



# The Grace Vine

April 2006

## Rector's Reflections

We've passed the halfway mark of Lent, and very soon we'll solemnly gather for Holy Week services. Those services are reminders of what Christ willingly endured for the love of God and the love of humankind. It seems we're often tempted to dash through the darkness of Gethsemane and the agony of Good Friday. Yet in order to truly celebrate Easter and Christ's Resurrection, we have to recall the path of service and sacrifice the Lord took to reconcile us to God.

In essence, our Prayer Book services provide a path where God's plan for the redemption and hope given us in Christ Jesus are revealed to us along the way. It's not an easy path, but there's quite a contrast between the beginning and the end. We start out on Ash Wednesday with a call to the observance of a holy Lent. We get specific about those gaps in our human nature, confessing what God already knows and what we need to be reminded: "We have not loved God...We have not loved our neighbors...We have not forgiven others... We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us."

We remember though, that Lent ends. The solemnity of Holy Week unfolds to reveal Easter joy. In the Great Vigil of Easter, The Exsultet embraces the contrast between Ash Wednesday penitence and Easter promise:

*"This is the night, when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life. This is the night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave. How wonderful and beyond our knowing, O God, is your mercy and loving-kindness to us, that to redeem a slave, you gave a Son. How holy is this night, when wickedness is put to flight, and sin is washed away. It restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn. It casts out pride and hatred, and brings peace and concord. How blessed is this night, when earth and heaven are joined and humankind is reconciled to God."*

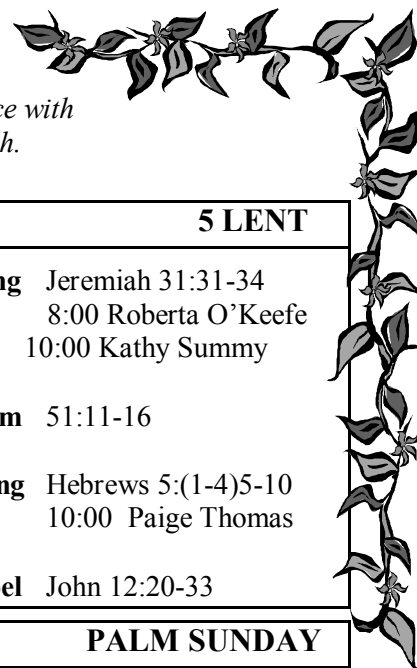
Alleluia. Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

May the blessings and joy of Easter be with you  
and those you love.



## 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.*

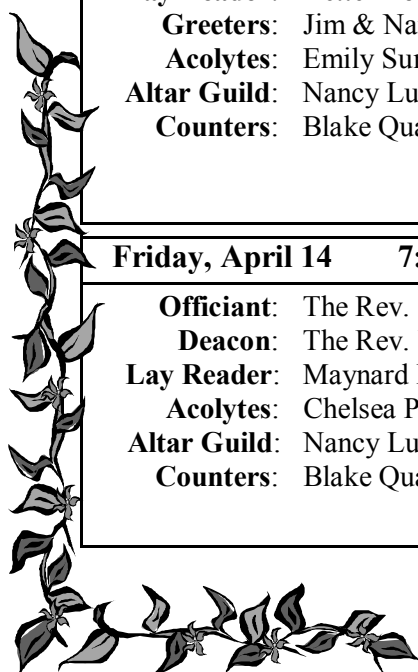


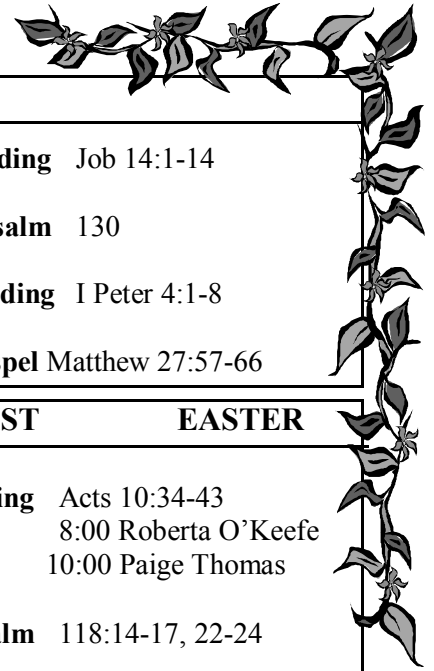
<b>Sun. April 2</b>	<b>8:00 &amp; 10:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST</b>	<b>5 LENT</b>
<b>Officiant:</b> The Rev. Carol S. Evans <b>Deacon:</b> The Rev. James Wichman <b>Lay Reader:</b> Carolyn Englert <b>Greeters:</b> Nancy & Fred Lundgren <b>Acolytes:</b> Paige Thomas <b>Altar Guild:</b> Nancy Lundgren & Cindy Hoskins <b>Coffee Hosts:</b> 8:00 Janice Lallathin 10:00 Leslie & Paige Thomas <b>Counters:</b> Blake Quay & Frank Seman <b>Loyalton:</b> Maynard Evans	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b> Jeremiah 31:31-34 8:00 Roberta O'Keefe 10:00 Kathy Summy  <b>Psalm</b> 51:11-16  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b> Hebrews 5:(1-4)5-10 10:00 Paige Thomas  <b>Gospel</b> John 12:20-33	

