



The Grace Vine

October 2007

Rector's Writ

Our Stewardship Committee has been meeting and planning how to have more faithful and effective results in giving. We arrive at no magical answer or approach that will bring giving up to the point where we no longer have a deficit budget, other than to continue growing and attracting new members. Although we're blessed to have the Beatty Fund to help make up the shortfall in recent years, we don't want to be dependent on those monies. We'll be using at least \$12,000 from Beatty for the 2007 deficit, and more had it not been for Fun-d Raising and an anonymous \$2,500 matching funds challenge to which people responded generously. There are many who strongly believe tapping Beatty funds to cover deficits is not practicing good and faithful stewardship of what we've been given. So, the question remains and challenges us continually: How do we grow...in the Spirit, in generosity, and in numbers?

First and foremost our focus is on growth in the Spirit and in faith. I believe the ongoing practice of good discipleship, generous stewardship, and gratitude for all the ways God provides for us and is present with us will result in growth in numbers. We strive to live so that people experience the love and grace of God through the hospitality and welcome we provide to newcomers, visitors, and seekers, and the care and fellowship we provide each other. If people see the Lord's love at work among us—receiving and sharing that love in spite of differences, and refusing to judge or exclude others—it lets them know God can be found and experienced in this Church family. It lets them know there's something worthwhile and meaningful in the worship, fellowship, giving, and service we share.

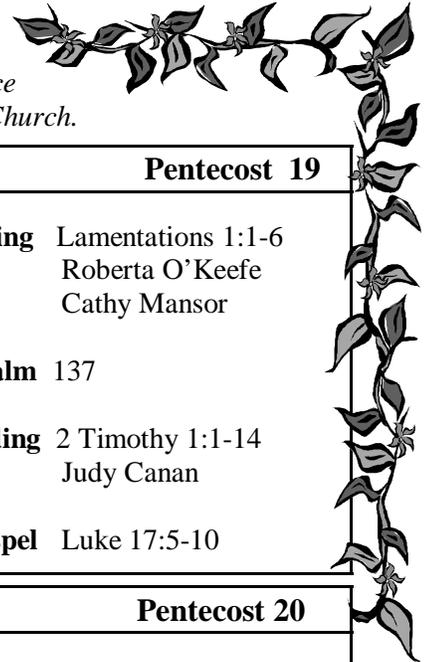
A lasting faith in God, nurtured in and through the Church and carried into the world, is something we can't get at the mall, or from televangelists, or from worldly possessions. This is something those of you in the pews Sunday after Sunday *know almost intuitively, but it's not something everyone knows*. Often those who have no Church home know only that something is missing in their lives. Nothing can fill the God gap, except God. Grace Church alone can't fill it...our outreach work can't fill it...our stewardship appeals can't fill it. GOD--working through and among us--fills our spiritual gaps (or canyons) and calms our anxieties with his peace. Proclaiming "Good News" includes introducing people to God, by word and example, inviting and welcoming them to Grace Church. *Just as someone did for us, we can make the introduction, and God does the conversion*. The grace of Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit are active in the process. May that grace and love be shared in gratitude and joy as we WORSHIP and SERVE GOD, INVITE

and WELCOME all, and GIVE in FAITH, as God gives to us.



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, October 7		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	Pentecost 19
CPC Sunday			
Officiating	The Rev. Carol S. Evans	1st Reading	Lamentations 1:1-6 Roberta O'Keefe Cathy Mansor
Lay Reader	Carolyn Englert		
Greeters	Julie Canan & Kay Canan	Psalm	137
Acolyte	Schyler Conway		
Altar Guild	Nancy Ervin & Irene Machisko	2nd Reading	2 Timothy 1:1-14 Judy Canan
Coffee Hosts	8:00 George Furrer 10:00 Nancy & Jim Ervin		
Counters	Blake Quay & Pat Williams	Gospel	Luke 17:5-10
Loyalton	Maynard Evans		
2:00 Blessing of the Animals			

