



The Grace Vine

January 2011

Rector's Writ

We've heard so much about the commercialism of Christmas. It would be interesting to see a list of the things that produce over one BILLION dollars in sales each year. Let's see, football and Super Bowl ads...probably beer, wine, Coke and Pepsi. Would you believe boxed chocolates would be on that list?! It's the all purpose gift. And after all, doesn't everybody think the world's a better place when we're eating chocolates?

Our grandma would sometimes receive three or four boxes of Russell Stover candy for Christmas. When Mom would take us to visit her in late January, and the holidays were past and everyone was weary of winter, Grandma would bring out her "stash" of chocolates and carefully unwrap a box to share with all of us. It was something that put us in a happier mood, not just because it was really good candy, but because Grandma was sharing some of her favorite gifts with us kids...one of her ways of making us feel loved and special.

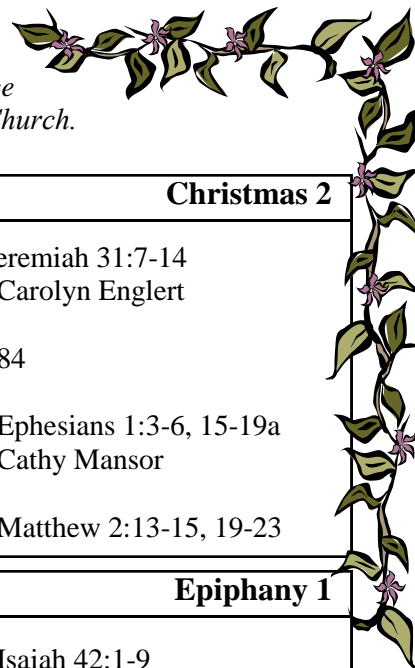
That's kind of what we're called to do with the Good News of God's love, too. Share it, bring it to the table. Peace, love, grace, forgiveness...these gifts have a center that's not found in the best stores or the finest wrappings. God provides them to us in and through Jesus Christ. We receive such treasures, NOT because we deserve them, but because God loves us and gives us this gift of grace. In receiving that gift, we're to proclaim the Good News and share it with ALL PEOPLE. 'Love God. Love your neighbor. Change the world' as one of the latest Episcopal ads puts it.

We, like many churches, are working on growth. We want to grow, and that will be a focus in 2011. What we have to remember is that growth is not an aim or end goal in itself. Growth is a result of welcoming people into our Church family; helping and serving others, wherever they are on their spiritual journey; and sharing the goodness and grace God has given us. It results when we're available to God, so that—through us—others may be brought to Christ and to the Church. To Christ, so that new life, hope, and discipleship become a reality; to the Church so that we have the experience of worshiping God, sharing our gifts, and being part of the love, support, and fellowship we can offer one another in this life-long journey of faith. As we look forward to the blessings and challenges 2011 brings, we'll be counting on your prayers, your gifts, your participation, and God's grace, renewing Spirit, and guidance to help us grow.



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 2 8:00 & 10:00 AM Morning Prayer Christmas 2

Officiating	The Rev. William D. Snyder	1st Reading	Jeremiah 31:7-14 Carolyn Englert
Lay Reader	Roberta O'Keefe		
Greeter	Irene & John Machisko	Psalm	84
Acolyte	Schylar Conway	2nd Reading	Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a Cathy Mansor
Altar Guild	Nancy Ervin, Irene Machisko, Joan Seman	Gospel	Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23
Coffee Hosts	8:00 Joan & Frank Seman 10:00 Judy Canan & Kay Canan		
Counters	Tony Worthen & Roberta O'Keefe		
Emeritus	Kathy Summy		

Sunday, January 9 8:00- & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Epiphany 1

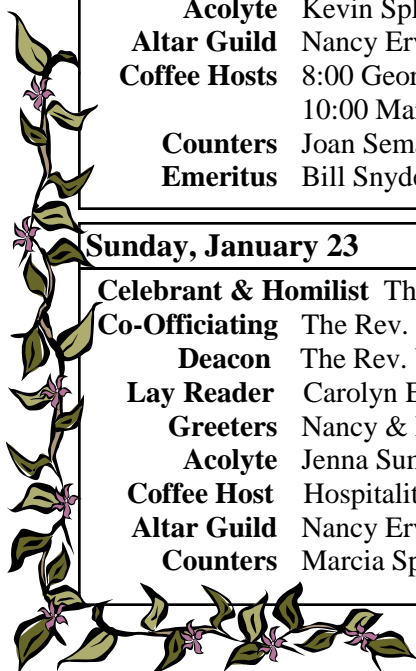
Officiating	The Rev. Carol S. Evans	1st Reading	Isaiah 42:1-9 Nancy Lundgren
Deacon	The Rev. William D. Snyder		
Lay Reader	Carolyn Englert	Psalm	29
Greeters	Mary Jean & John McDonald	2nd Reading	Acts 10:34-43 Fred Lundgren
Acolytes	Eric Splinter & Paige	Gospel	Matthew 3:13-17
Altar Guild	Nancy Ervin, Irene Machisko, Joan Seman		
Coffee Hosts	8:00 Rick Lashley & Debbie Shorts 10:00 Nancy & Fred Lundgren		
Counters	Sue Ahrens & Reba Cook		

