



The Grace Vine

July 2007

Rector's Writ

*"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage! ...A king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength...Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love. ...Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield. Yea, our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name. Let thy steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in thee."
(Ps. 33:12, 16-18, 20-22)*

This seems a very appropriate psalm as we prepare to celebrate the fourth of July. We believe that our country won its independence and forged its guiding principles with the help, grace, and goodness of God. We see the phrase "in God we trust" in our courtrooms and on our money and in places where that noisy vocal minority of non-believers think it should not be. And yet our trust in God is one of the main reasons our nation has grown, prospered, and become a nation known for justice, freedom, and hope over these past two centuries.

There's an interesting bit of history for anyone who thinks the Episcopal Church takes its English roots too lightly. The Lessons and Prayers appointed for the national observance of July 4th were part of the first Proposed Prayer Book in America in 1786. However, the first General Convention (in 1789) deleted this observance, deeming it inappropriate since the majority of the Church's clergy were ordained in England and were loyal to the British crown. (America's first Episcopal bishop, Samuel Seabury, had to be consecrated by Scottish bishops in 1784 since, as an American citizen, he was unwilling to swear allegiance to the British crown.) As the American Episcopal Church crafted its own Constitution and began electing our own bishops, the mother Church in England realized negotiation was in order. In 1787 William White and Samuel Provoost (bishops-elect of Pennsylvania and New York, respectively) were consecrated as bishops at Lambeth Chapel. The mutual bonds of affection had been established, even though another Church in another nation was founded. At the American Episcopal Church's first General Convention in 1789, the observance of July 4th was removed from America's Book of Common Prayer. In fact, there was no liturgical observance of July 4th until the 1928 Prayer Book revision.

Celebrating Independence Day, we pray that God will continue to bless our nation and keep our people and churches striving for justice, unity, and peace. The

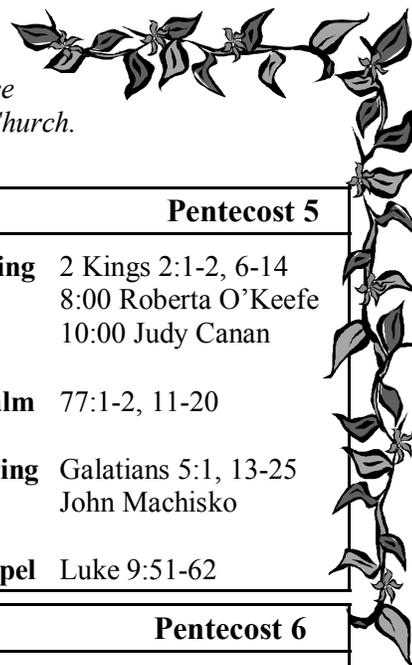
one God in whom we trust will continue to be our foundation

and provide strength for us to know and follow Christ
whose service is perfect freedom.



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, July 1	8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	Pentecost 5
Officiating: The Rev. Carol S. Evans Lay Reader: Carolyn Englert Greeters: John & Irene Machisko Acolyte: Schyler Conway Altar Guild: Amy Neely & Cindy Hoskins Coffee Hosts: 8:00 TBA 10:00 Nydah Ellet & Marsha Snyder Counters: Blake Quay & Pat Williams Loyalton: Maynard Evans	1st Reading 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 8:00 Roberta O'Keefe 10:00 Judy Canan Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20 2nd Reading Galatians 5:1, 13-25 John Machisko Gospel Luke 9:51-62	

Sunday, July 8	8:00 & 10:00 AM	Pentecost 6
Officiating: The Rev. Carol S. Evans Deacon: The Rev. William D. Snyder Lay Reader: Bette Brooks Greeters: John & Mary Jean McDonald Acolyte: Eric Splinter Altar Guild: Amy Neely & Cindy Hoskins Coffee Hosts: 8:00 George Furrer 10:00 Judy & Kay Canan Counters: Blake Quay & Pat Williams	1st Reading 2 Kings 5:1-14 Steve Barna Psalm 30 2nd Reading Galatians 6:1-16 Cathy Mansor Gospel Luke 10:1-11, 16-20	

