



The Grace Vine

June 2012

Rector's Writ

Several years ago during one of our seminary classes, we were talking about church--the advantages and drawbacks of being part of a church community.

We've heard most of both arguments: 20% of the people do 80% of the work; giving is an opportunity; giving is an obligation; it takes people caring about each other to make a real community; it takes time and energy to care for and about one another in a way that builds good relationships. It was agreed that building a faithful church family is a process that doesn't happen overnight. The professor brought all the positive and negative aspects to conclusion with one observation, one which I believe is the hallmark of a faithful, healthy Church family: sorrows and troubles are lessened when shared, joys are increased when shared

Most of us would say OK, that's a nice thought. I heard it, remembered it, and maybe even used it in a sermon. But when our Dad died, I experienced it. Our sorrow and grief were lessened by your prayers, lovely cards, calls, flowers, food, your kind thoughts and generosity to our family. We offer a sincere THANK YOU to all of you. This Church family of ours made a difficult situation bearable and lessened the load by sharing our sorrows. Maynard and I both are grateful for your loving, caring response to Dad's death and for the support you've given our family. In spite of the miles and distance, there were reminders to let me know that our Church family was keeping us all in prayer, and that was a help and comfort to us. Death is something we all have to face sooner or later, but I can't imagine facing it in any circumstances without the love and support of our Church family. Thank you all so much for being family with whom we can share our sorrows, our joys, and give thanks to God throughout this journey of life.

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

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, June 3		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	Trinity Sunday
Celebrant	The Rev. Carol Evans	1st Reading	Isaiah 6:1-8 Nancy Lundgren
Lay Reader	Carolyn Englert	Psalm	29
Greeters	Fred & Nancy Lundgren	2nd Reading	Romans 8:12-17 Fred Lundgren
Acolytes	Schylar Conway	Gospel	John 3:1-17
Altar Guild	Judy Watkins & Joan Seman		
Coffee Hosts	8:00 Joan & Frank Seman 10:00 Toni & Tony Worthen		
Counters	Cathy Mansor & John McDonald		
Emeritus	Kathy Summy		

Sunday, June 10		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	2 Pentecost
Celebrant	The Rev. Carol Evans	1st Reading	1 Samuel 8:4-20, 11:14-15 Kathy Summy
Deacon	The Rev. William Snyder	Psalm	138
Greeters	John & Mary Jean McDonald	2nd Reading	2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1 Tim Splinter
Acolytes	Eric Splinter	Gospel	Mark 3:20-35
Altar Guild	Judy Watkins & Joan Seman		
Coffee Hosts	8:00 Sandy Ulbricht 10:00 Kay Canan & Chris Stickle		
Counters	Cathy Mansor & John McDonald		

Sunday, June 17		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	3 Pentecost
Father's Day—Conway's fair well		1st Reading	I Samuel 15:34—16:13 Martha Croll
Celebrant	The Rev. Carol Evans	Psalm	20
Lay Reader	Roberta O'Keefe	2nd Reading	2 Corinthians 5:10-17 Jeff Croll
Greeters	Bev Lewis-Mercury & Jeff Marsh	Gospel	Mark 4:26-34
Acolyte	Jenna Summy		
Altar Guild	Judy Watkins & Joan Seman		
Coffee Hosts	8:00 Pat Williams 10:00 John & Irene Machisko		
Counters	Cathy Mansor & John McDonald		
Emeritus	Bill Snyder		

The United Thank Offering ingathering is set for Sunday, June 10th. This is the day to empty our blue boxes and bring in your offering envelopes. United Thank Offering is our daily thanks for the blessings in our everyday lives through prayer and offering. What daily things are you thankful for?

UTO
Every day

SPRING & SUMMER IN ALL IT'S SPLENDOR
GOOD FRIEND AND NEIGHBORS

FAMILY
CHURCH FAMILY

Offerings are used as a worldwide effort to meet compelling human needs and to expand the mission and ministry of the church – for men, women and children throughout the world.

Count your Blessings. By dropping a few coins a day into our Blue Boxes we are, combined with many others, doing a world of good. Remember the size of your offering is not as important as the practice of thanksgiving.

