



The Grace Vine

November 2022

Rector's Writ

It seems we have plenty of activities and events to keep focused on and plenty of concerns and thanksgivings for which we can offer our prayers: a variety of political elections; election of a Bishop Coadjutor of Ohio to serve with Bishop Hollingsworth until he retires. Holidays...healings...blessings are just a few things for which we're thankful.

It's the season for thanksgiving and stewardship. A time to remember all we have to be thankful for and how we're to be faithful stewards and managers of what God has given us. We realize our giving is not to meet a church budget, but goes much deeper than that. What we give is an act of gratitude and faith. We trust and believe that in spite of all the uncertainties of the present times, GOD IS WITH US and WILL REMAIN WITH US. Nothing changes that. Our Lord will continue leading, guiding, and providing the help we need to do the worship, work, and service we're called to do as people of God, as followers of Jesus Christ and his ways. Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever. His ways and teachings are just as important and relevant as they've ever been, and we do well to cleave to his gracious and life giving ways. May we be ever thankful for the blessings, lovingkindness, and grace given to us by our Lord.

A happy and blessed Thanksgiving to you and those you love.

Carol+

Almighty God, father of all mercies, we thank you for all you have given and for all you have forgiven; for your hidden blessings and for those which in our negligence we have passed over: for every gift of nature or of grace: for our power of loving: for all which you have yet in store for us: for everything, whether joy or sorrow, whereby you are drawing us to yourself through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(from The Pastor's Prayer Book; by Robert Rodenmayer, p. 199)

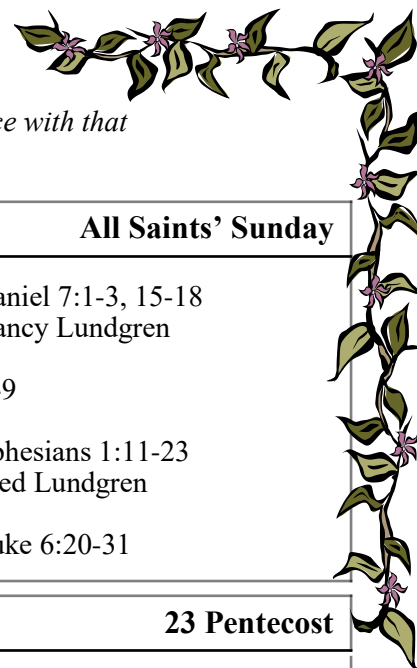
O God, who has bound us together in this bundle of life, give us grace to understand how our lives depend upon the courage, the industry, the honesty, and the integrity of our fellow men and women; that we may be mindful of their needs, grateful for their faithfulness, and faithful in our responsibilities to them; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(from The Oxford Book of Prayer, Ed. George Appleton; prayer by Reinhold Niebuhr; p. 71)



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, November 6	8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	All Saints' Sunday
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<p>Celebrant The Rev. Carol Evans Wrshp Ldr 10am Carolyn Englert Greeters Fred & Nancy Lundgren Organist Tim Lewicki Video Doug Holzschuh Altar Guild Nancy Ervin & Cindy Hoskins Coffee Hosts 8am Joan & Frank Seman 10am Mary Jean & John McDonald Counters Laurie Barney & Barb Popiel</p>	<p>1st Reading Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 Nancy Lundgren</p> <p>Psalm 149</p> <p>2nd Reading Ephesians 1:11-23 Fred Lundgren</p> <p>Gospel Luke 6:20-31</p>
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Sunday, November 13	8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	23 Pentecost
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<p>Celebrant The Rev. Carol Evans Deacon The Rev. William Snyder Greeters Jeff & Lisa Marsh Organist Tim Lewicki Video Doug Holzschuh Altar Guild Nancy Ervin & Cindy Hoskins Coffee Hosts 8am Mike & Shirley Johnson 10am Nancy & Jim Ervin Counters Laurie Barney & Barb Popiel</p>	<p>1st Reading Isaiah 65:17-25 Tim Splinter</p> <p>Psalm 9</p> <p>2nd Reading 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Carolyn Englert</p> <p>Gospel Luke 21:5-19</p>
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Sunday, November 20	8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	Thanksgiving
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<p>Celebrant The Rev. Thomas Furrer Wrshp Ldr Nancy Lundgren Greeters Nancy & Jim Ervin Organist Tim Lewicki Video Doug Holzschuh Altar Guild Nancy Ervin & Cindy Hoskins Coffee Hosts 8am TBA 10am Cindy Ward & Cathy Potisuk Counters Laurie Barney & Barb Popiel</p>	<p>1st Reading Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Martha Croll</p> <p>Psalm 100</p> <p>2nd Reading Philippians 4:4-9 Jeff Croll</p> <p>Gospel John 6:25-35</p>
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Altar Guild News

Please join us for a planning and informational session,
 good food, fellowship and fun.

