



The Grace Vine

July 2006

Rector's Writ

By the time most of you read this, General Convention 2006 will be over. For anyone who hasn't heard it on the news or by the internet, Katharine Jefferts-Schori, Bishop of Nevada, was elected to a nine year term as the 26th Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church. Women were first ordained to the priesthood (in the United States) in 1976, and to describe Bishop Jefferts Schori's election as "historic" is an understatement. She will be invested November 4th with a festive liturgy at Washington National Cathedral.

As Presiding Bishop, she will serve as the spiritual leader to over 2.4 million Episcopalians. She is also considered the chief pastor and Primate of the Episcopal Church, U.S.A. Her leadership will include responsibilities such as overseeing the planning, development, and assessment of programs of the national church as well as initiating and upholding church policies, strategies, and programs approved by General Convention. Just as the diocesan bishop visits parishes, one of the Presiding Bishop's duties is to visit dioceses and to speak God's word to the Church and the world. The Presiding Bishop also directs proceedings at the House of Bishops meetings.

Jefferts Schori has served as pastoral associate; priest-in-charge; dean of the Good Samaritan School of Theology; and as bishop in Nevada since 2001. Prior to her calling in the ministry, she was visiting assistant professor at Oregon State's Department of Religious Studies; a visiting scientist at Oregon State's Department of Oceanography; and an oceanographer in Seattle, Wa. She's also a licensed pilot. In addition to a PhD from Oregon State, she earned both an M.Div. and D.D. from Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley, Ca. She and her husband, Richard Schori, married in 1979, and they have one daughter who is a second lieutenant and pilot in the U.S. Air Force.

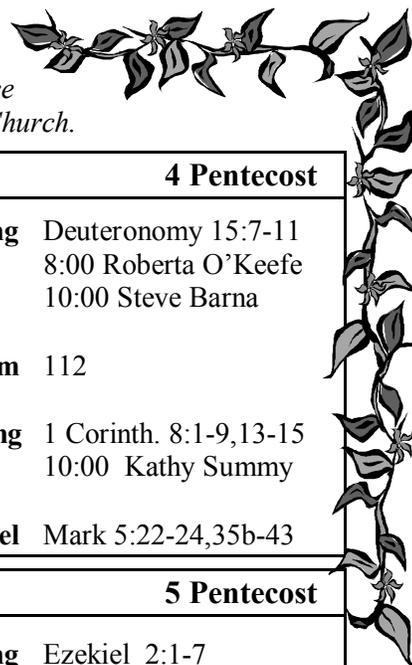
Many thanks to all who faithfully kept the people and proceedings of General Convention 2006 in your prayers and for those who continue to uphold our Church in prayer.

(*compiled from Episcopal News Service articles by The Rev. Pat McCaughan)



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.

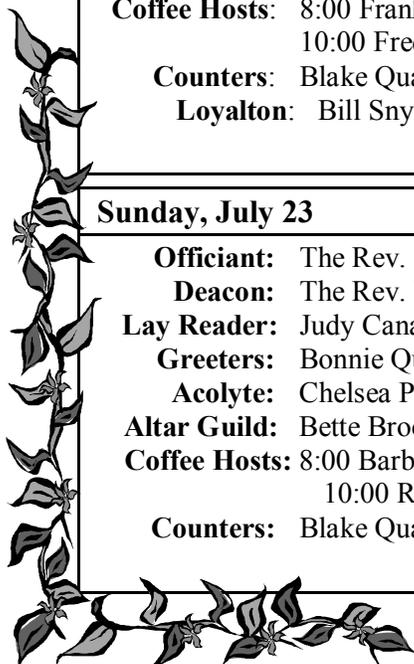


Sun. July 2	8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	4 Pentecost
Officiant: The Rev. Carol S. Evans Lay Reader: Carolyn Englert Greeters: Irene & John Machisko Acolytes: Emily Summy Altar Guild: Amy Neely & Bette Brooks Coffee Hosts: 8:00 Melissa & Lauren Strainer 10:00 Marsha Snyder & Nydah Ellet Counters: Blake Quay & Kelly Postlethwaite Loyalton: Maynard Evans	1st Reading Deuteronomy 15:7-11 8:00 Roberta O'Keefe 10:00 Steve Barna Psalm 112 2nd Reading 1 Corinth. 8:1-9,13-15 10:00 Kathy Summy Gospel Mark 5:22-24,35b-43	

