



The Grace Vine

May 2011

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 (June 12th) 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.

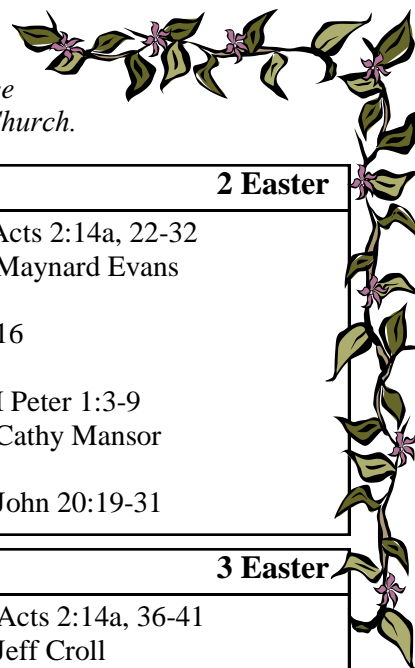
*"Paschal lamb by God appointed, all our sins on thee were laid;
By almighty love anointed, thou hast full atonement made.
All thy people are forgiven through the virtue of thy blood:
Opened is the gate of heaven, reconciled are we with God.
(Hymn #495 Hail, thou once despised Jesus)*

*"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.

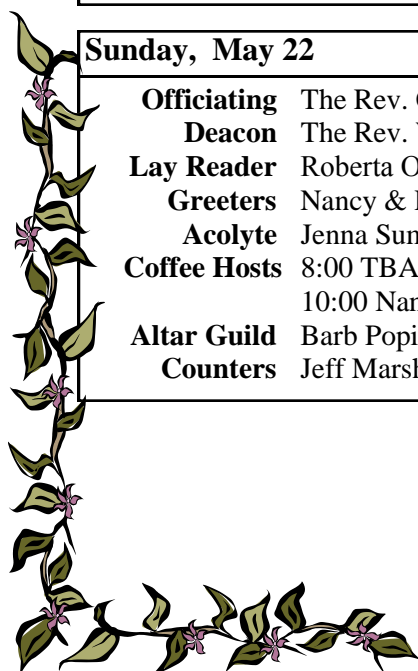


Sunday, May 1		8:00 & 10:00 AM Morning Prayer	2 Easter
Officiating	Addriane Conway	1st Reading	Acts 2:14a, 22-32 Maynard Evans
Lay Reader	Roberta O'Keefe	Psalm	16
Greeters	Bev Lewis-Mercury & Jeff Marsh	2nd Reading	I Peter 1:3-9 Cathy Mansor
Acolyte	Eric Splinter	Gospel	John 20:19-31
Altar Guild	Barb Popiel & Amy Neely		
Coffee Hosts	8:00 Joan & Frank Seman 10:00 John & Irene Machisko		
Counters	Jeff Marsh & Cathy Mansor		
Emeritus	Kathy Summy		

Sunday, May 8		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	3 Easter
Officiating	The Rev. Carol S. Evans	1st Reading	Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Jeff Croll
Deacon	The Rev. William D. Snyder	Psalm	116:1-3, 10-17
Lay Reader	Carolyn Englert	2nd Reading	I Peter 1:17-23 Martha Croll
Greeters	Irene & John Machisko	Gospel	Luke 24:13-35
Acolytes	Kevin Splinter & McKenna Conway		
Coffee Host	8:00 S. & E. Ulbricht & Amanda Young 10:00 Chris Stickle & Kay Canan		
Altar Guild	Barb Popiel & Amy Neely		
Counters	Jeff Marsh & Cathy Mansor		

Sunday, May 15		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	4 Easter
Officiating	The Rev. Carol S. Evans	1st Reading	Acts 2:42-47 Tim Splinter
Lay Reader	Addriane Conway	Psalm	23
Greeters	Nancy & Jim Ervin	2nd Reading	I Peter 2:19-25 Carolyn Englert
Acolytes	Schyler Conway & Paige Paxton	Gospel	John 10:1-10
Altar Guild	Barb Popiel & Amy Neely		
Coffee Hosts	8:00 George Furrer 10:00 Tony & Toni Worthen		
Counters	Jeff Marsh & Cathy Mansor		
Emeritus	Bill Snyder		

