



The Grace Vine

August 2021

Rector's Writ

It seems not many of us are living the reality of that old song about how in summer time the "livin' is easy." When we look around at the parish family, we don't see many people just taking it easy. Even in summer, there's worship, work, and service being done, and we give thanks for that. We also notice changes and transitions going on in life: graduations; college plans; moves; job changes; retirement plans; trying to figure out how to downsize and what to do with all the "stuff" we've accumulated over the years. These things take energy, effort and often don't pass the 'livin' is easy' test.

We're scarcely aware of some transitions until we notice birthdays and anniversaries and years pass faster than a falling leaf. Sometimes we don't notice things we should. So God gets our attention by a trip to the ER...or the doctor...or a call from a family member sharing news that's hard to tell AND hard to hear. Whether we welcome or wrestle with life's transitions, one thing that helps us through it all is trusting and believing *God is with us*. Worshiping together, serving God and one another, 'bearing one another's burdens' (as St. Paul puts it), sharing in fellowship with our Church family...all help us through the changes and chances of this life. We find the grace and love of God to help sustain our faith and strength. We find the prayers and fellowship of our church family sustain and help us, too. We receive the love and support of God and our faith community, and we get through the rough transitions. Then we, in turn give love, support, and prayers to help others as we've been helped. It's a blessing to find what we call our church home. It's being faithful disciples and trusting in Jesus' ways that help to make and keep it a church that all God's people can call their home and feel welcome. It's a home we may always return to and, amidst any transitions or concerns, give thanks and glory to the Lord who loves and sustains us all...when the livin' is easy and when it's not.

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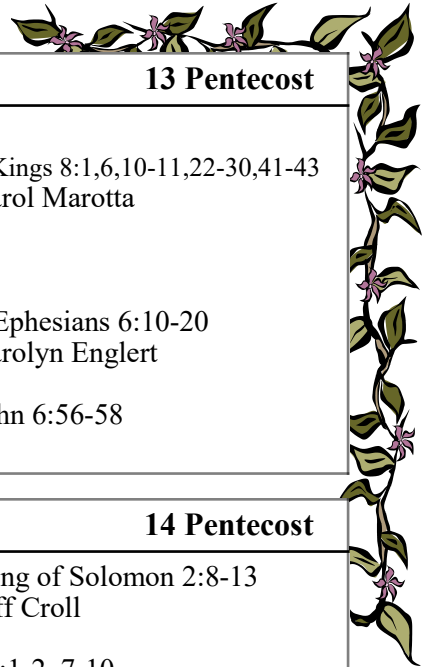
Service and Lay Ministry Schedule

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, August 1		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	10 Pentecost
Celebrant	The Rev. Carol Evans	1st Reading 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a Fred Lundgren Psalm 51:1-13 2nd Reading Ephesians 4:1-16 Nancy Lundgren Gospel John 13:24-35	
Worship	8:00 Bette Brooks		
Leader	10:00 Carolyn Englert		
Greeters	Nancy & Fred Lundgren		
Organist	Tim Lewicki		
Video	Doug Holzschuh		
Coffee Hosts	8:00 Joan & Frank Seman 10:00 Marsha Snyder & Cathy Potisuk		
Altar Guild	Marsha Snyder & Cathy Potisuk		
Counters	Laurie Barney & Phillip Crouse		
Sunday, August 8			8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist
Celebrant	The Rev. Carol Evans	1st Reading 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33 Tim Splinter Psalm 130 2nd Reading Ephesians 4:25-5:2 Karen Krofta Gospel John 6:35, 41-51	
Deacon	10:00 The Rev. William Snyder		
Worship	8:00 Sally Dier		
Leader	10:00 Nancy Lundgren		
Greeters	Marsha Snyder		
Organist	Tim Lewicki		
Video	Doug Holzschuh		
Coffee Hosts	8:00 Mike & Shirley Johnson 10:00 Nancy & Jim Ervin		
Altar Guild	Marsha Snyder & Cathy Potisuk		
Counters	Laurie Barney & Phillip Crouse		
Sunday, August 15		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	12 Pentecost
Celebrant	The Rev. Carol Evans	1st Reading 1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14 Martha Croll Psalm 111 2nd Reading Ephesians 5:15-20 Jeff Croll Gospel John 6:51-58	
Worship	8:00 Bette Brooks		
Leader	10:00 Carolyn Englert		
Greeters	Nancy & Jim Ervin		
Organist	Tim Lewicki		
Video	Doug Holzschuh		
Coffee Hosts	8:00 TBA 10:00 Doris W., Gail R., Carol M.		
Altar Guild	Marsha Snyder & Cathy Potisuk		
Counters	Laurie Barney & Phillip Crouse		

