



The Grace Vine

August 2013

Rector's Writ

It seems not many of us are living the reality of that old cliché about how in summer time the "livin' is easy." When we look around at the parish family, we don't see many people just taking it easy. Even in summer, there's a lot of work and service being done, and we give thanks for that. We also notice changes and transitions going on in life: graduations; college plans; retirement plans; job changes; job plans; people moving from the home they've lived in for over 50 years; people looking to make a new home with new beginnings, closer to family.

These things take energy and don't exactly make for easy living either.

We notice anniversaries and birthdays with years passing faster than a falling leaf. Sometimes we don't notice things we should. So God gets our attention by a trip to the ER...or the doctor...or a call from a family member sharing news that's hard to tell AND hard to hear. Whether we welcome or resist life's transitions, one thing that helps us through it all is knowing, trusting, believing *God is with us*. Joining in worship, serving God and one another, 'bearing one another's burdens' (as St. Paul puts it), sharing in fellowship with our Church family...all help us through the changes and chances of this life. Just as we're helped and strengthened by the grace and love of God, we also count on the prayers and fellowship of our church family to sustain and help us, too. We receive the love and support of our faith community, and we get through those rough transitions. Then we, in turn offer the love, support, and prayers that have helped us to others who need help. It's one thing to *find* what we call our church home. It's up to us trust in Christ's help to *make and keep* it a church that all God's children can call their home and return to anytime—with blessings and burdens, with joy and hope—to the Lord who loves us all.

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, August 4	9:00 AM Holy Eucharist	11 Pentecost
Celebrant The Rev. Carol Evans Lay Reader Steve Merrill Greeters Nancy & Fred Lundgren Acolyte Jenna Summy Coffee Hosts Marsha & Bill Snyder Altar Guild Nancy Ervin & Irene Machisko Counters Cathy Mansor & Barb Popiel Emeritus Kathy Summy	1st Reading Hosea 11:1-11 Fred Lundgren Psalm 107:1-9, 43 2nd Reading Colossian 3:1-11 Nancy Lundgren Gospel Luke 12:13-21	

Sunday, August 11	9:00 AM Holy Eucharist	12 Pentecost
Celebrant The Rev. Carol Evans Deacon The Rev. William Snyder Lay Reader Roberta O'Keefe Greeters John & Mary Jean McDonald Acolyte Cathy Mansor Altar Guild Nancy Ervin & Irene Machisko Coffee Hosts Joan & Frank Seman Counters Cathy Mansor & Barb Popiel	1st Reading Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 Maynard Evans Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24 2nd Reading Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Cathy Mansor Gospel Luke 12:32-40	

Sunday, August 18	9:00 AM Holy Eucharist	13 Pentecost
Celebrant The Rev. Carol Evans Lay Reader Sally Dier Greeters David Miller & Alex Wroblewski Acolyte Jenna Summy Altar Guild Nancy Ervin & Irene Machisko Coffee Hosts Nancy & Jim Ervin Counters Cathy Mansor & Barb Popiel Emeritus Bill Snyder	1st Reading Isaiah 5:1-7 Jeff Croll Psalm 80:1-2, 8-18 2nd Reading Hebrews 11:29—12:2 Martha Croll Gospel Luke 12:49-56	

Sunday, August 25	9:00 AM Holy Eucharist	14 Pentecost
Celebrant The Rev. Carol Evans Deacon The Rev. William Snyder Lay Reader Judy Watkins Greeters Steve & Susan Merrill Acolyte Eric Splinter Altar Guild Nancy Ervin & Irene Machisko Coffee Hosts Irene & John Machisko Counters Cathy Mansor & Barb Popiel	1st Reading Jeremiah 1:4-10 Tim Splinter Psalm 71:1-6 2nd Reading Hebrews 12:18-29 Kathy Summy Gospel Luke 13:10-17	



Sunday, September 1

9:00 AM Holy Eucharist

15 Pentecost

Celebrant The Rev. Carol Evans
Lay Reader 8:00 Bette Brooks
10:00 Carolyn Englert
Greeters Nancy & Fred Lundgren
Acolyte Jeff Marsh
Coffee Hosts 8:00 Joan & Frank Sema
10:00 Chris Stickle & Loretta Reigelman
Altar Guild Judy Watkins & Barb Popiel
Counters Jeff Marsh & Steve Merrill
Emeritus Kathy Summy

1st Reading Jeremiah 2:4-13
Nancy Lundgren
Psalm 81:1, 10-16
2nd Reading Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Fred Lundgren
Gospel Luke 14:1, 7-14

