



# The Grace Vine

February 2013

## Rector's Writ

It still feels strange to be writing 2013. As we get used to the new numbers, we recognize we have new hopes as well. We have hopes and longings for the new year, some new and some unchanging. Those hopes include good health; the safety, well being and contentment of our loved ones and our church family. Our hopes include growth, new membership, renewed faith and vitality in the life of Grace Church.

We reach a point where we realize we're responsible for that growth. We can identify hopes and specific goals to work toward, but we also come to believe we have to do our share to help make it happen. It's a balance of sorts between depending on and trusting in God's help and provision; AND living our faith, discerning what God wants the people of Grace Church to do and become. In addition to goals and plans made with God's help, evangelizing should always be part of what we're about (oh, no...the "e" word again!!). Evangelizing is not the same as proselytizing. It's simply talking about God; sharing our faith stories and our experience of God's goodness and grace with others, and inviting them to Church if they don't already go.

We're also responsible for prayer and participation. It does no good to talk about growing our membership if we aren't very deliberate in our prayers for growth; growth in the Spirit and in numbers. As one member put it, we haven't been able to figure out yet what it is people need that we at Grace Church can offer. Even the best church growth programs and expert advice only go so far if we don't follow up with faith, prayer, and participation. Maybe the Holy Spirit is waiting for us—in prayer and deed—to invite the Spirit's participation and guidance in this desire for growth. It's not the nature of God, Christ, and the Spirit to impose. God waits for us to ask, to pray, to listen and discern what the Lord's will for our life is—as individuals and as a church family. What does God want us to become and to do at Grace Church and in our communities? What gifts do we have to be used for the common good? What does God want each of us to do as members to grow in faith, fellowship, and prayer?

It takes both faith and grace to discern God's direction and to find some answers to these questions. We need and rely on God's help to strengthen, inspire, and guide the faith, prayers, and participation of both current and future members.



# 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 3 8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 4 Epiphany

<b>Celebrant</b>	The Rev. Carol Evans	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	Jeremiah 1:4-10 Fred Lundgren
<b>Lay Reader</b>	8:00 Bette Brooks 10:00 Carolyn Englert	<b>Psalm</b>	71:1-6
<b>Greeters</b>	Fred & Nancy Lundgren	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	I Corinthians 13:1-13 Nancy Lundgren
<b>Acolyte</b>	Cathy Mansor	<b>Gospel</b>	Luke 4:21-30
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Shirley Johnson & Debbie Shorts		
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	8:00 Joan & Frank Seman 10:00 Nancy & Jim Ervin		
<b>Counters</b>	Midge Myers & Fred Lundgren		

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

<b>Celebrant</b>	The Rev. Carol Evans	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	Exodus 34:29-35 Tim Splinter
<b>Deacon</b>	8:00 The Rev. William Snyder 10:00 Roberta O'Keefe	<b>Psalm</b>	Psalm 99
<b>Greeters</b>	John & Mary Jean McDonald	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2 Kathy Summy
<b>Acolyte</b>	Kevin Splinter	<b>Gospel</b>	Luke 9:28-43a
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Shirley Johnson & Debbie Shorts		
<b>Coffee Hosts</b>	8:00 Pat Williams 10:00 Fred & Nancy Lundgren		
<b>Counters</b>	Midge Myers & Fred Lundgren		

## Wednesday, February 13 Noon & 7:00 PM Holy Eucharist Ash Wednesday

<b>Celebrant</b>	The Rev. Carol Evans	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 Tim Splinter
<b>Lay Reader</b>	7:00 PM Roberta O'Keefe	<b>Psalm</b>	Psalm 103
<b>Greeters</b>	Fred & Nancy Lundgren	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10 Martha Croll
<b>Acolyte</b>	TBA	<b>Gospel</b>	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Shirley Johnson & Debbie Shorts		
<b>Counters</b>	Midge Myers & Fred Lundgren		

