



The Grace Vine

June 2022

Rector's Writ

June is the month when we welcome summer, hope for a somewhat slower pace, and plan vacation get-aways. We also celebrate graduations, weddings, being with family, and on Father's Day let our dads know we love them (or love and miss them).

The Church observes Pentecost on June 5th; the arrival of the gift of the Holy Spirit to believers. Jesus promised us God would send the Holy Spirit to be our Advocate; to walk beside us and help us remember Christ's ways and teachings.

It's not a time when we expect to be shaken by the grief and heartache of three mass shootings in the last two weeks: at a grocery store, a church, and an elementary school in Uvalde, Texas where 19 children and two adult staff were killed. As Christian believers, we pray for those who are grieving and for those who've died. The impact goes far beyond the victims of such senseless deaths. The adults had family & friends who loved them and mourn for them. The children had parents, grandparents, siblings, aunts & uncles, and friends. We can put ourselves in their places; we shudder at the thought of loved ones, especially children, killed and not coming back home one day.

Our first instinct is to take the horror, heartache, and grief to God in prayer. Our Grace family is so good about praying for one another, and I'm sure many members are praying for these (young & old) children of God we don't even know. We know we're ALL God's children, and God's love will get us through the difficulties & tragedies of life.

Our trust is in the God who guides us and leads us on right paths: paths of love, not hate...kindness, not cruelty...peace, not violence. May we be grateful for each other's prayers and may we be grateful for God's love and help in time of need.

You gave these children into our arms, O Lord, for a little while. Do now take them into your arms forever. Blessed be God, who in His good time will reunite us in the joy of His Presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

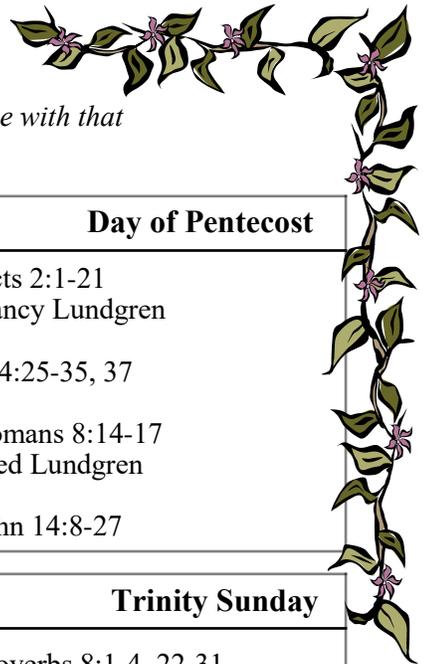
O God, our very present help in time of need, be close to your people in their time of trouble and sorrow; strengthen and quiet them with your mercy. Receive those who've died so suddenly and bring them into your holy care and keeping; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (both prayers adapted from The Pastor's Prayer Book, by Robert Rodenmayer, pp. 137-138)

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Service and Lay Ministry Schedule

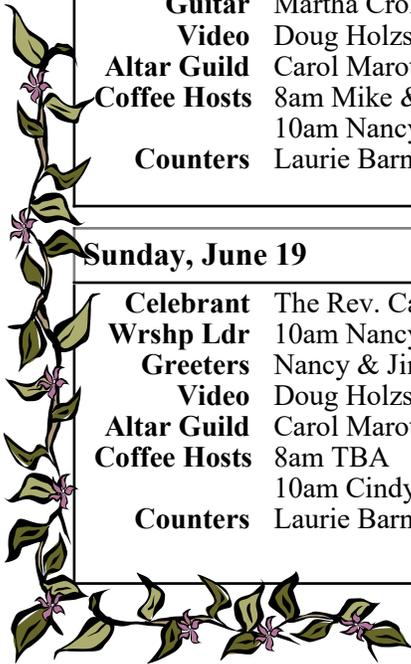
If you cannot serve when scheduled, please find a substitute and call the parish office with that person's name. Thank you for sharing in the liturgical ministry of Grace Church.



| Sunday, June 5 | | 8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist | Day of Pentecost |
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| Celebrant | The Rev. Carol Evans | 1st Reading | Acts 2:1-21 |
| Wrshp Ldr | 10am Carolyn Englert | | Nancy Lundgren |
| Greeters | Fred & Nancy Lundgren | Psalm | 104:25-35, 37 |
| Organist | Bernie Hisey | | 2nd Reading |
| Video | Doug Holzschuh | Fred Lundgren | |
| Altar Guild | Carol Marotta & Cathy Potisuk | Gospel | John 14:8-27 |
| Coffee Hosts | 8am Joan & Frank Seman 10am Mary Jean & John McDonald | | |
| Counters | Laurie Barney & Barb Popiel | | |

| Sunday, June 12 | | 8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist | Trinity Sunday |
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| Celebrant | The Rev. Carol Evans | 1st Reading | Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 |
| Deacon | 8am The Rev. William Snyder | | Tim Splinter |
| Greeters | Jeff & Lisa Marsh | Psalm | 8 |
| Guitar | Martha Croll & Nick Adamczewski | | 2nd Reading |
| Video | Doug Holzschuh | Carolyn Englert | |
| Altar Guild | Carol Marotta & Cathy Potisuk | Gospel | John 16:12-15 |
| Coffee Hosts | 8am Mike & Shirley Johnson 10am Nancy & Jim Ervin | | |
| Counters | Laurie Barney & Barb Popiel | | |

| Sunday, June 19 | | 8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist | 2 Pentecost |
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| Celebrant | The Rev. Carol Evans | 1st Reading | 1 Kings 19:1-15a |
| Wrshp Ldr | 10am Nancy Lundgren | | Martha Croll |
| Greeters | Nancy & Jim Ervin | Psalm | 42 |
| Video | Doug Holzschuh | | 2nd Reading |
| Altar Guild | Carol Marotta & Cathy Potisuk | Jeff Croll | |
| Coffee Hosts | 8am TBA 10am Cindy Ward & Cathy Potisuk | Gospel | Luke 8:26-39 |
| Counters | Laurie Barney & Barb Popiel | | |