– Alice Boydell, UTO chairperson

Sunday, June 24 **8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist** **4 Pentecost**

Celebrant The Rev. Carol Evans
Deacon The Rev. William Snyder
Lay Reader Judy Watkins
Greeters Jim & Nancy Ervin
Acolyte Kathy Summy
Altar Guild Judy Watkins & Joan Seman
Coffee Hosts 8:00 Midge Myers
 10:00 John & Mary Jean McDonald
Counters Cathy Mansor & John McDonald

1st Reading I Samuel 17:1a, 4-11, 19-23,
 32-49—Cathy Mansor

Psalm 9:9-20

2nd Reading 2 Corinthians 6:1-13
 Maynard Evans

Gospel Mark 4:35-41

Sunday, July 1 **8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist** **5 Pentecost**

Celebrant The Rev. Carol Evans
Lay Reader Carolyn Englert
Greeters Fred & Nancy Lundgren
Acolytes Eric Splinter
Altar Guild Cindy Hoskins & Nancy Lundgren
Coffee Hosts 8:00 Joan & Frank Seman
 10:00 Jim & Nancy Ervin
Counters Cathy Mansor & Midge Myers
Emeritus Kathy Summy

1st Reading 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27
 Fred Lundgren

Psalm 130

2nd Reading 2 Corinthians 8:7-15
 Nancy Lundgren

Gospel Mark 5:21-43

VESTRY NEWS

As you may know the Conway family will be moving to Kansas. Cory is our current Senior Warden, Addrienne has served as Christian Education director for several years and also teaches, and the three girls (Schyler, McKenna, & Jillian) are acolytes and are very active Youth Group members. The Conway family will be greatly missed. As you can imagine, this family will be a loss to Grace Church. To fill in the vacancy at Vestry, Cathy Mansor has agreed to serve as Senior Warden and Fred Lundgren will fill the unexpired term, created by Cory's departure. We're working on recruiting one or two members to continue the ministry of Christian Education Director.

Birthdays

- 6th David Ondrejko
- 8th Eric Splinter
- 9th Cindy Hoskins
- 10th Johnnie Machisko
- 11th Georgia Golec
- 15th Sally Dier
 Stacy Scibelli
- 18th June Marks
- 20th Paige Thomas
- 21st Carol Evans
- 22nd Michael Ondrejko Jr.
- 23rd Sandy Ulbricht
- 25th Maynard Evans
- 26th Taylor Paxton
 Jenna Summy
 Aiden Young
- 28th Jeff Croll



Congratulations!

and many happy returns...

Anniversaries

- 3rd Keith & Janice Lallathin
- 7th Maynard & Carol Evans
- 23rd Tim & Stacy Scibelli
- 27th Richard & Sharon Sanek
 Frank & Joan Seman

Baptisms

- 1st Addrienne Conway
- 2nd Olivia Golic
- 7th Judy Watkins
 Tim Splinter
- 22nd Fred Lundgren
 Johnnie Machisko
 McKenna Conway
- ? Kenneth Englert
 Carolyn Englert
 Rodney Stickle
 Chris Stickle





Did You Know?...



We are so proud of our Youth Group; they took funds from their treasury to help the children in the Dominican Republic. And thanks to **Steve Merrill** for helping us get “out of the box” and be generous to those in need; just as Christ has taught us...

Mary Jean's granddaughter, **Emily** took **Steve's** “things we need list” home to her mother and informed her they needed to buy the items for the children in the Dominican Republic, and they bought a lot of those items to the church. Thanks to Emily and her Mom...

Nancy & Fred Lundgren took a trip to Texas to visit with their son **Bill** and granddaughters, **Jean** and **Suzy**. While there, Bill planned a birthday party for his six year old daughter Suzy, which included all the little girls being “glitized” up with hats, boas, clothes, make-up, and new hair do's, and runways for them to show off their “new” self. What fun! Then they all wanted to swim – of course they did, they are little girls...

Sue & Bruce Ahren's granddaughter will be graduating from high school this year. Congratulations, **Emily**...

Laurel Brooks is moving closer to home... if you call Pittsburg close. Laurel will be working at Swickley Academy, in Swickley, PA just outside of Pittsburg. I'm sure **Bette** likes her closer to home...

Judy Canan is sooo happy Rev. Carol is back. As much as she enjoys **Deacon Bill's** sermons, one more Sunday without Eucharist and she'd be at the Catholic church. Whether they wanted her or not...

Reba Cook has received the last of her radiation treatments and she is so happy about that and ready to get on with her life...