Guest Preacher Invited to Speak at Grace August 22nd

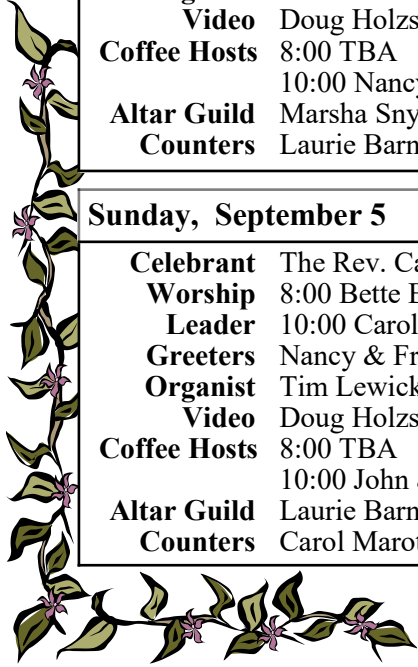
Ms. Debbie Likins-Fowler (member of the Commission on Racial Justice leadership team and lay preacher) has been invited to be guest preacher at the 8am and 10am services on August 22nd to speak about racial justice and equality. She'll also be available after both services for informal discussion and comments in the parish hall. Please join us in welcoming Ms. Likins-Fowler to Grace Episcopal Church!



Sunday, August 22		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	13 Pentecost
Celebrant	The Rev. Carol Evans	1st Reading 1 Kings 8:1,6,10-11,22-30,41-43 Carol Marotta Psalm 84 2nd Reading 1 Ephesians 6:10-20 Carolyn Englert Gospel John 6:56-58	
Deacon	10:00 The Rev. William Snyder		
Worship Leader	8:00 Sally Dier		
10:00 Nancy Lundgren			
Greeters	Jeff & Lisa Marsh		
Organist	Tim Lewicki		
Video	Doug Holzschuh		
Coffee Hosts	8:00 TBA		
	10:00 Martha & Jeff Croll		
Altar Guild	Marsha Snyder & Cathy Potisuk		
Counters	Laurie Barney & Phillip Crouse		

Sunday, August 29		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	14 Pentecost
Celebrant	The Rev. Carol Evans	1st Reading Song of Solomon 2:8-13 Jeff Croll Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10 2nd Reading James 1:17-27 Tim Splinter Gospel Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-13	
Deacon	The Rev. William Snyder		
Greeters	John & Mary Jean McDonald		
Organist	Tim Lewicki		
Video	Doug Holzschuh		
Coffee Hosts	8:00 TBA		
	10:00 Nancy & Fred Lundgren		
Altar Guild	Marsha Snyder & Cathy Potisuk		
Counters	Laurie Barney & Phillip Crouse		

Sunday, September 5		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	15 Pentecost
Celebrant	The Rev. Carol Evans	1st Reading Proverbs 22:1-2 Nancy Lundgren Psalm 125 2nd Reading James 2:1-17 Fred Lundgren Gospel Mark 7:24-37	
Worship Leader	8:00 Bette Brooks		
10:00 Carolyn Englert			
Greeters	Nancy & Fred Lundgren		
Organist	Tim Lewicki		
Video	Doug Holzschuh		
Coffee Hosts	8:00 TBA		
	10:00 John & Mary Jean McDonald		
Altar Guild	Laurie Barney & Nancy Lundgren		
Counters	Carol Marotta & Cathy Potisuk		



Sloppy Joe Luncheon

The Hospitality Committee is planning a sloppy joe lunch.

September 12th
11:15 am

sloppy joes, chips, pasta salads, brownies, and a drink will be served.

Please come and enjoy the fellowship and good food!

Breakfast Club

August 19 8:00 AM
Cracker Barrel

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



Did You Know?...



Summer is finally here with several 90 degrees heat waves and a lot of rain and sunshine. We'll take it!! And things are getting back to somewhat "normal." Our Breakfast Club met for the first time since the pandemic and included: **John & Mary Jean McDonald, Mike & Shirley Johnson, Dennis & Sally Dier, Nancy & Fred Lundgren, and Bill & Marsha Snyder.** For anyone who wants to join us, we'd love to have you (the more the merrier). Just come to the Cracker Barrel the third Thursday of the month at 8:00 a.m. It's fun getting together and enjoying each other's company...

