



The Grace Vine

June 2023

Rector's Writ

With the demands of our work world and events to plug into almost every weekend, it's easy to forget the importance of play. We all need quiet time and rest; time to offer our prayerful worship and to seek renewal and peace; time to listen and simply be with God. We might think about that in terms of walking in the woods, by the ocean or a lake, being with family, or being in church. We can sense the Spirit's presence in a variety of ways and places. Our spiritual life longs for a nearness and connection with God. Prayer and contemplation are important but they're not the *ONLY* way to know and listen to the Lord. With summer coming on we might do well to consider "play" as a time for listening, being creative, and being close to God, too.

Now, those with a strong Protestant work ethic might think this notion of play is ridiculous... fine for children and teens with energy to burn. But how do adults "play?!"

"Play" can be loosely defined as an enjoyable activity that so captivates us, we lose track of time. Frederick Buechner writes, when we're lost in play we don't necessarily "accomplish anything...we're not providing anything. There's nothing edifying or educational or particularly helpful" in playing. It's just *PLAY* and that's all; no agenda, no goals to achieve, no responsibilities to worry about. Play has as much variety as personalities. For some it's just holding a baby or being around grandchildren (who joyfully pull us into *their play!*). For others it may include crossword puzzles, cooking, trains, cars, dolls, fishing, or digging around in dirt and grass (the adult term is gardening). Whatever the method, it helps to remember play is one way to be close to God...a way to respond to God's playful side and join in as the Spirit moves you.

King David, in response to all the Lord had done for him *DANCED* before the Ark of the Covenant. In explaining his dancing to those who didn't understand, he remembered the good God had done for him and said, "Therefore I will *play* before the Lord." Psalm 104 gives us the idea that even God has a bit of playfulness in his creation. God is praised for creating the "great and wide sea..." for the Leviathan "which you have made for the sport of it." (BCP, p. 737)

Here's hoping your summer will be a pleasant time with family and friends; that you'll travel safely; that we'll see you at church; that you'll find time for rest and quiet...and *PLAY*.

Carol+

O God, in the course of this busy life, give us times of refreshment and peace; and grant that we may so use our leisure to rebuild our bodies and renew our minds, that our spirits may be opened to the goodness of your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
(For the Good Use of Leisure; BCP p. 825)



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, June 4		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist		Trinity Sunday	
Celebrant	The Rev. Carol Evans	1st Reading	Genesis 1:1—2:4a		
Greeters	Fred & Nancy Lundgren		Fred Lundgren		
Organist	Tim Lewicki	Psalm	8		
Altar Guild	Cathy Potisuk & Marsha Snyder	2nd Reading	2 Corinthians 13:11-13		
Coffee Hosts	8am Joan & Frank Seman		Nancy Lundgren		
	10am Mary Jean & John McDonald	Gospel	Matthew 28:16-20		
Counters	Barb Popiel & TBA				

Sunday, June 11		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist		2 Pentecost	
Celebrant	The Rev. Carol Evans	1st Reading	Genesis 12:1-9		
Deacon	The Rev. William Snyder		Jeff Croll		
Greeters	Nancy & Jim Ervin	Psalm	33:1-12		
Organist	Tim Lewicki		Jeff Croll		
Altar Guild	Cathy Potisuk & Marsha Snyder	2nd Reading	Romans 4:13-25		
Coffee Hosts	8am Mike & Shirley Johnson		Martha Croll		
	10am Nancy Ervin & Cindy Hoskins	Gospel	Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26		
Counters	Barb Popiel & TBA				

Sunday, June 18		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist		3 Pentecost	
Father's Day					
Celebrant	The Rev. Carol Evans	1st Reading	Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7		
Greeters	John & Mary Jean McDonald		Tim Splinter		
Organist	Tim Lewicki	Psalm	116:1, 10-17		
Altar Guild	Cathy Potisuk & Laurie Barney		Tim Splinter		
Coffee Hosts	8am TBA	2nd Reading	Romans 5:1-8		
	10am Cindy Ward & Cathy Potisuk		Tim Splinter		
Counters	Barb Popiel & Laurie Barney	Gospel	Matthew 9:35—10:8-23		