Sunday, October 14		8:00 & 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist	Pentecost 20
CHILDREN'S SABBATH & UTO SUNDAY			
Officiating	The Rev. Carol S. Evans	1st Reading	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 Youth
Deacon	The Rev. William D. Snyder		
Lay Reader	Bette Brooks	Psalm	66:1-11
Greeters	Leslie & Colin Thomas		
Acolyte	Julie Canan & Brandon Higgins	2nd Reading	2 Timothy 2:8-15 Youth
Altar Guild	Nancy Ervin & Irene Machisko		
Coffee Hosts	8:00 Mike & Shirley Johnson 10:00 Judy Canan & Kay Canan	Gospel	Luke 17:11-19
Counters	Blake Quay & Pat Williams		
1:30 CROP WALK			

Sunday, October 21		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	Pentecost 21
STEWARDSHIP BREAKFAST 9:00 AM			
Officiating	The Rev. Carol S. Evans	1st Reading	Jeremiah 31:27-34 Kathy Summy
Lay Reader	Judy Canan		
Greeters	Nancy & Fred Lundgren	Psalm	119:97-104
Acolyte	Emily Summy & Taylor Paxton		
Coffee Hosts	8:00 The Ulbricht family 10:00 John & Mary Jean McDonald	2nd Reading	2 Timothy 3:14—4:5 Gordon Thompson
Altar Guild	Nancy Ervin & Irene Machisko		
Counters	Blake Quay & Pat Williams	Gospel	Luke 18:1-8
Loyalton	Bill Snyder		

Sunday, October 28		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	Pentecost 22
Officiating	The Rev. Carol S. Evans	1st Reading	Joel 2:23-32 Paige Thomas
Deacon	The Rev. William D. Snyder		
Lay Reader	Maynard Evans	Psalm	65
Greeters	Mary Jean & John McDonald		
Acolyte	Jenna Summy & Eric Splinter	2nd Reading	2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18 John Machisko
Altar Guild	Nancy Ervin & Irene Machisko		
Coffee Hosts	8:00 Pat Williams & Cindy Hoskins 10:00 John & Irene Machisko	Gospel	Luke 18:9-14
Counters	Blake Quay & Pat Williams		



Sunday, November 4	8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	Pentecost
Officiating The Rev. Carol S. Evans		1st Reading Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4
Lay Reader Carolyn Englert		Cathy Mansor
Greeters Julie & Kay Canan		Psalm 119:137-144
Acolyte Sammy Stickle & Taylor Paxton		2nd Reading 2 Thes. 1:1-4, 11-12
Altar Guild Amy Neely & Bette Brooks		Tim Splinter
Coffee Hosts 8:00 Frank & Joan Seman 10:00 Ron & Kelly Postlethwaite		
Counters Bette Brooks & Kelly Postlethwaite		
Loyalton Maynard Evans		

CHILDREN'S SABBATH - October 14th

During the 10:00 service Grace Church will join with thousands of other congregations across the nation for the annual national observance of Children's Sabbath. This service focuses on the needs of children and how people of faith can respond through prayer, outreach and advocacy.

Children's Sabbath will encourage all of us--children, youth, parents, and seniors to become involved in our congregation and local community to assure that children receive the help they need to grow, learn and achieve their God-given potential.

We celebrate Children's Sabbath by having the youth of our parish lead the worship service, with readings and special music. While this is an opportunity for our youth to shine, we must keep in mind those children who are living in poverty or abuse. Will you please join us at the 10:00 AM service and help us celebrate children everywhere.

Congratulations!

and many happy returns...

Baptisms

5th Mike Johnson
7th J.D. Novak
14th Bill Shorts, Jr.
18th Jamie Popiel
21st Nancy Ervin
28th Kate Ahrens
Barbara Popiel
Morgan Sherwood
29th Reba Cook
Kevin Splinter
30th Lucy Kester
31st Grace Postlethwaite



Birthdays

1st Perry Williams
10th Sonja Sherwood
12th Schyler Conway
13th John McDonald
Maggie Rich
Nicole Stickle
15th Gwen Baker
25th Audrey Seman
27th Ricky Sanek



Anniversaries

5th Charles & June Marks
7th Gary & Cindy Ward
11th Cory & Addrienne Conway
15th Jason & Melissa Strainer
17th Tim & Marcia Splinter
20th Bill & Kathy Summy
28th Michael & Martha Baker





Did You Know?...



