



The Grace Vine

September 2022

Rector's Writ

It's been a while since we've had so many people in the hospital or home sick for a variety of reasons. Some are startling, unexpected matters like surgery and some of the complications which follow. Some are simply what people are trying to get accustomed to: health changes, energy limitations, or even aches and pains that weren't so noticeable are now demanding to be noticed. Of course COVID is in a category all by itself, and nobody wants to deal with that, but some of us have.

It's more than a bit of a comfort to know that we have our Grace Church family praying for those who are facing sickness, ailments, diseases, or in the hospital. The people of Grace have always been people of prayer and faith. As several of our members have said, we pray for those we know and love because we believe in our Lord's healing power and goodness. We pray because we know—from experience or from the Spirit—prayer makes a difference.

So we ask for your continued prayers for all the members of our Grace family who are facing any kind of sickness, sorrow, need, or adversity. We believe God is good. We trust that God hears our prayers, even when they're less than elegant and sometimes rambling.

It's important for us to remember to offer our Lord prayers of thanks and praise, in addition to those for healing, help, or guidance. We're blessed to have members willing to be there for people. Sometimes it helps just having a friend present to sit with us when times are anxious or uncertain. Sometimes it helps to have a meal or soup or cookies brought or sent over so we don't have to worry about what to fix. Sometimes it helps just to have a phone call or an e-mail from a friend offering some encouragement. It may seem small, but God can use even small actions or words to lift someone's spirit.

Please know: your prayers, your presence, your kindness are part of being about the work of God's kingdom...and they're appreciated more than we might imagine. God can use any number of not-so-major ways to bring blessings to someone's life just when we need it most. May God find us to be faithful servants, willing to serve and follow our Lord; willing to serve and do good that benefits others and glorifies our Father.

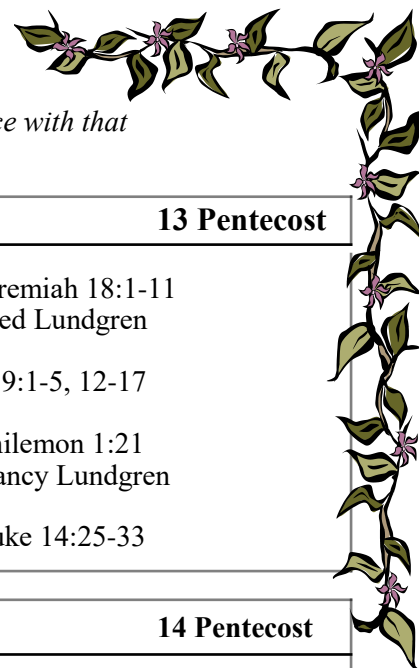
May God's blessings of health, protection,
and peace be with you and those you love.

Carol +



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, September 4 8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 13 Pentecost

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| Celebrant | The Rev. Carol Evans | 1st Reading | Jeremiah 18:1-11 Fred Lundgren |
| Wrshp Ldr | 10am Carolyn Englert | Psalm | 139:1-5, 12-17 |
| Greeters | Fred & Nancy Lundgren | 2nd Reading | Philemon 1:21 Nancy Lundgren |
| Organist | Tim Lewicki | Gospel | Luke 14:25-33 |
| Video | Doug Holzschuh | | |
| Altar Guild | Marsha Snyder & Cathy Potisuk | | |
| Coffee Hosts | 8am Joan & Frank Seman 10am Mary Jean & John McDonald | | |
| Counters | Carol Marotta & Midge Myers | | |

Sunday, September 11 8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 14 Pentecost

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| Celebrant | The Rev. Carol Evans | 1st Reading | Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 Tim Splinter |
| Deacon | 10am The Rev. William Snyder | Psalm | 14 |
| Greeters | Jeff & Lisa Marsh | 2nd Reading | 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Carolyn Englert |
| Organist | Tim Lewicki | Gospel | Luke 15:1-10 |
| Video | Doug Holzschuh | | |
| Altar Guild | Marsha Snyder & Cathy Potisuk | | |
| Coffee Hosts | 8am Mike & Shirley Johnson 10am Nancy & Jim Ervin | | |
| Counters | Carol Marotta & Midge Myers | | |

