



# The Grace Vine

June 2009

## Rector's Writ

The Pentecost season is the longest season of our Church year and most likely the least understood. On 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 7		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	Trinity Sunday
<b>Officiating</b>	The Rev. Carol S. Evans		<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b> Isaiah 6:1-8
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Bette Brooks		Robeta O'Keefe
<b>Greeters</b>	John & Irene Machisko		Carolyn Englert
<b>Acolyte</b>	Kevin Splinter		<b>Psalm</b> 29
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Cindy Hoskins & Amy Neely		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b> Romans 8:12-17
<b>Coffee Hosts</b>	8:00 Frank & Joan Seman		Gordon Thompson
	10:00 Judy Canan & Bev Lewis-Mercury		<b>Gospel</b> John 3:1-17
<b>Counters</b>	Reba Cook & Alice Boydell		
<b>Loyalton</b>	Kathy Summy		

Sunday, June 14		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	Pentecost 2
<b>Officiating</b>	The Rev. Carol Evans		<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b> I Samuel 15:34-16:13
<b>Deacon</b>	The Rev. William Snyder		Bud Minnich
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Carolyn Englert		<b>Psalm</b> 20
<b>Greeters</b>	Bud Minnich & Gary Bell		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b> 2 Corinthians 5:6-17
<b>Acolytes</b>	Eric Splinter & Phil Crouse		John Machisko
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Barb Popiel & Amy Neely		<b>Gospel</b> Mark 4:26-34
<b>Coffee Hosts</b>	8:00 George Furrer		
	10:00 Jim & Nancy Ervin		
<b>Counters</b>	Marcia Splinter & Alice Boydell		

Sunday, June 21		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	Pentecost 3
<b>Officiating</b>	The Rev. Carol Evans		<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b> I Samuel 17: 1a, 4-11,
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Maynard Evans		19-23, 32-49
<b>Greeters</b>	Bonnie Quay & Bev Lewis-Mercury		Roberta O'Keefe
<b>Acolyte</b>	Jenna Summy		Steve Barna
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Barb Popiel & Amy Neely		<b>Psalm</b> 9:9-20
<b>Coffee Hosts</b>	8:00 Cindy Hoskins & Pat Williams		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b> 2 Corinthians 6:1-13
	10:00 Chris Stickle & Denise Crouse		Kathy Summy
<b>Counters</b>	Marcia Splinter & Alice Boydell		<b>Gospel</b> Mark 4:35-41
<b>Loyalton</b>	Bill Snyder		



## 2009 Deanery Outreach Project

Deanery churches are raising funds to help purchase mosquito nets for children at the Anglican Research Center orphanage in Tanzania. The Rev. Father M. Mabula is Director of the ARC. He has been to Christ Church, Hudson for visits/workshops, and our Senior Warden, Cathy Mansor, informed us that he will be teaching at Hiram College this summer. Your contribution will help prevent malaria from afflicting children at the orphanage and those living with foster

families. More than one million children in Tanzania have lost one or both parents to malaria, TB, and other illnesses. Any contribution you can offer is appreciated and will help provide better health and protection for these children. We'll receive donations now through the end of May. Please make checks payable to Grace Church and put "Deanery Outreach Project" on your check memo (or envelope if donating cash). MANY THANKS!

**Sunday, June 28**

**10:00 AM Holy Eucharist**

**Pentecost 4**

**Celebrant** The Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth, Bishop of Ohio  
**Officiating** The Rev. Carol S. Evans  
**Deacon** The Rev. William D. Snyder  
**Lay Reader** Cory Conway  
**Greeters** Nancy & Fred Lundgren  
**Acolyte** Jenna, Eric, Kevin, Taylor, Schyler  
**Altar Guild** Barb Popiel & Amy Neely  
**Coffee Hosts** 10:00 Hospitality Committee  
**Counters** Marcia Splinter & Alice Boydell

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27  
Cathy Mansor

**Psalm** 130

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** 2 Corinthians 8:7-15  
Tim Splinter

**Gospel** Mark 5:21-43

**Sunday, July 5**

**8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist**

**Pentecost 5**

**Officiating** The Rev. Carol Evans  
**Lay Reader** Bette Brooks  
**Greeters** John & Mary Jean McDonald  
**Acolytes** Schyler Conway  
**Altar Guild** Judy Watkins & Stephanie York  
**Coffee Hosts** 8:00 Tony & Toni Worthen  
 10:00 John & Irene Machisko  
**Counters** John McDonald & Roberta O'Keefe

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10  
Roberta O'Keefe  
Judy Canan

**Psalm** 48

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** 2 Corinthians 12:2-10  
Maynard Evans

**Gospel** Mark 6:1-13

# WELCOME OUR CONFIRMANDS & BISHOP HOLLINGSWORTH

*Luncheon Reception following 10am service June 28th  
No 8 am Service*

Plan to join us for a covered dish luncheon reception and celebration for our confirmands and their families and to welcome Bishop Hollingsworth to Grace Church. The lunch and reception (hosted by the Hospitality Committee) will follow service at 10am (no 8am service) with Confirmation and Holy Communion. The bishop will be confirming or receiving the following people as new members of Grace Church. We thank God for each of them, and we welcome them with joy into our Grace Church family.

