



The Grace Vine

July 2011

Rector's Writ

It often seems when we go through an especially busy time, we find we can stay in high gear only for so long. Our minds and bodies find ways to let us know that we need some rest. We get irritable or grumpy...we forget things or make mistakes more than usual. From Scripture, we know that at least occasionally Jesus went off by himself to pray and spend some quiet time in God's presence. He even told his disciples to "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest." (Mark 6:31b, NIV) We hear that simple invitation and advice, but we know work, duties and responsibilities are ongoing. Even at church things may slow down a little after May, yet we still rely on volunteers for ongoing or special ministries: Altar Guild; Acolytes; Worship Leaders at Grace and at Emeritus; Lectors; Coffee Hour Hosts; Ushers; Vestry; Gracie's Back Door volunteers; Vacation Bible School and Youth Leaders to name a few. We appreciate the people who participate in all the ministries of Grace Church. May each of us be blessed with some down time that will bring us closer to Christ and to each other; some time to find that "quiet place" where we can not only rest, but listen and be renewed by the Lord who cares for us all.

A Prayer for Quiet Confidence: O God of peace, who has taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and in confidence shall be our strength: By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the Evening: O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in your mercy, grant us and those we love a safe lodging and a holy rest, and peace at the last. Amen.

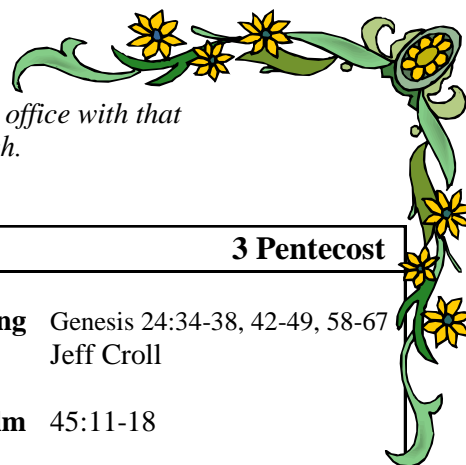
For Travelers: O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Good Use of Leisure: O God, in the course of this busy life, give us times of refreshment and peace; and grant that we may so use our leisure to rebuild our bodies and renew our minds, that our spirits may be opened to the goodness of your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.



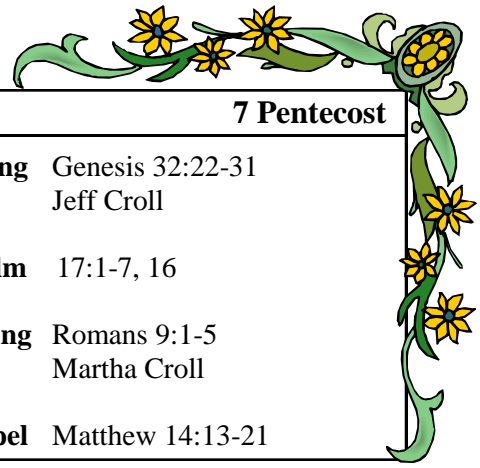
Sunday, July 3		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist		3 Pentecost	
Celebrant	The Rev. Carol S. Evans	1st Reading	Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67		
Lay Reader	Roberta O'Keefe		Jeff Croll		
Greeters	Nancy & Jim Ervin	Psalm	45:11-18		
Acolyte	Kevin Splinter	2nd Reading	Romans 7:15-25a		
Coffee Hosts	8:00 TBA 10:00 Kay Canan, Judy Canan & Marsha		Martha Croll		
	Fourth of July hot dog lunch	Gospel	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30		
Altar Guild	Amy Neely & Cindy Hoskins				
Counters	Cory Conway & Tony Worthen				
Emeritus	Bill Snyder				

