



The Grace Vine

May 2013

Rector's Reflections

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 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)

Please invite family and friends to worship with us as we
celebrate Pentecost, May 19th.

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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 5 | | 8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist | 6 Easter |
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| Celebrant | The Rev. Carol Evans | 1st Reading Acts 16:9-15 Kathy Summy | Psalm 67 |
| Lay Reader | 8:00 Bette Brooks 10:00 Carolyn Englert | | |
| Greeters | David Miller & Alex Wroblewski | 2nd Reading Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5 Tim Splinter | Gospel John 14:23-29 |
| Acolyte | Cathy Mansor | | |
| Altar Guild | Joan Seman & Barb Popiel | | |
| Coffee Hosts | 8:00 Joan & Frank Seman 10:00 Chris Stickle & Loretta Reigelman | | |
| Counters | John McDonald & Frank Seman | | |
| Emeritus | Kathy Summy | | |

| Sunday, May 12 | | 8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist | 7 Easter |
|---------------------|---|---|-----------------------------|
| Celebrant | The Rev. Carol Evans | 1st Reading Acts 16:16-34 Martha Croll | Psalm 97 |
| Deacon | The Rev. William Snyder | | |
| Lay Reader | 8:00 Sally Dier 10:00 Steve Merrill | 2nd Reading Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 Jeff Croll | Gospel John 17:20-26 |
| Greeters | Nancy & Jim Ervin | | |
| Acolyte | Eric Splinter | | |
| Altar Guild | Joan Seman & Barb Popiel | | |
| Coffee Hosts | 8:00 Midge Myers 10:00 Mary Jean & John McDonald | | |
| Counters | John McDonald & Frank Seman | | |

| Sunday, May 19 | | 8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist | Day of Pentecost |
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| Celebrant | The Rev. Carol Evans | 1st Reading Acts 2:1-21 Cathy Mansor | Psalm 104:25-35, 37 |
| Lay Reader | 8:00 Bette Brooks 10:00 Nancy Lundgren | | |
| Greeters | Susan & Steve Merrill | 2nd Reading Romans 8:14-17 Maynard Evans | Gospel John 14:8-17 (25-27) |
| Acolyte | Jeff Marsh | | |
| Altar Guild | Joan Seman & Barb Popiel | | |
| Coffee Hosts | 8:00 Pat Williams 10:00 Taylor, Paige, & Lisa Paxton | | |
| Counters | John McDonald & Frank Seman | | |
| Emeritus | Bill Snyder | | |

| Sunday, May 26 | | 8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist | Trinity Sunday |
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| Celebrant | The Rev. Carol Evans | 1st Reading Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Carolyn Englert | Psalm 8 |
| Deacon | The Rev. William Snyder | | |
| Lay Reader | 8:00 Sally Dier 10:00 Judy Watkins | 2nd Reading Romans 5:1-5 Tim Splinter | Gospel John 16:12-15 |
| Greeters | John & Mary Jean McDonald | | |
| Acolyte | Kevin Splinter | | |
| Altar Guild | Joan Seman & Barb Popiel | | |
| Coffee Hosts | 8:00 TBA 10:00 Nancy & Jim Ervin | | |
| Counters | John McDonald & Frank Seman | | |



Sunday, June 2 SUMMER CELEBRATION - 9:00 AM Outdoor Holy Eucharist 2 Pentecost
Followed by a covered dish lunch and fellowship
at the home of Debbie Shorts, 1523 Elizabeth Court, Kent

Celebrant The Rev. Carol Evans
Lay Reader 9:00 Bette Brooks
Greeters Fred & Nancy Lundgren
Acolyte TBD
Altar Guild Judy Watkins & Sandy Ulbricht
Counters Cathy Mansor & Jeff Marsh
Emeritus Kathy Summy

1st Reading Kings 18:20-39
 Fred Lundgren

Psalm 96

2nd Reading Galatians 1:1-12
 Nancy Lundgren

Gospel Luke 7:1-10

Congratulations to our 2013 Graduates

Nicole Stickle and Megan Worthen

“O God, you are the source of wisdom, love, and inspiration: send out your light and guide us. Give us a deep and clear knowledge of ourselves; help us to a growing knowledge of our world; confirm in us the holiness of your truth. Strengthen and lead us toward noble and wise thinking, gracious and faithful deeds, and an abiding trust in your will and purpose for our lives; in the Name of your beloved Son we pray and give you thanks. Amen.”

Spring Ingathering will begin on May 19th

Please use the envelopes in the church pews to take part in this spring's ingathering. Any amount will be appreciated.

The UTO has been a part of the Episcopal Church for many years and with funds collected it enables us to help people from all over the world and in our own communities.

Take a box (they are on the table in back of the church) and every time you're thankful for one of God's blessings put a coin in the blue box, at the fall ingathering we will collect those coins.





Did You Know?...



Taylor Paxton is on her way to getting her driver license; she now has her permit and is anxious to get on the road. **Grandma Nancy Lundgren** says, "She's really a very good driver". So, if you're in the Stow area look out for Taylor –well, look for Taylor...

