



The Grace Vine

June 2007



Rector's Writ

The season of Pentecost is the longest season of our Church year and quite possibly the least understood. On the day of Pentecost the church celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit bestowed not only on the apostles but the promised gift for all who believe and "call on the name of the Lord." The original gathering took place 50 days after Easter.

Pentecost was derived from the Greek name of the Jewish Festival of Weeks, which began seven weeks after the Passover. Jewish tradition also held that the Law was given on this day. But for the apostles (and for us), Pentecost became the day the gift of the Holy Spirit arrived, just as Jesus had assured them. Jesus had not promised WHEN the Holy Spirit (also known as the Paraclete, guide, and counselor) would be sent, but more reliable than Fed Ex, the Spirit arrived dramatically around 9am on the day of Pentecost...and stayed. Since this event marked the beginning of the apostles 'going public' with the gospel, it's also known as the birthday of the Christian church.

The Sunday after Pentecost we celebrate Trinity Sunday. There's no way a brief definition can explain that mystery, but it, too, is a Principal Feast in our Church year.

The season of Pentecost lasts until the first Sunday of Advent. Although the Day of Pentecost uses red to symbolize the Holy Spirit and fire, the liturgical color for the season of Pentecost is green. It's symbolic of the growing season, not only in farms and gardens but in our spiritual life as well. We are to recognize the Spirit's presence and explore how we as the church become Christ's hands and heart in the world, *sharing and living* the gospel message of love, justice, and peace. It's a long season where we need practice for such discipleship and growth. We need the practice, and the Spirit provides the coaching. We receive that mentoring and nurturing in all the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit provide through worship, sacraments, and the unperfected company of those trying-to-be-faithful. We long to be part of a faith community where, serving and growing together, both the community and the individual are strengthened with renewal, forgiveness, and hope. That ongoing call (and challenge) of LIVING by the Spirit is what has the potential to change the world...and to change us.

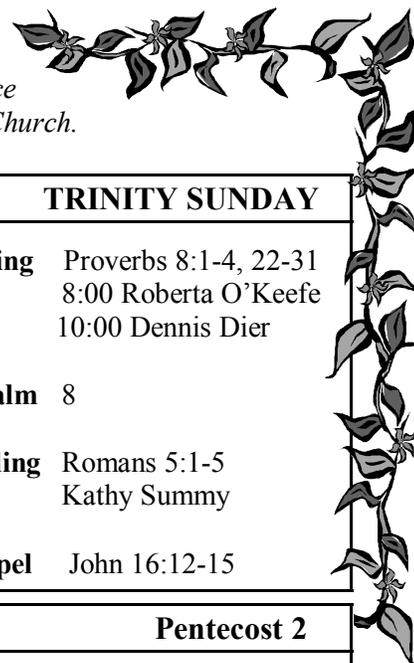
"The Spirit is the earthly presence of the glorified Lord. In the Spirit Christ becomes Lord of his Church, and in the Spirit the resurrected Lord acts both in the community and in the individual. The Spirit is not (our) own potential, but entirely the gift, the power and strength of God. ..The Spirit is the power which creates faith, and the norm according to which the believer is constantly summoned to live: "If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit" (Gal. 5:25).

(From The Church by Hans Kung)



Service and Lay Ministry Schedule

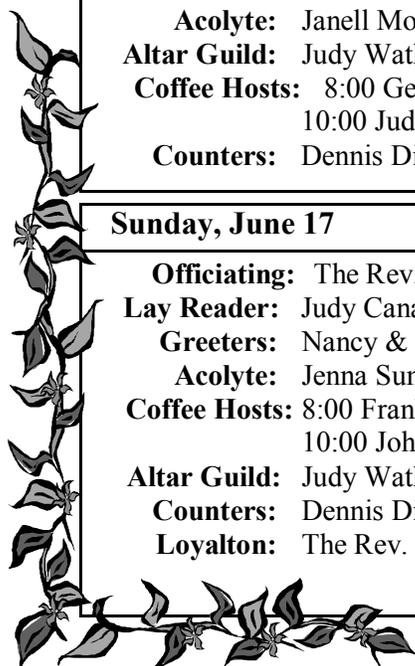
If you cannot serve when scheduled, please find a substitute and call the parish office with that person's name. Thank you for sharing in the liturgical ministry of Grace Church.