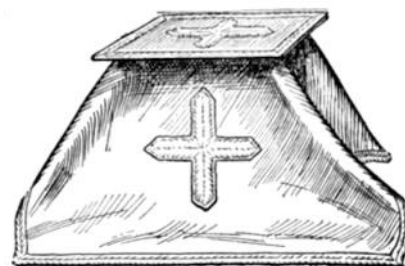
Saturday, November 12, 2022,

10:00 AM

Parish Hall

RSVP by November 8th to: Laurie Barney 716-868-6783 or
 Cathy Potisuk 937-477-3803

We hope to see you there! Thank you so much!



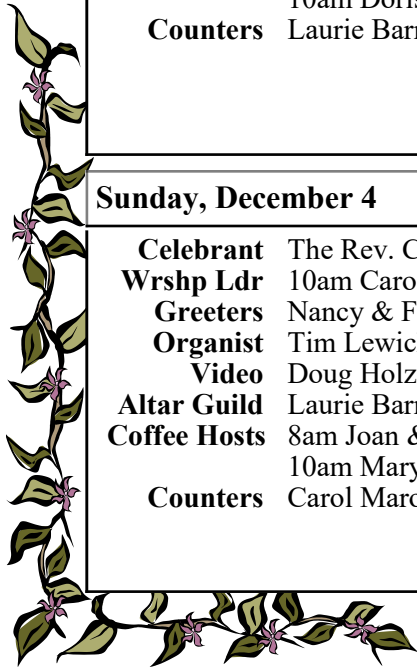


Sunday, November 27 8:00 & 10:00 AM Morning Prayer 1 Advent

<p>Celebrant The Rev. William Snyder Greeters John & Mary Jean McDonald Organist Tim Lewicki Video Doug Holzschuh Altar Guild Nancy Ervin & Cindy Hoskins Coffee Hosts 8am TBA 10am Doris Whipple & Gail Richards Counters Laurie Barney & Barb Popiel</p>	<p>1st Reading Isaiah 2:1-5 Carol Marotta</p> <p>Psalm 122</p> <p>2nd Reading Romans 13:11-14 Tim Splinter</p> <p>Gospel Matthew 24:36-44</p>
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Sunday, December 4 8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 2 Advent

<p>Celebrant The Rev. Carol Evans Wrshp Ldr 10am Carolyn Englert Greeters Nancy & Fred Lundgren Organist Tim Lewicki Video Doug Holzschuh Altar Guild Laurie Barney, Cathy Potisuk, Marsha Snyder Coffee Hosts 8am Joan & Frank Seman 10am Mary Jean & John McDonald Counters Carol Marotta & Midge Myers</p>	<p>1st Reading Isaiah 11:1-10 Fred Lundgren</p> <p>Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19</p> <p>2nd Reading Romans 15:4-13 Nancy Lundgen</p> <p>Gospel Matthew 3:1-12</p>
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Gracie's Back Door

Until Gracie's Back Door is open again,
please don't bring any more items to the store.

Breakfast Club

November 17th
8:00 AM

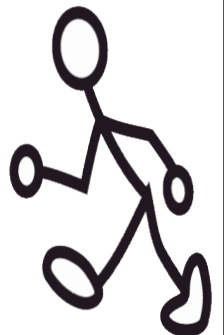
Cracker Barrel

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 12:00. Meet at Chestnut Hills Park, Ravenna, and walk to the first parking lot.





Did You Know?...



The Blessing of the Animals took place here at Grace Church on Sunday, October 2nd. **Cathy Potisuk** had her cat Max in the car (cargo area, much preferred over the carrier) so he got to go for a ride before his blessing. **Lynn & Dan Francois** brought their dog **Beanie** in style with his own dog buggy. **Debbie Shorts and her son Eric** brought their dog **Buddy**, who's pretty casual and calm because he's had the blessing before. The **Crolls** had a family event on October 2nd so Rev. Carol went out to Martha & Jeff's house to bless their dog **Fuzzy**. Then the group went to Martha's brother **Joe Benek's** farm to bless three horses, **Sadie, Dandy, & Aztec**. Dog & cat treats were available, just no horse treats, but Joe & Denise & Martha made sure the horses had their treats, too...as well as hugs! After the blessing Fuzzy took off running and Jeff said he almost had a heart attack running after him...



