

The Grace Vine

May 2012

Rector's Writ

With all the joy, glory, and hope God provides in the Resurrection of Christ, it's easy to find ourselves wishing Easter lasted beyond a particular spring Sunday and season. When we remember that Easter is a celebration of the Lord's resurrection and our redemption, we realize that celebration and joy should be ongoing. Hopefulness, service, and love are never out of season.

Data reveals that roughly 75% of the people in our area are unchurched or have minimal connections with a church. This means three out of four people we know (outside the parish) have occasional or no church affiliation. We might assume they just aren't interested or that church is not a priority. We'd do well to assume MANY people WOULD be interested in what Grace Church has to offer. What they need is SOMEONE TO INVITE THEM! People may not know what's missing in their lives. They may not even be aware how important a close relationship with God is as they face any number of concerns: building strong family relations, whether married, single, widowed, or divorced; handling life transitions; helping aging parents; making ends meet; or simply keeping ourselves healthy and our stress to a tolerable level. Most of us are aware of the need to make healthy choices concerning diet and exercise, but how many of us are aware of the spíritual and sacramental choices before us? Are worship, fellowship and gospel values important to us? Are we aware and willing to share openly how God's grace and goodness are present in our lives?

It's not only the experience of worship, fellowship, and service that are important to people. The Churches that are growing are those willing to engage others in building lasting relationships with God and a faithful church family. This means INVITING people to church and sharing conversation that connects to people where they are. It includes offering good programs, but also sharing your story and listening to theirs. It includes becoming brothers & sisters in Christ. It includes worship, service, and caring for and about others. When we're willing to do that, Christ's family has no bounds. Please think and pray about the people God wants you to invite and bring to him...the opportunities will come.





Service and Lay Ministry Schedule

10:00 Nancy & Jim Ervin

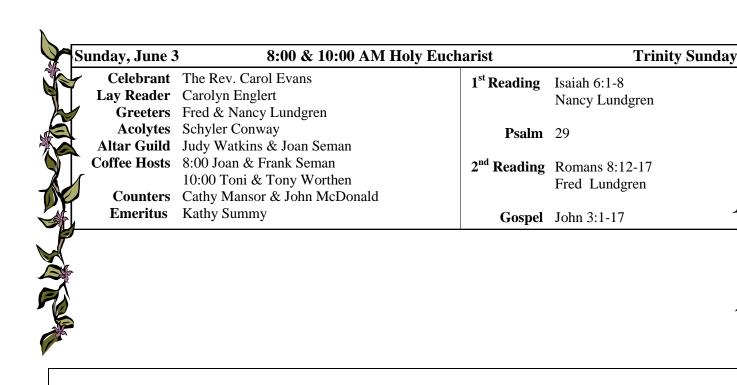
Counters Jeff Marsh & Cory Conway

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Sunday, May 6	8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy	Eucharist		5 Easter
	The Rev. Carol Evans 10:00 Roberta O'Keefe	1 st Reading	Acts 8:26-40 Tim Splinter	
Acolytes	Jim & Nancy Ervin Schyler Conway Park Parial & Shirley Johnson	Psalm	22:24-30	
	Barb Popiel & Shirley Johnson 8:00 Frank & Joan Seman 10:00 Kay Canan & Chris Stickle	2 nd Reading	I John 4:7-21 Cathy Mansor	
Counters Emeritus	Jeff Marsh & Cory Conway Kathy Summy	Gospel	John 15:1-8	
Sunday, May	13 8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eu	ıcharist		6 Easter
Celebrant Deacon	Mother's Day The Rev. Carol Evans The Rev. William Snyder	1 st Reading	Acts 10:44-48 Fred Lundgren	
•	Nancy Lundgren John & Mary Jean McDonald	Psalm	98	
Altar Guild	Eric Splinter & Jillian Conway Barb Popiel & Shirley Johnson 8:00 Family breakfast at 9:00 AM	2 nd Reading	I John 5:1-6 Kathy Summy	

