



The Grace Vine

August 2006

Rector's Writ

Have you ever gone to church on a given Sunday to find that one of the readings or hymns...or something someone said during the Peace or at coffee...landed squarely on a small patch of your soul that needed to hear those words or stories? This experience isn't limited to Church. It can happen when we're spending time being with family and friends. It might happen when we're reading a book or when someone calls when we're in the middle of something we think is important.

I find that so often, especially in Scripture, I read, hear and think about love and joy, but there's a gap between the intentions and the realities of centering my life, relation-ships, and actions around these gifts of the Spirit. I need reminders and encouragement. And God is gracious to provide that encouragement through people, words, and deeds.

"I find that it is better to love badly and faultily than not to try to love at all. God does not have to have perfect instruments, and the Holy One can use our feeble and faltering attempts at love and transform them. My task is to keep on trying to love, to be faithful in my continuing attempt... ..It's important to remember that love is more than a feeling. It is active and transitive. The real test of my loving is not that I feel loving, but that the other person feels loved by me. Love is what I do to create this sense of feeling cared for. ...All we have to do is come to God and ask that we be forged into adequate instruments of divine love."

(from Companions on the Inner Way by Morton Kelsey)

"The joy that Jesus offers his disciples is his own joy, which flows from his intimate communion with the One who sent him. It is a joy that does not separate happy days from sad days, successful moments from moments of failure, experiences of honor from experiences of dishonor, passion from resurrection. This joy is a divine gift that does not leave us during times of illness, poverty, oppression, or persecution. It is present even when the world laughs or tortures, robs or maims, fights or kills. It is always moving us away from the house of fear into the house of love, and always proclaiming that death no longer has the final say, though its noise remains loud and its devastation visible. The joy of Jesus lifts up life to be celebrated."

(from Lifesigns by Henri J.M. Nouwen)

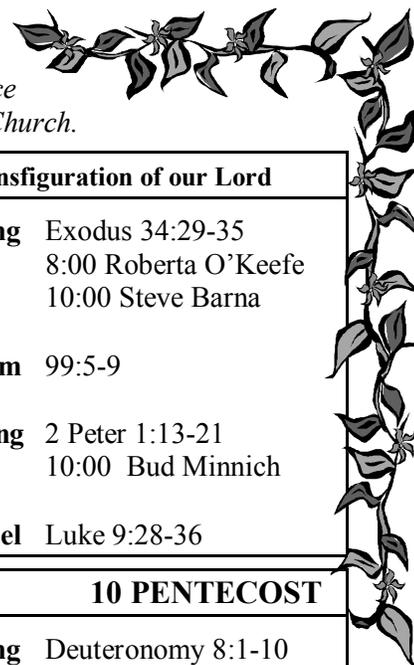
"When you were born, you cried and the world rejoiced.
Live your life so that when you die, the world cries and
you rejoice."

(Cherokee Proverb)



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, August 6	8:00 & 10:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST	Transfiguration of our Lord
Officiant: The Rev. Carol S. Evans Lay Reader: Carolyn Englert Greeters: Fred & Nancy Lundgre Acolyte: Emily Summy Altar Guild: Irene Machisko Coffee Hosts: 8:00 George Furrer 10:00 Judy Canan & Kay Canan Counters: Blake Quay & Kathy Summy Loyalton: Maynard Evans		1st Reading Exodus 34:29-35 8:00 Roberta O'Keefe 10:00 Steve Barna Psalm 99:5-9 2nd Reading 2 Peter 1:13-21 10:00 Bud Minnich Gospel Luke 9:28-36

Sunday, August 13	8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	10 PENTECOST
Officiant: The Rev. Carol S. Evans Deacon: The Rev. William D. Snyder Lay Reader: Judy Canan Greeters: Bonnie Quay & Sandee West Acolyte: Eli Stover Altar Guild: Irene Machisko Coffee Hosts: 8:00 Cindy Hoskins & Pat Williams 10:00 Ron & Kelly Postlethwaite Counters: Blake Quay & Kathy Summy Loyalton: Judy Canan		1st Reading Deuteronomy 8:1-10 8:00 Melissa Strainer 10:00 Cathy Mansor Psalm 34:1-8 2nd Reading Ephesians 4: (25-29) 30-5:2 10:00 John Machisko Gospel John 6:37-51

Sunday, August 20	8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	11 PENTECOST
Officiating: The Rev. Carol S. Evans Lay Reader: Bette Brooks Greeters: Betty Capriola & Bud Minnich Acolytes: Julie Canan & Jenna Summy Altar Guild: Irene Machisko Coffee Hosts: 8:00 George Furrer 10:00 John & Mary Jean McDonald Counters: Blake Quay & Kathy Summy Loyalton: Bill Snyder		1st Reading Proverbs 9:1-6 8:00 Roberta O'Keefe 10:00 Kelly Postlethwaite Psalm 34:9-14 2nd Reading Ephesians 5:15-20 10:00 Tim Splinter Gospel John 6:53-59



