



The Grace Vine

January 2009

Rector's Writ

We barely have time to reflect and rest in the real peace of Christmas until it's time to open the door to another new year. Whether we're ready or not, the new year will arrive; whether we open the door or not, time will march right in, sweeping aside all our efforts to slow it down with lingering reflections of the past year or resolutions planned for the year ahead.

An old Yiddish proverb is "The people plan and God laughs." We can respond with frustration and defense: "Well, if we don't PLAN anything we won't DO anything." We can nod our heads and smile, remembering the experience of good intentions but not-so-good results with some previous plans. We can take the fearful/skeptical approach: "With the economy in the shape it's in, we'd better just take it a day at a time." Or...we can laugh with God and make plans anyway. Whatever we plan—as a Church family or as individuals longing for a new beginning—our plans need to include God. We need his help with daily priorities and long term visions. And of course, our plans need to be the result of prayer; asking for the Lord's guidance and grace. Above all, our plans need to be united with GOD'S will. These plans that we call 'ours' must begin and remain in line with God's plan and purpose...for Grace Church and for lives.

So...what will we plan—with God's help and guidance and blessing—for 2009? What is the Lord's will for us, for our families and our Church family and ourselves, in 2009? What plans or resolutions shall we make to:

- grow in our knowledge and love of the Lord and our love for one another
- live and share the Gospel, as Christ's light in the Church and the world
- build up people who are the body of Christ (the Church) and build fellowship

O Lord our God, make it our joy to do your will. Be the source and strength of our planning and living; that faithful worship, service, fellowship, and growth will result, as we trust in your guidance and abide in your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May God's blessings and peace be with you
and those you love in 2009 and always.

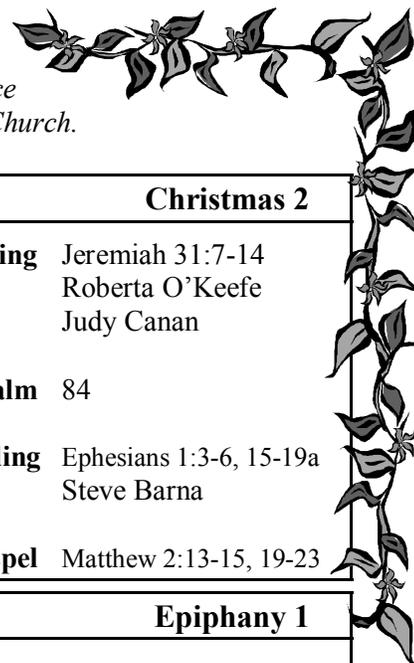


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Service and Lay Ministry Schedule

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, January 4		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	Christmas 2
Officiating	The Rev. Carol S. Evans		1st Reading Jeremiah 31:7-14 Roberta O'Keefe Judy Canan
Lay Reader	Bette Brooks		
Greeters	Bonnie Quay & Bev Lewis-Mercury		Psalm 84
Acolyte	Schyler Conway		
Altar Guild	Nancy Ervin & Irene Machisko		2nd Reading Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a Steve Barna
Coffee Hosts	8:00 Joan & Frank Seman 10:00 Nancy & Jim Ervin		
Counters	Fred Lundgren & Marcia Splinter		Gospel Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23
Loyalton	Kathy Summy		

Sunday, January 11		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	Epiphany 1
Officiating	The Rev. Carol S. Evans		1st Reading Genesis 1:1-5 Tim Splinter
Deacon	The Rev. William D. Snyder		
Lay Reader	Carolyn Englert		Psalm 29
Greeters	John & Mary Jean McDonald		
Acolyte	Taylor Paxton & Eric Splinter		2nd Reading Acts 19:1-7 Kathy Summy
Altar Guild	Nancy Ervin & Irene Machisko		
Coffee Hosts	8:00 Amanda Ondrejko & Brittany Groff 10:00 Chris Stickle & Denise Crouse		Gospel Mark 1:4-11
Counters	Fred Lundgren & Marcia Splinter		

