



The Grace Vine

October 2013

Rector's Writ

A retired teacher and good friend of ours spoke of how she never missed all the autumn start up preparation and lesson plans, but she surely missed the students. It seems the start up of the church program year (fall-winter-spring) is always a busy time. Families with youth doing extra curricular activities feel spread thin. Grandparents--as much as they enjoy it--often get tired just trying to keep up with it all, amazed at the constant schedule of things to do.

We're grateful for the church members who try to make God and church a priority in spite of all the demands and expectations on their time. Part of the faith journey in these hectic days includes making time for God and setting aside a time for prayer on a daily basis. Jesus and Paul both encouraged disciples to be faithful and persistent in prayer; in all things to trust in God; and not to be anxious. At Grace, as at most churches, there are many things we could be anxious about...or pray about. We can pray in whatever words or ways the Spirit moves us. We can add the needs of our loved ones and our own needs to this list as well. The important thing is to pray persistently; to ask for God's guidance and direction for Grace church and for our lives; to pray that we'll be wise enough to discern God's will and faithful enough to be obedient to the Lord's will and ways. Although many of you could add to this, here are some starting areas where we need and appreciate your ongoing prayers:

- Those on our intercession list & for all who are sick; for healing & good health
- For those who need food, jobs, adequate health care, and hope
- The Christian Ed team & program: Carolyn Englert (Adult Ed), Stacy Scibelli, Christine Stickle, Kathy Summy, and a new volunteer, Josie Kmieck
- The Choir: Our new director, Martha Croll, and choir members: Sue Ahrens; Jeff Croll; Marsha Snyder; Marcia, Tim, & Eric Splinter; Kathy & Jenna Summy. Pray also for God's help in finding a new organist.
- The Stewardship & Budget Committee: Wardens, Cathy Mansor & Reba Cook; Treasurer, Marcia Splinter; Frank Seman; Barb Popiel; & Rector, Carol Evans
- Our thanks & God's blessing for those who serve and help out in so many ways
- Pray for Christ's help to invite & welcome new people to Grace Church, so we may grow in faith, service, and love of God and one another. As we grow in God's grace and in faithfulness, we trust the Spirit will lead us to grow as a Church family as well. May we remember to thank God for every blessing.

Thanks for your prayers and persistence and for being part of our Grace Church family.

Carol +

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.

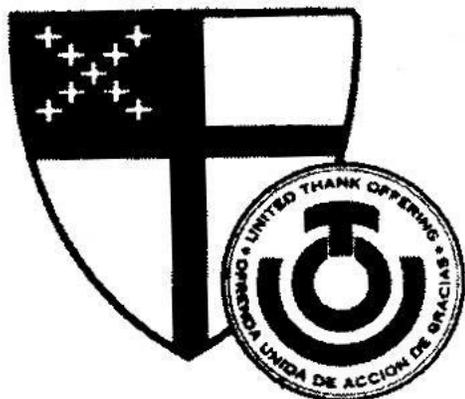
Sunday, October 6		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	20 Pentecost
Celebrant	The Rev. Carol Evans	1st Reading Lamentations 1:1-6 Martha Croll Psalm 137 2nd Reading 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Jeff Croll Gospel Luke 17:5-10	
Lay Reader	8:00 Bette Brooks 10:00 Carolyn Englert		
Greeters	John & Mary Jean McDonald		
Acolyte	Eric Splinter		
Coffee Hosts	8:00 Joan & Frank Seman 10:00 Chris Stickle & Loretta Reigelman		
Altar Guild	Amy Neely & Sandy Ulbricht		
Counters	Cathy Mansor & Barb Popiel		
Emeritus	Kathy Summy		
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Sunday, October 13		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	21 Pentecost
Celebrant	The Rev. Carol Evans	1st Reading Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 Cathy Mansor Psalm 66:1-11 2nd Reading 2 Timothy 2:8-15 Maynard Evans Gospel Luke 17:11-19	
Deacon	The Rev. William Snyder		
Lay Reader	8:00 Sally Dier 10:00 Judy Watkins		
Greeters	Nancy & Jim Ervin		
Acolyte	Cathy Mansor		
Altar Guild	Amy Neely & Sandy Ulbricht		
Coffee Hosts	8:00 Pat Williams 10:00 Lisa, Taylor, & Paige Paxton		
Counters	Cathy Mansor & Barb Popiel		

