



The Grace Vine

February 2006



Rector's Writ

With the Annual Meeting over and Lent still a month away, it's a good time for a little reflection. For those of us who tend to battle the winter blahs with Girl Scout cookies and comfort foods, it may help to reflect on the deeper needs. Maxwell Maltz, M.D. was a psychiatrist who found the unique human need for meaning and fulfillment to be a fascinating study. From his practice he identified the following "Daily Requirements" we humans need to be happy:

Love. Without love, we can't survive. This includes love between people, but also the psychological and spiritual love of humanity, which is the foundation for building all varieties of fellowship.

Security. There's a need for financial security, but also a deep need for emotional and spiritual security within ourselves. We long for peace of mind and being comfortable with who we are... 'warts and all.'

Self-Expression. We need to do something creative and put more living into life; to become participants and not merely spectators.

Recognition. We must feel acceptance by others, but first find acceptance within ourselves and recognize our own worth. It's an added bonus when people recognize (and appreciate) what we do and give.

Self-Respect. As much as anything else in the way of human need, Maltz believed we should value self-respect, the respect of others, and have a respect FOR others. (It's a little easier to do this if we recognize we're truly children of God. After all, we do covenant to "respect the dignity of every human being.")

Sharing happiness with others. We human beings should value our capacity to give. Many people must be taught that GIVING, not "getting" is one of the most valuable assets in a happy life.

Involvement. One of the essential requirements for people of all ages. It's important to seek to help others who need your encouragement, your understanding, and your good will. We're to be involved but not entangled.

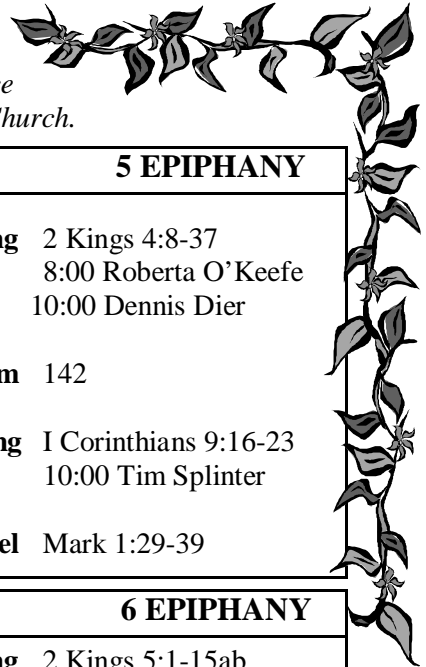
The art of relaxation. It's necessary to get rid of our tensions and make time to recharge our creative and spiritual energies to keep on the path to peace.

Rising above a mistake. We must learn to see our errors in daily life and learn to forgive ourselves, so we can put the past behind us and approach each new day with clarity of mind and conscience.



Service and Lay Ministry Schedule

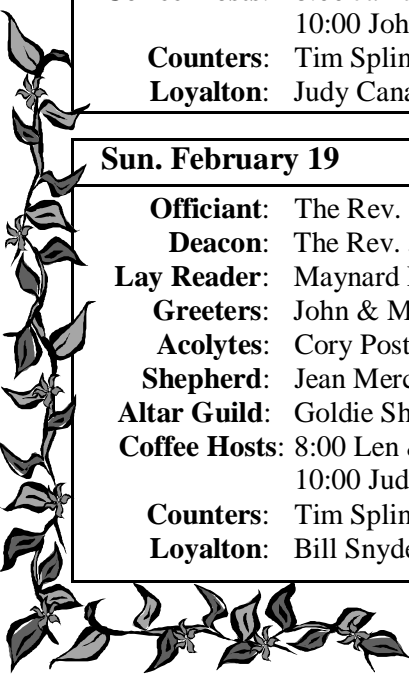
If you cannot serve when scheduled, please find a substitute and call the parish office with that person's name. Thank you for sharing in the liturgical ministry of Grace Church.