Sun. July 9	8:00 & 10:00 AM Morning Prayer	5 Pentecost
Preaching: The Rev. William D. Snyder Greeters: Bud Minnich & Betty Capriola Acolytes: Eli Stover Altar Guild: Bette Brooks & Amy Neely Coffee Hosts: 8:00 Len & Jean Mercer 10:00 John & Irene Machisko Counters: Blake Quay & Kelly Postlethwaite Loyalton: Judy Canan	1st Reading Ezekiel 2:1-7 8:00 Melissa Strainer 10:00 John Machisko Psalm 123 2nd Reading 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 10:00 Cathy Mansor Gospel Mark 6:1-6	

Sun. July 16	8:00 & 10:00 AM Morning Prayer	6 Pentecost
Preaching: Bette Brooks Lay Reader: Bette Brooks & Judy Canan Greeters: Julie & Kay Canan Acolytes: Julie Canan & Jenna Summy Altar Guild: Amy Neely & Bette Brooks Coffee Hosts: 8:00 Frank & Joan Seman 10:00 Fred & Nancy Lundgren Counters: Blake Quay & Kelly Postlethwaite Loyalton: Bill Snyder	1st Reading Amos 7:7-15 8:00 Roberta O'Keefe 10:00 Kelly Postlethwaite Psalm 85:7-13 2nd Reading Ephesians 1:1-14 10:00 Tim Splinter Gospel Mark 6:7-13	

Sunday, July 23	8:00 & 10:00 Holy Eucharist	7 Pentecost
Officiant: The Rev. Carol S. Evans Deacon: The Rev. William D. Snyder Lay Reader: Judy Canan Greeters: Bonnie Quay & Marsha Snyder Acolyte: Chelsea Postlethwaite & Janell Moore Altar Guild: Bette Brooks & Amy Neely Coffee Hosts: 8:00 Barb Pochedly 10:00 Ron & Kelly Postlethwaite Counters: Blake Quay & Kelly Postlethwaite	1st Reading Isaiah 57:14b-21 8:00 Melissa Strainer 10:00 Carolyn Englert Psalm 22:22-30 2nd Reading Ephesians 2:11-22 10:00 Dennis Dier Gospel Mark 6:30-44	





Sunday, July 30	8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	8 Pentecost
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Officiating: The Rev. Carol S. Evans
Lay Reader: Maynard Evans
Greeters: John & Mary Jean McDoanld
Acolyte: Schyler Conway
Altar Guild: Amy Neely & Bette Brooks
Coffee Hosts: 8:00 Len & Jean Mercer
 10:00 Leslie & Paige Thomas
Counters: Blake Quay & Kelly Postlethwaite

1st Reading Kings 2:1-15
 8:00 Roberta O'Keefe
 10:00 Blake Quay

Psalm 114

2nd Reading Ephesians 4:1-7,11-16
 10:00 Paige Thomas

Gospel Mark 6:45-52

Sun. August 6	8:00 & 1:00 AM Holy Eucharist	Transfiguration of our Lord
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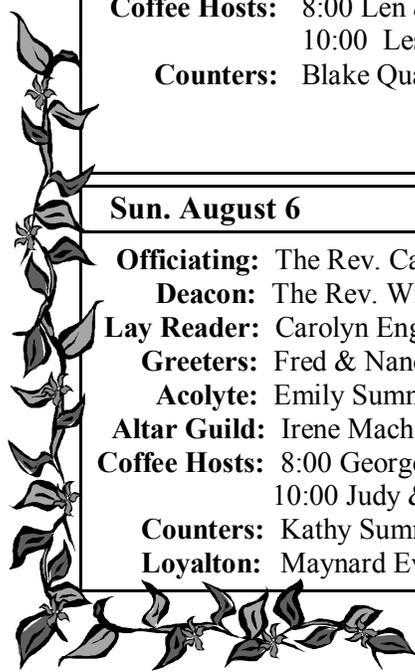
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Deacon: The Rev. William D. Snyder
Lay Reader: Carolyn Englert
Greeters: Fred & Nancy Lundgren
Acolyte: Emily Summy
Altar Guild: Irene Machisko
Coffee Hosts: 8:00 George Furrer
 10:00 Judy & Kay Canan
Counters: Kathy Summy & Blake Quay
Loyalton: Maynard Evans

