



The Grace Vine

May 2009

Rector's Writ

The Easter message of new life, repentance, and redemption remains a sequel that continues to unfold in individual lives over the centuries. It can make our faith nerves tingle a bit to think the same stories we hear over Eastertide were told just a few days after Jesus' friends found the empty tomb. Then it became a few years later...then generations later... and in the Easter season we hear again how Jesus lives and how he appeared to disciples whose fear and doubt would soon be replaced by the powerful reminder that they were witnesses; witnesses who had work to do. The disciples didn't become perfect, they became faithful. They became changed people. So can we.

The promise of renewal and resurrection leads us to Christ, especially when our gone astray ventures go awry and we lose our path. Jesus declared to his disciples 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 in all circumstances. A few hymn verses follow to remind us of the promise and joy of Easter and Pentecost. May we be ever aware of Christ's and the Spirit's living reminders of God's goodness and presence. May we "continue in that holy fellowship" God's grace and love provides, so that we, too, may do the work of faithful disciples and witnesses.

... "I bind unto myself today the power of God to hold and lead, his eye to watch, his might to stay, his ear to hearken to my need; the wisdom of my God to teach, his hand to guide, his shield to ward; the word of God to give me speech, his heavenly host to be my guard." (Hymn #370 I bind unto myself today)

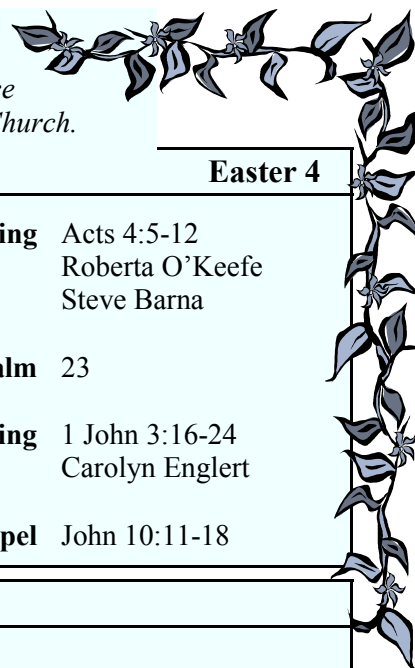
... "O Jesus, King of gentleness, do thou thyself our hearts possess that we may give thee all our days the willing tribute of our praise. O Lord of all with us abide in this our joyful Eastertide; from every weapon death can wield thine own redeemed for ever shield. All praise, O risen Lord, we give to thee, who, dead, again dost live; to God the Father equal praise, and God the Holy Ghost, we raise." (Hymn #193 That Easter Day with Joy was Bright)

"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. ...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.



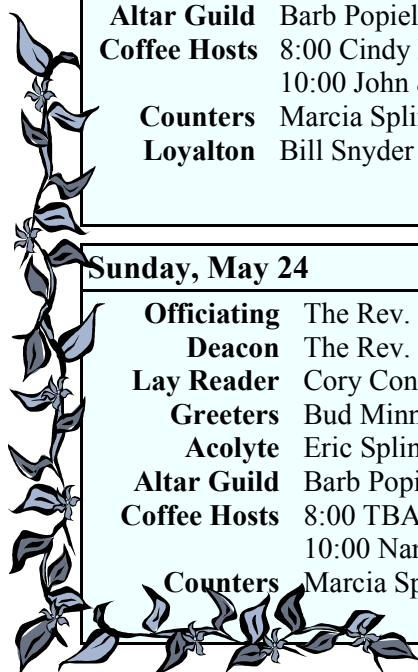
Sunday, May 3		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	Easter 4
Officiating	The Rev. Carol Evans	1st Reading Acts 4:5-12 Roberta O'Keefe Steve Barna Psalm 23 2nd Reading 1 John 3:16-24 Carolyn Englert Gospel John 10:11-18	
Lay Reader	Bette Brooks		
Greeters	Nancy & Jim Ervin		
Acolytes	Taylor Paxton & Eric Splinter		
Altar Guild	Barb Popiel & Amy Neely		
Coffee Hosts	8:00 Frank & Joan Seman 10:00 Chris Stickle & Denise Crouse		
Counters	Marcia Splinter & Alice Boydell		
Loyalton	Kathy Summy		