Sunday, June 3	8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	TRINITY SUNDAY
Officiating: The Rev. Carol S. Evans Lay Reader: Carolyn Englert Greeters: John & Mary Jean McDonald Acolyte: Schyler Conway Altar Guild: Judy Watkins & Stephanie Higgins Coffee Hosts: 8:00 Golec Girls 10:00 Ron & Kelly Postlethwaite Counters: Dennis Dier & Frank Seman Loyalon: Maynard Evans		1st Reading Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 8:00 Roberta O'Keefe 10:00 Dennis Dier Psalm 8 2nd Reading Romans 5:1-5 Kathy Summy Gospel John 16:12-15

Sunday, June 10	8:00 & 10:00 AM	Pentecost 2
Officiating: The Rev. Carol S. Evans Deacon: The Rev. William D. Snyder Lay Reader: Bette Brooks Greeters: Julie & Kay Canan Acolyte: Janell Moore Altar Guild: Judy Watkins & Stephanie Higgins Coffee Hosts: 8:00 George Furrer 10:00 Judy & Kay Canan Counters: Dennis Dier & Frank Seman		1st Reading I Kings 17:8-24 Steve Barna Psalm 146 2nd Reading Galatians 1:11-24 Cathy Mansor Gospel Luke 7:11-17

Sunday, June 17	8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	Pentecost 3
Officiating: The Rev. Carol S. Evans Lay Reader: Judy Canan Greeters: Nancy & Fred Lundgren Acolyte: Jenna Summy Coffee Hosts: 8:00 Frank & Joan Seman 10:00 John & Irene Machisko Altar Guild: Judy Watkins & Stephanie Higgins Counters: Dennis Dier & Frank Seman Loyalton: The Rev. William Snyder		1st Reading I Kings 21:1-21a Roberta O'Keefe Tim Splinter Psalm 5:1-8 2nd Reading Galatians 2:15-21, Paige Thomas Gospel Luke 7:36—8:3



MORE CHURCH BULLETIN BLUNDERS

A collection of hysterical typos, errors and poorly chosen words culled from the nation's church publications (or so they claim...)

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

The Rector will preach his farewell message after which the choir will sing: "Break Forth Into Joy."

(I've got more to come...)



Did You Know?...



May was a very busy month for us here at Grace Church, we began with the Garrettsville Garage Sale on May 5 (thanks to **Tim and Marcia Splinter** for making all the arrangements and even providing lunch for those who worked). **Irene Machisko, Reba Cook, Mary Jean McDonald, Sue Ahrens, Marsha Snyder, Blake & Bonnie Quay, and Rev. Carol** had a good time working and fellowship time together. The youth group (and parents) moved their meeting to Splinter's house so they could help tear down. Thanks to all those who contributed to this with items for sale and to all those who worked on that beautiful spring day...

It was UTO Sunday, on May 6 and we are happy to report that 28 people contributed a total of \$350.50 for this spring in-gathering...

Our Sit and Stitch group has been a real joy. We met at the home of **Marsha Snyder** to see the dolls house she's been working on and the next meeting was at **Sue Ahrens** where we had an old fashion tea party with lots of hats and gloves being worn. As you can tell not much stitching has been getting done, but we've been having fun, and some things have been accomplished. We're still working on the cloth dolls that will be sent to an African orphanage...

Thanks to **George Furrer** for representing Grace Church at the Crop Walk organizational meeting...

We are in the process of roof repair on the parish hall...

The Mother's Day plant and flower sale was a huge success thanks to the Fund Raising committee, and lots of people in the church and community who came buy to purchase the beautiful flowers/plants. **Janice Lallathin, Georgia and Amelia Golec, Goldie Shriver, and Mechele Novak, Roberta O'Keefe, Cathy Mansor, Joan Seman, Leslie Thomas, and Sue Ahrens** decorated baskets and pretty much everyone who came by to pick up pre-orders was put to work sorting flowers. **Marcia Splinter, Chris Stickle and Addrienne and Cory Conway** picked up the flowers and **Marcia, Addrienne, Pat Williams, Cindy Hoskins, Roberta O'Keefe, Blake and Bonnie Quay and Rev. Carol** worked the day of the sale. Thanks to **Collin Thomas and his cousin Vince** for setting up tables on the front lawn Saturday morning. We want to thank **Pochedly's Greenhouse** for the wonderful job they did for use, they not only gave us a very good price on flowers, but they took back what we didn't sell. They were wonderful...

The hospitality committee had a spring luncheon after the 8:00 service on May 13 (Mother's Day), however it was not called a Mother's Day breakfast because everyone was invited. A wonderful breakfast served by **Nancy Ervin, Mary Jean McDonald, Irene Machisko, Betty Capriola, and Marsha Snyder**...

