



The Grace Vine

August 2012

9am Holy Communion Service to Continue Through August

Based on comments & participation for July's 9am Worship service, our Vestry made calls to members regarding keeping to one service for the month of August. The response was overwhelmingly in favor of continuing—for the month of August—one 9am service of Holy Communion with music. Please plan to join us for worship & fellowship following. In September we will return to our normal schedule of 8am and 10am worship.

Feedback & Info Request Christian Ed, Fellowship, and Outreach

We're considering restructuring our Christian Ed program for children, youth, and adults. The goal is to increase participation and to offer quality classes and studies that provide a well informed Christian foundation upon which to build our spiritual life; learn and establish Christian values (from OT teachings of God and the New Testament & Gospel teachings of Jesus); apply and live out those values and teachings in our lives. Please share your feedback & ideas with us, and let us know if you'd be willing to volunteer to serve in this very important part of our Church life.

We need more participants, more volunteers, and more members to help carry out this goal. We also need to know if the Sunday Christian Ed times are no longer working for the majority of our members, and it's time to consider some alternatives. We know getting the critical mass of youth and students remains a challenge, and we need ALL our members' help in how to address these concerns we share as a Church family. Please let your vestry, Christian Ed leaders, and rector hear from you with feedback and suggestions for changes we can make; growth ideas; areas of continued focus; and what you think God is leading us to do and become in this fall's new program year and beyond.

Please look inside for the questionnaire.



Service and Lay Ministry Schedule

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|---|--|-------------------------------|---|---------------------|
| Sunday, August 5 | | 9:00 Holy Eucharist | | 10 Pentecost |
| Celebrant The Rev. Carol Evans Lay Reader Bette Brooks Greeters Fred & Nancy Lundgren Acolyte Kevin Splinter Altar Guild Judy Watkins & Joan Seman Coffee Hosts Kay Canan & Chris Stickle Counters Barb Popiel & Reba Cook Emeritus Kathy Summy | | | 1st Reader 2 Samuel 11:26—12:13a Nancy Lundgren Psalm 51:1-13 2nd Reading Ephesians 4:1-16 Fred Lundgren Gospel John 6:24-35 | |
| Sunday, August 12 | | 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist | | 11 Pentecost |
| Celebrant The Rev. Allen Belton Deacon The Rev. William Snyder Lay Reader Carolyn Englert Greeters John & Mary Jean McDonald Acolyte Jenna Summy Altar Guild Judy Watkins & Joan Seman Coffee Hosts Nancy & Jim Ervin Counters Barb Popiel & Reba Cook | | | 1st Reading 2 Samuel 18:5-9,31-33 Cathy Mansor Psalm 130 2nd Reading Ephesians 4:25-5:2 Maynard Evans Gospel John 6:35, 41-51 | |
| Sunday, August 19 | | 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist | | 12 Pentecost |
| Celebrant The Rev. Carol Evans Lay Reader Nancy Lundgren Greeters Jeff Marsh & Marsha Snyder Acolyte Kathy Summy Altar Guild Judy Watkins & Joan Seman Coffee Hosts Pat Williams Counters Barb Popiel & Reba Cook Emeritus Bill Snyder | | | 1st Reading 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14 Kathy Summy Psalm 111 2nd Reading Ephesians 5:15-20 Tim Splinter Gospel John 6:51-58 | |
| Sunday, August 26 | | 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist | | 13 Pentecost |
| Celebrant The Rev. Carol Evans Deacon The Rev. William Snyder Lay Reader Judy Watkins Greeters Nancy & Jim Ervin Acolyte Jeff Marsh Altar Guild Judy Watkins & Joan Seman Coffee Hosts Nancy & Fred Lundgren Counters Barb Popiel & Reba Cook | | | 1st Reading I Kings 8:(1, 6, 10-11) 22-30, 41-43 Martha Croll Psalm 84 2nd Reading Ephesians 6:10-20 Jeff Croll Gospel John 6:56-69 | |
| Sunday, September 2 | | 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist | | 14 Pentecost |
| Celebrant The Rev. Carol Evans Lay Reader Carolyn Englert Greeters Nancy & Fred Lundgren Acolyte Eric Splinter Altar Guild Barb Popiel & Amy Neely Coffee Hosts 8:00 Joan & Frank Seman Counters Jeff Marsh & Joan Seman Emeritus Kathy Summy | | | 1st Reading Song of Solomon 2:8-13 Fred Lundgren Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10 2nd Reading James 1:17-27 Nancy Lundgren Gospel Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 | |



