



The Grace Vine

July 2013

Rector's Writ

Summer has officially arrived, accompanied by a host of outdoor activities and chores and some lovely days. The June graduations and parties have put smiles on faces and proud, happy memories in the heart. Several families will make more good memories and maybe even relax a little with vacations and time just to be together. We opened our summer worship schedule with an outdoor service followed by good fellowship and food, graciously hosted by Debbie Shorts and Rick Lashley and Eric Ballou.

There's usually a lot going on in the way of summer plans among family and friends. Along with those varied activities, we are intentional in our commitment of gathering as a Church family to offer God our worship, prayers, and praise; to keep our fellowship strong; and to keep focused on serving God and others. We make worship a priority because we know how much we need fellowship and faith...and we know from the heart how very much we need and rely on God's goodness, love, and grace. Following are a few prayers to carry into summer:

*"Lord, bestow on me two gifts, to forget myself, and never to forget Thee."
(Eric Milner-White)*

*"A little work to occupy my mind; A little suffering to sanctify My spirit;
and, dear Lord, if thou canst find, Some little good that I may do for thee,
I shall be glad, for that will comfort me. Mind, spirit, hand—I lift them all to thee."
(Anonymous)*

*"Give me, O Lord, a steadfast heart, which no unworthy affection may drag downwards;
give me an unconquered heart, which no tribulation can wear out; give me an upright
heart, which no unworthy purpose may tempt aside. Bestow upon me also, O Lord my God,
understanding to know thee, diligence to seek thee, wisdom to find thee, and a faithfulness
that may finally embrace thee." Amen. (Thomas Aquinas)*

*"I wasn't going to come to church this morning, God, but I'm glad I did. My wife never
misses a service, and I guess I figure that some of her devotion spills over onto me. I
know—it isn't so. But I pray, God. I say a lot of short prayers because I'm always in a
hurry. Which is okay—but only at times. Short times. And I'm beginning to understand that
I need more long times with You. I also need to come to Your home as well as invite You to
mine. Do You know what I'm beginning to feel right now, God? Awe. Yes, awe—in the
presence of Your power, of Your love, of You. I need some awe in my life. I need to know
whose child I am. So, I'll be back next Sunday, God. Amen." (Jack Henderson)*

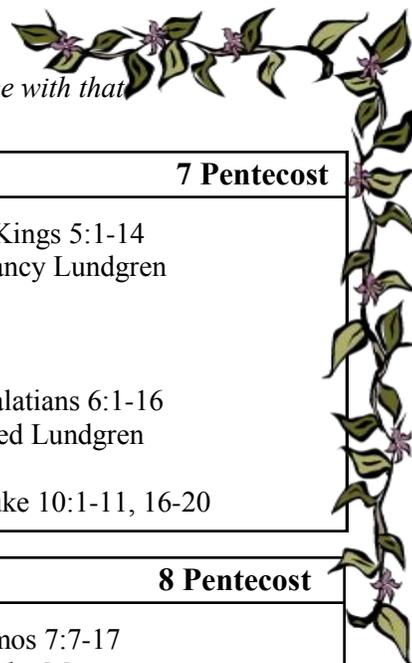


Enjoy your summer and enjoy keeping close to God.
Carol +



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 7 | | 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist | 7 Pentecost |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| Celebrant | The Rev. Carol Evans | 1st Reading | 2 Kings 5:1-14 |
| Lay Reader | Roberta O'Keefe | | Nancy Lundgren |
| Greeters | Nancy & Fred Lundgren | Psalm | 30 |
| Acolyte | Cathy Mansor | | |
| Altar Guild | Cindy Hoskins & Bette Brooks | 2nd Reading | Galatians 6:1-16 |
| Coffee Hour | Chris Stickle & Loretta Reigleman | | Fred Lundgren |
| Counter | Reba Cook & Midge Myers | Gospel | Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 |
| Emeritus | Kathy Summy | | |

| Sunday, July 14 | | 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist | 8 Pentecost |
|---------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Celebrant | The Rev. Carol Evans | 1st Reading | Amos 7:7-17 |
| Deacon | The Rev. William Snyder | | Cathy Mansor |
| Lay Reader | Bette Brooks | Psalm | 82 |
| Greeters | John & Mary Jean McDonald | | |
| Acolyte | Jenna Summy | 2nd Reading | Colossians 1:1-14 |
| Altar Guild | Cindy Hoskins & Bette Brooks | | Maynard Evans |
| Coffee Hosts | Mike & Shirley Johnson | Gospel | Luke 10:25-37 |
| Counters | Reba Cook & Midge Myers | | |

| Sunday, July 21 | | 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist | 9 Pentecost |
|---------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Celebrant | The Rev. Carol Evans | 1st Reading | Amos 8:1-12 |
| Lay Reader | Sally Dier | | Kathy Summy |
| Greeters | Nancy & Jim Ervin | Psalm | 52 |
| Acolyte | Eric Splinter | | |
| Altar Guild | Cindy Hoskins & Bette Brooks | 2nd Reading | Colossians 1:15-28 |
| Coffee Hosts | John & Mary Jean McDonald | | Tim Splinter |
| Counters | Reba Cook & Midge Myers | Gospel | Luke 10:38-42 |
| Emeritus | Bill Snyder | | |