## Sunday, February 17 8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 1 Lent

<b>Celebrant</b>	The Rev. Carol Evans	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Jeff Croll
<b>Lay Reader</b>	8:00 Bette Brooks 10:00 Nancy Lundgren	<b>Psalm</b>	Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
<b>Greeters</b>	Steve & Susan Merrill	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	Romans 10:8b-13 Martha Croll
<b>Acolyte</b>	Jeff Marsh	<b>Gospel</b>	Luke 4:1-13
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Shirley Johnson & Debbie Shorts		
<b>Coffee Hosts</b>	8:00 George Furrer 10:00 Lisa, Taylor, & Paige Paxton		
<b>Counters</b>	Midge Myers & Fred Lundgren		

### ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Ash Wednesday Services will be held on February 13th at noon and 7 pm.  
Each service will include the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion, with organ and choir at the 7pm service.  
Please plan to join us for this first step in keeping a holy Lent.

Sunday, February 24		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	2 Lent
<b>Celebrant</b>	The Rev. Carol Evans	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Maynard Evans
<b>Lay Reader</b>	8:00 The Rev. William Snyder 10:00 The Rev. William Snyder	<b>Psalm</b>	27
<b>Greeters</b>	Nancy & Jim Ervin	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	Philippians 3:17—4:1 Cathy Mansor
<b>Acolyte</b>	Eric Splinter	<b>Gospel</b>	Luke 13:31-35
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Shirley Johnson & Debbie Shorts		
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	8:00 TBA 10:00 John & Mary Jean McDonald		
<b>Counters</b>	Midge Myers & Fred Lundgren		

Sunday, March 3		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	3 Lent
<b>Celebrant</b>	The Rev. Carol Evans	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	Exodus 3:1-15 Nancy Lundgren
<b>Lay Reader</b>	8:00 Bette Brooks 10:00 Carolyn Englert	<b>Psalm</b>	63:1-8
<b>Greeter</b>	Fred & Nancy Lundgren	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	I Corinthians 10:1-13 Fred Lundgren
<b>Acolyte</b>	Cathy Mansor	<b>Gospel</b>	Luke 13:1-9
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Nancy Lundgren & Cindy Hoskins		
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	8:00 Joan & Frank Seman 10:00 Chris Stickle & Loretta Reigelman		
<b>Counters</b>	John McDonald & Cathy Mansor		

## Our "Thank You" to Goldie

Goldie Shriver has been our nursery director for some 48 years, with not much time off over those decades. Goldie has been married to Dutch for 62 years and they have six children: Danny, Cindy, Jerry, Mechele, Perry, Tracy; three grandchildren and one great-grandson. Their six children were all baptized at Grace.

When asked how she came to Grace Church, Goldie shared that she had long been attending the Catholic Church. Her concern was they had strict rules regarding who could take communion at that time; rules such as if you weren't married in the Roman Catholic Church, you couldn't take communion. Although more than one priest told her as far as he was concerned it was a silly rule and she could receive communion, it was bothersome at times. Goldie shared that when Mechele was young, she was invited to Grace by a friend. Mechele came home and told Goldie about this Episcopal Church and.... told her she could receive communion there, since she knew that was important to her mom. And that's how it started.

Goldie officially began her child care talent and career at Grace Church when Sid Cowlin was priest. For some time, she didn't even get to take communion; not because the church didn't allow it, but because she was busy taking care of babies and children at both morning services. During transitions between rectors there was a young lady who was hired to provide nursery care for a while, and when Fr. Brian Wilbert was called to Grace, she moved on. Goldie stepped forward and offered to provide nursery care, and Fr. Brian's response was, "Oh, have you ever done that before?" Of course he learned she had more than a few years of experience and expertise with the kids, and she's been serving at Grace without interruption ever since. Goldie also offered her experience by providing nursery care at diocesan events for a number of years.

Lest you think Goldie's talents are limited to nursery care, she was also employed as a School Crossing Guard for 32 years. Whether it was there or Grace's nursery, Goldie has a way of keeping an eye out for the well being and safety of children. It's something she's always done with wisdom and affection. And many of the children she's cared for just like being with her. As they get older they stop and talk to Goldie and seek her out just to visit. It's like they know they're with someone good; someone faithful; a good hearted, loving, and wise person. Goldie, we appreciate your loyalty, your service, your hugs and loving care of all these children over the decades. The Conway family told us how all three of their kids called Grace Church "Goldie's house" as they grew up. It's like they (and we) see God in Goldie and are reassured of his love and goodness through her love and care. So, we just want to say thank you, and let you know we appreciate and love you, Goldie.