1st Reading Exodus 34:29-35
 8:00 Roberta O'Keefe
 10:00 Steve Barna

Psalm 99:5-9

2nd Reading 2 Peter 1:13-21
 10:00 Bud Minnich

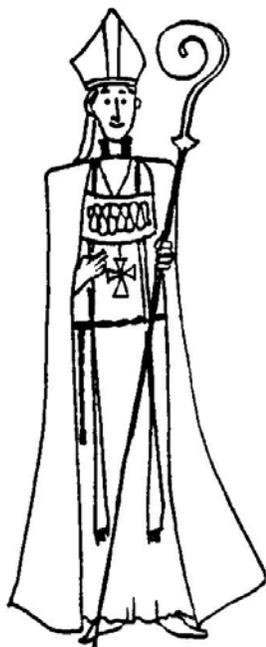
Gospel Luke 9:28-36



Confirmation / Inquirer's Classes

Sundays July 23rd through Sept. 3rd

Baptism and Confirmation are two of the essentials for 'official' membership in the Episcopal Church. In recent years we've encouraged young people to wait until their mid-teens to make this mature affirmation of faith. Any adults or new members who have not been confirmed are invited to these classes. Those who want to renew their baptismal vows or brush up on Church basics are also welcome.



We'll cover such topics as: Church History, the Sacraments, Episcopal Beliefs, the Church Year and Symbolism, Ministry and Spirituality. Classes will meet in the All Purpose Room Sundays at 11:30 and are led by Rev. Carol and Judy Canan, a licensed catechist in the diocese. Those participating will be confirmed by Bishop Hollingsworth at his September 17th visit to Grace Church.

Please talk to the rector if you're interested in confirmation or if you have any questions.



Did You Know?...



...**Nancy and Fred Lundgren** spent a week in Texas visiting with son **Bill** and family. The new granddaughter, **Suzanna**, is a real joy and is the spitting image of daddy when he was a baby. Big sister **Jeanie** (who's not quite two years old) isn't too impressed with the new baby sister and tries to take a swat at her every so often...

Jesse Moore was very proud (as well he should be) to graduate into the Cub Scout Pack's Wolf Den at a ceremony recently held here in Ravenna. Jesse also received academic honors for the 2005-06 school year. Smart and cute!!...

Caroline and Bud Minnich are busy bird watching, a Carolina wren is nesting in their garage and Bud leaves the garage door open just enough for the birds to get in and out...

Steve Barna has been busy with his horse and special needs children. Steve is taking part of an equestrian therapy program and he's finding it very exciting and rewarding...

Kelly Postlethwaite was named the top sales person at her realtor's office for the month of May. This is really a remarkable feat considering she takes care of five children, she's our Youth Director, teaches Sunday school, is on the Vestry and is involved in most of the activities here at Grace Church...

The Youth Car Wash was a success with a lot of children coming to show their support and they all worked very hard. Working were: **Julie Canan, and friends, Emily Summy, and friends, Schylar, McKenna, and Jillian Conway, Nikki and Samantha Stickle, Eric and Kevin Splinter, Janell and Jesse Moore, and Colin Thomas and his cousin**. The adults were particularly impressed with Colin who showed real leadership skills and kept everyone on task. Even little Jillian Conway was washing cars. Half of the money the youth earned went to the camp scholarship fund...

Six of our children will be attending Cedar Hills Camp this summer: **Emily Summy, Jenna Summy, Janell Moore, Chelsea Postlethwaite, Samantha Stickle, and Schylar Conway**. And thanks to everyone who financially supported our young people in this exciting week at camp...

Fred and Nancy Lundgren took their granddaughters **Taylor and Paige** fishing. Taylor caught 11 fish and Paige caught 7. Fred spent most of his time baiting hooks and

taking fish off said hooks. And as Nancy says, they took lots of worms for a swim...

We give our deepest sympathy to the **Dier family**. **Dennis** lost his brother **Tom** last month after a long illness and Dennis has been spending a lot of time in New York state getting his estate settled. Our prayers are with you and all your family...

Blake Quay, Maynard Evans, Johnnie Machisko, Steve Barna, Fred Lundgren, George Furrer, Cory Conway, Bill Snyder, and John McDonald had a "Men's Garage Sale" on June 10th with funds going to the deficit. Fundraiser chairperson **Marcia Splinter** did a great job selling from the "church table." Thanks to **Sally Dier and Kay Canan** who served lunch to the group and their customers. **Janell Moore** was surprised that we were selling men at a garage sale, and asked her mother, "Who's going to buy a man?"...

Maynard's four children, and some of his grandchildren, are coming to Ravenna to celebrate Maynard's Birthday and Father's Day with Maynard and Carol. What a nice thing to do for your dad!!...