Sunday, July 15	8:00 & 10:00 AM Morning Prayer	Pentecost 7
Officiating: The Rev. William S. Snyder Lay Reader: Judy Canan Greeters: Nancy & Fred Lundgren Acolyte: Sammy Stickle Coffee Hosts: 8:00 Cindy Hoskins & Pat Williams 10:00 Leslie & Paige Thomas Altar Guild: Amy Neely & Cindy Hoskins Counters: Blake Quay & Frank Seman	1st Reading Amos 7:7-17 8:00 Roberta O'Keefe 10:00 Paige Thomas Psalm 82 2nd Reading Colossians 1:1-14 Tim Splinter Gospel Luke 10:25-37	

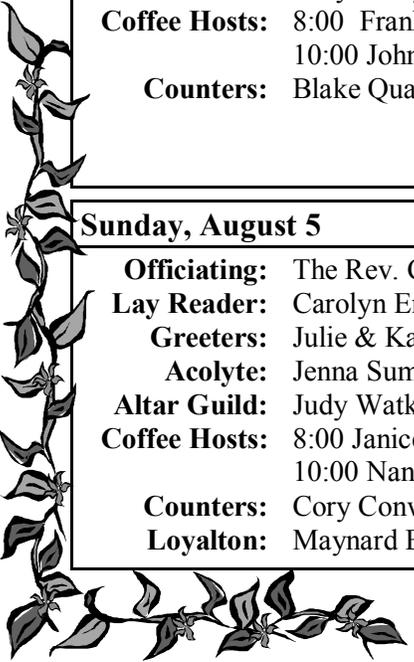
Sunday, July 22	8:00 AM HE & 10:00 AM HE at JAM	Pentecost 8
Officiating: The Rev. Carol S. Evans Deacon: The Rev. William D. Snyder Lay Reader: Maynard Evans Greeters: Marsha Snyder & Judy Canan Acolyte: Emily Summy Altar Guild: Amy Neely & Cindy Hoskins Coffee Hosts: 8:00 TBA Counters: Blake Quay & Frank Seman	1st Reading Amos 8:1:12 Carolyn Englert Psalm 52 2nd Reading Colossians 1:15-28 Kathy Summy Gospel Luke 10:38-42	





Sunday, July 29	8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	Pentecost 9
Officiating: The Rev. Carol S. Evans		1st Reading Hosea 1:2-10
Lay Reader: Judy Canan		8:00 Roberta O'Keefe
Greeters: Nancy & Jim Ervin		10:00 Kelly Postlethwaite
Acolyte: Julie Canan		Psalm 85
Altar Guild: Amy Neely & Cindy Hoskins		2nd Reading Colossians 2:6-19
Coffee Hosts: 8:00 Frank & Joan Seman		Bud Minnich
10:00 John & Mary Jean McDonald		Gospel Luke 11:1-13
Counters: Blake Quay & Frank Seman		

Sunday, August 5	8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	Pentecost 10
Officiating: The Rev. Carol S. Evans		1st Reading Hosea 11:1-11
Lay Reader: Carolyn Englert		John Machisko
Greeters: Julie & Kay Canan		Psalm 107:1-9, 43
Acolyte: Jenna Summy		2nd Reading Colossians 3:1-11
Altar Guild: Judy Watkins & Cindy Hoskins		Judy Canan
Coffee Hosts: 8:00 Janice Lallathin		Gospel Luke 12:13-21
10:00 Nancy & Fred Lundgren		
Counters: Cory Conway & John McDonald		
Loyalton: Maynard Evans		



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
- 21st Phil & Courtney Rich

Baptisms

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



Remember, we're still trying to weasel out the last of the mistakes and omissions. Deliver any you find **in writing** to Marsha Snyder or her desk.



Did You Know?...



A celebration of the choir and Christian education department was held after the 10:00 AM Sunday service with lots of cake and crosses...

We also honored our high school graduates, **Eli Stover, Paige Thomas** and the college grads **Beth and Dani Dier**. Congratulations to everyone...

Beth Dier is working for the Ohio Lottery where she is creating their new system...

Steve and Marsha Barna had the choir members to their home for a picnic on a very raining Sunday afternoon (doesn't it always seem to rain on the day of the picnic), but there was a lot of good food (even though **NyDAH Ellet** brought "strange" vegetables) we had a great time and it was a wonderful way to end for the summer. The choir wants to thank everyone for their love and support. The **Splinter** boys, **Eric and Kevin**, were entertained by Steve and Marsha's bird, cats, and dog. The dog Charlie charmed us all. Charlie was trained by prisoners in a correctional institute in Warren and he's a wonderful dog - and good looking too!!...

Nancy and Jim Ervin are going to be grandparents again, **Mike and Amy** are expecting some time in January...

