



The Grace Vine

April 2009

Rector's Writ

For many of us who are not cradle Episcopalians, the idea of Church "seasons" sometimes takes awhile to understand. In the secular world, our non-work related plans are made around holidays and vacations. Many people we know celebrate holidays by going to visit family; going shopping; or just going away. For some people, going to Church is often not part of the plan.

I can't think that God meant worship to be an option for our busy schedules, squeezed in when we have time. Worship is part of our proper observance of holy days, which we've contracted (in more ways than one) into 'holidays.' It's an expression of our gratitude; our willingness to praise and give thanks to the God who is willing to GIVE us what we cannot earn or deserve. Church is where we go, and worship is what we do to embrace the hope God gives us. God is the anchor that keeps our faith centered whether life is joyful or stressful. We're welcome—in fact expected—at Church on Easter and each Sunday. We gather at the Lord's table; we're fed with "spiritual food;" and we're blessed with the peace that can be found only in God. It's a peace we cannot describe; a trust and quiet joy that streams from God's love for us. The sins and 'wretchedness' we've remembered during Lent (and sometimes longer) are swept away by Christ's redemption. Our Lenten repentance and discipline end with the joy of Easter and the promise of new life. Please join us for worship on this holiest of days...bring your loved ones...invite your friends and family who don't go to Church. Join us as we celebrate and rejoice in the love and grace which God in Christ offers to all who believe.

A joyful and blessed Easter to you and those you love.

"O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen." (BCP, Easter Vigil, pg. 288)

"Spring bursts today, for Christ is risen, and all the earth's at play." (Christina Rosetti)

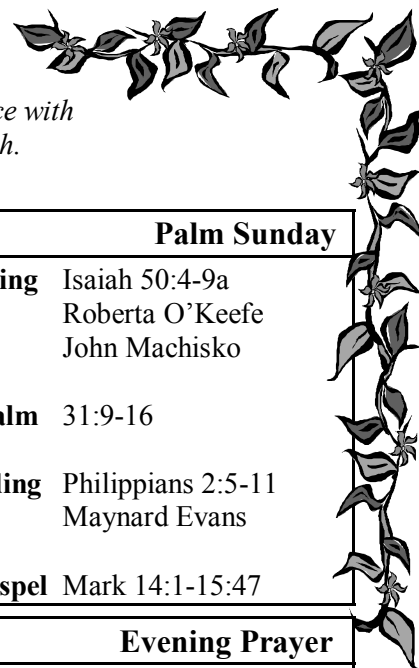


*"The resurrection consists not in words, but in life and power. The heart should take inward delight in this and be joyful."
(Martin Luther)*



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.



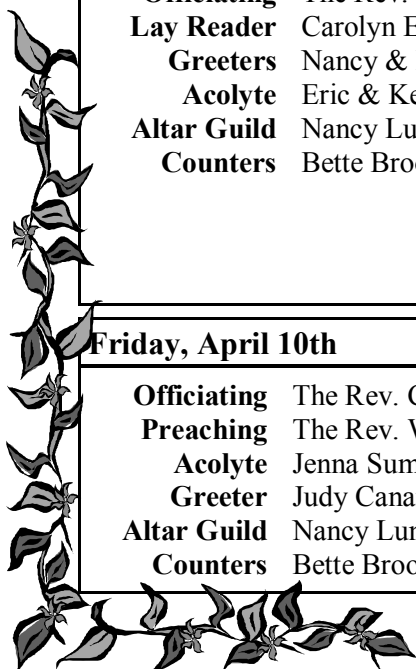
Sunday, April 5		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist		Palm Sunday	
Officiating	The Rev Carol S. Evans	1st Reading	Isaiah 50:4-9a		
Lay Reader	Bette Brooks		Roberta O'Keefe		
Greeters	Irene & John Machisko		John Machisko		
Acolytes	Schyler Conway & Taylor Paxton	Psalm	31:9-16		
Altar Guild	Nancy Lundgren, Cindy Hoskins, & Toni Worthen	2nd Reading	Philippians 2:5-11		
Coffee Hosts	8:00 Joan & Frank Seman 10:00 John & Mary Jean McDonald		Maynard Evans		
Counters	Bette Brooks & Tony Worthen	Gospel	Mark 14:1-15:47		
Loyalton	Bill Snyder				