Thursday, July 4th - 12:00 noon
Diocesan Picnic at Hostile Valley Park
4655 State Route 60, Wakeman, Ohio

Join your fellow Episcopalians for food, fellowship and fun at the Diocesan Picnic. Don't miss your opportunity to see first hand the proposed site of a new Camp and Retreat Center. Come and experience all this property offers! Plan for lots of fun: socializing, swimming, games and food. Cheer on Bishop's Bike Ride participants as they make their way through the diocese and bring your own bike for local rides. The main dish will be provided; each individual or group is encouraged to bring a side dish to share. A sign up sheet will be available in the parish hall for those who wish to attend.





Did You Know?...



Our 9:00 AM summer schedule began without a hitch. It was a beautiful summer day and all was right with the world. The service was held at the home of **Debbie Shorts** and despite the prediction of rain it was a beautiful day – a little windy, but we could handle that, thanks be to God. In **Rev. Carol's** absence the service was celebrated by **Deacon Bill Snyder**, with the help of Worship Leader **Nancy Lundgren**. **Martha Croll**, played the guitar and we sang some of our favorite hymns. Afterwards we had a lovely covered dish picnic lunch on the patio overlooking the river. The all inclusive bulletin meant we didn't have to bring along prayer books and hymnals. Thanks to everyone who came and brought the delicious food and to **Debbie and Eric** for supplying and cooking the hotdogs and hamburger. The children enjoyed running and rolling down the hill and playing and the adults enjoyed the fellowship and Debbie's son Eric conducted a tour of her lovely home. Thanks again to Debbie, Eric, and **Rick** for hosting. It was great!! The only down side of the event was that Rev. Carol wasn't there. She was home in Missouri taking care of family affairs after her mother's death...

John McDonald's mother celebrated her 108 birthday with friends and family last month...

We are happy to report that **Bev Lewis Mercury** is moving back in the area and we will be seeing her in church. That's a very good thing...

Bette Brooks was looking forward to her vacation with daughters **Laurel and Beverly**. They headed for the beach in Florida to spend some precious time together and relax by the Gulf. They had one rainy day and Bette spent that time sleeping. She'll be returning to KSU this summer to teach several summer school classes and she'll need all the rest she can get!...

Mary Jean & John McDonald went to California to see grandson **Frederick** graduate from high school. **Cathy Mansor** attended her grandson **Tyler Barnes** graduation from Crestview High School in Columbiana County. Tyler will be moving to Seattle to work with his uncle. **Carolyn & Ken**

Englert went traveling by train headed for Texas to visit with their daughter and family. **Nancy Lundgren** and daughter **Lisa Paxton** and granddaughters **Taylor** and **Paige** went on a "girls trip" to Texas to visit son **Bill** and his girls...

Julie Canan is attending Fortis College here in Ravenna. After working many years at Robinson Memorial Hospital she's decided that more education will help her career...

This is a big year for **Tony & Toni Worthen** and **Chris & Rodney Stickle**—their daughters **Megan** and **Nikki** have graduated. That means lots of plans for their graduations and subsequent graduation parties, with family and friends included in the activities. After high school Megan Worthen will be attending Notre Dame College near Cleveland and Nikki Stickle will be attending Northcoast College where she will be studying to become a veterinarian assistant. Cathy Mansor...

Alice Boydell is still packing for her move to Mason, Ohio, where she'll be closer to her daughter **Ellen** and her family and her sister **Elaine**. We'll miss you Alice...

Bud Minnich enjoyed the visit with his son **Steve** who came from Colorado to visit with his father and worked on the house...

Loretta Reigelman is happy to have her husband **Glenn** join her after being apart for almost a year. Glenn moved here from New Hampshire where he was working...

Jim and Nancy Ervin spent time in Myrtle Beach with their son and his family...

The poker boys played at the home of **Rodney Stickle**. Of course Rodney had more than enough food and once again the boys were very generous and gave their winnings to assist the Loaves and Fishes fund. They did not play in the month of June due to the men's garage sale, but the next meeting will be at the home of **Martha and Jeff Croll** and they will also be hosting the wives. So ladies put that date of July 12th on your calendar.

