



The Grace Vine

August 2011

Rector's Writ

It seems nearly every week in the mail we receive an announcement for a special event or training on church growth. We look at some of the mega-churches, and we wonder what we can do to bring in new members. The church "gurus" have suggestions and methods for growing our parishes. They have some merit in some places, but the real impact seems limited.

Every few years another "great" program emerges. We listen briefly and dive in quickly, thinking this latest program or book will hold the key to all our concerns about Church growth. Maybe *this* program will show us how to attract new members and keep them spiritually fed and active. Maybe *this* author will have the answers to filling the pews and feeding our hearts. If we could just find something that worked. It seems what we find (in spite of all the promise and potential) is that there's no magic wand; no "guaranteed results" policy. If we're really honest, we learn that growth in numbers is directly related to growth in the Spirit. So much of it is about relationships: loving and worshiping God; loving and caring for each other. Growth results from doing the right things for the right reasons and giving our Lord the top priority in our lives by prayer..worship..service..faithful obedience. Real growth stems far more from learning and living to love God and love our neighbor than from strict adherence to the latest trends and hoped for results. Programs and trends change; the love and goodness of God are constant.

One of the sure signs that people like their church is they invite people to worship with them. God has a place and priority in our lives. Worship, sacraments, and fellowship are important, and we feel like something is missing when we don't get to church. Would you believe nearly 80% of the people who go to church are there because a friend or relative invited them? Church becomes far more than a good habit. It becomes a place of renewal, fellowship, hopefulness, joy.

What is it about Grace Church that brings us here and keeps us coming? We like our liturgy. We revere the sacraments. In gathering at the Lord's table for communion, we find an unexplainable spiritual support to lead

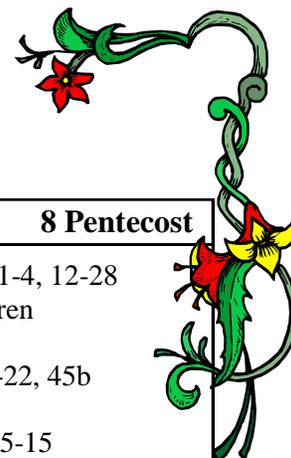


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Service and Lay Ministry Schedule

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, August 7 | | 8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist | 8 Pentecost |
|---------------------|---|--------------------------------|--|
| Celebrant | The Rev. Carol S. Evans | | 1st. Reading Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 Fred Lundgren |
| Lay Reader | 8:00 Addrienne Conway/10:00 Roberta O'Keefe | | |
| Greeters | Nancy & Jim Ervin | | Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b |
| Acolyte | Eric Splinter | | |
| Coffee Hosts | 8:00 Frank & Joan Seman | | 2nd Reading Romans 10:5-15 Nancy Lundgren |
| | 10:00 Toni & Tony Worthen | | |
| Altar Guild | Judy Watkins & Cindy Hoskins | | Gospel Matthew 14:22-33 |
| Counters | Cathy Mansor & Barb Popiel | | |
| Emeritus | Bill Snyder | | |

| Sunday, August 14 | | 8:00- & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist | 9 Pentecost |
|--------------------|--|---------------------------------|--|
| Celebrant | The Rev. Carol S. Evans | | 1st Reading Genesis 45:1-15 Jeff Croll |
| Deacon | The Rev. William D. Snyder | | |
| Lay Reader | 8:00 Bill Snyder/10:00 Carolyn Englert | | Psalm 133 |
| Greeters | John & Mary Jean McDonald | | |
| Acolytes | Kevin Splinter & McKenna Conway | | 2nd Reading Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 Martha Croll |
| Coffee Host | 8:00 George Furrer | | |
| | 10:00 Kay Canan & Chris Stickle | | |
| Altar Guild | Judy Watkins & Cindy Hoskins | | Gospel Matthew 15:10-28 |
| Counters | Cathy Mansor & Barb Popiel | | |