Sunday, October 20		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	22 Pentecost
Celebrant	The Rev. Carol Evans	1st Reading Jeremiah 31:27-34 Nancy Lundgren Psalm 119:97-104 2nd Reading 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5 Fred Lundgren Gospel Luke 18:1-8	
Lay Reader	8:00 Bette Brooks 10:00 Steve Merrill		
Greeters	Nancy & Fred Lundgren		
Acolyte	Kevin Splinter		
Altar Guild	Amy Neely & Sandy Ulbricht		
Coffee Hosts	8:00 Mike & Shirley Johnson 10:00 Nancy & Jim Ervin		
Counters	Cathy Mansor & Barb Popiel		
Emeritus	Bill Snyder		

UTO Sunday

October 20, 2013



United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of the Episcopal Church. It is a way for all members of the church – men, women, and children – to get in the habit of giving daily thanks to God for our many blessings. The money collected around the world is awarded for projects and address human needs and help alleviate poverty, both domestically and internationally. I encourage you to join me in this ministry of sharing with those in need.

-Roberta O'Keefe, UTO Chairperson

Sunday, October 27

8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist

23 Pentecost

Celebrant The Rev. Carol Evans
Deacon The Rev. William Snyder
Lay Reader 8:00 Sally Dier
10:00 Nancy Lundgren
Greeters David Miller & Alex Wroblewski
Acolyte Jeff Marsh
Altar Guild Amy Neely & Sandy Ulbricht
Coffee Hosts 8:00 TBA
10:00 Nancy & Fred Lundgren
Counters Cathy Mansor & Barb Popiel

1st Reading Joel 2:23-32
Kathy Summy
Psalm 65
2nd Reading 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Tim Splinter
Gospel Luke 18:9-14

Sunday, November 3

8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist

24 Pentecost

Celebrant The Rev. Carol Evans
Deacon The Rev. William Snyder
Lay Reader 8:00 Bette Brooks
10:00 Carolyn Englert
Greeters Bev Lewis-Mercury & Jeff Marsh
Acolyte Eric Splinter
Coffee Hosts 8:00 Frank & Joan Seman
10:00 John & Mary Jean McDonald
Altar Guild Nancy Ervin & Irene Machisko
Counters Jeff Marsh & Fred Lundgren

1st Reading Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18
Fred Lundgren
Psalm 149
2nd Reading Ephesians 1:11-23
Nancy Lundgren
Gospel Luke 6:20-31

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

- To Nancy Ervin and the hospitality committee for all their work on the retirement luncheon for Mary Ann Switz
- To John McDonald for putting Carol's office chair together.
- To Cathy Mansor, Rev Carol, Barb Popiel, John McDonald, Midge Myers, and Nancy Ervin. for the planning of Mary Ann's party.
- To Rev. Carol for all the hours she donated in time and wisdom above and beyond the two hours she works on Sunday morning.
- To the members of Vestry for all their work and planning.
- To Chris Stickle, Stacey Scibelli, Kathy Summy, and Josey Kmiec for their love of our children and being Sunday school teacher.
- To Carolyn Englert for once again facilitating the adult Christian education program.
- To The Poker Boys for their donation to the youth group.
- To Dani Dier for keeping the updates to Gracie's face book page, providing the sound system for Mary Ann's retirement party, and taking Sally's place at Gracie's for a day.
- To Bill Snyder and Kathy Summy for the many years of taking Eucharist to those at Emeritus twice a month. Even when there weren't many there. When one or two are gathered, it's still in remembrance of Christ.

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.



Did You Know?...