Thank you choir members: **Sue Ahrens, Tim & Marcia Splinter, Jeff & Martha Croll, Jenna & Kathy Summy and Marsha Snyder and organist Mary Ann Switz** for a wonderful season of music we so much enjoyed...

Many thanks to **Nancy Ervin** and the hospitality committee for the wonderful breakfast served on Mother's Day. **Nancy, Mary Jean McDonald and Marsha Snyder** made the casseroles. **Jim Ervin** got

all the jelly from Bob Evans – thanks Jim and thanks Bob Evans' manager Chris. Thanks to all those who helped in the kitchen: **Irene Machisko, Barb Popiel, Mary Jean McDonald, and Marsha Snyder**...

From the looks of it **Steve Merrill** “lost” the bet with his nursing team students, they raised over \$1,000.00 for Relay for Life – and, as agreed, the beard “had” to come off. Steve's new beard is looking good and it was for a good cause...

Marsha & Bill Snyder were delighted to have their son **Luke** and his family visit from Stillwater, Minnesota. Their daughter, **Jill** and her daughters joined the reunion along with other members of the family for the homecoming...

The Sunday school began their summer break and we want to thank our faithful teachers who helped make this a very important church ministry: **Addrienne Conway**, Director of Christian Education & teacher, and teachers **Stacy Scibelli, Chris Stickle, and Kathy Summy**.

Eric Splinter's school play put on it's shows to much laughter and success. His parents get to actually see him in the evenings again now.

Gracie's Back Door

Come visit Gracie's Back Door – We feature many books by noted Christian authors, a new full bed comforter set, new full quilt, great tea pots, new collectible cups & saucers, many unusual cake plates, decorative vases, and great gifts for that special teacher. Lots of new jewelry, a wonderful rocking chair and a side chair. And as usual we have many gift items with many “new” items arriving weekly. Look for Gracie's “angels”... they have arrived!!

News from ECW

At the Saturday, April 28th breakfast meeting, our treasurer, Mary Jean McDonald reported that our current balance was \$671.18 which included \$460.00 from our Christmas cookie sale. The Fall UTO in-gathering was 265.00 which we then sent to the diocese. The following organizations received funds from the ECW: The Lillian Vallely School, an Episcopal American Indian school in Blackfoot, Idaho, will receive \$100.00; we donated \$200.00 to the Grace Church deficit and \$50.00 to Nets for Life, a project to assist African countries to eradicate malaria. We also purchased several new table clothes for the parish hall for \$79.69 – thanks to Mary Jean McDonald who used her coupons very wisely. So as you can see we spent our money well.

The ECW will take over the Easter Candy sale with all the proceeds to go to the church deficit.

This will take some of the burden off the Fund Raising committee. We will need a lot of help on this project, and we welcome anyone who's interested to join us. Remember all women of the church are members of the ECW, whether you attend the meetings or not.

Our next project will be giving supplies to Safer Futures, the battered women's shelter located here in Portage County. A list of needed items will be in your Grace Vine and in On the Horizon in your bulletin.

Please plan to attend the summer picnic at Marsha Snyder's home. A sign up sheet will be in the parish hall.

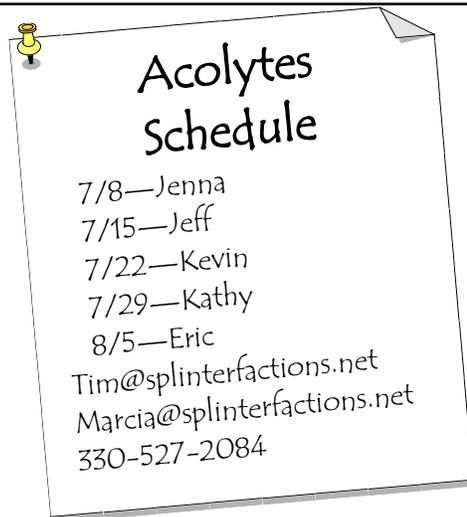
History of Father's Day

The campaign to celebrate the nation's fathers did not meet with the same enthusiasm as Mother's Day – perhaps because, as one florist explained, “fathers haven't the same sentimental appeal that mothers have.” On July 5, 1908, a West Virginia church sponsored the nation's first event explicitly in honor of fathers, a Sunday sermon in memory of the 362 men who had died in the previous December's explosions at the Fairmont Coal Company mines in Monongah, but it was a one-time commemoration and not an annual holiday. The next year, a Spokane, Washington woman named Sonora Smart Dodd, one of six children raised by a widow, tried to establish an official equivalent to Mother's Day for male parents. She went to local churches, the YMCA, shopkeepers and government officials to

drum up support for her idea, and she was successful: Washington State celebrated the nation's first statewide Father's Day on July 19, 1910.