Tuesday, May 5		6:00 PM Healing Service with Holy Eucharist
Officiating	The Rev. Carol S. Evans	

Sunday, May 10		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	Easter 5
Officiating	The Rev. Carol Evans	1st Reading Acts 8:26-40 Cathy Mansor Psalm 22:24-30 2nd Reading I John 4:7-21 Tim Splinter Gospel John 15:1-8	
Deacon	The Rev. William Snyder		
Lay Reader	Carolyn Englert		
Greeters	Bev Lewis-Mercury & Bonnie Quay		
Acolytes	Jenna Summy & Phil Crouse		
Altar Guild	Barb Popiel & Amy Neely		
Coffee Hosts	8:00 TBA 10:00 John & Irene Machisko		
Counters	Marcia Splinter & Alice Boydell		

Sunday, May, 17		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	Easter 6
Officiating	The Rev. Carol Evans	1st Reading Acts 10:44-48 Roberta O'Keefe Gordon Thompson Psalm 98 2nd Reading 1 John 5:1-6 Kathy Summy Gospel John 15:9-17	
Lay Reader	Maynard Evans		
Greeters	Nancy & Fred Lungren		
Acolytes	Schyler Conway & Taylor Paxton		
Altar Guild	Barb Popiel & Amy Neely		
Coffee Hosts	8:00 Cindy Hoskins & Pat Williams 10:00 John & Mary Jean McDonald		
Counters	Marcia Splinter & Alice Boydell		
Loyalton	Bill Snyder		

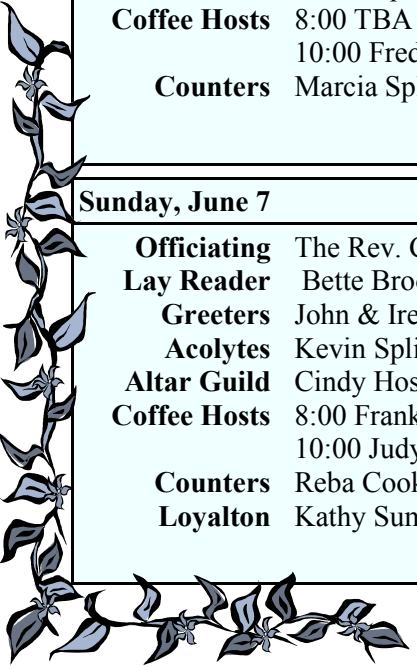
Sunday, May 24		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	Easter 7
Officiating	The Rev. Carol S. Evans	1st Reading Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 Bud Minnich Psalm 1 2nd Reading I John 5:9-13 Judy Canan Gospel John 17:6-19	
Deacon	The Rev. William D. Snyder		
Lay Reader	Cory Conway		
Greeters	Bud Minnich & Gary Bell		
Acolyte	Eric Splinter		
Altar Guild	Barb Popiel & Amy Neely		
Coffee Hosts	8:00 TBA 10:00 Nancy & Jim Ervin		
Counters	Marcia Splinter & Alice Boydell		





Sunday, May 31		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	The Day of Pentecost
Officiating	The Rev. Carol Evans		1st Reading Acts 2:1-21 John Machisko
Lay Reader	Carolyn Englert		Psalm 104:25-35, 37
Greeters	John & Mary Jean McDonald		2nd Reading Romans 8:22-27 Steve Barna
Acolytes	Jenna Summy & Kevin Splinter		Gospel John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
Altar Guild	Barb Popiel & Amy Neely		
Coffee Hosts	8:00 TBA 10:00 Fred & Nancy Lundgren		
Counters	Marcia Splinter & Alice Boydell		

