

The Grace Vine

August 2005

Rector's Writ

"Now about eight days after these sayings, Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And as he was praying, the appearance of his countenance was altered, and his raiment became dazzling white. ...And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" (Luke 9:28-29, 35)

We often use readings and biographies from *Lesser Feasts and Fasts* at our monthly midweek Healing and Eucharist. This little gem contains prayers and a brief biography or history of these minor feast days and fixed Holy Days. During the month of August there are 16 such occasions. For the August Writ, I hope you'll enjoy the prayers for three of these Holy Days: The Transfiguration of Our Lord (August 6th); Saint Mary the Virgin (August 15th); and Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne (August 31st).

"O God, who on the holy mount revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening: Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may by faith behold the King in his beauty; who with you, O Father, and you, O Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen."

"O God, you have taken to yourself the blessed virgin Mary, mother of your incarnate Son: Grant that we, who have been redeemed by his blood, may share with her the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen."

"O loving God, you called your servant Aidan from the peace of a cloister to re-establish the Christian mission in northern England, and endowed him with gentleness, simplicity, and strength: Grant that we, following his example, may use what you have given us for the relief of human need, and may persevere in commending the saving Gospel of our Redeemer Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen."

And....if you're feeling the "disquietude" of vacations that were more hectic than relaxing; the combined wonder and worry over growing kids; the stress of bills exceeding income; a disturbed heart over the lingering war in Iraq and bombings in London...here's one more prayer:

"O God, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light rises up in darkness for the godly: Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what you would have us to do, that the Spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in your light we may see light, and in your straight path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen." (BCP, p. 832)

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.

Sun. August 7—8:00am & 10:00am Morning Prayer—12 Pentecost	
<p>Officiant: The Rev. James Wichman Lay Reader: Carolyn Englert Greeters: John & Irene Machisko Acolytes: Julie Canan & Janell Moore Shepherd: 8:00 Roberta O'Keefe, 10:00 Marsha Snyder Altar Guild: Stephanie Higgins & Marsha Barna Coffee Hosts: 8:00 George & Katherine Furrer 10:00 Ron & Kelly Postlethwaite Counters: Addrienne Conway & Pat Williams Loyalton: Bill Snyder</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">8:00 Roberta O'Keefe</p> <p>1st Reading Jonah 2:1-9 Steve Barna</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Psalm 29</p> <p>2nd Reading Romans 9:1-5 Kathy Summy</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Gospel Matthew 14:22-33</p>
Sun. August 14—8:00am & 10:00am Morning Prayer—13 Pentecost	
<p>Officiant: The Rev. William Snyder Lay Reader: Bette Brooks Greeters: Sandee West & Betty Russell Acolytes: Emily Summy Shepherd: 8:00 Lloyd O'Keefe, 10:00 Bill Snyder Altar Guild: Stephanie Higgins & Marsha Barna Coffee Hosts: 8:00 TBD 10:00 John & Irene Machisko Counters: Addrienne Conway & Pat Williams Loyalton: Judy Canan</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">8:00 Melissa Strainer</p> <p>1st Reading Isaiah 56:1-7 Tim Splinter</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Psalm 67</p> <p>2nd Reading Romans 11:13-14,29-32 Paige Thomas</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Gospel Matthew 15:21-28</p>
Sun. August 21—8:00am & 10:00am Holy Eucharist—14 Pentecost	
<p>Officiant: The Rev. Carol Evans Deacon: The Rev. James Wichman Lay Reader: Judy Canan Greeters: Fred & Nancy Lundgren Acolytes: Kate Ahrens Shepherd: 8:00 George Furrer, 10:00 Stephanie Higgins Altar Guild: Stephanie Higgins & Marsha Barna Coffee Hosts: 8:00 Shirley & Mike Johnson 10:00 John & Mary Jean McDonald Counters: Addrienne Conway & Pat Williams Loyalton: Maynard Evans</p>	<p>1st Reading Isaiah 51:1-6 John Machisko</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Psalm 138</p> <p>2nd Reading Romans 11:33-36 Laura Price</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Gospel Matthew 16:13-20</p>
Sun. August 28—8:00am & 10:00am Holy Eucharist—15 Pentecost	
<p>Officiant: The Rev. Carol Evans Deacon: The Rev. William Snyder Lay Reader: Maynard Evans Greeters: John & Mary Jean McDonald Acolytes: Paige Thomas Shepherd: 8:00 Jean Mercer, 10:00 Leslie Thomas Altar Guild: Stephanie Higgins & Marsha Barna Coffee Hosts: 8:00 Joan & Frank Seman 10:00 Fred & Nancy Lundgren Counters: Addrienne Conway & Pat Williams Loyalton: Jim Wichman</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">8:00 Melissa Strainer</p> <p>1st Reading Jeremiah 15:15-21 Dennis Dier</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Psalm 26:1-8</p> <p>2nd Reading Romans 12:1-8 Blake Quay</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Gospel Matthew 16:21-27</p>