Monday & Tuesday, April 6th & 7th		6:00 PM		Evening Prayer	
Officiating	The Rev. Carol S. Evans				

Wednesday, April 8th		6:00 PM		Healing Service with Holy Eucharist	
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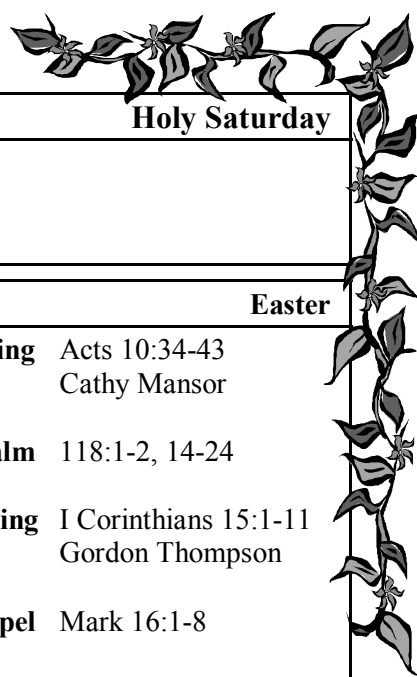
Thursday, April 9th		7:00 PM		Maundy Thursday	
Officiating	The Rev. Carol S. Evans	1st Reading	Exodus 12:1-14		
Lay Reader	Carolyn Englert		Steve Barna		
Greeters	Nancy & Fred Lundgren	Psalm	116:1, 10-17		
Acolyte	Eric & Kevin Splinter	2nd Reading	I Corinthians 11:23-26		
Altar Guild	Nancy Lundgren, Cindy Hoskins, & Toni Worthen		Tim Splinter		
Counters	Bette Brooks & Tony Worthen	Gospel	John 13:1-17, 31b-35		

Friday, April 10th		7:00 PM		Stations of the Cross & Good Friday	
Officiating	The Rev. Carol S. Evans	1st Reading	Isaiah 52:13-53:12		
Preaching	The Rev. William D. Snyder		Judy Canan		
Acolyte	Jenna Summy	Psalm	22		
Greeter	Judy Canan		Kathy Summy		
Altar Guild	Nancy Lundgren, Cindy Hoskins, & Toni Worthen				
Counters	Bette Brooks & Tony Worthen				



Bishop's Visit and Confirmation

Bishop Mark Hollingsworth, Jr. has scheduled June 28 as his next official visit to Grace Church. If you or a family member would like to be confirmed and formalize your membership in the Episcopal Church, this is the time to consider that decision. Taking Confirmation Classes does not obligate you, but it's a good place to ask questions and learn more about the Episcopal Church. **If you or anyone in your family is interested in Confirmation**, please talk with the Rector or call the Church office (330.296.3443). Classes will begin in early May.



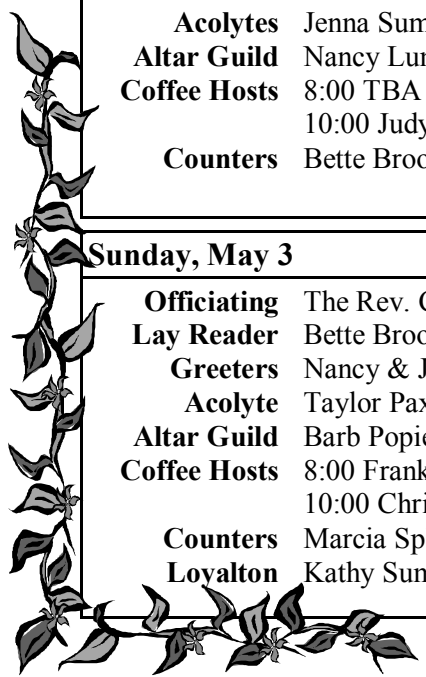
Saturday, April 11th	10:00 AM	Holy Saturday
Officiating	The Rev. Carol S. Evans	
Altar Guild	Nancy Ludngren, Cindy Hoskins, & Toni Worthen	
Counters	Bette Brooks & Tony Worthen	

