



The Grace Vine

February 2012

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.*

Anna Julia Haywood Cooper

February 27

Anna Julia Haywood Cooper was born August 1, 1858, in Raleigh, NC. Her mother was a slave in the home of Wake County landowner George Washington Haywood and it is believed that he was her father. As a child, she worked as a domestic in the Haywood home. In 1868 (after the Civil War), Anna received a scholarship to attend the newly opened St. Augustine Normal School and Collegiate Institute in Raleigh which had been founded by the local Episcopal Diocese to train teachers to educate former slaves and their families. During her 14 years at St. Augustine's, she distinguished herself as a bright, ambitious student who showed promise in liberal arts (languages and literature) and analytical disciplines such as science and math. Although St. Augustine's tried to track Anna into the "Ladies' Course," a less demanding curriculum, Anna fought for the right to take the courses reserved for men, especially a Greek class designed for male theology students. She later married the instructor, George A. C. Cooper, 2 years prior to his untimely death in 1879. (*Note: George A. C. Cooper was the second African-American ordained to the Episcopal priesthood in North Carolina.*)

Anna taught at St. Augustine's and after her husband's death, she studied for a degree in mathematics at Oberlin College and was made principal of the M Street High School, the sole African-American high school in Washington, D.C. In 1906, she was denied reappointment as principal because she refused to lower her education standards. Throughout her career, she had emphasized the importance of education to the future of African American youth, especially young women, and had been quite critical of the lack of support they had received from both society and from the Episcopal Church. She had spoken publicly on issues of race and gender and took an active role in organizations founded to advance civil right and women's rights.

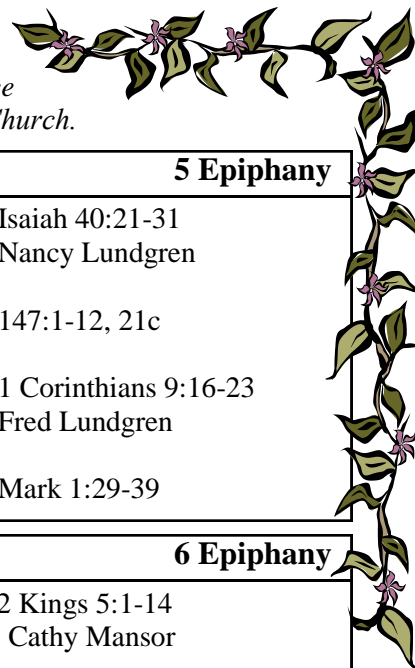
In 1914 at age 56, she began courses for her doctoral degree at Columbia University but interrupted her studies the following year to adopt the 5 children of her late half-brother when their mother died. Later, she was able to transfer her credits to the University of Paris—Sorbonne. However, the Sorbonne did not accept her Columbia dissertation. Over the course of the next decade, she was able to research and write a second dissertation and in 1925 at the age of 65, she became the 4th black women in American history to earn the Ph.D. degree. Anna died on February 27, 1964, at the age of 105 in Washington, DC. Her memorial service was held in the campus chapel of St. Augustine's College in Raleigh, NC, where her academic career began. She was buried in City Cemetery in Raleigh, alongside her husband.

Prayer: Eternal God, you inspired Anna Julia Haywood Cooper with the love of learning and the joy of teaching: Help us also to gather and use the resources of our communities for the education of all your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



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, February 5 8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 5 Epiphany

Officiating	The Rev. Carol Evans	1st Reading	Isaiah 40:21-31 Nancy Lundgren
Lay Reader	8:00 Addrienne Conway 10:00 Roberta O'Keefe	Psalm	147:1-12, 21c
Greeters	Nancy & Fred Lundgren	2nd Reading	1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Fred Lundgren
Acolyte	Kevin Splinter	Gospel	Mark 1:29-39
Altar Guild	Shirley Johnson & Bette Brooks		
Coffee Hosts	8:00 Joan & Frank Seman 10:00 Kay Canan & Chris Stickle		
Counters	Jeff Marsh & Sue Ahrens		
Emeritus	Kathy Summy		

Sunday, February 12 8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 6 Epiphany