And speaking of getting back to normal, **Nancy Lundgren & Sally Dier** are re-opening Gracie's Back Door on Wednesday, August 4th. They'll be open from 10:00-2:00. Both ladies have been working very hard the last several weeks getting things cleaned up, put away, and setting up new arrangements and items, and cleaning the carpets. It's amazing how dusty things can get sitting for a year. The Woodlands Nursing Home was thrilled with all the medical equipment delivered to them by **Sally, Dennis, Nancy, and Fred...**

Nancy Ervin and the Hospitality group are planning a Fall Fellowship Gathering sloppy joe lunch for everyone on September 12 after the 10:00 a.m. service. We hope you'll bring the family and join us for a good meal and fellowship! ...

Barb Popiel has been enjoying time at the baseball park with daughter **Jamie and grandson Tyson.** Barb says Tyson has some real talent, and he loves the game. That's what it takes...

Mike and Shirley Johnson flew to California to spend time with their daughter **Susan, husband Larry and granddaughter Elizabeth** and had a wonderful time with the family...

Thanks to **Barb Popiel** for getting the new adding machine for the church office. It works great once the roll of paper was placed in properly. (The easy to follow instructions are not! ☺.) ...

Bette Brooks flew to Virginia to visit with daughter **Caroline, husband Daniel, grandson David, and granddaughter Molly.** The family has returned from Austria where Caroline worked for three years. Bette had some wonderful pictures she shared with us during coffee hour. Bette's daughter **Beverly** has moved back to Memphis to take on a new job. Both Bette and Bev are

excited about the move since they love Memphis. And **Amanda Brooks** and her colleagues in PR and Communications at ESPN recently swept the 3 team categories of The Faxies. These awards recognize excellence in PR and Marketing. Amanda's team won Team of the Year, Internal Communications, and External Communications awards. In addition, the college team won for their work on College GameDay Audience Engagement (the Virtual Fans segments). Congratulations to Amanda! Sounds like some very successful team work!...

Jeff Marsh called the office and said he will be retiring in September and is now applying for an American Red Cross volunteer position. His wife **Lisa**, who is the assistant professor of the Speech Pathology and Audiology department at Kent State has written a book this year (very academic, I'm sure). Their oldest daughter **Sarah Beth** is a student at Kent State and works at Lowes. She's also planning a trip to Italy where she will be pursuing Environment Studies. Their younger daughter **Rachel** is in her senior year of high school, works hard on her studies, and is employed at Bob Evans in Stow as the hostess. Sounds like a busy family!...

Nancy & Fred Lundgren spent time at a lovely lakeside condo in Vermilion that overlooked Lake Erie, all arranged by their granddaughter **Taylor.** They were there with their **daughter Lisa and granddaughters Taylor and Paige.** They had a wonderful time with the family and really enjoyed the time together. And then they were off to Michigan to visit with Fred's brother and his family...

Nancy & Jim Ervin's granddaughter Emily was invited to visit Hiram College for an interview. The Hiram staff she met with had a welcome sign up for her, and a Hiram basketball jersey with her favorite #24 in a locker for her! They've seen her play basketball; they have a good program in nursing (her planned field of study); and obviously they're interested in recruiting her!...

Kathy & Bill Summy have been enjoying having their daughters **Emily and Jenna** and their significant others at their home every week for family game night. They have the best time playing all kinds of games, and they enjoy being together. What a great idea for families! Jenna has just recently received a promotion and is

enjoying her job...

Marsha Snyder took time off to visit with her **daughter Jill and granddaughters Ellie & Lilly** and even better, great-grandson, two year old **Hendrix**. He hasn't learned about the terrible two's yet, but I can see it coming. Look out Ellie. But, until then it was so much fun watching him being the boy that he is...

If you haven't noticed, mulch has been placed around the church and rectory, and it looks great. We owe that all to **Mike Johnson and John McDonald** who took time out of their busy schedules to improve the look of the property...

Midge Myers has been working at home since the pandemic. She's enjoying not having to drive into Akron everyday and all that goes with that: finding a place to park and paying for it, heavy rush hour traffic, crazy drivers, bad weather, and wear and tear on your car. She said this will be a permanent change. Sometimes change is good...

We had the privilege of welcoming a new member into God's family at Grace. On June 27th we baptized **Madelyn Jane Kauffman**, daughter of **Lynn and Ben Kauffman** and granddaughter of **Joanne & Jack Sarver**. It was a lovely service and it was wonderful to see all the family members here to celebrate this very special day for Madelyn and her family. It was especially nice to see Jack & Joanne here for the baptism of their beautiful granddaughter! ...