**Brittany Cannon**  
**Nick Frieden**  
**Brittany Groff**  
**Tony, Toni, and Megan Worthen**





# Did You Know?...



**Emily Summy** is being assessed at the high school for being Gifted and Talented in the Visual Arts and was accepted into Maplewood Vocational school, in the medical field...

**Jenna Summy** was awarded with the Ravenna Lions Club Roy Smith Memorial Junior Citizenship award for 2009. (1 boy and 1 girl for each 5<sup>th</sup> grade class in Ravenna is receiving this award on May 19<sup>th</sup>.)...

The Fund raising committee, headed by **Marcia Splinter**, did a bang up job with the Mother's Day Plant Sale, the plants were beautiful and the greenhouse took back what didn't sell. It was great seeing so many people coming together and helping on a very windy day, we had to close up shop early flowers and baskets were flying everywhere. Thanks to those who decorated plants, delivered plants, sold plants, and bought plants. We make \$1,272.00, which was up from last year by a few dollars, however in this economy that really says something...

Thanks to all the children who made beautiful Mother's Day cards and passed them out to all the mothers present at the breakfast held between the 8:00 and 10:00 services. **Cora Pierce** was joined by her daughters **Corilee and Marilee** for Mothers Day and you could see it in her face how delighted she was to have them there with her on that special day. And speaking of breakfast thank you to **Nancy Ervin** and the hospitality committee and everyone who brought food for the breakfast, it was very nice to have a meal with our church family, again...

**Judy Canan** is recovering nicely from foot surgery, it did get her out of cooking for the E.C.W. breakfast (it was mentioned that she planned it that way ☺) however, **Toni Worthen** offered to help **Roberta O'Keefe** host that meeting. And being from the south, Toni's offering was biscuits and gravy -- and they were very goood!!! And so was the egg casserole Roberta brought. The E.C.W. meeting was held on the 16<sup>th</sup> of May, **Marsha Snyder's** birthday, and of course there were some very "special gifts" and singing. It was very nice...

**Adrienne** Conway come back from India with e-coli, and as a result spent many days at the hospital getting two shorts a day for 10 days. She's finally over the rough spots and vows she'll not go back anytime soon, if ever. She did get some beautiful pictures though...

**Carolyn Englert** came to the Sit & Stitch group with part of her collection of "doll pins". They were fascinating and it was a pleasure to see the talent of so many people...

**Rev. Carol** was off to Missouri visiting with family...

Three of our high school seniors are graduating from Ravenna High School this year, **Collin Thomas, Julie Canan and Phil Crouse**. We congratulate them and wish the very best in their future...

**Kevin Splinter** got his 2nd season of coach pitch baseball off to a great start with two double plays and a home-run in his first two games. He is the full-time shortstop. His team is 5 - 1

in the first three weeks. Way to go kiddo!...

**Alice Boydell**, our U.T.O. chairperson, announced that \$239.00 was collected for the Spring In-gathering in the month of May with 29 people participating. Thank You!

## Gracie's Back Door Card Shop

Check out the cards, party invitations and note cards for sale in the Parish Hall. New cards have been added. Also look through the two boxes of "Freebies" that are there needing to be put to good use.

## Miss a Sunday, Miss a Lot! Instructed Eucharist

Did you ever wonder why we "Pass the Peace" or what the Collect for Purity is really telling us ("and from whom no secrets are hid...")? For several years various people in the parish have mentioned the idea of offering an instructed Eucharist to help people, especially those new to the Episcopal Church, better understand the various parts of the service. In response, an initial group (Rev. Carol, Bette Brooks and Cathy Mansor), met in April to begin working on an outline of how this instructed service might look, and realized what an exciting project this will be.

In order to present the information in an interesting, interactive way, and to involve as many different people as possible (Altar Guild, Choir, Ushers/Greeters, Acolytes, Lay Readers, etc.) in the process, we felt it would be best to spread the instruction over several weeks during the summer, touching on different parts of the service each Sunday. The goal is to start on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, with a lesson on preparing the altar for worship. Please know that these lessons are intended to be brief - only five to seven minutes each week - and will only minimally disrupt the flow of the service.

Throughout the coming weeks we will be contacting people to get their input and assistance. If you have any thoughts, or have particular parts of the service you want to make sure are covered, please feel free to contact one of us.

# On the Horizon

## Saturday, June 6th Parish Spring Work Day 9am—2pm

Please join in to get the church and grounds ready for summer. A sign-up list will be in the parish hall and lunch will be provided. Talk to John McDonald for information.

