



The Grace Vine

April 2021

Rector's Writ

We hope Grace members will be joining us for Holy Week and Easter services, since parishes have been allowed to determine whether or not to hold in person worship. Our rector consulted the vestry, staff, and some of our main volunteers. The consensus was that beginning March 21st, we would offer in person worship, meetings, etc. and of course follow requirements for masks, social distancing, hand sanitizing, no singing, no-touch greetings, and Holy Communion with bread (wafer) only. It's understood that some parishioners, due to health concerns, will continue to worship from home, and everyone has that option. Sunday livestream and recorded worship will continue to be available for our members, with the help of Doug Holzschuh. Tim Lewicki will help livestream the Maundy Thursday service, and Doug will tape Good Friday and Easter. Marcia and Tim Splinter recorded an anthem to incorporate for Easter. Nancy and Jim Ervin have done some major cleaning and sanitizing. Our thanks to all who help as we prepare and re-gather for worship.

We're asking those planning to attend Holy Week and Easter services to call the office or e-mail us to let us know how many from your family will be attending. (Please see the related article with details.) Life is still nowhere close to normal, but it'll be good to see our gathered church family—or to know you're participating from home—for Holy Week and Easter services.

I hear of individual efforts people are making to be faithful in worship, Bible study, and time with God. We can all look forward to our gatherings. Jesus has a way of bringing us together in worship, prayer, and fellowship. We don't have to be under the same roof to be part of God's holy, loving embrace. May we celebrate Christ's resurrection with worship, glory, and praise to God.

Easter blessings and joy to you and those you love.

Carol+

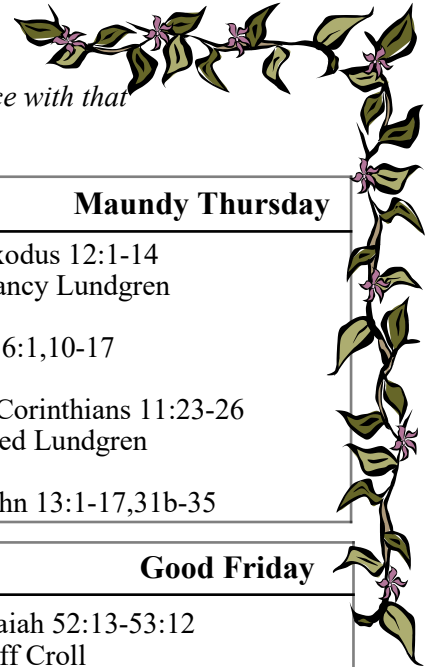
Almighty Father, who in your great mercy made glad the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(From The Rhythm of Life, Celtic Daily Prayer, p. 14, David Adam)



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.

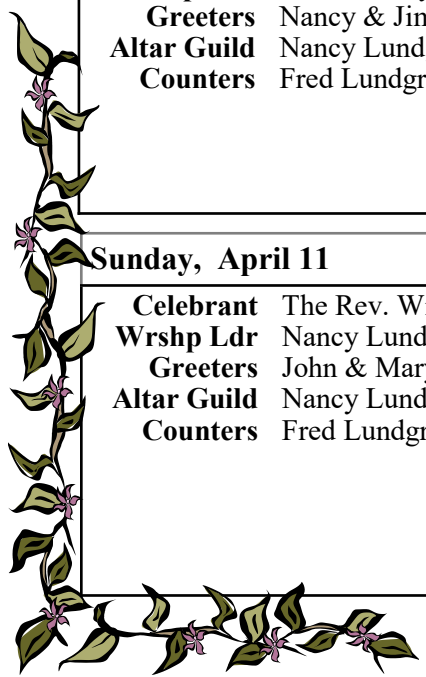


Sunday, April 1	7:00 PM Holy Eucharist	Maundy Thursday
Celebrant The Rev. Carol Evans Deacon The Rev. William Snyder Altar Guild All Members Counters Fred Lundgren & Barb Popiel	1st Reading Exodus 12:1-14 Nancy Lundgren Psalm 116:1,10-17 2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 Fred Lundgren Gospel John 13:1-17,31b-35	