Sunday, July 10		8:00- & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist		4 Pentecost	
Celebrant	The Rev. Carol S. Evans	1st Reading	Genesis 25:19-34		
Deacon	The Rev. William D. Snyder		Nancy Lundgren		
Lay Reader	Carolyn Englert	Psalm	119:105-112		
Greeters	Nancy & Fred Lundgren	2nd Reading	Romans 8:1-11		
Acolytes	Jenna Summy & Paige Paxton		Fred Lundgren		
Coffee Host	8:00 TBA 10:00 Nancy & Jim Ervin	Gospel	Matthew 13:19, 18-23		
Altar Guild	Amy Neely & Cindy Hoskins				
Counters	Cory Conway & Tony Worthen				

Sunday, July 17		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist		5 Pentecost	
Celebrant	The Rev. Carol S. Evans	1st Reading	Genesis 28:10-19a		
Lay Reader	Addrienne Conway		Carolyn Englert		
Greeters	Mary Jean & John McDonald	Psalm	139:1-11, 22-23		
Acolyte	Eric Splinter & Jillian Conway	2nd Reading	Romans 8:12-25		
Altar Guild	Amy Neely & Cindy Hoskins		Tim Splinter		
Coffee Hosts	8:00 Frank & Joan Seman 10:00 John & Irene Machisko	Gospel	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43		
Counters	Cory Conway & Tony Worthen				
Emeritus	Kathy Summy				

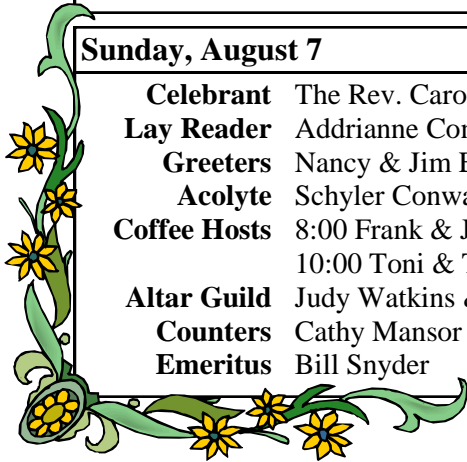
Sunday, July 24		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist		6 Pentecost	
Celebrant	The Rev. Carol S. Evans	1st Reading	Genesis 29:15-28		
Deacon	The Rev. William D. Snyder		Cathy Mansor		
Lay Reader	Roberta O'Keefe	Psalm	105:1-11, 45b		
Greeters	Bev Lewis-Mercury & Jeff Marsh	2nd Reading	Romans 8:26-39		
Acolyte	McKenna Conway		Maynard Evans		
Coffee Hosts	8:00 TBA 10:00 Mary Jean & John McDonald	Gospel	Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52		
Altar Guild	Amy Neely & Cindy Hoskins				
Counters	Cory Conway & Tony Worthen				





Sunday, July 31		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	7 Pentecost
Celebrant	The Rev. Carol S. Evans	1st Reading	Genesis 32:22-31 Jeff Croll
Lay Reader	Carolyn Englert	Psalm	17:1-7, 16
Greeters	John & Irene Machisko	2nd Reading	Romans 9:1-5 Martha Croll
Acolyte	Jenna Summy	Gospel	Matthew 14:13-21
Coffee Hosts	8:00 TBA 10:00 Nancy & Fred Lundgren		
Altar Guild	Amy Neely & Cindy Hoskins		
Counters	Cory Conway & Tony Worthen		

Sunday, August 7		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	8 Pentecost
Celebrant	The Rev. Carol S. Evans	1st. Reading	Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 Fred Lundgren
Lay Reader	Addrienne Conway	Psalm	105:1-6, 16-22, 45b
Greeters	Nancy & Jim Ervin	2nd Reading	Romans 10:5-15 Nancy Lundgren
Acolyte	Schyler Conway	Gospel	Matthew 14:22-33
Coffee Hosts	8:00 Frank & Joan Seman 10:00 Toni & Tony Worthen		
Altar Guild	Judy Watkins & Cindy Hoskins		
Counters	Cathy Mansor & Barb Popiel		
Emeritus	Bill Snyder		



