



The Grace Vine

June 2008



Rector's Writ

With the demands of our work world and events to plug into almost every weekend, it's easy to forget the importance of play. We all need quiet time and rest...time to offer our prayers. We need time to listen and observe how God might choose to reveal his will for us. We might think about that in terms of walking in the woods or by the lake. This listening takes on a serious but relaxed tone. It has its place in our spiritual life, but it's not the *ONLY* way to know and listen to God. With summer coming on we might do well to consider "play" as a time for listening, being creative, and being close to God.

Now for those with a strong Protestant work ethic, you'll think this notion of play is ridiculous. It's fine for children and teenagers who have energy to burn. But how do adults "play?"

"Play" can be loosely defined as an enjoyable activity that so captivates us, we lose track of time. Frederick Buechner writes, when we're lost in play we don't necessarily "accomplish anything...we're not providing anything. There's nothing edifying or educational or particularly helpful" in playing. It's just *PLAY* and that's all; no agenda, no goals to achieve, no responsibilities to worry about. Play has as much variety as personalities. For some it's crossword puzzles; for others it's trains, cars, dolls, golf, or digging around in dirt and grass (the adult term is gardening). Whatever the method, it helps to remember play is one way to be close to God...a way to respond to God's playful side and join in as the Spirit moves you.

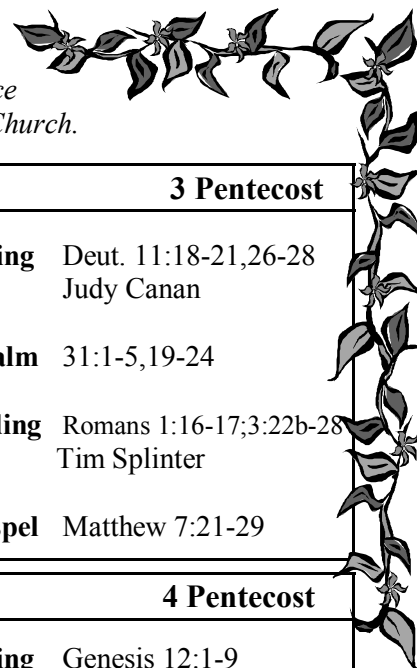
King David, in response to all the Lord had done for him *DANCED* before the Ark of the Covenant. In trying to explain this dancing to those who didn't understand, he remembered the good God had done for him and said, "Therefore I will *play* before the Lord." Psalm 104 gives us the idea that even God has a bit of playfulness in his creation. God is praised for creating the "great and wide sea..." for the Leviathan "which you have made for the sport of it." (BCP, p. 737)

Here's hoping your summer will be a pleasant time with family and friends;
that you'll travel safely; that you'll find time for rest and quiet...
and *PLAY*.



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.

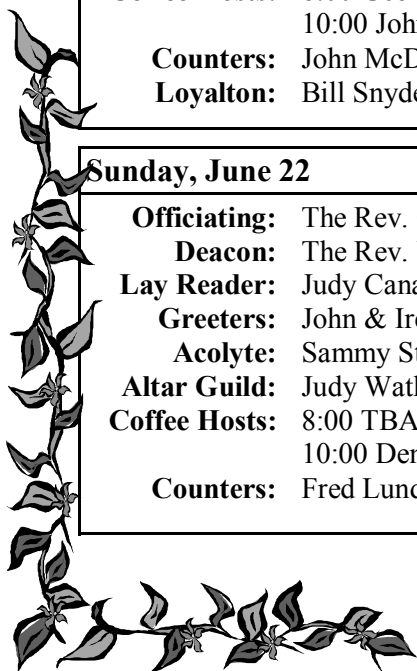


Sunday, June 1	8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	3 Pentecost
Officiating: The Rev. Carol S. Evans Lay Reader: Bette Brooks Greeters: Jim & Nancy Ervin Acolyte: Emily Summy & Taylor Paxton Altar Guild: Judy Watkins & Stephanie York Coffee Hosts: 8:00 Frank & Joan Seman 10:00 Judy Canan & Kay Canan Counters: John McDonald & Fred Lundgren Loyalton: Maynard Evans	1st Reading Deut. 11:18-21,26-28 Judy Canan Psalm 31:1-5,19-24 2nd Reading Romans 1:16-17;3:22b-28 Tim Splinter Gospel Matthew 7:21-29	

