



The Grace Vine

July 2022

Rector's Writ

Most of us hope the hectic pace of life might slow down a bit for summer. Most of us also hope that amidst the anxieties of today's world we might find some peace. For those of us who believe in God and Jesus Christ, we know the peace that comes from them surpasses our understanding and our worries and 'what ifs.' We're surrounded by a variety of issues, political and emotional disagreements, and differences. It's easy to forget the things we have in common with one another, especially our love for God, family, and country. Following are a few prayers (from our BCP), which I hope might remind us of the goodness and peace of the Lord God, whom we love and worship.

Enjoy your summer, July 4th, your families, and all the blessings God provides.

Carol+

Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. (For the nation, BCP p. 258)

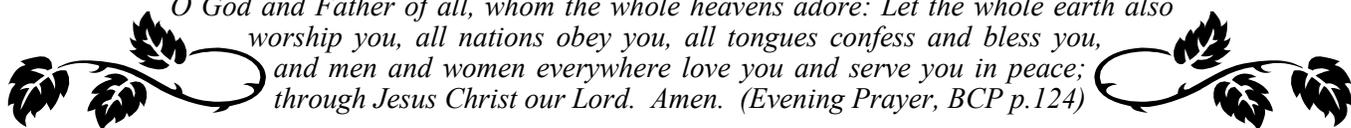
Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. Amen. (For Peace, BCP p. 815)

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (For Social Justice, BCP p.823)

O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last. Amen. (In the Evening, BCP p.833)

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. (For the Good Use of Leisure, BCP p.825)

O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship you, all nations obey you, all tongues confess and bless you, and men and women everywhere love you and serve you in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Evening Prayer, BCP p.124)



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 3 8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 4 Pentecost

Celebrant	The Rev. Carol Evans	1st Reading	2 Kings 5:1-14 Fred Lundgren
Wrshp Ldr	10am Carolyn Englert	Psalm	30
Greeters	Jeff & Lisa Marsh	2nd Reading	Galatians 6:1-16 Nancy Lundgren
Organist	Tim Lewicki	Gospel	Luke 10:1-11. 16-20
Video	Doug Holzschuh		
Altar Guild	Marsha Snyder & Joan Seman		
Coffee Hosts	8am Joan & Frank Seman 10am Marsha & Bill Snyder (4th of July)		
Counters	Carol Marotra & Laurie Barney		

Sunday, July 10 8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 5 Pentecost

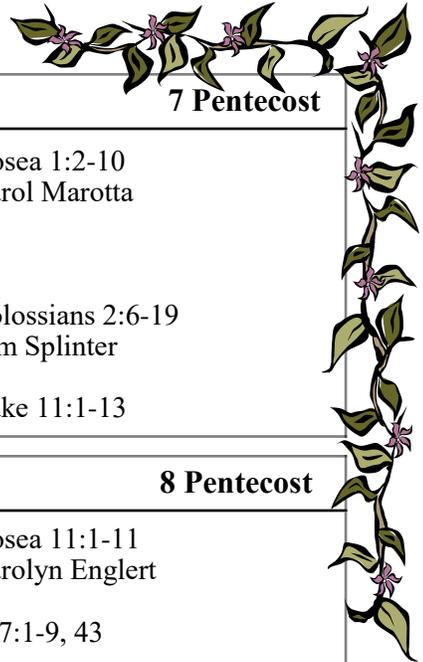
Celebrant	The Rev. Carol Evans	1st Reading	Amos 7:7-17 Tim Splinter
Deacon	8am The Rev. William Snyder	Psalm	82
Greeters	Jeff & Lisa Marsh	2nd Reading	Colossians 1:1-14 Carolyn Englert
Organist	Tim Lewicki	Gospel	Luke 10:25-37
Video	Doug Holzschuh		
Altar Guild	Marsha Snyder & Joan Seman		
Coffee Hosts	8am Mike & Shirley Johnson 10am Nancy & Jim Ervin		
Counters	Carol Marotra & Laurie Barney		

Sunday, July 17 8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 6 Pentecost

Celebrant	The Rev. Carol Evans	1st Reading	Amos 8:1-12 Martha Croll
Wrshp Ldr	10am Nancy Lundgren	Psalm	52
Greeters	Nancy & Jim Ervin	2nd Reading	Colossians 1:15-28 Jeff Croll
Organist	Tim Lewicki	Gospel	Luke 10:38-42
Video	Doug Holzschuh		
Altar Guild	Marsha Snyder & Joan Seman		
Coffee Hosts	8am Shirley & Mike Johnson 10am Cindy Ward & Cathy Potisuk		
Counters	Barb Popiel & TBD		

Plans to Lock Most Doors During Worship

The vestry recently decided to lock entry doors to Grace Church about 10 minutes before worship begins at 8 & 10am, with the exception of the front church doors. That will be the only access to the church once services begin. The current plan is to provide ushers with a key, so that if members need to use the Parish Hall restroom during worship they'll have access to that. There are also restrooms downstairs for those without mobility issues. This action is being taken as part of an effort to do what we can to ensure the safety of all our members. We welcome your feedback and appreciate your cooperation.