Sunday, May 22		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	5 Easter
Officiating	The Rev. Carol S. Evans	1st Reading	Acts 7:55-60 Fred Lundgren
Deacon	The Rev. William D. Snyder	Psalm	31:1-5, 15-16
Lay Reader	Roberta O'Keefe	2nd Reading	I Peter 2:2-10 Nancy Lundgren
Greeters	Nancy & Fred Lundgren	Gospel	John 14:1-14
Acolyte	Jenna Summy		
Coffee Hosts	8:00 TBA 10:00 Nancy & Jim Ervin		
Altar Guild	Barb Popiel & Amy Neely		
Counters	Jeff Marsh & Cathy Mansor		





Sunday, May 29		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist		6 Easter
Officiating	The Rev. Carol S. Evans	1st Reading	Acts 17:22-31 Cathy Mansor	
Deacon	The Rev. William D. Snyder	Psalm	66:7-18	
Lay Reader	Carolyn Englert	2nd Reading	I Peter 3:13-22 Maynard Evans	
Greeters	Bev Lewis-Mercury & Jeff Marsh	Gospel	John 14:15-21	
Acolyte	Kevin Splinter			
Coffee Hosts	8:00 TBA 10:00 John & Mary Jean McDonald			
Altar Guild	Barb Popiel & Amy Neely			
Counters	Jeff Marsh & Cathy Mansor			

