



The Grace Vine

June 2021

Rector's Writ

Bishop Hollingsworth recently sent a letter to parish clergy and wardens issuing new guidelines for in-person worship, meetings, and other parish gatherings. Our 10am Holy Eucharist on May 23rd was the first service in over a year with Prayer Books and Hymnals back in the pew racks and with hymns being sung. To say members were surprised and happy to see those books and sing hymns is an understatement!

Re indoor gatherings, all members are still to maintain social distancing, with the exception of families of the same household. With the same exception, we also continue to limit the passing of the Peace to no physical contact. We will continue to receive communion in one kind (bread) only. Masks are required for indoor worship and gatherings, 'except while preaching, reading lessons or intercessions, officiating, (etc.), so long as such persons are fully vaccinated' (that is two weeks after receiving a single dose vaccine or two weeks after having the second of a two dose vaccine). As already mentioned, singing is allowed in 'quiet voices' and with masks.

A few coffee hour hosts and members have discussed the need to follow safe protocols for coffee hour. We plan to offer coffee and refreshments (individual portions by a masked hostess/host) and fellowship after each service **beginning June 6th** (optional of course, with masks and distancing still necessary except while eating). Although the COVID risks dictated safe (but not-at-all-easy) changes, our fellowship gathering after church is one of the things we've missed most. Our thanks to those hosting coffee hour in the past and those helping our fellowship get re-started. Marsha will have a coffee host sign-up sheet on the back table. We hope to have more fellowship and more volunteers than ever.

The new Guidelines/Protocols for In-Person Gathering are posted on the diocesan web site (www.dohio.org), and we'll have copies available at church as well. As always, we appreciate your patience and cooperation in providing a safe place for worship, fellowship, meetings, and activities. The rector and vestry will continue reviewing the guidelines and invite your comments and suggestions. As ever, we welcome your continued prayers and support as our Lord guides and upholds our Grace Church family and all people with his abiding love and goodness.



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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, June 6 | | 8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist | | 2 Pentecost | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|---|---|--------------------|--|
| Celebrant | The Rev. Carol Evans | 1st Reading | 1 Samuel 8:4-20, 11:14-15 Nancy Lundgren | | |
| Deacon | 10:00 The Rev. William Snyder | Psalm | 138 | | |
| Wrshp Ldr | 8:00 Bette Brooks | 2nd Reading | 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 Fred Lundgren | | |
| Greeters | Fred & Nancy Lundgren | Gospel | Mark 3:20-35 | | |
| Altar Guild | Nancy Lundgren & Carol Marotta | | | | |
| Counters | TBA | | | | |

| Sunday, June 13 | | 8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist | | 3 Pentecost | |
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| Celebrant | The Rev. Carol Evans | 1st Reading | 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13 Tim Splinter | | |
| Deacon | 10:00 The Rev. William Snyder | Psalm | 20 | | |
| Wrshp Ldr | 8:00 Sally Dier | 2nd Reading | 2 Corinthians 5:6-17 Karen Krofta | | |
| Videogrphr | Doug Holzschuh | Gospel | Mark 4:26-34 | | |
| Greeters | Marsha Snyder | | | | |
| Altar Guild | Nancy Lundgren & Carol Marotta | | | | |
| Counters | TBA | | | | |

| Sunday, June 20 | | 8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist | | 4 Pentecost | |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|---|--|--------------------|--|
| Celebrant | The Rev. Carol Evans | 1st Reading | 1 Samuel 17:57-18:5, 10-16 Martha Croll | | |
| Worship | 8:00 Bette Brooks | Psalm | 133 | | |
| Leaders | 10:00 Carolyn Englert | 2nd Reading | 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 Jeff Croll | | |
| Videogrphr | Doug Holzschuh | Gospel | Mark 4:35-41 | | |
| Greeters | Nancy & Jim Ervin | | | | |
| Altar Guild | Nancy Lundgren & Carol Marotta | | | | |
| Counters | TBA | | | | |

Bible Study Resumes in the Fall

The 4pm Sunday Bible Study of the lectionary readings for the day will take a summer break and resume this fall.

