



The Grace Vine

April 2012

Rector's Writ

Not so long ago, we had boots and coats and heat on to help us endure the winter. Spring has officially arrived, and we find ourselves trying to be faithful in observing a holy Lent, being faithful in and keeping our disciplines throughout.

Within a few days, those Lenten disciplines and observations will intensify as we prepare for Holy Week. We know how the story unfolds: the last supper; the prayers in Gethsemane; betrayal; denial; the trial and crucifixion; death, grief, and silence. Like some of the disciples, we tend to have a response for almost anything. As we recall our Lord's teachings, his suffering and death, and the shadows cast during Holy Week, so often the only appropriate response is silence. Some years it's difficult to enter and embrace that silence. Sometimes we want explanations...we want life to be different...we want life to be fair. Yet the stories we hear on Palm Sunday and Good Friday are not about fairness, but faithfulness...Christ's love and faith in the Father...their abiding love for humanity.

The point of Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection is our salvation and redemption. Jesus did what we could not do for ourselves and restored us to a right relationship with God. The renewal of life we see every spring is a reminder of the renewal and hope we've been given. Please invite and plan to bring family and friends with you for Holy Week and Easter services. The joy of Easter is an empty cross, an empty tomb, and hearts filled with praise, glory, and worship offered gladly to our risen Lord.

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that we, who have been raised with him, may abide in his presence and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise for ever and ever. Amen. (Easter Week Prayer, BCP p.223)

*Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. His cross stands empty to the sky. Let streets and homes with praises ring. His love in death shall never die.
Christ is alive! His Spirit burns through this and every future age,
till all creation lives and learns his joy, his justice, love, and praise.
(Hymn #182 Christ is Alive!)*

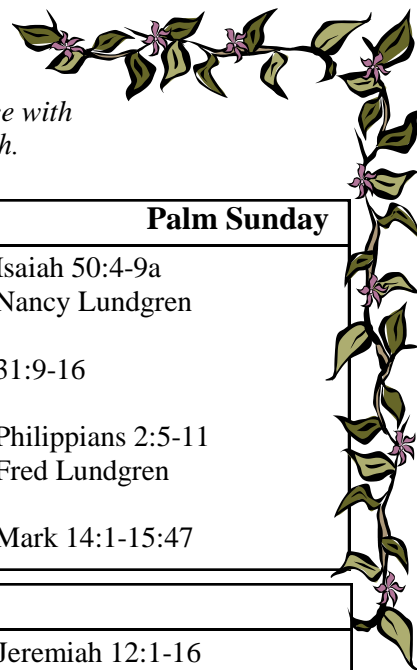


A blessed and joyful Easter to you and those you love. Carol+



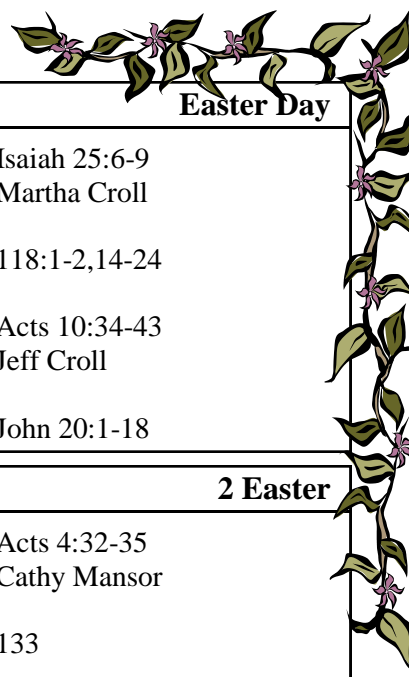
Service and Lay Ministry Schedule

If you cannot serve when scheduled, please find a substitute and call the parish office with that person's name. Thank you for sharing in the liturgical ministry of Grace Church.