It was great to see all the faithful here at Grace Church on Easter day. The church was full and thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make this a joyous occasion. The altar guild spent a lot of time here at Grace during the days of holy week. The choir practiced many hours and had a lot of music they enjoyed sharing with all of you. Thanks to **Cathy Mansor and Jeff Marsh** for decorating the church with very colorful balloons that the children, both young and old, enjoyed. The Christian Education department had their annual Easter egg hunt and thanks to **Stacey Scibelli** for getting the supplies and stuffing all those eggs and to **Nicole & Samantha Stickle** for hiding them. **Nancy Ervin** served cake after both the 8:00 and 10:00 service and we really enjoyed that!!...

The Youth Group has been serving a light lunch of soup, salad, sandwiches and desert the first Sunday of the month and it has been very well received. They serve all this for \$5.00 per lunch with all the proceeds going to the Youth Group. Thanks to everyone who has been so supportive. And a special thanks to **Wilda & Lane Autry** for donating food and doing the cooking and **Roxanne Burky, Kathy Summy, Lisa Paxton, Stacey Scibelli, and Chris Stickle** for donating food...

Nancy and Jim Ervin will be celebrating their 45th wedding anniversary and they will be going on an out of town trip – alone. No grandchildren this time. Nancy & Jim kept the three granddaughters while their son and his wife took a trip to Las Vegas and I'm sure they now need a quiet weekend to themselves...

Mary Jean McDonald will be heading for California to visit with her daughter **Amy** and her family...

Bill Snyder just got back from Colorado where he

visited with his brother **Jerry** who has been ill...

We were saddened by the death of Maynard's **sister Liz**, who died unexpectedly the week after Easter. Maynard was at his best friend's funeral when he got word that Liz had died. Our prayers are with Maynard and Carol and Liz's husband **Neil** and their family...

We now have two new worship leaders; **Sally Dier and Steve Merrill**. Sally will also serve as Lay Eucharistic Visitor. Thanks for volunteering to be part of these important ministries...

We received a note from **Phyllis Shorts** saying she's in the middle of doing taxes – ugh!! She did say she enjoyed the Easter greeting they received from Grace Church and mention the snowbirds are leaving Florida which makes the traffic there in Florida much more manageable...

And speaking of snowbirds **Judy Watkins and Johnnie & Irene Machisko** will be heading for home soon – can't wait to see them...

Jenna Summy and Eric Splinter will represent Grace Church at the Diocesan Youth Conference held at Grace, Mansfield. **Kathy Summy** will escort the youth and thanks for doing that Kathy...

Mary Ann Switz enjoyed a cousin reunion that was held at their 94 year old Aunt's home. Nine of the cousins (all women) haven't been together in over 30 years and it was really great seeing everyone - I hope they don't wait another 30 years...

Pat Williams is going to be a grandmother again. Her son **Mike** and his wife **Christine** are expecting their first child and Pat's granddaughter, **Heather** and husband **Kevin**, are expecting in June, and this will be Pat's first great-grandchild. Our congratulation to the Williams family.

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:

- To John McDonald for “fixing” the parish hall back door lock.
- To Cathy Mansor & Jeff Marsh for decorating the church for Easter
- To the Christian Education department for all their work on the Easter egg hunt
- To Jim Ervin for bringing Bud Minnich to church. We love to see Bud in church.
- To the Altar guild for all their work during Holy Week and for Easter preparation
- To the Youth Group for monthly lunches.
- To Goldie Shriver for her work in the nursery.
- To members of Vestry for making the “hard” decisions.
- To Roberta O’Keefe and members of the Beatty committee for safeguarding the fund.
- To Steve Merrill and Sally Dier for volunteering to be our new worship leaders, and to Sally who will also help with our Lay Eucharistic Visitor ministry.
- To Tim Splinter for his ongoing help with office computer trouble-shooting and getting the Grace Vine formatted each month.
- To Marcia Splinter for all her work as treasurer and for organizing the Mother’s Day plant sale – again!
- To Nancy & Jim Ervin for weeding the flower bed along the side of the church.

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.



Birthdays

3rd Carolyn Englert
Tim Splinter
Zach Scibelli
4th Laurel Brooks
9th Elizabeth Webb
15th Midge Myers
Phyllis Shorts
16th Marsha Snyder
22nd Gerry Rich
23rd Eleanor Blank
26th Kenneth Englert
27th Joan Seman
Loretta Reigelman
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
28th Marcia Splinter

Anniversaries

1st Bill & Marsha Snyder



The Bulletin Board

Acolytes Schedule

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

6/9—Cathy

6/16—Eric

6/23—Jeff

6/30—Kevin

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Marcia@splinterfactions.net

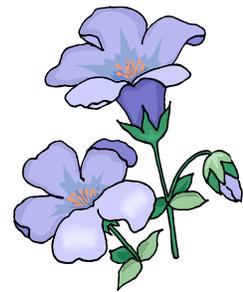
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Mother's Day Plant and Flower Sale

Saturday, May 11th

9:00 - 2:00

Order Forms are in the Parish Hall.
Order you Spring Flowers Now!!!



