

The Grace Vine

June 2005

Rector's Writ

*"Let me hear of your steadfast love in the morning, for in you I put my trust. Teach me the way that I should go, for to you I lift up my soul. Teach me to do your will, for you are my God. Let your good spirit lead me on a level path."
(Psalm 143:8, 10)*

Every year as springtime and graduations arrive, we're reminded of life's ongoing cycle. The kids are another year older; the end of one school year simply means a new one starts in the fall. Graduation launches us into the next phase of life and learning. Even in our Church calendar, Easter season is over and we begin that long stretch of the "Sundays after Pentecost." Some refer to this as "ordinary time."

We begin to realize that "ordinary time" is a gift, too. Graduation and seasons of the Church year can mark the completion of one journey and the beginning of another. In the special, significant life events and in the daily routine of work, raising a family, or retiring with that hoped for time to enjoy family and friends...God is present in ALL these. And whether we've come to the end of one path or begin blazing an unknown path or have no idea which of many paths to take, we'll always need the Lord's grace to lead and encourage us. This is true and relevant with those achievements we attain, but also to the everyday events and blessings of ordinary time. We need God's leading and guidance in our individual lives and in our life as the Church. It doesn't have to be that we seek this only for the major events and decisions of our lives.

Each day we can invite God to teach us and reveal himself to us as we seek to live according to his will and purpose. We can do that searching in the midst of community, in corporate and private prayer, in sharing our experience of God with others and listening to their faith story. We can enter, endure and celebrate the special times, the ordinary times, and the difficult times knowing our hope rests secure in our Lord's promise: "And remember, I am with you always, even to the end of the ages." (Matthew 28:20) Thanks be to God.

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. June 5—8:00am & 10:00am Holy Eucharist—3 Pentecost

Officiant: The Rev. Carol Evans Deacon: The Rev. William Snyder Lay Reader: Bette Brooks Greeters: John & Irene Machisko Acolytes: Emily Summy Shepherd: 8:00 Lloyd O'Keefe, 10:00 Bill Snyder Altar Guild: Judy Watkins & Bette Brooks Coffee Hosts: 8:00 TBD 10:00 Fred & Nancy Lundgren Counters: Nancy Lundgren & Dennis Dier Loyalton: Maynard Evans	8:00 Roberta O'Keefe 1st Reading Hosea 5:15-6:6 Bud Minnich Psalm 50:7-15 2nd Reading Romans 4:13-18 John Machisko Gospel Matthew 9:9-13
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Sun. June 12—8:00am & 10:00am Holy Eucharist—4 Pentecost

Officiant: The Rev. Carol Evans Deacon: The Rev. James Wichman Lay Reader: Carolyn Englert Greeters: John & Mary Jean McDonald Acolytes: Julie Canan Shepherd: 8:00 George Furrer, 10:00 Stephanie Higgins Altar Guild: Judy Watkins & Bette Brooks Coffee Hosts: 8:00 TBD 10:00 Kelly & Ron Postlethwaite Counters: Nancy Lundgren & Dennis Dier Loyalton: Judy Canan	8:00 Roberta O'Keefe 1st Reading Exodus 19:2-8a Laura Price Psalm 100 2nd Reading Romans 5:6-11 Tim Splinter Gospel Matthew 9:35-10:15
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Sun. June 19—8:00am & 10:00am Holy Eucharist—5 Pentecost—Father's Day

Officiant: The Rev. Carol Evans Deacon: The Rev. James Wichman Lay Reader: Judy Canan Greeters: Fred & Nancy Lundgren Acolytes: Paige Thomas Shepherd: 8:00 Roberta O'Keefe, 10:00 Leslie Thomas Altar Guild: Judy Watkins & Bette Brooks Coffee Hosts: 8:00 TBD 10:00 John & Mary Jean McDonald Counters: Nancy Lundgren & Dennis Dier Loyalton: Bill Snyder	1st Reading Jeremiah 20:7-13 Kathy Summy Psalm 69:7-10,16-18 2nd Reading Romans 5:15b-19 Steve Barna Gospel Matthew 10:16-33
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Bake Sale

On June 26, The Christian Education Department will organize a bake sale at the 8:00 am and 10:00am coffee hours.

Proceeds will benefit this year's Vacation Bible School.