Sunday, April 2	7:00 PM Holy Eucharist	Good Friday
Celebrant The Rev. Carol Evans Deacon The Rev. William Snyder Acolyte Kathy Summy Altar Guild Nancy Lundgren & Marsha Snyder Counters Fred Lundgren & Barb Popiel	1st Reading Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Jeff Croll Psalm 22 2nd Reading Hebrews 4:14-16;5:7-9 Karen Krofta Gospel John 18:1-19:42	

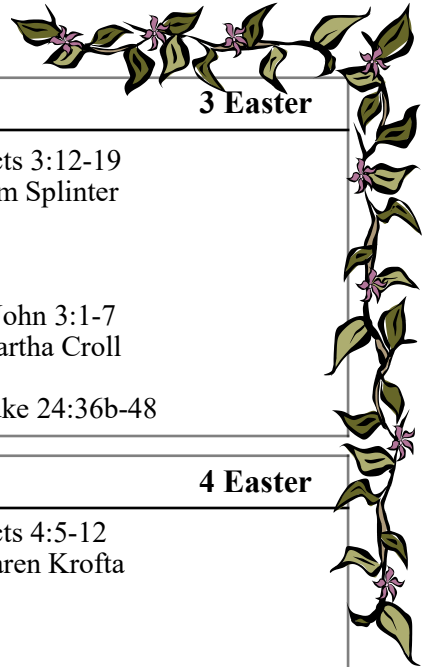
Sunday, April 4	8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	Easter Day
Celebrant The Rev. Carol Evans Deacon 8:00 The Rev. William Snyder Wrshp Ldr 10:00 Carolyn Englert Greeters Nancy & Jim Ervin Altar Guild Nancy Lundgren & Marsha Snyder Counters Fred Lundgren & Barb Popiel	1st Reading Jeremiah 31:1-6 Martha Croll Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 2nd Reading Acts 10:34-43 Jeff Croll Gospel John 20:1-18	

Sunday, April 11	8:00 & 10:00 AM Morning Prayer	2 Easter
Celebrant The Rev. William Snyder, Deacon Wrshp Ldr Nancy Lundgren Greeters John & Mary Jean McDonald Altar Guild Nancy Lundgren & Marsha Snyder Counters Fred Lundgren & Barb Popiel	1st Reading Acts 4:32-35 Karen Krofta Psalm 133 2nd Reading 1 John 1:1-2:2 Jeff Croll Gospel John 20:19-21	



Bible Study

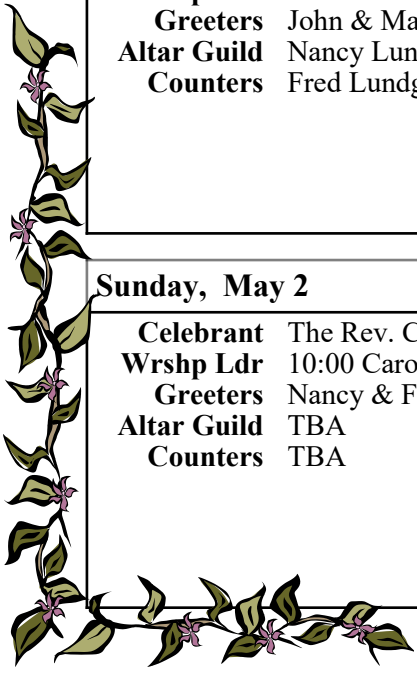
Missing Bible Study? Come join us every Sunday at 4:00 p.m. for a study on the lectionary readings for that day. Just let Carolyn Englert know and she can sign you up. We meet using Zoom, a very easy app to learn to use, on your computer or tablet. Her phone is 330.527.4888 and she will walk you through it.



