



The Grace Vine

July 2008

Rector's Writ

In the Prayers of the People, we "pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world," (Rite I, p. 328) and "in peace" we pray to the Lord our God (Form V and VI, Rite Two, pp. 389 & 392). The more chaotic our world seems to become, the more we realize what a gift the peace of God is...and what a need both the Church AND the world have for that peace. We do well to remember the source of our peace; our need for God's protection and guidance, as a nation, as a Church family, and as individuals with daily decisions and opportunities to love God and our neighbor. The following prayers are offered not just for Independence Day but every day. May we trust in, rely on, and invite the presence of the gracious Lord who keeps our hearts and minds in peace.

Almighty God, who has given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindred and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(For our Country, BCP, p. 820)

Almighty God, Ruler of all the peoples of the earth: Forgive, we beseech thee, our shortcomings as a nation; purify our hearts to see and love the truth; give wisdom to our leaders and steadfastness to our people; and bring us at last to that fair city of peace whose foundations are mercy, justice and good-will, whose Builder and Maker thou art; through thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(adapt. John Wallace Suter, Prayers of the Spirit)

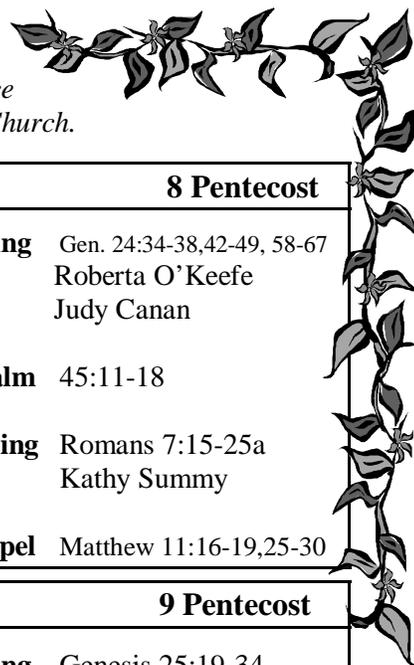
O God, who has put into the hearts of people a great longing for peace but has also given to us the power to choose: Grant us the will to make our choices in accordance with your will. Bind the world together, O God, in fellowship, service, and love, and grant that we may take our part in the fulfillment of your purpose; through him who is our peace, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(adapt. Book of Prayers, ed. By L. and E. McCauley, p. 107)



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.

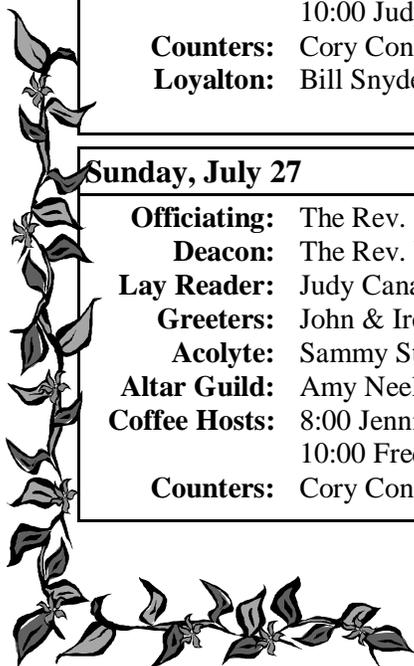


Sunday, July 6	8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	8 Pentecost
Officiating: The Rev. Carol S. Evans Lay Reader: Bette Brooks Greeters: John & Mary Jean McDonald Acolyte: Jenna Summy Altar Guild: Amy Neely & Cindy Hoskins Coffee Hosts: 8:00 Mike & Shirley Johnson 10:00 Nydah Ellet & Marsha Snyder Counters: Cory Conway & Frank Seman Loyalton: Maynard Evans	1st Reading Gen. 24:34-38,42-49, 58-67 Roberta O'Keefe Judy Canan Psalm 45:11-18 2nd Reading Romans 7:15-25a Kathy Summy Gospel Matthew 11:16-19,25-30	

Sunday, July 13	8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	9 Pentecost
Officiating: The Rev. Carol S. Evans Deacon: The Rev. William D. Snyder Lay Reader: Carolyn Englert Greeters: Judy Canan & Kay Canan Acolyte: Eric Splinter Altar Guild: Amy Neely & Cindy Hoskins Coffee Hosts: 8:00 George Furrer 10:00 Jim & Nancy Ervin Counters: Cory Conway & Frank Seman	1st Reading Genesis 25:19-34 10:00 Steve Barna Psalm 119:105-112 2nd Reading Romans 8:1-11 Cathy Mansor Gospel Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23	