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

- to the men of our parish who worked so hard on the Men's Garage Sale
- to Sally and Nancy Lundgren for their many days and long hours at Gracie's Back Door getting it ready for the garage sale
- to Chris & Nikki Stickle for their work cleaning out the Sunday school office and sprucing up classrooms and for having hot dogs and donuts for the Men's Garage Sale event.
- to Nikki Stickle for placing the "then and now" pictures on the wall in the Sunday school area – check it out!
- to Judy Watkins for arranging the altar flowers in Marsha's absence.
- to Shirley & Mike Johnson for hosting the "good-bye" luncheon the Sit & Stitch group held for Alice Boydell.
- to our Senior Warden, Cathy Mansor and Junior Warden, Reba Cook for all their hard work.
- to Bill and Marsha Snyder for hosting our annual Fourth of July hot dog lunch and Shirley Johnson for bring in extra food for the luncheon.
- to John McDonald for the many hours he spent here at the church when the front doors were replaced. And for setting up the humidifiers when we had all the rain.
- to the Poker Boys for their donation to the Kitchen Fund.
- to the Crolls for hosting the Poker Boys and their wives at their annual Poker Boys picnic.
- to Alice Boydell for her generous contributions to the Men's Garage Sale and Gracie's Back Door.
- to Mary Ann Switz for the many years of service to Grace Church – you will be missed.
- to Barbara Shearer for being our guest organist while Mary Ann was on vacation.
- to Bill Snyder for picking up the new office chairs Carol and Marsha picked out.
- to John McDonald and Jim Ervin for putting new mulch in the flower and garden areas.

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.



Did You Know?...



The big news for the month of June was the Men's Garage Sale & Gracie's Back Door sale held on June 29th. So many people helped by: donating, buying, sorting, pricing, lifting, greeting, packing, delivering, picking up, etc., etc. It was a one day only sale, but it took many weeks and days to get all the items picked up, brought to the church, displayed and priced. **Nancy Lundgren and Sally Dier** worked for many hours and days to get Gracie's looking the way they wanted. Which was pretty wonderful. The men's sale took **Mike Johnson and John McDonald** hours upon hours to gather up everything and price it and then they, with the help of **J.D. Novak and Glenn Reigelman**, brought everything from Mike's garage to the church. Here is a list (we hope it's complete) of those who helped: **Chris, Rodney & Nikki Stickle, Roberta O'Keefe, J.D. Novak, Glenn Reigelman, David Miller, Amir & Stephanie Amiruzzaman, Jeff & Martha Croll, Fred & Nancy Lundgren, Dennis, Sally & Dani Dier, Matt Klein, Mike & Shirley Johnson, John & Mary Jean McDonald, Marsha, Bill & Luke Snyder, Carolyn & Ken Englert, & Judy Watkins**. Everyone worked very hard and the very next day Bill Snyder and John McDonald took the couch and chair to a woman that needed them; they called their delivery service "Two Really Old Men and a Truck!" Between the Men's Sale and Gracie's Back Door, we made almost \$6,000.00. And as usual the men were very generous and gave our Youth Group leader, Chris Stickle, two hundred dollars for serving donuts and coffee and for lunch. Their efforts were greatly appreciated by our workers as well as our guests. Thanks to Chris and Nikki Stickle for all their work in the kitchen. But, one of the biggest contributors was **Alice Boydell**; without her generous contribution of tools and machinery and the sale of her furniture we would not have been as successful as we were...

However we sadly said good-bye to **Alice**: she is now in Mason, Ohio and living closer to her daughter, grandsons and sister. On Sunday, June 30th we remembered Alice's last day with us and a handmade card, made by **Carolyn Englert**, and cake was served at coffee hour. The Sit & Stitch group held a farewell gathering for her at the home of **Shirley & Mike Johnson**. A picnic lunch was served to members of the Sit & Stitch group and their husbands. Those attending were **Carolyn & Ken Englert, Mary Jean & John McDonald, Judy Canan, Sue & Bruce Ahrens, Rev.**

Carol, Marsha Snyder and of course Alice Boydell. Thanks Shirley & Mike for a wonderful time. Alice you will be missed. Her new address is: 9191 Elizabeth Lane, Mason, OH 45040...

Judy Canan was saddened by the death of her cat Halley. The special cat was her loving companion for 13 years and she will be deeply missed. But, Judy did say she's going to get another cat. Good for you Judy!!...

Martha & Jeff Croll's new puppy visited the office. Fuzzy was a huge hit – but Fuzzy wasn't fuzzy – was he? ...

Jim and Nancy Ervin had a great time with their family in Myrtle Beach. Spending time with the family is always fun especially when you can go with grandchildren...

Sue and Bruce Ahrens had their annual 4th of July party with family & friends at their home on Sandy Lake. Their granddaughter **Morgan** came to visit from Massachusetts. She arrived the week before to spend time with Grandma and Grandpa. Eleven year old Morgan is taller than Grandma, but then again her father is 6 feet 8 inches tall so I guess you can expect tall children...