Irene Machisko's pies will be auctioned off!

For more information call Addriane Conway: 330-298-1182

Sun. June 26—8:00am & 10:00am Holy Eucharist—6 Pentecost

Officiant: The Rev. Carol Evans Deacon: The Rev. William Snyder Lay Reader: Maynard Evans Greeters: Sandee West & Betty Russell Acolytes: Emily Neely Shepherd: 8:00 Jean Mercer, 10:00 Judy Canan Altar Guild: Judy Watkins & Bette Brooks Coffee Hosts: 8:00 TBD 10:00 John & Irene Machisko Counters: Nancy Lundgren & Dennis Dier Loyalton: Jim Wichman	8:00 Melissa Strainer 1st Reading Isaiah 2:10-17 Paige Thomas Psalm 89:1-4,15-18 2nd Reading Romans 6:3-11 Dennis Dier Gospel Matthew 10:34-42
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Sun. July 3—8:00am & 10:00am Holy Eucharist—7 Pentecost

Officiant: The Rev. Carol Evans Deacon: The Rev. James Wichman Lay Reader: Bette Brooks Greeters: Bonnie Quay & Marsha Snyder Acolytes: Katie Ahrens Shepherd: 8:00 Lloyd O'Keefe, 10:00—Bill Snyder Altar Guild: Linda Gaboury & TBD Coffee Hosts: 8:00 TBD 10:00 Marsha Snyder & Nydah Ellet Counters: Sue Ahrens & Blake Quay Loyalton: Maynard Evans	8:00 Roberta O'Keefe 1st Reading Zechariah 9:9-12 Judy Canan Psalm 145:8-14 2nd Reading Romans 7:21-8:6 Bud Minnich Gospel Matthew 11:25-30
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Steak Fry Dinner

June 18th 5:30-7:30 in the Parish Hall.

Come join in the fun! Jim and Nancy Ervin are planning a wonderful Steak Fry Dinner. Dinners are \$10.00 each, which includes steak, potato, salad, dessert, and rolls. *Hot dogs will be available at no charge for those children who don't like steak or can't eat them.*

To go along with the fellowship dinner, the FUN-draising committee will be holding a **BLIND AUCTION** during the dinner.

What is a **BLIND AUCTION** you may ask? Well...we ask for volunteers to donate wrapped items. It can be anything you want, but try to stay between \$10 and \$50. You can weigh the package down if you would like, so people will not be able to guess what it is...though everyone will be encouraged to shake the boxes and try to guess. The wrapped items will be sold to the highest bidder, who will get to open the box and see what they bought, so be inventive and have fun.

If you have any questions, please call Addrienne Conway 330-687-8238.

Did You Know?...

...**Caroline Brooks Shaver** has received her masters degree in International Affairs, but the best part is she already landed a job. Congratulations Caroline...

It was good to see **Amanda Brooks** in church. The girls are home from their respected colleges, but **Beverly** wasn't well enough to come to church. Maybe we'll see her soon...

Barb Popiel survived the 17 and 18 hour flights to and from Johannesburg, South Africa where she attended a hunting safari. Barb says it was a great experience, even watching the skimmers skin the animals. Not something you would see in the US. Capetown was beautiful with the mountains and blue water. On this type of trip no elephants, lions, or giraffes were seen. Barb had a lot of pictures to share with us and they were very interesting. She said she would love to go back again sometime and take another safari, but this time to shoot photos...

Debbie Haag called to say that all is well in Roswell, New Mexico and she and **Bob** enjoying the Wild Wild West. Bob loves his new job and the company is very happy with him. Debbie is enjoying her new house, but getting a little bored - she'll be looking for a job soon...

We received a thank you note from **Bishop Hollingsworth** thanking us for the donation that was collected for the Bishop's Discretionary Fund during **Bishop Bowman's** visit...

Dennis Dier is so proud of his girls. They both are now modeling professionally. **Beth** will soon appear in a national Honda commercial and **Dani** worked at the

recent hair show at the Convention Center in Cleveland. The stylists were so impressed with Dani's professionalism and have assured her that she would be called back...

Two baptisms took place here at Grace last month. **Ashlee Brook Abels**, granddaughter of **Pat Black**, was baptized on May 22nd at the 8:00 service and **Charlotte Jean Lundgren**, granddaughter of **Fred and Nancy Lundgren**, was baptized on May 29th...

