursday April 5th 9 p.m. through 8 a.m. Friday

Stations of the Cross and Good Friday Liturgy

Friday April 6th 7 p.m.

Holy Saturday Service

Saturday April 7th 10 a.m.

Festive Holy Eucharist

Sunday April 8th 8 & 10 a.m.

Children's Easter Egg Hunt

following 10 am service

**The Candlelight Watch is a way to remember Jesus' time in prayer and with his disciples at Gethsemane ...and his betrayal. Some members have expressed an interest in holding this watch which will go through Thursday night and end at 8 a.m. Friday. Ideally, we need to have at least two people for each block so no one is at the Church alone. People can sign up for an hour (or more) and use this time for prayer, meditation, reading, quiet thought or conversation about Christ's story. It's based on Scripture, "Could you not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation..." (Matt. 26:40-41) It can be a spiritual way to prepare for the joy we celebrate on Easter. Please let the rector know if you're interested in being part of this Candlelight Watch.

On the Horizon

Sunday April 8th
Easter Egg Hunt
11am

Wednesday April 11th
ECW Spring Luncheon
9:45 am

All women of the Church are invited to this Deanery Lunch at Christ Church, Kent.

Wednesday April 11th
Fundraising Committee
7pm

PLEASE attend if you are able. Details for the flower sale and garage sale need to be worked out SOON!

Saturday April 14th
Fellowship & Game Night
6:30 pm

Come spend some casual time with fellow church members and get to know each other better.

Saturday April 21st
Youth Group Lock-in
5pm

Please RSVP to Addrienne

Sunday April 29th
Youth Bowling Trip
After Services

Kent Lanes. \$6, snack included.

Sunday May 13th
Spring Breakfast
9am

The Hospitality Committee invites everyone for breakfast between the Services.

Saturday June 30th
Steak Fry
Details will follow.



Project Warm Buns & Tootsies

The ECW has decided to sponsor a program to provide new underwear and socks to approximately 160 children through the County Clothing Center. The underwear and socks will be chosen by the children's mothers during CCC's Santa's Closet project. Sizes are birth (training pants) through adult for boys or girls for both underwear and socks. Cash donations can be made to Marsha Snyder or any member of ECW. A collection box will be in the Narthex.

Thank you for your help with this worthy project.
ECW



Notes from the Fun-draising committee

Information Feedback Please...

PLEASE let Marcia Splinter know if you think you will have donations for a garage sale in late April or early May. It was a good fundraiser last year (\$500), but we have to know if there will be items to sell. See me after church, call 330-527-2084 or email splinter@vipn.com

Flower Sale—Your Help Needed...

The Mother's Day Flower Sale has been our best fundraiser each year and this year we hope to make it better by doing an expanded pre-sale. We are working with two new suppliers – one for annuals and another for perennials – and expect to have well over 70 varieties available for the pre-sale, including 4" pots, 10" hanging pots, flats and perennial 3 packs.

What we need from EVERY ONE OF YOU is to take a pre-sale order form home. We are not asking you to "go door to door" for sales, but please ask your family, friends and neighbors that you know purchase flowers every year if they would take a look at the items available. We could very easily double our profit on this sale, and as we all know – we need all the profits we can get. Please watch for the orders forms – we hope to have them available on April 15th or 22nd.

Thanks,
The Fundraising Committee

Things You Always Wanted to Know About Your Church But Were Afraid to Ask

Or...

"ISN'T GRACIE THE LITTLE POSTLETHWAITE CUTIE?"



By
Tim Splinter

A request came in to fill in the newer folks (or any folks who've just never asked) on "Gracie's." If you've found yourself asking "Isn't Gracie Ron and Kelly's little blond cutie?" then this article is for you.

The full and proper name is "Gracie's Backdoor" and it is literally at the back door of the church. If you go around back in the alley, it's just inside the door out by the alley on the lower level. From inside the building, you go downstairs from the parish hall and just keep following the halls with right turns. At the end of the hall, on the right across from the lounge, is a room that's locked with a different key than the rest of the building. You have found Gracie's Backdoor. Lately, the inventory has spilled out into the hall. When you find those tables, you're there!

So was IS it? It's a gift and thrift store! It operates on volunteer parishioner labor with inventory almost entirely donated, mostly by parishioners. You might find almost anything smaller than a microwave in inventory at any given time. The only way to know is to

drop in now and again. The store is open after services on the 1st Sunday of the month. It is also open every Wednesday from 10am to 2 pm. Anyone is welcome, parishioner or not.

The volunteer Gracie's staff processes all the donations, prices everything, runs the store and handles all the money and sales taxes. Each month, the profits are put into the parish funds. \$50 is placed into the Maintenance Reserve fund for building maintenance and emergency repairs. The remaining profits are put into the Rector's Discretionary Fund.

So there it is. Come on downstairs now and again and check out the store. And next time you've got stuff to get out of your house, give a thought to giving it to Gracies!

Currently, the staff includes: Mary Jean McDonald, Nancy Lundgren, Judy Canan, Alice Boyde, Irene Machisko, Cindy Hoskins, and Jean Mercer (who is just now moving away).



ECW Spring Luncheon



Wednesday April 11th
Christ Episcopal Church in Kent

9:45 Coffee and Registration

10:30 Eucharist with the Rev. Julie Fisher

11:30 Business Meeting

12:00 Luncheon \$8 per person

1:00 Speaker Benjamin Tipton. He served with the Mennonite Central Committee in Cambodia and 10,000 Villages. He helped set up Organizational Development Our Villages (ODOV) Micro-Loans Banking System in Cambodia.

Please RSVP by April 5th to Christ Church. 330-673-4604 or lrgoist@sbcglobal.net



A Prayer Request

Christel Barna works at Duexberry Elementary School in Columbus and the school has been plagued with drug dealers and gangs in the neighborhood. Please keep the safety of this school, the children and the staff in your prayers.