Sunday, April 1		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	Palm Sunday
Officiant	The Rev. Carol Evans	1st Reading	Isaiah 50:4-9a Nancy Lundgren
Lay Reader	8:00 Addrienne Conway/10:00 Roberta O'Keefe	Psalm	31:9-16
Greeters	Nancy & Fred Lundgren	2nd Reading	Philippians 2:5-11 Fred Lundgren
Acolyte	Schyler Conway	Gospel	Mark 14:1-15:47
Altar Guild	Nancy Lundgren, Cindy Hoskins, Sandy Ulbricht		
Coffee Hosts	8:00 Joan & Frank Seman 10:00 Kay Cana & Chris Stickle		
Counters	Sue Ahrens & Barb Popiel		
Emeritus	Kathy Summy		
Monday, April 2		5:30 PM Evening Prayer	
Officiant	The Rev. Carol S. Evans	1st Reading	Jeremiah 12:1-16
Altar Guild	Nancy Lundgren, Cindy Hoskins, Sandy Ulbricht	Psalm	69:1-23
		2nd Reading	2 Corinthians 1:1-7
Tuesday, April 3		5:30 PM Evening Prayer	
Officiant	The Rev. Carol S. Evans	1st Reading	Jeremiah 15:10-21
Altar Guild	Nancy Lundgren, Cindy Hoskins, Sandy Ulbricht	Psalm	94
		2nd Reading	2 Corinthians 1:8-12
Wednesday, April 4		5:30 PM Healing Service & Holy Eucharist	
Celebrant	The Rev. Carol S. Evans	1st Reading	Isaiah 50:4-9a
Altar Guild	Nancy Lundgren, Cindy Hoskins, Sandy Ulbricht	Psalm	70
		2nd Reading	Hebrews 12:1-3
		Gospel	John 13:21-32
Thursday, April 5		7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday
Foot Washing Ceremony & Stripping of the Altar			
Officiant	The Rev. Carol Evans	1st Reading	Exodus 12:1-14 Martha Croll
Lay Reader	Carolyn Englert	Psalm	116:1,10-17
Greeters	Fred & Nancy Lundgren	2nd Reading	1 Corinthians 11:23-26 Tim Splinter
Acolyte	Splinters	Gospel	John 13:1-17, 31b-35
Altar Guild	Nancy Lundgren, Cindy Hoskins, Sandy Ulbricht		
Counters	Sue Ahrens & Barb Popiel		
Friday, April 6		7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross & Good Friday
Officiant	The Rev. Carol Evans	1st Reading	Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Deacon	The Rev. William Snyder	Psalm	22
Altar Guild	Nancy Lundgren, Cindy Hoskins, Sandy Ulbricht	2nd Reading	Hebrews 10:16-25
Counters	Sue Ahrens & Barb Popiel	Gospel	John 18:1-19:42
Saturday, April 7		9:30 AM	Holy Saturday
Officiant	The Rev. Carol S. Evans	1st Reading	Job 19:21-27a
		Psalm	27
		2nd Reading	Romans 8:1-11





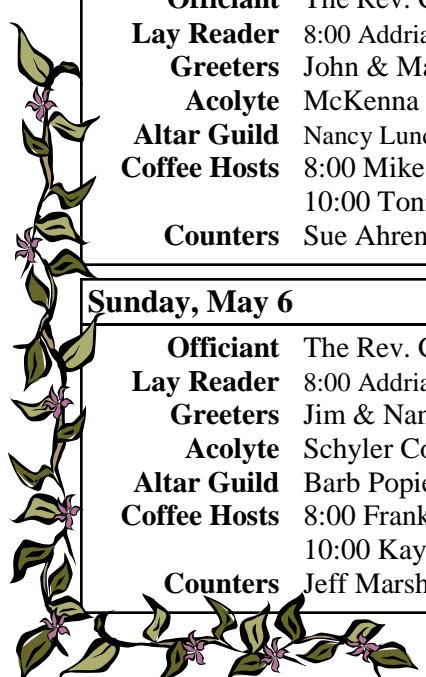
Sunday, April 8		8:00 & 10:00 AM Festive Holy Eucharist		Easter Day
Officiant	The Rev. Carol Evans	1st Reading	Isaiah 25:6-9	
Deacon	The Rev. William Snyder		Martha Croll	
Lay Reader	Carolyn Englert	Psalm	118:1-2,14-24	
Greeters	Nancy & Fred Lundgren	2nd Reading	Acts 10:34-43	
Acolyte	All		Jeff Croll	
Altar Guild	Nancy Lundgren, Cindy Hoskins, Sandy Ulbricht	Gospel	John 20:1-18	
Coffee Hosts	8:00 Billy Johnson 10:00 Nancy & Jim Ervin			
Counters	Sue Ahrens & Barb Popiel			

Sunday, April 15		8:00 & 10:00 AM Morning Prayer		2 Easter
Officiant	The Rev. William Snyder	1st Reading	Acts 4:32-35	
Lay Reader	8:00 Addrienne Conway/10:00 Nancy Ludngren		Cathy Mansor	
Greeters	John & Mary Jean McDonald	Psalm	133	
Acolyte	Kevin Splinter & Jillian Conway	2nd Reading	1 John 1:1-2:2	
Altar Guild	Nancy Lundgren, Cindy Hoskins, Sandy Ulbricht		Maynard Evans	
Coffee Hosts	8:00 Midge Myers 10:00 Fred & Nancy Lundgren	Gospel	John 20:19-31	
Counters	Sue Ahrens & Barb Popiel			
Emeritus	Kathy Summy			