\*\*\*Goldie was given a gift purse for which many people donated. Sue Ahrens also donated two plaques which read "Goldie's House." One is for her home and one will go outside the nursery where Goldie continues to love our little ones and talk with the older kids who still stop by to see her.



# Did You Know?...



## Handbook to Live by in 2013

### Health:

1. Drink plenty of water.
2. Eat breakfast like a king, lunch like a prince and dinner like a beggar.
3. Eat more foods that grow on trees and plants and eat less food that is manufactured in plants.
4. Live with the 3 E's – Energy, Enthusiasm and Empathy
5. Make time to pause and reflect.
6. Play more games
7. Read more book than you did in 2012
8. Sit in silence for at least 10 minutes a day
9. Sleep for 7 hours
10. Take a 10-30 minute walk daily. And while you walk – smile

### Personality:

11. Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
12. Don't have negative thoughts or things you cannot control. Instead invest your energy in the positive present moments.
13. Don't over do. Keep your limits.
14. Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.
15. Don't waste your precious energy on gossip.
16. Dream more while you are awake.
17. Envy is a waste of time. You already have all you need.
18. Don't dwell over issues of the past.
19. Don't remind your partner with his/her mistakes of the past. That will ruin your present happiness.
20. Life is too short to waste time hating anyone. Don't hate others.
21. Make peace with your past so it won't spoil the present.
22. No one is in charge of your happiness except you.

23. Realize that life is like school, and you are here to learn. Problems are simply part of the curriculum that appear and fade away like algebra class but the lessons you learn will last a lifetime.
24. Smile and laugh more.
25. You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.

### Society:

26. Call your family often.
27. Each day give something good to others.
28. Treat others as you want other to treat you.
29. Spend time with people over the age of 70 and under the age of 6.
30. Try to make a least three people smile each day.
31. What other people think of you is none of your business.
32. Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends will. Stay in touch.

### Life:

33. Do the right thing!
34. Get rid of everything that isn't useful, beautiful or joyful.
35. Time heals most everything.
36. However good or bad a situation is, it will change.
37. No matter how you fell, get up, dress and show up.
38. The best is yet to come.
39. When you awake alive in the morning, be thankful for it.
40. Your inner most is always happy. So, be happy.

-author unknown

*Did You Know will return next month...*

# Thank You! Thank You!

- to the Poker Boys for their generous donation to the Youth Group.
- to Jim Ervin for all the snow removal and salt he's put down so far this year
- To John McDonald for "fixing" the thermostat to the mail office--again .
- for everyone's cooperation when the electric went out in downtown Ravenna and we sat in a very cold parish hall to attend church on January 20<sup>th</sup>.
- to our new vestry members willingness to serve for three years: Fred Lundgren, Steve Merrill, and Frank Seman
- to our out-going Vestry members: Sue Ahrens and Joan Seman
- to the hospitality committee for serving at the annual meeting and especially Nancy Ervin for leading that group.
- to everyone that brought food for the covered dish luncheon.
- to all the chairpersons that got their annual reports into office on time.
- to Nancy Lundgren & Sally Dier for another great month at Gracie's Back Door
- to Tim Splinter for getting the main office computer back in working order.
- to the Sunday school teachers who continue to teach our children the word of God.
- to Goldie Shriver for her continued service at Grace Church. 47 years in the nursery – WOW!

*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.*

## Congratulations!

and many happy returns...

### 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



### Baptisms

11th Nancy Ervin  
Gary Bell  
14th Emily Summy  
29th Kristen Seman



### From the Deacon's Desk -

I recently attended the funeral of Deacon Robbin Harvey, a classmate of mine in the Diaconal ordination process.

A blessing adapted from Richard Halverson, Chaplain to the U.S. Senate 1981-1994 was chosen by Robbin as a blessing for those at her funeral. May you also be blessed.