Sunday, July 20	8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	10 Pentecost
10am Service will be held at JAM at Barna's House Officiating: The Rev. Carol S. Evans Lay Reader: Maynard Evans Greeters: Bud Minnich & Gary Bell Acolyte: TBA Altar Guild: Amy Neely & Cindy Hoskins Coffee Hosts: 8:00 Frank & Joan Seman 10:00 Judy Canan & Kay Canan Counters: Cory Conway & Frank Seman Loyalton: Bill Snyder	1st Reading Genesis 28:10-19a Roberta O'Keefe Bud Minnich Psalm 139:1-11, 22-23 2nd Reading Romans 8:12-25 Carolyn Englert Gospel Matthew 13:24-30,36-43	

Sunday, July 27	8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	Pentecost 11
Officiating: The Rev. Carol S. Evans Deacon: The Rev. William D. Snyder Lay Reader: Judy Canan Greeters: John & Irene Machisko Acolyte: Sammy Stickle & Julie Canan Altar Guild: Amy Neely & Cindy Hoskins Coffee Hosts: 8:00 Jennifer Golec 10:00 Fred & Nancy Lundgren Counters: Cory Conway & Frank Seman	1st Reading Genesis 29:15-28 John Machisko Psalm 105:1-11, 45b 2nd Reading Romans 8:26-39 Tim Splinter Gospel Matthew 13:31-33,44-52	



Sunday, August 3

8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist

Pentecost 12

Officiating: The Rev. Carol S. Evans
Lay Reader: Bette Brooks
Greeters: Fred & Nancy Lundgren
Acolyte: Schyler Conway
Altar Guild: Bette Brooks & Nancy Lundgren
Coffee Hosts: 8:00 Frank & Joan Seman
10:00 Judy Canan & Kay Canan
Counters: Marcia Splinter & Kelly Postlethwaite
Loyalton: Maynard Evans

1st Reading Genesis 32:22-31
Roberta O'Keefe
Kathy Summy

Psalm 17:1-7, 16

2nd Reading Romans 9:1-5
Cathy Mansor

Gospel Matthew 14:13-21

Birthdays

1st Mary Ann Switz
Lisa Paxton
2nd Emily Neely
9th Joshua Crouse
11th Morgan Sherwood
12th Rev. Lloyd O'Keefe
Amy Seman
15th Blake Quay
Kirsten Seman
17th Jillian Conway
20th Bill Snyder
23rd Michael Canan
Debbie Shorts
24th Roger Watkins
26th Dennis Dier
27th Perry Williams
Frank Seman
29th Dani Dier
31st Colin Thomas
Samuel Rich



Congratulations!

and many happy returns...



Anniversaries

7th Stephanie & Stephen York
8th David & Jennifer Golec
11th Kenneth & Carolyn Englert
16th Kevin & Sally Langan
19th Johnnie & Irene Machisko
21st Phil & Courtney Rich

Remember, we're still trying to weasel out the last of the mistakes and omissions. Deliver any you find **in writing** to Marsha Snyder or her desk.

Baptisms

2nd Brandon Higgins
7th Julia Bree Canan
19th Eric Splinter
22nd McKenna Conway
26th Georgia Golec
29th Midge Myers





Did You Know?...



Marcia and Tim Splinter were off to New York visiting Marcia's family and they left the boys behind on the way home. Tim's mother **Barb** spent most of June with them and enjoyed watching her grandsons, **Kevin & Eric**...

Cathy Mansor had her teenage grandchildren in church with her one Sunday in June and they filled the pew. Cathy's daughter was out of town and she had the kids. Cathy said they were a delight, but she couldn't believe how much they could eat. That's teenagers for you!!...

Carol spent time with her family in Missouri and it was good being with the family again. However while she was there she got caught in a hail storm and had some real damage to her car...

Marsha & Bill Snyder enjoyed their trip to Minnesota, this was the first time papa Snyder saw five month old grandson **Oliver**. And of course he looks just like his grandfather. Handsome boy!!..

Barb Popiel spent a week with her daughter and son-in-law **Michelle and Dave**, in Orlando. It was hot, humid and rainy but she had a good time anyway...

Game Night at **Judy Canan's** home was a real delight; it was such a nice evening that a lot of people spent their time on the deck...

Rev. Carol and Steve Barna were the adults from our church who went on a mission trip to Pulaski, Virginia. They joined **Nancy Baxter, Rev. Julie Fisher, and Sally Bear** from Christ Church, Kent; and **Katherine Zuhl**. Twelve youth and adults went to help that town's local Habitat for Humanity. Carol said there was a lot of physical work and some of the youth were up for the challenge. Our church was represented by **Phillip Crouse, Brittany Groff, and Brittany Cannon**...

