



The Grace Vine

May 2008

Rector's Writ

"Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." (1 Corinthians 12:4-7)

The Easter message of new life and redemption remains an unfolding story in our lives. We are surrounded by hopefulness. The promise of resurrection and renewal draws us like a compass back to the ways of Christ, even when (or especially when) we've wandered from the right path. Jesus declared to his disciples centuries ago that he would return to the Father...and he did. He promised not to leave them (or us) comfortless...and he didn't. On Pentecost we celebrate the promised gift of the Holy Spirit as guide and comforter for all believers.

We believe that Christ has shown us the Father's love. We are instructed to abide in the Savior's love. We need the transforming love of the Father and the Son. We need the Holy Spirit to 'lead us into all truth;' to provide gifts for each of us to use and share "for the common good;" and to help us live by giving ourselves to God's will and purpose so that the fruit of the Spirit may be brought forth in our lives. The story of new life, redemption, and promised peace continues to unfold before us. Verses from two hymns follow. They are lovely reminders of our redemption in Christ, the Spirit's inspiration, and our heart's perpetual desire to praise God.

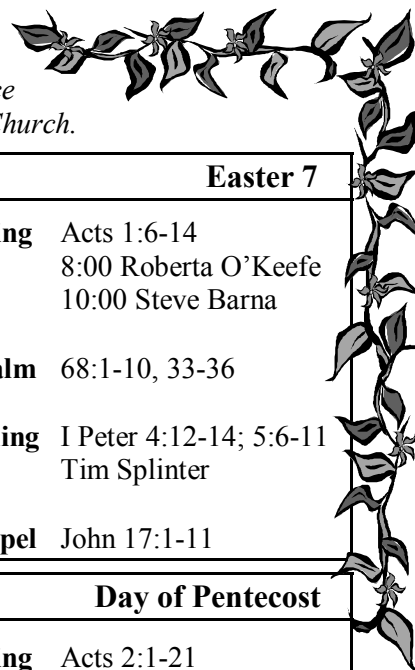
*"Paschal lamb by God appointed, all our sins on thee were laid;
By almighty love anointed, thou hast full atonement made.
All thy people are forgiven through the virtue of thy blood:
Opened is the gate of heaven, reconciled are we with God.
(Hymn #495 Hail, thou once despised Jesus)*

*"Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire, and lighten with celestial fire.
Thou the anointing Spirit art, who dost thy seven fold gifts impart.
Thy blessed unction from above is comfort, life, and fire of love.
...Keep far our foes, give peace at home: where thou art guide no ill can come.
Teach us to know the Father, Son, and thee, of both, to be but One,
That through the ages all along, this may be our endless song:
Praise to thy eternal merit, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit."
(Hymn #503 Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire)*



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, May 4		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	Easter 7
Officiating	The Rev. Carol S. Evans		1st Reading Acts 1:6-14 8:00 Roberta O'Keefe 10:00 Steve Barna
Lay Reader	Bette Brooks		
Greeters	Bud Minnich & Gary Bell		Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36
Acolyte	Sammy Stickle & Julie Canan		
Altar Guild	Barb Popiel & Cindy Hoskins		2nd Reading I Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 Tim Splinter
Coffee Hosts	8:00 Frank & Joan Seman 10:00 Fred & Nancy Lundgren		
Counters	Cory Conway & Bette Brooks		Gospel John 17:1-11
Loyalton	Maynard Evans		

Sunday, May 11		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	Day of Pentecost
Officiating	The Rev. Carol S. Evans		1st Reading Acts 2:1-21 Cathy Mansor
Deacon	The Rev. William D. Snyder		
Lay Reader	Carolyn Englert		Psalm 104:25-35; 37
Greeters	John & Irene Machisko		
Acolytes	Schyler Conway		2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 John Machisko
Altar Guild	Barb Popiel & Cindy Hoskins		
Coffee Hour	9:00am PENTECOST BREAKFAST		Gospel John 20:19-23
Counters	Cory Conway & Bette Brooks		

Sunday, May 18		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	Trinity Sunday
Officiating	The Rev. William Lyle		1st Reading Genesis 1:1—2:4a 8:00 Roberta O'Keefe 10:00 Kathy Summy
Lay Reader	Maynard Evans		
Greeters	Fred & Nancy Lundgren		Psalm 8
Acolytes	Eric Splinter		
Coffee Hosts	8:00 TBA 10:00 Denise Crouse & Chris Stickle		2nd Reading 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Bud Minnich
Altar Guild	Barb Popiel & Cindy Hoskins		
Counters	Cory Conway & Bette Brooks		Gospel Matthew 28:16-20
Loyalton	Bill Snyder		



SATURDAY, MAY 17TH PARISH SPRING CLEAN UP DAY

Please join us for the Parish Clean-up Day . With some major painting accomplished this winter, we still have several projects & cleaning needs to get "spruced up for spring." Please sign up to volunteer or talk to John McDonald if you can't make it but still want to pitch in.
Thank You!!!