Celebrant	The Rev. Carol S. Evans	1st Reading	2 Kings 5:1-14 Cathy Mansor
Deacon	The Rev. William D. Snyder	Psalm	30
Lay Reader	10:00 Carolyn Englert	2nd Reading	1 Corinthians 9:24-27 Maynard Evans
Greeters	John & Mary Jean McDonald	Gospel	Mark 1:40-45
Acolytes	Eric Splinter & Jilli Conway		
Coffee Host	8:00 Rich Lashley & Debbie Shorts 10:00 Nancy & Jim Ervin		
Altar Guild	Shirley Johnson & Bette Brooks		
Counters	Jeff Marsh & Sue Ahrens		

Sunday, February 19 8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Last Epiphany

Celebrant	The Rev. Carol S. Evans	1st Reading	2 Kings 1:1-12 Tim Splinter
Lay Reader	8:00 Addrienne Conway 10:00 Nancy Lundgren	Psalm	50:1-6
Greeters	Jim & Nancy Ervin	2nd Reading	2 Corinthians 4:3-6 Carolyn Englert
Acolyte	Schyler Conway	Gospel	Mark 9:2-9
Altar Guild	Nancy Ervin & Irene Machisko		
Coffee Hosts	8:00 Mike & Shirley Johnson 10:00 Toni & Tony Worthen		
Counters	Jeff Marsh & Sue Ahrens		
Emeritus	Bill Snyder		

Wednesday, February 22 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Ash Wednesday

Officiant	The Rev. Carol Evans	1st Reading	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 Martha Croll
Deacon	The Rev. William Snyder	Psalm	103
Lay Reader	Carolyn Englert	2nd Reading	2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 Jeff Croll
Greeters	Bev Lewis-Mercury & Jeff Marsh	Gospel	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
Acolyte	Eric Splinter		
Altar Guild	Shirley Johnson & Bette Brooks		
Counters	Jeff Marsh & Sue Ahrens		



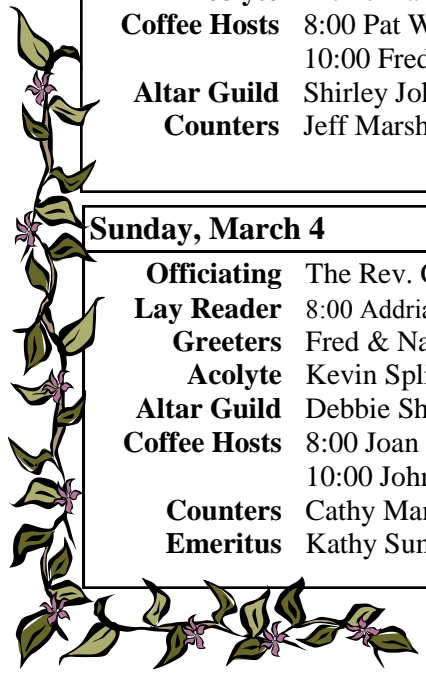


Sunday, February 26 8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 1 Lent

Officiating	The Rev. Carol Evans	1st Reading	Genesis 9:8-17 Martha Croll
Lay Readers	8:00 Bill Snyder/10:00 Cory Conway		
Greeters	Jim & Nancy Lundgren	Psalm	25:1-9
Acolyte	McKenna Conway	2nd Reading	1 Peter 3:18-22 Tim Splinter
Coffee Hosts	8:00 Pat Williams 10:00 Fred & Nancy Lundgren	Gospel	Mark 1:9-15
Altar Guild	Shirley Johnson & Bette Brooks		
Counters	Jeff Marsh & Sue Ahrens		

Sunday, March 4 8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 2 Lent

Officiating	The Rev. Carol Evans	1st Reading	Genesis 17:1-7-15-16 Fred Lundgren
Lay Reader	8:00 Addrienne Conway/10:00 Roberta O'Keefe		
Greeters	Fred & Nancy Lundgren	Psalm	22:22-30
Acolyte	Kevin Splinter	2nd Reading	Romans 4:13-25 Nancy Lundgren
Altar Guild	Debbie Shorts & Bette Brooks	Gospel	Mark 8:31-38
Coffee Hosts	8:00 Joan & Frank Seman 10:00 John & Mary Jean McDonald		
Counters	Cathy Mansor & TBA		
Emeritus	Kathy Summy		



