



The Grace Vine

April 2022

Rector's Writ

The Lenten observances or disciplines we've taken on will soon be over. Yet before we can be relieved (or surprised how quickly it's gone by), we can't truly celebrate the joy of Easter until we've journeyed through Holy Week. From Palm Sunday's Passion reading (this year from Luke) through Good Friday's Passion reading (always from John's gospel), we're quieted. We may cry or cringe, but we're certainly awed to hear the story of what Jesus endured for our salvation. Holy Week services hold about as much as we can take in terms of Jesus' last supper with his disciples; friends who betrayed or denied him; the injustice and mockery at Jerusalem, followed by a hateful, cruel crucifixion at Golgotha. The stories remind us that, at the hands of human beings, these afflictions were endured by a willing Savior whose temporary end was a cross and a quiet tomb. Even though it was guarded and sealed by a huge stone, the sun rose over an empty tomb on Easter.

In 2022, we're more than ready to celebrate the joy and Good News of Christ's resurrection. We stand in need of the renewal, hopefulness, and peace found in Christ Jesus...we stand in need of the justice, kindness, and power of love that he taught, the grace and mercy God provides through his Son...in our lives, our communities, in the world. We pray that injustice, hatred, violence, and wars come to an end. We pray for the renewal and peace that only God can give and wants us to receive.

We invite you and your family to join us at Grace for Holy Week services and for Easter, the holiest of days. May the remainder of your Lenten observance be faithful and bear good fruit. A joyful and blessed Easter to you and your loved ones.

Carol +

"May the love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself. May the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service. May the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your soul at Easter."
(from *The Pastor's Prayerbook*, by Robert N. Rodenmayer; Oxford Univ. Press; p. 83)



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 3		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist		5 Lent
Celebrant	The Rev. Carol Evans	1st Reading	Isaiah 43:16-21	
Wrshp Ldr	10am Carolyn Englert		Nancy Lundgren	
Greeters	Fred & Nancy Lundgren	Psalm	126	
Organist	Tim Lewicki	2nd Reading	Philippians 3:4b-14	
Video	Doug Holzschuh		Fred Lundgren	
Altar Guild	Joan Seman & Marsha Snyder	Gospel	John 12:1-8	
Coffee Hosts	8am Joan & Frank Seman 10am Mary Jean & John McDonald			
Counters	Midge Myers & Carol Marotta			
Sunday, April 10		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist		Palm Sunday
Celebrant	The Rev. Carol Evans	1st Reading	Isaiah 50:4-9a	
Deacon	8am The Rev. William Snyder		Tim Splinter	
Greeters	Jeff & Lisa Marsh	Psalm	31:9-16	
Organist	Tim Lewicki	2nd Reading	Philippians 2:5-11	
Video	Doug Holzschuh		Carolyn Englert	
Altar Guild	Joan Seman & Marsha Snyder	Gospel	Matthew 26:14-27:66	
Coffee Hosts	8am Mike & Shirley Johnson 10am Nancy & Jim Ervin			
Counters	Midge Myers & Carol Marotta			
Thursday, April 14		7:00 PM Holy Eucharist		Maundy Thursday
Celebrant	The Rev. Carol Evans	1st Reading	Exodus 12:1-14	
Wrshp Ldr	Carolyn Englert		Martha Croll	
Greeters	Nancy & Jim Ervin	Psalm	116:1,10-17	
Organist	Tim Lewicki	2nd Reading	1 Corinthians 11:23-26	
Video	Doug Holzschuh		Jeff Croll	
Altar Guild	All Members	Gospel	John 13:1-17, 31b-35	
Counters	Midge Myers & Carol Marotta			
Friday, April 15		7:00 PM Holy Eucharist		Good Friday
Celebrant	The Rev. Carol Evans	1st Reading	Isaiah 52:13-53:12	
Deacon	8am The Rev. William Snyder		Carol Marotta	
Greeters	Jeff & Lisa Marsh	Psalm	22	
Organist	Tim Lewicki	2nd Reading	Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9	
Video	Doug Holzschuh		Jeff Croll	
Altar Guild	Joan Seman & Marsha Snyder	Gospel	John 18:1-19:42	
Counters	Midge Myers & Carol Marotta			