Carol spent a week at CREDO in Louisanna, and our Senior Warden, **Bette Brooks** led that May vestry meeting ---we got out of there at 8:15; did you hear that Carol!! But, Bette did mention that the agenda was short...

Thanks to **Kay Canan** for working so hard and representing Grace Church at the Loaves and Fishes feeding program at the Methodist Church on May 19th. They served 78 people and members of the youth group helped serve...

While **Rev. Carol** was away **Deacon Bill Snyder** led us in Morning Prayer and did a great job!!...

May 27th was the last day for the choir and Christian education, even they get a summer break...

Paige Thomas and Eli Stover are our 2007 graduating high school seniors. Paige is graduating from Ravenna High School and Eli from Streetsboro High School. Congratulations...

Nydah took her new kitten Ginger to the vet to be de-clawed and spayed, however when she got to the vets she was told that Ginger was not a female, but a neutered male. So at least the poor kitty got out of one surgery...

Marsha and Bill Snyder are going to be grandparents again, their son **Luke** and daughter-in-law **Alex** will be having their first child sometime in January...

The County Clothing Center has really been hopping this year, the workers from Grace Church report. Word has it that **Mary Jean McDonald and Shirley Johnson** have been customers as of late. Find anything interesting girls??...

Cory Conway has been doing a great job as Junior warden. The new roof project has been a long coming, but is now in process, he's put in the air-conditioner in Gracie's and he and **John McDonald** put mulch all around the church. We've have to thank **George Furrer** mowing the grass, and **Mike and Shirley Johnson** for weeding and watering and keeping the place looking great.**John McDonald's** 101 year mother went bowling last month. Can you imagine!! ...

Mary Ann Switz has been busy at the local baseball fields with her grandsons this baseball season, however very fair blonds should be careful with all that sun, she's been a little red lately and you can't buy enough make up to over that!!...

It was good to see **Amanda and Beverly Brooks** in church after a successful school year. Both girls are going back to their school areas for summer jobs...

Betty Capriola will be headed for **Georgia** to see her daughter and family...

Fred and Nancy Lundgren went to Texas to visit with their son and family last month...

Judy and Roger are back for the summer from Florida. Welcome back!!...

We have some weddings this summer. **Stephanie Higgins and Stephen York** are getting married on July 7th and **Chris Eickler and Erica Vernon** are getting married August 11th. We wish both couples much happiness.

Dani graduated from Hiram College this spring with a BA in Art, Theatre and Management. She has a job in her field in the Youngstown area. For the summer, she's going to be the Technical Director for Hiram's Production of Music Man.

On the Horizon

Saturday June 9th Fellowship & Game Night 6:30pm

Everybody who comes has fun. Hope to see you all there. Bring your games and/or snacks.

Saturday June 16th Youth Car Wash Noon—2pm

At Pizza Pan downtown. Proceeds will allow the youth group to adopt a Safer Futures family for Christmas.

Saturday June 30th Steak Fry 5-7pm

It's been a year or two since our last one, but it's worth the wait. \$10 each. Sign up in the parish hall. Free hot dogs for the kids, too.

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

Saturday July 21st Men's Garage Sale

Please look through your things for possible donations (or do you have enough that you should rent your own table?) Also ask your friends and neighbors if they would like to rent a table. See Blake Quay for more details.

Saturday July 21st thru Sunday July 22nd Youth JAM

July 23rd—28th Vacation Bible School Avalanche Ranch

Spread the word to all your friends for Vacation Bible School at "Avalanche Ranch" with our western theme this year. We'll be collecting school supplies to be do donated through a local agency as we have in the past. If any adults can volunteer to help, talk to Addrienne Conway.



Wrap Up from the Garage Sale and the Flower Sale

We had a very successful garage (or should I say "driveway"?) sale. A big THANK YOU to all who donated, helped price and/or worked the day of the sale. We made \$439 that day and another \$193 from items we sold on Ebay later. Talk about a win-win situation... all those people with more room in their closets and basements and over \$600 toward the deficit.

The Mothers Day Flower Sale exceeded even my hopeful expectations this year (and that's saying something!). The grand total was \$1,722 in profit (just about \$1,000 more than last year)! Way to go Grace Church!

A big THANK YOU to Pochedly's Greenhouse - they were wonderful to work with. If you're looking for a greenhouse, Hiram really isn't all that far...

Rest up over the summer, 'cuz September and the Balloon Affair will be here before you blink twice.

Thanks,
Marcia Splinter & The Fundraising Committee