



# The Grace Vine

September 2013

## Rector's Writ

We talk a lot about how busy life is; how it seems no one has time for the things that are important. We, like Martha, get 'worried and distracted' by many things. August has seemed busier than usual: at least two families moved; the new front doors are complete; vacation Bible School turned out well (especially with the children singing on Sunday morning); college has started; and fall sports are already trying to make their claim on Sunday commitments.

September will zoom in with similar demands. We're interviewing for a new organist and/or choir director. Choir will start up once that decision has been made. On Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> we'll celebrate Mary Ann Switz's twelve years of music ministry at Grace. Christian Ed classes resume with Rally Day on Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>. Our Wine Tasting Fundraiser is scheduled for Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>.

Consider for a moment all the cooperation and work done by people involved in worship, education, outreach, Vestry, ECW, Gracie's, and Youth Group. These are only a few among the constant flow of ministries accomplished at and from Grace Church. The reality is we need a constant flow of volunteers, help, and prayer in all the ministries (and sometimes just plain work) God calls us to do.

There are a few questions to keep praying about and asking ourselves, especially as we put our hearts toward the new starts and stewardship reminders this season brings:

-What gifts do we each have that we could offer in service to God, our Grace Church family, and our community?

-Are we—as a church family and as faithful followers of Christ—being good stewards of the time, talents, and treasure God has given each of us?

Following is a meditation from *Walking with the Celtic Saints*.<sup>\*</sup> It's from the chapter on "Working Together." It provides some insight for whatever good or helpful works we might do at home, at church, or in the world...together.

*"Lord, it can be hard to cooperate. I'd much rather be in control, doing things my way. I'd sooner seek your blessing after the fact, rather than before. Help me to cooperate with other believers, even if I don't always agree with them. Help me to remember that I am part of a family. Help me to cooperate with my brothers and sisters, so that together our homes and families may glorify you, and your church may be all you intend it to be."*

<sup>\*</sup>*Walking with the Celtic Saints*; N. & G. Kennedy-Jones & A. Seddon; p. 71; Crossroad Pub.



## 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, September 8 8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 16 Pentecost

<b>Celebrant</b>	The Rev. Carol Evans	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b> Jeremiah 18:1-11 Maynard Evans
<b>Deacon</b>	The Rev. William Snyder	
<b>Lay Reader</b>	8:00 Sally Dier	<b>Psalm</b> 139:1-5, 12-17
	10:00 Steve Merrill	
<b>Greeters</b>	John & Mary Jean McDonald	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b> Philemon 1-21 Cathy Mansor
<b>Acolyte</b>	Kevin Splinter	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Judy Watkins & Barb Popiel	<b>Gospel</b> Luke 14:25-33
<b>Coffee Hosts</b>	8:00 TBA	
	10:00 Lisa, Taylor, & Paige Paxton	
<b>Counters</b>	Jeff Marsh & Steve Merrill	

### Sunday, September 15 8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 17 Pentecost

<b>Celebrant</b>	The Rev. Carol Evans	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b> Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 Jeff Croll
<b>Lay Reader</b>	8:00 Bette Brooks	
	10:00 Judy Watkins	<b>Psalm</b> 14
<b>Greeters</b>	Susan & Steve Merrill	
<b>Acolyte</b>	Cathy Mansor	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b> 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Martha Croll
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Judy Watkins & Barb Popiel	
<b>Coffee Hosts</b>	8:00 TBA	<b>Gospel</b> Luke 15:1-10
	10:00 Nancy & Jim Ervin	
<b>Counters</b>	Jeff Marsh & Steve Merrill	
<b>Emeritus</b>	Bill Snyder	

### Sunday, September 22 8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 18 Pentecost

<b>Celebrant</b>	The Rev. Carol Evans	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b> Jeremiah 8:18—9:1 Tim Splinter
<b>Deacon</b>	The Rev. William Snyder	
<b>Lay Reader</b>	8:00 Sally Dier	<b>Psalm</b> 79:1-9
	10:00 Nancy Lundgren	
<b>Greeters</b>	Nancy & Jim Ervin	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b> 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Kathy Summy
<b>Acolyte</b>	Jenna Summy	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Judy Watkins & Barb Popiel	<b>Gospel</b> Luke 16:1-13
<b>Coffee Hosts</b>	8:00 TBA	
	10:00 Irene & John Machisko	

## Rally Day

September 8<sup>th</sup>

Sunday School begins at 9:45

Come and enjoy the fun and learn about the Lord  
Adult Education class will begin on that day too,  
meeting between the services from 9:00 to 9:30  
Curriculum - *Living the Good News*

## Episcopal Church Women Breakfast Meeting

September 28<sup>th</sup>

9:00 AM

Everyone welcome!!!