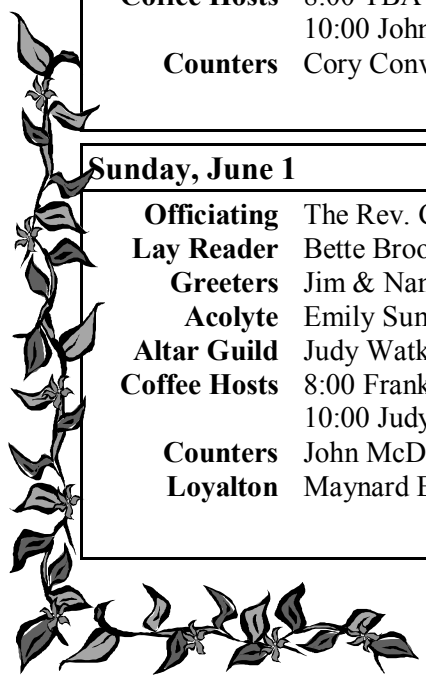
Pentecost Breakfast
Sunday, May 11TH
(Mother's Day)
9:00 AM
between Services

EVERYONE
is invited!



Sunday, May 25		8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Morning Prayer		2 Pentecost	
Officiating	The Rev. Williams Snyder	1st Reading	Isaiah 49:8-16a Carolyn Englert		
Lay Reader	Judy Canan				
Greeters	John & Mary Jean McDonald	Psalm	131		
Acolyte	Jenna Summy				
Altar Guild	Barb Popiel & Cindy Hoskins	2nd Reading	I Corinthians 4:1-5 Steve Barna		
Coffee Hosts	8:00 TBA 10:00 John & Mary Jean McDonald				
Counters	Cory Conway & Bette Brooks	Gospel	Matthew 6:24-34		

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



**UNITED THANK OFFERING
(UTO)
Spring Ingathering May 18th**



Please bring your offering and put it in the regular offering plate.

What is the United Thank Offering?

It is a practice in our life in Christ that begins with daily prayer and gifts of thanksgiving. These gifts of thanksgiving—coins and bills in the UTO box—from each individual are combined with others at the parish, diocese, and finally the entire Episcopal Church. Each year the gifts total nearly \$3 million and are given away in the form of grants. These grants continue to support and strengthen the mission and ministry of the Church throughout the world.

Please take part in this year's Spring Ingathering.
It's not important how much you give, only that you give.





Did You Know?...



Every service of Holy Week was attended by members of our congregation, including Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Several people spent a lot of time in church during Holy Week, and that's a good thing...

We had a wonderful surprise when Kent State students and volunteers from Campus Ministries came to our church on Saturday, April 5th and cleaned up the yard and leaves around the building. We are one of the churches that support Habitat and the students felt it was a good thing to give something back to the people who give. Now wasn't that nice. The students and volunteers that helped were **Rich Clemens, Zack Kroak, Jessica East, Chris Povidich, Jamie Conley, Jeff Pantalone, and Tim Head...**

Cathy Mansor had her first experience as Habitat coordinator, and as usual there was a lot of cooperation and many thanks to Nancy Ervin, Kay Canan, Judy Canan, Marsha Snyder, and Marcia Splinter for supplying the food...

The campus of Hendrix University was struck by a tornado but we're happy to report no one was injured, just a lot of downed trees. We're VERY happy to report that our own **Amanda Brooks** was safe and sound even while she was working on her lap top with a mattress and safe wall at her back. Thanks be to God!!...

Fred and Nancy Lundgren are headed for Florida to see family and enjoy the warm weather...

Ken and Alice Boydell have been working very hard getting into their new home and even though the new furniture has been ordered, it isn't in yet. They are living with a card table and two small chairs, but they love the house. Ken will love it even better when he can figure out how to get his workbench into the basement...

Nydah Ellet attended a funeral at Arlington National Cemetery for the burial of a dear friend, she reports it was a very moving ceremony...

Jim and Nancy Ervin are our new Sextons and begin the job on April 19th. We look forward to working with both of you...

Jenna Summy and Sammy Stickle were in the cast of "Annie Jr.". They and their families enjoyed the performances...

Josh Crouse has signed up with the National Guard and he will be leaving for camp in June. We wish him the best...

The office received a call from **Fr. Brian**. He's doing well and says "hello" to everyone. He has his 90 year old aunt and her cat living with him. Now, doesn't that sound like fun!!...