Confirmation Classes to Start

Bishop Mark Hollingsworth, Jr. will visit Grace Church on Sunday, October 14th.

Anyone interested in Confirmation Classes please contact the rector. This includes adults and youth age 14 and over who have not been confirmed or are joining from another faith. Taking the classes does NOT obligate a person to be confirmed, but provides the initial learning to prepare for Confirmation. Learning about God, the Church, and growing in faith is really a lifelong process, but this is a good place to start. Those interested or with questions, please give Carol a call at 330.296.3443.

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

- Shirley Johnson for supplying dinner to church members along with some great cookies
- Nancy Lundgren & Sally Dier for their work in Gracie's this month and the Christmas in July sale (complete with punch and cookies).
- Nancy & Jim Ervin for bringing Bud Minnich to church.
- Nancy Ervin and the hospitality committee for hosting the Watkins memorial service.
- Junior Warden Reba Cook for all her hard work on getting us chairs.
- Nancy Ervin is wonderful! Not only does she chair the "Hospitality Committee", but she keeps the kitchen in order and makes sure the supplies that are needed by the coffee hosts are there.
- Chris Stickle, Kathy Summy & Stacy Scibelli for all their hard work planning and facilitating Vacation Bible School this year
- Reba, John McDonald & Sue Ahrens for getting the new front church door project started.

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.

I want to thank everyone who was a part of Roger's Memorial service including the service and wonderful luncheon. My family is most grateful.

-Judy Watkins



Birthdays

8th Alexandra Wroblewki
9th Goldie Shriver
10th Jim Ervin
12th John McDonald
14th Betty Sanek
16th Jane O'Neill
18th Samantha Stickle
22nd Bill Summy
26th Kevin Splinter
27th Jim Neely

Congratulations!

and many happy returns...

Anniversaries

9th Rob & Amanda Young



Baptisms

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

Elizabeth Webb
Jeff Croll



Did You Know?...



For the month of July we held only one 9:00 AM church service and even on that first Sunday service it looked like a nice crowd. Some people did forget that there was only one service but I won't mention any names...

And after that first July service, **Martha Croll, Judy Watkins, Toni Worthen & Marsha Snyder** served our annual hot dog lunch in celebration of the 4th of July. Everyone enjoyed & appreciated the early "lunch". **Eric Splinter** was encouraged to have another hot dog, but he said his mother would cut him off before his appetite would and declined the offer. That's a growing 14 year old boy for you. They are eating machines. It was good seeing **Bud Minnich** here on that day and just getting together with both the 8:00 & 10:00 people was a treat...

Thank you to **John McDonald** for removing all the old toner cartridges from the office area and taking them for recycling...

Reba Cook found "new" chairs for the Vestry room. **John McDonald** will be refinishing the arms and they will look great...

The **Splinters** left for vacation but not before **Eric** finished Boy Scout camp and **Kevin** finished baseball. When they get back from vacation it all begins again: Eric is off to band camp and Kevin will begin football practice on Aug. 1st. Yep, football already. Looks like the family will need another vacation when that's all over and done...

And speaking of vacations, if the **Stickles** ask you to go on vacation with them – think twice about it. They went camping; the cottage didn't have air-conditioning that could keep up with the heat, their car had break trouble, their daughter **Sammy** sprained her ankle and they had to try to keep her ankle iced, the cottage only had bunk beds available – not adult friendly, they got caught in a violent storm and **Rodney** helped clean-up fallen trees and the mess that followed. I think another vacation is called for...