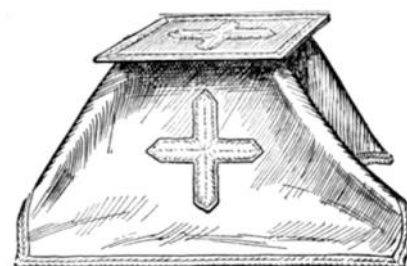
Sunday, September 18 8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 15 Pentecost

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| Celebrant | The Rev. Carol Evans | 1st Reading | Jeremiah 8:18—9:1 Martha Croll |
| Wrshp Ldr | 10am Nancy Lundgren | Psalm | 79:1-9 |
| Greeters | Nancy & Jim Ervin | 2nd Reading | 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Jeff Croll |
| Organist | Tim Lewicki | Gospel | Luke 16:1-13 |
| Video | Doug Holzschuh | | |
| Altar Guild | Marsha Snyder & Cathy Potisuk | | |
| Coffee Hosts | 8am Doug & Kingsland Holzschuh 10am Cindy Ward & Cathy Potisuk | | |
| Counters | Carol Marotta & Midge Myers | | |



Altar Guild News

Laurie Barney and Cathy Potisuk will be taking on the role of Co-Sacristans of the Altar Guild after Nancy Lundgren's retirement (thank you again, Nancy). We are planning a meeting in the future but would like to start putting together a calendar for 2023. It would be appreciated if members could check their calendars and submit the months they would like to be scheduled for next year. If you always work with another person or always have a specific time, please let us know that as well. Contact Cathy or Laurie with this information and we will do our best to accommodate everyone. Thank you.



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Laurie Barney 716-868-6783 ljbarney@gmail.com



| Sunday, September 25 | | 8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist | 16 Pentecost |
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| Celebrant | The Rev. Carol Evans | 1st Reading | Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 |
| Deacon | The Rev. William Snyder | | Carol Marotta |
| Greeters | John & Mary Jean McDonald | Psalm | 91:1-6, 14-16 |
| Organist | Tim Lewicki | | |
| Choir Dir | Martha Croll | 2nd Reading | 1 Timothy 6:6-19 |
| Video | Doug Holzschuh | | Tim Splinter |
| Altar Guild | Marsha Snyder & Cathy Potisuk | Gospel | Luke 16:19-31 |
| Coffee Hosts | 8am TBA 10am Doris Whipple & Gail Richards | | |
| Counters | Carol Marotta & Midge Myers | | |

| Sunday, October 2 | | 8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist | 17 Pentecost |
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| Celebrant | The Rev. Carol Evans | 1st Reading | Lamentations 1:1-6 |
| Wrshp Ldr | 10am Carolyn Englert | | Fred Lundgren |
| Greeters | Fred & Nancy Lundgren | Psalm | 137 |
| Organist | Tim Lewicki | | |
| Choir Dir | Martha Croll | 2nd Reading | 2 Timothy 1:1-14 |
| Video | Doug Holzschuh | | Nancy Lundgren |
| Altar Guild | Marsha Snyder & Cathy Potisuk | Gospel | Luke 17:5-10 |
| Coffee Hosts | 8am Joan & Frank Seman 10am Mary Jean & John McDonald | | |
| Counters | Cindy Ward & Carol Marotta | | |



Congratulations!

and many happy returns...

Birthdays

- 3rd Daniel Francois
- 9th Athena Whipple
- 10th Mary Jean McDonald
- 11th Doris Whipple
- 13th Leslie Thomas
Rick Taylor
- 15th Barb Popiel
- 25th Martha Croll
- 26th Cindy Ward



Anniversaries

- 3rd Fred & Chris Ahrens
- 24th Michael & Kay Canan
- 26th Doug Holzschuh & Kingsland Pretorius

Baptisms

- 5th Hazel Whitacre
- 7th Jenna Summy
- 22nd Lisa Paxton
Gerry Rich
- 25th Sue Ahrens
- 30th Sammy Rich





Did You Know?...