<b>Sun. April 9</b>	<b>8:00 &amp; 10:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST</b>	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b>
<b>Officiant:</b> The Rev. Carol S. Evans <b>Deacon:</b> The Rev. William D. Snyder <b>Lay Reader:</b> Maynard Evans <b>Greeters:</b> John & Mary Jean McDonald <b>Acolytes:</b> Paige Thomas & Julie Canan <b>Altar Guild:</b> Nancy Lundgren & Cindy Hoskins <b>Coffee Hosts:</b> 8:00 Pat Williams & Cindy Hoskins 10:00 Ron & Kelly Postlethwaite <b>Counters:</b> Blake Quay & Frank Seman <b>Loyalton:</b> Judy Canan	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b> Isaiah 45:21-25 8:00 Roberta O'Keefe 10:00 Steve Barna  <b>Psalm</b> 22:1-11  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b> Philippians 2:5-11 10:00 Cathy Mansor  <b>Gospel</b> Mark 14:32 – 15:47	

<b>Thursday, April 13</b>	<b>7:00 PM SERVICE</b>	<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b>
<b>Officiant:</b> The Rev. Carol S. Evans <b>Deacon:</b> The Rev. William Snyder <b>Lay Reader:</b> Bette Brooks <b>Greeters:</b> Jim & Nancy Ervin <b>Acolytes:</b> Emily Summy <b>Altar Guild:</b> Nancy Lundgren & Cindy Hoskins <b>Counters:</b> Blake Quay & Frank Seman	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b> Exodus 12:1-14a Carolyn Englert  <b>Psalm</b> 78:14-20,23-25  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b> I Corinth 11:23-32 Blake Quay  <b>Gospel</b> Luke 22:14-30	

<b>Friday, April 14</b>	<b>7:00 WAY OF THE CROSS AND GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY</b>	
<b>Officiant:</b> The Rev. Carol S. Evans <b>Deacon:</b> The Rev. William Snyder <b>Lay Reader:</b> Maynard Evans <b>Acolytes:</b> Chelsea Postlethwaite <b>Altar Guild:</b> Nancy Lundgren & Cindy Hoskins <b>Counters:</b> Blake Quay & Frank Seman	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b> Isaiah 52:13-53:12  <b>Psalm</b> 22:1-11  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b> Hebrews 10:1-25  <b>Gospel</b> John 18:1—19:37	



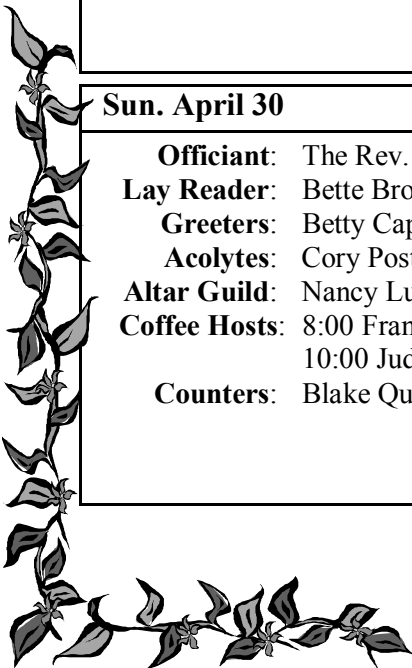


<b>Saturday, April 15</b>		<b>10:00 AM HOLY SATURDAY</b>	
<b>Officiant:</b> The Rev. Carol S. Evans	<b>Deacon:</b> The Rev. William Snyder	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b> Job 14:1-14	
<b>Altar Guild:</b> Bette Brooks & Shirley Johnson	<b>Counters:</b> Blake Quay & Frank Seman	<b>Psalm</b> 130	
		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b> I Peter 4:1-8	
		<b>Gospel</b> Matthew 27:57-66	

