



The Grace Vine

June 2011

Rector's Writ

The season of Pentecost is the longest season of our Church year and quite possibly the least understood. On the day of Pentecost the church celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit bestowed not only on the apostles but the promised gift for all who believe and "call on the name of the Lord." The original gathering took place 50 days after Easter. Pentecost was derived from the Greek name of the Jewish Festival of Weeks, which began seven weeks after the Passover. For the apostles and for us, Pentecost (June 12th this year) became the day the gift of the Holy Spirit arrived, just as Jesus had assured them. Jesus had not promised WHEN the Holy Spirit (also known as the Paraclete, guide, and counselor) would be sent. Yet, more reliable than Fed Ex, the Spirit arrived dramatically around 9am on the day of Pentecost...and stayed. Since this event marked the beginning of the apostles 'going public' with the gospel, it's also known as the birthday of the Christian church.

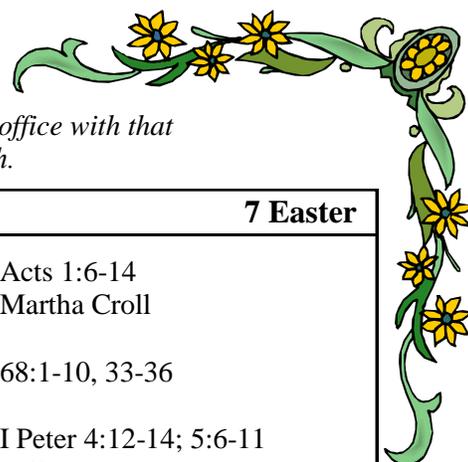
The Sunday after Pentecost we celebrate Trinity Sunday. There's no way a brief definition can explain that mystery, but it, too, is a Principal Feast in our Church year. The season of Pentecost lasts until the first Sunday of Advent. The Day of Pentecost uses red to symbolize fire and the Holy Spirit, while Trinity Sunday's color is white, reflecting joy, truth and purity. However, the liturgical color for the season of Pentecost is green. It's symbolic of the growing season, not only in farms and gardens but in our spiritual life as well. We are to recognize the Spirit's presence and explore how we as the Church become Christ's hands and heart in the world; *sharing and living* the gospel message of love, justice, and peace. It's a long season where we need practice for such discipleship and growth. We need the practice, and the Spirit provides the coaching. We receive that mentoring and nurturing in all the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit provide through worship, sacraments, and the unperfected company of those trying-to-be-faithful. We long to be part of a faith community where, *servicing and growing* together, both the community and the individual are strengthened *with and for* love, renewal, care, and hope. That ongoing call (and challenge) of LIVING by the Spirit is what has the potential to change the world...and to change us.

May this long season of Pentecost give us an awareness of the Spirit's presence, Christ's grace, and God's goodness as we share and live the gospel.



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 5		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	7 Easter
Celebrant	The Rev. Carol S. Evans		1st Reading Acts 1:6-14 Martha Croll
Lay Reader	Addriane Conway		Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36
Greeters	John & Irene Machisko		2nd Reading I Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 Jeff Croll
Acolyte	McKenna Conway		Gospel John 17:1-11
Altar Guild	Judy Watkins & Nancy Lundgren		
Coffee Hosts	8:00 Joan & Frank Seman 10:00 Nancy & Fred Lundgren		
Counters	Sue Ahrens & Jeff Marsh		
Emeritus	Bill Snyder		

Sunday, June 12		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	The Day of Pentecost
Celebrant	The Rev. Carol S. Evans		1st Reading Acts 1:6-14 Martha Croll
Deacon	The Rev. William D. Snyder		Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36
Greeters	Bev Lewis-Mercury & Jeff Marsh		2nd Reading I Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 Jeff Croll
Acolytes	Eric Splinter & Paige Paxton		Gospel John 17:1-11
Coffee Host	8:00 George Furrer 10:00 John & Irene Machisko		
Altar Guild	Judy Watkins & Nancy Lundgren		
Counters	Sue Ahrens & Tony Worthen		