Sunday, June 7		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	Trinity Sunday
Officiating	The Rev. Carol S. Evans		1st Reading Isaiah 6:1-8 Robeta O'Keefe Carolyn Englert
Lay Reader	Bette Brooks		Psalm 29
Greeters	John & Irene Machisko		2nd Reading Romans 8:12-17 Gordon Thompson
Acolytes	Kevin Splinter		Gospel John 3:1-17
Altar Guild	Cindy Hoskins & Amy Neely		
Coffee Hosts	8:00 Frank & Joan Seman 10:00 Judy Canan & Bev Lewis-Mercury		
Counters	Reba Cook & Alice Boydell		
Loyalton	Kathy Summy		



2009 Deanery Outreach Project

Deanery churches are raising funds to help purchase mosquito nets for children at the Anglican Research Center orphanage in Tanzania. The Rev. Father M. Mabula is Director of the ARC. He has been to Christ Church, Hudson for visits/workshops, and our Senior Warden, Cathy Mansor, informed us that he will be teaching at Hiram College this summer. Your contribution will help prevent malaria from afflicting children at the orphanage and those living with foster

families. More than one million children in Tanzania have lost one or both parents to malaria, TB, and other illnesses. Any contribution you can offer is appreciated and will help provide better health and protection for these children. We'll receive donations now through the end of May. Please make checks payable to Grace Church and put "**Deanery Outreach Project**" on your check memo (or envelope if donating cash). MANY THANKS!

Bishop's Visit and Confirmation Classes

Confirmation Classes begin May 3rd

Bishop Mark Hollingsworth, Jr. has scheduled June 28th as his next official visit to Grace Church. If you or a family member would like to be confirmed and formalize your membership in the Episcopal Church, please plan to join us for Confirmation (or Inquirer's) Classes. Don't believe the rumors you've heard about written tests and memorization of the 39 Articles! Our goal is to make these classes interesting, informative, lively, and to help people become well acquainted with the via media (or middle way). Questions and a variety of opinions and ideas are expected. If you haven't received a letter and are interested in attending classes, please talk to Carol or call the Church office at 330-296-3443. Judy Canan and Bette Brooks, our resident catechists, will help in leading the classes.



Did You Know?...



Thank you to the following church members who volunteered at the Phyllis Zumkehr County Cothing Center on March 20th: **John & Mary Jean McDonald, Fred and Nancy Lundgren, Blake and Bonnie Quay and Roberta O'Keefe**. On March 30th, an extra day for Grace Church, thanks to **Mike and Shirley Johnson, John McDonald, Steve Barna, Bev Lewis-Mercury, Toni Worthen and Sue Ahrens**. April 17th thanks to **Fred and Nancy, Mike and Shirley, Mary Jean and Roberta**. Your help and dedication are greatly appreciated.

All the services of Holy Week (and there was a service every day) were well attended, to **Rev. Carol's** delight. Easter Day was wonderful here at Grace Church; seeing all those people that we've missed throughout the rest of the year was great...

Kathy Summy did a great job with the Easter egg hunt, filling all those eggs and hiding them was a major job. But, it was worth it watching the children enjoying themselves...

Many thanks to the altar guild for all their hard work during Holy Week, as their fearless leader, **Nancy Lundgren** did a great job coordinating everything that had to be done. Thanks to **Toni Worthen and Marsha Snyder** for getting all the flowers to the church. **Nancy, Cindy Hoskins, Toni, Irene Machisko, Bette Brooks, & Shirley Johnson** arranged them around the altar, they all helped with flowers and prep on Saturday before Easter. **Shirley Johnson** even took pictures for cards that were sent to parishioners who were unable to be here.. They looked beautiful...

And "thank you" also goes to **Mary Ann Switz and the choir** for the beautiful music and all the rehearsal time they spent getting ready. And thank you to **Steve Thompson** who came all the way from New Jersey, just to sing in the choir for Easter. Well, maybe not just for that, he and his wife **Laurie** might have traveled this way to be with their son **Gordon**, but his presence in the choir was deeply appreciated...

Nancy Ervin had a very nice reception following the services where she served cake at both the 8:00 and 10:00 services...

It is noted that **Nydah Ellet** was the only one at the 10:00 o'clock service that wore a hat. Very nice!!...