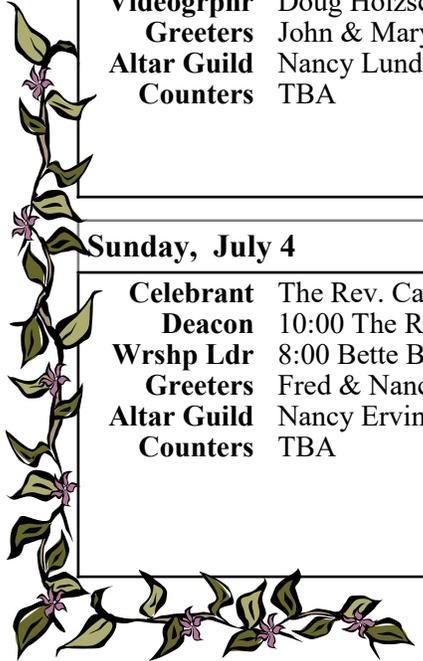
It sounds like this group enjoyed both the discussions and the fellowship they shared. Many thanks to **Kingsland Pretorius** for providing and setting up the Zoom subscription that made the study accessible from home!





| Sunday, June 27 | | 8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist | | 5 Pentecost | |
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| Celebrant | The Rev. Carol Evans | 1st Reading | 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27 Carol Marotta | | |
| Deacon | 10:00 The Rev. William Snyder | | Psalm | 130 | |
| Wrshp Ldr | 8:00 Sally Dier | 2nd Reading | | 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 Carolyn Englert | |
| Videogrphr | Doug Holzschuh | | Gospel | Mark 5:21-43 | |
| Greeters | John & Mary Jean McDonald | | | | |
| Altar Guild | Nancy Lundgren & Carol Marotta | | | | |
| Counters | TBA | | | | |

| Sunday, July 4 | | 8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist | | 6 Pentecost | |
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| Celebrant | The Rev. Carol Evans | 1st Reading | 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 Fred Lundgren | | |
| Deacon | 10:00 The Rev. William Snyder | | Psalm | 48 | |
| Wrshp Ldr | 8:00 Bette Brooks | 2nd Reading | | 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Nancy Lundgren | |
| Greeters | Fred & Nancy Lundgren | | Gospel | Mark 6:1-13 | |
| Altar Guild | Nancy Ervin & Cindy Hoskins | | | | |
| Counters | TBA | | | | |



Video Volunteers Needed



Our videographer, Doug Holzschuh has been recording or live streaming worship services for a year now and has the process and routine pretty well established. Doug continues to be very reliable, and we're grateful for that, but he and Kingsland will be away for three Sundays in August.

He has the process arranged so it runs smoothly; is not difficult to set up; but we need someone to move the video camera at different times (done easily from the front pew), and oversee the live streaming via YouTube. The ideal would be to have enough volunteers to commit to live streaming a worship service one Sunday a month (so each Sunday is covered by a different person and no one gets too weary).

If you're comfortable with technology or a quick learner willing to review the 'how to' booklets Doug has made for us, we could use your help. We plan to continue offering live stream services to our members at home and/or simply as a way to attract new viewers and members. Please let the rector or Doug know if you would help with this ministry so we can keep online worship as an option for any current or potential members worshipping from home.

THANK YOU!!



Did You Know?...



Well, spring was on its way, and then somehow it took a wrong turn. The Mother's Day service on May 9th was one miserable weather day. That rain, snow, ice mix played havoc on our city, and by the time we got out of church there was ice on the sidewalks and cars and the streets were iffy. At least one church member didn't make it to church because of the road conditions. And all those beautiful plants we purchased had to be taken in and protected from the elements. But, as we always say "It's Ohio, and if you don't like the weather -- just wait it will change." But Mother's Day wasn't missed by our loving children and grandchildren. And we did raise a lot of great kids here at Grace Church, whether they're one year old or well beyond that. I did try to call all the mothers and find out what their day was like so if I missed you, I'm sorry. But here are some of the responses...

Gail Richards was so happy with the gift from her grandchildren; they made for her a beautiful apron with their hand prints made into flowers. That's something you'll want to keep forever, Gail...

Mary Jean McDonald attended a Mother's Day brunch hosted by her daughter-in-law; then later her son **Michael** and his family came for a visit...

Marsha Snyder's son **Luke** took them out to dinner on Saturday, and on Sunday daughter **Jill** came for a visit from Dayton and brought lasagna for dinner...