Sunday, May 2	0 8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Euch	arist	7 Easter
Celebrant	The Rev. Carol Evans	1 st Reading	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Lay Reader	Carolyn Englert	1 110000	Jeff Croll
Greeters	Bev Lewis-Mercury & Jeff Marsh		
Acolyte	Kevin Splinter	Psalm	1
Altar Guild	Barb Popiel & Shirley Johnson		
Coffee Hosts	8:00 George Furrer	2 nd Reading	I John 5:9-13
	10:00 Fred & Nancy Lundgren	6	Martha Croll
Counters	Jeff Marsh & Cory Conway		
Emeritus	Bill Snyder	Gospel	John 17:6-19

Gospel John 15:9-17

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	Celebrant	The Rev. Carol Evans	1st Reading	Ezekiel 37:1-14
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1	Lay Reader	Judy Watkins		iviagnara 2 vans
7	Greeters	Jim & Nancy Ervin	Psalm	104:25-35, 37
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	Counters	Jeff Marsh & Cory Conway	Gospel	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15



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 life 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 mother."

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, 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.







Taylor and Paige Paxton really want a dog (and have for years) so they gave a very impressive power point presentation, to Mom **Lisa**, on the advantages of a dog. Good luck girls! Hope that works out for you...

You can always do what the Summy girls did. **Emily** saw the dog-- got her younger sister **Jenna** on board-- took pictures to show Mom, **Kathy**-- Kathy brought the dog home to the family to introduce it to Dad, **Bill**. After a week or so the dog is an important part of the family. I'm sure this process won't work for everyone but you can always try. Or not...

While walking through the church one day the secretary, **Marsha Snyder**, found the answer to the age old question, "How many Episcopalians does it take to change a light bulb". The answer is two - **John McDonald** to climb the ladder and change the bulb and **Jim Ervin** to hold the ladder. Marsha always thought the answer was, "Change? Change? My mother gave that light bulb." But apparently ...

I hope everyone got their Easter candy. Thanks to **Barb Popiel, Marcia Splinter, Phil and Courtney Rich** for coming to the work day to made candy. Phil and Courtney took the uncompleted orders home to finish. Phil brought those orders to the church on Palm Sunday. Phil did say he didn't want to look at another chocolate bunny for at least a year. We can understand that. But the candy looked beautiful and thanks to everyone who made candy, bought it or ordered it...

Holy Week was busy here at Grace Church. **Rev. Carol** was busy with services scheduled every day and visited the shut -ins and those in the hospital. A beautiful celebration was enjoyed by the members of Grace Church. If you weren't here, you were missed and we'll keep you in our prayers...

Steve Merrill, in a moment of weakness, consented to shaving off his beard if the Nursing Team raised a thousand dollars for Relay for Life. Steve has had his beard for 30 years, and giving it up won't be easy, but a promise is a promise. The open letter he sent to the Hiram campus community is humorous – check it out on the parish hall bulletin board – the pictures are worth a look...

The Fish Fry sponsored by our Youth Group was a huge success. A BIG thank you to everyone who came out to support our youth. About 95 people attended and enjoyed a wonderful fish dinner. Many thanks to Chris Stickle and her parents, Lane & Wilda Autry. Lane fried all the fish and Wilda cooked and prepared the food. Lisa Paxton was named "assistant chef," Stacey Scibelli did all the running in the kitchen, Sammie Stickle took care of the drinks and Nicki Stickle and her friend Abby made sure all the dishes were washed. The "waitresses" were: Taylor & Paige Paxton and a friend and Jenna Summy and a friend (Good friends who will jumped in to help!), McKenna & Jillian Conway, with Zach and Emily Scibelli helping Jillian. (What a trio!!) Schyler Conway sat at the table, greeting people and selling meal and 50-50 tickets. After the event Denise Crouse and her fiancé

Kevin Sheridan helped clean up the hall and kitchen. And of course **Rev. Carol** was everywhere greeting people, in the kitchen cleaning up, and helping where ever she could...