| Sunday, August 21 | | 8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist | 10 Pentecost |
|---------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|
| Celebrant | The Rev. Carol S. Evans | | 1st Reading Exodus 1:8—2:10 Tim Splinter |
| Lay Reader | 8:00 Addrienne Conway/10:00 Nancy Lundgren | | |
| Greeters | Bev Lewis-Mercury & Jeff Marsh | | Psalm 124 |
| Acolyte | Jenna Summy & Jillian Conway | | |
| Altar Guild | Judy Watkins & Cindy Hoskins | | 2nd Reading Romans 12:1-8 Carolyn Englert |
| Coffee Hosts | 8:00 TBA | | |
| | 10:00 Nancy & Jim Ervin | | |
| Counters | Cathy Mansor & Barb Popiel | | Gospel Matthew 16:13-20 |
| Emeritus | Kathy Summy | | |

| Sunday, August 28 | | 8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist | 11 Pentecost |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Celebrant | The Rev. Carol S. Evans | | 1st Reading Exodus 3:1-15 Cathy Mansor |
| Deacon | The Rev. William D. Snyder | | |
| Lay Reader | 8:00 Bill Snyder/10:00 Judy Watkins | | Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c |
| Greeters | John & Irene Machisko | | |
| Acolyte | Schyler Conway | | 2nd Reading Romans 12:9-21 Maynard Evans |
| Coffee Hosts | 8:00 TBA | | |
| | 10:00 Mary Jean & John McDonald | | |
| Altar Guild | Judy Watkins & Cindy Hoskins | | Gospel Matthew 16:21-28 |
| Counters | Barb Popiel & Cathy Mansor | | |



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| Sunday, September 4 | | 8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist | | 12 Pentecost | |
| Celebrant | The Rev. Carol S. Evans | 1st Reading | Exodus 12:1-14 Fred Lundgren | | |
| Lay Reader | 8:00 Bill Snyder/10:00 Roberta O'Keefe | | | | |
| Greeters | Fred & Nancy Lundgren | Psalm | 149 | | |
| Acolyte | Kevin Splinter & McKenna Conway | 2nd Reading | Romans 13:8-14 Nancy Lundgren | | |
| Coffee Hosts | 8:00 Joan & Frank Seman 10:00 John & Irene Machisko | Gospel | Matthew 18:15-20 | | |
| Altar Guild | Barb Popiel & Shirley Johnson | | | | |
| Counters | Alice Boydell & Cathy Mansor | | | | |
| Emeritus | Kathy Summy | | | | |

Dear Grace Church Parishioners:

The lengthy season of Pentecost holds plenty of opportunities for practicing faithful discipleship. It's a good time to launch the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Your contributions provide funding for Episcopal Community Services, which helps a variety of parish ministries to continue and thrive. The Appeal also supports funding to help provide first positions for newly ordained clergy; youth and adult mission work in our diocese and beyond; diocesan internships for high school and college students; and other ministry initiatives that strengthen the vitality of our church.

The Bishop's Appeal is mailed directly to previous donors and to all who receive our diocesan *Church Life!* publication. We like to follow up with a parish appeal as well, just to remind people that ECS and the Bishop's Appeal need your continued support and prayers. Following are ECS grants awarded to some of the parish based ministries offered by churches who are part of our Summit Mission Area Council in 2011:

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| Christ Church, Kent | The Lord's pantry—Kent Social Services Hot Meal |
| St. Paul's, Medina | St. Paul's Free Farmer's Market |
| St. Paul's, Akron & Christ Church, Hudson | Interreligious Partners in Action |
| St. Paul's, Akron | Good Samaritan Hunger Center |

Grace parishioners have a tradition of supporting Episcopal Community Services and the Bishop's Appeal, both financially and through leadership roles. We encourage and appreciate your support and prayers for this important ministry in our diocese. May we respond to God's call to service and fellowship by supporting the Bishop's Appeal and ECS in their service and ministries. With God's help, we'll do this with the faithfulness, compassion and generosity that are so much a part of the people of Grace Church.

Yours in Christ,

Cory Conway, Senior Warden

Carol Evans, Rector

"Open our hearts to your grace & truth. Teach us to love others in the power of the Spirit. Send us into the world in witness to your love." (BCP Baptismal Prayers)



Did You Know?...