Mary Jean McDonald, Bonnie Quay, Judy Canan, and Marsha Snyder represented Grace Church E.C.W. at the Diocesan annual meeting in Wadsworth. Our E.C.W. was in charge of registration, two workshops, and the Bishop's reception. Everything was well received and it was great fun being together...

The Adult Bible study class has been going very well, I hope it will continue in the fall...

We're getting a new sign for the front of the church, I hope everyone likes it - a lot of thought went into it. It should be in stalled late May or early June...

Thanks to **John McDonald** who fixed the falling ceiling in the hall near the Sexton's closet. It looks great...

Len Mercer is recovering from eye surgery and doing well - he no longer hurts, he's just in pain, or the other way around. I don't know what the difference is, but apparently he does...

Our best wishes and congratulations to **Amy Neely** who will be graduating from Ravenna High School.

Kenyon Summer Conference

God's Story is Worldwide

July 17 to
July 22, 2005

Located on the campus of Kenyon College, in Gambier, Ohio. Something for everyone, whether married or single, newborn or octogenarian. Worship, storytelling, music, speakers, workshops, theological reflections, outdoor games, leisurely chats, country expeditions, blissful hours in the bookstore, ice cream, and great people are all a part of the experience.

This year the Kenyon Summer Conference is pleased to have BISHOP KEN CLARKE, Bishop of Kilmore Elphin and Ardagh, Ireland, as its Keynote Speaker. Bishop Ken's Keynote Address each morning: "*The Pebble that became a Rock: The Life and Ministry of Peter.*" Bishop Ken and his wife, Helen, will both be leading workshops.

Registration is available through their web site
<http://www.kenyonconference.org>
or for a registration package by mail, write to:
Registrar, Kenyon Summer Conference,
Attention Rev. Carol Callahan,
1846 Blue Sky Park Rd., Williamsburg, Ohio 45176

Sponsored by the Bishops of the Diocese of Ohio and the Diocese of Southern Ohio. Open to people of all faiths.

Mother's Day Flower Sale

The **Mother's Day Flower Sale** took place on Saturday, May 7th on the front lawn of Grace Episcopal Church. Thanks to morning workers **Nancy and Fred Lundgren, Kay Canan, Cindy Hoskins, Sue Ahrens, Roberta O'Keefe, Addrienne Conway, Michelle Novak, Goldie, Midge Myers and Carol Evans** who brought out all the plants and tables. The front steps were quite a sight filled with beautiful hanging baskets. Cashiers were **Mary Jean McDonald, Roberta O'Keefe, and Judy Canan**. Thank you to all who participated by helping or buying flowers.

Profits: \$807! Fellowship and Evangelism: priceless!

It took 2 trucks to get the flowers from Tony Battaglia & Sons thanks to **John McDonald, Ken Boydell, Bruce and Sue Ahrens and Dennis Dier**. We thought we did not have many

plants until **Marsha Snyder and Janice Lallathin and her granddaughter Amelia Golec** spent hours decorating the pots with bows. Helpers **Roberta O'Keefe, Addrienne Conway, and Sue Ahrens** grew weary keeping up with finding the right baskets for each of the pots. Thank you to Gracie's Back Door where we retrieved many of the baskets for the pots. And thanks to so many who brought in baskets. Keep baskets for next year!

We thought **Irene Machisko** was going to need a truck to take home all she kept buying as she worked and saw yet another she could give to someone on her Mother's Day gift list!

Clean up was handled by **Kelly Postlethwaite, Addrienne Conway, and Marcia Splinter**. Everyone enjoyed the day and Grace Church got a little more known in our community with articles in the newspaper, signs in the stores made by **Pat Williams**, streets signs, and many received nice gifts for Mother's Day with our flyer inserted so they can get to know us even better.

Birthdays

5th Marsha Barna
8th Eric Splinter
9th Cindy Hoskins
10th Johnnie Machisko
Emily Ahrens
11th Georgia Golec
12th Leonard Mercer
Michelle Davis
15th Sally Dier
Chelcey Bell
18th June Marks
19th Dave Davis
20th Paige Thomas
21st Carol Evans
25th Jesse Moore
Maynard Evans
26th Kelly Postlethwaite
Taylor Paxton
29th Mike Canan

Congratulations!

and many happy returns...