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

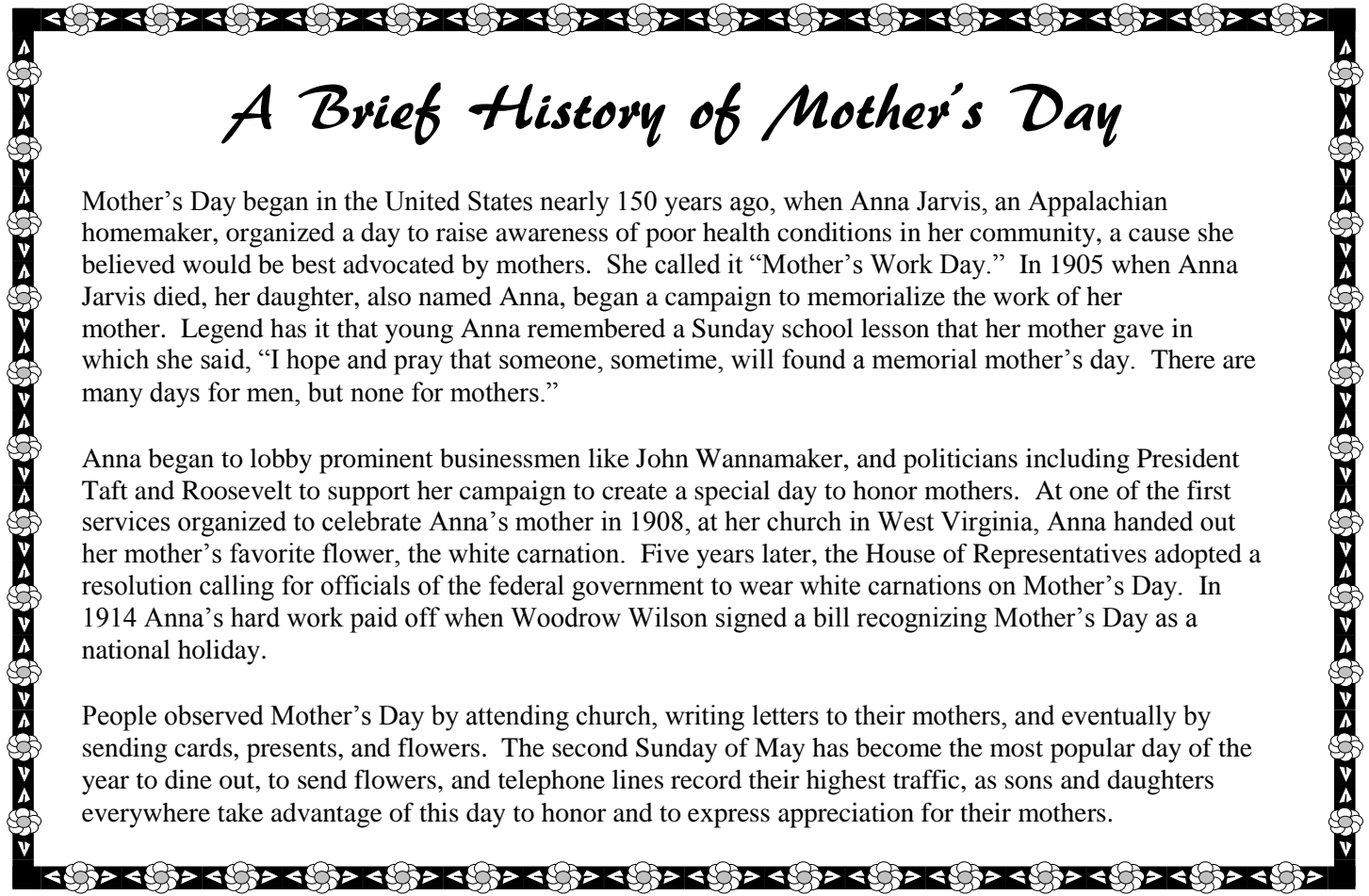


A Brief History of Mother's Day

Mother's Day began in the United States nearly 150 years ago, when Anna Jarvis, an Appalachian homemaker, organized a day to raise awareness of poor health conditions in her community, a cause she believed would be best advocated by mothers. She called it "Mother's Work Day." In 1905 when Anna Jarvis died, her daughter, also named Anna, began a campaign to memorialize the work of her mother. Legend has it that young Anna remembered a Sunday school lesson that her mother gave in which she said, "I hope and pray that someone, sometime, will found a memorial mother's day. There are many days for men, but none for mothers."

Anna began to lobby prominent businessmen like John Wannamaker, and politicians including President Taft and Roosevelt to support her campaign to create a special day to honor mothers. At one of the first services organized to celebrate Anna's mother in 1908, at her church in West Virginia, Anna handed out her mother's favorite flower, the white carnation. Five years later, the House of Representatives adopted a resolution calling for officials of the federal government to wear white carnations on Mother's Day. In 1914 Anna's hard work paid off when Woodrow Wilson signed a bill recognizing Mother's Day as a national holiday.

People observed Mother's Day by attending church, writing letters to their mothers, and eventually by sending cards, presents, and flowers. The second Sunday of May has become the most popular day of the year to dine out, to send flowers, and telephone lines record their highest traffic, as sons and daughters everywhere take advantage of this day to honor and to express appreciation for their mothers.





Did You Know?...



Martha Croll teaches at Cleveland Central Catholic High School, and the Crolls made the trip to Columbus to see their basketball team play in the tournament. And as we all know Cleveland Central Catholic came in second in the State of Ohio. Congratulations!...

We were missing **Emily Summy** from the choir. She did have a good excuse though; she had all her wisdom teeth removed. She's now looking as cute as ever with just a hint of black and blue at her jaw line. But eating macaroni and cheese for several days left her very uncomfortable. But, this too shall pass...

Spring Break was interesting this year, it was warm, it snowed, and it rained. The children were off from school and the **Splinters** were in New York visiting with **Marcia's** family. **Nancy and Jim Ervin** had all the grandchildren at their home (and Jim spent a lot of time here at the church). **Marsha and Bill Snyder** had their daughter and granddaughters visiting. **Alice and Ken Boydell's** daughter and family came for a visit. **Chris Stickle** came to the office just to get out of the house for awhile...

Our own **Reba Cook** has been named Grand Marshall of the Balloon-A-Fair for 2011. She was given this honor for all the work she's done in the community. Congratulations Reba!...

Courtney Rich, Barb Popiel, Carolyn Englert, and Marsha Snyder met at **Marcia Splinter's** home and made Easter candy. The following Saturday, Courtney Rich, **Addrienne Conway, Barb Popiel, Shirley Johnson, Judy Canan, Bev Lewis-Mercury, Midge Myers,** came to the church to finish making candy and filling orders. This candy sale was a huge success and thanks to everyone for all their hard work for all of all those who placed orders and took candy to sell at work...

Jenna Summy has been busy; she was in the community play Willie Wonka, she's running track, she signed up for fast pitch softball, and entered the Portage County Art show where she received an Honorable mention for her painting. Can she do anymore in a weeks time? Her sister **Emily** entered her two photographs in the Portage County Art show and received a first place for one and the other was an honorable mention...