Sun. September 4—8:00am & 10:00am Holy Eucharist—16 Pentecost

Officiant: The Rev. Carol Evans Deacon: Carolyn Englert Greeters: Judy Canan & Bonnie Quay Acolytes: Julie Canan Shepherd: 8:00 Roberta O’Keefe, 10:00—Judy Canan Altar Guild: Judy Watkins & Marsha Barna Coffee Hosts: 8:00 Cindy Hoskins & Pat Williams 10:00 Bud Minnish & Jim Ervin Counters: Tim Splinter & Ron Postlethwaite Loyalton: Maynard Evans	8:00 Roberta O’Keefe 1st Reading Ezekiel 33:1-11 Kelly Postlethwaite Psalm 119:33-40 2nd Reading Romans 12:9-21 Bud Minnich Gospel Matthew 18:15-20
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From the Rector: How are we doing with the deficit?

In early June we began a “Second Mile Campaign” asking for increased giving to help reduce our budget deficit of \$16,500. The Rector and Vestry offer our thanks and appreciation for:

** Your response to the Second Mile appeal, in which people have pledged a total of \$5866. This amount includes \$1,000 given by Cora Pierce in memory of her husband, Mark.

**The efforts of volunteers who have planned/organized fund raisers and your participation and support of those events. With the Mother’s Day Plant Sale; Fiesta & Game Night; Steak Fry & Blind Auction we’ve raised \$1300, and more events are on the calendar. (There was also a separate bake sale that brought in \$300 to cover Vacation Bible School costs.)

So, with the combination of Second Mile pledges and Fund Raisers, **we have a total of \$7,166** to date toward the deficit. We’re approaching August, and **we still need an additional \$9,334 (roughly 57% of the deficit to make up yet).**

Grace Church has operated on “faith” budgets before. Many churches our size are having budget struggles, but that doesn’t give us much comfort when costs seem to be rising on everything from insurance needs to utilities to hospitalization. With God’s help and the faithful commitment of our members, we will continue to worship, love, and serve God. We will continue to love and care for and about one another. We will continue to work on increasing fellowship and decreasing the deficit.

One of our faithful members asked if anyone had thanked the Vestry and our parishioners for their hard work; for their courage to approve a faith budget and forge ahead with the ministries our people provide in the Church we love AND in our community. Please know **your faith; your commitment to God and our Church; your courage, service, and giving are appreciated. Thanks be to God for the blessing of our Grace Church family.**

Did You Know?...

...The June 18th Steak Fry was a huge success with Jim and Nancy Ervin serving about 45 people. We want to thank Jim and Nancy for all their hard work planning and preparing all the delicious food for this event, even though Nancy was suffering from her fall. Roberta O'Keefe, our auctioneer extraordinaire, got the fun going with the "silent auction," (an idea from Addrienne Conway - wrap a mystery gift and let them bid on it) which was well received and everyone joined in the fun. The proceeds went to the Second Mile Campaign. We want to especially thank Mike and Amy Ervin for doing all those dishes. What a job!!

...Nydah Ellet woke up one morning with a raccoon staring down at her. He apparently came in through the cat's door. What was really strange about this encounter was that the only thing disturbed in the house was a book in the bookcase titled "Wild Life of North America". Now folks you just can't make this stuffup!!

...Addrienne Conway found she needed more funds for Vacation Bible School, but it wasn't in the budget. So, being the resourceful person she is, she decided a bake sale after each coffee hour just might be the answer. She was pleasantly surprised when the final tally came to \$340. She will now be able to buy everything she needs, but even better - she'll be able to buy those things she wants. We all know that needing and wanting are two different things!! Of course Irene Machisko's pies were a real draw, earning over \$100 on pies alone. Thanks to everyone who participated. The kids are going to have a great Vacation Bible School.

...If you haven't seen the new sign in front of the church--take a look, it's beautiful. Thanks to the building and grounds committee who have been working long and hard trying to get just the right design and trying to convey their ideas to the designer. But it all came together and for that we are thankful.

...Cora Piece is all smiles these day with her new grandson, camping and fishing, and building a new screened-in porch at home -- so the summer for her has been going very well.

...Bill Snyder has spent most of his summer landscaping and building a deck, but everything is coming together and looking great at the Snyders.