Sunday, April 18		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	3 Easter
Celebrant	The Rev. Carol Evans	1st Reading	Acts 3:12-19 Tim Splinter
Deacon	The Rev. William Snyder	Psalm	4
Greeters	Marsha Snyder	2nd Reading	1 John 3:1-7 Martha Croll
Altar Guild	Nancy Lundgren & Marsha Snyder	Gospel	Luke 24:36b-48
Counters	Fred Lundgren & Barb Popiel		

Sunday, April 25		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	4 Easter
Celebrant	The Rev. Carol Evans	1st Reading	Acts 4:5-12 Karen Krofta
Wrshp Ldr	10:00 Carolyn Englert	Psalm	23
Greeters	John & Mary Jean McDonald	2nd Reading	1 John 3:16-24 Jeff Croll
Altar Guild	Nancy Lundgren & Marsha Snyder	Gospel	John 10:11-18
Counters	Fred Lundgren & Barb Popiel		

Sunday, May 2		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	5 Easter
Celebrant	The Rev. Carol Evans	1st Reading	Acts 8:26-40 Fred Lundgren
Wrshp Ldr	10:00 Carolyn Englert	Psalm	22:24-30
Greeters	Nancy & Fred Lundgren	2nd Reading	1 John 4:7-21 Nancy Lundgren
Altar Guild	TBA	Gospel	John 15:1-8
Counters	TBA		



Congratulations!

and many happy returns...

Birthdays

- 1st Rick Lashley
Michelle McLaughlin
- 2nd Laurie Barney
- 12th Billy T. Johnson
Phil Rich
- 13th Kathy Summy
- 20th Sue Ahrens
- 21st Ralph Wise
- 29th Marcia Splinter



Anniversaries

20th Jim & Nancy Ervin

Baptisms

- 2nd Dennis Dier
Phillip George
- 4th Tracy Shriver
- 5th Bill Snyder
- 7th Dale Espey
- 9th Jim Ervin
- 10th Jamie Popiel
- 11th Bruce Ahrens
- 29th Cathy Potisuk





Did You Know?...



Halleluiah! Halleluiah! Things are looking up. Spring is here, sun is shining, and the church is open and we can gather together just in time for Holy Week and Easter. Holy Communion will be offered (wafer only) and we will still be wearing masks and keeping social distancing. But we will be in church. The office has been very busy getting prepared for all the things that need to be accomplished – making calls to line up volunteers for the worship schedule (we haven't had one of those in a while), ordering palms, making Easter flower order forms, arranging for Easter Day worship, celebration, and flowers. All that, along with getting the Annual Report completed and printed, the newsletter written and printed, and several bulletins. The Altar Guild will be hopping, with all the different services. It's a busy time, but it's all about remembering Jesus' life and celebrating our risen Lord on Easter. Halleluiah! Halleluiah!...

Boy, was **Deacon Bill** embarrassed when he showed up late for the live stream church service on Sunday March 14th – day light savings time was his down fall. Bill has never missed the time change and prides himself with always being on time. He hates to be late for anything -- but on that Sunday it happened...

Did you know that **Marcia Splinter** and **Marsha Snyder** have a lot in common? Both of them have the same middle name Ann – and that means they have the same initials (M.A.S.); they both have two children; both were born in the spring (both Taurus); both grew up in the Baptist Church; both are sopranos in the Grace's choir; one of their mothers had the first name of Marie and the other mother's middle name was Marie; and both of their fathers were named Harold. How can you beat that!...

Sally Dier reports that she and **Dennis** are doing well and that both of their girls, **Dani** and **Beth**, are working to become yoga instructors. Very nice, that's probably how they keep their bodies in tip top shape. Maybe they could start a yoga class here at Grace; you know one that won't take a lot of time, low or no impact, no sweating, something slow & easy, and something that won't make you hurt. Is there such a thing? Check it out, girls...

Phillip George reports that he's doing well and that he does his only shopping on Tuesday mornings to protect himself from COVID...

We spoke with **Jeff Croll**, who said he and **Martha** are doing well. Jeff has a new job that requires traveling,

but he's had trouble (like many of us) getting the COVID-19 vaccination, and he can't travel until he gets his shots. Martha received her COVID shots because she works as a teacher in Cuyahoga County. So, Jeff's working on and waiting for his turn. Martha is also retiring at the end of this school year. Her students are sad to see her go but when it's time, it's time...