Sunday, April 12th	8:00 & 10:00 AM Festive Holy Eucharist	Easter
Officiating	The Rev. Carol S. Evans	1st Reading Acts 10:34-43 Cathy Mansor
Deacon	The Rev. William D. Snyder	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Lay Reader	Maynard Evans	2nd Reading I Corinthians 15:1-11 Gordon Thompson
Greeters	John & Mary Jean McDonald	Gospel Mark 16:1-8
Acolytes	PC-Eric Splinter, T-Taylor Paxton & Kevin Splinter, CC-Jenna Summy, Thurifer-Phillip Crouse	
Altar Guild	Nancy Lundgren, Cindy Hoskins, & Toni Worthen	
Coffee Hosts	8:00 TBA 10:00 Nancy & Jim Ervin	
Counters	Bette Brooks & Tony Worthen	

Sunday, April 19	8:00 & 10:00 AM Morning Prayer	Easter 2
Officiating	TBA	1st Reading Acts 4:32-35 Roberta O'Keefe Bud Minnich
Lay Reader	Cory Conway	Psalm 133
Greeters	Bud Minnich & Gary Bell	2nd Reading I John 1:1-2:2 Kathy Summy
Acolytes	Schyler Conway & Phil Crouse	Gospel John 20:19-31
Altar Guild	Nancy Lundgren, Cindy Hoskins, & Toni Worthen	
Coffee Hosts	8:00 Toni & Tony Worthen 10:00 Judy Canan & Bev Lewis-Mercury	
Counters	Bette Brooks & Tony Worthen	
Loyalton	Kathy Summy	

Sunday, April 26	8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	Easter 3
Officiating	Rev. Carol S. Evans (w/ Rev. David Canan at 10am)	1st Reading Acts 3:12-19 Cathy Mansor
Lay Reader	Carolyn Englert	Psalm 4
Greeters	John & Irene Machisko	2nd Reading I John 3:1-7 Tim Splinter
Acolytes	Jenna Summy & Kevin Splinter	Gospel Luke 24:36b-48
Altar Guild	Nancy Lundgren, Cindy Hoskins, & Toni Worthen	
Coffee Hosts	8:00 TBA 10:00 Judy Canan's Birthday Celebration & Lunch	
Counters	Bette Brooks & Tony Worthen	

Sunday, May 3	8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	Easter 4
Officiating	The Rev. Carol S. Evans	1st Reading Acts 4:5-12 Steve Barna
Lay Reader	Bette Brooks	Psalm 23
Greeters	Nancy & Jim Ervin	2nd Reading I John 3:16-24 Carolyn Englert
Acolyte	Taylor Paxton & Eric Splinter	Gospel John 10:11-18
Altar Guild	Barb Popiel & Amy Neely	
Coffee Hosts	8:00 Frank & Joan Seman 10:00 Chris Stickle & Denise Crouse	
Counters	Marcia Splinter & Alice Boydell	
Loyalton	Kathy Summy	





Did You Know?...



Fifteen (give or take a few) people enjoyed Lenten Program offered this year. The video series "Who wrote the Bible" was the topic; we had a lot of lively discussion and we all had a great deal to think about and digest. We appreciate the time and effort of our cooks **Kathy & Bill Summy, Tony & Toni Worthen, Nancy & Fred Lundgren, Mary Jean & John McDonald, Carolyn Englert, and Bill & Marsha Snyder** who all took time to prepare a wonderful meal. Those who lead the worship and discussion groups were **Carolyn Englert, Blake Quay, Kathy Summy, Bill Snyder, Steve Barna, Emily Summy, and Fred Lundgren**. Thanks to everyone who participated...

For those who enjoy a bit of history **Susan Putt**, daughter of **Bill & Phyllis Shorts**, will be presenting her one women show as Mary Todd Lincoln "Pass My Imperfections Lightly". The show is sponsored by The Friends of Reed Memorial Library and will take place on Saturday, April 18th at 2:00 PM at the library. There is no fee, just come and enjoy Susan. I hear she's wonderful...

Mary Jean McDonald is headed for California to visit with daughter **Amy** and her family. And **Marsha and Bill Snyder** will be going to Minnesota to visit with son **Luke** and his family...

Eric and Kevin Splinter recently earned their Tae Kwon Do Blackbelts from their school in Austintown...

Jenna Summy is in the Ravenna All-City Musical "School House Rock, Jr." and she is really enjoying all the practice. The play will take place at Brown Middle School on April 17th & 18th at 7:30 PM and on April 19th at 2:00 PM. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students. Come and enjoy the fun!!...

