



The Grace Vine

October 2012

Rector's Writ

What would it be like if the Church didn't have to hold stewardship campaigns every year? It seems some people think the Church is *always* asking for money and some think we *need to ask for more*. One of the church growth gurus recently wrote "churches typically have a **giving** problem, not a spending problem."** He went on to point out how little we stress the importance of giving in the Episcopal Church, citing statistics that "only 5% of constituents give the Biblical tithe (10% of gross income)."

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Each year we think and pray about how much we should give, but we also recall why giving is important. We **need and rely** on generous pledges from faithful members to keep our doors open; to carry out ministries at church and in the world; to pay our bills and budget items; and to employ our staff. But, meeting the budget is *not the reason* we give. Our pledge for God's work in and through Grace Church is a commitment; one based on faith before finances. Our giving is a response to the ways God has blessed us and continues to bless us. It's a recognition that all we have in this earthly life—faith, family, our Church home and our family home, our abilities, our money—all of it comes from God. Grace Church relies on the contributions members give in the way of time, talent, and treasure. We give not only of our substance and resources but of ourselves. And if it weren't for that giving—from what God has given us—Grace Church wouldn't be here. Our willingness to GIVE, SERVE, and PRAY together is an essential and meaningful part of our worship, our gratitude, and the practice of good stewardship of all the Lord provides. Please pray that our 2013 pledges represent a grateful response to God's abundant grace, goodness and provision.

"With gratitude and humble trust we bring our best to thee, to serve thy cause and share thy love with all humanity. O thou who gavest us thyself in Jesus Christ thy Son, help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done."

(#705, Hymnal 1982, F. Von Christerson)

***both quotes by Tom Ehrich from his Church Wellness, Weekly Report from Morning Walk Media, Inc.-- They can be found at morningwalkmedia.com*



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	19 Pentecost
Celebrant	The Rev. Carol Evans	1st Reading	Job 1:1; 2:1-10 Jeff Croll
Lay Reader	8:00 Bette Brooks 10:00 Judy Watkins	Psalm	26
Greeters	Nancy & Jim Ervin	2nd Reading	Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12 Martha Croll
Acolyte	Cathy Mansor	Gospel	Mark 10:2-16
Altar Guild	Nancy Ervin & Irene Machisko		
Coffee Hosts	8:00 Joan & Frank Seman 10:00 Kay Canan & Chris Stickle		
Counters	Fred Lundgren & Midge Myers		
Emeritus	Kathy Summy		

Sunday, October 14		10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	20 Pentecost
BISHOP HOLLINGSWORTH'S VISITATION			
Celebrant	The Rev. Carol Evans	1st Reading	Job 23:1-9, 16-17 Martha Croll
Deacon	The Rev. William Snyder	Psalm	22:1-15
Lay Reader	10:00 Roberta O'Keefe	2nd Reading	Hebrews 4:12-16 Jeff Croll
Greeters	Nancy & Fred Lundgren	Gospel	Mark 10:17-31
Acolyte	Eric & Kevin Splinter		
Altar Guild	Nancy Ervin & Irene Machisko		
Coffee Hosts	10:00 Covered dish Luncheon		
Counters	Fred Lundgren & Midge Myers		

Sunday, October 21		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	21 Pentecost
Celebrant	The Rev. Carol Evans	1st Reading	Job 38:1-7, 34-41 Cathy Mansor
Lay Reader	8:00 Bette Brooks 10:00 Nancy Lundgren	Psalm	104:1-9, 25, 37b
Greeters	Steve & Susan Merrill	2nd Reading	Hebrews 5:1-10 Maynard Evans
Acolyte	Kevin Splinter	Gospel	Mark 10:35-45
Altar Guild	Nancy Ervin & Irene Machisko		
Coffee Hosts	8:00 Pat Williams 10:00 John & Mary Jean McDonald		
Counters	Fred Lundgren & Midge Myers		
Emeritus	Bill Snyder		

United Thank Offering Sunday, October 21st



Please use the envelopes in the church pews to take part in this fall's ingathering. Any amount will be appreciated. The UTO has been a part of the Episcopal Church for many years and with the 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 spring ingathering we will collect those coins.



Did You Know?...



We were saddened this month by two deaths in our church family. **Ken Boydell** passed away on September 4th after a long battle with Alzheimer's and **Betty Sanek** died on September 10th of cancer. Both have been long time members of Grace Church and will be greatly missed.

Ken was a pillar of our church community. He served many times as Vestry member including Senior Warden & Junior Warden. He was very active in the choir and loved to sing. He was on the building and grounds committee during the recent renovation and built the prayer rail and with the help of **John McDonald & Johnnie Machisko** built the cross that hangs above the altar in the sanctuary. He often helped with building and ground and he was the chair of the Sanctuary Renovation committee.