Gail Richards will be moving to a new address after 27 years in the same place. She didn't realize how much "stuff" she had until she started packing it up. Boxes are now her new best friend. Her new address is 866 Keeney Street, Akron 44310...

Michelle Lambert says she's doing well, and we at the office want to thank her for the beautiful "miss you" card...

Adult Education teacher **Carolyn Englert** has been working very hard to keep the Sunday Bible study going on Zoom and the Lenten Study group active by email. As usual Carolyn does a wonderful job, and this is where her heart is...

Marsha & Bill Snyder are very excited about going to visit with their daughter **Jill** and her girls **Ellie** and **Lilly** and of course the great grandson **Hendrix**. It's been a long time since they've been in Miamisburg...

Did you know that both **Kay Wise** and **Tim Splinter** each had a father who was an Episcopal priest? Yep, it's true. And **Carolyn Englert's** father was a minister of the Congregational Church. So, we have at least three PKs (preacher's kids) in our congregation.

Salvation Army Request



The Salvation Army is looking for 10 volunteers to help distribute food in Kent. It will be once a month, the hours are 8:30 – 1:00 p.m, outside, in a parking lot on Summit Rd. If you are interested please contact the church office.

The Bulletin Board

Thank You From Goldie Shriver

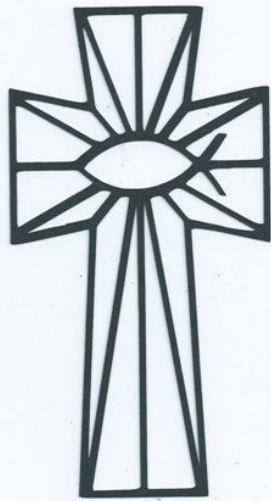
I just want to thank everyone for the cards and phone calls. I can't thank you enough for thinking of me and keeping me in your prayers. I miss my church family. Thank you to everyone! I hope all is well.

Love, Goldie Shriver

Thank You! Thank You!

Our thanks and appreciation to all those who serve and help out at Grace Church in so many ways, including:

- **Doug Holzschuh** for live streaming and recording services for our members at home to access
- **Bill Snyder** for his help with worship on Sundays
- **Shirley & Mike Johnson** for their soup & cookie ministry each month, and to Shirley for bringing goodies to the church office. The goodies are appreciated – and very good!
- **John McDonald** for repairing the gate to the rectory back yard with a new hinge & bolts; it works better than it has in years!
- **Tim & Marcia Splinter** for their help when we have computer problems in the office and for their work on the Grace Vine each month and e-mailing the issue
- **Shirley Johnson** for her birthday and anniversary card ministry and for sending Easter cards to those at home
- **The Johnsons, Kathy Summy, and Laurie Barney** for disinfecting the pews March 21st
- **Nancy & Jim Ervin** for all the extra cleaning & disinfecting they've done in preparation for in person worship
- Grace's vestry, especially members whose terms 'expired' this year, but continue to serve until new members are elected
- **Marcia Splinter** for her work as treasurer and for assisting the secretary with all her questions
- **Carolyn Englert** for her work on the Lenten Study group and the Sunday Bible Study
- Altar Guild for their continued service
- Our faithful members who continue to support the church with your pledges
- All those who pray for our Grace Church family and for Grace Church



**Holy Week
&
Easter Services at
Grace Church**

Wednesday, March 31st
5pm Healing Service & Eucharist
(with prayer & no laying on of hands for healing)

Thursday, April 1st
7pm Maundy Thursday Eucharist
concludes with stripping of the altar

Friday, April 2nd
7 pm Stations of the Cross and
Good Friday Liturgy

Sunday, April 4th
8 & 10am Festive Eucharist

Reservations Request for Holy Week and Easter

We're more than happy to offer the option of in person worship for Holy Week and Easter. It would be helpful to know how many people to expect so we can safely accommodate those attending and make allowances if we need to expand our worship area to the Parish Hall to keep the social distance requirements.

Please call the church office at 330.296.3443 or e-mail us (revcarol@graceravenna.org or office@graceravenna.org) to let us know which services you plan to attend and how many family members/friends you plan to have with you.