Sunday, June 19		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	Trinity Sunday
Celebrant	The Rev. Carol S. Evans		1st Reading Genesis 1:1—2:4a Cathy Mansor
Lay Reader	Carolyn Englert		Psalm 8
Greeters	Mary Jean & John McDonald		2nd Reading 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Maynard Evans
Acolyte	Jenna Summy		Gospel Matthew 28:16-20
Altar Guild	Judy Watkins & Nancy Lundgren		
Coffee Hosts	8:00 TBA 10:00 Tony & Toni Worthen		
Counters	Sue Ahrens & Barb Popiel		
Emeritus	Kathy Summy		



A Short History of Fathers Day

The first observance of Father's day actually took place in Fairmont, West Virginia on July 5th, 1908 to celebrate the lives of 210 fathers who had been lost in the Monongah mining disaster on December 6, 1907. On June 19, 1910 Sonora Smart Dodd of Spokane Washington is credited with starting our current Father's day to honor her father who raised six children after his wife had passed away.

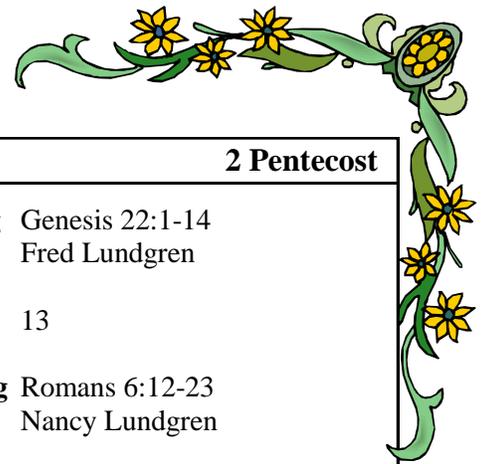
Where Mother's Day was met with enthusiasm, Father's Day was often met with laughter. It was the target of much satire and parody including jokes in the newspapers.

Several attempts to have national recognition of the

holiday had been introduced but congress resisted fearing it would be commercialized. In 1957 Maine Senator Margaret Chase Smith wrote a proposal accusing Congress of ignoring fathers for 40 years while honoring mothers.

In 1966 President Lyndon B. Johnson issued the first presidential proclamation honoring fathers, designating the third Sunday in June as Father's Day. Six years later, the day was made a permanent national holiday when President Richard Nixon signed it into law in 1972.

Father's Day is celebrated in many countries throughout the world.



Sunday, June 26		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	2 Pentecost
Celebrant	The Rev. Carol S. Evans		1st Reading Genesis 22:1-14 Fred Lundgren Psalm 13 2nd Reading Romans 6:12-23 Nancy Lundgren Gospel Matthew 10:40-42
Deacon	The Rev. William D. Snyder		
Lay Reader	Addriane Conway		
Greeters	Nancy & Fred Lundgren		
Acolyte	Schyler Conway		
Coffee Hosts	8:00 TBA 10:00 Mary Jean & John McDonald		
Altar Guild	Judy Watkins & Nancy Lundgren		
Counters	Sue Ahrens & Cory Conway		

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 Jeff Croll Psalm 45:11-18 2nd Reading Romans 7:15-25a Martha Croll Gospel Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
Lay Reader	Roberta O'Keefe		
Greeters	Nancy & Jim Ervin		
Acolyte	Kevin Splinter		
Coffee Hosts	8:00 TBA 10:00 Kay Canan, Judy Canan & Marsha Snyder—hot dog lunch		
Altar Guild	Amy Neely & Cindy Hoskins		
Counters	Cory Conway & Tony Worthen		
Emeritus	Bill Snyder		

Birthdays

6th David Ondrejko
 8th Eric Splinter
 9th Cindy Hoskins
 10th Johnnie Machisko
 Burt Stover
 11th Georgia Golec
 12th Michelle Davis
 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...

Baptisms

1st Addriane Conway
 2nd Olivia Golic
 7th Judy Watkins
 Tim Splinter
 22nd Fred Lundgren
 Johnnie Machisko
 McKenna Conway
 25th Stephanie York
 ? Kenneth Englert
 Carolyn Englert
 Rodney Stickle
 Chris Stickle

Anniversaries

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





Did You Know?...