We were saddened by the death of **Katherine Furrer** and our prayers are with **George** and his family. Their son **Tom**, an Episcopal priest from Connecticut, celebrated his mother's life and Rev. Carol assisted as Fr. Tom celebrated the Eucharist and gave an excellent sermon. Our own **Martha Croll** sang two beautiful solos and family members spoke of their mother and grandmother. It was a wonderful celebration of Katherine's life. Everyone enjoyed a meal and fellowship during the luncheon reception hosted by Grace's Hospitality Group...

This year **McKenna Conway** was awarded the Citizenship award from the Ravenna Lions Club. Congratulations!!...

Carolyn Englert and hubby **Ken** will be traveling to Texas to visit with their daughter and they will be traveling by train. It will take two days, but that's probably how long it would be driving a car and you don't have to worry about traffic...

George Furrer called to say he couldn't get into his garage because the birds have found a great nesting place. He has morning doves, Carolina wrens, and leaf fly catchers making their nests in his garage...

Billy Johnson brought some very interesting and "old" pictures of Christmas pageants from the past. The only one who could tell us who some of these people are was **Nancy Ervin**, because a lot of them were her family members. When she saw one of her sisters dressed as an angel the only comment Nancy had was that she was not the angel in the family...

The community theater of Ravenna presented Beauty and the Beast and several members of our congregation took part: **Jenna Summy, Sammi Stickle, Aundréa Seman and Mikey Cook**. The youth spent many long and late hours rehearsing, but they enjoyed it and will be doing it again...

Marsha & Bill Snyder are excited about having their son, Luke back in the United States after spending a year in Kuwait. Luke can't wait to be with his wife and boys in Minnesota and will be visiting Ravenna as soon as possible...

Congratulations to **Megan Worthen**, she is now a member of the Waterloo High School National Honor Society. As a Junior, Megan carries a 4.0 average and is in the marching band and softball team. And congratulations to **Sammi Stickle** who was selected as a Brown Middle School Student of the Month. Sammi was chosen for being an outstanding student and a role model for her peers. Good job girls!!

The **Splinter** boys are as busy as usual. **Eric** just competed in another Martial Arts tournament, getting a 2nd in sparring. He's now in rehearsals for the spring play, a murder mystery! Shortly he will be a Life Scout in Boy Scouts, just one step from Eagle. **Kevin** is on to baseball season now. His team has just 6 games played, but Kevin has already played 8 positions. When out from his starting spot behind the plate, 2nd base is the only place left to play....busy, busy, busy...

On the Horizon

Garrettsville Yard Sale Day May 5th

We're at the Splinter's House again! Contact Marcia about getting your stuff to us and working the sale...and just come to G'ville to enjoy the Garage Sale Madness!!! Mother's Day Flower Sale Pre-Orders are Due Sunday, May 6th

Prep Day Friday, May 11th

Flower pickup and sorting— Afternoon. Basket Decorating— Evening. Watch for signups.

Sale Day at the Church May 12th

Stop by the Church to pickup your orders and check out the beautiful gift baskets. Tell ALL your friends!

No Game Night in May due to Flower Sale

Mother's Day Family Breakfast Sunday, May 13th

Between the Sunday services.

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



Congratulations!

and many happy returns...

Birthdays

3rd Carolyn Englert Tim Splinter Zach Scibelli

4th Laurel Brooks

7th Phillip Crouse

9th Elizabeth Webb

12th Addrianne Conway

15th Midge Myers

Phyllis Shorts

16th Marsha Snyder

22ndGerald Rich

23rd Eleanor Blank

26th Kenneth Englert

27th Joan Seman

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

Acolytes Needed

With the departure of Conways in June, we are down to two acolytes in the regular rotation. If anyone, including adults, is willing to join, rejoin or feels old enough to give it a try please let us know.. Of course, training will be part of the deal, so don't be shy.