Sunday, June 8	8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	4 Pentecost
Officiating: The Rev. Carol S. Evans Deacon: The Rev. William D. Snyder Lay Reader: Carolyn Englert Greeters: Judy Canan & Kay Canan Acolyte: Schyler Conway Altar Guild: Judy Watkins & Stephanie York Coffee Hosts: 8:00 Janice Lallathin & Jennifer Golec 10:00 Fred & Nancy Lundgren Counters: John McDonald & Fred Lundgren	1st Reading Genesis 12:1-9 8:00 Roberta O'Keefe 10:00 Steve Barna Psalm 33:1-12 2nd Reading Romans 4:13-25 Cathy Mansor Gospel Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26	

Sunday, June 15	8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	5 Pentecost
Officiating: The Rev. Carol S. Evans Lay Reader: Maynard Evans Greeters: Bud Minnich & Gary Bell Acolyte: Eric Splinter Altar Guild: Judy Watkins & Stephanie York Coffee Hosts: 8:00 George Furrer 10:00 John & Mary Jean McDonald Counters: John McDonald & Fred Lungren Loyalton: Bill Snyder	1st Reading Genesis 18:1-15;(21:1-7) Bud Minnich Psalm 116:1, 10-17 2nd Reading Romans 5:1-8 Tim Splinter Gospel Matthew 9:35-10:8(9-23)	

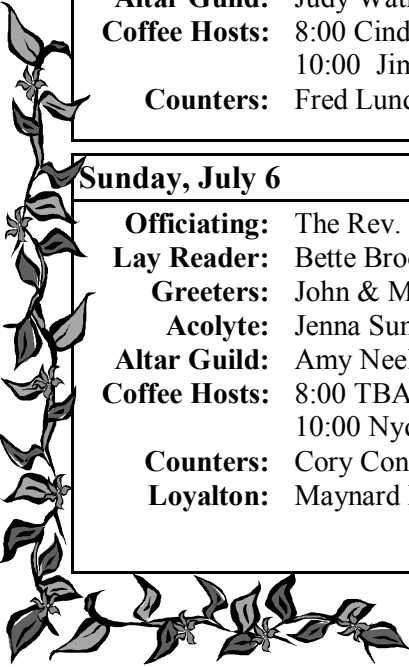
Sunday, June 22	8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	Pentecost 6
Officiating: The Rev. Carol S. Evans Deacon: The Rev. William D. Snyder Lay Reader: Judy Canan Greeters: John & Irene Machisko Acolyte: Sammy Stickle & Julie Canan Altar Guild: Judy Watkins & Stephanie York Coffee Hosts: 8:00 TBA 10:00 Denise Crouse & Chris Stickle Counters: Fred Lundgren & John McDonald	1st Reading Genesis 21:8-21 John Machisko Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17 2nd Reading Romans 6:1b-11 Carolyn Englert Gospel Matthew 10:24-39	





Sunday, June 29		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist		Pentecost 7	
Officiating:	The Rev. Carol S. Evans	1st Reading	Genesis 22:1-14		
Deacon:	The Rev. William D. Snyder		Steve Barna		
Lay Reader:	8:00 Maynard Evans 10:00 Judy Canan	Psalm	13		
Greeters:	Fred & Nancy Lundgren	2nd Reading	Romans 6:12-23		
Acolyte:	Emily Summy & Taylor Paxton		Cathy Mansor		
Altar Guild:	Judy Watkins & Stephanie York	Gospel	Matthew 10:40-42		
Coffee Hosts:	8:00 Cindy Hoskins & Pat Williams 10:00 Jim & Nancy Ervin				
Counters:	Fred Lundgren & John McDonald				

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



Birthdays

- 5th Marsha Barna
- 8th Eric Splinter
Bill Lyle
- 9th Cindy Hoskins
- 10th Johnnie Machisko
Emily Ahrens
Burt Stover
- 11th Georgia Golec
- 12th Michelle Davis
- 15th Sally Dier
Stacy Scibelli
- 18th June Marks
Gordon Thompson
- 19th Dave Davis
- 20th Paige Thomas
- 21st Carol Evans
- 23rd Sandy Ulbricht
- 25th Jesse Moore
Maynard Evans
- 26th Kelly Postlethwaite
Taylor Paxton
Jenna Summy



Congratulations!

and many happy returns...