Betty Sanek was one of those quiet people that came in on a Sunday morning and worshiped with us; but if you asked her to do anything, she won't hesitate. She was a wonderful baker of cookies for the cookie sale and we'll miss her sweet smile and faithfulness...

Thanks to the **Hospitality Committee** for the reception that was held in the parish hall for Ken. We served his family and friends thanks to **Alice** who supplied the main dishes and the remainder of the food & desserts were brought in by church members. There was so much food left over that there was enough to have a luncheon after church for Rally Day and the planned sloppy joe lunch was scratched. Thanks Alice...

Sue and Bruce Ahrens moved their son **Fred** into his new home. Sue says it's a beautiful place; but she's very tired and sore...

Bette Brooks has been going to Sewickley, PA once a week these days. Daughter **Laurel** fell and broke her ankle and lives in the second story apartment, so Bette's been taking the two hour trek over to Pennsylvania to help Laurel with the chores she's unable to do...

Martha Croll is so excited to begin this school year teaching Physics; that's her subject. She has one Physics class and is still the school librarian. This is really keeping her busy. But, if anyone can handle it, it's Martha...

Sally Dier & Nancy Lundgren worked in Gracie's for two days trying to get the "stuff" brought to them out on display. It was heard that Sally had to go to the doctors to get her back put back in working order...

I don't know who felt worse about **Kenzie Ervin** falling and breaking her arm; Kenzie or her papa, **Jim**. I'll bet Kenzie will get over it before Jim does...

Cindy Hoskins enjoyed the combined summer services so much she's decided to join the 10AM group. Welcome.

Rick Lashley and Debbie Shorts have spent their summer camping and visiting with Rick's parents in

Steubenville. Rick reports some of those hot summer days were a little too much in a camper, but they love to camp...

The choir began their season of music. The first practice was interesting; **Mary Ann Switz**, the choir master, had just completed her first week of a new job; **Sue Ahrens** arrived after helping her son move; **Marcia Splinter** was not feeling well and had stayed home from work that day, but was feeling better by the time choir began; **Martha Croll** just came from teaching school in a non-air-conditioned room; **Kathy Summy** came right after work to pick up daughter **Jenna** who just got off the tennis court (Jenna hadn't been home from school yet), and **Tim Splinter** just came from work. **Jeff Croll** was out of town on business and will be for the rest of the month; and **Marsha Snyder** had a busy day in the office. But all in all that tired choir did quiet well...

We are happy to report that **June Marks** is back home and her daughter reports she's doing well...

John & Mary Jean McDonald are happy to announce that they will be grandparents again. Son **Andrew** and his wife **Cheryl** are having a baby some time in February...

Bud Minnich was happy to announce his son **David** had successful open heart surgery in Dallas and is home and on the mend...

Mary Ann Switz is now the new church secretary at the Twinsburg United Methodist Church and she's getting familiar with the job and trying to make it her own. But, she loves it and she'll be good at it...

Shirley & Mike Johnson had the Sit & Stitch group to their home for a lunch on a beautiful summer day. Those who attended were: **Caroline & Ken Englert, Rev. Carol, John & Mary Jean McDonald, Judy Canan, Judy Watkins, Jean Lawrence, Alice Boydell, and Marsha & Bill Snyder**. Thanks Mike & Shirley for a wonderful time...

The Retired Men's Breakfast has been well attended and they want everyone to know that anyone is welcome to be part of the group (retired or not) on the third Thursday of the month at the Brimfield Steak House. Even some of the wives come to enjoy breakfast, but they sit apart from the men - but I'm not sure by whose choice...

We welcomed two members into the body of Christ here at Grace Church. **Jamie Popiel's son Tyson Matthew Popiel-Lewis** and baby's daddy **Matthew Lewis** were baptized on September 23rd. Congratulations to both of you...

Martha Croll and her brother Joe took their horses to Cleveland to be part of a charity event sponsored by the Ohio Farm Bureau. About 50-60 horses took part in this parade and the money they earned assisted the Cleveland Mounted Unit with the care and supplies for their horses; which the city of Cleveland doesn't supply.

The Bulletin Board

Acolytes Schedule

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

11/11—Kevin
11/18—Cathy M.
11/25—Jeff
12/2—Eric

*Acme register tapes
are being collected for
the County Clothing
Center, please give
these tapes to Mary
Jean McDonald or
Marsha Snyder.*

CROP WALK October 14th 2:00 PM



Starting at Brady Lake
United Methodist
Church. If you are
able to walk four
miles, please consider walking to help the hun-
gry of the world. If you are unable to walk,
please consider pledging to those who are
walking and just take an envelope and pledge.
This is a city wide event and we will be walking
with several other churches in the community.
Make Grace Church proud. Enveloped and
pledge cards are on the table in back of the
church.