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The Dominican Republic Trip

Steve Merrill and students at Hiram College are gathering supplies to bring with them to the Dominican Republic. They will be teach health lessons to the children, generally aged 7-15 and would like to have a "Lesson Related" gift for each child. They will be bringing these in their suitcases, so the size of the gift needs to be no larger than a 1 quart zipper bag. The items in the gifts should be small or travel size. The gifts are as follows:

Steve's Last Minute request is for Dental Floss and small or single use size Antibiotic Ointment.



CAMP CEDAR HILLS

Information and registration forms are available in the church office and posted in the parish hall bulletin board for Camp Cedar Hills. This has been a great experience for our children and teens. For anyone interested see Addrianne Conway.



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**

To that end, please give any receipts from Marshall's Dry-cleaning to **Marsha Snyder** for handling.



Gracie's Back Door

Come visit Gracie's Back Door - We feature many books by noted Christian authors, a new full bed comforter set, new full quilt, great tea pots, new collectible cups & saucers, many unusual cake plates, decorative vases, and great gifts for that special teacher. Lots of new jewelry, a Wonderful rocking chair and a side chair. And as usual we have many gift items with many "new" items arriving Weekly. Look for Gracie's "angels" coming soon.

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Please join us in saying 'THANK YOU" to people serving god at Grace Church and in our community in a variety of ways:

- Marcia Splinter, Phil & Courtney Rich, and Barb Popiel for making Easter candy. And to everyone who supported our Fun'd Raising Committee.
- Nancy Ervin, and members of the hospitality committee, Carolyn Englert, Mike & Shirley Johnson, Fred & Nancy Lundgren, John McDonald and Marsha Snyder for hosting the reception that followed Katherine Furrer's funeral service. And thanks to everyone who brought in food.
- Youth Director Chris Stickle, her parents Lane & Wilda Autry, Lisa Paxton, Stacy Scibelli, and all the youth who worked to help make the Youth Group Fish Fry a success.

- Bill Snyder for hosting the Poker Boys this month and thanks to the group for donating their winnings to Loaves and Fishes.
- Stacy Scibelli for planning the children's Easter egg hunt that followed the 10:00 AM service.
- Kathy Summy & Bill Snyder for leading worship and Communion to those at Emeritus two Sundays each month.
- Shirley & Mike Johnson for bringing in all the treasures from their friend Fay Pierce, to Gracie's Back Door. Come and take a look!

Please call the office or email us a note if you know of any volunteers we need to thank for work, donations, or other good deeds.

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.

Frances Perkins May 13

Born April 10, 1880, Frances Perkins was baptized Fannie Coralie Perkins; however, she changed her name legally to Frances. She was the daughter of a Worcester, MA, stationery storeowner and his wife and grew up in that city. Graduating from Classical High School, she entered Mt. Holyoke College and majored in chemistry and physics. After graduation, she taught for several years and then entered Columbia University where she earned a master's degree in political science in 1910. After several years of volunteer work in settlement houses, including Hull House, she headed the New York Consumers League and lobbied vigorously for better working hours and conditions. The following year, she witnessed the aftermath of the tragic Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire, which remained a pivotal event of her working life. This industrial fire took the lives of 146 garment workers, mostly recent Jewish and Italian immigrant women. Although most were between the ages of 16 and 23, the youngest to die were two 14-year-old girls. Continuing to work for the laboring men and women in New York State, she was appointed the inaugural State Commissioner of Labor by then-governor Franklin D. Roosevelt. In this role, she was able to put New York in the forefront of progressive reform: expanded factory investigations for unsafe working conditions, reduced workweek for women to 48 hours, and support for minimum wage and unemployment insurance laws. FDR began to notice.

