



# The Grace Vine

July/August 2023

## Rector's Writ

It seems lately we've asked for, received, and relied upon the prayers of our Grace Church family for a number of reasons. It's always a comfort when we hear members assuring us of their prayers. It brings a smile to our faces and a good feeling in our hearts when people do kind and thoughtful things that help us through a difficult time. It's right to give thanks and praise to God for hearing our prayers...those for healing, gratitude, kind and generous deeds of others, or a simple thanks to God for constant goodness and steadfast love.

In recognition of the Lord mercifully hearing our prayers, here are a few more for us to offer to the Holy One: for glory and thanksgiving to; for guidance and grace we receive by the loving hand and heart of God, from whom all blessings flow.

*Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*  
(Collect for Grace, BCP p. 100)

*Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.* (Collect for Guidance, BCP, p. 100)

*Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.*  
(from Compline, BCP, p. 134)

*Open to us, Lord, your great door, O Fountain of all mercy, hear our prayer and have mercy on our souls. Lord of the morning and ruler of all seasons, hear our prayer and have mercy on our souls. Shine upon me, Lord, and I shall be light like the day; I will sing your praise in light while I marvel; may the morning awaken me to your praise, O Holy God... With the day may your light shine on our thoughts and may it drive away the shadows of error from our souls. The creation is full of light, give light also to our hearts that they may praise you with the day and the night.*  
(Syrian Orthodox, adapted; The Oxford Book of Prayer, p. 185)

*The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. Amen.*  
(BCP, p. 140)

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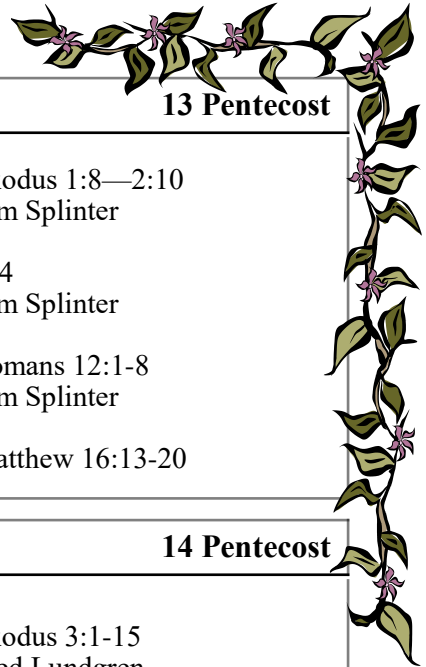


## Service and Lay Ministry Schedule

*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.*

<b>Sunday, July 2</b>		<b>8:00 &amp; 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist</b>		<b>5 Pentecost</b>	
<b>Celebrant</b>	The Rev. Carol Evans	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	Genesis 22:1-14 Fred Lundgren	<b>Psalm</b>	13
<b>Greeters</b>	Fred & Nancy Lundgren	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	Romans 6:12-23 Nancy Lundgren	<b>Gospel</b>	Matthew 10:40-42
<b>Organist</b>	Tim Lewicki				
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Nancy Ervin & Cindy Hoskins				
<b>Coffee Hosts</b>	8am Joan & Frank Seman 10am Bill & Marsha Snyder				
<b>Counters</b>	Carol Marotta & Kingsland Pretorius				
<b>Sunday, July 9</b>		<b>8:00 &amp; 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist</b>		<b>6 Pentecost</b>	
<b>Celebrant</b>	The Rev. Carol Evans	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 Carol Marotta	<b>Psalm</b>	45:11-18 Carol Marotta
<b>Deacon</b>	The Rev. William Snyder	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	Romans 7:15-25a Carol Marotta	<b>Gospel</b>	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
<b>Greeters</b>	Nancy & Jim Ervin				
<b>Organist</b>	Tim Lewicki				
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Nancy Ervin & Cindy Hoskins				
<b>Coffee Hosts</b>	8am Mike & Shirley Johnson 10am Nancy & Cindy Hoskins				
<b>Counters</b>	Carol Marotta & Kingsland Pretorius				
<b>Sunday, July 16</b>		<b>8:00 &amp; 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist</b>		<b>7 Pentecost</b>	
<b>Celebrant</b>	The Rev. Carol Evans	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	Genesis 25:19-34 Jeff Croll	<b>Psalm</b>	119:105-112 Jeff Croll
<b>Greeters</b>	John & Mary Jean McDonald	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	Romans 8:1-11 Martha Croll	<b>Gospel</b>	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
<b>Organist</b>	Tim Lewicki				
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Nancy Ervin & Cindy Hoskins				
<b>Coffee Hosts</b>	8am Kay & Ralph Wise 10am Cindy Ward & Cathy Potisuk				
<b>Counters</b>	Carol Marotta & Kingsland Pretorius				
<b>Sunday, July 23</b>		<b>8:00 &amp; 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist</b>		<b>8 Pentecost</b>	
<b>Celebrant</b>	The Rev. Carol Evans	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	Genesis 28:10-19a Tim Splinter	<b>Canticle</b>	A Song of God's Strength in Mercy Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 Tim Splinter
<b>Deacon</b>	The Rev. William Snyder	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	Romans 8:12-25 Tim Splinter	<b>Gospel</b>	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
<b>Greeters</b>	Jeff & Lisa Marsh				
<b>Organist</b>	Tim Lewicki				
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Nancy Ervin & Cindy Hoskins				
<b>Coffee Hosts</b>	8am TBA 10am Gail Richards & Doris Whipple				
<b>Counters</b>	Carol Marotta & Kingsland Pretorius				