YOUTH GROUP NEWS

May 5th - Youth Group Soup &
Salad Luncheon

After the 10:00 a.m. service

\$5.00 per person

This month we will be serving:

Potato soup, chili, tomato soup &
grilled cheese sandwiches



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.

News from Gracie's Backdoor

Coming Attractions

MAY 2013: Gifts for the graduate, extra serving dishes, picture frames to hold those cherished memories.

JUNE 2013: It's a time for Brides, a time to get outside and enjoy barbeques, picnics, and curling up with a good book. Come see what we have to aid these joys.

If you're cleaning out don't throw anything out – remember Gracie's

9:00am Summer Worship Schedule Begins

Kick Off Celebration with Worship & Fellowship

June 2nd – 9:00 am (rain or shine)

An outdoor eucharist will be held at the home of
Debbie Shorts, 1523 Elizabeth Court, Kent

Covered dish luncheon will follow – please bring a dish to pass.

Hamburgers and hot dogs will be supplied.

Thanks to Debbie and Rick for hosting!

Spring Breakfast
Mother's Day
May 12th
9:00 am
Between Services
Everyone Welcome!

MEN'S GARAGE SALE

JUNE 29TH
8:00 - 3:00 pm

Please bring all your items to
the church. If you need things
picked up please contact John
McDonald or Mike Johnson.

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.*

Jackson Kemper

May 24

Jackson Kemper was born December 24, 1789, in the Hudson Valley town of Pleasant Valley, New York, where his parents had taking temporary refuge from a smallpox outbreak in New York City. He was the son of Col. Daniel Kemper, an aide-de-camp to Gen. George Washington at the battles of Germantown and Monmouth during the Revolutionary War. His mother was a Marius, a distinguished Dutch New Amsterdam family. Little is known of his early years. But we do know that he entered Columbia College at the age of 15 and studied theology under Dr. Henry Hobart. He graduated in 1809 as the valedictorian of his class. He moved to Philadelphia and was made a deacon of the Episcopal Church in 1811 and ordained priest in 1814. For the next 20 years, he served various parishes.

In 1835, the Episcopal Church decided to consecrate missionary bishops to preach the Gospel in the West—west being just west of the settled areas. Kemper was the first to be chosen. He promptly headed west and began the task for which he was commissioned. Realizing that finding clergy in the east who were willing to tolerate the hardships of the frontier would be nearly impossible, he recruited priests from among men who were already in the West. He then established a college in St. Louis, Missouri, to educate them. He is perhaps best known for founding Nashotah House, an Episcopal seminary in Wisconsin. He supported the Oxford Movement (a call to return to the traditional teachings of the Church) but maintained the importance of separation from the Roman Catholic Church where the Oxford Movement had begun. Therefore, it is not surprising that Nashotah House is perhaps the most conservative of the Episcopal seminaries in America.

He continually urged greater outreach to the Native American peoples and supported translations of the Scriptures and services of the church into their languages. In fact, his first official act as Missionary Bishop was laying the cornerstone for a new church building that served the Oneida Indian Mission at Duck Creek. From 1847 until 1854 he served as Provisional Bishop of the newly formed Diocese of Wisconsin and then as its Diocesan Bishop from 1854 until his death. He also supported the creation of the new diocese of Fond du Lac; however, he did not live to see its formation. He died May 24, 1870, at his home, Bishopstead, adjacent to the grounds of Nashotah House.

Prayer: Lord God, in whose providence Jackson Kemper was chosen first missionary bishop in this land, and by his arduous labor and travel established congregations in the scattered settlements of the West: Grant that the Church may always be faithful to its mission, and have the vision, courage, and perseverance to make known to all peoples the Good News of Jesus Christ; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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| Sun | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | 1 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door | 2 | 3 | 4 6:30 Game Night |
| 5 6 Easter •8am HE •9am Coffee •9:15 Choir •9:4-5 Ch. Ed. •10am HE •11:15 Coffee | 6 | 7 •Clergy Conference | 8 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door •Clergy Conference | 9 •Clergy Conference | 10 Flower Sale Setup | 11 •9am-2pm Mother's Day Flower Sale |
| 12 7 Easter •8am HE •9am Coffee •9:15 Choir •9:4-5 Ch. Ed. •10am HE •11:15 Coffee | 13 | 14 •1-3 Sit & Stitch | 15 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door •6pm Healing Service & Eucharist | 16 •8am Retired Men's Breakfast | 17 | 18 |
| 19 Pentecost •8am HE •9am Coffee •9:15 Choir •9:4-5 Ch. Ed. •10am HE •11:15 Coffee | 20 | 21 •7pm Vestry Meeting | 22 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 Trinity Sunday •8am HE •9am Coffee •9:4-5 Ch. Ed. •10am HE •11:15 Coffee | 27 | 28 •1-3 Sit & Stitch | 29 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door | 30 | 31 | |

The Vestry of Grace Episcopal Church
 Cathy Mansor (2013)
 Jeff Marsh (2013)
 Barb Popiel (2013)
 Reba Cook (2014)
 John McDonald (2014)
 Midge Myers (2014)
 Fred Lundgren (2015)
 Steve Merrill (2015)
 Frank Seman (2015)

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