<b>Sun. April 16</b>		<b>8:00 &amp; 10:00 AM FESTIVE HOLY EUCHARIST</b>		<b>EASTER</b>
<b>Officiant:</b> The Rev. Carol S. Evans	<b>Deacon:</b> The Rev. William Snyder	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b> Acts 10:34-43	8:00 Roberta O'Keefe	
<b>Lay Reader:</b> Carolyn Englert	<b>Greeters:</b> Leslie & Paige Thomas		10:00 Paige Thomas	
<b>Acolytes:</b> PC – Emily Summy, Thurifer – Eli Stover, 1TT – Schylar Conway & Jenna Summy 2TT – Jesse Moore & Janell Moore	<b>Altar Guild:</b> Nancy Lundgren & Cindy Hoskins	<b>Psalm</b> 118:14-17, 22-24		
<b>Coffee Hosts:</b> 8:00 TBA 10:00 Nancy & Fred Lundgren	<b>Counters:</b> Blake Quay & Frank Seman	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b> Colossians 3:1-4	10:00 Bud Minnich	
		<b>Gospel</b> Mark 16:1-8		

<b>Sun. April 23</b>		<b>8:00 &amp; 10:00 AM MORNING PRAYER</b>		<b>EASTER 2</b>
<b>Preaching:</b> The Rev. William Snyder	<b>Lay Reader:</b> Judy Canan	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b> Acts 3:12a, 13-15, 17-26	8:00 Melissa Strainer	
<b>Greeters:</b> Judy & Kay Canan	<b>Acolytes:</b> Eli Stover		10:00 Dennis Dier	
<b>Altar Guild:</b> Nancy Lundgren & Cindy Hoskins	<b>Coffee Hosts:</b> 8:00 Jennifer Golec & girls 10:00 John & Irene Machisko	<b>Psalm</b> 118:19-24		
<b>Counters:</b> Blake Quay & Frank Seman		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b> I John 5:1-6	10:00 Carolyn Englert	
		<b>Gospel</b> John 20:19-31		

<b>Sun. April 30</b>		<b>8:00 &amp; 10:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST</b>		<b>EASTER 3</b>
<b>Officiant:</b> The Rev. Carol S. Evans	<b>Lay Reader:</b> Bette Brooks	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b> Acts 4:5-12	8:00 Roberta O'Keefe	
<b>Greeters:</b> Betty Capriola & Bud Minnich	<b>Acolytes:</b> Cory Postlethwaite		10:00 John Machisko	
<b>Altar Guild:</b> Nancy Lundgren & Cindy Hoskins	<b>Coffee Hosts:</b> 8:00 Frank & Joan Seman 10:00 Judy & Kay Canan	<b>Psalm</b> 98:1-5		
<b>Counters:</b> Blake Quay & Frank Seman		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b> I John 1:1-2:2	10:00 Kelly Postlethwaite	
		<b>Gospel</b> Luke 24:36b-48		



Sun. May 7	8:00 & 10:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST	EASTER 4
<b>Officiant:</b> The Rev. Carol S. Evans		<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b> Acts 4:23-37
<b>Deacon:</b> The Rev. William Snyder		8:00 Melissa Strainer
<b>Lay Reader:</b> Carolyn Englert		10:00 Kathy Summy
<b>Greeters:</b> Sandee West & Bonnie Quay		<b>Psalm</b> 23
<b>Acolytes:</b> Emily Summy		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b> I John 3:1-8
<b>Altar Guild:</b> Barb Popiel & Goldie Shriver		10:00 Tim Splinter
<b>Coffee Hosts:</b> 8:00 Meslissa & Lauren Strainer		<b>Gospel</b> John 10:11-16
10:00 Leslie & Paige Thomas		
<b>Counters:</b> Frank Seman & TBA		
<b>Loyalton:</b> Maynard Evans		

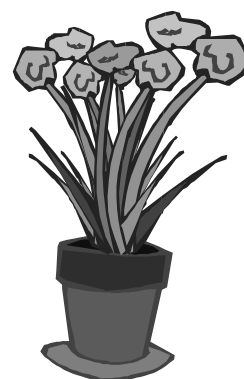
# Flower Sale

*Saturday May 6th from 10am to 3pm at the Church*

In order to make this a success, we will need the help of the whole parish. If you are willing to make bows for the pots, please contact Marcia Splinter for supplies. We will be getting the plants on Friday the 5th and decorating the pots.