Sunday, January 16 8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Epiphany 2

Officiating	The Rev. Carol S. Evans	1st Reading	Isaiah 49:1-7 Carolyn Englert
Lay Reader	Addrienne Conway		
Greeters	Jim & Nancy Ervin	Psalm	40:1-12
Acolyte	Kevin Splinter	2nd Reading	I Corinthians 1:1-9 Tim Splinter
Altar Guild	Nancy Ervin, Irene Machisko, Joan Seman	Gospel	John 1:29-42
Coffee Hosts	8:00 George Furrer 10:00 Mary Jean & John McDonald		
Counters	Joan Seman & Fred Lundgren		
Emeritus	Bill Snyder		

Sunday, January 23 10:00 AM (ONLY) Bishop William's Visitation Epiphany 3

Celebrant & Homilist	The Rt. Rev. Arthur B. Williams, Jr.	1st Reading	Isaiah 9:1-4 Martha Croll
Co-Officiating	The Rev. Carol S. Evans		
Deacon	The Rev. William D. Snyder	Psalm	27:1, 5-13
Lay Reader	Carolyn Englert	2nd Reading	I Corinthians 1:10-18 Jeff Croll
Greeters	Nancy & Fred Lundgren	Gospel	Matthew 4:12-23
Acolyte	Jenna Summy & Eric Splinter		
Coffee Host	Hospitality Committee w/luncheon reception		
Altar Guild	Nancy Ervin, Irene Machisko, Joan Seman		
Counters	Marcia Splinter & Sue Ahrens		





Sunday, January 30 9:00 AM (ONLY) Holy Eucharist ANNUAL MEETING Epiphany 4

Officiating The Rev. Carol S. Evans
Deacon The Rev William D. Snyder
Lay Reader Roberta O'Keefe
Greeters Bev Lewis-Mercury & Jeff Marsh
Acolyte Eric Splinter & McKenna Conway
Coffee Hour Hospitality Committee w/covered dish
Altar Guild Nancy Ervin, Irene Machisko, Joan Seman
Counters Marcia Splinter & Roberta O'Keefe

1st Reading Micah 6:1-8
Cathy Mansor

Psalm 15

2nd Reading I Corinthians 1:18-31
Jeff Croll

Gospel Matthew 5:1-12

Sunday, February 6 8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Epiphany 5

Officiating The Rev. Carol S. Evans
Lay Reader Addrienne Conway
Greeters Judy Canan & Kay Canan
Acolyte Schyler Conway & Paige Paxton
Altar Guild TBA
Coffee Host 8:00 Joan & Frank Seman
10:00 Chris Stickle & Denise Crouse
Counters TBA
Emeritus Kathy Summy

1st Reading Isaiah 58:1-12
Tim Splinter

Psalm 112:1-10

2nd Reading I Corinthians 2:1-16
Carolyn Englert

Gospel Matthew 5:13-20



Annual Parish Meeting

January 30th, 9:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
 Covered Dish Luncheon to Follow the Meeting
 The following people are responsible for reports due on January 10th

Rector's Report – Rev. Carol Evans
Senior Warden's Report – Marcia Splinter
Junior Warden's Report – Cory Conway
Treasurer's Report – Fred Lundgren/Marcia Splinter
Deacon's Report – Bill Snyder
Altar Guild - Nancy Lundgren
Altar Guild Financial Report – Marsha Snyder
Emeritus – Kathy Summy & Bill Snyder
Stewardship - Roberta O'Keefe
Worship Committee – Bette Brooks
Acolytes – Tim Splinter
Christian Education – Addrienne Conway
Youth Group – Christine Stickle
Choir – Mary Ann Switz