The Christian Ed department had a Father's Day breakfast that served about 30+ people thanks to **Addrienne Conway, Chris Stickle, Kathy Summy, Kelly Postlethwaite, Len and Jean Mercer and Marcia Splinter** for all their hard work, oh and we can't forget the youth **Emily and Jenna Summy, and Samantha Stickle**. And thank you to everyone who brought food for this breakfast...

Nydah Ellet shared her 94 year old father **Jack** with **Mary Ann Switz and Marsha Snyder** for Father's day and they all went out to lunch...

Bette Brooks, Amanda and Beverly Brooks spent some time at the General Convention in Columbus, that sounds exciting... **Amanda** has been spending time in the office (two days a week) to get a feel for the workings of the church. She will be entering seminary after graduation, she's interested in teaching...

Jean and Len Mercer had a wonderful time on the vacation traveling out west to spend with family...

All you children don't forget vacation Bible school and J.A.M this summer -- it should be great fun!!

Birthdays

1st Mary Ann Switz
Lisa Paxton
2nd Emily Neely
3rd Michael Baker
11th Morgan Sherwood
12th Rev. Lloyd O'Keefe
Amy Seman
15th Blake Quay
Kirsten Seman
17th Jillian Conway
20th Bill Snyder
23rd Debbie Shorts
24th Roger Watkins
26th Dennis Dier
27th Perry Williams
Frank Seman
29th Dani Dier
Mike Canan
31st Colin Thomas
Jean Mercer



Congratulations!

and many happy returns...



Anniversaries

8th David & Jennifer Golec
11th Kenneth & Carolyn Englert
16th Kevin & Sally Langan
19th Johnnie & Irene Machisko

Baptisms

2nd Brandon Higgins
7th Julia Bree Canan
19th Eric Splinter
Charles Marks
22nd McKenna Conway
26th Georgia Golec
29th Midge Myers



A Note from Vestry

Rev. Carol made the Vestry aware at the June meeting that a few people asked about our choosing of Medina Glass Block for the window retrofits without taking extra bids. We would like to offer an explanation.

This project began with the 2005 Vestry. At that time three members of the Vestry reported having direct experience with Medina Glass Block, each having chosen them to do work on their houses. All reported the company's work and short term and long term customer service to be outstanding and price to be competitive. After having MGB give us the initial quote, their cooperative nature was further evident. It was decided that the security of a proven high quality contractor was going to outweigh the amount of price difference we might get from taking extra bids on a project of this size spread over several years. Indeed, the Parish and individual Vestry members have had some difficulty with work done by contractors we've had no experience with but chose based on bids, first impressions and third party referrals.

MGB has indeed lived up to their reputation so far. They have given us discount as a church. They have willingly broken the project down into stages. They have guaranteed their prices even if it takes significant time for us to get to the last stages. They obtained the city's agreement that the \$400 permit was not needed for this sort of non-structural retrofit on a church.

The Vestry is satisfied that good stewardship has been served by the selection of a proven, trustworthy source for a mid-sized but very important project involving extensive and repeated work inside the building. We would hold that stewardship is not exclusively about dollars.

FYI, the project has been started, with \$3350 donated as of the end of mid-June. The first phase (see last month's Grace Vine) has been sign off to start. We have enough remaining, just from donations, to start one of the smaller remaining phases, and Building and Grounds money can be tapped as well.

For the Vestry,
Tim Splinter, Senior Warden

On the Horizon

Monday July 3rd Concert and Fireworks at Blossom

8:00 pm

The concert will include patriotic favorites and Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture. Fireworks will follow the show. We will be sitting on the lawn (BYO chair/blanket and refreshments). Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$9 for ages 6 – 12 (age 5 and under are free). Call Marcia Splinter for more information.

Sundays July 23rd to Sept. 3rd Confirmation/Inquirer's Classes

11:30 am

See details elsewhere

Saturday Aug. 12th Gospel Festival Singing 4-8 pm

Churches of Ravenna are invited to the County Courthouse Lawn to join together for a gospel sing. It is open anyone who wants to sing. This will be a wonderful way in which to support and build interfaith fellowship.

Sunday Aug. 20th Akron Aeros Baseball

2:05 pm

Adults tickets \$10; age 12 and under \$8. Watch for a sign up sheet in late July. If we get a group of 25 or more we can qualify for group pricing.

Saturday Aug. 26th Youth Lock-in

Saturday night to Sunday morning to start Christian Ed for the year.

Saturday Sept. 9th Youth Group at Loaves & Fishes

The Youth Group will work the Loaves & Fishes meal at the Methodist Church.