If you have baskets you no longer want that will fit a 4" or 10" pot please bring it to church and put it in the old "Secretary's Office"/Adults/Seniors room straight in from the lower back door. If you would like to decorate that basket, feel free.



We will also need help during the sale with cashiers, helpers, and people to meet and greet customers coming to the sale.

Let's show the community how great we are and have fun doing it!!

Marcia Splinter  
Fun-d Raising committee



## United Thank Offering Ingathering Sunday, May 7, 2006

United Thank Offering (UTO) is a program of the Episcopal Church USA for the mission of the whole Church, founded by and administered by women since 1889. The UTO is collected by men, women and children who collect coins as an offering of thanks to God. Look for the UTO envelope in your Grace Vine and bring it in for collection on May 7th.





# Did You Know?...



We heard from **Charlie and June Marks** and they report of their return to the Randolph farm after a long winter in Akron. Charlie also says they have been blessed with their first great-grandson, they already have three great-granddaughters and Charlie was really pulling hard to break the mold in that one. It's a man thing!...

**Emily Summy**, a Brown Middle School student, has her artwork on display at the county courthouse from March 1<sup>st</sup> until April 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have the opportunity, stop by and take a look at her handy work...

**Frank "Bud" Seman**, one of our new vestry members, and a member of City Council has been chosen as the Grand Marshall of the 2006 Balloon-A-Fair. Congratulations Bud...

**Bonnie and Blake Quay** will be heading to Florida with the rest of the family to celebrate her father's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday...

**Marsha Snyder** wants to thank **Tim Splinter and Mary Ann Switz** for their help after the office computer crashed. Not everything is back in order, but close enough. And for that we are all thankful!...

The second Sunday of the month our children have their own "church" in the children's chapel, where they do all the readings, the teachers give the sermon and the offering is given to our "special offerings." The goal is to have the children become more familiar with the service and have a better understanding of what we do and why we do it...

**Rev. Carol** was asked to participate in the Medina E.C. W. retreat and she and **Judy Canan** trekked to Medina for the occasion...

**Marcia Splinter** is the new chairperson of the "Fun"draising committee after **Addrienne Conway** stepped down to take the helm of Christian Education Department from **Kay Canan**. And as Kay will attest, Christian Education takes a lot of time and effort...

**Chelsea Postlethwaite** is keeping busy with dance recitals...

**Jesse Moore** placed third in the first grade at the West Main Elementary for his handwriting. And sister **Janell's** artwork is on display in the school superintendent's office, and it hangs over his mantel...

College freshman **Gordon Thompson** can't wait for spring break, he's headed home to New Jersey for a week. Gordon has been such a nice addition to our choir. And are delighted to have him here for Easter...

**Bill Snyder and Maynard Evans** can't wait for the weather to break --- there's fishing to be done!!...

It was so nice to see **Sally and Kevin Langan**, and Sally's aunt **Edith** visiting with us on Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. Kevin has been singing with opera companies across the country and Sally has been teaching...

**Marsha and Steve Barna** are the proud new grandparents of a little boy, **Devan Matthew Barna**, born to **Andrea and Matt** on March 9<sup>th</sup>, he weighed in at a whopping 9 lbs 2 oz. and was 21 inches long. Best wishes to Matt and Andrea. Marsha and Steve thanked the parish for their prayers and gives thanks to God for this blessing. And isn't being a grandparent fun!...

We heard from **Irene and John Machisko** and they are doing well relaxing in the warm Florida sun and will be back to Ravenna very soon, and they say "hi" to everyone...


We also heard from **Judy and Roger Watkins** saying they are both doing well and we're looking forward to their return...

**Deacon Jim Wichman** announced that April 2<sup>nd</sup> will be his last day with us, he and **Charlene** are moving to Akron where they will be closer to the children and even more important their grandchildren. There will be a covered dish luncheon on April 2 to celebrate Jim's ministry with us...

The Youth Retreat was a huge success thanks to all those who took part in the planning, **Addrienne Conway, Kathy Summy, Carolyn Englert, Chris Stickel, Marcia Splinter and Kelly Postlethwaite**, and our ever faithful youth...