Gracie's Back Door - Mary Jean McDonald
Prayer Chair – Carolyn Englert
ECW – Marsha Snyder
ECW financial Report - Mary Jean McDonald
Discretionary Fund – Marsha Snyder
Fun-Raising Committee – Marcia Splinter
Hospitality Committee – Nancy Ervin
Jubilee Fund – Carolyn Englert
County Clothing Center – Mary Jean McDonald
Mary Helen Beatty Committee – Frank Seman
Memorial Fund – Judy Canan
Loaves & Fishes – Chris Stickle
Habitat for Humanity – Cathy Mansor

Bishop Williams' Visitation

Bishop Arthur Williams, Jr. will be visiting Grace Church on Sunday, January 23, for confirmation. There will be only one 10:00 AM service. A covered dish luncheon will follow, please bring a dish that will be shared. Nikki Stickle is our only member being confirmed by the bishop on this visit. A covered dish lunch and reception will be held to welcome Bishop Arthur and Lynette and to celebrate Nikki's confirmation. Please plan to join us.



Did You Know?...



Those who came to the Game Night at **Reba Cook's** home in November had a wonderful time and thanks to our host for making this an evening to remember. The December Game Night was at **Debbie Shorts'** home where she and **Rick Lashley** hosted and it was reported to be a very enjoyable evening. Debbie even brought some of the leftover desserts to coffee hour the next day. Next Game Night, January 8th, will be held at the home of **Johnnie & Irene Machisko**, you might plan on attending and join in the fun...

Team Hope which included **Tony, Toni, and Megan Worthen** participated in the Cancer Society Relay for Life Fundraiser and Gathering at Ravenna High School on November 18th. Toni's own creative recipe, well tweaked, won first prize in the Chili Cook off portion! They named it "Hugh's Loose Caboose" chili, and it was a big hit among the crowd and judges alike. Congratulations, Toni!! Not really surprised, Toni is a wonderful cook!...

Chris Stickle's name was mentioned in a nice article in the Record Courier, about a project at West Main School. The principal at West Main mention that Chris was the driving force in getting a playground shelter & pavilion built for students to get out of the weather and in getting 25 volunteers from the Streetsboro Home Depot. Good work Chris!!...

Did you know that **Marcia Splinter** has taken over the church treasurer's job since **Fred Lundgren** officially retired in November? Thanks to Fred for the many years of dedication; balancing the budget and getting us through good times and tough times. And thanks to Marcia for being willing to step into this job...

Thank you to those who contributed to the Fall United Thank Offering, eighteen people gave a total of \$244.00. Also thanks to everyone who gave children's underwear and socks that were given to the County Clothing Center for Christmas. And we want to especially thank **Mary Jean McDonald** for bringing our attention to the wonderful project and making the effort of getting the information to us and delivering the clothing...

Thanks to **Carolyn Englert** who organized the E.C.W. cookie sale, we're hoping for another successful year. **Cindy Hoskins** worked in Gracie's Back Door a few weeks before Christmas and had a very good day. Thanks to everyone who donated some really "neat" items and thanks to all those who purchased them...

Keep **Ken & Carolyn Englert** in your prayers after Ken's four day trip to Cleveland Clinic, he's now on the mend but not enjoying the limitations placed on him...

Cory Conway will be undergoing knee replacement surgery on the 4th of January, so keep him in your prayers...

Thanks to **Jim Ervin & John McDonald** for the soil they delivered to "fill in" areas around the new shed...

John McDonald sells Christmas trees and someone came and wanted one of his "big" trees. After John cut it down he noticed that a cat had gone up the tree some years ago and died.

He was happy he found it instead of his buyer, even though there wasn't much left of the poor thing...

Thanks to **John McDonald & Fred Lundgren** who spent several hours in the cold weather putting together a new shed for the snow blower and lawn mower...

John & Irene Machisko attended their son **David's** wedding over the Thanksgiving holiday. It was a beautiful ceremony and Irene & John were delighted to see their son so happy. Congratulations to the happy couple...

Reba Cook is taking her two sons, their wives and three grandchildren, two boys 11 & 12 years old and a 20 year old granddaughter, to Disney World for Christmas. Eight people for eight days at Disney World. WOW! I'm sure that's a vacation they won't ever forget. What are you going to do next year, Reba?...

If you haven't noticed the new children's pew packs, take a look. Thanks to Kathy Summy for making the beautiful sacks that hold all the pew pack goodies...

Tim and Eric Splinter performed in Garrettsville's production of Miracle on 34th Street the first two weekends of December. We're told the show was a great success!

Kevin Splinter is trying his hand at youth wrestling this year for the first time and is off to a great start at 4 wins, 3 losses. He never stops!