It was a wonderful surprise seeing **Jim and Linda Corrao** in church with us last month. They were visiting Linda's mother and were on their way back home to Georgia the following week. It was nice to hear Jim say that Grace Church still felt like home after all these years...

Sue Ahrens spent a lot of time moving her mother to Minnesota, so she could be near her son. Mom arrived safe and sound and is enjoying her new surroundings...

Shirley Johnson sent cookies to **Luke Snyder** in Kosovo. He wrote back thanking her for the cookies and said he was with British troops when the cookies arrived, and they were surprised that someone he didn't know

would send cookies. They never get packages from anyone but family and friends. Luke shared the cookies with everyone and they all said to thank Shirley --- they were delicious...

This spring ingathering of UTO (United Thank Offering) had 27 people participate and \$290.00 was collected. Thank you to everyone who gave so generously...

If you like the newly painted red front doors, you can thank **John McDonald and Steve Barna**. The doors look great; they had faded to a questionable pink color...

Junior Warden John McDonald has a "Grab a Job" list in the parish hall, if you are inclined, I'm sure you can find something to do from this list and you can do it when ever you are available, at your own leisure. Check it out!!...

The County Clothing Center asked for Silent Auction items for their first big fund raiser. The hope was to buy a huge truck to pick up large donations. They raised \$29,595. We donated items for a gift basket that brought \$100.00. Thanks to **Marsha Snyder, Judy Canan, Shirley Johnson, Debbie Shorts, Roberta O'Keefe, and Marcia Splinter**, who brought in items for the basket and to **Mary Jean McDonald** for coordinating this project.

Please give any information you'd like to see in the Did You Know to Tim Splinter or Marsha Snyder.

Here are a few more Funnies supposedly culled from real church publications around the country...

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.

On the Horizon

Saturday, July 12th
Multi-Church
Rummage Sale
See below for details

Saturday, July 19th to
Sunday the 20th
JAM

Time again for the Youth Group Retreat at Barna's. We will have the 10am service on Sunday at Barna's with them.

August 4th to August 8th
V.B.S.

Open to all Youth in the community, so bring your friends! Addrienne Conway is looking for leaders, age 13 through adult.

Saturday, August 16th
Game & Fellowship Night
Back to the Parish Hall this time, but still at 6:30.

Saturday, September 20th
Ravenna Balloon Affair
See details on next page

Saturday, September 27th
Youth Cake Decorating
The Youth Group will be decorating mini-cakes to prepare for the first Sunday back to classes the next day.

Saturday, September 27th
Steak Fry
Details when available

Sunday, September 28th
Christian Ed Resumes
Sunday morning Christian Ed resumes for the youth at 9:45.

Saturday, October 4th
Women's Night In
All the women are invited to come in, have some dinner and snacks and discuss such serious issues as:
"The strangest advice my mother ever gave." or "The worst date I ever went on."

Saturday, October 11th
Christian Ed Retreat
This is a deanery wide event for Christian Ed Leaders. Addrienne could use some volunteers to help Goldie, as we are offering day care to those who attend.

Friday, October 24th to
Sunday the 26th
Diocesan Youth Event
Trinity Church in Toledo. Open to youth in grades 7 to 12. Talk to Addrienne Conway

Sunday, November 16th
Youth Bowling Party
After services at Kent Lanes (probably...)



Rummage Sale

Saturday, July 12TH 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

We need people to:

- 1) Spread the News
- 2) Purchase a Table for Yourself (\$10.00 Each)
- 3) Donate Items (clothes WILL be accepted)
- 4) **Help Setup on Friday and Work the Day of the Sale**

Please contact Chris Stickle (330.296.4874) about any of the above items.

We will also be running a **bake sale** on this day. Contact **Marcia Splinter** if you can donate baked goods. Please mark items containing nuts.

The Youth will be running a Sand Art Table as well.

The Bulletin Board

BALLOON-A-FAIR

We'll be running the Hot Dog Lunch, marching in the parade, running a basket raffle and bake sale. We could use help with organizing and legwork before hand, setup, and of course the day of...

We are considering having "kid's games" at the Balloon-A-Fair lunch, but will need lots of help. Please contact Marcia Splinter, at 330-527-2084, if you are willing to help so we can decide if we can go ahead with this plan.

The Youth Group is also planning to run a Sand Art table and will need some volunteers.

Acolytes Schedule

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

8/10—Emily & Taylor
8/17—Jenna
8/24—Eric
8/31—Sammy & Julie
9/7—Schyler

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330-527-2084

Bill Artz of Marshall's 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 with Marshall's.