



The Grace Vine

July 2012

Rector's Writ

Beginning July 1st, we'll be gathering for only one 9 am worship service for the month of July. The reasoning behind this five Sunday experiment is to see if this might bring the 8am and 10am groups a little closer. It's the vestry's hope that this will be an opportunity for us to get to know each other better and to grow in fellowship. It's a given each group has their own preferences, but we also share a common bond of affection for the Episcopal Church, liturgy, and sacraments. That affection—and even more, our reverence and love for God—transcends the particular time or type of service.

Following are some prayers to consider as we gather for worship and as we make time to be with God in all seasons. Blessings and peace to you and yours.

“O God, in the course of this busy life, give us times of refreshment and peace; and grant that we may so use our leisure to rebuild our bodies and renew our minds, that our spirits may be opened to the goodness of your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.” (BCP; For the Good Use of Leisure, p. 825)

“O Almighty God, who pours out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of suppli-cation: Deliver us, when we draw near to you, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.” (BCP; Before Worship, p. 833)

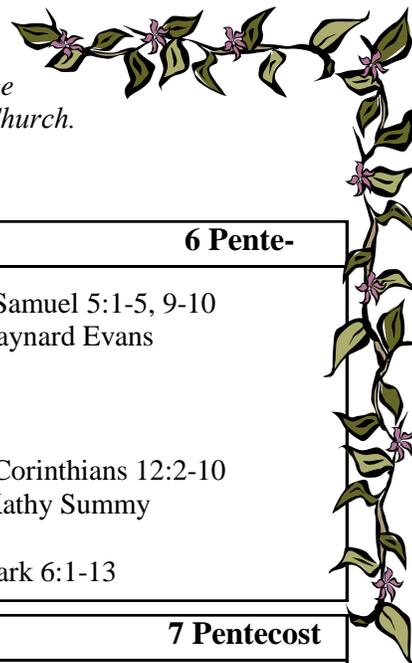
“Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to you; and then use us, we pray, as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.” (BCP; A Prayer of Self-Dedication, p. 832)

“O heavenly Father, who has filled the world with beauty: Open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works; that rejoicing in your whole creation, we may learn to serve you with gladness; for the sake of him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.” (BCP, For Joy in God's Creation, p. 814)



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 8 | | 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist | 6 Pente- |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Celebrant | The Rev. Carol Evans | 1st Reading | 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 Maynard Evans |
| Deacon | The Rev. William Snyder | Psalm | 48 |
| Lay Reader | Nancy Lundgren | 2nd Reading | 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Kathy Summy |
| Greeters | John & Mary Jean McDonald | Gospel | Mark 6:1-13 |
| Acolytes | Jenna Summy | | |
| Altar Guild | Cindy Hoskins & Nancy Lundgren | | |
| Coffee Hosts | 9:00 AM Nancy & Jim Ervin | | |
| Counters | Cathy Mansor & Midge Myers | | |

| Sunday, July 15 | | 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist | 7 Pentecost |
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| Celebrant | The Rev. Carol Evans | 1st Reading | 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 Jeff Croll |
| Lay Reader | Roberta O'Keefe | Psalm | 24 |
| Greeters | Nancy & Jim Ervin | 2nd Reading | Ephesians 1:3-14 Martha Croll |
| Acolyte | Jeff Marsh | Gospel | Mark 6:14-29 |
| Altar Guild | Cindy Hoskins & Nancy Lundgren | | |
| Coffee Hosts | 9:00 AM John & Mary Jean McDonald | | |
| Counters | Cathy Mansor & Midge Myers | | |
| Emeritus | Bill Snyder | | |

| Sunday, July 22 | | 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist | 8 Pentecost |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Celebrant | The Rev. Carol Evans | 1st Reading | 2 Samuel 7:1-14a Tim Splinter |
| Deacon | The Rev. William Snyder | Psalm | 89:20-37 |
| Lay Reader | Judy Watkins | 2nd Reading | Ephesians 2:11-22 Cathy Mansor |
| Greeters | Jeff Marsh & Marsha Snyder | Gospel | Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 |
| Acolyte | Eric Splinter | | |
| Altar Guild | Cindy Hoskins & Nancy Lundgren | | |
| Coffee Hosts | 9:00 AM Frank & Joan Seman | | |
| Counters | Cathy Mansor & Midge Myers | | |