Johnnie & Irene Machisko decided they had to downsize so they put their house up for sale and before you knew it – it was sold and they've found a nice place to live in Twinsburg...

Kathy Summy and daughter Jenna spent several days this summer singing with Youth Musicale, a traveling Christian group. Kathy spent many wonderful years in her youth with this group and she has encouraged her daughters to be part of this wonderful experience...

Even though she doesn't look like it, **Pat Williams** is now a great-grandmother – that's right folks great-grandmother. Pat's granddaughter **Heather** had a son, **Landon Jack Freaney**, 7lbs. 4 oz. Congratulations to Pat and her daughter **Holly**, who's now a grandmother!...

Bill & Marsha Snyder haven't reached the status of great-grandparent yet, but a new grandson has been added to their family. **Luke and his wife Alex** added another boy to their family – that makes three; **Maxim Rheinhart** was born on July 12th and of course he's adorable...

Mary Ann Switz took the month of July off for a much needed vacation and our guest organist was **Barbara Shearer**. We've enjoyed Barbara's talents and time with us before and appreciate her helping us out the entire month of July. Mary Ann will be retiring September 1st after serving God and Grace Church as

organist and choir director for the past 12 years. We're grateful for all the talent, dedication, energy and expertise Mary Ann has shared in her time with us. We pray for God's blessings and all the best for her. We will be planning a retirement party celebration and hope all the parish will join us in giving Mary Ann a loving, festive farewell...

Steve Merrill has spent several weeks in El Salvador where he lived with a host family. He worshipped in and visited different churches, spoke/heard a lot of Spanish, and even took Communion (even though it's not generally shared with non-members). This immersion gave Steve an in depth and enjoyable experience of the language and culture...

Thanks to **Shirley Johnson and Bill & Marsha Snyder** for hosting our Annual Fourth of July hot dog lunch. Since summer church is at 9:00 A.M. the lunch was served at 10:30 which made it more a brunch than lunch. But if you make it -- they will eat it; and they did. Everyone seemed to enjoy brunch...

We are delighted to have **Bev Lewis-Mercury** move back to Ravenna. Her new address is 454 W. Spruce St., Ravenna and her new phone number is 330.839.8781. Please include her new information in your Parish Directory...

Kevin Splinter was part of the All Star baseball team in his league and pitched for one inning. He struck out two and one hitter reached base on an error. Apparently the team is finding out their catcher has a talent for pitching, too! They went on to finish 2nd in the regular season and second in their year end Tournament...

Tim and Eric Splinter both had parts in the Garrettsville theater's production of Snow White, so a portion of this summer has been taken up with rehearsals

and the actual production in Garrettsville. **Marcia** is obviously having a busy summer supporting the family by attending both baseball games and theatre musicals. Not to mention she also has a full time job. (in addition to the monthly budgets, audit and other Church Treasurer duties to occupy her time). Now it's on to Marching Band for Eric and football for Kevin. How does they do it!!...

Sammi Stickle and Jenna Summy will be participating in summer band camp at Ravenna High School. Band camp in the summer is usually a workout, especially in July & August with all this heat and rain...

John McDonald and Jim Ervin got a truckload of mulch and spruced up the flower and garden space around the church and rectory. The weeds love the rain and hot weather so John has been doing a lot of weeding. Thank you, guys, it looks nice!!...

Thanks to the Poker Boys for making a donation of \$70.00 to the Kitchen Fund...

Irene & John Machisko celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary last month, **Carolyn & Ken Englert** celebrated their 49th; **Martha & Jeff Croll** their 28th; and **Joan & Frank Seman** their 50th. (The Seman family is sending Joan & Frank off to Disney World in Florida with **Amy, Kirsten & Aundrea** and daughter **Susan** and her husband.) Congratulations to all these couples!...

We received a note from **Phyllis Shorts** and they are doing well. They attended a WWII Veterans museum celebration held in New Orleans. Phyllis says they were treated royally and that **Bill** was overwhelmed by the reception they received. They felt so very blessed they were still able to get around and take part in events such as these when so many WWII veterans who have survived aren't able to participate.

Congratulations!

and many happy returns...

Birthdays

8th Alexandra Wroblewki
9th Goldie Shriver
10th Jim Ervin
12th John McDonald
16th Jane O'Neill
18th Samantha Stickle
22nd Bill Summy
26th Kevin Splinter
27th Jim Neely



Baptisms

13th Debbie Shorts
14th Amy Seman
15th Zachary Scibelli

Elizabeth Webb
Jeff Croll

The Bulletin Board

Acolytes Schedule

Check these dates now so we can make any changes before we publish next month:

9/8—Kevin

9/15—Cathy

9/22—Jenna

9/29—Jeff

10/6—Eric

Tim@splinterfactions.net

Marcia@splinterfactions.net

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Grace Church Vacation Bible School: Learning to Trust God

Monday, August 5th thru Friday, the 9th
5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Dinner will be served from 5:30 - 6:00

Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the fun! Please bring your children & grandchildren!