Janice and Keith Lallathin celebrated their 40th anniversary and a lovely picture was placed in the Record Courier. The picture was actually taken in Las Vegas and we all know that what goes on in Vegas stays in Vegas. They look like they were having a great time. Congratulations!!...

Shirley Johnson is headed for California to visit with her daughter **Susan** and family and **Marsha and Bill Snyder** are headed for Minnesota to visit with their son Luke and family, **Betty Capriola** is visiting her daughter in Georgia and **Debbie Shorts and Rich Lashley** just came back for their trip across America...

Roberta O'Keefe will be retiring at the end of September. The O'Keefes began their vacation on June 21st however that was the day of the retired men's breakfast and **Lloyd** wanted to be part of that, soooo Roberta asked all the women of the retired

men to come and join her there for breakfast. Sounds like fun!! Could this begin the retired women's breakfast?? Who knows?...

Bud and Cary Minnich enjoyed the visit by their niece **Cathy Potisuk** over Memorial Day weekend. Cathy cooked a Memorial Day dinner for them and planted flowers for them in their back yard. Cathy's son **Matt** is on the Dean's List at Kent State with a 4.0 average...

Barb Popiel went to Orlando in June to visit with daughter **Michelle & Dave**. They are moving just down the road so she will be helping with that. So much for a relaxing 10 days. Barb also has a trip to Africa is planned for August. This time to Mozambique as an observer on a Cape Buffalo hunt. Daughter **Jamie** has earned her Associate's degree from CCC and will be transferring to Akron U where she will be taking some additional classes before she can enter the School of Nursing the fall of 2008. Mom is so proud of her!...

Eric & Kevin Splinter tested up to Green Belt last month in their TaeKwonDo class. They're half way to Black Belt (so look out!)...and mom and dad are halfway to broke on all the equipment they each need from this level up.

Roger and Judy Watkins are back from Florida and it's great to have them back. Their daughter **Stephanie** is getting married here at Grace on July 7th to **Stephen York**. Best wishes to the happy couple.

More "Church Bulletin Blunders" supposedly found in bulletins from around the nation.

"Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community."

"Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say "Hell" to someone who doesn't care much about you."

Pipings

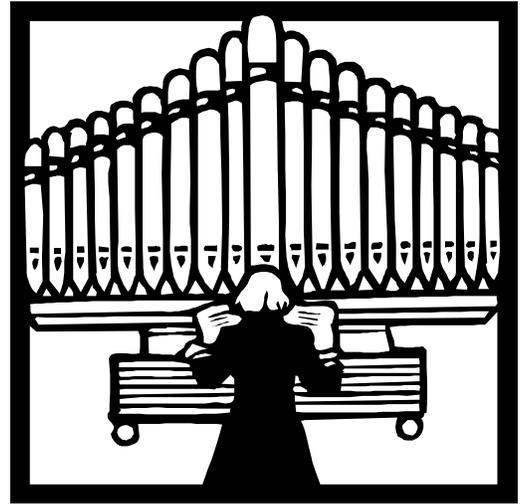
from Mary Ann Switz

NEW COMMON PRAISE HYMNALS

Sing to the Lord a new song . . . or perhaps an old tune with new words, or vice versa! The time has come at last to move ahead with our plans to purchase the new *Common Praise* hymnals.

When we originally announced plans to raise funds for this hymnal, it was at the same time that the glass block windows for the

lower level of the church were needed. Since that was a big priority before the cold winter winds blew, we “tabled” the new hymnal plans temporarily. Now the windows are in and it is time to look forward.



The hymnals will be used along with our familiar *Hymnal 1982*. You have already sung a few of the new hymns in *Common Praise*, such as *Christ triumphant, ever reigning*; *Be still, for the Spirit of the Lord, the Holy One, is here*; and a beautiful, flowing new tune for the familiar words of *There's a wideness in God's mercy*.

A bit of background for you. *Common Praise* is published by Canterbury Press of Norwich, England. Under the Chairmanship of Dr. Henry Chadwick, Regius Professor Emeritus of Divinity, Cambridge University, a team of professionals with a wide range of expertise and representing a broad spectrum of interests, spent over five years compiling the new book. The first task was to study almost all other hymn books and worship song supplements and to draw up a shortlist of suitable entries: hymns and tunes that were worthy of worship, known, loved, and established in the life of the church. The list proved not to be so short – 3000 suggestions had to be cut down to a manageable size (628 to be exact)! Some forgotten favorites were reintroduced, older and recent hymns whose popularity has waned were dropped. Inclusive language is introduced into *Common Praise*, but generally only into hymns written since the start of the 20th century, respecting the familiarity and poetry of well-known and much-loved older hymns. New musical arrangements and imaginative new pairings of words and tunes create fresh appreciation of many favorite hymns. To these are added a wide selection from what is believed to be the best contemporary hymns.