We want to wish all our parishioners a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and especially our shut ins: **Betty Capriola, Katherine Furrer, Gladys Parsons, Dutch Shriver, Eddy & Betty Stewart, and Pauline Wamsley.**

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

Episcopal Church Women Meeting

Saturday, January 15, 2011
11:00 AM

A short business meeting will take place without breakfast. We've scheduled a tour at the Kent State Fashion Museum to see the Katherine Hepburn exhibit at 12:00 noon. Following the tour we'll lunch at the Pufferbelly restaurant in Kent. The cost for the museum tour will be covered by the E.C.W. however lunch will be your responsibility. The sign up sheet will be in the parish hall. Every women of the parish is a member of E.C.W. and welcome.

On the Horizon

Saturday, January 8
Fellowship and
Game Night
6:30pm at Machisko's

Sunday, January 23
Bishop Williams Visit
10am Service Only
Service will be followed by a
Covered Dish Luncheon.

Sunday, January 30
Annual Meeting
9am Service Only
Service will be followed by Annual
Meeting and then Covered Dish
Luncheon

Saturday, February 12
Fellowship and
Game Night
6:30pm

Diocesan Winter Convocation

February 11-12, 2011

Holiday Inn French Quarter, Perrysburg

10630 Fremont Pike, Perrysburg, OH 43551

Phone: (888) 874.2592 or (419) 874.3111

You can register online at <http://convocation2011.eventbrite.com>.

If you have questions about registration, please contact Antoinette Taylor at the Diocese at 216.774.0476 or ataylor@dohio.org

Please let the Grace Church office know if you are attending to allow for car pooling.

Winter Convocation will include the Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori; this includes "Town hall Discussion" and worship on Friday and plenary session on Saturday with the Presiding Bishop, Convocation Eucharist, and afternoon workshops. The cost is \$39 per person if registered and paid for before January 28, 2011 with a maximum of \$100 per family. \$10 per child age 3 to 12. Diocesan Youth Event cost is separate but is covered in the maximum of \$100 per family. \$49 per person or \$110 per family after January 28, 2011

Hospitality food and beverage on Friday (included two tickets for beer, wine or soft drinks), continental breakfast and lunch on Saturday are all included in the registration fee.

Hotel reservation are \$75 per room plus tax for the Conference and must be made by Jan 22, 2011.



Birthdays

4th Emily Summy
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

11th Fred & Nancy Lundgren
28th Mike & Shirley Johnson



Baptisms

2nd Reba Cook
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:

2/13—Kevin

2/20—Jenna

2/27—Eric & Kenna

3/6—Schyler & Paige

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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.

*Once again Acme is doing their CASH
BACK PROGRAM. Please save your
"register receipt tapes" for the Clothing
Center. Turn them in to the church office
or give them to Mary Jean McDonald.
The eligible dates are September 25th
thru February 19th, 2011. All tapes
must be turned in by Sunday February
27th, 2011.*

Thank you for your support.

Mary Jean McDonald

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
2 Christmas 2 •8am HEZ •9am Coffee •9:45 Ch. Ed. •10am HEZ •11am Coffee	3	4	5 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door •7:00 Choir Practice	6 THE EPIPHANY	7	8 •6:30 Fellowship & Game Night At Machisko's
9 1 Epiphany •8am HEZ •9am Coffee •9:45 Ch. Ed. •10am HEZ •11am Coffee	10	11 •2-4pm Sit & Stitch	12 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door •6pm Healing Service w/ HE •7:00 Choir Practice	13	14	15 •10am ECW Meeting
16 2 Epiphany •8am HEZ •9am Coffee •9:45 Ch. Ed. •10am HEZ •11am Coffee	17 Martin Luther King Day •Office Closed	18 •7pm Vestry Meeting	19 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door •7:00 Choir Practice	20 •8am Retired Men's Breakfast	21 •10-2 County Clothing Center	22
23 3 Epiphany •10am HEZ Bishop Williams visitation and luncheon	24	25 •2-4pm Sit & Stitch	26 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door •7:00 Choir Practice	27	28	29
30 4 Epiphany •9am HEZ Followed by annual meeting	31					
						1 New Year's Day

The Vestry of Grace Episcopal Church
 Marcia Splinter (2010)
 Roberta O'Keefe (2010) Clerk
 Fred Lundgren (2010)
 Tony Worthen (2011)
 Reba Cook (2011)
 Alice Boydell (2011)
 Cory Conway (2012)
 Sue Ahrens (2012)
 Joan Seman (2012)

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