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:

- To all the people who took part in our Christmas festivities:
 - Those who helped green the church.
 - Those who supplied the hot dog and chili lunch that followed.
 - The altar guild for the many hours preparing for the services.
 - Marsha Snyder and her granddaughter Ellie for picking out and delivering all the flowers
 - Altar guild for making the beautiful arrangement around the altar.
 - Everyone who made contributions for flowers
 - Mary Ann Switz and the choir for the many hours of practice and to those who came to join the choir Christmas Eve – Donnie Sherwood, John Splinter & Emily Summy.
- All those who attended services to celebrate our Lord’s birth.
- Nancy & Fred Lundgren who took hours to get the candle wax off the candelabra and globes after the Christmas services.
- To Cory Conway who got the website up to date. Check it out at gracravenna.org.
- To Tim Splinter who got the little glitches on the office computers fixed after the website was installed and coming to the church after a long days work to fix the glitches with our internet.
- To Nancy Lundgren & Sally Dier for all their hard work at Gracie’s Back Door.
- To those who served on Vestry for 2011, especially those who will be retiring this year: Alice Boydell, Reba Cook & Tony Worthen.

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?...



This Christmas season was so busy for everyone with family and friends and church. But, Christmas coming on a Sunday seemed to make it even more interesting. We had quite a few people attend Christmas day service despite church service being well attended on both Christmas Eve services. And even New Years day services were well attended...

Many families got together over the miles: **Sue and Bruce Ahrens had Sonja and Donnie** and their family coming from Massachusetts; **Judy Canan** had all the family that could come together at her daughters home for the holidays; **Bette Brooks' daughter Laurel** was home, just in time for emergency surgery for Bette; **Jim & Nancy Ervin** has their family together; **Cathy Mansor's** family were in church on Christmas eve; **Marsha & Bill Snyder's** daughter and granddaughters were here; **Sally Dier and her daughters Dani and Beth** and Beth's husband were here; **Mary Jean & John McDonald's** daughter Amy was visiting from California; **Marcia & Tim Splinter** were visited by Tim's parents **John & Barbara** who traveled all the way from Wisconsin to be with their son and family; **Chris & Rodney Stickle** had family in from the area; **Kathy & Bill Summy's** mother and father and brother and sister-in-law came to see her perform a wonderful flute solo on New Year's day. And **Bill Snyder** preached on that day, and that fact that there were four ordained ministers in the congregation didn't make him too concerned...

Jeff & Martha Croll took off to Florida after Christmas and they had a wonderful time visiting the area and they especially enjoyed the Kennedy Space Center...

Mike and Shirley Johnson went to California to be with their daughter **Susan** and her family for the holidays and they stayed for New Year's Day where they enjoyed the Rose Bowl Parade in Pasadena - again...

Tim Splinter spent much of his time in December and early January at play practice and performing in the play *The Odd Couple*. Tim played Oscar. Certainly not "type casting", but it sounds like great fun. *[I believe that MY Marcia would say that was a HUGE case of "type casting", but I'll take the compliment. -Tim]...*

Jenna Summy and Sammy Stickle are going to perform in Ravenna Community Theater's "Beauty & the Beast." They will practice from January until April when the play will be take place on at Ravenna High School...

Schyler Conway will be attending *Happening* this year. This is a wonderful event held by the diocese for our teens. Thanks Schyler for representing Grace Church...

Mary Ann Switz and her sister will be attending a Cavs game and Mary Ann, an avid fan, can't wait...

Rev Carol is spending some very important days with her parents and we pray that all will go well for her family and parents...

We've had several people who have had or will soon have surgery or surgical procedures, so keep these people in your

prays: **Bette Brooks, Reba Cook, Courtney Rich, Mary Jean McDonald, and Judy Canan...**

We give thanks to God that **Rodney Stickle** escaped a car accident without serious physical injury.