August, “dog days” of summer. You know it’s dry when the mosquitos aren’t out in force trying to carry you away. Or maybe it’s just where I live, in the woods...

We’re happy to report that **Pat Williams** is on the mend after her back surgery. **Gail Richards** is doing much better after a stroke which landed her in the hospital. Gail and Pat have both been taking physical therapy trying to get back to normal. **Rick Taylor** had major surgery at Cleveland Clinic’s Hillcrest Hospital and has had more than his share of complications following. He’s been in ICU twice already and on a ventilator, and as of Sunday morning (Aug. 28th) is in that same situation again. **Sue Ahrens** also was in U.H. Portage Medical Center for nearly a week, but she’s back home now and seems to be handling the anti-seizure meds. **Bruce** said the grandchildren & great-grandchildren were there to visit & were making Sue & him both smile. **Ken Englert** had to have triple by-pass surgery at U.H., Ahuja and as of today, he’s still there recovering but he and **Carolyn** are hoping he’ll be home soon. **Sally Dier** is still at home trying to get her strength back and says “hello” to everyone. We miss seeing Sally (and **Dennis, Dani, & Beth** when they can be here). We hope Sally will feel better and that God continues to watch over her. As some of you know, **Bill & Marsha Snyder** are both recovering from a not-so-mild case of COVID, as is **Jeff Marsh** and some of his family. Jeff said wife **Lisa** had to keep healthy just to take care of everybody else. Please uphold and keep these many dear members of our Grace Church family in your prayers. We ask that Jesus will keep them all in his loving, healing care...

This must be the year for class reunions. **Nancy Lundgren** will be having her reunion in Greenville, Ohio to celebrate her 66th class reunion and **Marsha Snyder** will be celebrating with her class of ‘62 reunion friends from Struthers High School at the end of August. **Shirley & Mike Johnson** had their reunion as did **Marcia Splinter** last month...

Barb Popiel spent time in North Carolina to be with her daughter, **Michelle** and her family. **Doug Holzschuh & Kingsland Pretorius** spent some vacation time with family at Emerald Isle enjoying the beach, the ocean, and the grandkids...

Nancy & Fred Lundgren traveled to Indiana to visit with Fred’s brother and his wife and had a nice time...

Marsha Snyder was in Miamisburg to visit with daughter **Jill**, grandchildren, and great grandson...

Marcia & Tim Splinter were in New York visiting with son **Eric**...

Laurie Barney was in Pittsburg visiting with her son and his wife...

Bette Brooks’ daughter **Laurel** came here to visit

Mom, and it was great seeing them both in church...

Debbie Shorts and Rick Lashley are on an Iceland cruise. Now that sounds like fun and a beautiful place for a cruise! ...

We’re a bunch of people on the move!!

A lot has been going on around the church. The back parking lot has new asphalt and is striped. The church front door concrete steps have been torn out & replaced. The rails received a much-needed new coat of paint (thanks to **John McDonald**). The stair well drain area behind the church has been resurfaced with concrete, and John’s getting bids for a new boiler...

The city has paved the alley beside the church – no more potholes. And the parking lot across the street is being street-scaped with grass and trees. It will look very nice when finished...

On a sad note, I know most of you probably don’t know her, but **Betty Ziska** was the choir director and organist here at Grace for many years and she passed away last month at 96. Betty was a wonderful lady who loved to play the organ and being choir director. She owned Blue Bird farm out in the county, and she would plant flowers in her garden and allow us to come and pick them for the altar. Then we’d sit and visit with her and her dog Bo. The dog kept watch on Betty and the farm; no one got past Bo. God got a good one this time.

APPRECIATION SUNDAY & RALLY DAY

Plan to join us for food & fellowship not only to welcome back the choir and the start of a new program year, but to offer up some informal thanks and appreciation for Grace members who volunteer & help in so many ways.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH

After the 10am service.

SLOPPY JOES & POT LUCK LUNCH WILL BE SERVED. PAPER PRODUCTS AND DRINKS ARE PROVIDED. A SIGN-UP SHEET IS IN THE PARISH HALL FOR DISHES

(i.e. chips, vegetable tray, macaroni salad, potato salad, deviled eggs, brownies, cookies, anything good from your garden, etc.)