Cornelius Hill – Followup

After reading last month's installment on Cornelius Hill, my father sent me this additional information.
-Tim

Actually Cornelius Hill is not buried in the Holy Apostles Cemetery but In The Church Yard just south of the front door. This place of honor was his alone until the last few years when Dewey Silas, the Oneida priest from the Diocese of Milwaukee who became my successor, and Edmund Powless, my deacon, were buried beside him. Also in the Church Yard is the grave site of Elliazer Williams the French Canadian Mohawk who led the Oneida band from New York under the auspices of Bishop John Henry Hobart.

Williams seems to have been a bit of a would-be empire builder who claimed to be the Lost Dauphine of France. He fell out of favor with the Oneidas it seems and was buried somewhere out east. But a few influential high church clerics who fell in love with the lost dauphine story arranged to get his remains transferred to Holy Apostles. Of course part of the appeal was that Holy Apostles was the first consecrated Episcopal church in Wisconsin and the place that the first graduates of Nashotah House were ordained.

Fr. Goodnough is buried in the cemetery just down from the crest of the hill.
- Father John Splinter

A SHORT HISTORY OF INDEPENDENCE DAY

Independence Day, commonly called the 4th of July commemorates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, declaring independence from the Kingdom of Great Britain. Fireworks, parades, barbecues, picnics, concerts and family reunions are just a few ways July 4th is celebrated.

During the American Revolution the legal separation from Great Britain occurred on July 2, 1776 when the Second Continental Congress voted to approve a resolution of independence. The Declaration was actually signed on the 4th.

Both John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, the only signers of the Declaration of Independence later to serve as president of the United States, died on the same day: July 4, 1826, which was the 50th anniversary of the Declaration. Although not a signer of the Declaration, James Monroe, the fifth President of the United States, died on July 4, 1831. Calvin Coolidge the 30th President, was born on July 4, 1872, and thus is the only President to be born on Independence Day.



Did You Know?...



Judy Canan got herself a snazzy new black car and she looks great in it. But it took her from her house to the church to figure out how to turn off her windshield wipers. **Deacon Snyder** offered to take his wife's car to fill the gas tank (he's so nice) but he soon returned and decided that it would be best if he drove her car instead of his to the gas station. Just a few signs...

High school seniors **Brittany Groff** and **Emily Summy** were honored on Sunday, June 5th. They both graduated from Ravenna High School...

Mary Ann Switz's granddaughter **Lauren Walker** was one of four valedictorians that graduated from Newton Falls High School...

Congratulations to **Amanda Young** who received an HMHP scholarship for this school year. This scholarship will enable her continue her nursing education...

Cathy Mansor's granddaughter **Hannah Barnes** graduated from Crestview High this year. Cathy will soon have two of her grandchildren, Hannah and grandson **Zachery**, at Hiram College, where she is Dean of Hiram's Weekend College...

Nancy Lundgren, daughter **Lisa** and granddaughters **Taylor and Paige** are headed for Texas to visit with son **Bill** and his girls **Jeanie and Suzy**. That's a trip that will be remembered!!

Bill and Marsha Snyder will be heading to Dayton to babysit their granddaughters – that will be a trip to remember too!! Their son **Luke** will be headed to Kuwait. Luke is in the Minnesota National Guard and they have been called up for a year tour. Keep Luke, his wife **Alex** and their boys **Oliver & Noah** in your prayers...

Shirley Johnson was off to California to visit with daughter **Susan** and her family. But Shirley always brings cookies to the Sit & Stitch group and she didn't disappoint. Hubby, **Mike** brought the cookies and we really appreciated that. Thanks Mike & Shirley...

Eleanor Blank celebrated her 90th birthday last month and to honor Eleanor her family had a lovely party for her in the parish hall...