...Nancy & Fred Lundgren were off to Texas to see their son Bill and his family; especially baby Charlotte Jane.

...Barb Popiel had a wonderful time when she went to Florida to visit with daughter Michelle and her husband Dave and she reported that they are loving Florida and doing fine. Good going roomy!!

...There have been, and will be, lots of weddings this year in our Grace Church families. Steve and Marsha Barna's daughter Christel married Shawn Loeper at Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine Conference Center in

Rootstown on July 16th with Rev. Carol officiating. August 20th is the date for Perry and Pat Williams' son Michael will be married here at Grace Church to Christine Sawyer. Luke Snyder and his new bride Alex will be home in August for a reception that will be held in their honor. They were married at a private ceremony in Stillwater, Minnesota on April 26th and this will be their first opportunity to be home with family. And Fred Ahrens & Chris will be married at Grace on September 3rd. Our best wishes to all these happy couples!!

...three of our youth enjoyed their time at Cedar Hills this summer. Janell Moore, Skylar Conway, and Jenna Summy had a great time at our conference center, and met a lot of new friends.

...Many thanks to Nydah Ellet and Marsha Snyder who served a hotdog lunch on the third of July at the 10:00 coffee hour. It was appreciated by everyone and a lot of hotdogs, chips, watermelon, cookies, ice tea and lemonade were served. Dennis Dier couldn't get his hot dogs to suit him (he likes them burned), so his hotdogs went directly over the fire -- just the way he likes them. Is this going to be an annual affair?? Could be!!

...Many thanks to Tim Splinter and Barbara Shearer who were our substitute organists while Mary Ann Switz was recovering from surgery. Mary Ann's first day back was a real challenge for her (not that we could tell), playing with only one hand, and two feet - but it was great having her back with us.

...Blake Quay was afraid that no one from Grace would be available to work the County Clothing Center in the month of July. Our old reliables, the Quays and Lundgrens were going to be out of town. He'll be happy to find out that his pleading didn't fall on deaf ears. Nine people showed up including George Furrer, Dennis Dier, John and Mary Jean McDonald, Bill and Marsha Snyder, Emily and Jim Neely, and Cindy Hoskins came to the rescue on that Friday and did a very efficient job of it.

...Emily Neely received four academic scholarships this year, she will be attending KSU -- she can't wait to get on campus. Her brothers AJ and Tim are also in college; AJ is attending Akron University and Tim, following his grandfather's footsteps, is attending Ohio University enrolled in medical school. This must keep parents Amy and Jim very busy and make them very proud!!

...Beverly Brooks made the Dean's List at the College of Wooster for the second time and her sister Amanda was the recipient of Volunteers Award, she was one of the top ten volunteers at Hendrix College. Most of her work was done at St. Jude's Hospital in Memphis, a two and a half hour drive from school...

Birthdays

4th Brandon Higgins
6th Terrance Englert
9th Goldie Shriver
10th Jim Ervin
11th Betty Capriola
Morgan Sherwood
12th John McDonald
14th Betty Sanek
15th Blake Quay
21st Louise Thacker
22nd Bill Summy
25th Katherine Furrer
26th Kevin Splinter
27th Jim Neely
28th Schyler Conway
29th Martha Baker
30th David Coulson

Congratulations!

and many happy returns...

Anniversaries

20th George & Katherine Furrer
21st Bill & Phyllis Shorts
28th Perry & Pat Williams

Baptisms

13th Debbie Shorts
21st Marsha Barna
26th Michelle Davis

Elizabeth Webb
Terrance Englert

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Vacation Bible School

August 8-12 6pm to 8pm

Ages 3 and up

Addriane Conway—Leader
Kelly Postlethwaite—Music
Cory & Ron Postlethwaite—Games

August

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door •6pm Dinner and Adult Bible Study	4	5	6 Transfiguration of our Lord
7 12 Pentecost •8am HE •9am Coffee •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	8 •Vacation Bible School 6-8pm	9 •Vacation Bible School 6-8pm	10 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door •Vacation Bible School 6-8pm	11 •Vacation Bible School 6-8pm	12 •Vacation Bible School 6-8pm	13
14 15 13 Pentecost •8am HE •9am Coffee •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	15	16 •7pm Vestry Meeting	17 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door •6pm Dinner and Adult Bible Study	18 •8am Retired Men's Breakfast, Brimfield Steak House	19 •10-2 County Clothing Center •6pm Williams Wedding Rehearsal •7pm Rehearsal Dinner-Parish Hall	20 •2pm Williams Wedding
21 14 Pentecost •8am HE •9am Coffee •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 15 Pentecost •8am HE •9am Coffee •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	29	30	31			