| Sunday, July 29 | | 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist | 9 Pentecost |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Celebrant | The Rev. Carol Evans | 1st Reading | 2 Samuel 11:1-15 Maynard Evans |
| Lay Reader | Bette Brooks | Psalm | 14 |
| Greeters | Irene & John Machisko | 2nd Reading | Ephesians 3:14-21 Kathy Summy |
| Acolyte | Kathy Summy | Gospel | John 6:1-21 |
| Altar Guild | Cindy Hoskins & Nancy Lundgren | | |
| Coffee Hosts | 9:00 AM Midge Myers | | |
| Counters | Cathy Mansor & Midge Myers | | |



Sunday, August 5

8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist

10 Pentecost

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| Celebrant | The Rev. Carol Evans |
| Lay Reader | Roberta O'Keefe |
| Greeters | Fred & Nancy Lundgren |
| Acolyte | Kevin Splinter |
| Altar Guild | Judy Watkins & Joan Seman |
| Coffee Hosts | 8:00 AM Frank & Joan Seman 10:00 AM 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

The Splinters Need Your Help!

We have (for some crazy reason!) agreed to have our house on the 2012 Garrettsville Christmas Walk (a fundraiser for the Historical Society). For any that haven't heard of it, several homes in the area are "decorated to the nines" and people buy tickets to tour the homes on the first two weekends in November. As you can imagine, this is a HUGE undertaking and we could really use some help in 3 areas.

- 1) Planning / creative ideas: Marsha Snyder and Carolyn Englert have already graciously agreed to help with this, but we wouldn't turn down anyone else wanted to help in this area!
- 2) Actual decorating: Our home will be decorated "to the max", so decorating will begin in early October in order to be ready for the first tour on November 1st. No special skills needed – just a willingness to help. Since we work full time, this will be done on evenings and weekends.
- 3) "Docents" (this is our biggest need): Volunteers to be in the house during the walk in order to answer the occasional question, but mostly to just "keep an eye on things" – we are talking about potentially 2,000 people walking through our home over the 7 days of the event.

From what we have been told, the time is typically broken down into "shifts" of about 4 hours, with a total of 11 shifts over 7 days – with 3 to 4 people needed for each shift (the entire 1st floor will be "open to the public")

The walk is during the day on Friday, Saturday & Sun for the first 2 weekends in November (11/2 – 11/4 & 11/9 – 11/11) plus a special "candlelight walk" to kick off the event on Thursday evening, 11/1.

We understand if you can't make a "firm commitment" 4 months in advance, but PLEASE let us know soon if you would consider helping (the Historical Society is already asking if we have our volunteer list).

Thank you!

Marcia & Tim Splinter



Did You Know?...



We were saddened by the death of **Roger Watkins** who passed away on May 31st after a long illness. Our prayers are with his wife **Judy** and their children **Stephanie and Steve** and grandchildren **Brandon & Sophie**...

Barb Popiel is very proud of daughter **Jamie** for sticking to her studies all these years and she has now graduated from Kent State University with a degree in Dietetics and Nutrition. And even more exciting news; Barb is a grandma (even though she doesn't look like it) Jamie delivered a healthy boy on June 4th. His name is **Tyson Matthew**, he weighed 6 pounds 6 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long. This has been a very busy year for Jamie. Congratulations!...

Lisa Paxton is also very proud of her two daughters. **Taylor**, a freshman at Stow-Munroe Falls High School, lettered in academics. She needed a 3.5+ GPA to qualify. **Paige**, a fifth grader, received the Stolion Award given by the Stow Lions Club, and she also received the Katherine McVey memorial award for citizenship. Good job, girls!...