Reba Cook just returned from a vacation with friend to the east coast and is then vacationing again in her lovely new motor home to the Jersey shore...

Jeff & Martha Croll and their niece, Natalie took a trip to our nation's capitol. Jeff is there on business, but there will be time for him, Martha and Natalie to enjoy all the sites Washington has to offer...

Johnnie Machisko was so pleased his son **David** came all the way from St. Louis to be with him on his birthday.

David even ushered with his father during the 10:00 AM services...

Carolyn and Ken Englert are planning a move into Garrettsville. They will be leaving the farm for a place easier for them to manage...

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the spring ingathering of UTO. Twenty four people participated and gave a total of \$446.00. Thanks to everyone who participated, and you need to know that's more than we've contributed in many a year...

Marcia and Tim Splinter have adopted a new 'puppy', but don't be thinking "small, cute, and cuddly." Oh, it's cute alright; cuddly, well that's a matter of opinion --- but small it's not --- it's HUGE, but then Irish Wolfhounds are huge, especially at 18 months already!! Shilo was rescued from southern Ohio, is VERY shy and is suffering from the aftereffects of an untreated broken rear leg and will require surgery, but she's on the right track now.

...if you have info you want to share in "Did You Know", email it to Marsha Snyder at office@graceravenna.org

CHURCH DEFINITIONS

Amen: The only part of a prayer that everyone knows.

Bulletin: Your receipt for attending church.

Choir: A group of people whose singing allows the rest of the parish to lip-sync.

Hymn: A song of praise usually sung in a key three steps higher than that of the congregation's range.

Recessional Hymn: The last song of the church service often sung a little more quietly, since most of the people have already left.

Incense: Holy Smoke!

Jonah: The original "Jaws" story.

Justice: When your kids have kids of their own.

Pew: A medieval torture device still found in churches.

Procession: The ceremonial formation at the beginning of the service consisting of acolytes, choir, the celebrant, and late parishioners looking for seats.

Ten Commandments: The most important Top Ten list not given by David Letterman.

Ushers: The only people in the parish who don't know the seating capacity of a pew.

On the Horizon

Saturday, July 9
Fellowship & Game Night
6:30 pm

We're off to Judy Canan's house again for our evening of fun and frivolity.

Saturday, July 23
Icthus Concert
5:00 pm

Details at right...

Saturday, August 13
Fellowship & Game Night
6:30 pm

Splinter's will host this one. Come on up to Garrettsville!

Saturday, September 17
Ravenna Balloon A-fair

We are considering putting in a float this year. See Addrienne if you have interest in helping.

Saturday, October 22nd
2nd Annual Wine Tasting

Save the date...details will follow.



GRACE CHURCH
INVITES YOU TO
ICTHUS IN CONCERT

Saturday, July 23rd at 5pm the contemporary Christian band, *Icthus*, will provide a concert hosted by Grace Church. The concert is open to the entire community and will be held on the city parking lot across from the church.

This is our way of celebrating our *Unbinding Your Heart* prayer and study groups with an event we can invite ANYONE to attend. It's an opportunity for fun, fellowship and some great music!

Please think about friends and family who would enjoy this concert and the fellowship we can offer as well. Plan to bring your own lawn chairs, and join us for this event that's open to the public. SEE YOU THERE!!!

Birthdays

- 1st Steve Merrill
Mary Ann Switz
Lisa Paxton
- 2nd Emily O'Neill
Brandon Ondrejko
- 10th Tony Worthen
- 12th Rev. Lloyd O'Keefe
Amy Seman
- 15th Brittany Groff
Kirsten Seman
- 17th Jillian Conway
- 20th Bill Snyder
- 23rd Michael Canan
Debbie Shorts
- 24th Roger Watkins
- 26th Dennis Dier
- 27th Frank Seman
- 29th Dani Dier
- 31st Samuel Rich
Colin Thomas

Congratulations!

and many happy returns...