Baptisms

1st Addrienne Conway
2nd Olivia Golic
Nydah Ellet
4th Steve Barna
7th Judy Watkins
Tim Splinter
22nd Fred Lundgren
Johnnie Machisko
25th Stephanie Higgins
? Kenneth Englert
Carolyn Englert

Anniversaries

3rd Keith & Janice Lallathin
7th Maynard & Carol Evans
9th Duane & Bernice McCauslin
27th Richard & Sharon Sanek
Frank & Joan Seman

Things You Always Wanted to Know About Your Church But Were Afraid to Ask

Or...
"WHY THE RED DOORS?!"

By
Tim Splinter

The following article was found by Marsha Snyder. It was written by the Rev. Bob Furniss after Good Samaritan Episcopal Church of Sauk Centre, Minnesota had its doors painted red. It was published in their local paper...

"...In the early days of the church it was understood that a soldier could not pursue an enemy that had entered through the red doors of a church. The red doors were a symbol of refuge and sanctuary for all people who entered. To all concerned, the red on the doors signified the blood of Christ that had been shed so that all who came to him could be saved. Anyone who passed through those doors was safe as long as they stayed behind them. Over time, Christian people began to see the red doors of the church as symbolizing not only physical refuge and safety, but spiritual refuge as well. The blood of Jesus, and of the Church's martyrs, that the red doors of the church symbolized, would protect you from evil, both physical and spiritual. The red doors spoke to the world of holy ground that existed inside those doors, space that had been purged and made clean by God's Holy Spirit. Today people choose to paint their church doors red for many of the same reasons that churches did centuries ago. The Episcopal Church would like to be recognized as a place of peace, refuge and salvation for all people in our community.

In a world where change seems to happen at a pace that leaves us wondering and uncertain, we hope that our churches proclaim through Word, Sacrament, and Ministry the unchanging truth of our Lord Jesus Christ. In a world where we experience brokenness and separated from one another and from the Beloved One, we hope that our churches can be a place of forgiveness and reconciliation.

In a world where illness and disease abound, where relations often seem broken beyond repair, where people feel that the cultural values of the day

leave them spiritually wanting, we hope that our churches can be a place for physical, emotional, and sexual abuses of all kinds abound, we hope that our churches can be places of safety, where every person's worth and dignity can be affirmed and protected.

It is our hope and prayer that the red doors are a regular reminder to all people who pass by, that this, and every other church in this community, is meant to be a place of refuge and safety from the physical and spiritual evils that we encounter each day."

Rev. Bob Furniss

I was given a bit more historical twist on this story at some point in my youth... In the VERY early days of the church, when persecution was a daily concern, a red door was a secret sign of a Christian household, a sign of safety for Christians in unfamiliar territory. I went online briefly looking for confirmation of this, but found only a lot of links to and quotations of the article above, so I've got to say it's only a theory. The marking of the door with blood at the original Passover is also a possible biblical/historical precedent from which the red door may have come.

I did, however, come across this possible side meaning. "The doors aren't painted red until the mortgage is paid off!"...though the source's tongue may have been in his cheek at the time...

Next month I shall make a good effort to explain the Beattie Fund's history and workings...really, I will this time...I mean it...

-Tim Splinter

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door •6pm Healing Service & Eucharist	2	3	4
5 Pentecost 3 8:00 HE 9:00 Coffee 10:00 HE 11:30 Coffee / Communion Ed.	6 •9am Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting	7	8 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door •6pm -7pm Communion Education	9	10	11 •9am-1pm Parish Work Day Lunch Provided
12 Pentecost 4 8:00 HE 9:00 Coffee 10:00 HE 11:30 Coffee	13	14	15 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door •Grace Vine Deadline	16 •8am Retired Men's Breakfast	17 •10-2 County Clothing Center	18 •5:30-7:30 Steak Fry
19 Pentecost 5 8:00 HE 9:00 Coffee 10:00 HE 11:30 Coffee Father's Day	20	21 •7pm Vestry Meeting	22 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door	23	24	25
26 Pentecost 5 8:00 HE 9:00 Coffee/ Bake Sale 10:00 HE 11:30 Coffee/ Bake Sale	27	28	29 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door	30		