**Sunday, August 27**

**8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist**

**13 Pentecost**

**Celebrant** The Rev. Carol Evans  
**Deacon** The Rev. William Snyder  
**Greeters** John & Mary Jean McDonald  
**Organist** Tim Lewicki  
**Altar Guild** Carol Marotta & Marsha Snyder  
**Coffee Hosts** 8am TBA  
 10am TBA  
**Counters** Laurie Barney & Barb Popiel

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** Exodus 1:8—2:10  
 Tim Splinter  
  
**Psalm** 124  
 Tim Splinter  
  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** Romans 12:1-8  
 Tim Splinter  
  
**Gospel** Matthew 16:13-20

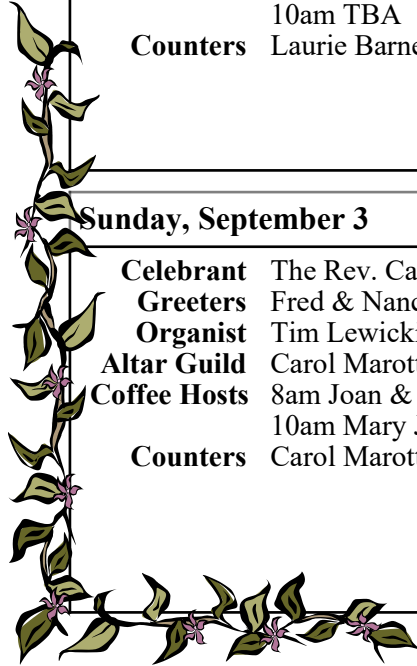
**Sunday, September 3**

**8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist**

**14 Pentecost**

**Celebrant** The Rev. Carol Evans  
**Greeters** Fred & Nancy Lundgren  
**Organist** Tim Lewicki  
**Altar Guild** Carol Marotta & Laurie Barney  
**Coffee Hosts** 8am Joan & Frank Seman  
 10am Mary Jean & John McDonald  
**Counters** Carol Marotta & Barb Popiel

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** Exodus 3:1-15  
 Fred Lundgren  
  
**Psalm** 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c  
  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** Romans 12:9-21  
 Nancy Lundgen  
  
**Gospel** Matthew 16:21-28



## Thank you! Thank you!

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

- **Shirley & Mike Johnson** for the Sit & Stitch picnic.
- Everyone who continues to bring in nonperishable food for the Center of Hope.
- **The choir, director, and organist** for a wonderful season of music. Our gratitude goes to choir members Jeff Croll, Marsha Snyder, and Marcia, Tim, and Eric Splinter; and Kathy Summy; Choir Director Martha Croll (who sings with choir as well); and Organist Tim Lewicki.
- **Nancy Ervin** for ordering and serving the sheet cake we all enjoyed on Pentecost and for our Volunteer Appreciation Day. Our thanks to those participating in the day and for all the members who give their time & talents to help at Grace Church.
- **John McDonald** for spreading mulch, spraying for ants, various fixes, and overseeing several Building & Grounds projects.
- **Tim Splinter** for his design & layout of the Grace Vine and for overseeing the Grace Web site.
- **Doug Holtzschuh** for work he's started using new software/technology to update the Grace Web site.



# Did You Know?...



I never dreamed that fires in Canada would impact us here in Ravenna and the whole east coast. But, it did. I'm sure this won't be a long term "thing" – I certainly hope not...