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Please join us in saying ‘THANK YOU’ to people serving god at Grace Church and in our community in a variety of ways:

- To the men of our parish who worked so hard on the Men’s Garage Sale
- To Sally and Nancy Lundgren for their many days and long hours at Gracie’s Back Door getting it ready for the garage sale
- To Chris & Nikki Stickle for their work cleaning out the Sunday school office and sprucing up classrooms.
- To Nikki Stickle for placing the “then and now” pictures on the wall in the Sunday school area – check it out!
- To Debbie Shorts, her son Eric, and Rick Lashley for hosting the summer outdoor service.
- To Judy Watkins for bringing all the altar guild “stuff” to the picnic
- To Martha Croll for her wonderful talent at the guitar and sharing it with us at the picnic
- To the Poker Boys for their generous donations to Loaves and Fishes
- To our Senior Warden, Cathy Mansor and Junior Warden, Reba Cook for all their hard work.
- To Shirley & Mike Johnson for hosting the “good-bye” luncheon the Sit & Stitch group held for Alice Boydell.
- To Roberta O’Keefe being willing to be the United Thank Offering chairperson.
- To those who participated and gave generously to UTO
- To our Altar Guild for the wonderful work they do every week.
- To Marsha Snyder and “Mother Nature” for keeping the outdoor plants watered. (and for the lovely altar flower arrangements.)
- To those who quietly visit our shut-ins and bring parishioners soup and cookies.
- To those who contribute to our church even though they are unable to attend, our prayers are always with you.
- To our faithful treasurer, Marcia Splinter for her financial time & talents.

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.

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
- 20th Bill Snyder
- 23rd Michael Canan
Debbie Shorts
- 26th Dennis Dier
- 27th Frank Seman
- 29th Dani Dier
- 31st Samuel Rich



Congratulations!

and many happy returns...

Anniversaries

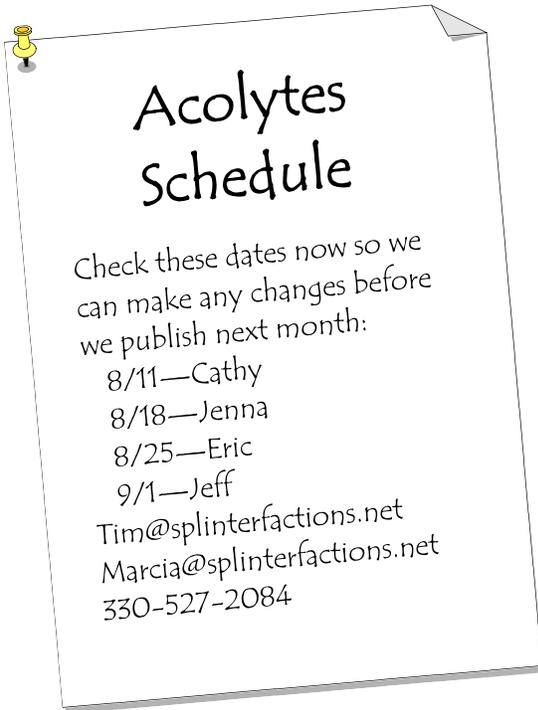
- 8th David & Jennifer Golec
- 11th Kenneth & Carolyn Englert
Lane & Wilda Autry
- 13th Jeff & Martha Croll
- 19th Johnnie & Irene Machisko
- 21st Phil & Courtney Rich
- 29th Loretta & Glenn Reigelman



Baptisms

- 7th Julia Bree Canan
- 14th Brittany Cannon
- 19th Eric Splinter
- 26th Georgia Golec
- 29th Midge Myers

The Bulletin Board



Seen on the sign board at
the church on the square in
Nelson
Township...

**“Visitors Welcome.
Members Expected.”**

A man dies and goes to heaven. St. Peter meets him at the pearly gates.

St. Peter says, "Here's how it works. You need 100 points to make it into heaven. You tell me all the good things you've done, and I give you a certain number of points for each item, depending on how good it was. When you reach 100 points, you get in."

"Okay" the man says, "I attended church every Sunday"

"That's good, says St. Peter, " that's worth two points"

"Two points?" he says. "Well, I gave 10% of all my earnings to the church"

"Well, let's see," answers Peter, "that's worth another 2 points. Did you do anything else?"

"Two points? Golly. How about this: I started a soup kitchen in my city and worked in a shelter for homeless veterans."

"Fantastic, that's certainly worth a point, " he says.

"hmmm...," the man says, "I was married to the same woman for 50 years and never cheated on her, even in my heart."

"That's wonderful," says St. Peter, "that's worth three points!"

"THREE POINTS!!" the man cries, "At this rate the only way I get into heaven is by the grace of God!"

"Come on in!"