We had a grand send off for the **Conway** family on June 17th. **Addrienne's** job is closing in Akron, but they made her an offer (and promotion) she couldn't refuse – so off they go to Kansas City. **Kathy Summy** created a beautiful picture album for them, they received a TripTic with scripture readings from **Cathy Mansor & Reba Cook**, the Sit & Stitch group gave a quilt they created, and \$1075 was collected from the congregation to help the family with their move or just for fun. The congregation had a covered dish dinner and after dinner there were a lot of tears and laughter when memories were shared with **Addrienne, Cory, Schyler, McKenna, and Jillian**. But even before the congregation had their send off for the Conways the Youth Group had theirs on June 7th at the Pizza Hut. Those in attendance were **Chris, Nicole & Sammie Stickle, Kathy & Jenna Summy, Denise Crouse and Alaina, Stacy & Emily Scibelli and all the Conways**...

Mary Ann Switz enjoyed her 50th class reunion from Newton Fall High School this last month. She said she attended the 25th reunion and the 50th – but

she's doubtful she'll make the 75th. **Mary Jean McDonald** and **Marsha Snyder** will also be going to their 50th class reunion this year. Surely they are not that old???...

Shirley & Mike Johnson spent time in California with her daughter and had a wonderful time...

Nancy Lundgren and her daughter **Lisa** and her daughters **Paige & Taylor** went to their annual trip to Texas to visit with son/brother Bill and his girls...

Judy Canan is spending some of her summer time with her family at the Outer Banks in North Carolina. Granddaughter **Julie** is staying at her house while she's gone to feed and take care of the cat. And the cat really appreciates it!...

Sue Ahrens celebrated her granddaughter **Emily's** graduation with a party held here at Grace Church. It was a wonderful event enjoyed by the whole family and congratulations to Emily...

Mechele Novak is loving her new home and working very hard on it - it looking great.

The **Splinter** boys have been busy as usual. **Eric** went to Wisconsin to spend a week with his Grandparents, **John and Barb**, and he flew alone to get there and back! They do grow up fast! He gets to relax a home for a couple weeks before Marching Band Camp starts and the schedule fills up. **Kevin's** baseball team has made the playoffs in their league. Good luck to them! Before that gets down to business though, they made a road trip to Gettysburg for a tournament. They all enjoyed the sites and history of that town and learn a lot along the way. What a great experience!

Acolytes Schedule

8/12— Jenna

8/19— Kathy

8/26— Jeff

9/2— Eric

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Please join us in saying ‘THANK YOU’ to people serving god at Grace Church and in our community in a variety of ways:

- Our Youth Group for having a “going away” party for the Conway family
- Our generous congregation for their contributions to the Conway family.
- Chris Stickle and Kathy Summy for offering to take on VBS this year.
- Nancy Ervin and the hospitality committee for hosting the Conway’s going away luncheon and all who brought food to share.
- John McDonald for all the dishes he washed.
- Dick Tuttle for talking with Vestry about Stewardship.
- Those who host coffee hour week after week.
- Our Junior Warden, Reba Cook all her hard work.
- Deacon Bill Snyder & Kathy Summy for taking Eucharist to those at Emeritus twice a month.
- Tim Splinter for his expertise in getting the computers up and running again.
- Our Acolytes; Eric & Kevin Splinter and Jenna Summy and our new recruits Kathy Summy & Jeff Marsh
- Nancy Lundgren for arranging the flowers for the altar while Marsha was away.
- Shirley Johnson for the cookies she makes for the Sit & Stitch group
- Everyone who participated in the UTO ingathering
- Sally Dier & Nancy Lundgren for all their work in Gracie’s – it looks great!!
- All those people who do those things around the church and around the community; things we don’t know anything about it – it just gets done. God is watching you and we are thankful.

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.

Birthdays

- 1st Steve Merrill
Mary Ann Switz
Lisa Paxton
- 2nd Emily O’Neill
Brandon Ondrejko
- 10th Tony Worthen
- 12th Rev. Lloyd O’Keefe
Amy Seman
- 15th Brittany Groff
Kirsten Seman
- 17th Jillian Conway
- 20th Bill Snyder
- 23rd Michael Canan
Debbie Shorts
- 26th Dennis Dier
- 27th Frank Seman
- 29th Dani Dier
- 31st Samuel Rich

Congratulations!

and many happy returns...