Our retired organist, **Mary Ann Switz**, was very surprised by her September 1st send off held here at Grace Church. We were so pleased that her son **Phil**, **daughter-in-law Sandy**, **grandson A. J.**, and **daughter Beth** were here to be part of the festivities. Both Phil and Beth spoke about the love their mother had for music and this congregation. Grace Church greatly appreciates all Mary Ann's talents and the fine job she's done in the last 12 years of service here. She won't be easily replaced. **Nancy Ervin** and her hospitality committee: **Mary Jean & John McDonald**, **Shirley & Mike Johnson**, **Nancy Ervin**, **Barb Popiel**, **Irene Machisko**, **Jim Ervin**, **Sally Dier**, **Pat Williams**, **Toni Worthen**, and **Carolyn Englert** and members of the parish served a wonderful meal. The planning committee which included: **Rev Carol**, **Cathy Mansor**, **Barb Popiel**, **John McDonald**, and **Midge Myers**, did a wonderful job with decorations and getting pictures together for display. Thanks to **Dani Dier** for supplying the sound system that allowed everyone to hear more clearly. And let us not forget the champagne and sparkling cider toast – graciously offered by our Senior Warden, **Cathy Mansor** – good job Cathy! **Shirley Johnson** took lots and lots of pictures and then had them on display for the following Sundays. **Carolyn Englert**, **Kay Canan**, and **Marsha Snyder** made a scrapbook with cards and notes from members of the parish and those pictures Shirley took during the party were added a week later. This occasion was a mixed bag of laughter, tears, surprises, and joy for everyone who attended. We'll miss you, Mary Ann...

Lisa Paxton has another gainfully employed individual in her household; her daughter Taylor is now working as a cashier at Acme in Stow. Good for you Taylor...

Judy Canan went to the Animal Protective League to get another cat, a black one of course. Ebony is her name, but kitty isn't acclimating herself very well. She wanted to stay in the basement and hide. The poor thing has been in a cage so long that freedom isn't comfortable for her yet – but she'll be getting more comfortable with time and will soon be sitting on Judy's lap...

The Poker Boys played last month at the church and the proceeds went to the Youth Group. Thanks guys; I'm sure the youth really appreciate that donation...

Marcia, **Tim**, **Eric**, and **Kevin Splinter** spent their Labor Day weekend visiting with Marcia's family in up state New York and they spent time at the New York state

fair. Now that sounds like fun. Then they headed to Wisconsin for Tim's grandmother, **Edna Schaefer's**, to celebrate her 100th birthday. Happy Birthday Edna – grandma & great-grandma!!...

Sally and Dennis Dier took their vacation in Las Vegas and enjoyed all the sights and lights. Las Vegas is a fun place to be...

The Stickle family was surprised when they got home from a football game to find a bag on their front porch. When they pushed the bag to the side they realized it was moving and found a kitten (newly born). Well, long story short – they have been up every two hours feeding and taking care of this kitten. They love him. His name should be Lucky, because he was lucky to be placed on that particular door step. If anyone can keep this kitten alive it's the Stickle family...

and speaking of kittens, the **Worthen** family has one available to anyone interested...

We received a note from **Phyllis and Bill Shorts** and they have just celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. Their children sent them off to a luxury hotel where they were pampered and enjoyed their time on the beach had a lovely dinner overlooking the sunset and to top it all off they even went parasailing. You're never too old to enjoy life – wonderful Bill & Phyllis...

We also received a call from **Alice Boydell**. She's enjoying her time with her daughter and grandsons and sister and brother-in-law. And some really good news--she's going to be a grandma again. **Her daughter Ellen and her husband Chris**, who already have two boys, are now hoping for a girl. That's going to have to be a mighty strong little girl...

Shirley and Mike Johnson wants to say "thank you:" to the person who placed the lovely flowers on the altar in thanksgiving for their soup ministry. We do have some wonderful people here at Grace church.

"There comes a time in your life, when you walk away from all the drama and people who create it. You surround yourself with people who make you laugh. Forget the bad, and focus on the good. Love the people who treat you right, pray for the ones who don't. Life is too short to be anything but happy. Falling down is a part of life, getting back up is living."