Baptisms

- 1st Addrienne Conway
- 2nd Olivia Golic
Nydah Ellet
- 4th Steve Barna
- 7th Judy Watkins
Tim Splinter
- 22nd Fred Lundgren
Johnnie Machisko
- 25th Stephanie York
- ? Kenneth Englert
Carolyn Englert
Rodney Stickle
Chris Stickle

Anniversaries

- 3rd Keith & Janice Lallathin
- 7th Maynard & Carol Evans
- 9th Duane & Bernice McCauslin
- 23rd Tim & Stacy Scibelli
- 27th Richard & Sharon Sanek
Frank & Joan Seman





Did You Know?...



Graduations are news of the day, **Josh Crouse** graduating from high school this year along with **Brittany Cannon**. Brittany will be going to North coast Med in July to train as a veterinary tech...

Jennifer Golec graduated from the University of Akron with a Masters degree in elementary Education with literacy-reading...

Amanda Brooks graduated from Hendrix College with a BA, major in Religion, she will be attending Vanderbilt University School of Divinity for a Master's of Divinity...

Beverly Brooks graduated from Wooster College with a BA, major in Classical Studies, specialized in Latin...

J.D. Novak will graduate from Kent State with a BA in Criminal Justice and an Associates in Science from K.S.U...

Mary Meluch (JD's fiancé) graduates from Lakeland College for Dental hygiene...

Elizabeth Ulbrich is graduating from Youngstown University with a BS in Nursing...

Denise Crouse will graduate from Boheckers with a degree in Criminal Justice and will begin working on her bachelor's degree at the University of Phoenix...

Amanda Golec received the President's Award for achievements in school (5th grade) on May 12th. She leaves June 28 and returns July 11 from a trip with People to People. Please keep Amanda, her leaders and the 50 students going in your prayers...

Our Mother's Day Flower Sale went very well. Thanks to our fearless leader **Marcia Splinter** (who is very well organized and worked very hard). Marcia pointed out that a lot of people pitched in including: **Roberta O'Keefe, John McDonald, Amanda Ulbricht, Liz Ulbricht, Kay Canan, and Rev. Carol** helped deliver and sort out the orders. **Cathy Mansor, Marsha Snyder, Goldie Shriver, Mechele Novak, Janice Lallathin, and Amelia Golec** decorated the baskets. And **Fred & Nancy Lundgren, Collin Thomas, Cindy Hoskins, Pat Williams, Irene Machisko, and Addrienne Conway** worked the day of the sale. Thanks to everyone who helped make this event successful, by working and/or buying flowers...

On Mother's Day, **Chris Stickle** spend the day at Walmart with a youth group bake sale to benefit the children going on their mission trip. Now that's dedication...

The "Pentecost/Mother's Day Breakfast" was very nice and lots of people came to celebrate and enjoy a wonderful breakfast. Thanks to members of the hospitality committee **Nancy Ervin, Barb Popiel, Betty Capriola, and Irene Machisko** for a wonderful breakfast and thanks to all those who baked casseroles and made muffins...

Mary Jean McDonald went to California to visit with daughter **Amy** and her family. Mary Jean saw six baseball games in seven days (the grandchildren play baseball) and taught her granddaughter **Alexandra** how to use her mother's sewing machine...

Fred & Nancy Lundgren were in Texas visiting with their son **Bill** and his family and brought back some pictures of very beautiful granddaughters...

Marsha and Bill Snyder will be heading for Minnesota to see new grandson **Oliver** and daughter-in-law **Alex**. Alex already has plans for Bill in the way of house repairs. Their son **Luke** will be home from Kosovo in July...