It was nice having **John & Irene Machisko** back from Florida...

Fred & Nancy Lundgren are headed for Texas to

visit with their son **Bill** and his family. **Marsha and Bill Snyder** just got back from visiting son **Luke** and his family, which will be expanding some time in mid-December. **Alice and Ken Boydell** had a visit with daughter **Ellen** and her family, especially with baby **Elliott**, who from all reports is a very busy boy. **Mary Jean McDonald** got back from California after visiting with daughter **Amy** and her family. **Bonnie & Blake Quay** called from Florida to wish everyone a Happy Easter, especially the Sit & Stitch group...

Gordon Thompson received an internship at WEWS Channel 5 in Cleveland. He applied all over the U.S., but as luck will have it he'll get to stay in the area, so he won't have to be away from Grace Church. The choir (along with everyone else) was very happy about that, we hate loosing anyone.

In fact, not only might Gordon continue with the choir, but we have gained **Megan Worthen** as a new member!

Miss a Sunday, Miss a Lot! Instructed Eucharist

Did you ever wonder why we "Pass the Peace" or what the Collect for Purity is really telling us ("and from whom no secrets are hid...")? For several years various people in the parish have mentioned the idea of offering an instructed Eucharist to help people, especially those new to the Episcopal Church, better understand the various parts of the service. In response, an initial group (Rev. Carol, Bette Brooks and Cathy Mansor), met in April to begin working on an outline of how this instructed service might look, and realized what an exciting project this will be.

In order to present the information in an interesting, interactive way, and to involve as many different people as possible (Altar Guild, Choir, Ushers/Greeters, Acolytes, Lay Readers, etc.) in the process, we felt it would be best to spread the instruction over several weeks during the summer, touching on different parts of the service each Sunday. The goal is to start on Sunday, June 7th, with a lesson on preparing the altar for worship. Please know that these lessons are intended to be brief – only five to seven minutes each week – and will only minimally disrupt the flow of the service.

Throughout the coming weeks we will be contacting people to get their input and assistance. If you have any thoughts, or have particular parts of the service you want to make sure are covered, please feel free to contact one of us.

Clothing Center In Need

The Phyllis Zumkehr County Clothing Center is facing a deficit of \$25,000 by June 30th, the end of its fiscal year, due to loss of funding and increased expenses. The center is not eligible for grant funding because it doesn't provide food or shelter. It **does** fill a huge need for families that cannot afford clothing and other household items. The center also provides a location for donating unwanted clothing, furniture and other household items, decreasing the volume of garbage in our landfills. We support the center with volunteers who work one day a month. Many ideas for fundraising have been discussed by the Center's Advisory Board. One decision was to have a special collection on May 31st by all the organizations that support the center. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Jean McDonald.

On the Horizon

Friday, May 8th
Mother's Day
Flower Sale Prep
3:00 Sorting
6:00 Decorating

Saturday, May 9th
Mother's Day
Flower Sale
9am—2pm
Help is still needed for **both** the Friday prep work and sale itself.
PLEASE sign up or talk to Marcia Splinter about when you can help.

Saturday, May 16th
ECW Breakfast Meeting
9am
All women are invited.
Roberta O'Keefe & Judy Canan will be our hosts.

Sunday, May 31st
Special Collection for
Phyllis Zumkehr County
Clothing Center
See details elsewhere.

Saturday, June 20th
Rummage Sale
& Bake Sale
9am—3pm

We'll have the rummage sale in the Parish Hall again this year. You can start bringing in donations after May 31st. We'll also need folks to help run the show on the day.

Saturday, June 13th or
Sunday, June 14th
Fellowship and
Game Night

Please give Marcia Splinter or Sue Ahrens your feedback on whether Sat. or Sun. might work better for you. We're open to suggestions.

Gracie's Back Door Card Shop

Check out the cards, party invitations and note cards for sale in the Parish Hall. New cards have been .

Congratulations!

and many happy returns...