We didn't know until after the March Grace Vine went out that we'd have the in person option. Please know we do plan to have Holy Week (Maundy Thursday & Good Friday) and Easter services available online as well for those who choose to worship from home.

The Ravenna Area Ministerial Alliance will also have an Ecumenical Good Friday service available online, and we'll send the link to those on our e-mail list once we receive it. Many thanks!

9am Holy Eucharist & In-Person Annual Meeting Sunday, April 18th

Our Annual Parish Meeting will be held in person on Sunday, April 18th. The Annual Meeting will follow one service of The Holy Eucharist at 9am. We will observe the safety measures for gathering including social distancing (minimum of 6ft apart), masks, hand sanitizing, and disinfecting used chairs and tables after the meeting. Unfortunately, food and drinks cannot be served unless it's done with gloves and packaged separately. As we understand it, this means no buffet style meal or self serve at the coffee pot. (Bring your own coffee?!)

We will approve the proposed budget for 2021, minutes of the 2020 meeting, elect vestry members, hear reports presented, and review remaining reports. Vestry nominees are: Laurie Barney, Michelle McLaughlin, and Barb Popiel. They've each provided a brief biography which will be included in the meeting booklet.

We'll miss the fellowship shared when we break bread together, but hopefully we'll find other ways to safely enjoy this gathering of our Grace Church family. Once again, in an effort to accommodate all who wish to attend, it would be helpful to know the numbers to expect. Please let us know how many in your household plan to attend by phoning the office at 330.296.3443 or by e-mailing us at revcarol@graceravenna.org or office@graceravenna.org. Thanks for your patience & cooperation!

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.*

Early Abbots of Cluny (909-1156)

April 30

The monastery of Cluny (in France, northwest of Lyons) was a center for the reform and spiritual renewal of Western monasticism in the tenth and eleventh centuries, the Middle Ages. It was founded in 909 under Abbot Berno, as a reformed monastery, observing the Benedictine Rule with a strictness unusual at the time. Many monasteries in Europe at that time were dominated by a nearby king or nobleman. It was intended that Cluny should be independent of all but papal jurisdiction.

Its second abbot was Odo (born 879 at Tours, monk in 909, abbot in 927, died 18 November 942 or 944). He obtained papal and royal charters which guaranteed the monastery freedom from outside interference. Under his guidance Cluny attracted many men seeking to follow its discipline, and Abbot Odo was instrumental in introducing the Cluniac observances into many Italian monasteries as well. He insisted on silence, simplicity of diet, and strict observance of chastity for his monks, but he was not rigid of temperament: many stories survive of his generosity to the poor and to prisoners. Because he had no worldly ambitions, he was often called to mediate disputes between men in power.

The third abbot was Aylward, who held office from 942 to 965. He was blind from 954 on. Born Maiolus at Avignon around 906, he became a clergyman, was made archdeacon of Macon, and fled to Cluny in order to avoid being made bishop of Besancon. At Cluny, he was made librarian and bursar. When Abbot Aylward became blind, he appointed Maiolus his assistant, and in 965 at the death of Aylward Maiolus became abbot. Under his guidance, Cluniac influence expanded, but by example and advice rather than by jurisdiction. Maiolus had the support and admiration of the Emperors Otto I and Otto II, and the latter wanted to make him Pope in 974, but he refused. When old, he chose Odilo as his successor, and retired to contemplation and penance. He died on 11 May 994.