Sunday, April 17		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist		Easter Day
Celebrant	The Rev. Carol Evans	1st Reading	Acts 10:34-43	
Deacon	The Rev. William Snyder		Tim Splinter	
Greeters	Jeff & Lisa Marsh	Psalm	118:1-2,14-24	
Organist	Tim Lewicki	2nd Reading	Colossians 3:1-4	
Video	Doug Holzschuh		Carol Marotta	
Altar Guild	Joan Seman & Marsha Snyder	Gospel	John 12:1-8	
Coffee Hosts	8am Debbie Shorts & Rick Taylor 10am Mary Jean & John McDonald			
Counters	Midge Myers & Carol Marotta			

Sunday, April 24		8:00 & 10:00 AM Morning Prayer		2 Easter
Celebrant	The Rev. William Snyder	1st Reading	Acts 5:27-32	
Wrshp Ldr	10am Nancy Lundgren		Martha Croll	
Greeters	Nancy & Jim Ervin	Psalm	150	
Organist	Tim Lewicki	2nd Reading	Revelation 1:4-8	
Video	Doug Holzschuh		Jeff Croll	
Altar Guild	Joan Seman & Marsha Snyder	Gospel	John 20:19-31	
Coffee Hosts	8am Midge Myers 10am Doris Whipple & Gail Richards			
Counters	Midge Myers & Carol Marotta			

Sunday, May 1		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist		3 Easter
Celebrant	The Rev. Carol Evans	1st Reading	Acts 9:1-20	
Wrshp Ldr	10am Carolyn Englert		Nancy Lundgren	
Greeters	Fred & Nancy Lundgren	Psalm	30	
Organist	Tim Lewicki	2nd Reading	Revelation 5:11-14	
Video	Doug Holzschuh		Fred Lundgren	
Altar Guild	Nancy Ervin & Cindy Hoskins	Gospel	John 21:1-19	
Coffee Hosts	8am TBA 10am Mary Jean & John McDonald			
Counters	Barb Popiel & Carol Marotta			

SPRING CLEAN UP DAY

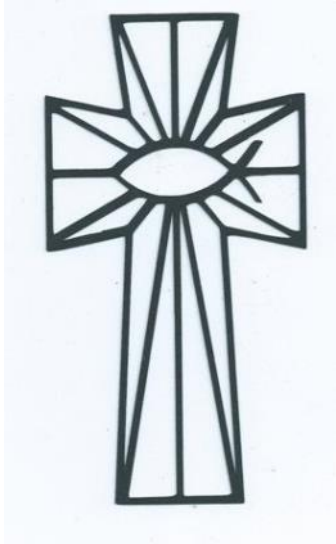
Saturday, April 30th

9:00 am to 1:00 p.m.

(makeup day - May 21st)

Bring your work clothes, gloves,
and rakes and come to help out!





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

Sunday, April 10th
8 & 10am Palm Sunday

Wednesday, April 13th
5pm Healing Service & Eucharist
(with prayer & no laying on of hands for
healing)

Thursday, April 14th
7pm Maundy Thursday Eucharist
concludes with stripping of the altar

Friday, April 15th
7 pm Stations of the Cross and
Good Friday Liturgy

Sunday, April 17th
8 & 10am Easter Day
Festive Eucharist

Outreach Projects

We are starting up our Outreach again!

Raven Packs - Nutri Grain Bars - needed by Easter Sunday 4/17/22. Individual Oatmeal Packets - needed by Sunday 5/15/22. We will start again in August when the new school year starts.

Ravenna High School - Men's deodorant & other men's hygiene products, laundry detergent to be sent home with students, girls cosmetic bags and items such as: makeup samples, roll-on perfumes, tissues, etc.

Center of Hope (red wagon) -Peanut Butter, canned Tuna/Chicken, Ramen Noodles, and Mac & Cheese

Center of Hope - Shampoo/Conditioner, Toothpaste & Toothbrushes, Travel Mouthwash, Dental Floss, and Combs

APL - See list on container in Parish Hall.