We had a problem keeping our front doors locked and our problem solvers **John McDonald & Jim Ervin** repaired them. The hinge had rusted and the doors dropped and once the hinges were replaced the locks worked and all was well. Thanks fellows!...

Megan Worthen is working at the Dairy Queen this summer, so if you're in Edinburg stop by and see her. But, don't ask her to make a cone covered with chocolate, sprinkles or anything else; she doesn't like to make those...

Chris Stickle, Cory & Addrienne Conway, and Courtney & Phillip Rich are using the summer break to paint and clean the nursery – thanks everyone. Love the colors and it looks great, take a look when you're down in the Sunday school area...

We were saddened by the death of **Cora Pierce** who died on June 21st. after a short illness. The calling hours and the service were held here at Grace Church on Friday, June 24th. The church was packed and as **Nancy Ervin**, the hospitality chairperson, looked around she was a bit concerned that we might not have enough food. But, not everyone came back to the church (it was a work day) after the burial, and lunch was served and there was plenty to go around. All went well...

Steve Barna called the church office to say "Hello" and let us all know they are doing well and that the people at Grace Church have been on their minds. And, of course, they need to know that they are missed and we think about them too, we'd love to see them anytime...

Judy Canan, Kay Canan and Marsha Snyder served the Grace Church traditional 4th of July hot dog lunch at coffee hour. Everyone seemed to enjoy the light lunch – not a hot dog was left. Of course we are sad to report that Judy just happened to be in the hospital with pneumonia on that day and I'm sure she'd rather be cooking hot dogs ☺!!...

John & Irene Machisko are both back home after trips to the hospital, Irene with a emergency appendectomy and Johnnie with back surgery. You're all in our prayers...

Stacy & Tim Scibelli are taking a Caribbean cruise to celebrate their 10th anniversary. They are leaving the kids, **Zack & Emily**, at home with grandma; so it will be a real second honeymoon. Congratulations Stacy & Tim!...

We got a new Xerox copier for the main office and so far it's great. Now we have to learn how to use it!! It's the old dog new trick thing. Thanks to **Tim Splinter** for "hooking up" our computers to the copy machine, now what do you do with that!!...

Ken and Alice Boydell generously contributed two new flat screen televisions to our Christian Education department. Thank you, thank you!...

Bette Brooks traveled to Virginia to join daughters **Amanda** and **Laurel** at a baby shower for **Caroline** that **Beverly** hosted. It was the first time all five of the Brooks

women had been together since Amanda's graduation from Vanderbilt a year ago! Beverly has just started her new job in Memphis, TN. She is now the Assistant College Counselor at St. George's School, responsible for working with high school juniors as they make their college decisions and work through the application process. Bette is just happy that Bev won't be traveling as much as before!...

Nancy Lundgren and Cindy Hoskins were to work in Gracie's but Nancy had a tooth ache and called Cindy to say she had to go to the dentist and would be at Gracie's as soon as she was finished. Nancy ended up with a root canal and a lot of pain and needless to say she never made it to Gracie's. But, Cindy handled everything without a hitch...

No, the **Splinter** family did not adopt an older son, it's just **Tim** without his beard. I knew his boys looked like their Dad, but without his facial hair – WOW you can really see the likeness! Tim did say this is the first time in 22 years that he's been without a beard...

Thanks to our garden fairy, **Roberta O'Keefe** who weeded, pulled up poison ivy, and cleaned up the flower beds they look great...

Emily Summy spent a week at the Youth Musicale and was joined by her mother **Kathy** on Wednesday to be on the road with her. They got back home on July 10th. Emily had her college orientation and on the day the orientation was over she left for Franklin PA for a diocesan youth mission trip, then it's her graduation party, then Vacation Bible School and after that Emily and her sister **Jenna** will be on a well deserved visit to Illinois to visit with their uncle. On August she'll move into her dorm at Kent State. That's one busy person!!...

Tim Splinter will be attending his 25th class reunion this summer...

Thanks to **Jean Mercer** for the beautiful stole she crocheted for **Rev. Carol**, it's lovely.

Amanda Brooks has been hired by the University of Florida as the Sports Information Director for women's volleyball and for all track and field. Congratulations Amanda!