Sunday, April 22		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist		3 Easter
Officiant	The Rev. Carol S. Evans	1st Reading	Acts 3:12-19	
Lay Reader	Cory Conway		Tim Splinter	
Greeters	Bev Lewis-Mercury & Jeff Marsh	Psalm	4	
Acolyte	Eric Splinter	2nd Reading	1 John 3:1-7	
Altar Guild	Nancy Lundgren, Cindy Hoskins, Sandy Ulbricht		Kathy Summy	
Coffee Hosts	8:00 Pat Williams 10:00 John & Mary Jean McDonald	Gospel	Luke 24:36b-48	
Counters	Sue Ahrens & Barb Popiel			

Sunday, April 29		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist		4 Easter
Officiant	The Rev. Carol S. Evans	1st Reading	Acts 4:5-12	
Lay Reader	8:00 Addrienne Conway/10:00 Nancy Ludngren		Martha Croll	
Greeters	John & Mary Jean McDonald	Psalm	23	
Acolyte	McKenna Conway	2nd Reading	1 John 43:16-24	
Altar Guild	Nancy Lundgren, Cindy Hoskins, Sandy Ulbricht		Fred Lundgren	
Coffee Hosts	8:00 Mike & Shirley Johnson 10:00 Toni & Tony Worthen	Gospel	John 10:11-18	
Counters	Sue Ahrens & Barb Popiel			

Sunday, May 6		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist		5 Easter
Officiant	The Rev. Carol S. Evans	1st Reading	Acts 8:26-40	
Lay Reader	8:00 Addrienne Conway/10:00 Nancy Ludngren		Carolyn Englert	
Greeters	Jim & Nancy Ervin	Psalm	22:24-30	
Acolyte	Schyler Conway	2nd Reading	1 John 4:7-21	
Altar Guild	Barb Popiel & Shirley Johnson		Tim Splinter	
Coffee Hosts	8:00 Frank & Joan Seman 10:00 Kay Canan & Chris Stickle	Gospel	John 15:1-8	
Counters	Jeff Marsh & Cory Conway			





Did You Know?...



Jeff & Martha Croll were having a dinner party with family members when the big hairy member of the family went outside and came in contact with a skunk. Well, needless to say the party was soon over and poor Barkley couldn't figure why he wasn't allowed to sleep in bed that night or the nights that followed...

Irene & Johnnie Machisko celebrated Irene's birthday while in Florida for the winter. And they were so surprised and thrilled to have their son **David** come all the way from St. Louis and join them for the celebration. Irene also writes that she'll be happy to be back home and we'll be happy to have her and Johnnie back here at Grace Church...

We heard from **Phyllis Shorts**, and she sends greetings from sunny Florida. They have been keeping busy with concerts, dances and the theater, and playing cards with their neighbors, who happen to be minister in charge at their church. Phyllis also reports that hubby **Bill** is still golfing several times a week. They asked for prayers for daughter **Susan's** home church, First United Methodist in Ada, Ohio, which burned to the ground. Keep that congregation in your prayers...

A reception was held here at Grace Church for **Bruce Ahren's mother, Dorothy Ahrens**, who passed away last month. Thanks to Nancy Ervin, our hospitality committee chairperson, for making all the arrangements. With the help of hubby **Jim Ervin, John McDonald, Shirley & Mike Johnson and Marsha Snyder**, a lovely reception was held in the parish hall. Thanks to everyone who brought food. It was great fun hearing stories about Dorothy's life as the family reminisced about their loved one...

After the funeral **Bruce and Sue Ahrens** are going to Massachusetts to visit with Sonja and her family and then on to New Hampshire to visit with more family...

Once again **Judy Canan** has done so well with her knee replacement that she invited the Sit & Stitch group to meet at her home. Daughter-in-law "extraordinaire" **Kay Canan** fixed lunch for the group and took off from work for a week to be with her mother-in-law. This must be the kind of relationship **Ruth and Naomi** had...

The vestry met at **Reba Cook's** home for their annual retreat where plans for the coming year were made...

Addrienne Conway tearfully announced that the family will be moving to Kansas in June. The fact that they will be missed is an understatement. Addrienne was offered a position with her company and after **Cory** hurt the knee he had just had replaced, the job of postman was

going to be difficult. For Grace Church it will be difficult replacing the Director of Christian Education and Senior Warden and three very active youth. But, our love and prayers go with the Conways...