It's vacation time and **Laurie Barney** had another trip of a lifetime. She and a friend traveled to England, Scotland, and Ireland and had a great time seeing the lovely and historic sites the U.K. has to offer. **Cindy Ward** & her family were on a Caribbean cruise. **Marcia Splinter** met her sister **Andrea** from Pennsylvania to do a road trip weekend for Andrea's 70th birthday and later in June Marcia headed for Paris, France with her employers for the Paris Air Show. **Mary and Hank Cabot** and their daughter traveled to Iceland. They've been there before when it was all ice and cold, but this time they got to see the Puffins (thousands of them) and they loved that. **Tim Lewicki's wife and children** went to Japan to visit with **Yuka's** family. **Carolyn & Ken Englert** spent time at a lodge in the state park. **Debbie Shorts & Rick Lashley** were off camping, again! **Mary Jean & John McDonald** had a visit from their daughter **Amy** and granddaughter **Alexandra**. They were all in town for (granddaughter) **Ashley's** baby shower.

**Nancy Ervin** took a trip to Crystal Clinic to have a knee replaced; wait – that's no vacation! She's had good family support from their sons **Mike & Scott** and their families; from her granddaughter, **Kenzie** (who's been riding her bike over to check on Nancy and fix lunch), and from her sisters, **Cindy Ward** and **Janet Hughes**. Folks from the Church family provided meals the second week Nancy was home, and her family members covered meals her first week home....

**Kathy Summy's** been keeping very busy between work and spending time with her parents after her mother fell and broke her hip. We wish **Karen** a good recovery; no doubt having visits and help from a good daughter will help speed up that recovery...

**Bill Snyder**, his son **Luke**, and his grandson **Noah** took off to Cleveland to see an Indians game --- nooo a Guardian's game. I can't get that through my head. The Snyder's grandson Noah's baseball team has been playing all summer and they are very good, or their opponents are very bad. Don't know which, but the last game the Snyder's went to see the score was 21 to 3. Not a very exciting game...

It was nice to see **Sally & Dennis Dier** at our Breakfast Club on June 15<sup>th</sup>. Dennis will be having major

heart surgery on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June. His doctor tells him he'll be in the hospital for six or seven days, so he's ready to get this done and start on the road to recovery. Please keep Dennis and Sally both in your prayers...

**Barb Popiel** has been walking for charity. She and some friends did a 5K walk for Project Out Run for Leukemia...

More news about recent graduates and their plans. **Carol Marotta's** granddaughter, **Laura Skalski**, will be studying nursing at University of Akron this August. **Judy Watkins' grandson, Brandon Higgins** received his Bachelor's in Football Coaching from West Virginia University in Morgantown, and he plans to start work on his Master's there, too. **Jim Ervin's** sons took him to Bob Evans for Father's Day – he loves their pancakes and since **Nancy's** been recovering from knee surgery she hasn't been able to go with him. **Bill Snyder's** son and grandsons took him for ice cream for Father's Day – whenever he gets ice cream that's a very good day for Bill...

There will not be an August Grace Vine, but we have the worship schedule and birthdays and anniversaries covered in this issue. We hope our church family enjoys the summer and some time with family and friends, especially Sunday mornings at Grace!



# Invitation to Listening Sessions with Bishop Jolly & the Bishop's Staff



July 27, 2023 6:30 pm, Christ Church, Kent  
 July 13, 2023 6:30pm, St. John's, Youngstown

Bishop Anne Jolly is inviting everyone in the diocese to participate in the Listening Sessions scheduled at fifteen locations this summer. These are meant to enable “facilitated discussion and table conversations about the vision for the diocese and how the bishop and her staff can support congregations in living out their missions. We will take the information we learn from these sessions and use it for discussion at Diocesan Convention in November.” The closest one for us is on Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm at Christ Church, Kent (118 South Mantua St.). There's also one being held on Thursday July 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm at St. John's, Youngstown (323 Wick Ave.). Our vestry and rector plan to participate, and we hope to have good attendance and support from Grace Church members at these conversations as well. Please call the office if you're interested in attending and/or have questions.