We will be discussing assisting the children of the Boys and Girls Club (now called the CAC Youth Center) at Christmas, our support of the Lillian Valley School, and how to distribute the funds we already have on hand.

**Sunday, September 29**                      **8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist**                      **19 Pentecost**

**Celebrant** The Rev. Carol Evans  
**Deacon** The Rev. William Snyder  
**Lay Reader** 10:00 Roberta O’Keefe  
**Greeters** David Miller & Alexandra Wroblewski  
**Acolyte** Jeff Marsh  
**Coffee Hosts** 8:00 TBA  
 10:00 John & Mary Jean McDonald  
**Altar Guild** Judy Watkins & Barb Popiel  
**Counters** Jeff Marsh & Steve Merrill

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15  
 Steve Merrill  
  
**Psalm** 91:1-6, 14-16  
  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** 1 Timothy 6:6-19  
 Carolyn Englert  
  
**Gospel** Luke 16:19-31

**Sunday, October 6**                      **8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist**                      **20 Pentecost**

**Celebrant** The Rev. Carol Evans  
**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

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** Lamentations 1:1-6  
 Martha Croll  
  
**Psalm** 137  
  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** 2 Timothy 1:1-14  
 Jeff Croll  
  
**Gospel** Luke 17:5-10

***Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!***

- Tim & Eric Splinter for having the Grace Vine ready for August distribution
- John McDonald for putting the dehumidifier in the office area
- Chris Stickle, Stacy Scibelli, and Kathy Summy for all their planning on Vacation Bible School
- Nancy Ervin for all her work with the hospitality committee
- Nikki Stickle, Sammy Stickle, and Jenna Summy; the teens that assisted in VBS
- All those who take part in our Sunday services: priest, lay readers, lectors, greeters, altar guild, acolytes, counters, and the “other sacrament” -- coffee hosts
- Chris Stickle, Stacy Scibelli, Kathy Summy, Alex Wroblewski, David Miller and Rev. Carol for being there every night and assisting with VBS
- Mary Ann Switz for her 12 years of service to Grace Church—You will be missed!
- All the children who participated in VBS
- Those who supported VBS financially
- 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.
- Bill Snyder & John McDonald for putting the new office chair together



# Did You Know?...



**Tim and Eric Splinter** made copies and collated the August Grace Vine and the office secretary certainly appreciated. Eric said he didn't have much choice in the matter, but he did it. You're a good kid Eric!...

**Johnnie & Irene Machisko** have moved to Twinsburg where they will be closer to their daughter, Lynn. Their new home has the facilities more suited to their needs, and a lot of activities. They were surprised when they were entertained by belly dancers, which really gave them a big laugh. And laughter is a good thing especially after leaving their home and property of 50 plus years and getting settled in their new home. Moving to Twinsburg hasn't prevented them from hosting coffee hour and continuing altar guild duties (and hosting September game night). Now, that's an example of faith and fellowship!...

**Sue Ahrens** hosted game night last month and everyone enjoyed the pontoon ride on the lake...

**Mike Johnson** has successfully completed two heart stent surgeries. He's recuperating very nicely and his wife **Shirley** has been preparing heart healthy food for him. She wants him around for a long time--as we all do...

We heard from **Alice Boydell** and her first week in Mason was spent in her bed sick. But she's on the mend and enjoying her new home especially having her family nearby...

**Bill and Marsha Snyder** enjoyed their week with granddaughter **Ellie**. They took Ellie to Niagara Falls and to Amish country and had a great time getting to know her better...

**Judy Canan** was off to Cape May to be with her family where they will be celebrating her son (the priest) **David's** 60<sup>th</sup> birthday. She can't believe all her children will be in their 60's. Well, Judy that's what happens when you live to the age of 80+ and still are enjoying life...