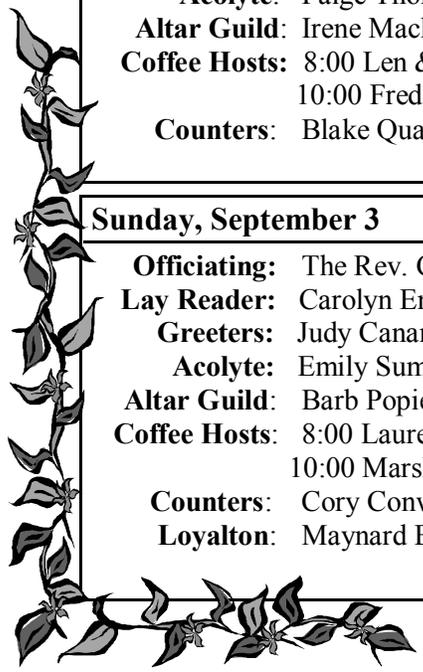
I would like to send this public letter of thanks to our wonderful choir and choir director/organist for the beauty they add to our Sunday services. While small, the choir sings its heart out, Sunday after Sunday. Marcia Splinter, Marsha Snyder, Cathy Mansor, Tim Splinter, Ken Boydell, Steve Barna, and Gordon Thompson, share their gift of music with us all through out the year, with extra special performances at Christmas and Easter. Mary Ann Switz, our talented organist makes those "magic fingers" fly over the keyboard of the organ, while her feet tap out the bass notes almost every Sunday. Music is not one of my gifts, but the heartfelt appreciation of it is, and I want to tell each and every one of them how much of a blessing they are to me all year long. Thanks from the bottom of my heart!

Carolyn Englert



Sunday, August 27	8:00 & 10:00 HOLY EUCHARIST	12 PENTECOST
Officiating: The Rev. Carol S. Evans Deacon: The Rev. William D. Snyder Lay Reader: Maynard Evans Greeters: John & Mary Jean McDonald Acolyte: Paige Thomas & Schylar Conway Altar Guild: Irene Machisko Coffee Hosts: 8:00 Len & Jean Mercer 10:00 Fred & Nancy Lundgren Counters: Blake Quay & Kathy Summy		1st Reading Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-25 8:00 Melissa Strainer 10:00 Blake Quay Psalm 34:15-22 2nd Reading Ephesians 5:21-33 10:00 Kathy Summy Gospel John 6:60-69

Sunday, September 3	8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	13 PENTECOST
Officiating: The Rev. Carol S. Evans Lay Reader: Carolyn Englert Greeters: Judy Canan & Kay Canan Acolyte: Emily Summy Altar Guild: Barb Popiel & Judy Watkins Coffee Hosts: 8:00 Lauren & Melissa Strainer 10:00 Marsha Snyder & Nydah Ellet Counters: Cory Conway & Dennis Dier Loyalton: Maynard Evans		1st Reading Deuteronomy 4:1-9 8:00 Roberta O'Keefe 10:00 Dennis Dier Psalm 15 2nd Reading Ephesians 6:10-20 10:00 Paige Thomas Gospel Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23



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
- 18th Samantha Stickle
- 21st Louise Thacker
- 22nd Bill Summy
- 25th Katherine Furrer
- 26th Kevin Splinter
- 27th Jim Neely
- 28th Schyler Conway
- 29th Martha Baker

Congratulations!

and many happy returns...

Baptisms

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

Elizabeth Webb
Terrance Englert



Anniversaries

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



Did You Know?...



...**Carol and Maynard** are back after a well deserved vacation. Our deepest appreciation to **Deacon Bill Snyder and Bette Brooks** for their wonderful sermons given while the rector was away. We understand Bill sang part of his sermon... interesting...

Tim Neely and six medical students from Ohio University are studying in Kenya for part of the summer. They are looking at the effects of AIDS on the population; where the very old are taking care of the very young, because the rest of the population has died or are dying of AIDS. It's been a real eye opener for our young medical students and a life changing experience. God be with all of you!!...

On a lighter note **George Furrer** said the Minnich's aren't the only people with Carolina Wrens in their garage. He's had a pair nesting in his garage for several year now. Looks like they've found themselves a good home...

Dennis and Sally Dier are headed for Thunder Bay, Michigan to see the daughter **Dani**. Dani has been working on her internship all summer at the theater in Thunder Bay building sets and making costumes. Her first production was Grease and she'll be responsible for two more plays and then its back home to Garrettsville...

Mary Jean and John McDonald are excited that their daughter Amy and family are coming in from California for a visit...