Bill & Phyllis Shorts are doing much better after Bill's last surgery, they are both walking in the pool everyday, Bill for therapy on his fractured hip and Phyllis for the exercise and support. Their grandson who graduated from college in San Diego bought a bulldog with his graduation gift from his grandparents, and named the dog Phyl in honor of his grandmother. Now that's an honor!!...

Dennis & Sally Dier took a liking to the two black lab puppies at the animal shelter and took them both home with them where they are now responding to the good care and affection they have received and fit right in with the Dier family...

The choir is back in session with two new members, **Sue Ahrens and Paige Thomas**, and we are delighted...

Alice Boydell is happy to announce the birth of her first grandson **Elliot Michael Pearse**, born to daughter **Ellen** last month...

Nydah Ellet will be attending her high school reunion in Texas this month, how many years has it been???...

Thanks to **Mike and Shirley Johnson** for donating the security camera that goes with the security system installed for the church office...

And thanks to the generous people who donated the beautiful new file cabinet in Carol's office...

It was great seeing **Jean and Len Mercer** in church on Sunday Sept. 16th. They were in the area to see family and get the rest of their "stuff" from a storage locker.

Grandson Ian was anxious to have them back in South Carolina. He missed them...

Mike Johnson and John McDonald have placed a bulletin board in the parish hall to honor all the servicemen currently serving their country, and **Shirley** will decorate it. If you have a picture of the men and women we currently have on our prayer list please put it on this bulletin board with their name, where they are stationed and any other information of interest...

The **Neeley's** "kids" have been busy: son **Tim** is doing his residency at Cuyahoga Falls General, **AJ** is completing his senior at Akron University, and daughter **Emily** is taking classes at Boheckers and working at the Ravenna Recreation Center. Mom and Dad must be very proud...

Roberta O'Keefe is enjoying retirement, but don't ask her to do any extra volunteer work just yet, give her a few years to rest up...

Barb Popiel came home from her Mozambique, Africa hunting trip with some very interesting stories. No

luggage for 10 days! She shot a Reedbuck (like a White Tail) and will have it mounted. She ate all the animals that were hunted. Buffalo tongue, Buffalo meat, Waterbuck, Bushbuck, Reedbuck, Crocodile. It was all great food. All in all the trip was a great experience. She would love to go back again someday.

Bonnie Quay is enjoying her sister moving back in the area from California, they've been planning showers and weddings. What fun...

Thank you to **Cory Conway and Ricky Sanek** for moving all the furniture for carpet cleaning and then coming back that evening to move everything back...

Congratulations to **Addrianne Conway** for receiving a promotion at her job...

The Balloon-A-Fair was very successful this year. **Addrianne Conway** did a great job of planning the parade, lunch, bake sale, getting t-shirts ordered, advertising, and sign up sheets. Our hot dog lunch served about 137 people and the proceeds went to Two Cents a Meal. It's difficult to name everyone without leaving someone out but thanks to everyone who took part in the parade, served hot dogs, baked cookies, brownies, pies, muffins, and cheesecake and everyone who brought in cans of pop, and helped. We especially want to thank **Giant Eagle** for their cash donation and **Portage Frosted Foods** for donating the hot dogs. It was a great day...

Chris Stickel received a promotion, after five years working for Ravenna City Schools, as a substitute teacher's aid, they finally gave her full time employment with all the benefits---good for you Chris...

The church picnic with St. Paul's Lutheran Church was very nice, even though it rained. This year there were more Episcopalians than Lutherans, which is unusual...

The sacristy is missing purificators, if you have any in your possession please see that they are returned, thanks!!

If you have any information you would like to see in the Did You Know please give it to **Tim Splinter or Marsha Snyder**.

Deanery Doings

St. Timothy, Macedonia

October 5 & 6—Rummage sale

Oct 19th—5-7pm Chili Supper

Christ Church, Hudson

Garage sale Fri., Oct. 12th 2-9PM &

Sat. Oct. 13th 9am-1pm

On the Horizon

**Saturday October 6th
Youth Group Meeting
3pm**

**Sunday October 7th
Blessing of the Animal
2pm**

Bring all your beloved animal to church for our annual blessing in memory of St Francis of Assisi.