**Bette Brooks** had to say a sad "goodbye" to her beloved 19 year old cat, Paladin. He was **David's** cat and was adopted when David's dog wouldn't play fetch. The cat did! Bette has decided to adopt an older cat (maybe 2) as soon as she no longer "puddles" when she talks about Pal—she believes that every companion animal should have a home. You're right about that Bette!...

**Jeff and Martha Croll** are really enjoying their new dog Fuzzie. Jeff said he's just silly and they love that about him...

Vacation Bible School was well attended this year thanks to the many hands that participated. The adults

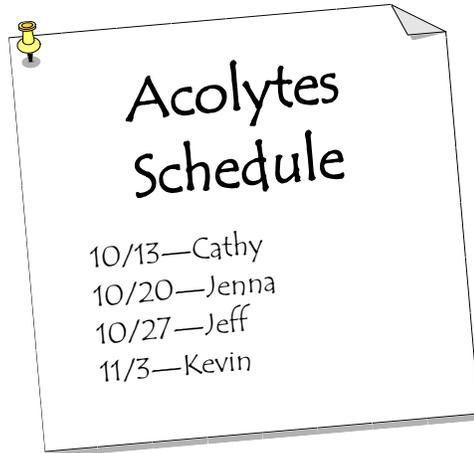
who arranged all the events were: **Chris Stickle, Nikki Stickle, Kathy Summy, Stacy Scibelli, Alex Wroblewski & Dave Miller and of course Rev. Carol**. Chris cooked most of the meals, Stacy planned the crafts, Kathy was the story teller, Alex and Dave were doing the music and Nikki played the games with the children. And Rev. Carol was every where she was needed. The teens that assisted were: **Sammi Stickle, and Jenna Summy** were the group leaders. The children involved were: **Maggie, Gerry, and Sammy Rich, Emily & Zack Scibelli, and friends & neighbors Madison, Olivia, Landon, Izzy, Leah, Shane, and Derrick** came to join in the fun. Many thanks to **Wilda and Lane Autry** who once again prepared the groups favorite meal of homemade mac & cheese and sliders. Thanks to everyone who contributed financially to VBS. The Sunday following VBS was packed with the parents & friends. To everyone's enjoyment the children sang three songs they learned with some help with the hand signs from Sammi and Jenna. Chris not only had a full week of Vacation Bible School, but Saturday she had Loaves and Fishes at the Methodist Church. But everything got done and now Chris is off on a much needed vacation of camping with the family. After that she's back to work – the work she gets paid to do...

You have no idea the hours **Sally Dier and Nancy Lundgren** spend displaying all the items in Gracie's. The shop looks amazing and the ladies are doing a wonderful job. Thanks to everyone who shops and looks for bargains – because they are certainly there. If it's been awhile since you've been in Gracie's it's worth a look...

**Nancy Lundgren's** going to win the "Mother/Grandma of the Year" award. Her son **Bill** called and asked Nancy to babysit his two girls for a week. That's not too unusual, but the catch was Nancy had to fly to Texas to do it...

While down there, she and the **Splinter** family likely passed within a few hundred yards or less of each other a few times. **Bill's** house is just a few blocks from **Marcia's** brother's house and the Splinter were all down there for Marcia's niece's wedding! Crazy small world sometimes...

# The Bulletin Board



Please add these address changes to your Parish Directory:

Bev Lewis-Mercury  
454 W Spruce Ave  
Ravenna OH 44266  
330.839.8787

Johnnie & Irene Machisko  
Village Grande  
2626 E Aurora Rd.  
Twinsburg OH 44087

Loretta & Glenn Reigelman,  
716 N Chestnut St.  
Ravenna OH 44266

## 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 is looking for someone to assist her. If you're interested, call her at 330.671.5421

## Congratulations!

and many happy returns...