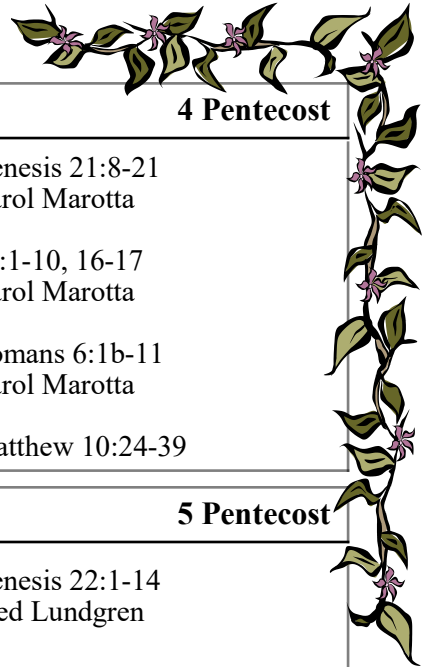
Outreach Projects

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

Thank you for any donations- they are greatly appreciated!

Grace's Vestry

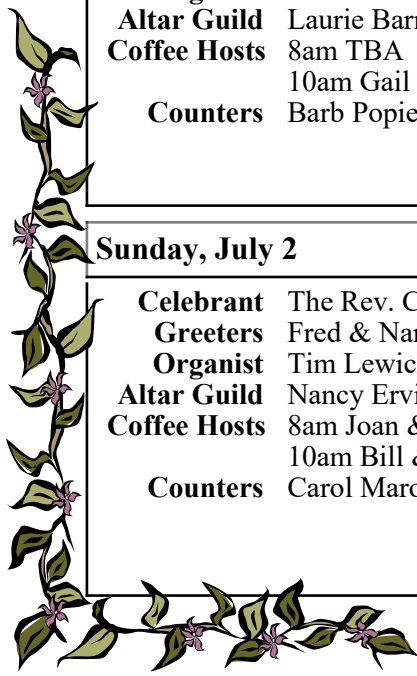


Sunday, June 25 **8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist** **4 Pentecost**

Celebrant	The Rev. Carol Evans	1st Reading	Genesis 21:8-21 Carol Marotta
Deacon	The Rev. William Snyder	Psalm	86:1-10, 16-17 Carol Marotta
Greeters	Jeff & Lisa Marsh	2nd Reading	Romans 6:1b-11 Carol Marotta
Organist	Tim Lewicki	Gospel	Matthew 10:24-39
Altar Guild	Laurie Barney & Cathy Potisuk		
Coffee Hosts	8am TBA 10am Gail Richards & Doris Whipple		
Counters	Barb Popiel & Laurie Barney		

Sunday, July 2 **8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist** **5 Pentecost**

Celebrant	The Rev. Carol Evans	1st Reading	Genesis 22:1-14 Fred Lundgren
Greeters	Fred & Nancy Lundgren	Psalm	13
Organist	Tim Lewicki	2nd Reading	Romans 6:12-23 Nancy Lundgren
Altar Guild	Nancy Ervin & Cindy Hoskins	Gospel	Matthew 10:40-42
Coffee Hosts	8am Joan & Frank Seman 10am Bill & Marsha Snyder		
Counters	Carol Marotta & Kingsland Pretorius		



Updating the Prayer List

It's been some time since we've updated our intercession list for the Sunday prayers and bulletin. Marsha has made forms to include the name of the person(s) to be prayed for and the person requesting the prayers, and we're asking members to please be sure ALL those you want to remain on the intercession list are on those forms. This includes those on the service list as well.

We're glad to pray for ANYONE our members want to keep in prayer and hope you'll add those persons on the new list. Our thanks to all of you for your faithfulness in prayer and for your help with updating our prayer list. We know and believe prayer helps.