12 women attended the E.C.W. meeting on the 21st of March. A delicious breakfast was served by **Roberta O'Keefe and**

Mary Jean McDonald. It was decided to send \$100.00 to the National E.C.W. for the Jericho House. This home is being built by the E.C.W. of the United States in New Orleans, at a cost of \$110,000.00. We're hoping to collect the funds nationally by the end of 2009 and we just want Grace Church to be part of this important ministry...

Alice Boydell has been knitting and Kitty insists on being in her lap, she's not sure how much of Kitty will be in that knitted project, but certainly some of her will be represented, that just might make this project extra soft...

Nydah Ellet is off to the Netherlands where she will spend two weeks traveling the waterways of this beautiful country and she'll be there just in time for tulips season. They will stay on a boat and make small day trips around the country. Sounds like fun!!...

Marcia Splinter hosted the Easter candy "party". **Barb Popiel, Courtney Rich, Marcia Splinter, Addrienne Conway, Chris Stickle, & Marsha Snyder** made candy for five hours and we weren't half way through all the orders. Thanks to **Courtney Rich** for coordinating this Easter Candy sale and we hope you enjoy our efforts...

Thanks to our Habitat Chairperson **Cathy Mansor** who organized the Habitat lunch for Saturday, March 28th, and thank you to **Cathy Mansor, Judy Canan, Toni Worthen, and Marsha Snyder** for supplying the food. **Tony & Megan Worthen and Cathy Mansor** delivered the goodies to the Habitat site in Atwater and helped serve...

Since starting Kindergarden, **Gerry Rich** has gotten the Paws of Praise Award and the Top Tiger Award. For that one he got to go to a Board of Education meeting to be recognized. He has even been accepted into the gifted program! He's a smart young man!!...

2009 Deanery Outreach Project

Deanery churches are raising funds to help purchase mosquito nets for children at the Anglican Research Center orphanage in Tanzania. The Rev. Father M. Mabula is Director of the ARC. He has been to Christ Church, Hudson for visits/workshops, and our Senior Warden, Cathy Mansor, informed us that he will be teaching at Hiram College this summer. Your contribution will help prevent malaria from afflicting children at the orphanage and those living with foster families. More than one million children in Tanzania have lost one or both parents to malaria, TB, and other illnesses.

Any contribution you can offer is appreciated and will help provide better health and protection for these children. We'll receive donations now through the end of May. Please make checks payable to Grace Church and put "Deanery Outreach Project" on your check memo (or envelope if donating cash). MANY THANKS!

Gracie's Back Door Card Shop

Check out the cards, party invitations and note cards for sale in the Parish Hall. New cards have been added including Easter and Confirmation.



On the Horizon

Sunday, April 5th

Easter Candy Delivery

Easter Candy Orders will be ready for pickup in the Parish Hall on Palm Sunday.

Sunday, April 26th

**Judy Canan's
Birthday Luncheon**

11:30 am

The Celebration for Judy's 80th will begin after the 10am Service.

Saturday, May 9th

**Mother's Day
Flower Sale
9am—2pm**

Saturday, May 30th

Youth Lock-in

Plans for this are in the works.

**Saturday, May 16th
ECW Breakfast Meeting
9am**

All women are invited.
Roberta O'Keefe & Judy Canan will be our hosts.

**Saturday, June 20th
Rummage Sale**

We'll have the rummage sale in the Parish Hall again this year. You can start bringing in donations after Memorial day. We'll also need folks to help run the show on the day.

**Holy Week &
Easter Services**

Sunday, April 5th

Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday & Holy Eucharist 8 & 10am

Monday, April 6th

6pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday, April 7th

6pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday, April 8th

6pm Healing & Holy Eucharist

Maundy Thursday, April 9th

7pm Service followed by the Prayer Vigil 10pm to 7am

Good Friday, April 10th

7pm Stations of the Cross & Good Friday Liturgy

Holy Saturday, April 11th

10am Holy Saturday

Easter Sunday, April 12th

Festive Easter Eucharist 8 & 10am

Birthdays

- 3rd Sonja Sherwood
- 4th Larry Thomas
- 11th Cory Postlethwaite
- 12th Cathy Mansor
Billy T. Johnson
Phil Rich
- 13th Kathy Summy
- 18th Olivia Golec
- 20th Sue Ahrens
- 23rd Bernice McCauslin
- 25th Judy Canan
- 29th Marcia Splinter