### Birthdays

- 2nd Tim Neely
- 4th Tracy Shriver
- 6th A.J. Neely  
Megan Worthen
- 10th Mary Jean McDonald
- 15th Barbara Popiel
- 17th Caroline Shaver
- 20th Jeane Wolcott
- 21st Elizabeth Ulbricht
- 23rd Ryan Stover
- 25th Martha Croll
- 30th Toni Worthen



### Anniversaries

- 4th Chris & Rodney Stickle
- 9th Tony & Toni Worthen
- 24th Michael & Kay Canan

### Baptisms

- 7th Jenna Summy
- 9th Sammi Stickle
- 22nd Lisa Paxton  
Gerry Rich
- 25th Sue Ahrens
- 30th Samuel Rich



# *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.*

**Michael and All Angels**

**September 29**

The Scriptures often speak of beings other than humans who worship God and who act as His messengers and agents on Earth. An angel appeared to Mary and to her cousin Elizabeth's husband, an angel appeared to Joseph in a dream, angels ministered to Christ after His 40-day fast and temptation in the wilderness. And these are just a few examples from the New Testament.

Traditionally, there are only 4 named Angels—some call them Archangels: Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, and Uriel. Michael (whose name means “Who is like God?”) is said to be the captain of the heavenly armies, the warrior Angel who defeated Lucifer in the war in Heaven. He is seen as the protector against the dark of night and is generally depicted in full armor, carrying a lance, and with his foot on the neck of a dragon. Don't confuse him with the Martyr Saint George; he too is pictured in this same way, but he doesn't have wings.

Gabriel's name means “God is my champion.” He is believed to be the bearer of special messages from God to Man. He is named in Luke's first chapter as the messenger to Zachariah (foretelling the birth of John the Baptist) and to the Virgin Mary.

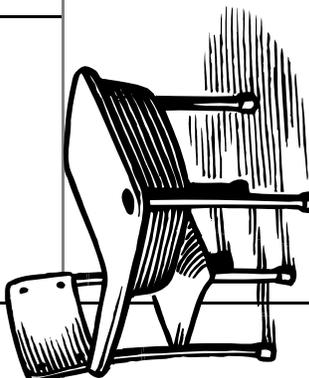
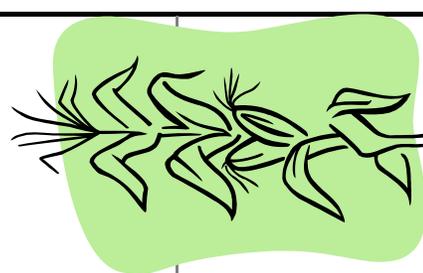
Raphael's name means “God heals.” He is mentioned by name in the Apocrypha, in the book of Tobit where he accompanies a young man on a quest, enabling him to successfully complete it. And he gives him a remedy for the blindness of his aged father.

Less well known is Uriel, whose name means “God is my light.” He is mentioned in the Second Book of Esdras in the Apocrypha and is remembered in the Anglican tradition as the patron saint of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

So, what's the point of remembering the Holy Angels? Since they appear to excel us in both knowledge and power, they remind us that among created things, we are not at the top (God made us “lower than the angels”). Also, since it is commonly believed that demons are angels who chose to disobey God and be His enemies, they remind us that the higher we are, the further the fall; the greater our natural gifts, the greater the damage if we turn them to bad ends; the more we are given, the more is expected of us. And through God's use of Angels to do many of His good deeds, they model for us how those who have accepted His love (the Angels) show their love for one another.

**Prayer:** *Everlasting God, who have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals: Mercifully grant that, as your holy angels always serve and worship you in heaven, so by your appointment they may help and defend us here on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.*

# September The Grace Vine 2013

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 15 Pentecost •8am HE •9am Coffee •10am HE •11:15 Coffee Party for Mary Ann	2 Labor Day Office Closed	3	4 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door	5	6	7 •6PM Game Night
8 16 Pentecost •8am HE •9am Coffee •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	9	10 •1:00-3:00 Sit & Stitch •7pm Mission Area Council Meeting, Christ Church Hudson	11 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door •5:30pm Healing Service & Eucharist	12	13	14
15 17 Pentecost •8am HE •9am Coffee •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	16	17 •7pm Vestry Meeting	18 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door	19 •8am Retired Men's Breakfast	20	21 •9am ECW Breakfast Meeting
22 18 Pentecost •8am HE •9am Coffee •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	23	24 •1:00-3:00 Sit & Stitch	25 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door	26	27	28
29 19 Pentecost •8am HE •9am Coffee •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	30					

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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