Marcia and Tim Splinter are celebrating their 30th wedding anniversary and treated themselves to a cruise that took them around all the Hawaiian Islands, a well-deserved trip & vacation. Choir Director **Martha Croll** and the choir had to decide what to sing without those two stronger voices, but they managed just fine...

Lynn & Dan Francois are heading back to Florida. We'll miss them, but hope they enjoy the sunshine and are sure to be thinking about us come February...

Nancy and Fred Lundgren were in the church on a Wednesday afternoon and Fred caulked the window sill on the middle stained glass window facing Cedar Ave. (the one that gets weathered so quickly). Nancy came to check everything out at Gracie's Back Door, and then they stopped by the office to say "hello" and chat...

John McDonald purchased a snow blower for the church. John, do you think we'll be needing it this winter? I'm sure we will, but I hope not for long!...

Bill Snyder enjoyed a day of fishing at Lake Erie with friends. Now he has fish in the freezer, however it's not fish he caught – it's fish he bought. It was an ok day of fishing, and they give the few they caught to a friend, but anytime fishing and being out on the lake is a great time, especially when you're with friends...

Kathy Summy was happy to announce that daughter **Emily** is now engaged. Emily and **Enrique** are planning the wedding for next year, on October 13th. And yes, that's Friday the 13th...

Debbie Shorts and Rick Lashley have been enjoying camping this summer and fall. They love to camp in Michigan, New York, Wisconsin, Indiana, Ohio... anywhere they can. To say they love camping is an understatement...

Lillian Lopeman was excited to share that her half-sister has found a sister she didn't know she had based on a DNA test. And Lillian was saying they looked alike. DNA is a wonderful thing to find out about your family...

Sue and Bruce Ahrens's daughter Sonja, her husband **Donnie**, and their dog came for a surprise visit all the way from Massachusetts. I'm sure Bruce and Sue really enjoyed their visit with them...

Many thanks to **Tim Lewicki and Lisa Marsh** for their help with live streaming our Sunday, October 9th service. We do have some very helpful people in this congregation...

Thanks to **Shirley Johnson** for serving "goodies" to the Sit & Stitch group every other Tuesday. She and **Mike Johnson** also have a wonderful ministry. Shirley makes soup and other goodies and they both deliver it to shut ins...

Sally Dier says to tell everyone she says "hello" and to thank everyone for their prayers...

Bette Brooks's daughter Laurel has moved back to NE Ohio. She was offered the opportunity to continue her work as an admissions counselor for St. Lawrence University in Canton, NY, AND to do the work remotely. Bette says that Laurel's new apartment in Portage Lakes is really comfortable, and that Laurel is enjoying being able to go to Target without using her passport!...

Thanks to **Cindy Ward** who took all the items we've collected to the APL and to **Jim & Nancy Ervin** for taking the non-perishable food to the Center of Hope and to **Kenzie Ervin** for taking the items we've collected for Ravenna High School.

Thank you! Thank you!

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

- **John McDonald** for putting up a very solid grab bar for Altar Guild members with bad knees to use when prepping the altar.
- **Fred Lundgren** for caulking the front stained-glass window sill.
- **John McDonald** for purchasing a new snow blower and all the work he's done around the church.
- **Jeff Marsh** for volunteering to help with the chalice at the 10am service.
- **Roberta O'Keefe** for serving as lector at the 8am service.
- **Martha Croll** for bringing flowers to the office.
- **Cindy Ward** for taking the dog and cat food we've collected to the APL.
- **Kenzie Ervin** for taking the items we have to Ravenna High School.
- **Jim & Nancy Ervin** for bringing the non-perishable food to the Center of Hope.
- **Bev Lewis-Mercury** for knitting a bunch of prayer shawls and winter caps for the Sit n' Stitch group to give away and to
- **Tony Mercury** for bringing those to the Sit n' Stitch meeting.
- All those who volunteer to host coffee hour so we can enjoy good food AND fellowship after church.
- **Tim Lewicki and Lisa Marsh** for filling in for our videographer when Doug's out of town.
- **Tim & Marcia Splinter** for all their assistance to the church secretary again.
- All our members who continue supporting Grace Church with giving and prayer, even when keeping cautious by attending church electronically.
- **Doug Holzschuh** for live streaming and recording services for our members at home to access.