Sunday, July 24		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist		7 Pentecost	
Celebrant	The Rev. Carol Evans	1st Reading	Hosea 1:2-10		
Deacon	The Rev. William Snyder		Carol Marotta		
Greeters	John & Mary Jean McDonald	Psalm	85		
Organist	Tim Lewicki	2nd Reading	Colossians 2:6-19		
Video	Doug Holzschuh		Tim Splinter		
Altar Guild	Marsha Snyder & Joan Seman	Gospel	Luke 11:1-13		
Coffee Hosts	8am TBD 10am Doris Whipple & Gail Richards				
Counters	Barb Popiel & TBD				

Sunday, July 31		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist		8 Pentecost	
Celebrant	The Rev. Carol Evans	1st Reading	Hosea 11:1-11		
Deacon	The Rev. William Snyder		Carolyn Englert		
Greeters	Marsha Snyder	Psalm	107:1-9, 43		
Organist	Tim Lewicki	2nd Reading	Colossians 3:1-11		
Video	Doug Holzschuh		Martha Croll		
Altar Guild	Marsha Snyder & Joan Seman	Gospel	Luke 12:13-21		
Coffee Hosts	8am Rick Lashley & Debbie Shorts 10am Martha & Jeff Croll				
Counters	Barb Popiel & TBD				

Sunday, August 7		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist		9 Pentecost	
Celebrant	The Rev. Carol Evans	1st Reading	Isaiah 1:1, 10-20		
Wrshp Ldr	10am Carolyn Englert		Fred Lundgren		
Greeters	Fred & Nancy Lundgren	Psalm	50:1-8, 23-24		
Organist	Tim Lewicki	2nd Reading	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16		
Video	Doug Holzschuh		Nancy Lundgren		
Altar Guild	Cathy Potisuk & Laurie Barney	Gospel	Luke 12:32-40		
Coffee Hosts	8am Joan & Frank Seman 10am Mary Jean & John McDonald				
Counters	Barb Popiel & Kingsland Pretorius				



Contributions for Repairs & Improvements Welcome

The vestry is in the process of withdrawing \$40,000 from the Beatty Fund for needed repairs and replacements to help keep the physical plant at Grace in decent shape. As most of you know, we count on the Beatty fund to help with our deficit gap and to help fund major capital improvements. The Building & Grounds group has been working with vestry on identifying priority projects and seeking/obtaining bids. The vestry and rector would appreciate any contribution Grace members might care to make to help cover the project costs. Anything we receive in contributions means less that has to be used from Beatty, and needless to say the stock markets have been mostly down and on occasion up recently. Also, as projects are postponed, there's an estimated 10% increase each year, as many of you know. In an effort to keep members informed, the contributions members make and Beatty funds will be used for the following needed work & improvements:

- replace steps and deck at church front door; the same company will also do foundation repairs (especially on the west side), work on block glass lentils (rust removal & paint), brick tuckpointing, and drain repair by north side steps
- resurface asphalt parking lot
- replace church boiler with more efficient model
- some areas of flat roof(s) needing repair and/or replacement



Did You Know?...



Happy Fourth of July. Boy it's been a hot one. **Eleanor Blank** is the oldest member of our Grace Church family and she just celebrated her 101st birthday. Congratulations, Eleanor! We all wish you the very best for years to come....

We welcome back our organist **Tim Lewicki** from his vacation time. He and his family visited his wife **Yuka's** family in Japan. Tim, you were really missed, however, Choir Director **Martha Croll**, had her good friend **Berni Hisey**, sub for our organist as we celebrated the Day of Pentecost. On June 12th Martha, along with **Nik Adamcyewski** (another friend-who's-like-family) both played their guitars as we sang some of our favorite hymns. Then on June 19 everyone sang acapella. The people of this church know how to adapt...