| Sun. February 5 | 8:00 & 10:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST | 5 EPIPHANY |
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| Officiant: The Rev. Carol S. Evans Deacon: The Rev. James Wichman Lay Reader: Carolyn Englert Greeters: Nancy & Fred Lundgren Acolytes: Chelsea Postlethwaite & Janell Moore Shepherd: George Furrer & Leslie Thomas Altar Guild: Goldie Shriver & Irene Machisko Coffee Hosts: 8:00 Meslissa & Lauren Strainer 10:00 Kelly & Ron Postlethwaite Counters: Tim Splinter & Dennis Dier Loyalton: Maynard Evans | 1st Reading 2 Kings 4:8-37 8:00 Roberta O'Keefe 10:00 Dennis Dier Psalm 142 2nd Reading I Corinthians 9:16-23 10:00 Tim Splinter Gospel Mark 1:29-39 | |

| Sun. February 12 | 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST | 6 EPIPHANY |
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| Officiant: The Rev. Carol S. Evans Deacon: The Rev. William Snyder Lay Reader: Bette Brooks Greeters: Nancy & Jim Ervin Acolytes: Paige Thomas & Eli Stover Shepherd: Roberta O'Keefe & Bill Snyder Altar Guild: Goldie Shriver & Irene Machisko Coffee Hosts: 8:00 Janice Lallathin 10:00 John & Mary Jean McDonald Counters: Tim Splinter & Dennis Dier Loyalton: Judy Canan | 1st Reading 2 Kings 5:1-15ab 8:00 Melissa Strainer 10:00 Kathy Summy Psalm 42:1-7 2nd Reading I Corinthians 9:24-27 10:00 Steve Barna Gospel Mark 1:40-45 | |

| Sun. February 19 | 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST | 7 EPIPHANY |
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| Officiant: The Rev. Carol S. Evans Deacon: The Rev. James Wichman Lay Reader: Maynard Evans Greeters: John & Mary Jean McDonald Acolytes: Cory Postlethwaite Shepherd: Jean Mercer & Judy Canan Altar Guild: Goldie Shriver & Irene Machisko Coffee Hosts: 8:00 Len & Jean Mercer 10:00 Judy & Kay Canan Counters: Tim Splinter & Dennis Dier Loyalton: Bill Snyder | 1st Reading Isaiah 43:18-25 8:00 Roberta O'Keefe 10:00 Kelly Postlethwaite Psalm 32:1-8 2nd Reading 2 Corinthians 1:18-22 10:00 John Machisko Gospel Mark 2:1-12 | |

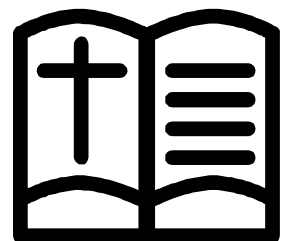


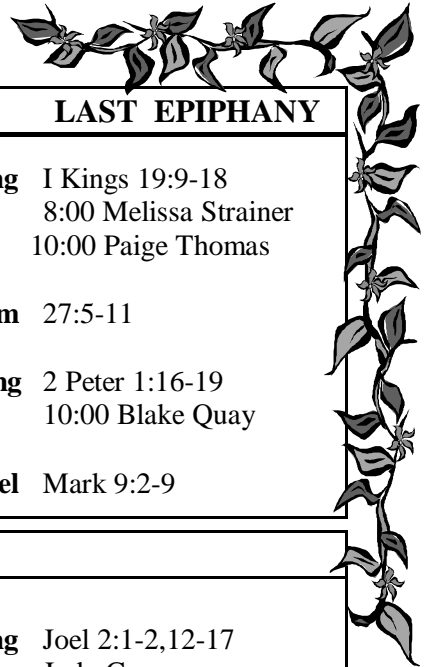
Teen Bible Study

Study topic is "Your Christian ID"

Sundays in February following 10:00 service.

Call Kelly Postlethwaite with any questions or if you can't attend all classes. (330) 801-0344.