Anniversaries

- 8th David & Jennifer Golec
- 11th Kenneth & Carolyn Englert
- 13th Jeff & Martha Croll
- 19th Johnnie & Irene Machisko
- 21st Phil & Courtney Rich



Baptisms

- 7th Julia Bree Canan
- 14th Brittany Crouse
- 19th Eric Splinter
- 22nd McKenna Conway
- 26th Georgia Golec
- 29th Midge Myers



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.*

Raoul Wallenberg

July 17

The phrase “Righteous Gentiles” has come to mean any non-Jew who risked their life to save Jews during the Holocaust. However, within the lectionary of the Episcopal Church, it refers to 5 individuals specifically: Raoul Wallenberg of Sweden; Hiram Bingham IV of the USA; Karl Lutz of Switzerland; C. Sujihara of Japan; and Andrew Trocme of France. This entry will be about Wallenberg because of the questions surrounding his death.

Raoul Wallenberg was born August 4, 1912, 3 months after his father’s death. His family was prominent in Sweden; it had contributed bankers, diplomats, and politicians and Raoul’s father had been an officer in the Swedish navy. He graduated from school in 1930 with top honors in Russian and drawing and, rather than become a banker as his grandfather preferred, he completed his army service and traveled to the US in 1931 to study architecture at the University of Michigan. He graduated with honors in three and a half years (1935), earning a university medal for the most impressive academic record. He returned to Sweden, then traveled to Cape Town, South Africa and finally to Haifa, Palestine (now Israel) where he met many Jews who escaped Hitler’s Germany.

Back in Sweden, Raoul eventually became joint owner and international director of the Mid-European Trading Company. With his frequent trips in Nazi-occupied France and into Hungary and Germany itself, he learned how the German bureaucracy functioned.

In 1944, the Germans began deporting Hungarian Jews from the countryside to Auschwitz-Birkenau in southern Poland. The Jews of Budapest knew their days were numbered. The Swedish legation in the city succeeded in negotiating with the Germans that individuals who carried provisional identity passes would be treated as Swedish citizens. The Swedish embassy was swamped and asked for help. Despite his age and inexperience, Raoul was an obvious choice because of his language skills and his knowledge of the German bureaucracy. He used every trick he could to save the Budapest Jews—flashy passes (that had no actual value whatsoever) printed with the coat of arms of the Three Crowns of Sweden, bribes, empty threats—whatever it took. Safe houses were marked as “Swedish Institutes,” Swedish Red Cross, and the like and Raoul declared that they were Swedish territory. During the infamous Death Marches from Budapest to the Austrian border, Raoul was in place along the side of the thousands of never-ending rows of starving, tortured Jews, handing out protective passes then telling Nazi guards that the individuals were Swedish citizens.

Russia “liberated” Budapest in January 1945. Raoul greeted the arriving Russian Army in perfect Russian and said that he was the Swedish charge d’affaires for the Russian liberated parts of Hungary and requested a meeting with the military leadership. On January 17, he left the city for Debrecen, site of the Russian military headquarters. Neither he nor his driver was seen again. Reports surfaced that he died in Russian captivity on July 17, 1947; however, there is testimony that he was alive after that date and could have survived into the 1980s. He is credited with saving at least 100,000 Hungarian Jews.

Prayer: God of the Covenant and Lord of the Exodus, by the hand of Moses you delivered your chosen people from cruel enslavement: We give you thanks for Raoul Wallenberg and all those Righteous Gentiles who with compassion, courage and resourcefulness rescued thousands of your children from certain death. Grant that, in the power of your Spirit, we may protect the innocent of every race and creed in the Name of Jesus Christ, strong Deliverer of us all; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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| Sun | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 5 Pentecost •9am HE •10:15 Coffee And Hot Dog Lunch | 2 | 3 | 4 Independence Day Office Closed | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 6 Pentecost •9am HE •10:15 Coffee | 9 | 10 •1-3 Sit & Stitch | 11 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door •6pm Healing Service & Eucharist | 12 | 13 | 14 •11:00 Roger Watkins Memorial Service |
| 15 7 Pentecost •9am HE •10:15 Coffee | 16 | 17 •7pm Vestry Meeting | 18 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door | 19 •8am Retired Men's Breakfast | 20 | 21 |
| 22 8 Pentecost •9am HE •10:15 Coffee | 23 | 24 •1-3 Sit & Stitch | 25 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 9 Pentecost •9am HE •10:15 Coffee | 30 | 31 | | | | |



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