In 1933, FDR appointed her Secretary of the Department of Labor, a role she held for 12 years. She thus became the first woman to hold a Cabinet position and, therefore, the first women to enter the line of president succession. Although the New Deal was full of compromise legislation, FDR consistently supported her agenda. She played a key role in much New Deal legislation including minimum-wage laws. However, her most significant contribution was as chairperson of the President's Committee on Economic Security. This group's reports and hearings ultimately resulted in the Social Security Act of 1935. In 1945, President Truman asked her to serve on the Civil Service Commission, which she did until her retirement from federal service in 1952. In later years, she was asked why she followed FDR to Washington. "I came to Washington to work for God, FDR, and the millions of forgotten, plain common workingmen." She continued to write and to teach at Cornell University until her death in 1965 at the age of 85.

Prayer: Loving God, we bless your Name for Frances Perkins, who lived out her belief that the special vocation of the laity is to conduct the secular affairs of society that all may be maintained in health and decency. Help us, following her example, to contend tirelessly for justice and for the protection of all in need, that we may be faithful followers of Jesus Christ; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



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Dear companions in God's mission,

Teresa of Avila, the 16th century Spanish mystic and Carmelite nun, articulated compellingly the conviction that you and I are all God has with which to bring life to the ministry of Christ in our particular time. "Christ has no body now but yours."

The Diocese of Ohio, through the ministries of every parishioner and congregation, becomes the hands, heart, eyes, ears, and voice of Jesus to a world that is ever in need of his healing love. And each year, the Bishop's Appeal helps foster the vitality of our common response in essential ways. It provides \$100,000 to Episcopal Community Services for grants that encourage parish-based ministries of social outreach. It underwrites mission trips and other servant leadership experiences for both youth and adults, and makes possible summer internships for high school and college students. It helps afford formational positions for newly ordained clergy, and supports a variety of important ministry opportunities at both the parochial and diocesan level. In short, it has become essential to our participation in God's mission.

Your every contribution in prayer, service, and proclaiming with your life God's love strengthens our ability to be Christ's body in parochial and diocesan contexts alike. Likewise, your generous contribution to the Bishop's Appeal further strengthens our ability to be Christ's body by providing resources for ministry that our parish and diocesan budgets cannot otherwise support. In this way, your financial giving is of parallel and equal import to the building up of the body of Christ.

Thank you for your generous response to the 2012 Appeal, and for your continued and enthusiastic companionship in the body of Christ.

The Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth, Jr.

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Bishop of Ohio

Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body.
Christ has no body now but yours.

Grace Church members have a good history of support for the Bishop's Annual Appeal, a portion of which provides funds for Episopal Community Services ministries. Brochures with the contribution form as wella s pre-addressed envelopes are available in the parish hall, the back table in the church and in the office. Thanks for your support!

Many people want to serve God, but only as Advisors.

'Somebody has said there are only two kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, 'Good morning, Lord,' and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, 'Good Lord, it's morning.'

A minister parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a meter. Then he put a note under the windshield wiper that read: 'I have circled the block 10 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. Forgive us our trespasses.'

When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with this note 'I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket I'll lose my job. Lead us not into temptation.'

While driving in Pennsylvania, a family caught up to an Amish carriage. The owner of the carriage obviously had a sense of humour, because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand printed sign... 'Energy efficient vehicle: Runs on oats and grass. Caution: Do not step in exhaust.'

A Sunday School teacher began her lesson with a question, 'Boys and girls, what do we know about God?'

A hand shot up in the air. 'He is an artist!' said the kindergarten boy.

'Really? How do you know?' the teacher asked.

'You know - Our Father, who does art in Heaven... '

Sunday after church, a Mom asked her very young daughter what the lesson was about. The daughter answered, 'Don't be scared, you'll get your guilt.'

Needless to say, the Mom was perplexed. Later in the day, the pastor stopped by for tea and the Mom asked him what that morning's Sunday school lesson was about.

He said 'Be not afraid, thy comforter is coming.' (I love this one)

The minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building. Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute the substitute wanted to know what to play.

'Here's a copy of the service,' he said impatiently. 'But, you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances.'

During the service, the minister said, 'Brothers and Sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected and we need \$4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up'.

At that moment, the substitute organist played 'The Star Spangled Banner.' And that is how the substitute became the regular organist!

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