Everything but the Kitchen Stove... Anyone Need a 10 Burner 2 Oven Kitchen Stove or Know of a Group Who Does?

Although we've tried a few social media routes, made some calls, etc. we're still trying to find a group who could use the Peerless stove we have. If you know of any organization, camp, or place that holds large dinners please give vestry members or the office their contact info. We *may* even work out a reduced or no fee if a 'buyer' would remove it. It's been suggested we leave the range hood (without an active fire suppression system) in place to help keep the kitchen cooler when we do use a stove or cook. We appreciate your help with potential contacts or individuals who may be interested.



Did You Know?...



April 29th was an exciting day for the Diocese of Ohio, it was the consecration and ordination of our new bishop coadjutor. **Bishop Anne B. Jolly** is the 12th and the first woman bishop in the history of our diocese. The event took place at the Public Auditorium and Conference Center in Cleveland. Grace was well represented by **Barb Popiel, Laurie Barney, and Kay & Ralph Wise**. Our own **Deacon Bill Snyder** took part in the ceremony. There were 31 bishops, 130 choir members, 23 parishes, and more than 1000 people in attendance. **Our Presiding Bishop, The Most Rev. Michael Curry** preached, and those who watched and/or attended were most impressed by him and the sermon he gave. He was wonderful. Everyone attending mentioned this was a "once in a lifetime experience." **Bishop Hollingsworth** will continue working with Bishop Jolly until he officially retires to help ensure a smooth transition.

For those who couldn't attend the consecration and ordination in person, another opportunity was available for us here at Grace. **Rick Taylor** "live streamed" the service in the parish hall. Those attending at Grace were **Bette Brooks, Carolyn Englert, Rev. Carol, Carol Marotta, Roberta O'Keefe, Kingsland Pretorius**, and of course Rick Taylor. Rick served champagne and peaches, an old family tradition for special occasions, and other treats were brought by those attending. Our thanks to Rick for that opportunity. We were glad to watch the ceremony and to enjoy the fellowship of our gathering...

Nancy Lundgren & Sally Dier have been working to re-open Gracie's Back Door. Nancy was hoping to have it up and running by the end of next month...

John & Cherry Monegan will be moving to Beachwood at the end of the month. Their new address is: 22655 Chagrin Blvd. #406, Beachwood, OH 44122. They sold their home in Ravenna and purchased a condo located near a facility that cares for Parkinson patients, and this will enable John to get more care more conveniently. Our prayers for God's blessings and good health go with John and Cherry. We also offer our appreciation for the time we had with them and for all the two of them did here at Grace Church...

Marcia & Tim Splinter took some well needed time off and traveled to Wisconsin to see Tim's mother **Barbara** and their son **Kevin**. Kevin has been working near Madison since he graduated from college. We hope they all enjoyed their visit and time together...

Now with the Splinters gone, that left the choir a bit short. When you have a choir of seven and two leave and one member isn't available, that means only four are at the service to sing. The four members carried on in true Grace Church choir fashion, and they didn't do a bad job at all, or so I've heard from some of our members...

It was so nice seeing **Kara Simonson** in church with her grandmother **Doris Whipple**. She's grown up to be a beautiful young woman. Come and see us anytime Kara, we're here every Sunday...

Kay & Ralph Wise drove in early May with **Joan & Frank Seman** to Pigeon Forge, Tennessee where they celebrated the 40th anniversary of Frank's brother and his wife, **Tim and Karol**. While there they saw a rodeo, and it was also Kentucky Derby weekend, which we know Frank really enjoys. It's obvious Tim and Karol's anniversary celebration outranked the Derby by a long shot for all the family!...