This summer **Mary Jean McDonald's** granddaughter **Alexandra** was in Sweden & Denmark with her soccer team. She was among 850 soccer players from 45 countries to participate in this soccer event. Mary Jean enjoyed keeping up with Alexandra's experiences on facebook and Alexandra was happy to report that her team won their first game against some very big Swedes...

It was great seeing **Michele Popiel-Davis** in church on Sunday, July 8th and she's looking great. Michele came back home to see her new nephew. She said he's sooo cute and she'd like to take him home with her; but I think your sister **Jamie** might have a few objections to that notion. It was great to see you, Michele...

Martha & Jeff Croll hosted the Poker Boys and the wives were invited. Martha did her usual and prepared enough food to feed an army. But, they had house guests for a few days following and she said nothing went to waste. That's good

food management. The money from the Poker Boys event went to one of Martha's student's family whose house burned to the ground and they lost everything. Thanks guys – it's a very worthy cause!...

Nancy Lundgren & Sally Dier worked so hard on Gracie's Christmas in July. You can't imagine the "stuff" they have: Santas, snowmen, a doll house with furniture, Christmas trees, ornaments, dolls, angels, dishes, tea sets, candles, etc, etc, etc. Please come and take a look at everything that's available for your inspection and purchase...

Did you know that **Toni Worthen** has chickens – yes, that's right chickens; and she loves them. She says they are so sweet, they come to her when she calls and one even likes to sit on her lap and cuddle. Go figure. What are we all doing with dogs and cats – they can't even give us eggs. Maybe she has something there...

Bette Brooks had good news; she has been promoted to Associated Professor at Kent State. Congratulations Bette!! Bette also shared that while on vacation in Florida with daughters **Beverly & Laurel**, daughter **Amanda** surprised them with a one day visit...

Jim & Nancy Ervin are proud of daughter-in-law **Amy** who just passed her RN State Boards. Congratulations Amy!...

The Church was full for **Roger Watkins'** Memorial service. It was a beautiful summer day and held on a Saturday. Roger's daughter **Stephanie York** gave a wonderful eulogy in memory of her father and it was great to see all of Roger's family including his wife **Judy**, daughter Stephanie and grandson **Brandon** and Stephanie's husband **Stephen** and their son **Steve** and his daughter **Sophia** and her mother **Christina**. Our own **Martha Croll** was the soloist and our rector had a wonderful sermon. The reception that followed was held by the Grace hospitality committee with **Nancy Ervin** leading the way. Thanks to **Mary Jean McDonald, Irene Machisko, Carolyn Englert, Cindy Hoskins, George Furrer, Shirley Johnson, Jim Ervin, John McDonald and Marsha Snyder** who helped serve and clean up. And thanks to all those who brought food to be served. It was a wonderful time to remember Roger...

Sunday, July 15th was Gracie's Back Door Christmas in July sale and thanks to **Sally Dier and Nancy Lundgren** for all their hard work getting this project set up. They even served punch and cookies for those who came down to shop. Everyone was very happy with the success of the sale and still hope people come down to Gracie's and see all their treasurers...

Mom and daughter, **Kathy and Jenna Summy** enjoyed spending a week at Musicale.: a group of singers that travel and sing at different venues. Kathy did this as a teen, as did **Emily & Jenna**. Quite a family tradition!

The Bulletin Board

Acolytes Schedule

9/9—Kevin
9/16—Jeff
9/23—Eric
9/30—Kevin
10/7—Jeff

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

The Youth Group enjoyed a “Monday night at the movies”. On July 16th they attended a sellout show at a theater in Kent and saw Ice Age Continental Drift. They had a great time and hope to make plans to do it again. Those who came to enjoy the fun were: Amy, Kirsten, & Aundrea Seman; Courtney, Gerry & Maggie Rich; Kathy & Jenna Summy; Lisa, Taylor & Paige Paxton along with two of their friends; Chrissy & Sammy Stickle (Nicole was ill); and their special guest Mechele Novak. Thanks to everyone for sharing this evening together.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

August 6- 9
5:30 – 7:30 pm
All Children are Welcome
Dinner will be served at 5:30

From the Conways

God has blessed us to have friends like you, for which we will always be thankful to the Lord. We would also like to thank you for the generous gifts you blessed us with, to send us on our new adventure in life.
—God Bless You,
Cory & Addrianne Conway

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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.