Thank you! Thank you!

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

- Those who volunteer to host coffee hour at 8 & 10 so we all enjoy food & fellowship.
- All those who help with our worship services.
- **Marcia & Tim Splinter** for all their assistance to the church secretary.
- **Barb Popiel** for being a great Senior Warden.
- **John McDonald** for getting the black top resurfaced in the parking lot behind the church, the front steps repaired and hand rails painted; for patching & painting doors in several places; and for checking into a new boiler.
- **Doug Holzschuh** for live streaming and recording services for our members at home to access and for **Tim Lewicki** taking over while Doug and Kingsland were on vacation Aug. 14th & 21st.
- **Kingsland Pretorius** for providing ZOOM coverage for the church (for the third year now). With ZOOM members can enjoy Bible study gatherings and other study and fellowship uses.
- **Nancy & Fred Lundgren** for sorting & sprucing up some of the Gracie's areas.
- **Nancy Ervin** for organizing meals for members home from the hospital and for arranging our Appreciation/Rally Day lunch.

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.



Breakfast Club

September 15th
8:00 AM

Brimfield Steak House

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



Outreach Projects

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

The Bulletin Board

Gracie's Back Door

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

Address Changes

We have new addresses for:

Larry Allison

Kingsland & Doug Holzschuh

Judy Watkins

If you'd like to have these updates, please get them from the office.

Thank You

Thanks to all the parishioners who brought food while I'm recovering for surgery and especially to Amy Neely for all her help.

-Pat Williams

Safety Measures

The Vestry discussed concerns some members have expressed regarding safety from shootings in places of worship. Active Shooter Training; possible local law enforcement training; the ALICE program (Alert, lock down, inform, counter, and evacuate); and the suggestion from a few members to hire an armed guard were among the things discussed. We'll be exploring the options. We agreed one immediate measure to take on Sunday mornings is **locking ALL Church & building access doors by 8:10am and 10:10am and plan to begin that September 4th**. We will need volunteers to help make sure this gets done each Sunday. If you'd be willing to help with this please let one of our vestry members or the rector know.

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.*

David Pendleton Oakerhater, Deacon & Missionary

September 1

David P. Oakerhater (born around 1847) was a warrior and leader of the Cheyenne Indians of Oklahoma. His Cheyenne name was O-kuh-ha-tuh, meaning Making Medicine. He led a group of fighters against the United States government in a dispute over Indian land rights. In 1875, he and 27 other military leaders were taken prisoner by the U S Army and sent to a military prison in Florida.

The conditions there were very poor. The men slept on the concrete floor, had only the clothes they had worn when captured, and were shackled at all times. Thanks to the efforts of a concerned Army captain, Richard Henry Pratt, their shackles were removed, they learned English, were encouraged to earn money by giving art and archery lessons to visitors, and encountered the Christian faith. David and three others were moved to become Christians and, when given the opportunity, traveled north to study for the ministry.

David was baptized (and took the name "David") at Grace Episcopal Church in Syracuse, New York, in 1878, and was ordained to the diaconate in 1881 at the same church. He returned to Oklahoma, founded schools and missions, and continued to work among his people as a Native American chief and holy man until his death on August 31, 1931. He was designated a saint in the Episcopal Church in 1985, and Grace Episcopal Church (Syracuse) became a national shrine to him in 2005.

When he first returned to Oklahoma in 1881, he told his people:

You all know me. You remember when I led you out to war, I went first, and what I told you was true. Now I have been away to the East, and I have learned about another captain, the Lord Jesus Christ, and He is my leader. He goes first, and all He tells me is true. I come back to my people to tell you to go with me now in this new road, a war that makes all for peace.

PRAYER:

O God of unsearchable wisdom and infinite mercy, who chose a captive warrior, David Oakerhater, to be your servant, and sent him to be a missionary to his own people and to exercise the office of a deacon among them: Liberate us, who commemorate him today, from bondage to self, and empower us for service to you and to the neighbors you have given us; through Jesus Christ, the captain of our salvation; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.





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Midge Myers (2024)

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