Slowly the holiday spread. In 1916, President Wilson honored the day by using telegraph signals to unfurl a flag in Spokane when he pressed a button in Washington, D. C. In 1924, President Calvin Coolidge urged state governments to observe Father's Day. However, many men continued to disdain the day. As one historical writes, they scoffed at the holiday's sentimental attempts to domesticate manliness with flowers and gift-giving, or they derided the proliferation of such holidays as a commercial gimmick to sell more products-often paid for by the father himself.”

The Bulletin Board



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:

- Our Youth Group for their donation for supplies for the Dominican Republic trip.
- Our generous congregation for their contributions for health and hygiene supplies for the Dominican Republic trip.
- Amy Seman for her donation of decaf coffee for our Keurig coffee maker (which Joan Seman bought for the church). Members of Vestry, the Sit & Stitch group, volunteers, and those of us in the office really appreciate it.
- Our congregation for their on going financial and spiritual support
- John McDonald for cleaning up the flower beds around the church and rectory.
- Reba Cook for getting the front steps repaired and looking great
- Nancy Ervin and the other cooks who prepared our Family breakfast held on Mother’s Day.
- Deacon Bill for being there while Rev. Carol was with her family after her father’s death.
- Marcia & Tim Splinter for hosting the garage sale and for taking all those items to their home, and to everyone who worked at the sale and helped get items from the church to the Splinters.
- Shirley Johnson for arranging the flowers for the altar while Marsha was away.
- God for Luke Snyder’s safe return from Kuwait.
- Mary Jean McDonald and Marsha Snyder for hosting the ECW breakfast. And thanks to those who attended (all 8 of you).
- John McDonald for painting the back steps – again!!
- Sally Dier & Nancy Lundgren for all their work in Gracie’s – it looks great!! (especially the angel collection!)
- The Sunday School teachers and students for their hard work and dedication to the church and youth.
- The Choir and Mary Ann for the music they shared with us.
- The Conway family for choosing us to be their church family. From a grateful congregation that appreciates all the ways you’ve ministered to this church. You will all be missed!!
- Mike Johnson & John McDonald for staining the rectory deck.
- Cathy Mansor & Fred Lundgren for being willing to serve on Vestry when Cory Conway moves.
- To all those people who do those things around the church and around the community; things we don’t know anything about it – it just gets done. God is watching you and we are thankful.

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.

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.*

Roland Allen

June 8

Roland Allen was born in Bristol, England, on December 29, 1868. His father was an Anglican priest, but Roland was orphaned at a young age. Little is known of his early years but we do know that he trained for the priesthood at Oxford University and was ordained priest in 1893. He was sent to China in 1895 while working for the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. This assignment ended during the Boxer Rebellion in 1900 when he was forced to flee to the British Legation in Beijing. He served as chaplain to the community throughout much of the siege. Two years later, he returned to China but was forced home due to ill health. These experiences led him to a radical reassessment of his own vocation as well as the theology and missionary methods of Western churches.

This reassessment was characterized by his strong belief that newly established churches in mission lands should be self-supporting, self-propagating, and self-governing from their very inception. The model for the congregation should be adapted to local conditions and not merely a local imitation of Western Christianity. In 1910, he traveled to India and conducted research later in Canada and East Africa also. In 1912, he authored *Missionary Methods*, which spelled out his views. His beliefs were based on careful study of St. Paul's missionary work. St. Paul, he thought, recognized the church as a local entity and trusted in the Holy Spirit's indwelling within the converts. The missionary model that Roland was arguing against did not trust the local converts and thought that only through the strict shepherding of the newly formed church by Western missionaries could the converts' salvation be assured.

His views became increasingly influential, even as he became more disillusioned with established churches. He moved to Kenya where he lived his last years. He published a second book, *The Family Rite*, which argued for the family to again become the center of the Christian church and its ministry. He died in Nairobi on June 9, 1947. The Bishop of Mombasa conducted his funeral and his gravestone can be found in Nairobi's City Park.