Baptisms

- 1st Phyllis Shorts
- 2nd Dennis Dier
- 4th Jennifer Golec
Melissa Strainer
Tracy Shriver
Betty Capriola
- 5th Bill Snyder
- 7th Dale Espey
- 9th Jim Ervin
- 10th Jamie Popiel
- 11th Bruce Ahrens
- 12th Sally Wolf Langan

Congratulations!

and many happy returns...



Anniversaries

20-Jim & Nancy Ervin

The Bulletin Board

Acolytes Schedule

Check these dates now so we can make any changes before we publish next month:

5/10—Jenna & Phil

5/17—Schyler & Taylor

5/24—Eric

5/31—Jenna & Kevin

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Marcia@splinterfactions.net

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Judy Canan will be celebrating her 80th birthday on April 26th. In honor of this day her family has invited us to a luncheon that will be served in the parish hall at the coffee hour that follows the 10:00 AM service.

No gifts please!! Just come be part of the festivities. Please sign up so we will know how much to serve.



Bill Artz of **Marshall's and Majestic Dry Cleaning** sent the parish a letter which included the following...

"I have been praying for a way to make my business prosper as well as further the Kingdom of God. An idea came to me. If your congregation would bring their dry cleaning to us...once a month, bring all the receipts to Marshall's...we would **Tithe [your] church 10% of the total.**"

To that end, please give any receipts from Marshall's Dry-cleaning to **Marsha Snyder** for handling.

Mother's Day Flower Sale
May 9th, 9 AM - 2PM

Please take an order form and return it by May 3rd. We will need help decorating the plants and flowers the day before and we will need people to come and sell the items on the 9th. Watch for information and signups in the Parish Hall.

Notes from the Vestry

After some fits and starts, the Vestry held its annual retreat earlier this month and took the opportunity to get to know one another and develop some goals for the coming year. While we realize that the economy tends to take prominence over many of our discussions, we all agreed that there are other equally important issues which require our attention.

The first, and possibly most pressing goal time-wise, is to help get the Christian Education committee re-formed and active. As you know from the weekly bulletins we're looking for someone (or "someones") to chair the committee. Bette Brooks has offered to be the Vestry liaison and also assist with curriculum, but we're looking for volunteers to chair this important ministry.

The next goal is to find ways to get more parishioners involved beyond attending worship services. We realize that some people like to help but may be unsure of where their talents could best be put to use, so we plan to reach out to folks and suggest possible volunteer opportunities.

Finally, we will be working this year to improve communication between the Vestry and the congregation, and this little column in the GraceVine is our first attempt at doing that. We'll try to have something in each issue to give you all an update on what we've been working on at our monthly meetings.

And speaking of the GraceVine, in last month's issue it was announced that the Vestry had voted to install air conditioning in the Parish Hall. Lest you think we are being extravagant, let me assure you that we considered this very carefully. The units are window units, not central air. They were purchased used from the ReStore of Habitat for Humanity and were an excellent bargain. Your Vestry embarked on this only because we have been told that, because we do not have air conditioning, our Parish Hall is not considered a desirable rental during the late spring, summer, and early fall because of the temperature in the room. Hopefully, this will make us more comfortable during social events during the summer and make our facility more desirable for rental!

Please feel free to contact anyone on the Vestry if you have questions or would like to put something on the agenda for our regular meetings. We look forward to hearing from you.

Cathy Mansor
Senior Warden



Volunteers Needed!! Addrienne Conway will be stepping down as Christian Ed Coordinator due to new job demands requiring her to travel and lead extensive training sessions in India. We also plan to organize ALL teachers, Vestry reps, and parish volunteers into an active Christian Ed Committee to help with this ministry. We all need to support Christian Ed/Formation at Grace. This is one of the essential ministries of any Church, and one which requires ACTIVE participation and support. Please talk to Carol if you'd be interested in helping with this vital ministry.

Many thanks to Addrienne for sharing her gifts and time in leading this ministry the past five years!!! We'll plan a thank you reception once we know when she'll be back from India.