A NOTE OF APPRECIATION & THANKS

Many thanks to all of you who kept me and Maynard, our dear Mom, and all our family in your prayers before and following Mom's death. We appreciate so much your cards; the beautiful flowers; apple pie and soups; your generosity, kind thoughts, and prayers. Thanks to Deacon Bill for leading services; to our vestry and treasurer for keeping business matters going; and to Marsha for keeping the office running smoothly.

It's one thing to *talk* about how our Church family helps us to endure the difficulties and enjoy the blessings of life; it's quite another to *experience* that encouragement, support, and fellowship that help us through times of grief. Our thanks, appreciation, and prayers for God's blessings and peace to each of you.

With love and gratitude,
Carol

News from Gracie's Backdoor

Coming Attractions

JULY 2013: It's time to get outside and enjoy barbeques, picnics, and curling up with a good book. Come see what we have to aid these joys.

If you're cleaning out don't throw anything out – remember Gracie's

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.*

William Wilberforce

July 29

William Wilberforce was born August 24, 1759, in Hull, England. This is part of the East Riding area of Yorkshire. He was the only son of a wealthy merchant but was a small, sickly child with very poor eyesight. He was educated until the age of 9 in the Hull Grammar School; however, after the death of his father, he was sent to live with wealthy relatives who owned homes in St James' Place, London, and in the village of Wimbleton. He attended a boarding school and spent holidays among his family members with whom he developed deep relationships. It was here that he was initially exposed to the evangelical Christianity sweeping England during the period. His Aunt Hannah was a supporter of the leading Methodist preacher George Whitefield. His mother was appalled that he was being lured away from the Church of England and insisted he return to Hull. And, because the new headmaster of the Hull Grammar School was a Methodist, his mother enrolled him in a nearby boarding school. His religious fervor lessened and he developed a lively social life that carried over into his collegiate days at St. John's College, Cambridge, where he earned both a bachelors and masters degree. His circle of close friends included the future Prime Minister, William Pitt. By this point, the deaths of his grandfather and his uncle had made him independently wealthy and he began to consider a political career.

While still a student at Cambridge (at age 21), he was elected Member of Parliament from Kingston upon Hull, spending about 8,000 pounds to secure the seat—this was the custom of the time and was not considered “buying the election.” Although an independent who voted his conscience, Wilberforce was a society “hit” in London. He was described as the “wittiest man in England” and the Prince of Wales stated he would go anywhere to hear Wilberforce sing!

In the fall of 1784, Wilberforce began a tour of Europe that would change the direction of his life. It was not what he saw or experienced but rather the book *A Serious Call to a Devout and Holy Life* that he and his traveling companion read and studied. He began to question all elements of his life and it was only through persuasion of friends that he realized that he could serve God through politics and his political views. He returned to Parliament a new person, still outwardly cheerful, interested, and respectful but inwardly committed to issues of social justice. In 1788, he introduced his first anti-slavery motion in the House of Commons; it was defeated. He brought it up every year for 18 years until the slave trade was abolished on March 25, 1806. He then pushed for an end to slavery in British territories, a motion that finally passed on July 25, 1833, only 4 days before his death. It is no surprise that an historically black institution of higher education in Ohio is named for this remarkable man who was so far ahead of his time.

Prayer: Just and eternal God, we give you thanks for the stalwart faith and persistence of your servant William Wilberforce, who, undeterred by opposition and failure, held fast to a vision of justice in which no child of yours might suffer in enforced servitude and misery. Grant that we, drawn by that same Gospel vision, may persevere in serving the common good and caring for those who have been cast down, that they may be raised up through Jesus Christ; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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| Sun | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat |
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| | 1 | 2 • Noon Sit & Stitch @ Johnson's | 3 • 10-2 Gracie's Back Door | 4 4th of July • Noon Diocesan Picnic | 5 | 6 • 6pm Game & Fellowship Night |
| 7 7 Pentecost • 9am HE • 10:15am Hot Dog Lunch | 8 | 9 | 10 • 10-2 Gracie's Back Door • 6pm Healing Service with Holy Eucharist | 11 | 12 • 6:30 Poker Boys | 13 |
| 14 8 Pentecost • 9am HE • 10:15am Coffee Hour | 15 | 16 • 7pm Vestry Meeting | 17 • 10-2 Gracie's Back Door | 18 • 8am Retired Men's Breakfast | 19 | 20 |
| 21 9 Pentecost • 9am HE • 10:15am Coffee Hour | 22 | 23 • 2-4pm Sit & Stitch | 24 • 10-2 Gracie's Back Door | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 10 Pentecost • 9am HE • 10:15am Coffee Hour | 29 | 30 | 31 • 10-2 Gracie's Back Door | | | |



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