County Clothing Center - Hats, Gloves, Socks and Underwear at Christmas time.

There will be containers in the Parish Hall for all of these items.
Please be generous with these Outreach projects as we all know the need is great.

Thank You!
Grace's Vestry



Did You Know?...



It finally looks like spring is upon us! Keep your fingers crossed. We are looking forward to a joyous Easter season, after what seems like a very long winter. The pandemic has lifted a bit, and we can see the light at the end of the tunnel. Just hope the light is not a train coming down that tunnel...

At the Vestry retreat they revisited our safe practices and decided to lift the mask requirement (masks are optional). Wine will be served at the Eucharist (by intinction only); we will continue social distancing in the church and parish hall. The Peace will continue to be done from the pews, and the offertory plate will remain on the table in back of the church and won't be passed. At least we're moving toward some normalcy...

Barb Popiel joined with daughters **Michelle & Jamie**, and their families to celebrate their grandmother Popiel's 100th birthday on February 24th. Twenty-seven family members were present for this milestone event and with that many people you can imagine how much food was needed for the long weekend of partying. It was a grand celebration...

Carolyn Englert and Rev. Carol planned this year's Lenten program *Living Well Through Lent 2022*, and the sessions have been well-attended by **Martha Croll, Carol Marotta, Midge Myers, Roberta O'Keefe, Michelle McLaughlin, Bill Snyder, Marsha Snyder, Kingsland Pretorius, Kay Wise, and Rick Taylor**. We've had interesting conversation, insight and good fellowship; all in all a very enjoyable study...

Dani Dier and her boyfriend **Wyatt** have been taking ballroom dancing lessons, and they'll have their first competition in early May. I'd love to see that; Dani is a great dancer; hope Wyatt can keep up!...

The Breakfast Club was joined by **Sonja Sherwood**, daughter of **Sue & Bruce Ahrens**. She tells us Sue is improving and they can see progress every day. Keep Sue in your prayers and thoughts, praying for her progress and continued healing...

Cherry Monegan is happy to have hubby **John** back home after his back surgery and rehab...

We were saddened by the passing of **Jack Sarver** and until the obituary was posted we didn't know what a remarkable man he was. We first got to know **Jack and Joanne** when they came to Grace in the

summer months while working post-retirement as hosts at the West Branch state park campground. In later years this became their church home and we enjoyed them being here. But after his death we found out a lot more about Jack. He was an avid marathon runner and carried the Olympic Torch in 1984; he was a scout leader, coached baseball & soccer. Jack was a member of Tallmadge City Council, Portage Lakes Kiwanis, Knights of Columbus, Moose Club, Zeppelin Rifle Club and Quarter Midget Racing of America. What a remarkable man.

Letter of Thanks

We received a nice note from Ravenna school superintendent Laura Herbert, thanking Grace Church members for their contributions to Brown Middle School students to attend summer camp. Her note follows and is also posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. Many thanks to everyone who gave.

Dear Pastor Evans,

Thank you so much for your very generous donation to our Brown Middle School Camp Fitch fund. Your church's generosity will allow for students who have economic difficulties to still participate in this exciting learning opportunity. I hope this is just the first step in a journey to full partnership with Ravenna's faith-based community! Thank You!

Laura Herbert, Superintendent

Thank you! Thank you!

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

- **Bette Brooks, Roberta O'Keefe, & Rick Taylor** for offering to assisting our treasurer Marcia Splinter with the 2021 internal committee audit.
- **Nancy & Jim Ervin** for taking the food items from the red wagon to the Center of Hope
- **Carolyn Englert** and **Rev. Carol** for offering our Lenten Program.
- Thanks to **whoever** removed the pile of leaves at our back door.
- **John McDonald** for the hours he's spent here at church with the boiler system and changing light bulbs.
- **Everyone** who gave to the Brown Middle School Camp Fitch Fund.
- **The Poker Boys** for contributing to the Camp Fitch Fund.
- **All our members** for the prayers offered for our members in need of prayer and for Grace Church.
- **Marcia Splinter** for being a great treasurer and keeping the bills paid.
- **Our faithful members** who continue to support the church with your pledges.
- **Doug Holtzschuh** for live streaming and recording services for our members at home to access.