"You go nowhere by accident. Wherever you go, God is sending you. Wherever you are, God has put you there. He has a purpose in you being where you are. Christ, who dwells in you, has something he wants to do through you, where you are. Believe this and be present to the grace, love and power of the Holy Spirit."

Deacon Bill Snyder

# The Bulletin Board

## Acolytes Schedule

3/10—Kevi  
3/17—Eric  
3/24—Jeff  
3/31—All Youth!!!!  
4/7—Cathy

## Grace Vestry Planning Retreat

The Vestry will gather for our Vestry Planning Retreat on Saturday, Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 3pm, graciously hosted by Reba Cook in her home. We will be discussing plans for 2013 and setting some goals to work toward. Please let our Vestry members know if you have any suggestions or ideas concerning growth, programs, and stewardship for 2013.

## MARDI GRAS February 9, 2013 5:00-7:00 PM

The Youth Group will again be decorating, serving, and helping with some cooking and clean-up for the annual **Mardi Gras Pancake Supper**. Lane & Wilda Autry have volunteered to be the main cooks. The menu this year will allow you to choose between the traditional pancakes, sausage, and hash browns OR buttermilk biscuits with sausage gravy. Please let our Youth Director, Chris Stickle know if you're willing to provide some assistance with this project, especially with clean-up following.

## Youth Group Trip to "Fun and Stuff" Sunday, February 17, 2013-01-28 1:00 - 5:00

The Youth Group are planning a trip to "Fun and Stuff" in Macedonia on Feb. 17. Before the event the youth group will be served pizza and chips after the church service. The Youth Group will pay for the children, however parents will be responsible for their entry fee of \$20.00 to be paid at the door or given to Chris Stickle before the event

The events offered are: Lost Tunnel, Euro Bungy, Kids World, Rock Wall, Roller Skating, Lazar Tag, and Bumper cars. Each event is priced at \$6.00, however for \$20.00 all you can participate in all the events as many times as you wish. Game tokens are also available. Children must be accompanied by an adult. If parents need more information please contact Chris Stickle at 330.296.4874 or [bakinlady@sbcgloral.net](mailto:bakinlady@sbcgloral.net).

## Lenten Book Discussion *The Shack*

Light meal: 6pm—6:30  
Book Discussion 6:30—7:20  
End with Compline  
Dates still undetermined.  
Talk to Carolyn Englert

Please be sure to sign up if you'd like to be part of the group that will discuss *The Shack* during Lent. We will meet with a light meal (soup, crackers, bread, cheese; etc.) from 6—6:30, and the discussion from 6:30—7:20, ending with Compline. Please plan to join us for what we hope will be some lively discussion, not only about the book but about our images of God.

# News from Gracies Backdoor

## Coming Attractions

**February 2013:** St. Patrick's Day decorations will be out for you, some really cute pieces are here, come see them while they last. Easter and Spring decorations galore, check out Gracie's before you go anywhere else, you may be surprised what you find. East is March 31st, early this year, so shop early we will love seeing you here.

**March 2013:** CRAFTS" month at Gracie's. Wait and be surprised about this event.

## ECW (Episcopal Church Women)

### Breakfast Meeting February 16<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 AM**

Mary Jean McDonald and Marsha Snyder will host this February meeting. We will be discussing the Easter candy sale and .

All members and guests of Grace Episcopal Church are invited to attend. Everyone who attends will receive a free File of Life packet. Now don't expect to find a magic pill that will ensure you will live forever, but the packet might help to save your life or that of a loved one.

What is File of Life? Every second counts in an emergency and what medical personnel don't know about an individual's health may slow any treatment. The File of Life is an easy way to ensure that first responders have a quick record of a person's medical history, conditions and/or medications if that person is unable to provide it for themselves. The kit includes: 1) a notification sticker for the entrance to your home which alerts first responders to availability of information, 2) A magnetic sleeve for the refrigerator and 3) A form for you to record the detailed health information of family member.

Julie Rohrich, who is the coordinator for the Medication Assistance Program for Family and Community Services, will be our speaker. She will explain how the Program assists qualifying individuals **of any age**

whose prescription medication cost are creating a financial hardship to apply for free or low-cost prescription medications. We will learn how we can assist the Program in finding people who need their services.