We have two high school seniors graduating this year. Graduating on June 6th this year is **Emily Summy**. And **Nick Frieden** will be graduating from Louisville High School this June. Emily has been very active at Grace Church; she's been involved with the Grace Church Youth Group, she's worked with vacation bible school, helped with the Sunday school classes, and she was an acolyte before she joined the choir. Emily and her family have been involved with Civil War re-enactment for many years and Emily has been singing with Musicale. On the Diocesan level Emily has been involved in the Diocesan Youth Group, she attended Happening and was a Peer Minister. Emily has been accepted at Kent State University and we wish her the very best...

We received a phone call from **Steve Barna** letting us know they are doing well and just wanted say, "Hello!" to everyone. Their phone number is 740.892.2038 for those who are interested in giving **Steve and Marsha** a call. Steve tells us that they found a new church family and are really enjoying the fellowship and they especially enjoy seeing their grandson and children now that they live closer to them. Steve & Marsha are missed by the Retired Men's Breakfast group, the Poker Boys, the choir, and all of us...

It was nice to see **Debbie and Bob Haag** in church on May 15th. They came from Georgia to visit with family & friends and while here they stopped by to worship with us. How Nice! And talk about a small world, we discovered that Debbie and Bob attend the same church in Georgia as **Toni Worthen's mother**...

Bette Brooks reports that daughter **Caroline** and her husband **Daniel** are having a baby girl. Now that might not be too shocking since most families have a 50/50 chance of having a girl. But not in the Shaver family. This will be the first girl born in four generations and as you can imagine this upcoming little girl is very exciting. And as you may know girls aren't all that rare at the Brooks family, but they are still just as excited...

Jim & Nancy Ervin's granddaughter Emily is on the Ravenna Raven pee wee football cheerleading squad. Grandma said she made it because she's loud!...

Judy Canan hosted the Sit & Stitch group to a Brown Bag Lunch on May 24th; everyone enjoys getting together at Judy's home. For those who might be interested in joining Sit & Stitch we meet the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 2:00-4:00 in the Multi-purpose room (next to the office), just come and join in

the fun. You might want to bring in your sewing, knitting, crocheting, etc., but if not—that's ok too...

Our Junior Warden **Reba Cook** has been really busy around the church these days. The building and rectory are in need of a lot of repairs after a very harsh winter. But we know Reba can handle it...

Martha Croll loves her horse Angel. The first time riding after this long winter, Angel wasn't feeling as angelic as her name might indicate. Martha was thrown and landed on her back and that is never good any time. Martha did say they found an abscess in her hoof and that can certainly explain Angel's attitude. Better luck next time...

We send our congratulations to newlyweds **Phillip & Brittany Crouse**. They were married here at Grace Church on May 14th and we wish them both much happiness. **Zack & Emily Scibelli**, with the help of the **Phil and Brittany's** two year old son **Noah**, were ring bearer and flower girls (respectively)...

We welcome **Judy & Roger Watkins'** back from their wintering in Florida...

Our best wishes to **John McDonald's** mother who celebrated her 106th birthday last month. The mayor of Tallmadge will be bringing her flowers to honor her longevity.

Tim and Eric Splinter will be in Garrettsville Curtains Up Theatre's July production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. Tim will be Pharaoh, and if you know the show, then you know that Pharaoh is in the character of Elvis...so the beard will be going!

Kevin Splinter's baseball team is FINALLY getting to play some games in between the rain drops. Their record is now—Us 3 Them 3 Mother Nature 7.

...if you have information you want to share in the "Did You Know" please email it to: office@graceravenna.org

On the Horizon

Saturday, June 11 Fellowship & Game Night 6:30 pm

We shall try to get our rhythm back on this one. Come one and all and let's have fun again.

Sunday, June 19 Summer Breakfast 9:00 AM

Everyone is welcome to join us for breakfast. We will be serving an egg bake, fruit and muffins.

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

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.

No Garage Sale This Year

The Garage Sale is not on the agenda for this year, but it should be on for next year, so start saving up your stuff!

Thanks to all that helped with the Flower Sale and Candy Sale. We are happy to report we made approximately \$1,000 from the candy and \$1,100 from the flowers.

Next up...Balloon Affair in September and a second Wine Tasting in October.