Bill and Marsha Snyder went to see **Sue and Bruce Ahrens**, and it was a good visit. Sue looks good and can understand what you're saying but has some difficulty responding. She continues to work on improving, and Bruce helps her with that. He's a real joy to visit with, too and knows so much about Portage County history. He also knows just about everyone in the county. Just ask Bruce and he can give you the "lowdown"...

It was nice to see **Eric Splinter** in church. He came from New York to visit with his parents, **Marcia & Tim**, and his brother **Kevin** who starts a new job in Wisconsin. And not only does Eric come to church, but he joins the choir for the day, and a great addition he is. Some people didn't even know who he was with his long hair, and he seems to have grown about a foot. You know young boys change so much from high school graduation to after college. **Marsha Snyder** certainly didn't know who he was and even introduced herself to him. She was shocked to finally realize who that young man was! Maybe it was just old age. His not mine...

Shirley & Mike Johnson had an informal dinner gathering of friends to see their daughter, **Susan Kay** while she was home visiting from California and helped host the Miss Ohio pageant. They've also been busy helping organize Shirley's High School class

reunion which includes a catered dinner at the Parish Hall. On July 9th, the class Sunday breakfast will be hosted by Shirley & Mike at their home; not only a lovely place to gather but the group will enjoy the Johnsons' hospitality and good food, too!...

And **Marsha Snyder's** been with long-time friends as they work on and plan their 60th high school reunion. Where has the time gone?...

Nancy Ervin has two granddaughters, **Kelly and Emily**, graduating this year and she's been busy with all those parties. Emily's planning for two hundred people at her party. She attended and played basketball at both Ravenna and Stow High School and has been a member of several traveling teams, so she knows a lot of people...

Rick Lashley and Debbie Shorts took their trailer on their Michigan vacation this summer and had a wonderful time until while on their way home they hit something in the road that stopped them in their tracks. They had a difficult time finding someone to tow them and a worse time getting someone to repair it. But help finally arrived, they had the repairs done, and had a good time anyway...

Bette Brooks reports that daughter **Amanda** was invited to be the Opening Keynote speaker for Hendrix College's inaugural Life Launch for rising juniors and seniors. She is an award-winning sports public relations veteran who is now in television as the Public Relations Manager for ESPN's college networks. She leads day-to-day public relations strategy for ESPN's college football portfolio, including the College Football Playoff, as well as serving as the spokesperson for SEC Network...

Doris Whipple was so proud of her granddaughters **MacAlah and Kara Simonson**. They both recently graduated from an alternative high school in Akron. Congratulations to MacAlah and Kara! Everyone have a wonderful, safe, and healthy summer!...

Please say a prayer for **Barb Popiel's daughter Michelle** Davis as she will have the 2nd surgery to stent her brain aneurysm on July 7th. It is all subject to the 1st aneurysm stented still working properly, as they can not do two at the same time. Pray all goes well.

Thank you! Thank you!

Our thanks & appreciation to those who serve & help at Grace Church in so many ways, including:

- **Carol Marotta** for planning & organizing the Church picnic at Chestnut Hills Park (not to mention cooking/grilling, too!)
- **The Poker boys, Jeff Croll, Jeff Marsh, Tony Mercury, Bill Snyder, and Maynard Evans** for contributing to a very worthy cause. Maynard isn't always up to attending, but likes to contribute to what they give away.
- **Doug Holtzschuh** for live streaming and recording services for our members at home to access.
- **John McDonald** for replacing all the EXIT lights upstairs & down; for applying aluminum paint to the metal posts of the parish hall steps; and for getting bids on asphaltting the parking lot, replacing the boiler, and flat roof repairs; and to John and his neighbor for staining the rectory deck.
- **All our members who host coffee hour** so we have food and fellowship to enjoy after the 8 & 10am services.
- **Nancy & Fred Lundgren** for work they've done at Gracie's

Best Wishes to Michelle McLaughlin

We offer our best wishes and prayers for God's blessings to Michelle McLaughlin whose last Sunday with us will be July 2nd. Michelle will be moving to Tennessee for some new opportunities and adventures after spending a very busy four and a half years at Grace and the Kent/Ravenna area. Michelle has been very active, serving on vestry and as Jr. Warden last year.

She assures us she'll drop back in on occasion, as she plans to be visiting her mom in Kent every couple of months. God's blessings, Michelle; our thanks for all you've done at Grace Church; and be safe in your moving and travels.



Congratulations!

and many happy returns...