Sunday, January 18		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	Epiphany 2
Officiating	The Rev. Carol S. Evans		1st Reading 1 Samuel 3:1-20 Roberta O'Keefe John Machisko
Lay Reader	Maynard Evans		
Greeters	John & Irene Machisko		Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17
Acolyte	Jenna Summy		
Altar Guild	Nancy Ervin & Irene Machisko		2nd Reading I Corinthians 6:12-20 Cathy Mansor
Coffee Hosts	8:00 TBA 10:00 TBA		
Counters	Fred Lundgren & Marcia Splinter		Gospel John 1:43-51
Loyalton	Bill Snyder		



More Funnies from Church Publications around the Country. Real or not?... You Decide.

Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10 AM. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B.S. is done.

The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign last Sunday: "I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours"

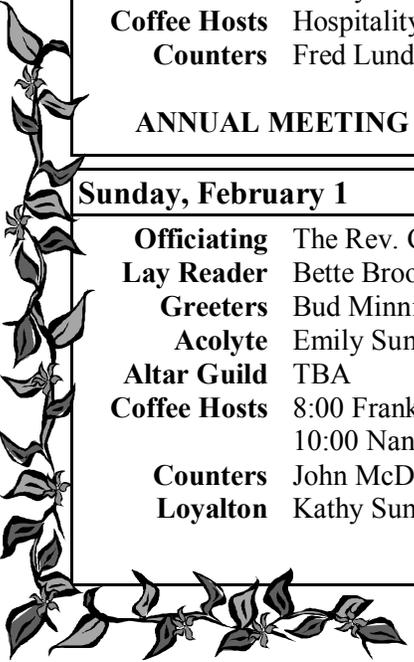
It's Drug Awareness Week: Get involved in drugs before your children do.

Anyone not claiming lost articles will be disposed of.



Sunday, January 25		9:00 AM Holy Eucharist	Epiphany 3
Officiating	The Rev. Carol S. Evans		1st Reading Jonah 3:1-5, 10 Gordon Thompson
Lay Reader	Judy Canan		Psalm 62:6-14
Greeters	Nancy & Fred Lundgren		2nd Reading I Corinthians 7:29-31 Carolyn Englert
Acolyte	Sammy Stickle		Gospel Mark 1:14-20
Altar Guild	Nancy Ervin & Irene Machikso		
Coffee Hosts	Hospitality Committee		
Counters	Fred Lundgren & Marcia Splinter		
ANNUAL MEETING ONLY ONE 9:00 AM SERVICE			

Sunday, February 1		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	Epiphany 4
Officiating	The Rev. Carol S. Evans		1st Reading Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Roberta O'Keefe Bud Minnich
Lay Reader	Bette Brooks		Psalm 111
Greeters	Bud Minnich & Gary Bell		2nd Reading I Corinthians 8:1-13 Steve Barna
Acolyte	Emily Summy & Kevin Splinter		Gospel Mark 1:21-28
Altar Guild	TBA		
Coffee Hosts	8:00 Frank & Joan Seman 10:00 Nancy & Fred Lundgren		
Counters	John McDonald & Bette Brooks		
Loyalton	Kathy Summy		



ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 25th, 2009

The Annual Parish Meeting of Grace Church is planned for Sunday, January 25th. We will have only **ONE service of Holy Communion at 9am**. The meeting will begin in the Parish Hall immediately following worship. We will be electing three new Vestry Members, one person to serve on the Beatty Committee, and we'll be considering some changes to the Beatty plan of operation. We are currently facing a \$22,000 deficit for 2009, so approving the proposed budget and reviewing what steps might be taken to improve our financial situation will be especially important. Once the business is completed, we'll enjoy a covered dish luncheon (please bring a dish to share!). Our thanks to Nancy Ervin and the Hospitality Committee for hosting and arranging the luncheon and to all who will join us in fellowship.

Please have all reports to Marsha by January 15th.