-author unknown

The Bulletin Board

Acolytes Schedule

11/10—Kevin
 11/17—Eric
 11/24—Cathy
 12/1—Jeff

WINE TASTING EVENT

October 12th, 6:00 PM

\$25.00 couple/\$15.00 person (invite family & friends)
 Raffle Baskets, 50/50 cash raffle, Good Food!

A sign up sheet will be available in the parish for those interested in attending.

Chairperson Barb Popiel 330.671.5421

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

October 6th at the
 8:00 & 10:00 service
 Bring your furry family members for a blessing and snacks (and pet treats) available at Coffee Hour

CROP HUNGER WALK

October 13th

Lake Brady
 United Methodist Church
 Registration: 1:30 PM
 Walk: 2 PM
 A 4-mile walk to help end hunger. See Bill Snyder for your packet

It is time to start saving Acme register tapes. Their Community Cash Back campaign dates are Sept. 21, 2013 thru Feb. 8, 2014. Receipts can be turned in at the office or given to me.
 Thanks,
 Mary Jean McDonald

Birthdays

5th Mike Johnson
 13th Maggy Rich
 Nicole Stickle
 18th Jamie Popiel
 Emily Scibelli
 21st Nancy Ervin
 26th David Miller
 29th Reba Cook
 Linda Stover



Congratulations!

and many happy returns...

Baptisms

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



Anniversaries

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.*

William Dwight Porter Bliss

October 8

William Bliss was born in Constantinople, Turkey, on August 20, 1856, the son of Christian missionaries there. He was educated, however, in private schools here in the United States, graduating from Phillips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts, and then from Hartford Theological Seminary in 1882. He served as a Congregational pastor for many years before becoming an Episcopal clergyperson.

Soon after graduation, he became interested in Christian Socialism. This social movement attempted to apply the teachings of Christ to modern social problems. The social ills of the 1880s were those inherent in the rapid industrialization and urbanization of America—low factory wages, dangerous working conditions, child labor, growth of slums, tenements, etc. William organized the first Christian Socialist Society in the United States in 1889 and ran for Lt. Gov. of Massachusetts on the Labor Party ticket but lost the election. However, he was appointed to a position as an investigator for the Bureau of Labor. He lectured and wrote extensively on labor and social reform, seeking elements of social justice for all workers.

During World War I, he did educational work among French and Belgian soldiers who were interned in Switzerland. At the conclusion of hostilities, he returned to the United States and to the pulpit, preaching at his church in New York City until his death in 1926. He never moved away from his core message: economic justice for all as taught in the Gospels. His feast day is paired with that of Richard Ely, an American economist, who as a leader of the Progressive Movement sought government intervention to reform the injustices of capitalism, especially regarding factory conditions, compulsory education, child labor, and labor unions—the same concerns that Bliss had fought against.

Prayer: Blessed God, whose Son Jesus came as servant to all: We thank you for William Bliss and Richard Ely, whose dedication to the commonweal through economic justice led them to be bold reformers of the world and the Church; and we pray that we, with them, may find our true happiness through self-sacrifice in service of your reign, where all the hungry are fed and the downtrodden are raised up through Jesus Christ our Liberator; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1	2 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door	3	4	5
6 20 Pentecost •8am HE •9am Coffee, Adult/Teen Study •9:45 Ch. Ed. •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	7	8 •1:00-3:00 Sit & Stitch	9 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door •5:30pm Healing Service & Eucharist	10	11	12 •6pm Wine Tasting Event
13 21 Pentecost •8am HE •9am Coffee, Adult/Teen Study •9:45 Ch. Ed. •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	14	15 •7pm Vestry Meeting	16 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door	17 •8am Retired Men's Breakfast •7:30-9:00 Choir Practice	18	19
20 22 Pentecost •8am HE •9am Coffee, Adult/Teen Study •9:45 Ch. Ed. •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	21	22 •1:00-3:00 Sit & Stitch	23 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door	24	25	26
27 23 Pentecost •8am HE •9am Coffee, Adult/Teen Study •9:45 Ch. Ed. •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	28	29	30 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door			

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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