Congratulations!

and many happy returns...

Birthdays

1st Rick Lashley
Michelle McLaughlin
2nd Laurie Barney
12th 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
5th Bill Snyder
7th Dale Espey
9th Jim Ervin
10th Jamie Popiel
11th Bruce Ahrens
29th Cathy Potisuk



The Bulletin Board

Corrections to the New 2022 Church Directory

Dale Espey's address is:
1645 Maplewood Dr.
(not 16457)

New address for Kingsland &
Doug Holtzschuh:
1114 N. Crater Ave.
Dover OH 44622

Breakfast Club

April 21st, 8:00 AM
Brimfield Steak House

Everyone is invited to join the group!
We order off the menu and pay for
our own meals.



Walking Group

Come walk with us! Carol Marotta
& Laurie Barney will lead the first
walk on March 27th at 12:00.
Meet at Chestnut Hills Park,
Ravenna, and walk to the first
parking lot.



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.*

Frederick Denison Maurice (1805-1872)

April 1

Frederick D. Maurice was born April 1, 1805, the son of a devout Unitarian clergyman. His father was his early teacher and for his higher education, he studied civil law at Cambridge University. The university did not require a religious test (proof of membership in the Anglican church) for admission, but he refused the degree in 1827 rather than declare himself an Anglican (a requirement for graduation). However, he was later converted, entered Oxford University for his religious studies, and in 1835 was ordained to the priesthood.

In 1838, he published his major work, *The Kingdom of Christ*, a discussion of the causes and cures of divisions within the Christian Church. He was much concerned with the role of the Church in speaking to social questions, speaking of "faith in a God who has redeemed mankind, in whom I may vindicate my rights as a man." Together with friends, he organized the Christian Socialist Movement, which, he wrote, "will commit us at once to the conflict we must engage in sooner or later with the unsocial Christians and unchristian Socialists." His work is one of the reasons why the Labor Party movement in England has been largely devoid of the anti-Christian overtones it had in many other countries. (In the late 1940's many of the members of the British Cabinet, then organized under the Labor Party, met regularly for prayer, Bible study, and discussion of the application of Christian principles to public life.)

Soon after his ordination, Maurice became Professor of English Literature and History at King's College, London, and in 1846, Professor of Theology as well. However, his book *Theological Essays*, published in 1853, was regarded by many readers as unorthodox, and the resulting furor cost him his professorships. In 1854, he founded the Working Men's College, and became its first head. He was professor of Moral Theology at Cambridge from 1866 until his death in 1872, continuing to teach and write despite a terminal illness.

His legacy is one of deep spirituality. He sought to give his students the knowledge he had gained from his own extensive reading and to instill in them the habit of inquiry and research along with a desire for knowledge and independent thought.

Prayer: Almighty God, who restored our human nature to heavenly glory through the perfect obedience of our Savior Jesus Christ: Keep alive in your Church, we pray, a passion for justice and truth; that, like your servant Frederick Denison Maurice, we may work and pray for the triumph of the kingdom of your Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Grace Episcopal Church of Ravenna

The Rev. Carol Evans—Rector
The Rev. William Snyder
Marsha Snyder—Secretary
Tim Lewicki—Organist
Martha Croll—Choirmaster

Phone: 330-296-3443

Web Site: www.graceravenna.org
Email: revcarol@graceravenna.org

The Vestry of Grace Episcopal Church
Phillip Crouse (2021)
Phillip Rich (2022)
Carol Marotta (2022)
Cathy Potisuk (2022)
Barb Popiel (2023)
Michelle McLaughlin (2023)
Laurie Barney (2023)

Get your Grace Vine By Email!

The Grace Vine is available as an Adobe PDF file. You can request to receive it by email each month and we will stop making a paper copy for you, saving time and paper (and perhaps postage too)! Back issues are all available on the website, GraceRavenna.org.

If you would like to take advantage of this, send me an email at grwebmaster@graceravenna.org. Please consider the paper copy and have it read rather than save the paper and postage and have it go unread.

The Grace Vine

Grace Episcopal Church
250 W. Cedar St.
Ravenna OH 44266