Birthdays

1st Amy Neely
3rd Julie Canan
4th Gail Richards
17th Sarah Beth Audet
18th Judy Watkins
29th Eric Marotta



Congratulations!

and many happy returns...



Baptisms

2nd Sally Dier
5th Luke Kearsey
Shala Kearsey
John Monegan
6th Eleanor Blank
17th Dani Dier
21st Frank Seman

Anniversaries

3rd John & Mary Jean McDonald



The Bulletin Board

Thank You!

John and I would like to thank you for all your prayers for our daughter, Kelly Monegan. She had emergency surgery on Oct 4 for removal of gallbladder and stones in the main bile duct. A simple surgery turned into a complicated major surgery. They got the gangrene gallbladder out but were unable to remove the stones and inserted a drain to collect bile that was leaking into her body cavity. A different Doctor attempted to remove the stones the next day, Thursday, but was not able to due to swelling of liver and pancreas and the stones not budging. He put a stent in the pancreas tube to save the pancreas. Plan was to give her body rest and do third surgery on Monday, but after doing an MRI with contrast at 11 PM Friday and discovering the stones were too close to the opening of the swollen pancreas, a third doctor decided to do emergency surgery Saturday AM. Because of all your prayers, the Doctor was able to remove all the stones, the leak had healed, and the swollen pancreas was better. The doctor said in all his 20 plus years as a gastrology surgeon he has never seen a bile leak heal that quickly and the pancreas start to heal so fast. He asked did we have people praying for Kelly because this was a MIRACLE!! Kelly is now home doing well and healing from 3 surgeries in 4 days. From the bottom of our hearts, THANK YOU FOR ALL THE PRAYERS. They worked!

Cherry & John Monegan

Local Appeals for Gift Cards

With the holidays rapidly approaching, Grace Church has received two appeals for gift cards to help those in need. One is from the Center of Hope and Kent Social Services. They're asking for \$15 gift cards from local grocery stores (to give to seniors) and for \$50 gift cards from Wal-mart, Target, etc. for children to purchase items on their Christmas wish list. Cards to this group may be brought to the Center of Hope, 1081 W. Main, Ravenna; Kent Social Services, 1066 S. Water St., Kent; or to the Grace Church office and we'll deliver them. The deadline for Thanksgiving gift cards is November 4th and for Christmas gift cards, December 2nd.

The second appeal is from Ravenna Assembly of God and Job & Family Services. They're asking for physical (not digital) gift cards in the amount of \$25. Their goal is two \$25 gift cards for each foster teen in the state of Ohio, a group often overlooked. They're asking for gift cards to any retail store or restaurant and especially to places youth enjoy like Target, Wal-mart, Starbucks, fast food places, etc. Cards may be dropped off at Ravenna Assembly of God, 6401 S.R. 14 or you can bring them to the Grace Church office and we'll deliver them or they'll pick up. The deadline for gift cards is November 16th.

Thank You!!

Outreach Projects

Thanksgiving

The Center of Hope is asking for the following items for the needy at Thanksgiving: boxed stuffing, boxed mashed potatoes, green beans, fried canned onions, JIF corn bread mix, canned Libby's pumpkin, canned carnation milk, yams/sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, or turkeys. **Please take these items to the Center of Hope and not to the church.**

Raven Packs - The vestry has decided to donate money (outreach dollars from Beatty) instead of asking for certain items from parishioners. Anyone is welcome to donate on their own also. The address for any cash/check donations is: Raven Packs, P.O. Box 728, Ravenna, OH 44266

Ravenna High School - Men's hygiene products, Laundry detergent, and Unscented wipes

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. Also Socks, Underwear, Hats, and Gloves will be needed by late November

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

Thank you as always for any help you can give for these Outreach Projects helping those in need.

Thank You!
Grace's Vestry

Outreach Suggestions

The vestry approved withdrawing \$5,000 from the Beatty Fund to use for outreach again. It's not been the best year for Joint Investment Fund performance. Yet we know God has been and continues to be good to us. One faithful response is to share what we've been given, and so the decision to provide Outreach Funds. The vestry and rector are asking for your suggestions for Portage County charities Grace members would like to support. With limited funds, we can't make guarantees, but if you have a charity/organization you'd like to suggest, please fill out one of the forms which will be in the Parish Hall, the back table in church, and in the office. Please return your suggestion form to the church office by Monday, Nov. 14th. Also, please know we welcome any outreach donations parishioners might like to add to these funds. THANKS!!