Jack Sarver bought flowers for his lovely wife **Joanne**...

On Saturday, **Nancy & Jim Ervin** went to dinner with their son **Scott** and after dinner Scott did some yard work for his parents. On Sunday their son **Michael** and his family came to celebrate the day with Nancy. They all enjoyed food from Guido's and had a wonderful time...

Nancy & Fred Lundgren's daughter **Lisa** invited them over for dinner. Nancy was thrilled to spend some time with granddaughter **Taylor**, who has been busy working on the Stow police force, and granddaughter **Paige** who is in college. They also had some good Face Time with their son **Bill** in Texas...

Kay Wise spent time with her sons **Victor** and **Cary** and granddaughter **Caitlin**, who came from Columbus. They honored their mother with a trip to Cleveland where they enjoyed a lovely meal at Collision Bend in the Flats. She and **Ralph** enjoyed the time with their boys...

Sue and Bruce Ahrens went to son **Fred's** house and were joined by their grandchildren and great-grandchild. Fred had a cookout and they enjoyed the day together...

Bette Brooks had a Mother's Day zoom meeting with her girls, **Amanda, Beverly, Laurel, and Carolyn** and granddaughter **Molly**. She said they spent an hour and a half talking. All the girls live out of town but that didn't stop them from celebrating with their mother...

Laurie Barney and daughter **Caitlin** and grandson **George** went to the Cleveland Children's Museum, which George loves. For dinner her son **Andrew** came from Pennsylvania to spend time with the family...

Mary Cabot enjoyed hearing from all five of her children, all are out of town. But, it was a quiet day, and we all need one of those...

Carol Marotta enjoyed a visit with her daughter and grandsons and received a lovely silver chain and some flowers...

Janet Hughes had a visit from her daughters **Lisa & Elaine** who brought her flowers and visited for several hours...

Sally Dier had an interesting Mother's Day, beginning her day as Worship Leader for the 8:00 am service. Then daughter **Dani** took Sally & **Dennis** to breakfast. On their way they almost had a crash when a driver went through an intersection. A tree branch fell on the road, and while trying to miss it they hit a car, with no damage done. When they got home a tree branch fell on Dani's car, without any damage. And breakfast out was lousy! The important thing is no one was hurt and no damage was done. And they did thank God for reaching home safely. For Father's Day they might just want to stay home...

Cathy Potisuk celebrated Mother's Day a week later when daughter-in-law **Melissa** had her mother **Nancy** and Cathy and the rest of the family over for a cookout...

Barb Popiel had a wonderful surprise when her daughter **Michelle** and four year old granddaughter **Hanna** came to visit, all the way from North Carolina. They had a family gathering and dinner, and Hanna enjoyed her eight year old cousin, **Tyson**. Michelle also spent time with her 99 year old grandmother. Barb will be visiting Michelle in just a few weeks, that's why she was so surprised to see them...

Pat Williams' son Michael invited her and his in-laws over for dinner, where he cooked a lovely salmon meal. She enjoyed her time with the family especially the grandchildren...

Not all Mother's Days were spent enjoying family; **Carolyn Englert** was home with a miserable case of shingles, and **Shirley Johnson** just got out of the hospital with an infection from her cat's bite. Shirley's doing much better, and her cat Teddy is doing ok as well...

Kevin Splinter is back home from college for the summer, so **Marcia and Tim** have no more "empty nest syndrome." They'll no doubt love having Kevin back home for the summer months, especially while their oldest son **Eric** is busy job hunting and looking for an apartment in New York...

The **Snyder's** were sad to lose their beloved cat Gunner. There will never be another Gunner.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL DADS IN OUR GRACE CHURCH FAMILY!

Father's Day Prayer

Dear Lord and Father of all, we give you thanks and pray that your blessings will always be upon our fathers; those with us still, those in your nearer presence, and those who've been like a father to us. May we appreciate their love, encouragement, and hard work for their family's benefit. Help us to honor our fathers and live by the wisdom they teach us. Grant that we may be grateful to and grateful for dads who give, help, and teach us so much. Watch over them and grant them your peace and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Prayer for Graduates

Our only senior this year is Gerry Rich, who graduates from High School in early June. We offer best wishes and prayers for God's blessings now and in his future endeavors. We give thanks for the many times and ways he has willingly served and helped with worship, projects, and events at Grace. Congratulations and God's blessings, Gerry!!