## July Birthdays

- 1st Lisa Paxton
- 3rd Isaiah Allison
- 7th Kara Simonson
- 10th Phillip George
- 11th Michelle Lambert
- 12th Amy Seman
- 14th Bev Lewis-Mercury
- 15th Kirsten Seman
- 16th Noah Allison
- 20th Bill Snyder
- 23rd Debbie Shorts
- 24th Jeff Marsh
- 26th Dennis Dier
- 27th Frank Seman
- 29th Dani Dier
- 31st Sammy Rich



## Aug. Birthdays

- 3rd Joanne Sarver
- 6th Jameson Patrick
- 8th Mary Jane Furrer
- 10th Lynn Francois  
Jim Ervin  
Tom Furrer
- 12th John McDonald
- 15th Hera Whipple
- 22nd Bill Summy
- 26th Kevin Splinter
- 27th Jim Neely



## July Anniversaries

- 11th Kenneth & Carolyn Englert
- 13th Jeff & Martha Croll
- 16th Ralph & Kay Wise
- 21st Phil & Courtney Rich
- 24th Dan & Lynn Francois

# Congratulations!

and many happy returns...

## July Baptisms

- 7th Julie Canan
- 19th Eric Splinter
- 29th Midge Myers



## Aug. Baptisms

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

# The Bulletin Board

## Outreach Projects

**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** - List of needs is on the container in the parish hall

Donations to Ravenna High School will resume in the fall.

Thank you for any donations- they are greatly appreciated!

Grace's Vestry

## Breakfast Club

July 20<sup>th</sup> 8:00 AM  
August 17<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 AM

### Cracker Barrel

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



## New Pamphlet Design Help Needed!

If you have a talent for creating a tri-fold type pamphlet/brochure with updated information and pictures of Grace Church people and activities, we could use your help. It's costly to have these professionally designed or copied. Vestry was hoping if we had someone in the parish who has this talent & would like to take this on, we could then get estimates for colored copies. Please let a vestry member, the office, or the rector know if you'd like to help create a new Grace Church brochure or if you've had experience with a business you'd recommend for this.

*THANK YOU!*

# *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.*

**Silas, Companion to St. Paul**

**July 13**

Silas is chiefly remembered as the companion of St. Paul who was arrested with him at Philippi (Acts 16:19-40). They were beaten severely and confined in the inner prison, with their feet in stocks. There they sang hymns in the night, and an earthquake shook the prison, and released them. As a result, the jailer and his household became believers.

The first mention of Silas is earlier. Paul and Barnabas went on a missionary journey (Acts 13:1-5), taking with them John Mark, who (for unspecified reasons) parted from them and went home in the middle of the journey (Acts 13:13). Paul and Barnabas completed their mission and returned to Antioch. They had made many Gentile converts on their mission, and the question arose whether a Gentile could become a Christian without also becoming a Jew, being circumcised if male, and undertaking to observe the Law of Moses (Acts 15:1). The congregation at Antioch referred the question to the Apostles at Jerusalem, and Paul and Barnabas went to Jerusalem to present their case. A council of apostles and elders at Jerusalem judged that, with a few specified exceptions, the Law of Moses was not to be imposed on Gentile Christians, and they sent two men from Jerusalem back to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas to convey their reply. The men were Judas Barsabbas and Silas (Acts 15:22).

Eventually Paul and Barnabas undertook to visit again the congregations they had founded on their previous journey, and Barnabas wished to take John Mark with them, but Paul thought this unwise, and so they determined to travel separately, Barnabas taking Mark, and Paul taking Silas (Acts 15:36-40). And so Paul and Silas (joined in progress by Timothy and by Luke) went through part of what is now Turkey and then crossed over into Europe and preached at Philippi (where they made converts and were arrested as described above), and went on to Thessalonica and Berea, being the center of riots in each place (Acts 17:1-13), after which Paul went on to Athens and thence to Corinth, and was soon joined there by Silas and Timothy (Acts 18:5). And that is the last we hear of Silas.

The name "Silas" is a shortened form of "Silvanus", and the Silvanus whom Paul mentions in his writings to the Corinthians (2 Corinthians 1:19) and the Thessalonians (1 Thessalonians 1:1; 2 Th 1:1) is almost certainly the Silas of Acts, and probably the same as the Silvanus who carried the St. Peter's first letter (1 Peter 5:12) to its scattered recipients.

Further details of the life of Silas are not known, but he is customarily honored as a martyr.

## **PRAYER (contemporary language)**

Almighty and everlasting God, we thank you for your servant Silas, whom you called to preach the Gospel to the peoples of Turkey, Greece, and Macedonia. Raise up in this and every land evangelists and heralds of your kingdom, that your Church may proclaim the unsearchable riches of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.





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