Nikki and Sammi Stickle are planning a trip to the state of Washington this summer to spend time with their cousin **Phil and his wife Brittany and baby Noah**. Phil joined the army and is now stationed in Washington. This will be their first trip without their parents and the first time on an airplane. But, it sounds like a real adventure...

The Fund raising committee worked on making Easter candy one Saturday in March. Thanks to everyone who ordered candy and to **Courtney & Phil Rich, Marcia Splinter and Barb Popiel** for their hard work making candy...

Nancy Lundgren had "help" at Gracie's during spring break, when granddaughter **Paige Paxton** came to work with grandma. Nancy did say that this trip was going to "cost her"; Paige wanted lunch at the A & W. But, then again who doesn't...

The Sunday the boiler went out, **John McDonald** was able to get it working for the services but after that a repairman had to be called in. Thanks John!!

The Dominican Republic Trip

Steve Merrill and students at Hiram College are gathering supplies to bring with them to the Dominican Republic. They will be teaching health lessons to the children, generally aged 7-15 and would like to have a "Lesson Related" gift for each child. They will be bringing these in their suitcases, so the size of the gift needs to be no larger than a 1 quart zipper bag. The items in the gifts should be small or travel size. The gifts are as follows:

First Aid – hand sanitizer, alcohol wipes, q-tips, small tube antibiotic ointment, band-aids, motel size bar of soap, 2 gauze pads (they have alcohol swabs and gauze pads at the school which they will add to the kits)

Oral Hygiene – toothbrush, toothpaste, dental floss

Personal Hygiene – soap, deodorant, shampoo

School Supplies – pencils, pens, small box crayons, possibly a few colored markers.

On the Horizon

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

Garrettsville Yard Sale Day
May 5th

Time to do the Garrettsville Yard Sale day again. Start saving up your stuff and clearing out your closets! Please let Marcia Splinter know what you might have so we can gage if it's worth it.

Mother's Day Flower Sale
Friday, May 11th

Flower pickup and sorting—
Afternoon. Basket Decorating—
Evening. Watch for signups.

May 12th

Pre-sales were down last year, so start thinking on your plantings and be ready to ask around with an order form when they come out.

No Game Night in May
due to Flower Sale

Mother's Day
Family Breakfast
Sunday, May 13th
Between the Sunday services.



Birthdays

12th Cathy Mansor
Billy T. Johnson
Phil Rich
13th Kathy Summy
18th Olivia Golec
20th Sue Ahrens
23rd Bernice McCauslin
25th Julie Canan
29th Marcia Splinter



Congratulations!

and many happy returns...

Baptisms

1st Phyllis Shorts
2nd Dennis Dier
4th Jennifer Golec
Tracy Shriver
5th Bill Snyder
7th Dale Espey
9th Jim Ervin
10th Jamie Popiel
11th Bruce Ahrens



Anniversaries

20th Jim & Nancy Ervin

The Bulletin Board

Acolytes Schedule

5/13-Eric & Jilly
5/20-Kevin
5/27-Kenna
6/3-Schlyler

CAMP CEDAR HILLS

Information and registration forms are available in the church office and posted in the parish hall bulletin board for Camp Cedar Hills. This has been a great experience for our children and teens. For anyone interested see Addrienne Conway.

Contributions for Church Door and Steps Replacement Welcome

Thanks to some generous parishioners who initiated the idea, we're accepting contributions toward the cost of replacing the red doors and steps at the front church entrance on Cedar Street. To date \$2,000 has been given, so we're off to a good start. It's a major project and our Junior Warden, Reba Cook is already working on bids. Any donations will help defray the cost of this rather complicated project and will be much appreciated.

Bill Artz of **Marshall's and Majestic Dry Cleaning** sent the parish a letter which included the following...

"I have been praying for a way to make my business prosper as well as further the Kingdom of God. An idea came to me. If your congregation would bring their dry cleaning to us...once a month, bring all the receipts to Marshall's...we would **Tithe [your] church 10% of the total.**"

To that end, please give any receipts from Marshall's Dry-cleaning to **Marsha Snyder** for handling.



Gracie's Back Door

Gracie's has lots of "new arrivals". Most noteworthy are wonderful novels by great Christian authors like: Janette Oke, Lori Wick, and June Masters Batcher. We also have many non-fiction books. Our shelves are stocked with new arts and craft kits and items like ribbon, cards, wrapping paper and great gift items. If you want to see what Gracie's has to offer after church please see Cindy Hoskins or Nancy Lundgren. Gracie's Back Door is open every Wednesday from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Come and see what you're missing.