We hope to see you there for some good food, fun, and the opportunity to learn about an important program in our community.

#### **ECW is still collecting:**

**Items for Safer Futures (a battered women's shelter) will be collected on an on-going basis. Bring your items and place them in the basket in the narthex.**

# *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 Todd Quintard**

**February 16**

Charles Todd Quintard was born in 1824 to a Huguenot (French Protestant) family in Stamford, Connecticut, and educated in New York City, including medical school at University Medical College, New York University, and Bellevue Hospital, graduating in 1847. He moved to Athens, GA, to practice medicine and 4 years later moved to Memphis, Tennessee, to teach at Memphis Medical College. During this time, he met the Rev. James H. Otey, the first bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Tennessee and the two men became close friends. At Otey's urging, Quintard gave up medicine and studied for the priesthood. He was ordained in 1856 and served as rector of Calvary Church, Memphis, and Church of the Advent, Nashville. He considered himself "high church."

When the Civil War broke out in 1860, soldiers in the Confederate 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment Tennessee Volunteer Infantry nominated Quintard to serve as their chaplain. He accepted this invitation, despite his initial pro-Union stance—and he also served as a regimental surgeon. When Bishop Otey died in 1863, the Diocese was unable to elect a bishop because of the war; however, on September 7, 1865, the diocese selected Quintard as their second bishop. General Convention confirmed his election a month later and he became the South's first post-war bishop.

Quintard immediately launched programs to rebuild his diocese that had been devastated by the war. In addition, he led efforts to ensure the post-war survival of the fledgling University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee, traveling to northern US dioceses and then three times to England to raise funds, always returning with large sums of money and many books for the school's library. In 1866, he was selected Vice-Chancellor (the university's chief executive position, despite the name) of the University while serving as Bishop of Tennessee. This same year he sponsored the establishment of an Episcopal seminary at the University and laid the cornerstone for St. Augustine's Chapel, attached to the university's All Saints Chapel, in 1867.

Always busy, Quintard believed that his mission was to make the Episcopal Church in Tennessee "a refuge for all—the lame, halt and blind as well as the rich." He opposed parish pew rents and fostered a ministry on behalf of the disadvantaged. He began missions for laborers and sought to expand the Church's evangelistic work among African Americans. He opposed plans to segregate black congregations and he assisted in the founding of a seminary for African Americans adjacent to Fisk University in Nashville.

Quintard never retired. He and his family continued to live at Sewanee (on the University's Domain) and he traveled regularly to Memphis on diocesan business. He died in February 1898, in Meridian, Georgia, while staying there in an effort to improve his health. [Personal note: Quintard Hall, now a coed dorm, is one of Sewanee's nicest "old" dormitories; both Caroline Brooks and her husband Daniel Shaver lived there during their senior year. In addition, the altar hangings given to Sewanee as a memorial gift by our parish after David's death are often used during the summer in St. Augustine's Chapel—when they are not on the high altar of All Saints.]

**Prayer:** Mighty God, we bless your Name for the example of your bishop Charles Todd Quintard, who opposed the segregation of African Americans in separate congregations and condemned the exclusion of the poor; and we pray that your Church may be a refuge for all, for the honor of your Name; through Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

# February The Grace Vine 2013

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
3 4 Epiphany •8am HE •9am Coffee •9:45 Ch Ed •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	4	5	6 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door	7	8	9 •9am-3pm Vestry Retreat At Reba Cook's •5pm-7pm Mardi Gras Pancake Dinner
10 Last Epiphany •8am HE •9am Coffee •9:45 Ch Ed •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	11	12 •1-3pm Sit & Stitch	13 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door •Noon & 7pm Ash Wednesday w/ HE	14	15	16 •9am ECW Meeting
17 1 Lent •8am HE •9am Coffee •9:45 Ch Ed •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	18 President's Day Office Closed	19 •7pm Vestry Meeting	20 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door	21 •8am Retired Men's Breakfast	22	23
24 2 Lent •8am HE •9am Coffee •9:45 Ch Ed •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	25	26 •1-3pm Sit & Stitch	27 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door	28		

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