...if you have information you want to share in the "Did You Know" please email it to: Marsha Snyder at office@graceravenna.org

What are you giving up for Lent?

What will you take on?

We invite you to the 2012 Lenten study, *Unbinding the Soul*.

In *Unbinding the Soul* we will explore our Spiritual lives and share our experiences in order to more fully live out our faith.

The study works with the theory "The better you know what you believe the easier it is to share with others."

This is a stand alone study so you do not need to have been involved in last year's *Unbinding the Heart* study. In fact this is a great opportunity for any who were not able to participate in last years Lenten study.

I know many of us who were involved in the Lenten study last year felt personal and community spiritual growth through the program. I hope we can continue this again this year.

Classes begin Thursday February 9 and Sunday February 12.

Please feel free to call or email me back if you have any questions or are interested. A sign up sheet will be available at church on Sunday. Classes will be offered: Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:00 pm and Sunday Mornings after the 8:00 am service. (9:15-10:45 am)

God Bless.

Addrienne Conway
330-298-1182
Carolyn Englert
Unbinding the Soul Coordinators

On the Horizon

Saturday, February 11th
Fellowship & Game Night
6:30 pm

Saturday, February 18th
Mardi Gras
Pancake Dinner
5-7 pm

\$5/person or \$20/Family
Pancakes, Sausage, Homefries,
Applesauce and refreshments

Come and support the Youth Group and enjoy the Pancakes! Bring ALL your friends. Let Chrissy know if you're likely to come so she can get a sense of the head count. Thanks!

Easter Candy Orders
February

Watch for order forms for this year's Easter candy sale to come out on the 12th! They'll be due back in on the 11th of March.

Saturday, March 10th
Fellowship & Game Night
6:30 pm

Garrettsville Yard Sale Day
April/May

Time to do the Garrettsville Yard Sale day again. Start saving up your stuff and clearing out your closets!

Mother's Day Flower Sale
May

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.



Birthdays

2nd Dale Espey
3rd David Golec
9th Janice Lallathin
10th Gary Bell
14th Susan Merrill
16th Nancy Lundgren
21st Irene Machisko
29th Fred Lundgren



Congratulations!

and many happy returns...



Anniversaries

13th Sonja & Don Sherwood



Baptisms

11th Nancy Ervin
Gary Bell
14th Emily Summy
24th Rob Young

The Bulletin Board

Acolytes Schedule

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

3/11—Schyler & Jilli

3/18—Eric

3/25—McKenna

4/1—Schyler

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Marcia@splinterfactions.net

330-527-2084

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.

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door •7pm Choir Practice	2	3	4
5 S Epiphany •8am HE •9am Coffee •9:15 Chour •9:45 Ch. Ed. •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	6	7	8 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door •5:30pm Healing Service & Eucharist •7pm Choir Practice	9 •6:30-8pm Unbinding the Soul Lenten Session	10	11 •6:30 Fellowship & Game Night
12 6 Epiphany •8am HE •9am Coffee •8:45 Chour •9:45 Ch. Ed. •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	13	14 •1-3 Sit & Stitch	15 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door •7pm Choir Practice	16 •8am Retired Men's Breakfast •6:30-8pm Unbinding the Soul Lenten Session	17	18 •5-7pm Mardi Gras Pancake Dinner
19 Last Epiphany •8am HE •9am Coffee •8:45 Chour •9:45 Ch. Ed. •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	20	21	22 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door •7pm Ash Wednesday	23 •6:30-8pm Unbinding the Soul Lenten Session	24	25
26 1 Lent •8am HE •9am Coffee •9:45 Ch. Ed. •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	27	28 •1-3 Sit & Stitch	29 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door •7pm Choir Practice			

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If you would like to take advantage of this, send me an email at grwebmaster@graceravenna.org. Please consider carefully, however. We would rather make the paper copy and have it read than save the paper and postage and have it go unread. Thank you.



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Joan Seman (2012)

Cathy Mansor (2013)

Jeff Marsh (2013)

Barb Popiel (2013)

Reba Cook (2014)

John McDonald (2014)

Midge Myers (2014)