Prayer: Almighty God, by your Spirit you opened the Scriptures to your servant Roland Allen, so that he might lead many to know, live and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ: Give us grace to follow his example, that the variety of those to whom we reach out in love may receive your saving Word and witness in their own languages and cultures to your glorious Name; through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

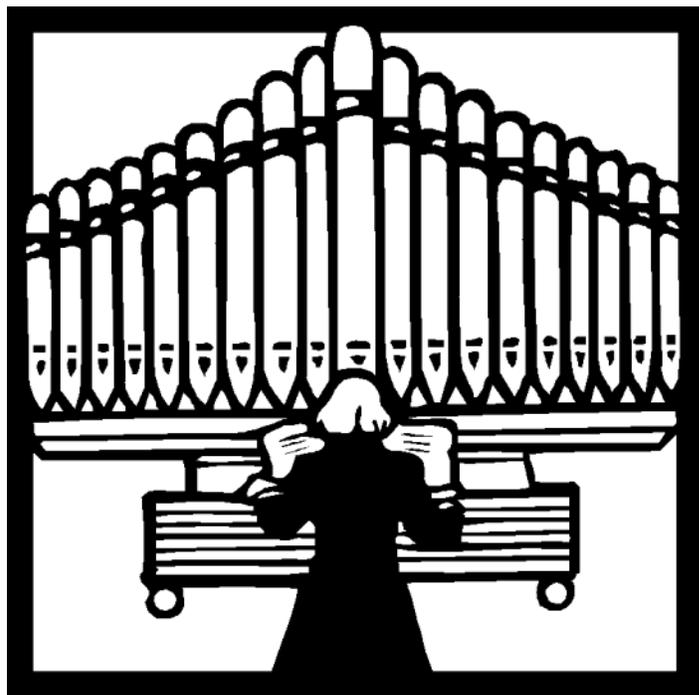
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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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3 Trinity Sunday •8am HE •9am Coffee •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	4	5	6 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door	7	8	9 •Fellowship & Game Night 6:30
10 2 Pentecost UTO Sunday •8am HE •9am Coffee •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	11	12 •1-3pm Sit & Stitch	13 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door •5:30pm Healing Service & Eucharist	14 Flag Day	15	16
17 3 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
24 2 Pentecost •8am HE •9am Coffee •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	25	26 •1-3pm Sit & Stitch	27 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door	28	29 •6:30 Poker Boys at Croll's	30

PIPINGS . . .



We all have hymns that have become favorites and that we may seldom get a chance to sing. The hymns used in our Sunday morning worship services are normally chosen for their relevance to the lessons and/or theme for the day. When this isn't possible, or when another more general hymn seems equally appropriate to the day or season, I will often schedule that hymn, or sometimes simply another hymn that I think we might like to sing.

Last summer and fall we had several Sundays when parishioners shared with us their favorite hymns which were then sung during the services. We would like to do this again and are asking those who have a hymn they would like to share to please let us know.

Do you have a hymn and story you'd like to share? Now's your chance! The only requirements are 1) that you be willing to write up a few sentences describing briefly why it is a favorite or has special meaning for you, which we will then print in the Sunday bulletin for that day; and 2) that the hymn you select be in one of our two hymnals (The Hymnal 1982 or Common Praise Hymnal) that are in the pew racks (this due to copyright concerns). I usually schedule several weeks of hymns in advance, and will contact you to coordinate the hymn's scheduling.

Below is a form that can be filled out and returned to me in person, placed in my mailbox at the church or sent via "snail" mail (2005 Dooridge Drive, Twinsburg, Ohio 44087) . . . or just speak to me on a Sunday morning. If you prefer, send an E-mail to me at maswitz@windstream.net (just be sure to list "Favorite Hymn Request" in the subject line as I delete all messages unopened that have addresses I don't recognize).

Our heritage of hymns is rich and varied. Please share your favorite with all of us. We'd be delighted to hear from you.

Mary Ann Switz
Organist

MY FAVORITE HYMN

Name of hymn (Usually the first line) _____

Which hymnal is it in? _____ The Hymnal 1982 _____ Common Praise
(Please list the hymn NUMBER in the space above if you know what it is.)

Your name _____ Phone # _____

Tell us about your hymn:



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The Vestry of Grace Episcopal Church

Cory Conway (2012)

Sue Ahrens (2012)

Joan Seman (2012)

Cathy Mansor (2013)

Jeff Marsh (2013)

Barb Popiel (2013)

Reba Cook (2014)

John McDonald (2014)

Midge Myers (2014)

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