## Saturday, June 13th Fellowship and Game Night 6:30pm

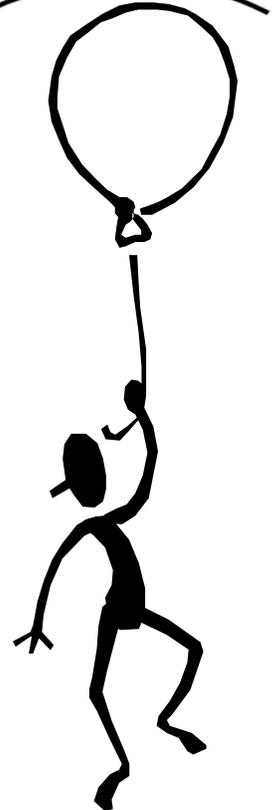
Time for some fun again! Bring your games and snacks if you wish, but definitely bring yourself! Find us in the parish hall.

## Saturday, June 20th Rummage Sale & Bake Sale 9am—3pm

We'll have the rummage sale in the Parish Hall again this year. You can start bringing in donations after May 31st. We'll also need folks to help run the show on the day.

## Saturday, September 19th Ravenna Balloon Affair

Plans aren't firm yet, but put the day on you calendar and consider what you can do to pitch in.



## Birthdays

- 5th Marsha Barna
- 8th Eric Splinter  
Bill Lyle
- 9th Cindy Hoskins
- 10th Johnnie Machisko  
Emily Ahrens  
Burt Stover
- 11th Georgia Golec
- 12th Michelle Davis
- 15th Sally Dier  
Stacy Scibelli
- 18th June Marks  
Gordon Thompson
- 19th Dave Davis
- 20th Paige Thomas
- 21st Carol Evans
- 23rd Sandy Ulbricht
- 25th Jesse Moore  
Maynard Evans
- 26th Kelly Postlethwaite  
Taylor Paxton  
Jenna Summy



## 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 York
- ? Kenneth Englert  
Carolyn Englert  
Rodney Stickle  
Chris Stickle



## Anniversaries

- 3rd Keith & Janice Lallathin
- 7th Maynard & Carol Evans
- 9th Duane & Bernice McCauslin
- 23rd Tim & Stacy Scibelli
- 27th Richard & Sharon Sanek  
Frank & Joan Seman



# The Bulletin Board

## Acolytes Schedule

Check these dates now so we can make any changes before we publish next month:

7/12—Taylor & Kevin

7/19—Jenna

7/26—Eric

8/2—Schyler

Tim@splinterfactions.net

Marcia@splinterfactions.net

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## Return Your Plastic Flower Pots

If you have any of the pots that your purchased plants came in, please bring them back to the church. The 4" pots can be reused for the baskets next year and ALL the pots and flats can be returned to the greenhouse to be used again and again.

You can bring pots from our sale or wherever.

See Marcia Splinter

## Christian Education Volunteers Needed

As you already know, Addrienne Conway is resigning as Christian Ed Coordinator due to new job demands. Many thanks to Addrienne for faithfully carrying on this ministry the past five years! Although we plan to organize the current teachers, Vestry reps, and parish volunteers into an active Christian Ed Committee to oversee this ministry as a group, we still need one or two more leaders. Co-chairs of the Christian Ed Committee and/or Co-Coordinator of our Christian Ed program would be a real blessing!

### Thanks to the Worthens for Responding!

**Will you??** For reasons described above, Addrienne & Cory Conway have resigned as Youth Directors, and we thank them both for the time and effort they've given to this ministry. We thank Toni and Tony Worthen for stepping forward in faith to be our new Youth Ministry Leaders for Teens. We still need two volunteers or a couple to provide youth ministry activities/events for our middle school and upper grade school youth, as well as Christian Ed program leaders mentioned above.

After praying, thinking, and talking about it, please talk to Carol if you have an interest or feel called to serve in either of these capacities. THANKS!

Bill Artz of **Marshall's and Majestic Dry Cleaning** sent the parish a letter which included the following...

"I have been praying for a way to make my business prosper as well as further the Kingdom of God. An idea came to me. If your congregation would bring their dry cleaning to us...once a month, bring all the receipts to Marshall's...we would **Tithe [your] church 10% of the total.**"

To that end, please give any receipts from Marshall's Dry-cleaning to **Marsha Snyder** for handling.



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The Vestry of Grace Episcopal Church  
Bette Brooks (2009)  
Cathy Mansor (2009) Senior Warden  
John McDonald (2009) Junior Warden  
Marcia Splinter (2010)  
Roberta O'Keefe (2010) Clerk  
Fred Lundgren (2010)  
Tony Worthen (2011)  
Reba Cook (2011)  
Alice Boydell (2011)



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