Anniversaries

11th Kenneth & Carolyn Englert
13th Jeff & Martha Croll
16th Ralph & Kay Wise
21st Phil & Courtney Rich
24th Dan & Lynn Francois



Baptisms

7th Julie Canan
19th Eric Splinter
29th Midge Myers

Birthdays

1st Lisa Paxton
3rd Isaiah Allison
7th Kara Simonson
10th Phillip George
11th Michelle Lambert
12th Amy Seman
14th Bev Lewis-Mercury
15th Kirsten Seman
16th Noah Allison
20th Bill Snyder
Daniel Kearsey
23rd Michael Canan
Debbie Shorts
24th Jeff Marsh
26th Dennis Dier
27th Frank Seman
29th Dani Dier
31st Samuel Rich

The Bulletin Board

If any church member is in need of yard work or other small jobs please let us know.

Call the church at
(330) 296-3443

-Grace Vestry

Breakfast Club

July 15th, 8:00 AM
Brimfield Steak House

Everyone is invited to join the group! We order off the menu and pay for our own meals.



Walking Group

Come walk with us! Walking group continues, weather permitting, each Sunday, 12 noon. Meet at Chestnut Hills Park, N. Chestnut Street, Ravenna.



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.*

Andrew Trocmé 4/7/1901—6/5/1971

Righteous Gentile

The phrase "Righteous Gentile" 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 (GraceVine July 2018); Hiram Bingham IV of the USA (GraceVine July 2019); Karl Lutz of Switzerland (GraceVine July 2020); C. Sujihara of Japan (GraceVine July 2021); and Andrew Trocmé of France. Andrew Trocmé is the final Righteous Gentile listed in the lectionary of the Episcopal Church and is the subject of this entry.

Pastor André Trocmé was the spiritual leader of the Protestant congregation in the village of Le Chambon sur Lignon in southeastern France. During World War II, the village and its environment became a haven for Jews fleeing the Nazis and their French collaborators. When the deportations began in France in 1942, Trocmé urged his congregation to give shelter to "the people of the Bible." The village and its outlying areas were quickly filled with hundreds of Jews. Some found permanent shelter in the hilly region of Le Chambon; others were given temporary asylum until they were able to escape across the border, mostly to Switzerland. Despite the danger, Jews were housed with local townspeople and farmers, in public institutions and at children's orphanages. With the help of the inhabitants, some Jews were escorted on the dangerous treks to the Swiss border. The entire community banded together to rescue Jews, viewing it as their Christian obligation.

The people of Le Chambon acted upon their conviction that it was their duty to help their "neighbors in need." Many factors joined together to create this generous spirit: the history of Protestant persecution as a religious minority in Catholic France; empathy for Jews as the people of the Old Testament and a shared biblical heritage; and the powerful leadership and example of the pastor and his wife, Andrew and Magda Trocmé. According to one estimate, some 5,000 Jews passed through Le Chambon and the surrounding villages until liberation. The people of Chambon acted on their conviction that it was their duty to help their "neighbors" in need.

The Vichy (French Nazi collaboration) authorities suspected what was taking place; it was, after all, impossible to keep such wide-scale rescue activities secret over such an extended period. The authorities demanded that the pastor cease his activities. His response was clear-cut: "These people came here for help and for shelter. I am their shepherd. A shepherd does not forsake his flock... I do not know what a Jew is. I know only human beings." Neither pressure from the authorities nor searches by security agents diminished the resolve of the Trocmés and their team. On 15 August 1942, Trocmé vehemently articulated his opinion to an official of the Vichy government during the official's visit to the small town. Several days later, gendarmes moved into Le Chambon to purge the town of its "illegal" residents. Two weeks later, on 30 August, the suspense climaxed with rumors of an arrest warrant issued against the minister. In his overflowing church, Trocmé urged his congregants to "do the will of God, not of men," and stressed the importance of fulfilling the commandment in Deuteronomy 19:2-10 concerning the entitlement of the persecuted to shelter. There were no arrests that day, and several days later the gendarmes were withdrawn from town, their mission an utter failure.

In February 1943, Trocmé and two colleagues were arrested and interned at the prison camp near Limoges. Trocmé was held for five weeks, while the camp commander tried to pressure him to sign a commitment to obey all government orders. The minister refused to succumb, but after his release he was forced to go underground. Even his absence, however, did not deter the residents of Le Chambon. They were united in fulfilling a supreme moral command. They continued Pastor Trocmé's legacy by welcoming persecuted Jews into their homes, enabling many of them to live in relative calm until the end of the war.

On January 5, 1971, Yad Vashem, Israel's official memorial to the victims of the Holocaust, recognized Andrew Trocmé and on May 14, 1984, his wife, Magda, as Righteous Among the Nations.

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 Andrew Trocmé 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 forever. Amen.



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