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.

Worship Schedule

Changes September 1st

Reminder: We return to our regular schedule of worship:
Holy Eucharist at 8am and 10am
beginning September 1st.

Christian Ed Rally Day activities
are Sept. 8th

WINE TASTING EVENT

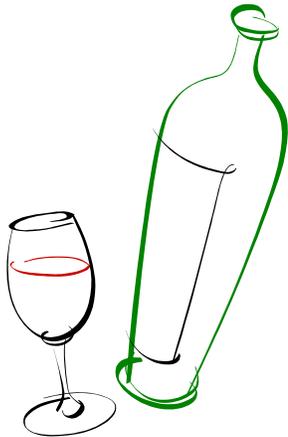
October 12th

6:00 PM

\$25.00 couple/\$15.00 person
(invite family & friends)
Raffle Baskets, 50/50 cash raffle,
Good Food!

A sign up sheet will be available in the
parish for those interested in attending.

Chairperson Barb Popiel is looking for
someone to assist her. If you're
interested, call her at
330.671.5421



Retirement Celebration & Farewell Luncheon for Mary Ann Switz Sunday, September 1st after 10am Eucharist

We're planning a farewell luncheon to
celebrate Mary Ann's retirement and to
honor her time & service with our Grace
Church family on September 1st, following
the 10am Eucharist. Please plan to bring a
covered dish. Nancy Ervin will have a sign
up sheet in the parish hall.

We will take up a cash gift for Mary Ann
and would welcome any stories and/or good
wishes to share, from choir members and
everyone. Please make checks payable to
Grace Church and mark Mary Ann's gift on
the memo line. Please plan to join us as we
offer Mary Ann our heartfelt thanks and
appreciation for twelve years of great music
and fellowship here at Grace.

News from Gracie's Backdoor

Gracie's Back Door would like to thank everyone for making the June 29th sale a great success. We thank those who, for the past several years, have donated all of the "treasures" that we have for sale. Without these donations we could not exist. We also thank all of the women who worked with us during the sale; Stephanie Amiruzaman, Martha Croll, Dani Dier, Carolyn Englert, Shirley Johnson, Mary Jean McDonald, Roberta O'Keefe, Marsha Snyder, and Judy Watkins. Their help made the sale run smoothly.

Praise God from who all blessing flow....
Sally Dier and Nancy Lundgren

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.*

Charles Chapman Grafton

August 30

Charles Grafton was born April 12, 1830, in Boston, Massachusetts. He graduated from Harvard with a degree in law in 1853 but never practiced. Instead, he felt drawn to the ordained ministry and studied theology under the tutelage of Bishop William Whittingham of Maryland. He was ordained deacon two years later. In 1858, he was ordained priest and served as curate at St. Paul's, Baltimore, and as chaplain of the deaconesses of the Diocese of Maryland.

At the conclusion of the Civil War, Grafton traveled to England where he, with two other friends, founded the Society of St. John the Evangelist (SSJE). He had become involved in the Oxford Movement, an affiliation of High Church Anglicans that led to Anglo-Catholicism in The Episcopal Church. Upon return to the United States, he became the fourth rector of Church of the Advent, Boston. Because of a jurisdictional dispute concerning his overseas religious superior in SSJE, he withdrew from the society. He then helped establish the American Congregation of St. Benedict, now known as The Benedictine Order of St. John the Beloved, and the Sisterhood of the Holy Nativity (along with Mother Ruth Margaret).

He was consecrated Bishop of the Diocese of Fond du Lac in December 1888, becoming the second man to lead the diocese. It was during his tenure that the diocese experienced great expansion, some of it fueled by Bishop Grafton's own personal wealth and by contributions from wealthy friends back East. He died August 30, 1912, in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, and is buried at St. Paul's Cathedral there.

Prayer: Loving God, you called Charles Chapman Grafton to be a bishop in your Church and endowed him with a burning zeal for souls: Grant that, following his example, we may ever live for the extension of your kingdom, that your glory may be the chief end of our lives, your will the law of our conduct, your love the motive of our actions, and Christ's life the model and mold of our own; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, throughout all ages. Amen.

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11 12 Pentecost •9am Holy Eucharist •10am Coffee	12	13 •1:00-3:00 Sit & Stitch	14 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door •6pm Dinner and Adult Bible Study	15 •8am Retired Men's Breakfast	16	17
18 13 Pentecost •9am Holy Eucharist •10am Coffee	19	20 •7pm Vestry Meeting	21 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door	22	23	24
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