...if you have information you want to share in the "Did You Know" please email it to: Marsha Snyder at office@graceravenna.org

On the Horizon

Saturday, August 13
Fellowship & Game Night
At Splinter's
6:30 pm

Splinter's will host this one.
Come on up to Garrettsville!

Saturday, September 10
Fellowship & Game Night
6:30 pm

Saturday, September 17
Ravenna Balloon A-fair

We are considering putting in a float this year. See Addrienne if you have interest in helping.

Saturday, October 22nd
2nd Annual Wine Tasting

Save the date...details will follow.

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us through another busy week. We like the people and feel we're part of a caring and friendly church. We experience the mystery and meaning of God's love for us in Christ Jesus by sharing our joys and bearing one another's burdens in the fellowship of our Church family. By sharing in that love and grace, we're then encouraged to practice and pass on that same love to the people we encounter in our households, our communities and in the world. We celebrate special events and little wonders and answered prayers. We help each other endure life's trials. Together we worship God, give thanks, and pass on the love of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit that is at work among us. Surely we all know someone who would value and enjoy these things with us. What if all they need is an invitation?



Birthdays

4th Brandon Higgins
9th Goldie Shriver
10th Jim Ervin
12th John McDonald
14th Betty Sanek
16th Jane O'Neill
18th Samantha Stickle
22nd Bill Summy
25th Katherine Furrer
26th Kevin Splinter
27th Jim Neely
28th Schyler Conway

Congratulations!

and many happy returns...

Baptisms

13th Debbie Shorts
14th Amy Seman
15th Zachary Scibelli

Elizabeth Webb
Jeff Croll



Anniversaries

9th Rob & Amanda Young
20th George & Katherine Furrer
21st Bill & Phyllis Shorts



The Bulletin Board

Acolytes Schedule

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

9/11-Eric & Jilli

9/18-Jenna

9/25-Schlyler

10/2-McKenna

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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.

Don't Forget Gracie's Back Door

*Please remember Gracie's Back Door when you are: fall house
cleaning, down sizing, just "tired" of moving, dusting or
looking at it.*

*Gracie's sells a variety of items, including: jewelry, knick
knacks, home décor, glassware, house hold goods, small
kitchen items, holiday decorations (especially Christmas)*

*Items may be dropped off any Wednesday 10:00-2:00 PM or
may be placed in the lounge across from Gracie's.*

A Fifth Grade Sunday School Assignment

A Sunday school teacher gave her classroom the assignment to look at television commercials and see if they could use them to communicate ideas about God. Here are some of the results.

God is like Bayer Aspirin – He works miracles.

God is like a Ford – He's got a better idea.

God is like Coke – He's the real thing.

God is like Hallmark – He cares enough to send the very best.

God is like Tide – He gets stains out others leave behind.

God is like General Electric – He brings good things to life.

God is like Walmart – He has everything.

God is like Alka-seltzer – Try Him you'll like Him.

God is like Scotch tape – You can't see Him, but you know He's there.

God is like Delta – He's ready when you are.

God is like Allstate – You're in good hands.

God is like VO-5 hair spray – He holds through all kinds of weather.

God is like Dial soap – Aren't you glad you have Him? Don't you wish everyone did?

God is like the U.S. Post office – Neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet, nor ice will keep Him from His appointed destination.

God is like Chevrolet – The heart of America.

God is like Maxwell House – Good to the last drop.

God is like Bounty – He is the quicker picker upper – Can handle the tough jobs. And he won't fall apart.

So the next you watch a commercial maybe you'll see God in them.

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

- Thanks to **Alice & Ken Boydell** for the generous donation of two flat screen televisions.
- Thanks to **Roberta O'Keefe** for "uprooting the evil" of plants in front and side of the church, and weeding the Memorial Garden.
- Thanks to the **Hospitality Committee** for hosting the reception for the **Dennis O'Keefe's** memorial service (**Lloyd's brother**).
- Thanks to **John McDonald & Jim Ervin** for repairing the front doors.
- Thanks to **John McDonald** for doing numerous handy-man jobs around the church and especially for cracking open the safe.
- Thanks to **Tim Splinter** for connecting our office computers to the new copy machine.
- Thanks to the **Vestry members** for voting to get a new copy machine.
- Thanks to **Cory & Addrienne Conway, Chris Stickle, and Courtney Rich** for painting the nursery and cleaning the toys.
- Thanks to **Jean Mercer** for the beautiful stole she made for Rev. Carol.