**Saturday October 13th
Fellowship & Game Night
6:30pm**

Come on in for our monthly fun! Bring your game, your cards, your favorite snack, or just yourself!

**Sunday October 14th
UTO Ingathering and
Children's Sabbath**

Bring your UTO donations to church for the ingathering. The children will also have their special day during the 10:00 service as we focus on the needs of children worldwide.

CROP Walk
If you would like to walk or donate, contact the office or George Furrer.

**Sunday October 21st
Stewardship Breakfast
9am**

We will kick off our annual Stewardship campaign at this Parish Breakfast. The 10:00 service will be backed up to 10:30.

**Saturday November 10th
Fellowship & Game Night
6:30pm**

Come on in for our monthly fun! Bring your game, your cards, your favorite snack, or just yourself!

**Sunday November 11th
Youth Spaghetti Dinner
4-6pm**

**Sunday November 18th
Community Thanksgiving
Service**

Ravenna will be having an open Community Thanksgiving Service and it will be here at Grace this year.

**May 10th 2008
Flower Sale**

**May 17th 2008
Men's Garage Sale**



CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

The Church Periodical Club (CPC) began in 1888 at the Church of the Holy Communion in New York City and continues to this day. Funds are collected to supply theological and educational material in support of mission efforts around the world. For more information please see the information sheet on the table in back of the church.

MANY THANKS!

Our thanks to all those who helped make our new "Common Praise" hymnals a reality. We dedicated the new hymnals on Sunday, September 23, and sang the closing hymn for the day from them. As with any project, it could only be accomplished with the willingness of many hearts and many gifts. Please accept our most humble "THANK YOU" for your generous contributions that made this addition to our worship life possible. We couldn't have done it without you!

Mary Ann & the Worship Committee

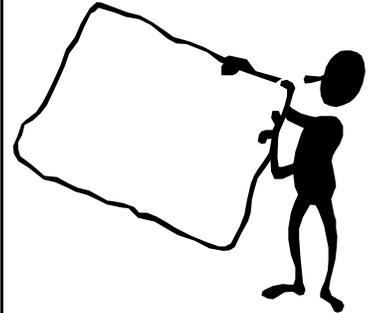
The Bulletin Board

UTO SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14TH

A United Thank Offering Ingathering will be held on Sunday, October 14th. You are invited to "count your blessings"--those coins you have put in the Blue Box in thanksgiving for large and small daily gifts from God that brighten you life and the lives of those around you. Use the enclosed envelope to offer your coins or a check for the amount of your blessings. Send or bring to the church so that it can be joined with the thank offering of other Episcopalians.

If you do not have a Blue Box, or would like to know more about the United Thank Offering, please call the office and one will be sent to you. We need you!!

--Gladys Parson, Chairperson



CROP WALK OCTOBER 14TH 1:30 PM

The Ravenna Area CROP Walk, on October 14, 2007, for the benefit of world hunger is encouraging you to participate. The meaning of CROP is: **C**ommunities **R**eaching **O**ur to **P**eople. When we walk, we are supporting long-term development in more than 80 countries, assisting in disasters and famines, sharing more than \$5,000,000 annually to support local hunger fighting efforts; and you get some exercise, too? If you are interested in walking please contact the church office at 330.296.3443. More information will be available in back of the church and a video will be shown during coffee hour on Sunday, October 7th

-- George Furrer, Grace Church Representative

STEWARDSHIP BREAKFAST OCTOBER 2ND 9:00 AM

A breakfast will be held on October 2nd to kick off our Stewardship Campaign, to be held between services. The regular 10:00 AM service will begin at 10:30 AM. Sign up sheet will be available in the parish hall.

The Center of Hope

...is looking for good hearted people to volunteer for the hot meal program. Please come and join us... it is fun and easy! You will do light food preparation and serve lunch. You will be helping folks in your community. We ask for just one day a week from appx. 9am to 1pm. If you have thought about helping, now is the time to do it. Please call the Center at 330-297-5454.