Emily Summy and Nick Frieden are getting ready for graduation in June and we wish them all the very best...

Our youth group invited the congregation to a Spaghetti Dinner on April 15th. The food was delicious,

they had a 50/50 drawing and a drawing for a beautiful Easter basket. It was a delightful evening. Thanks to **Chris Stickle, Stacy Scibelli, Addrainne Conway, Brittany Cannon, Phillip Crouse, Lane & Wilda Autry** (Chris's parents and great cooks), and all the youth in the who served...

Shirley and Mike Johnson are headed for California; their granddaughter **Elizabeth** has the starring role in the play "Heidi". If she's anything like her mother, she'll be great!...

Our sympathies to **Ron Postlethwaite** whose mother **Hazel** died last month...

Mary Ann Switz's son bought her a riding mower for her birthday, and the grandsons can't wait to help grandma mow the lawn. What a good plan that was...

On May 1st **Amanda Young, her sister Elizabeth Ulbricht and mother Sandra Ulbricht** will be participating in the Cincinnati Flying Pig Marathon. They will each walk the half marathon which is 13.1 miles. They have been training since January. And baby **Aiden Young** will participating in the "Diaper Dash" event on Saturday as well...

We received a called from **Blake and Bonnie Quay** wishing us all a Happy Easter and letting us know they are doing well. Blake is enjoying the warm weather and Bonnie is keeping busy working in her sister's shop. Everyone have a blessed Easter season!

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

On the Horizon

Saturday, May 7

Mother's Day Flower Sale

Pray for good weather. We'll need donations of ribbon and knick knacks to put in with the basket plants.

Order forms are now available and are due May 1st.

Saturday, May 21

Bishop's Easter Retreat

9:30-3:00

Make plans to attend the Bishop's Easter Retreat at Christ Church, Oberlin. This will be a time of prayer, reflection and conversation with Bishop Hollingsworth and is open to all. Cost is \$12 and includes a continental breakfast and lunch. Register online at Easter2011Retreat.Eventbrite.com

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.

Beer Tasting?

There has been suggestion of having a Beer Tasting to compliment our Wine Tasting. If anyone steps up to lead, the Fun-draising Committee is ready to help make it happen.

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!



Birthdays

3rd Carolyn Englert
Tim Splinter
Zach Scibelli
4th Laurel Brooks
7th Phillip Crouse
8th Rob Young
9th Elizabeth Webb
12th Addrienne Conway
15th Midge Myers
Phyllis Shorts
16th Marsha Snyder
22nd Gerald Rich
23rd Eleanor Blank
26th Kenneth Englert
27th Joan Seman
27th Bill Shorts, Sr.

Congratulations!

and many happy returns...



Baptisms

7th Irene Machisko
11th Kathy Summy
13th Nancy Lundgren
18th Amanda Brooks
Beverly Brooks
20th Paige Paxton
McKenna Conway
25th Ken Boydell
28th Marcia Splinter

Anniversaries

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



The Bulletin Board

United Thank Offering (UTO) Spring Ingathering May 22ND

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.



FYI!

The church now owns a large canopy tent. The tent is 10'x20' and includes a sides kit. It is available to parishioners as needed. A \$50 security deposit is needed, but a 'rental fee' is at your option.

Be aware that this entails two large boxes, and it is NOT an "EZ-up" style. It has an aluminum pole frame. Two (or three) people are needed to set it up...Don't let this scare you off; it isn't too hard... I just don't want anybody in over their head at the last minute.

-Tim



Acolytes Schedule

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

6/12— Eric & Paige

6/19— Jenna

6/26— Schyler

7/3— Kevin

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From the Web...

A 92-year-old, petite, well-poised and proud man, who is fully dressed each morning by eight o'clock, with his hair fashionably combed and shaved perfectly, even though he is legally blind, moved to a nursing home today. His wife of 70 years recently passed away, making the move necessary.

As he maneuvered his walker to the elevator, I provided a visual description of his tiny room, including the eyelet sheets that had been hung on his window.


"I love it," he stated with the enthusiasm of an eight-year-old having just been presented with a new puppy.

"Mr. Jones, you haven't seen the room; just wait."

"That doesn't have anything to do with it," he replied. "Happiness is something you decide on ahead of time. Whether I like my room or not doesn't depend on how the furniture is arranged ... it's how I arrange my mind. I already decided to love it."