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Please join us in saying "THANK YOU" to people serving God at Grace Church and in our community in a variety of ways:

- Thanks to Reba Cook for hosting the Vestry retreat
- Thanks to Phil & Courtney Rich, Barb Popiel and Marcia Splinter for making Easter candy.
- Thanks to everyone who order and bought Easter candy.
- Thank to John McDonald for his work on the boiler; many hours of work power washing the rectory deck .
- Thanks to Nancy & Jim Ervin, Shirley &

Mike Johnson, John McDonald & Marsha Snyder for working on the Ahrens funeral reception.

- Thanks to Nancy Lundgren and Sally Dier for their work in Gracie's Back Door.
- Thanks to everyone who contributed to Easter flowers that adorned the altar.
- Thanks to Judy Canan for hosting Sit & Stitch
- Thanks to those who led and took part in the Unbinding the Soul series

Please call the office or email us a note if you know of any volunteers we need to thank for work, donations, or other good deeds.

Fathers (and Mothers) and Friends

By Bette Brooks

*They lived not only in ages past; there are hundreds of thousands still.
The world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus' will.*

James Lloyd Breck

April 2

James Breck was born June 27, 1818, near Philadelphia and was educated at the Flushing Institute. While there, he was inspired to devote himself to mission work on the American frontier. Upon graduation from the Institute (a high school), he enrolled in General Seminary in New York where he and 2 friends (one of them John Henry Hobart who was active on the New York frontier) answered the call to come west. In 1844, he went to Wisconsin to found Nashotah House. This institution was intended to be a monastic community, a seminary, and a center for theological work. Today the seminar remains and is representative of one traditional aspect of Anglican thought and practice. And it was while at Nashotah House that Breck was ordained priest.

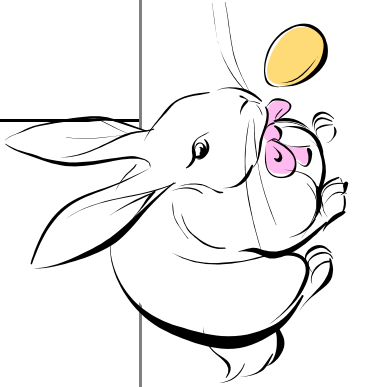
In 1850, Breck moved further west, this time to Minnesota where he worked among the Chippewa in Gull Lake where he organized St. Columba's mission. While serving here, he married. In 1858, he and his family moved to southern Minnesota where he founded a school that is now Shattuck-St. Mary's in Faribault. In addition, he also helped found Seabury Divinity School, now part of Seabury-Western Seminary in Chicago.

From here, he moved even further west, this time to California. He founded 2 schools, a boy's school named St. Augustine's in 1868 and a girl's school named St. Mary's of the Pacific in 1870. In addition, he served as pastor of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Bernicia and it was here that he died of exhaustion on March 31, 1876, at the age of 58. Initially buried under the altar at St. Paul's, his body was disinterred and re-buried in the cemetery at Nashotah House. On the large stone cross that serves as his grave marker are the words of his epitaph: Apostle of the Wilderness.

Prayer: Teach thy Church, O Lord, we pray, to value and support pioneering and courageous missionaries, whom you call, as you called your servant James Lloyd Breck, to preach and teach, and plant your Church in new regions; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 Palm Sunday •8am HE •9am Coffee •9:45 Ch. Ed. •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	2 •5:30 Evening Prayer	3 •5:30 Evening Prayer	4 •5:30 Healing Service w/ Eucharist •10-2 Gracie's Back Door	5 •7pm Maundy Thursday Service, Stripping of the Altar/Footwashing	6 •7pm Stations of the Cross	7 •9:30am Holy Saturday
8 Easter •8am HE •9am Coffee •10am HE •11:15 Coffee & Egg Hunt	9	10 •7pm Vestry Meeting	11 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door No Choir	12 •Poker Boys at Bill Snyder's	13	14
15 Easter 2 •8am MP •9am Coffee •9:45 Ch. Ed. •10am MP •11:15 Coffee	16	17	18 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door	19 •8am Retired Men's Breakfast	20	21
22 Easter 3 •8am HE •9am Coffee •9:45 Ch. Ed. •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	23	24	25 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door	26	27	28
29 Easter 4 •8am HE •9am Coffee •9:45 Ch. Ed. •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	30	31				



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