The Rev. Carol Evans – Rector's Report
Bette Brooks – Senior Warden's Report, Visions & values
Fred Lundgren – Treasurer's Report
Leslie Thomas – Beatty Committee
Judy Canan – Assistant Treasurer's Report, Memorial Fund
Addrienne Conway – Christian Education, Youth Group w/ financial report
Mary Ann Switz – Choir
Mary Jean McDonald – Gracie's Back Door financial, County Clothing Center, ECW financial
Cathy Mansor – Habitat for Humanity

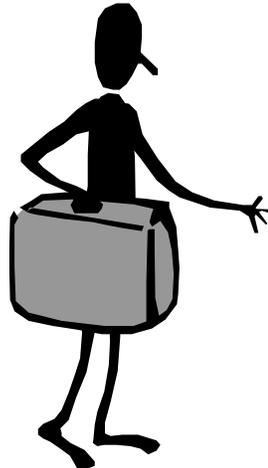
Chris Stickle – Loaves and Fishes
Marcia Splinter – Fundraising/Fellowship
Tim Splinter – Acolytes
Nancy Ervin – Hospitality Committee
Carolyn Englert – Jubilee w/ financial report, Prayer Chain
Marsha Snyder – ECW, Altar Guild financial, Discretionary Fund financial
Nancy Lundgren – Gracie's Back Door
Maynard Evans / Bill Snyder – Loyalton
Frank Seman – Stewardship Committee



Did You Know?...



Mary Jean & John McDonald visited daughter **Amy** and family California. Then on to Arizona to see son **Andrew** graduate with an EMBA from Thunderbird School of Global Management; this school is rated third in the world by the Wall Street Journal. Thirty countries were represented in this graduating class and graduation took five hours, but it was very impressive. Congratulations to Andrew!...



Nancy Lundgren traveled to Texas to visit with her son **Bill** and his family and on the way home she had a two hour lay-over in Atlanta (but then who doesn't have a lay-over in Atlanta) and who should she spot at the airport but Linda Corrao who was traveling north to Ohio to visit with her family. They had a wonderful time catching up, and it certainly was a nice surprise...

Judy Canan hosted the Sit & Stitch group at a Christmas party at her home and of course everyone had a wonderful time. **Bonnie Quay** had some difficulty getting to the party, she just couldn't find Judy's house, but after a few phone calls, she finally made it...

Alice and Ken Boydell enjoyed grandson **Elliot**, but he certainly was busy, especially at Boydell's new house with lots of stairs and cupboards to get into...

Kay Canan, being the "best daughter-in the world" (just ask Judy, she'll tell you) helped **Judy** cut out cookies for the E.C.W. cookie sale. Last year Judy said she'd never make cut out cookies again. Never say never!!...

Carolyn and Ken Englert are headed for Texas to visit with their daughter and family for the holidays, their son-in-law **Joe** is headed for Iraq, for another tour...

Betty Capriola will be going to Georgia to be with her daughter and family for the holiday and won't be back until after the new year...

Cary & Bud Minnich's son Steve and their niece **Cathy Potisuk** will be home for the holidays...

Gladys Parsons has moved to Loyaltan, her new address 141 Chestnut St., room 337, Ravenna, Ohio 44266. I'm sure she'd love to hear from you...

Cora Pierce enjoyed all her children home for the Thanksgiving holiday, this was the first time in five years they have all been together...

John & Irene Machisko will have their sons home for Christmas, **John** and his family are coming from Georgia and **David** from Missouri. **Daughter Lynn** and her family will be in Florida for the holiday...

Melissa Strainer writes that she wishes everyone at Grace a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and thanks us for

the cards. The Strainers are now members of St. Matthew Church, in Akron, where Lauren goes to school...

Nancy & Jim Ervin's son Scott got into the spirit of Christmas when he purchased a car load of toys that he took to the Center of Hope to be given to the needy children of Portage County...

Mike Johnson brought an old picture of a confirmation class that caused quite a stir. Many of those who have been at Grace Church for lo these many years were trying to figure out who all these children are. **Kay Wise** mentioned she was in that class along with her cousin, the two little chubby girls in front - - they certainly have changed...