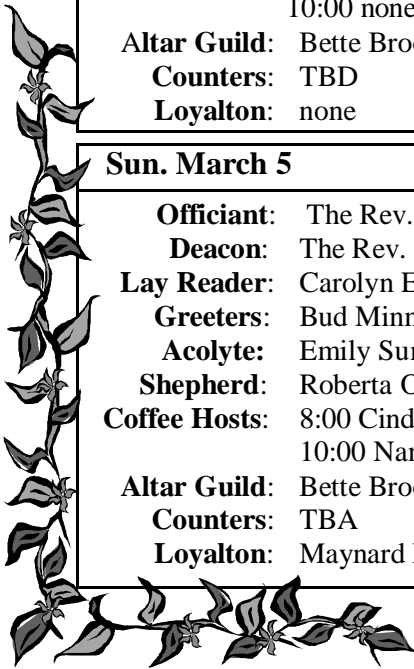




| Sun. February 26 | | 8:00 & 10:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST | LAST EPIPHANY |
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| Officiant: The Rev. Carol S. Evans | | | 1st Reading I Kings 19:9-18 |
| Deacon: The Rev. William Snyder | | | 8:00 Melissa Strainer |
| Lay Reader: Judy Canan | | | 10:00 Paige Thomas |
| Greeters: Leslie & Paige Thomas | | | |
| Acolyte: Julie Canan T-Jenna Summy & T-Schyler Conway | | | Psalm 27:5-11 |
| Shepherd: George Furrer & Leslie Thomas | | | |
| Altar Guild: Goldie Shriver & Irene Machisko | | | 2nd Reading 2 Peter 1:16-19 |
| Coffee Hosts: 8:00 George Furrer | | | 10:00 Blake Quay |
| 10:00 Betty Russell & Sandee West | | | |
| Counters: Tim Splinter & Dennis Dier | | | Gospel Mark 9:2-9 |
| Loyalton: Jim Wichman | | | |

| Sun. March 1 | | 7:30 PM ASH WEDNESDAY | |
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| Officiant: The Rev. Carol S. Evans | | | 1st Reading Joel 2:1-2,12-17 |
| Deacon: The Rev. James Wichman | | | Judy Canan |
| Lay Reader: Bette Brooks | | | |
| Greeters: Judy Canan & Carolyn Englert | | | Psalm 103:8-14 |
| Acolytes: Emily Summy | | | |
| Shepherd: none | | | 2nd Reading 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 |
| Coffee Hosts: 8:00 none | | | 10:00 Carolyn Englert |
| 10:00 none | | | |
| Altar Guild: Bette Brooks & Shirley Johnson | | | Gospel Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 |
| Counters: TBD | | | |
| Loyalton: none | | | |

| Sun. March 5 | | 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST | 1 LENT |
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| Officiant: The Rev. Carol S. Evans | | | 1st Reading Genesis 9:8-17 |
| Deacon: The Rev. William D. Snyder | | | 8:00 Roberta O'Keefe |
| Lay Reader: Carolyn Englert | | | 10:00 Bud Minnich |
| Greeters: Bud Minnich & Betty Carpiola | | | |
| Acolyte: Emily Summy | | | Psalm 25:3-9 |
| Shepherd: Roberta O'Keefe & Bill Snyder | | | |
| Coffee Hosts: 8:00 Cindy Hoskins & Pat Williams | | | 2nd Reading I Peter 3:18-22 |
| 10:00 Nancy & Fred Lundgren | | | 10:00 Dennis Dier |
| Altar Guild: Bette Brooks & Shirley Johnson | | | Gospel Mark 1:9-13 |
| Counters: TBA | | | |
| Loyalton: Maynard Evans | | | |



E. C. W. Breakfast Meeting

Saturday, February 25th 9:00 am

All the women of the parish are welcome to come.



Did You Know?...



Barb Popiel spent a week in Orlando visiting **Michelle** and **Dave** and the new member of their family, a long haired Dachshund puppy named Bailey. The puppy loved grandma. The weather was great and it was hard to come back to cold Ohio. Michelle and Dave will be up in April for a friend's wedding...

Thanks to **Marcia and Tim Splinter** for purchasing a new clock for the choir room. We wouldn't want to practice one more minute than we have to. (Only kidding, Mary Ann!)

We received an email from **Stephanie Higgins** saying that she and **Brandon** are doing well in Wisconsin and that their snowmobile has been a great source of enjoyment lately. For Christmas they traveled to Florida to be with her parents Judy and Roger Watkins and reports that Roger is doing great...

Sandee and Jim West are new grandparents.

Journey Hope West was born 5 weeks premature to son **Mark and Bille West**. Journey weighted 4lbs 11oz and they can't wait to get her home...