Adopt a Family

The Vestry has once again decided to "ADOPT A FAMILY" that is in need this holiday season. We are asking for monetary donations to assist with this Outreach project. Our goal is \$1,500.00. You were very generous last year and we exceeded our goal. If you are so moved by this appeal, please make your check out to: Grace Episcopal Church and mark "Adopt" in the memo. Please place it in the collection plate or mail it to the church office by December 11th. The address is: Grace Episcopal Church 250 W. Cedar Ave. Ravenna, OH 44266. Again, your generosity in the past has been phenomenal for people in need. Thank you for any help you can give. It will be greatly appreciated.

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.*

Southern author Eudora Welty wrote that Southerners not only listen to the story; we listen for the story, a skill born of playing quietly under the bushes that surrounded the porch, listening to the adult conversation in the cool of the evening (before air conditioning!), hoping the adults would forget we were there. I get a similar sense of listening for the story each November when I see our list of friends and family who have entered God's nearer presence. What are the stories of faith here? What are the lessons we have learned from these saints who lived among us? Below is a story of one of my saints.

John Leslie Snell, Professor and Mentor (June 2, 1923-May 27, 1972)

It was autumn of 1971, and David and I were poring over the Spring 1972 class schedule booklet from UNC-Chapel Hill to find classes for the final semester of my master's degree. We had been married only a few months and money was tight. While teaching the previous 2 years, I had saved enough to pay for my master's degree, even the commute two days a week from Greensboro, where we lived, to Chapel Hill. But if the class wasn't offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays, I didn't take it.

I had tried to register for Dr. Snell's Modern Germany class for the fall but was unable to get in—it was already closed and had a ridiculous waiting list by my registration time. But there it was, Tuesday/Thursday, and I had a priority registration time as a final semester graduate student! I all but ran into the Dean Dome at my designated time (registration was done in person by collecting punched data cards for the classes you wanted from the departmental tables), received the treasured card, then filled the rest of my schedule with other Tuesday/Thursday classes.

Dr. Snell was already an academic legend. Only 48 years old, he was a full professor (this usually takes 10 or more years; he did it in 6!) and had an extensive publications record of books and scholarly articles. He had enrolled at UNC in September 1940 but left to join the U.S. Army Air Corps in December 1942. A bomber pilot in the European theater of operations, he flew over thirty combat missions and won the Air Medal, Distinguished Flying Cross, and five battle stars. He returned and quickly completed his bachelor's degree (1946), master's (1947), and Ph.D (1950). It is highly unusual to finish 3 degrees in 4 years. He began teaching at the University of Wichita, followed by 2 years of research grants, and then ten years at Tulane where his rise through the academic ranks was meteoric. He taught at the University of Pennsylvania for two years then returned to Carolina in 1968 and taught there until his death.

His class that spring was all I expected—engaging, thorough, and demanding, but taught by a man known for a demand for excellence wrapped up in caring for his students, and not just academically. During the anti-Vietnam War riots at Carolina during which many students burned their draft cards, ignoring the penalties for doing so, Dr. Snell circulated among the rioters and asked for their cards, assuring them the cards would be safe with him and that they could pick them up in his office any time.

I learned quickly that he was attuned to pop culture and used it to illustrate his lecture topics and to urge us to study carefully. When he announced the date of our mid-term exam, he alluded to the Top 40 song by Melanie and said, "I've got a Brand New Pair of Roller Skates. Hope you've got a brand new key." I realized later that I was using elements of pop culture to connect with my own students.

As the only graduate student in a class for "advanced undergrads and graduate students," Dr. Snell required that I participate in each of his small-group seminars over a variety of topics for the undergrads, who needed to attend only 1 of their choice. This involved reading all the outside material for each session and being ready to contribute to each of the different discussions. Even when faced with ill-prepared students, he continued to lead discussions and somehow built on what were often inadequate or inaccurate responses without embarrassing the student. I was unaware of how much of his approach I had absorbed until the following year when I was leading discussions in my own classroom. I found myself using whatever students contributed and building on it, just as he had.

At graduation in late May, I looked for Dr. Snell. It is customary for the leading member of a doctoral student's advisement committee to place the coveted hood on the newly-minted doctor's shoulders; however, another professor "hooded" all of Dr. Snell's doctoral graduates. To a person, they stepped from the stage in tears. It was only later that I learned that Dr. Snell had died between exams and graduation. He had been stricken again by cancer that spring; yet until the end he continued to meet his classes, to grade papers, and to read—his devotion to students, duty, and scholarship remained undiminished.



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