Saturday Sept. 16th Balloon Affair Day

We'll again be in the Parade and Running the Hotdog Lunch.

Saturday Sept. 30th Habitat for Humanity Lunch Noon

Saturday Oct. 14th Spaghetti Dinner

The Youth Group will run a spaghetti dinner.

Friday Oct. 27th Youth Group Ghosting

Saturday Oct. 28th Corn Maze Road Trip 2 pm

Saturday Nov. 11th Fall Festival

Details when available

Saturday Dec. 2nd Youth Babysitting

The older youth will babysit at church from 10am to 3pm so parents can shop...or whatever...

December

Youth Gift Drive

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

"Sometime This Fall" Dates to be Determined

Game Night – we will be doing a “no charge – just bring your own beverage and a snack to share” game night. No dinner this time. Let's get together for Euchre, Texas Hold 'Em, board games or just to talk. Past game nights have been a riot, but this one will be even better if YOU are there.

Trip to Trinity Cathedral - This has been discussed by several groups over the last year or so, and its finally going to happen – we hope. More details when available.

"Spa Party" Fundraiser – similar to “Pampered Chef” or “Sarah Coventry”, but skin care & makeup type products. More details when available.

"Bishops Blend Coffee"

Fundraiser – Orders will arrive in plenty of time for Christmas, so make a list of all your coffee loving friends and family... and don't forget to “check it twice”

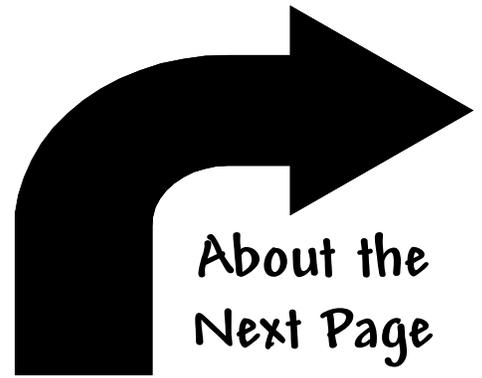


Fun-draising committee changes

The Fun-draising committee is now scheduling some activities that used to fall under "Parish Life" and "GEM" and is in need of more members (as well as a new name!). If you have been interested in these committees in the past, please join us at the next meeting on July 26th @ 7:00 or call me.

Also, check out the "on the horizon" section for upcoming events that fall into the "Parish Life" category. Come join us and discover you actually LIKE the people you go to church with. You could even invite some of your "non-church friends" – they might like us too...

Marcia Splinter
Chairperson of the "Committee in Search of a New Name"

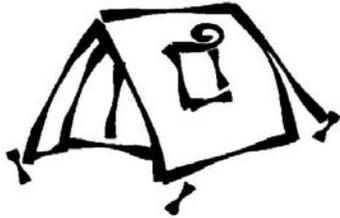


The next page is an invitation that you and your kids can use to invite other kids to our Vacation Bible School the first week of August.

Please make copies as needed, sign them from you or your kids and send them to kids you think might be interested.

JAM

**Calling all youth to JAM youth retreat
at the Barnas.**



**July 29th and 30th
from noon till noon.**



**So bring your sleeping bag and bathing
suit and a friend and get ready for a great
weekend.**

Sign up sheet will be in the parish hall.





*Come join us for some island fun
Monday July 31 – Friday August 4
5:30 – 8pm
Dinner served: 5:30 – 6
Pre-registration suggested*

Dear Friend,

I'm going to *Treasure Cove*, and I'd like you to come with me! My church, Grace Episcopal Church, is sponsoring *Treasure Cove*, a Vacation Bible School program on July 31 – August 4 from 5:30 – 8 with dinner from 5:30 to 6pm.

At *Treasure Cove*, we'll discover the riches that God gives us in Jesus. We'll hunt for treasure every day, and find it too! We'll meet new friends and get to hear Bible stories, do fun activities, sing great songs, make crafts, play games and more!

It would be great if you could join me! Let's ask our parents to talk about getting us there.

Your friend,



The Christian Ed Kids Need Your Memories

The kids in Christian Ed would like your input. They will be using your answers to the following questions as source material for a project which will be shown to the whole parish. Please fill in any or all of the sections that spark your memory. Couples can answer on the same sheet if you wish. Turn it in by August 20th. You can give it to Addrianne Conway or put it in the collection plate.

Favorite Sunday School Song(s)



Favorite Story about or from Sunday School (use more paper if needed)



Favorite Bible Passage(s) or Verse(s)



Name (in case of questions)