Paige Paxton must have been paying close attention to the lesson on Martin Luther King Day, and couldn't wait to share what she learned with her grandparents **Fred & Nancy Lundgren**. When Paige got home she said, "Did you know that Martha Steward King was shot!" No, we didn't know that!! Aren't kids wonderful!!...

The adult study group has started off with a bang. About 12-14 people have joined together to study the Screwtape Letters, by C.S. Lewis. If you aren't doing anything on a Wednesday evening at 6:00 PM please join in; we'd love to have you...

The Annual Meeting took place on the 22nd of January, with only one 9:00 AM service. It started out interesting when the furnace quit and left the church at 55 degrees. But things warmed up in the parish hall, the heating system was working in there, where the meeting was conducted by **Rev. Carol**. Election of three vestry members and two persons to the Mary Helen Beatty committee were conducted with **Frank Seman, Kelly Postlethwaite, Cory**

Conway the new vestry members and **Ken Boydell and Judy Canan** our new Beatty committee members. Treasurer **Fred Lundgren** went over the budget and explained our expenditures. The hospitality committee headed by **Nancy Ervin**, with the help of **Jim Ervin**, arranged everything for the covered dish dinner that followed and there was a lot of very good food. We also got some good new from the **Quay's**. Their house is up for sale, but instead of moving to south they will be moving to Kent. We like that!!...

We've been blessed with a mild winter so far -- but not everyone's happy about that, **Steve Barna** said it really makes his horses cranky; they have their winter coat and it's too muddy to be out riding. Never thought about that!!...

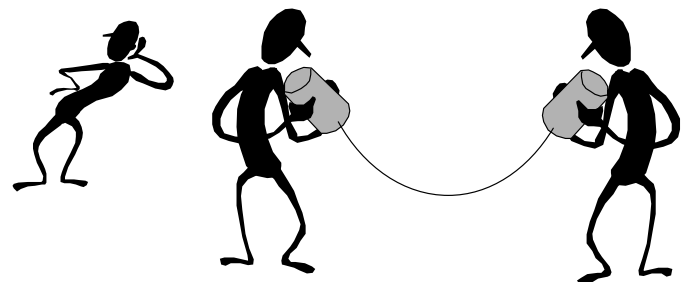
Deacon Jim Wichman has been busy with the opening of the new public library here in Ravenna. Jim is a member of Friends of the Library and after many many months of planning the library is finally opened and a beautiful addition to our community...

Phyllis Shorts writes to say that Bill is gaining strength slowly. He's been playing a little golf and still going to therapy. Bill & Phyllis also enjoyed visits from her family over the holiday and that they made 10 trips to the airport, but it was great having everyone there...

Jenna Summy and Chelsea Postlethwaite both officially became teenagers last month. Thirteen is a great age, just not for the parents...

Dani Dier finally got her driver's license and two days later, **Dennis** took the only car she can drive to New York for several weeks. What luck!!...

If you have anything you would like to share with us, please give the information, in writing, to Marsha Snyder.





Congratulations!

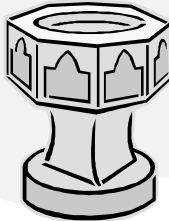
and many happy returns...

Birthdays

2nd—Dale Espey
 3rd—David Golec
 9th—Janice Lallathin
 13th—Gladys Parsons
 16th—Nancy Lundgren
 21st—Irene Machisko
 29th—Fred Lundgren

Baptisms

3rd—Barbara Lundgren
 10th—Janell & Jesse Moore
 11th—Nancy Ervin
 14th—Emily Summy
 20th—Kirsten Seman



Anniversaries

13th—Sonja & Don Sherwood



Lenten Activities

Mardi Gras Pancake Dinner Party

Sunday Feb. 26th
 4:00—7:00 pm
 \$20.00 per Family
 \$5.00 per Person
 Children under 2 are free
 (Meeting Sat. Feb. 11th @ 11am)
 (Setup on Sat. @ 5pm)

Ash Wednesday Services

March 1st
 Liturgy & Holy Eucharist
 12 noon & 7:00 pm

Lenten Soup Suppers

Wednesdays
 6:00 pm Soup Supper
 6:30 Program on Hunger
 7:00 Worship

Mar. 8th at St. Paul's

Mar. 15th at Grace Church

Mar. 22nd at St. Paul's

Mar. 29th at Grace Church

Apr. 5th at St. Paul's