The Bulletin Board

Acolytes Schedule

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

7/10—Jenna & Paige

7/17—Eric

7/24—Kenna

7/31—Jenna

8/7—Schyler

Tim@splinterfactions.net

Marcia@splinterfactions.net

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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.

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.*

Cornelius Hill

June 27

So little is known about Cornelius Hill and many of the memorable dates of his life are open to debate. However, there is no question that his life had a profound impact not only on his nation, the Oneidas, but also on the mission church, the Church of the Holy Apostles in Oneida, Wisconsin. His story is interwoven with the later history of this parish.

Cornelius Hill was born in 1834 (1843?) on the Oneida Reservation in Wisconsin. His peoples had been “relocated” from their ancestral lands in Central New York State, not far from the Finger Lakes region, to the area near Fond du Lac. Intelligent, brave, and charismatic, he was already a chief of the Oneida nation by his teen years and known as Chief Onan-gwat-go, or Big Medicine. In fact, he was the first great Oneida chief to be born in Wisconsin and the last hereditary chief of the Oneida Nation.

At some point in his twenties or thirties, he came to the attention of the pastor of the former mission Church of the Holy Apostles, the Rev. Edward A. Goodnough who arranged for him to spend several years at Nashotah House Seminary, where he was educated by the Episcopal Church. The Rev. Goodnough was, himself, a tireless worker on behalf of the Oneidas and their parish church. Since the congregation had already outgrown the wooden building, the Oneidas gave one day a week to quarry stone and build the early English-style church that is still standing in use today, the Church of the Holy Apostles. This new building was consecrated in 1887. And it was here that Cornelius Hill “interpreted” the services of the Episcopal Church for his people, translating the language and explaining the actions of the Eucharist.

But all was not well. The treatment of our indigenous peoples has been a source of conflict and shame since earliest days. Of particular note at this time was the process known as “land allotment.” This practice was actually used to assimilate Native Americans into the dominant US culture by selling off their “excess” lands, lands for which the Indians did not actually have deeds of individual ownership. But the Oneidas owned all their land collectively, having a relationship with the land that was both spiritual and cultural, a relationship that the federal government chose not to acknowledge. Cornelius Hill vehemently opposed land allotment as did the Rev. Goodnough, his mentor. Although they lost the fight and the practice became federal law in the Dawes Act of 1893, the relationship between the two men deepened. Cornelius Hill was ordained to the diaconate on June 27, 1895, and to the priesthood in 1903 (1905? 1906?), becoming the first Oneida priest. He died in 1907 and is buried in the cemetery of the Church of the Holy Apostles. The title to the land where the Church of the Holy Apostles is located was not transferred to the Episcopal Diocese of Fond du Lac until an Act of Congress through patent deed in 1909.

Prayer: Everliving Lord of the universe, our loving God, you raised up your priest Cornelius Hill, last hereditary chief of the Oneida nation, to shepherd and defend his people against the attempts to scatter them in the wilderness: Help us, like him, to be dedicated to truth and honor, that we may come to that blessed state you have prepared for us; through Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Editor's note: *I had a major case of “small world syndrome” reading this article. After my father left St. Alban's parish in Marshfield, Wisconsin where I grew up, he served this very parish as Rector from 1994-98. Marcia and I have been to service in this smaller parish with its wonderful stone building, very reminiscent of ours here at Grace on the inside. He enjoyed his time there with the Oneida as he is of very similar mindset on matters of the land and nature. The Oneida continue in their strong faith and we can report that, as might be expected of Native Americans, they share my father's love of incense!*

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door	2	3	4
5 7 Easter •8am HE •9am Coffee •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	6	7	8 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door	9	10	11 •6:30 pm Fellowship & Game Night
12 Pentecost •8am HE •9am Coffee •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	13	14 •2-4pm Sit & Stitch	15 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door	16 •8am Retired Men's Breakfast	17	18
19 Trinity Sun. •8am HE •9am Coffee •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	20	21 •7pm Vestry Meeting	22 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door	23	24	25
26 2 Pentecost •8am HE •9am Coffee •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	27	28 •2-4pm Sit & Stitch	29	30		

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