Marsha Snyder wants to thank **Jenna Summy** for calling her to wish her a happy secretary's day. That was very sweet...

Cory Conway's father-in-law passed away on May 5th and **NyDAH Ellet's father Jack** passed away on May 7th. May their souls rest in peace and God's peace be with those they loved. Jack Ellet's service was held here, at Grace Church, on May 30th...

Game Night was held at **Sue Ahren's** home and her daughter **Sonja** arrived from Massachusetts that day with her two young children and son **Fred** and arrived with his three children. **Steve Barna** asked Sue, "How many grandchildren do you have?" And of course Sue being Sue, said, "45". Steve said, "I thought so!" Or did it just seems that way...

NyDAH Ellet and Marsha Snyder were busy with the Kent Garden Club, where they hosted Patron's Night...

Bette Brooks is delighted to announce that daughter **Caroline** delivered a beautiful baby boy at 5:10 PM, May 5th. He weighed in at 8 pounds 13 ounces and his 20 3/4 inches long. His name is **David Ethan Shaver** and mom and dad along with baby David are doing great...

Junior Warden **John McDonald** thanks those who worked so hard on the spring clean up day included **Sandy Ulbricht, Amanda Ulbricht, Nancy & Jim Ervin, and Steve Barna**. The projects that were completed were parish hall windows cleaned, the fans in the parish hall and kitchen were cleaned, flower beds and the pews were washed and vacuumed...

While **Rev. Carol** was on vacation the **Rev. Bill Lyle** was here to preach on Trinity Sunday and the **Rev. Bill Snyder** preached and had Morning Prayer the following Sunday. Bill Lyle jokingly accused Carol on leaving to avoid the task of trying to preach about the Trinity, but his sermon was wonderful.

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

On the Horizon

June 1-15
Bishop's Annual Appeal for
Mission Work & ECSF
Ministries

Please watch for the mailing with our June Grace Vine and pray about what you can give.

Saturday, June 14th
Fellowship & Game Night
Judy Canan is planning to be the next host of fun and fellowship.

June 15-21
Youth Group Habitat
Mission Trip to WV
Interested youth should speak to Rev. Carol.

Saturday, July 12th
Multi-Church
Rummage Sale

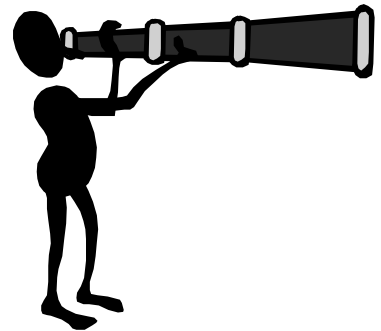
The church's of Ravenna will be having a collective Rummage Sale day in July. Each church will have it's own sale, but they will be advertised collectively to attract a larger crowd. You can get your own table or donate items to the church for general sale.

Saturday, September 20th
Ravenna Balloon Affair

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...

Saturday, September 27th
Steak Fry
Details when available

October
Christian Ed Retreat



HELP OUR YOUTH!!

They are planning two events this summer: a Mission Trip to West Virginia and camping at Cedar Hills. To help pay for these happenings, the youth have decided to ask each parishioner to **bring in your pop cans**. Any help you can give to this group will be appreciated. Cash donations will also be accepted.

Youth Group
Habitat Mission Trip to
West Virginia
June 15-21
Any youth interested,
please speak to Rev. Carol.

Have you thought that you'd like to tithe to Grace Church but felt that it would be too difficult? That it would be impossible on your budget? Here's a thought. What if you could tithe on a smaller amount?

The Vestry would like for you to consider a tithe on the amount you receive from the President's economic stimulus check! Just multiply by .10 the amount of the check. If enough families choose to try this, we can greatly reduce our budget deficit and have sufficient funds to support some of the many good causes that you often bring to Carol's attention.

Can't quite manage 10% (.10)? Then how about 5% (.05)? Honestly, our treasurer would gratefully receive any amount extra that you can give! Please give as generously as you can.

Bette Brooks, Sr. Warden