At our first Saturday with the Fishes and Loaves (a feeding program for Portage County's needy) program at the Methodist Church went very well, thanks to **Judy Canan and Kay Canan** who served and planned the meal and to **Amy Neely, Betty Capriola, and Marsha Snyder**, and to **George Furrer, Mike Johnson and Bill Snyder** who helped cleanup. Thanks to everyone who brought cakes and salads.





# A Note from Vestry: Announcements and Scheduling

The Vestry addressed two related issues during its March meeting which everyone needs to know about...

Scheduling Parish Events and Sunday Announcements.

With the increase over the past year or two in the number of Parish Events and Meetings and with the rise in activity level come spring, it was inevitable. We encountered a log jam between various groups trying to schedule and plan events. This will happen from time to time and is unavoidable, but to minimize confusion and conflicts we need a central calendar everyone can consult.

To that end, ALL parish functions and uses of the parish facilities need to be given to Marsha Snyder as early as possible IN WRITING. This responsibility falls on each committee/group leader to make happen. Marsha will be keeping the Master Calendar and posting it in the Parish Hall (several months worth at least). It is to be as complete as possible, so try to get EVERYTHING submitted for it: meetings, events, parish hall rentals, seminars, retreats, conventions, training...everything that is related to the parish...whether at the church building or elsewhere. Please check on your events after you submit them to make sure they appear and update Marsha quickly with any changes.

I don't know exactly what this calendar will look like, but Marsha says she has a plan.

This rise in activity is also connected to the Sunday Peace/Announcements, at the 10:00 service at least, growing longer again. A few complaints have come forward about this issue again. The Vestry voiced the following opinions about this.

- The extended passing of the Peace is an important and cherished aspect of our parish.
- None-the-less, it is not a time for conversation, catching up on the news, planning meetings, etc.
- The announcements are also an important aspect of our formal gathering on Sundays. Things need to be said and the Peace seems the best time as it is one of very few natural breaks in the rhythm of the service. It does not seem that the majority of the parish are bothered by our current practices.
- None-the-less, it should only be for the more important material. As much as possible should be done in the bulletin, the Grace Vine, or even in it's place in the Prayers of the People in the case of prayer requests and thanksgivings.
- Verbal announcements by anyone other than the Officiant have the problem of missing half or more of the congregation because we have two services.

The Vestry requests that the following guidelines be adhered to (*but let's keep our patience if they are not*).

- Please do not stop passing the peace widely, but please limit it to the passing of the peace itself and the briefest of conversations.
- Make EVERY effort to get required announcements in to the office earlier in the week to be placed in writing in the bulletin.
- If you have a last minute announcement, make the effort to place it in writing, get into the office a bit early on Sunday and make copies for the ushers to add to the bulletin. (Yes, we see that the 10 o'clockers would still miss the 8 o'clockers, but we hold that it's still better in writing.)
- Limit verbal announcements to the most important announcements.

To help make the written announcements more effective, Marsha will be placing them on a separate insert to the bulletin and on a different color of paper. ***It falls to each of us to take responsibility and actually read them***, but they will be easy to find and easy to take home for reference. It will be up to Carol to highlight those announcements she feels need it during the service.

In God's Love,  
For your Vestry,  
Tim Splinter, Sr. Warden

## Baptisms

1-Phyllis Shorts  
2-Dennis Dier  
4-Jennifer Golec  
4-Melissa Strainer  
4-Tracy Shriver  
4-Betty Capriola  
5-William D. Snyder  
6-Karli Lash  
7-Dale Espey  
9-Jim Ervin  
10-Jamie Popiel  
11-Bruce Ahrens  
12-Julia Canan  
13-Amelia K. Golec  
18-Shirley Johnson  
18-Corbin Baker  
19-Billy T. Johnson



# Congratulations!

and many happy returns...

## Birthdays

1-Richard Lashley  
3-Sonja Sherwood  
3-Don Sherwood  
4-Larry Thomas  
6-Laura Price  
11-Cory Postlethwaite  
12-Billy T. Johnson  
13-Pauline Reed  
13-Kathy Summy  
20-Sue Ahrens  
23-Bernice McCauslin  
23-Charles Marks  
25-Julia Canan  
29-Marcia Splinter



## Anniversaries

5-David & Gloria Coulson  
20-Jim & Nancy Ervin



## Calling all Cluttered Closets, Buried Basements and Ghastly Garages....

The FUN-draising committee is planning to participate in the annual "Garrettsville Garage Sale Weekend" on May 20<sup>th</sup>. (appx. 200 garage sales and literally thousands of shoppers) We will need lots of donations and MANY volunteers, especially for set up early Sat morning.