We received a Christmas card and poem from **Helen & Larry White** wishing us all a Merry Christmas. Their card along with many others are on the bulletin board in the parish hall. Check them out!!...

ESPN will be broadcasting the Vanderbilt/South Florida game and has

requested **Amanda Brooks** do the stats again for them. They were so impressed with the job she did for them for the last game they aired they wanted her back. Her boyfriend Jay, is a bit jealous, this isn't even her field of study...



Bette Brooks received the Phi Delta Kappa faculty grant for the year 2008 and also received one of four Mortar Board Sonority Award. This is given by the students to faculty members that have been influential and supportive in their lives...



Thanks to those who baked, brought, and packaged up cookies for the E.C.W. Christmas Cookie sale. This year's sale was very successful and we couldn't have done it without everyone's help. The ECW made \$722 on this venture and we hope to make it bigger and better next year. Thanks again!!...

Our thoughts and prayers are with **Sally & Dennis Dier** who lost her brother after many years of illness and to **Ron Postlethwaite** whose father died on December 12th.

On the Horizon

Saturday January 10th Fellowship & Game Night 6:30pm

Come on in for our monthly fun!
Bring your game, your cards, your
favorite snack, or just yourself!

Sunday January 25th Annual Parish Meeting

The meeting will follow the service
(10am only that day) with Covered
Dish lunch to follow.

Saturday January 31st ECW Meeting 9:00am

All women of the parish are
welcome.

Saturday February 7th Candy Sale Samples 1:00 pm

Fundraising will be making sample
candies for the Easter Candy sale.
More details later and of course,
volunteers are welcome.

Saturday February 21nd Youth Group Mardi Gras Pancake Dinner

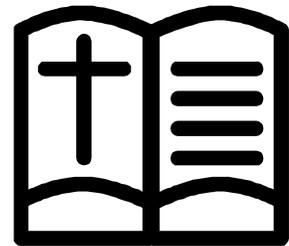
Details to follow



Adult Bible Studies 6:30pm on Wednesdays

Each evening looks ahead to the
lessons for the coming Sunday
for reflection and discussion.

The kids room is open and
Goldie is on duty, so children
are welcome to come along if
you wish.



Birthdays

4th	Emily Summy
5th	Corbin Baker
7th	Richard Sanek
10th	Patricia Williams
11th	Cora Pierce
15th	Bruce Ahrens
17th	Alice Boydell
18th	Amanda Ulbricht
22nd	Pauline Wamsley
26th	Courtney Rich
28th	Paige Paxton
30th	Jake Stover

Congratulations!

and many happy returns...

Anniversaries

10th	Pat & Perry Williams
11th	Fred & Nancy Lundgren Bud & Caroline Minnich



Baptisms

2nd	Reba Cook
7th	Caroline Minnich
9th	Bill Summy
18th	Marguerite Rich Emily Scibelli

The Bulletin Board

Acolytes Schedule

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

2/8—Schyler & Eric

2/15—Jenna

2/22—Taylor

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Fun-draising is look ahead to next year and planning a *Homemade Chocolates* sale for Easter. Anyone willing to help please let one of the committee know:

Addriane Conway, Marcia Splinter
Roberta O'Keefe, Pat Williams
Courtney Rich, Chris Stickle

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 **Marcia Splinter** for handling.

Ebay for Grace!

Marcia and Tim Splinter are offering Ebay selling service to everybody. We will help you self your stuff...take pictures, do the computer work, use our Ebay account, the whole nine yards... Once your item sells, we will deduct the selling fees, give 10% to the parish and get the rest of the proceeds to you.

Clean out your saleable stuff and help the parish at the same time!

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"Rector's Parking" Reminder

To all the newer members who may never have heard and a reminder to EVERYONE...

The last two parking spots on the right against the back of the parish hall are reserved for Rev. Carol and Maynard at all times. The rectory has no other parking, so please leave these two open for them.