Odilo, the fifth abbot, was born around 962, became a monk as a young man, was made assistant to Maiolus in 991, and became abbot in 994. He held office for 55 years, during which time thirty abbeys accepted Cluny as their mother house, and its practices were adopted by many more which did not affiliate. As a result, the Cluniac reform spread through Burgundy, Provence, Auvergne, Poitou, and much of Italy and Spain. The abbot of Cluny appointed priors for the daughter houses, which were thus permanently under a central jurisdiction, making the Cluniac monasteries (or some of them) into the first monastic order in the modern sense. In Abbot Odilo's day, there was a great deal of fighting of minor wars, raids, and skirmishes between feudal lords and others. Odilo reduced the effect of this by persuading the combatants throughout most of France and some other regions to agree that churches and monastic holdings were strictly off limits in fighting, and that there was to be a truce from Fridays to Mondays, as well as throughout all of Advent and Lent, to enable all parties to worship unmolested. Odilo wrote many sermons and poems on the mystery of the Incarnation, and his references to the role of Mary as the means through whom the Incarnation took place greatly influenced Bernard of Clairvaux a century later. Odilo instituted the observance of November 2 as All Souls' Day, a day of prayer at first for the dead brothers of the Abbey and later for all who had died in the faith of Christ. In the years from 1028 to 1033, when crop failures created great hunger among the poor in the vicinity of Cluny, he melted down and sold most of the treasures of Cluny to relieve them. As an abbot, he held both himself and his monks to a strict observance of the Rule, but he said that he would rather be damned for being too merciful than for being too severe. He died in 1049 at the age of 87.

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Hugh, the sixth abbot, was born in 1024, the oldest son of a Burgundian nobleman, entered Cluny when about 16, and became abbot when only 25 years old. He was abbot for 60 years, during which time the number of monastic houses that recognized Cluny as their mother house grew from about 60 to about 2000. It was under his abbacy that the Cluniac reform was introduced into England (at Lewes in Sussex in 1077). He increased the control of the mother house over the daughter houses (at the cost, as some have thought, of a certain flagging in their spiritual enthusiasm). Hugh was an accomplished diplomat and was sent at various times by nine different popes to conduct delicate negotiations in Hungary, Toulouse, Spain, and all over Europe. He mediated between pope and emperor in the confrontation at Canossa and must be reckoned as one of the most influential figures of his day. He died 29 April 1109.

The seventh abbot, Pons (or Pontius), was a secular-minded, contentious nobleman, unsuited to be an abbot. He took office in 1109, and by 1122 had created such a turmoil and so many factions that the Pope asked him to resign.

The eighth Abbot of Cluny was Peter the Venerable, born in 1092, prior of Vezelay in 1112, and elected abbot of Cluny in 1122. In 1125, when Peter was away, Pons returned with a band of armed men and seized control of the monastery. The Pope intervened and imprisoned Pons, who died in prison the following year. Peter was then involved in a dispute with Bernard of Clairvaux, the spokesman of the Cistercian monasteries, who was disposed to view the Cluniac monasteries as a rival organization. Bernard accused the Cluniac houses of being insufficiently strict in their monastic observances. Peter, instead of replying indignantly, considered the complaints, made some changes where he thought that changes were needed, and ignored the complaints that he considered ill-grounded. In 1140, when Bernard had succeeded in having the views of Abelard condemned, Peter gave Abelard shelter at Cluny, persuaded the Pope to deal mildly with Abelard, and reconciled Abelard and Bernard. He refused to have anything to do with the preaching of the Second Crusade, saying that the Moslems should be met, not with armies, but with scholars prepared for rational dialogue. He sponsored the first translation of the Koran into Latin, so that Christian missionaries could understand what the Moslems believed. He served as papal envoy to Aquitaine, England, and various states in Italy. He wrote religious tracts, poems, hymns, and many letters, of which about 200 survive. He defended the Jews against persecution and false accusations. He was abbot for thirty-four years, during which time Cluny was the most influential abbey in Europe. He died December 25, 1156, and with his death the golden age of Cluny was over. But it had lasted for well over two centuries, and had done much to advance Western civilization, both in spiritual and in secular terms.

PRAYER

O God, by whose grace your servants the Holy Abbots of Cluny, kindled with the flame of your love, became burning and shining lights in your Church: Grant that we also may be aflame with the spirit of love and discipline, and walk before you as children of light; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sit & Stitch

April 13 1:00-3:00 p.m.

The Sit and Stitch group will begin to meet in the multi-purpose room (next to the church office) on the second Tuesday of every month. We haven't met in almost a year and we are excited to be together again. Please bring your mask and keep social distancing.





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