"It's a decision I make every morning when I wake up. I have a choice; I can spend the day in bed recounting the difficulty I have with parts of my body that no longer work, or get out of bed and be thankful for ones that do."

"Each day is a gift, and as long as my eyes open, I'll focus on the new day and all the happy memories I've stored away.. Just for this time in my life. Old age is like a bank account. You withdraw from what you've put in." So, my advice to you would be to deposit a lot of happiness in the bank account of memories!



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.*

Harriet Starr Cannon (1823-1896)

May 7

Harriet Starr Cannon was born in Charleston, S.C., on May 7, 1823, to parents who had moved there from Connecticut. She was only a year old when they both died. She and her only slightly older sister moved to Bridgeport, Conn., to live with relatives who welcomed the young sisters into their home. When her sister married and moved to California, Harriet decided to join her. However, on the eve of her trip, she received word that her sister had died. The following year, 1856, Harriet joined the Sisters of the Holy Communion in New York, an Episcopal order of deaconesses that had been recently founded. After several years, Harriet desired more spiritual surroundings and also sought to work directly with the poor. She and four other deaconesses left the order to form a new one, the Sisters of St. Mary, the oldest indigenous Anglican order in the United States. Harriet was chosen the first Reverend Mother, a post she held for the rest of her life.

The Order of the Sisters of St. Mary was dedicated to both prayer and service. At first, the primary areas of service were St. Mary's Free Hospital for Poor Children and the House of Mercy. The latter was a home for "wayward" girls and young women, often sent there by the courts for indefinite sentences. However, it wasn't long before many charity hospitals were placed under the order's administration.

The Sisters of St. Mary expanded rapidly and numbered over 100 by the turn of the century. One of their greatest contributions was in the education of girls. After establishing a school in New York City, the Bishop of Tennessee prevailed upon the order to establish a school and hospital in Memphis in 1873. Although the Episcopal Church had been slow to recognize the new order initially, the sisters found wide support after four died nursing victims of a yellow fever epidemic in Memphis in 1878. These four sisters are now commemorated by the Church on September 9 as the Martyrs of Memphis or as Constance and her Companions.

Sr. Harriet proved to be a gifted administrator of the order itself and of its far-flung enterprises. She was deeply involved in every aspect of governance, whether it was a medical facility or a boarding school. Harriet died in her sleep on Easter Sunday, 1896.




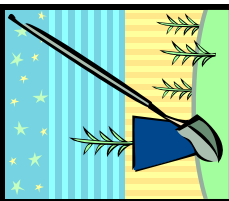
The Sisters of St. Mary continue in existence today, serving as nurses, teachers, and retreat leaders. There are currently three independent houses located in Greenwich, NY, Sewanee, TN, and Mukwonago, WI. Grace Church has a small connection with St. Mary's Sewanee, as it is known. The sisters open their chapel to students at the University of the South for the annual Gethsemane Watch after Maundy Thursday services; Caroline Brooks and her husband Daniel Shaver were frequent guests while students at the University.

Prayer: Gracious God, you called Mother Harriet and her companions to revive the religious life in the Episcopal Church by founding the religious community of St. Mary, and to dedicate their lives to you: Grant that, after their example, we may ever surrender ourselves to the revelation of your holy will; through our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 2 Easter •8am HE •9am Coffee •9:45 Ch. Ed. •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	2	3	4 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door •7pm Choir	5 National Day of Prayer	6 7pm Decorate For Plant Sale	7 •9-2 Mother's Day Plant Sale 
8 3 Easter •8am HE •9am Coffee •9:45 Ch. Ed. •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	9	10 •2-4 Sit & Stitch	11 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door •7pm Choir	12	13	14 •2pm Crouse/ Cannon Wedding
15 4 Easter •8am HE •9am Coffee •9:45 Ch. Ed. •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	16	17 •7pm Vestry Meeting	18 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door •7pm Choir	19 •8am Retired Men's Breakfast	20	21 •Bishop's Easter Retreat 9:30am-3pm •Fellowship & Game Night 6:30
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 Tony Worthen (2011)
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 Sue Ahrens (2012)
 Joan Seman (2012)
 Cathy Mansor (2013)
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 Barb Popiel (2013)

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