We welcome back **John & Irene Machisko** from Florida, after a winter of re-cooperating from surgeries---it's good to have you back!...

Nancy and Jim Ervin celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. Their children had a wonderful surprise party for them...

Denise Crouse drove our youth to the Youth Conference in Lakewood and once there **Emily Summy, Josh Crouse, Phillip Crouse, and Brittany Groff** had a wonderful time. In spite of a busy weekend with the Youth, Denise got everyone home in 40 minutes...

Game Night at the **Splinters'** was a huge success with about 20 people attending. Next month **Sue Ahrens** will be hosting Game Night at her home. See you there!!

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

HELP OUR YOUTH!!

Our Youth Group is planning two events this summer a Mission Trip to Virginia and camping at Cedar Hills. To help pay for these happenings, the youth have decided to ask each parishioner to begin saving the pop cans. Any help you can give to this group will be appreciated. Cash donations will also be accepted.

On the Horizon

**Thursday, May 1st
Noon**

National Day of Prayer

The Ravenna Ministerial Alliance will lead prayers for our nation & people at noon at the Ravenna Courthouse steps.

**Saturday, May 10th
Flower Sale**

Look for "new and improved" pre-order sheets in the Parish Hall. Every order helps and they really do add up quickly. Pre-orders need to be in by Sunday the 4th. Help is also needed on Friday to prepare.

**Sunday, May 11th
Mother's Day /
Pentecost Breakfast
9am**

Breakfast will be served in the Parish Hall between services. All are welcome!

Saturday, May 17th

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**Saturday, May 17th
Fellowship & Game Night**

Sue Ahrens will be hosting this month's evening of games and laughter.

**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
West Virginia**

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 27th
Steak Fry**

**October
Christian Ed Retreat**



Birthdays

- 3rd Carolyn Englert
Lucy Kester
Tim Splinter
Zach Scibelli
- 4th Laurel Brooks
Lauren Strainer
- 8th Rob Young
- 9th Elizabeth Webb
- 11th Bonnie Quay
- 12th Addriane Conway
- 15th Midge Myers
Phyllis Shorts
- 16th Marsha Snyder
- 18th John Phillip Sherwood
- 22nd Gerald Rich
- 23rd Eleanor Blank
- 26th Kenneth Englert
- 27th Joan Seman
- 29th Jason Strainer

Congratulations!

and many happy returns...

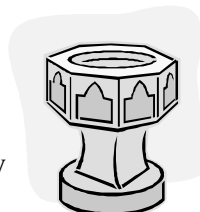
Anniversaries

- 1st Bill & Marsha Snyder
- 2nd Roger & Judy Watkins



Baptisms

- 3rd Louise Thacker
- 7th Irene Machisko
- 11th Kathy Summy
- 13th Nancy Lundgren
- 18th Amanda Brooks
Beverly Brooks
- 20th Paige Paxton
McKenna Conway
- 25th Ken Boydell



The Bulletin Board

Acolytes Notice

To acolytes and their parents... in order to help save Adrienne Conway's sanity she has handed the acolyte duties off to Tim and Marcia Splinter.

If you have any questions or can let us know in advance of your schedule just let us know.

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330-527-2084

Beautiful Women Month

Audrey Hepburn loved the poem *Time Tested Beauty Tips* which she recited frequently and which was read at her funeral.

For attractive lips, speak words of kindness.

For lovely eyes, seek out the good in people.

For a slim figure, share your food with the hungry.

For beautiful, let a child run his or her fingers through it once a day.

For poise, walk with the knowledge that you never walk alone.

People, even more than things, have to be restored, renewed, reclaimed, redeemed; never throw out anybody.

Remember, if you ever need a helping hand, you will find one at the end of your arm.

As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands, one for helping yourself and the other for helping others.

The beauty of a woman is not the clothes she wears, the figure that she carries, or the way she combs her hair. The beauty of a woman must be seen from in her eyes, because that is the doorway to her heart, the place where love resides.

The beauty of a woman is not in a facial mole, but true beauty in a woman is reflected in her soul. It is the caring that she lovingly gives, the passion that she shows, and the beauty of a woman with passing years only grows.

-Sam Levenson

Donations Needed

The parish could use donations of coffee for the main kitchen for Sunday coffee hours.

We could also use bottled water and various sodas to have on hand for meetings. These go to the lounge by Gracie's Backdoor.

Thanks.

Thank you to Tim & Marcia Splinter for the Digital Piano they donated to enhance our music program. The hope is to use it for choir anthems that are better suited to piano than organ... and it's far easier to move in and out than a real piano.