This is the time for graduations, and we offer our congratulations to members and the graduates being celebrated in their families. **Mary Jean & John McDonald's granddaughter Emily** graduates from Kent State with a bachelor's degree in Zoology and a minor in sign language. **Mike & Shirley Johnson** traveled to California to see granddaughter **Elizabeth Wyatt** graduate from Art school. They, along with Elizabeth's parents, **Susan Kay & Larry Wyatt** also got to see some of her very creative art work and projects. **Nancy & Fred Lundgren's granddaughter, Lisa Paxton's daughter Paige**, graduated from Kent State with a degree in Criminal Justice. Paige is giving some thought to graduate school, maybe even law school. **Kirsten Seman, daughter of Amy Seman and granddaughter of Frank & Joan Seman** graduated from Ravenna High. She'll be attending Stark State with a scholarship and plans to transfer to Kent State with a semester or two under her belt...

We wanted to share that **Jameson Patrick, Cindy**

Ward's grandson, received an award for most improved student among 7th graders at Ravenna. He also accomplished having a 3.0 GPA. That's pretty remarkable after his major back surgery in December. Way to go, Jameson!...

The women of the church enjoyed the flower and candy that were given out on Mother's Day. (Thank you to our vestry members, **Kay Wise, and Rev. Carol** for arranging that...Kay knew where to order the best carnations & brought them in for us to give all the ladies. Thanks to **Barb Popiel**, too for helping make sure everyone got flowers and candy.)...

I don't know how many watched the coronation of King Charles the III, but it was a wonderful time to be an Anglican. We don't "do" it quite like they do things at Westminster Abby, but some of the music was familiar as was part of the religious service. Quite a show!...

Beverly Brooks has been named College of Wooster Young Alumni of the Year. The award will be presented in early June. Bev, a 2008 graduate of the college, received her master's degree in 2016 from The University of Pennsylvania and now lives in Memphis, TN. Mom Bette is looking forward to having as many daughters home as possible to celebrate with Bev!...

Please keep **Kathy Summy and her mother Karen** in your prayers. Karen fell and broke her hip and the next day had to spend Mother's Day in surgery. That's a Mother's Day they won't soon forget...

Carolyn Englert has given up her duties of Worship Leader after many, many years of service due to ongoing health concerns. Thank you and God

bless you, Carolyn, for all the help you've been and the excellent work you've done as Worship Leader. We're glad you're staying on as lector...

Rick Lashley & Debbie Shorts are off camping, so we may not see much of them during the summer. We did note that they don't camp very far from a casino, so we hope they'll have fun—and good luck—at both places...

Congratulations to **Maynard Evans** who became a great grandpa again; granddaughter **Selby** and her husband-to-be **Josh** had a baby girl on May 14th...

Rick Taylor spent time in Baltimore to visit his son, and while there he was delighted to be with some of his grandchildren he hadn't seen in a while...

If you're interested in knowing whether Ravenna or Kent won the "food challenge" --- it was a tie, Kent gave the most money and Ravenna gave the most food, so it was called a tie. We could also call it a win-win for both communities and our mayors...

Marcia Splinter has been crocheting her head, or should I say her hands off. She has made two beautiful large wedding gift afghans in less than three months...

It was wonderful to see **Bonnie Quay** in church with us on Sunday, May 21st. Bonnie and **Blake** moved to Florida several years ago (and she told us Blake died three years ago). But her daughter moved back to Ohio and Bonnie misses her. So, Bonnie will be in Ohio for five months and then will move back to Florida for the rest of the year. I'll bet I know which months she'll be in Ohio.

Birthdays

- 8th Eric Splinter
- 9th Cindy Hoskins
Kingsland Pretorius
- 10th Emily Ahrens
- 12th Chris Ahrens
- 15th Sally Dier
- 21st Carol Evans
- 22nd Cathy Potisuk
- 25th Maynard Evans
- 26th Fred Ahrens
Taylor Paxton
- 28th Jeff Croll



Baptisms

- 7th Judy Watkins
Tim Splinter
- 8th Kara Simonson
MacAlah Simonson
- 22nd Fred Lundgren
- ? Kenneth Englert
Carolyn Englert
Michelle McLaughlin

Congratulations!

and many happy returns...