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.*

William Porcher DuBose

August 18

William Porcher DuBose was born April 11, 1836, into a wealthy French Huguenot family (which is why his middle name is pronounced *por-shay*) near Winnsboro, South Carolina. In 1851, he left the family plantation to study at South Carolina Military College, now the Citadel. By his graduation in 1855, he was both the ranking officer and the Assistant Professor of English! He then enrolled at the University of Virginia and earned a Master of Arts degree in 1859. Later that same year, he began studies at the South Carolina diocesan seminary in Camden. The Civil War interrupted his studies, and he enlisted in the Holcombe Legion for South Carolina. This group saw action at the Second Battle of Manassas, where DuBose was injured twice. He spent a portion of 1862 as a Union prisoner of war but was released. In December of that same year he was injured again and, through the influence of friends, became chaplain to Kershaw's Brigade in Greeneville, Tennessee.

After the Civil War, he served churches in South Carolina as rector. During the 1870 diocesan convention, he received serious consideration for election to bishop. His failure to be elevated to this office was, in his words, "a fortunate escape." The following year he was named the first chaplain of the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee, a new Episcopal university that had opened in 1868. [*Note: the University of the South's cornerstone was laid in 1859; however, the school closed during the war since so many of its professors and students served in the Confederate Army. The cornerstone was blown up during the war but was re-laid in 1868.*] From this point forward until his death in 1918, DuBose's life and the history of the university were interwoven.

In addition to being Chaplain of the University, he was also Professor in the School of Moral Science and the Evidence of Christian Religion. He was instrumental in the establishment of the Theological Department that grew during his lifetime to become the School of Theology. He primarily served as professor of New Testament but he taught almost every subject in the curriculum. In 1893 he was elected Dean of the School, a post he held until his retirement in 1908.

It was as a theologian and writer, however, that DuBose is best known. Many consider him to be the foremost Episcopal theologian in the United States. His area of interest was soteriology which is the branch of theology that deals with questions such as "what does it mean to say Christ saves us?" "How does his death and resurrection do us any good?" "How are the benefits of Christ's work applied to the individual?" One of his best known quotations states:

God has placed forever before our eyes, not the image but the very Person of the Spiritual Man. We have not to ascend into Heaven to bring Him down, nor to descend into the abyss to bring Him up, for He is with us, and near us, and in us. We have only to confess with our mouths that He is Lord, and believe in our hearts that God has raised Him from the dead—and raised us in Him—and we shall live.

The man known among the University faculty as "Sewanee's doctor" died on August 18, 1918, at his home on the Mountain.

Prayer: Almighty God, who gave to your servant William Porcher DuBose special gifts of grace to understand the Scriptures and to teach the truth as it is in Christ Jesus: Grant that by this teaching we may know you, the one true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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| Sun | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | 1 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door •5:30pm Healing with Holy Eucharist | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 10 Pentecost •9am HE •10:15 Coffee | 6 VBS 5:30-7:30 beginning with dinner | 7 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door VBS | 8 VBS | 9 VBS | 10 | 11 |
| 12 11 Pentecost •9am HE •10:15 Coffee | 13 | 14 •1-3pm Sit & Stitch •7pm MAC Meeting at Grace | 15 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door Gracevine Deadline | 16 •8am Retired Men's Breakfast | 17 | 18 |
| 19 12 Pentecost •9am HE •10:15 Coffee | 20 | 21 •7pm Vestry Meeting | 22 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 13 Pentecost •9am HE •10:15 Coffee | 27 | 28 •12pm Sit & Stitch at Johnson's | 29 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door | 30 | 31 | |

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