Birthdays

5th Mike Johnson
13th Maggy Rich
Nicole Stickle
18th Jamie Popiel
Emily Scibelli
21st Nancy Ervin
29th Reba Cook



Congratulations!

and many happy returns...

Baptisms

3rd Jane O'Neill
12th Schyler Conway
13th John McDonald
25th Aundrea Seman
27th Ricky Sanek
29th Kevin Splinter
Martha Croll



Anniversaries

11th Cory & Addrianne Conway
17th Tim & Marcia Splinter
20th Bill & Kathy Summy

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.*

John Raleigh Mott **October 3**

John Mott was born on May 25, 1865, in Livingston Manor, New York, the only son among four children. He grew up in Postville, Iowa, where the family had moved so his father could become a lumber merchant. At age sixteen, he was admitted to Upper Iowa University, a small Methodist preparatory school and college. He thoroughly enjoyed his literature and history classes and seriously considered either law or returning home to join his father in the lumber business after transferring to Cornell. However, he changed his mind after hearing a lecture delivered by J. K. Studd—three sentences stood out: “Seekest thou great things for thyself? Seek them not. Seek ye first the Kingdom of God.”

That summer (1886) he represented Cornell University’s Y.M.C.A. at the first international interdenominational student Christian conference ever held. One hundred men, including Mott, pledged to work in foreign missions. Two years later, the Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions formed from this pledge. In his remaining two years at Cornell, he increased the membership in the Y.M.C.A. three-fold and raised the money to construct the Y’s building on campus.

He graduated in 1888 as a member of Phi Beta Kappa (academic honorary) with a double major in history and philosophy. That September, he began a 27-year service as national secretary of the Intercollegiate Y.M.C.A. of the US and Canada, a position that required visits to colleges to lecture students about Christian activities. During this period, he also served as chair of the Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions, presiding officer of the World Missionary Conference (a precursor of both the modern Protestant missions movements and the modern ecumenical movement), and chair of the International Missionary Council. In addition, he was a founding father of the World’s Student Christian Federation. In this capacity, he organized national student movements in India, China, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, parts of Europe and the North East. He toured the Far East again in 1912 and 1913, holding 21 regional missionary conferences in India, China, Japan, and Korea.

During World War I, the Y.M.C.A. offered its services to President Wilson and Mott, who was general-secretary of the International Committee of the Y, became general secretary of the National War Work Council, receiving the Distinguished Service Medal for his work. For the Y, he kept up his international contacts as he could and helped conduct relief work for prisoners of war in various countries. Although he refused Wilson’s offer of ambassador to China, he served as a member of the Mexican Commission and as a member of the Special Diplomatic Mission to Russia.

Many consider John Mott to be the most widely traveled and universally trusted Christian leader of his time. He was deeply involved in the formation of the World Council of Churches in 1948, and that body honored him by electing him life-long honorary President. He wrote 16 books on evangelism, especially evangelism aimed at students; crossed the Atlantic over 100 times and the Pacific 14 times; delivered thousands of speeches; chaired innumerable conferences. For this work, he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1946. He died at his home in Orlando, Florida, in 1955 with his wife, Leila Ada White of Wooster, OH, by his side.

Prayer: O God, the shepherd of all, we give you thanks for the lifelong commitment of your servant, John Raleigh Mott to the Christian nurture of students in many parts of the world; and we pray that, after his example, we may strive for the weaving together of all peoples in friendship, fellowship and cooperation, and while life lasts be evangelists for Jesus Christ, in whom alone is our peace; and who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1 •6:00-7:30 Confirmation Instruction	2	3 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door	4 •7pm Choir Practice	5	6
7 19 Pentecost •8am HE •9am Coffee •9:4-5am Ch Ed •10am HE •11:15 Coffee •12:00 Conf. Inst	8 Columbus Day Office Closed	9 •1-3pm Sit & Sketch @ •6:00-7:30 Confirmation Instruction	10 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door •5:30 Healing Service with Holy Eucharist	11 •7pm Choir Practice	12	13 •6:30pm Game & Fellowship night at Judy Canan's
14 20 Pentecost Bishop's Visit •10am HE & Confirmation •11:15 Luncheon	15	16 •7pm Vestry Meeting	17 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door	18 •8am Retired Men's Breakfast •7pm Choir Practice	19	20 Denise Crouse & Kevin Sheridan Wedding
21 21 Pentecost •8am HE •9am Coffee •9:4-5am Ch Ed •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	22	23 •1-3pm Sit & Sketch	24 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door	25 •7pm Choir Practice	26	27
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