Anniversaries

- 7th Maynard & Carol Evans
- 14th Carol & Eric Marotta
- 27th Frank & Joan Seman



The Bulletin Board

Thank you! Thank you!

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

- **Kay Wise** for ordering and picking up the carnations that were given to all the women on Mother's Day and to Rev. Carol for the candy...everyone enjoyed them.
- **Shirley Johnson** for the goodies she brings to Sit 'n Stitch.
- **Our coffee hour hosts** for providing us with some great treats to enjoy with our fellowship after worship.
- **To everyone** who brought in food and donated to the "hunger challenge" program between the mayors of Kent & Ravenna.
- **Tim Lewicki & Rev. Carol** for working with the organ company to get our organ up and running again.
- **Cindy Ward & Jameson Patrick** for offering to be greeters.
- **Nancy Ervin and her friend Cheryl** for getting the non-perishable food items to the Center of Hope before the "food challenge" deadline.
- **John McDonald** for overseeing the asbestos removal from the boiler room pipes; for taking care of several things that needed to be fixed or repaired; and for picking up and spreading mulch in the garden and flower bed areas of the grounds.
- **Marsha Snyder & Cathy Potisuk** for picking out lovely flowers & hanging baskets for the Memorial Garden.
- **Eric & Tim Splinter, Jeff Croll, Tim Lewicki, and Lisa Marsh** for their camera help and computer skills in getting the Sunday livestream set up and running each week.

Breakfast Club

June 15th, 8:00 AM

Cracker Barrel

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
walk at noon. 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.*

Chief Seattle (c1790--June 7, 1866)

June 7

A leading figure among his people in the Pacific Northwest, Chief Seattle pursued a path of accommodation to white settlers, attempting to preserve peace between his people and the settlers.

Noah (the name given him at his baptism in 1848) Seattle was born about 1790 near Puget Sound, in the northwest corner of the contiguous United States. Tribal leadership was not always patriarchal; he received his chieftom designation from his maternal uncle. He was chief of his tribe and of the large alliance of tribes in his area. Seattle earned his reputation at a young age as a leader and a warrior, ambushing and defeating groups of tribal enemy raiders. He was tall and broad, standing nearly six feet tall. Traders from the Hudson Bay Company gave him the nickname *Le Gros* (The Big Guy). It was reported that his voice could be heard for at least three-quarters of a mile.

As more white settlers moved onto the ancestral lands, he chose peace rather than war, and offered the settlers friendship and assistance. When his people were driven from their traditional clamming grounds, Seattle met David Swinson ("Doc") Maynard in Olympia; they formed a friendly relationship useful to both. Maynard was a pioneer, a doctor, and a civic leader who was sympathetic to the rights of Native Americans. Persuading the settlers at the white settlement of Duwamps to rename their town *Seattle*, Maynard established their support for Chief Seattle's people and negotiated relatively peaceful relations with the tribes under Seattle's leadership.

Seattle became a Christian and instituted in his tribe a practice of communal prayers morning and evening, a practice continued after his death. In 1855 (being then about 65 years old), he signed a treaty that ceded most of his tribe's ancestral lands to the settlers and moved his people north. Seattle kept his people out of the Battle of Seattle in 1856. Afterwards, he was unwilling to lead his tribe to the reservation established, since the plan mixed two rival tribes and was likely to lead to bloodshed. Maynard persuaded the government of the necessity of allowing Seattle to move instead to his father's longhouse on Agate Passage, a place named "Old Man House." On that occasion, Chief Seattle gave an eloquent and poignant speech in his native tongue on justice, and on love of and respect for the land. Portions of the speech are often quoted by environmentalists, though the translations vary and some of them are quite inaccurate. He died June 7, 1866, on the reservation at Port Madison, Washington.

PRAYER: Almighty God, who in giving us dominion over things on earth have made us fellow workers in your creation: Grant us such wisdom and reverence toward You that, following the counsel and example of your servant Noah Seattle, we may so use the resources of nature that no one may suffer from our abuse of them, and that generations yet to come may continue to praise You for Your bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.





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