Anniversaries

- 7th Stephanie & Stephen York
- 8th David & Jennifer Golec
- 11th Kenneth & Carolyn Englert
- 13th Jeff & Martha Croll
- 16th Kevin & Sally Langan
- 19th Johnnie & Irene Machisko
- 21st Phil & Courtney Rich

Baptisms

- 2nd Brandon Higgins
- 7th Julia Bree Canan
- 14th Brittany Crouse
- 19th Eric Splinter
- 22nd McKenna Conway
- 26th Georgia Golec
- 29th Midge Myers



The Bulletin Board

Acolytes Schedule

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

8/14

8/21

8/28

9/4

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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.**"

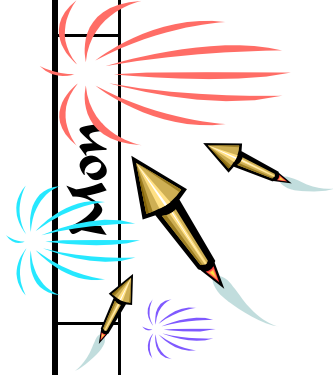
To that end, please give any receipts from Marshall's Dry-cleaning to **Marsha Snyder** for handling.

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

- **John McDonald, Sue Ahrens, Jim Ervin, & Gracie's:** for refurbishing, painting, and decorating the parish hall, and downstairs restrooms by the office.
 - **Fun-d Raising Group:** to all those who helped with the Easter candy sale including: **Marcia Splinter, Courtney & Phillip Rich, Barb Popiel, Carolyn Englert, Marsha Snyder, Toni & Megan Worthen, Midge Myers, Mechele Novak, Shirley Johnson, Bev Lewis-Mercury, Judy Canan.**
 - **To all who helped with the Mother's Day Plant Sale:** **Marcia Splinter** (who takes a vacation day to work on this 'annual' project), **Cathy Mansor, Mechele Novak, Goldie Shriver, Midge Myers, Roberta O'Keefe, Marsha Snyder, John McDonald, Tim Splinter, Jim Ervin, Sue Ahrens, Barb Popiel, Irene Machisko, Addrianne Conway.**
 - **Joan Seman** for purchasing a Keurig Coffee Maker and the supplies to go with it for the Church.
 - **Youth Group: Chris Stickle & Stacy Scibelli,** for organizing the event and directing the "troops" and to all the youth who served and cleaned up after a great spaghetti dinner. Thanks to everyone who supported and enjoyed the dinner.
 - **All facilitators and participants of the Un-binding Your Heart prayer and study groups.** With special thanks to **Addrianne Conway**, Event Coordinator; **Roberta O'Keefe**, Small Group Coordinator; and **Carolyn Englert**, Prayer Coordinator.
 - **Nancy Lundgren & Sally Dier** for decorating and reorganizing "treasures" at Gracie's Back Door. It looks great!
 - **Tim and Marcia Splinter** for Grace Vine layout, design, and prep each month and **Cathy Mansor** who pays to have them printed and collated at Hiram College's print shop.
- **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.*

July

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Sum	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
3 3 Pentecost •8am HE •9am Coffee •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	4 Independence Day Office Closed	5	6 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door	7	8	9 •Fellowship Night 6:30
10 4 Pentecost •8am HE •9am Coffee •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	11	12 •2-4pm Sit & Stitch	13 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door •5:30pm Healing Service & Eucharist	14	15	16
17 5 Pentecost •8am HE •9am Coffee •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	18	19 •7pm Vestry Meeting	20 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door	21 •8am Retired Men's Breakfast	22	23 •Ichthus Concert 5pm
24 6 Pentecost •8am HE •9am Coffee •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	25	26 •2-4pm Sit & Stitch	27 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door	28	29	30
31 7 Pentecost •8am HE •9am Coffee •10am HE •11:15 Coffee						



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Cathy Mansor (2013)
Jeff Marsh (2013)