Please call the office or email us a note if you know of any volunteers we need to thank for work, donations, or other good deeds.

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.*

**Thomas Gallaudet &
Henry Winter Syle, Priests**

August 27

The story begins with Thomas Gallaudet, the hearing child of a deaf mother. His father, Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet, was the founder of the West Hartford School for the Deaf, which, until the founding of Gallaudet College in Washington, DC, was the principal institution for the education of the deaf in the United States. Born in 1822, Thomas initially intended to seek ordination but was persuaded by his father to work for a while first, as a teacher of the deaf. He did so and met and married Elizabeth Budd, who was deaf. He was ordained to the Episcopal priesthood in 1851 and immediately established St. Ann's Church in New York with services primarily in sign language. This church became the "mother church" of all congregations of deaf people in the United States.

One of Gallaudet's students and parishioners was Henry Winter Syle. The son of Episcopal missionaries in China, young Henry had become deaf at the age of six (in 1852) due to scarlet fever. Henry asked the Rev. Dr. Gallaudet if he (Henry) had the potential to become a priest, despite his deafness. Gallaudet encouraged him to pursue his education and the younger man received degrees from Yale and Trinity College and was ordained as the first deaf Episcopal priest in the United States in 1876. Only 12 years later, Syle established All Soul's Church for the Deaf in Philadelphia. Syle died January 6, 1890 and Gallaudet on August 27, 1902.

The Episcopal Church made an early commitment to the deaf community with the formation of the Conference of Church Workers Among the Deaf, which was founded in 1881. Initially, only clergy could be members; however, in 1961 the bylaws were altered to make specific provision for lay delegates and lay members. The organization is now known as the Episcopal Conference of the Deaf. Today, this group continues the work of Gallaudet and Syle, representing many ministries with the deaf. This includes deaf congregations worshipping in American Sign Language with interpreters for hearing members and visitors to hearing congregations with interpreters for deaf members. All this from the beginnings when a priest saw the potential in a young deaf man.

Prayer: O loving God, whose will it is that everyone should come to you and be saved: We bless your Holy Name for your servants Thomas Gallaudet and Henry Winter Syle, whose labors with and for those who are deaf we commemorate today; and we pray that you will continually move your Church to respond in love to the needs of all people; through Jesus Christ, who opened the ears of the deaf, and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A personal note: One of David's good friends in college was the hearing child of deaf parents. Wanting to become an educator of the deaf, he entered Gallaudet College as 1 of only a handful of hearing students. He said there is no silence on earth like that of having hundreds of hands stop signing when he walked into the dining hall—because he was not like the other students; he could hear. He transferred to Sewanee at Christmas of his freshman year.

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| Sun | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat |
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| | 1 •5:30-8pm Vacation Bible School | 2 •5:30-8pm Vacation Bible School | 3 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door •5:30-8pm Vacation Bible School | 4 •5:30-8pm Vacation Bible School | 5 •5:30-8pm Vacation Bible School | 6 |
| 7 8 Pentecost •8am HE •9am Coffee •10am HE •11:15 Coffee | 8 | 9 •2-4pm Sit & Stitch | 10 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door •5:30pm Healing Service w/Holy Eucharist | 11 | 12 | 13 •9am Sit & Stitch Choir Stole Project •6:30pm Game & Fellowship night at Splinter's |
| 14 9 Pentecost •8am HE •9am Coffee •10am HE •11:15 Coffee | 15 | 16 •7pm Vestry Meeting | 17 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door | 18 •8am Retired Men's Breakfast | 19 | 20 |
| 21 10 Pentecost •8am HE •9am Coffee •10am HE •11:15 Coffee | 22 | 23 •2-4pm Sit & Stitch | 24 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 11 Pentecost •8am HE •9am Coffee •10am HE •11:15 Coffee | 29 | 30 | 31 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door | | | |

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