O God, you are the source of wisdom, love, hope, and joy: send out your light to guide Gerry and all graduates. Give him a clear knowledge of his calling and gifts; help him to see your hand at work in his life and in the world around him; confirm in him the holiness of your truth. Strengthen and lead him to become a faithful person of prayer and vision; through Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us that with you, O God, all things are possible. Amen.

Birthdays

- 8th Eric Splinter
- 9th Cindy Hoskins
Kingsland Pretorius
- 10th Emily Ahrens
- 12th Chris Ahrens
- 15th Sally Dier
- 21st Carol Evans
- 22nd Cathy Potisuk
- 25th Maynard Evans
- 26th Fred Ahrens
Taylor Paxton
Jenna Summy
- 28th Jeff Croll



Baptisms

- 7th Judy Watkins
Tim Splinter
- 8th Kara Simonson
MacAlah Simonson
Lynn Ann Zimmerman
- 22nd Fred Lundgren
- ? Kenneth Englert
Carolyn Englert
Michelle McLaughlin



Congratulations!

and many happy returns...

Anniversaries

- 7th Maynard & Carol Evans
- 9th Amir & Stephanie Amirazzaman
- 24th Carol & Eric Marotta
- 27th Frank & Joan Seman



The Bulletin Board

Sit & Stitch

June 8th & 15th 1:00-3:00 p.m.

The Sit and Stitch group will meet in the multi-purpose room (next to the church office) on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month. We hope to see you there. Please bring your sewing project (or just come and enjoy the fellowship, like some of us do) and wear a mask and keep social distancing.



Thank You! Thank You!

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

- **Doug Holzschuh** for live streaming and recording Sunday services for our members at home and others to access.
- **All** who disinfect church pews and high traffic areas after each service.
- **Marcia Splinter** for being a top notch treasurer and for now working and prepping for our annual audit.
- **Tim Splinter** for doing the Layout & Design on the Grace Vine each month, then e-mailing the issue
- **Our faithful members** who continue to support the church with your pledges.
- **All** those who pray for our Grace Church family and for Grace Church.

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.*

Justin Martyr, Philosopher, Apologist, and Martyr

June 1

Justin was born around 100 (both his birth and death dates are approximate) at Flavia Neapolis (ancient Shechem, modern Nablus) in Samaria (the middle portion of Israel, between Galilee and Judea) of pagan Greek parents. He was brought up with a good education in rhetoric, poetry, and history. He studied various schools of philosophy in Alexandria and Ephesus, joining himself first to Stoicism, then Pythagoreanism, then Platonism, looking for answers to his questions. While at Ephesus, he was impressed by the steadfastness of the Christian martyrs, and by the personality of an aged Christian man whom he met by chance while walking on the seashore. This man spoke to him about Jesus as the fulfilment of the promises made through the Jewish prophets. Justin was overwhelmed. "Straightway a flame was kindled in my soul," he writes, "and a love of the prophets and those who are friends of Christ possessed me."

Justin became a Christian, but he continued to wear the cloak that was the characteristic uniform of the professional teacher of philosophy. His position was that pagan philosophy, especially Platonism, is not simply wrong, but is a partial grasp of the truth, and serves as "a schoolmaster to bring us to Christ." He engaged in debates and disputations with non-Christians of all varieties—pagans, Jews, and heretics. He opened a school of Christian philosophy and accepted students, first at Ephesus and then later at Rome. There he engaged the Cynic philosopher Crescens in debate, and soon after was arrested on the charge of practicing an unauthorized religion. It has been suggested that Crescens lost the debate and denounced Justin to the authorities out of spite. He was tried before the Roman prefect Rusticus, refused to renounce Christianity, and was put to death by beheading along with six of his students, one of them a woman. A record of the trial, probably authentic, is preserved, known as *The Acts of Justin the Martyr*.

Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, who found your martyr Justin wandering from teacher to teacher, seeking the true God, and revealed to him the sublime wisdom of your eternal Word: Grant that all who seek you, or a deeper knowledge of you, may find and be found by you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.





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