Betty Ziska called the office and asked about everyone. Sadly there aren't many here that she remembers. She was very happy to learn the Stewart sisters were back in church, and she remembers them fondly. We know them better by **Carol Marotta, Gail Richards, and Doris Whipple**. For those of you who don't know Betty, she was an organist here at Grace for

many years. She says she's doing well and is now 97 years old. She sold the farm and was thrilled that the young man who bought it is rehabbing the house and farming the property. She's unable to play the organ any longer, but truly misses it. And she said to say "hello" to everyone here at Grace. For those of you who would like to send a letter or card or go to Hiram and visit Betty the address is:

Inn at the Pines
Betty Ziska
Room 1224
18122 Claridon Troy Road (aka SR 700)
Hiram OH 44234

Grand Reopening Gracie's Back Door

August 4th 10:00-2:00

Come and see all
the Amazing Deals!



Birthdays

3rd Joanne Sarver
5th Jack Sarver
6th Jameson Patrick
8th Alex Wroblewski
9th Goldie Shriver
10th Lynn Francois
Jim Ervin
12th John McDonald
15th Hera Whipple
16th Karen Krofta
22nd Bill Summy
23rd Jada Whipple
26th Kevin Splinter
27th Jim Neely



Congratulations!

and many happy re-

Baptisms

4th Laurie Barney
13th Debbie Shorts
14th Amy Seman
Jeff Croll



The Bulletin Board

Sit & Stitch

August 10 & 24th, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

The Sit and Stitch group will meet in the multi-purpose room (next to the church office) on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month. We hope to see you there. Please bring your sewing project (or just come and enjoy the fellowship, like some of us do) and wear a mask and keep social distancing.



Thank You! Thank You!

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

- **Nancy Ervin, Kenzie Ervin, and Cindy Hoskins** for cleaning all the window sills in the parish hall.
- **Doug Holzschuh** for live streaming and recording services for our members at home to access.
- All those who sign up to host coffee hour after the 8am & 10am services and all who add to the fellowship.
- **John McDonald and Mike Johnson** for placing mulch around the church and rectory (and John also sprayed for weeds)
- **John McDonald** for shutting down then draining our leaking hot water tank while we sought bids for replacement.
- **Barb Popiel, Carol Evans, and John McDonald** for help surrounding info & bids on a new hot water tank.
- **Cathy Potisuk** for bringing her dehumidifier for use in the office.
- **Marcia Splinter** for being a great treasurer and keeping the bills paid.
- 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.

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.*

Aidan of Lindisfarne, Missionary (died 651)

August 31

The Gospel first came to the northern English in 627, when King Edwin of Northumbria (a medieval Saxon kingdom in northern England and southeastern Scotland) was converted by a mission from Canterbury. Edwin's death in battle in 632 was followed by a severe pagan reaction. A year later, Edwin's exiled nephew Oswald gained the kingdom and proceeded at once to restore the Christian mission.

During his exile, Oswald had lived at Columba's monastery of Iona, where he had been converted and baptized. Therefore, he sent to Iona, rather than to Canterbury, for missionaries. The head of the first mission was a man of no tact, who soon returned home to report that the English were unteachable. A fellow monk named Aidan suggested that his approach was too harsh. Thereupon Aidan was sent out to replace him. He centered his work, not at a major monastery, but in imitation of his home monastery, on Lindisfarne, an island off the northeast coast of England, not far south of the Scottish border, now often called simply Holy Island (latitude 55°41' N, longitude 1°48' W). It is a tidal island, or semi-island.

With his fellow monks and the English youths whom he trained, Aidan restored Christianity in Northumbria, King Oswald often serving as his interpreter, and extended the mission through the midlands as far south as London.

Aidan died at the royal town of Bamborough on August 31, 651. The historian Bede said of him: "He neither sought nor loved anything of this world but delighted in distributing immediately to the poor whatever was given him by kings or rich men of the world. He traversed both town and country on foot, never on horseback, unless compelled by some urgent necessity. Wherever on his way he saw any, either rich or poor, he invited them, if pagans, to embrace the mystery of the faith; or if they were believers, he sought to strengthen them in their faith and stir them up by words and actions to alms and good works."

PRAYER:

O loving God, who called your servant Aidan from the peace of a Cloister to re-establish the Christian mission in northern England, and gave him the gifts of gentleness, simplicity, and strength: Grant that we, following his example, may use what you have given us for the relief of human need, and may persevere in commending the saving Gospel of our Redeemer Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Note: When a later Saxon king, Alfred the Great, worked alongside monastics to translate the Gospels from Latin into Old English, he wrote his notes and translations (called gloss) on the Gospels copied by the monks from Lindisfarne. His story can be found in "Fathers (and Mothers) and Friends" for October 2018. This can be found on the Grace Episcopal Church website (www.graceravenna.org). Click on News Letter and select the appropriate year then the month.



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