We were sadden by the death of **Lee Ann Skelly**, Carol came home from her vacation to be with the family and conduct the funeral service for Lee Ann. About 65 people attended her funeral service on a Thursday afternoon, which says a great deal about how much she was loved...

Sister Jordan died last month and one of her requests was to have **Fr. Brian Wilbert** preach at her funeral and he was very surprised and honored to do that for her. Sister Jordan was a wonderful person who made a real difference in this community and obviously Fr. Brian made an impression on her...

Nydah Ellet, a member of the Scottish American Club (as a matter of fact she's "herself" of the Ohio

Elliot Clan); at a recent gathering of the Ohio clans, the Elliot tent won for the best display thanks to all of Nydah's hard work...

Cory Conway is recovering from knee surgery and **Judy Canan** is recovering from foot surgery we wish them both a speedy recovery...

Amanda Brooks spent part of her vacation in San Diego visiting a friend from college...

Carolyn and Ken Englert went "back home" for their summer vacation and found everything pretty much as is was when they were last there. She stated that their van drove over a thousand miles and when Carolyn got back home she made a trip to the library and the van died in the parking lot. Well, if it had to die that was a good place for it to happen...

It was nice to have **Bill and Martie Lyle** in church with us several Sundays ago...

We are anxiously awaiting new block windows for the office area. They should be in soon...

Thanks to **Kay Canan, Betty Capriola, Judy Watkins** and members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church who served 70+ lunches on a very warm July day. And thanks to all of you who brought sloppy joes, buns, and chips. The Fishes and Loaves program at the Methodist Church has been a big success thanks to hard working people from the parishes in our community...

Tim Splinter spent some time with his son **Eric** at Cub Scout Camp, but they certainly picked a warm week to have camp...

Bonnie Quay just returned from Florida visiting her father and other family members...

Chelsea Postlethwaite, Jenna and Emily Summy, Janell Moore, Schylar Conway, and Samantha Stickle enjoyed their camp at Cedar Hills (well almost everyone) this summer and we received some very nice thank you notes from the children. Thanks to everyone who helped these children with financial support...

On the Horizon

Saturday Aug. 12th Cleveland Orchestra at Blossom 8pm

“Bugs Bunny on Broadway”

We will be sitting on the lawn
(BYOchair, blanket, refreshments)
\$20-adults, \$10-6-12, 5&under-free.

A handful of \$12 adults are left, first
come first serve. This is our “Rain Date”
since most of us chickened out due to
rain on July 3rd. Of course, Kathy and
Jenna Summy went anyway and had
great weather and a great time.

Saturday Aug. 12th Gospel Festival Singing 4-8 pm

Churches of Ravenna are invited to
the County Courthouse Lawn to join
together for a gospel sing. It is open
anyone who wants to sing. This will
be a wonderful way in which to
support and build interfaith
fellowship.

Sunday Aug. 20th Akron Aeros Baseball 2:05 pm

Adults tickets \$10; age 12 and under
\$8. Watch for a sign up sheet in late
July. If we get a group of 25 or more
we can qualify for group pricing.

Saturday Aug. 26th Youth Lock-in

Saturday night to Sunday morning to
start Christian Ed for the year.

Saturday Sept. 9th Youth Group at Loaves & Fishes

The Youth Group will work the
Loaves & Fishes meal at the
Methodist Church.

Saturday Sept. 16th Balloon Affair Day

We'll again be in the Parade and
running the Hotdog Lunch/Bake
Sale, so donations of single serving
baked good will be needed.

Saturday Sept. 30th Habitat for Humanity Lunch Noon

Saturday Sept. 30th Trip to Trinity Cathedral 10am—?

This has been discussed by several
groups over the last year or so, and its
finally going to .

Saturday Oct. 14th Spaghetti Dinner

The Youth Group will run a
spaghetti dinner.

Friday Oct. 27th Youth Group Ghosting

Saturday Oct. 28th Corn Maze Road Trip 2 pm

Saturday Nov. 11th Fall Festival 9am-3pm

Tables still available. Donation for
the Parish table will be taken.
Roberta O'Keefe has more
information.

Saturday Dec. 2nd Youth Babysitting

The older youth will babysit at church
from 10am to 3pm so parents can
shop...or whatever...

December Youth Gift Drive

The Youth group will be collecting
gifts to be given to the Boys & Girls
Clubs and the Center of Hope.

“Sometime This Fall”/ Dates to be Determined

Game Night – we will be doing a “no
charge – just bring your own beverage
and a snack to share” game night. No
dinner this time. Let's get together for
Euchre, Texas Hold 'Em, board games
or just to talk. Past game nights have
been a riot, but this one will be even
better if YOU are there.

“Bishops Blend Coffee” Fundraiser-
We will be placing two orders. One for
early Nov. and one for Christmas
season. So make a list of all your
coffee loving friends and family...
and don't forget to “check it twice”