Items that tend to be popular at the sales:

Anything kids (clothes, toys, videos...)  
Small furniture (end tables, video/CD storage, lamps etc)  
Decorative knick-knacks  
Pretty much anything EXCEPT adult clothing.

We will also need plastic bags for "checkout"

Starting April 30<sup>th</sup>, Splinters will be taking donations home to store in their garage. Please have things packaged for easy transportation and **PLEASE, PLEASE** price your items (it will be WAY too much work to try to do that Sat AM while setting up).

Please see Marcia Splinter with any questions or if you are willing to help out that day.

# On the Horizon

**Saturday Aril 1st**  
**9:00 am**  
**ECW Breakfast**  
**Meeting**

All women are invited to join us at the breakfast meeting. Mary Jean McDonald and Nancy will be providing breakfast. Plans are being made for our Spring Luncheon that will benefit the church deficit. Please join us.

**Saturday Apr. 8th**  
**6:00 pm**  
**Fiesta Dinner &**  
**Game Night**

See details elsewhere

**Wednesday April 19th**  
**ECW Deanery**  
**Spring Luncheon**

See details elsewhere

**Saturday April 29th**  
**Safeguarding God's**  
**Children Training**  
**10:00 am**

This training is REQUIRED by the Diocese for all members working with youth. It is open to anyone in the parish. See Kelly Postlethwaite.

**Saturday May 6th**  
**Flower Sale**

See details elsewhere

**Saturday May 20th**  
**7:00 am—4:00 pm**  
**Rummage Sale**

See details elsewhere

**Saturday May 13th**  
**Grace ECW**  
**Spring Luncheon**

Guest will be Judy Green speaking about the life and times of Laura Ingalls Wilder.

**Saturday June 3rd**  
**Men's Stuff**  
**Garage Sale**

We're going to run a Garage Sale oriented to Men's Stuff as well this year. Talk to Blake Quay about it.

**Sunday June 11th**  
**Youth Care Wash**  
**At Walmart**

Details when available

**July 16th-19th**  
**Youth Trip to**  
**New York**

The Youth group is considering and planning for a trip to New York which would include working at a soup kitchen and visit to the cathedral.

**Saturday Sept. 16th**  
**Balloon Affair Day**

We'll again be marching in the Parade and Running the Hotdog Lunch, but we will also be hosting a booth on Main Street.

**Sunday Oct. 29th**  
**Spaghetti Dinner**

Details when available

**Saturday Nov. 11th**  
**Fall Festival**

Details when available

**December**  
**Youth Gift Drive**

The Youth group will be collecting toys and gifts to be given to the Boys & Girls Clubs and the Center of Hope.

**Other Youth Events**

The Youth Group is also working on: Teddy Bears for the Fire Dept., a T-Shirt Sale, Ice Skating, a Lock-In, and a Movie Outing.







## Please join us for Holy Week services and for our Easter celebrations and rejoicing

Healing & Holy Eucharist, Wednesday April 12th, 6pm

Maundy Thursday Eucharist, April 13th, 7pm

Stations of the Cross & Good Friday Liturgy, April 14th 7pm

Holy Saturday Liturgy, April 15th, 10am

Festive Holy Eucharist, Easter Sunday April 16th, 8am and 10am

Children's Easter Egg Hunt after 10am Easter Service

## Fiesta Dinner & Game Night



All ages are invited!  
Saturday April 8th at 6:00

\$10 per person

The Youth group will watch the younger kids  
after dinner for a donation.

50/50 Raffle

Bring your games, your cards,  
your friends and neighbors...



## *Deanery ECW Spring Luncheon and Annual Meeting*

*Wednesday, April 19th  
St. Paul's, Medina*

*Guest Speaker—Annaliese Nofos who was Sir  
Winston Churchill's Chief of Staff*

*Registration—9:30am  
Eucharist & Meeting—10:00am  
Lunch—Noon  
Program—1:00*

*\$6:50*

*Registrations to Sherry Riffer, 1-330-723-9023  
Or call Marsha Snyder at the Church Office*