Now comes the best part! We would like to give everyone who wishes to be a part of this valuable addition to our worship life the opportunity to join us in making the purchase of the new hymnals possible. We have already received some funds towards the cost of these new hymnals, either as memorial gifts or donations to the hymnal fund. The total cost of the hymnals will be about \$2000. We would like to dedicate the hymnals on September 16, 2007, also the Sunday the choir returns for the new season. (We need to order by mid July at the absolute latest to get them in time.)

Won't you please join us by sending your contribution (clearly marked for the *Hymnal Fund*) to the church office or placing it in the offering plate on Sunday morning as soon as possible? Many thanks!

As the hymnal editorial team writes in the Preface of this hymnal, (we) “offer *Common Praise* in the hope that its use will enrich daily worship, bring closer the kingdom of God upon earth, and give glory to God in the highest.” Amen.

On the Horizon

Saturday June 30th Steak Fry 5-7pm

It's been a year or two since our last one, but it's worth the wait. There will be a reservation sheet when the time gets closer. There will be free hot dogs for the kids, too.

Saturday July 14th Youth Car Wash 12-2pm

The Youth Group's 2nd Car Wash at Pizza Pan downtown. They're raising money to sponsor a Safer Futures family for Christmas presents this year.

Saturday July 14th Fellowship & Game Night 6:30pm

Name your game and bring it. Maybe bring a snack. Have lots of fun! Let Marcia Splinter know if child care from the teenagers will help you.

Saturday July 21st Men's Garage Sale 10:00-2:00

Contact Blake Quay for details, getting a table, helping out, advertising, getting your friends a table...

Saturday July 21st-22nd Youth Group JAM

The Youth Group's summer JAM will be at Barna's again this year and will culminate with 10am Eucharist with them on Sunday Morning, followed by lunch.

July 23rd—27th Vacation Bible School 5:30-8pm

ALL youth from the church and the community are welcome, invite your friends! Dinner begins each evening. This year's theme is **Avalanche Ranch.**

August 11th Fellowship & Game Night 6:30pm

Name your game and bring it. Maybe bring a snack. Have lots of fun! Let Marcia Splinter know if child care from the teenagers will help you.

September 15th Balloon Affair

Details will follow as the time gets closer, but we'll be in the parade and be Hot Dog Lunch. Get it on your calendars and get ready to participate.

Sunday July 22nd 10am Service at Youth JAM at Barna's House

The larger parish will be going to support the Youth Group by attending 10am Sunday Morning Service with them at Barna's house as we did last year.

Just at last year, we'll picnic after, so bring everything you need, including hotdogs and buns if I'm understanding the message correctly.

Grace's Wish List

The Vestry has given the OK to begin a "Wish List" of things it would be useful to have. The idea is people might be willing to donate used items or make contributions to purchase new items. Please let us know if you can think of anything to add. So far, the "Wish List" includes:

- Electric Weed Eater
- 100 ft. Extension Cord
- Commercial grade vacuum cleaner to be kept/used in Parish Hall
- Two 25,000 BTU air conditioners for the Parish Hall
- A 36" TV with 5 ft. cart and DVD player (for use with Christian Ed, Bible studies, etc.)

YOUTH GROUP

JULY

July 14

Car Wash at Pizza Pan Ravenna
12-2pm



July 21-22

JAM (Jesus And Me)
Ages 8 and up
3pm-overnight at the Barna's
Come for any or all of it
Sunday morning service at 10:00, picnic lunch to follow



July 23-27

AVALANCHE RANCH VBS
5:30-6 Dinner
6-8 VBS



What went on in May and June:

The youth helped clean up from the yard sale at the Splinter's, to where we moved our meeting.

On the 19th, with much help from Kay Canan, the youth served dinner at the Methodist Church Loaves and Fishes.

June 2nd we went to see Shrek the Third at the Drive-In.

And on the 16th the youth got together for a Car Wash at Pizza Pan in Ravenna. They are raising money to buy Christmas Presents for a family from Safer Futures, the battered Woman's Shelter.