Birthdays

3rd Carolyn Englert
Lucy Kester
Tim Splinter
Zach Scibelli
4th Laurel Brooks
7th Phillip Crouse
8th Rob Young
9th Elizabeth Webb
11th Bonnie Quay
12th Addrienne 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
27th Bill Shorts, Jr.
29th Jason Strainer

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



UTO
Every day

The United Thank Offering in gathering is set for Sunday, May 10th. This is the day to empty out your blue boxes and bring in your offering envelopes.

United Thank Offering is our daily thanks for the blessing in our everyday lives through prayer and offerings. What daily things are you thankful for?

Beautiful Spring Weather...
There is one less day before school is out for the summer...
You have a job or a job opportunity...
Good Friends and Neighbors...
Your 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. Remember the size of your offering is not as important as the practice of thanksgiving.

May 10th is Mother's Day—Be thankful for mothers everywhere!

Christian Education Volunteers Needed

As you already know, Addrianne Conway is resigning as Christian Ed Coordinator due to new job demands that call for her to travel and lead extensive training sessions in India. *(She's safely back from her first three week session there!)* Many thanks to Addrianne for faithfully carrying on this ministry the past five years! Although we plan to organize the current teachers, Vestry reps, and parish volunteers into an active Christian Ed Committee to oversee this ministry as a group, we still need one or two key leaders. Co-chairs of the Christian Ed Committee and/or Co-Coordinators of our Christian Ed program would be a real blessing!

Thanks to the Worthens for Responding!

Will you?? For reasons described above, Addrianne & Cory Conway have resigned as Youth Directors, and we thank them both for the time and effort they've given to this ministry. We thank Toni and Tony Worthen for stepping forward in faith to be our new Youth Ministry Leaders for Teens. We still need two volunteers or a couple to provide youth ministry activities/events for our middle school and upper grade school youth, as well as Christian Ed program leaders mentioned above.

After praying, thinking, and talking about it, please talk to Carol if you have an interest or feel called to serve in either of these capacities. THANKS!

The Bulletin Board

Acolytes Schedule

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

6/14—Eric & Phil

6/21—Jenna

6/28—TBA

Tim@splinterfactions.net

Marcia@splinterfactions.net

330-527-2084

FLAG RETIREMENT

Kevin and Eric Splinter's Cub Scout Pack in Garrettsville will be doing it's annual flag retirement ceremony this month. If you have any worn or damaged flags needing proper disposal, bring them to the boys by Sunday May 17th. If we are not there, please leave them in the office with a note and we'll retrieve them.

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.

HOW MANY EPISCOPALIANS DOES IT TAKE TO SCREW IN A LIGHT BULB?

The Diocese has provided Compact Florescent lightbulbs for use in the parish and distribution to parishioners to encourage "Shrinking our Ecological Footprint". Please see John McDonald if you'd like a couple.

John also placed a box in the parish hall to take in dead CFL's for proper recycling.

And of course, the answer to the question is...
"Change it!? My mother donated that light bulb!..."

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
3 Easter 4 •Bam HE •9am Coffee •9:4-5am Ch. Ed. •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	4	5 •6pm Healing Service with Eucharist	6 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door •Dioc. Reg. Mtg St. Matthews Brecksville, 6pm	7 •7pm Choir Practice	8 •Flower Sale Prep 3pm Sort 6pm Decorate	9 •Mother's Day Flower Sale 9am-2pm
10 Easter 5 •Bam HE •9am Coffee •9:4-5am Ch. Ed. •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	11	12 •2-4pm Sit & Stitch	13 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door	14 •7pm Choir Practice	15 •10-2 County Clothing Center	16 •9am ECW Breakfast Mtg.
17 Easter 6 •Bam HE •9am Coffee •9:4-5am Ch. Ed. •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	18	19 •7pm Vestry Meeting	20 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door	21 •Bam Retired Men's Breakfast •7pm Choir Practice	22	23
24 Easter 7 •Bam HE •9am Coffee •9:4-5am Ch. Ed. •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	25 Memorial Day Office Closed	26 •2-4pm Sit & Stitch	27 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door	28	29	30
31 Pentecost •Bam HE •9am Coffee •9:4-5am Ch. Ed. •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	