We had a great day for cleaning up around the church and rectory on May 21st. Those present to help were Doug Holzschuh & Kingsland Pretorius, Debbie Shorts & Rich Lashley, Nancy & Fred Lundgren, Nancy & Jim Ervin, Laurie Barney, John McDonald, Carol Marotta, Midge Myers, Rev. Carol, and Barb Popiel. A lot was accomplished on that rain free morning, and everyone worked very hard that day. I'm sure some were sore the next day. The window sills, coat rack, the choir area and pews were cleaned in the parish hall and church.

Outside accomplishments included weeds sprayed and lots of weeds pulled all around the church and rectory, areas were mulched, lots of pinecones cleaned up, and the Memorial Garden was spruced up. The Rectory back deck was power washed and will be stained in June by John McDonald. John McDonald and Jeff Marsh did a great job painting the red doors that week. They look so nice!

The few that stayed after enjoyed pizza and a lot of conversation. Thank You to all who participated and gave up a few hours of their time.

-Barb Popiel





Sunday, June 26 **8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist** **3 Pentecost**

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| Celebrant | The Rev. Carol Evans | 1st Reading | 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 Carol Marotta |
| Deacon | The Rev. William Snyder | Psalm | 77:1-2,11-20 |
| Greeters | John & Mary Jean McDonald | 2nd Reading | Galatians 5:1, 13-25 Tim Splinter |
| Organist | Tim Lewicki | Gospel | Luke 9:51-62 |
| Video | Doug Holzschuh | | |
| Altar Guild | Carol Marotta & Cathy Potisuk | | |
| Coffee Hosts | 8am TBA 10am Doris Whipple & Gail Richards | | |
| Counters | Laurie Barney & Barb Popiel | | |

Sunday, July 3 **8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist** **4 Pentecost**

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| 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 Mary Jean & John McDonald | | |
| Counters | Barb Popiel & Laurie Barney | | |



Outreach Projects

We are starting up our Outreach again!

Raven Packs - We will start again in August when the new school year starts.

Ravenna High School - Men's deodorant & other men's hygiene products, laundry detergent to be sent home with students, girls cosmetic bags and items such as: makeup samples, roll-on perfumes, tissues, etc.

Center of Hope (red wagon) -Peanut Butter, canned Tuna/Chicken, Ramen Noodles, and Mac & Cheese

Center of Hope - Shampoo/Conditioner, Toothpaste & Toothbrushes, Travel Mouthwash, Dental Floss, and Combs

There will be containers in the Parish Hall for all of these items.

Please be generous with these Outreach projects as we all know the need is great.

Thank You!
Grace's Vestry



Did You Know?...



Well, June has arrived and with it comes warm weather, beautiful flowers and of course graduation, both high school and college. Congratulations to our high school graduates: **Rachael Audet & Emily Ervin** from Stow High School; **Kelly Ervin** from Ravenna High; and **Maggie Rich** from Revere High. **Kevin Splinter** graduated from Bradley University with degrees in Computer Science and Statistics. **Sarah Beth Audet** will graduate from Kent State this fall after she finishes a few courses. **Mary Jean & John McDonald's** granddaughter **Alexandra Paulenich** received her Master's in World Health from Johns Hopkins University and their granddaughter **Sandra Spellman** graduated from Kent State with a degree in Education. We offer all these students and their parents our congratulations, best wishes, and prayers. God is good!...

Kathy Summy & Shirley Johnson traveled to California to visit with Shirley's daughter **Susan** and her family. Susan made sure Kathy and Shirley had a great time. She took them to Hollywood and Rodeo Drive; they spent time in Los Angeles; and they enjoyed Susan's Kentucky Derby party. Susan's husband **Larry** is originally from Kentucky and likes to keep that standing party tradition going with his friends in California. Kathy couldn't wait to find the perfect dress & hat...a hat for the Derby is a must have! Shirley shared that Susan & Larry served the traditional mint juleps (another must have) and everyone watched the Derby on television. Sounds like great fun!! Kathy was so excited about this trip that she was packed a week before, and this was her first time on an airplane. Very excited for them & glad the trip was so much fun...

Traditionally the Sunday after Easter is "low Sunday" with Morning Prayer. **Deacon Bill Snyder** of course led both the 8am & 10am services. He had a good sermon, but he didn't think he was finished with the thought so he asked **Rev. Carol** if he could preach on the next Sunday, and she didn't object to that idea. Thanks Bill you did a great job!...

Our organist **Tim Lewicki, wife Yuka, and children Joji and Mitsuki** are headed for Japan this June. Tim will

be gone for three weeks, but Yuka and the children will be staying longer to spend more time with her family. This will be the first time Yuka's parents & family will see and get to hold Mitsuki. We pray for safe & healthy travel & a great visit for the Lewicki family...

Choir director **Martha Croll** has recruited a good friend to play the organ on Pentecost; she & another friend-who's-family will both play guitar for hymns on June 12th; and we'll be singing acapella on June 19th (and Martha will get us started on the right note). Our thanks to Martha and the choir for extending their season two Sundays past Pentecost...

The **Snyder's daughter-in-law Alex and grandsons Oliver, Noah, & Max** will be going to Germany for the month of July to visit with Alex's family. Alex hasn't seen them in three years due to COVID and she's very excited to be going home to visit....

Did you know that 24 people live streamed our Easter service at home? So, all that hard work **Doug Holzschuh** has been involved in has been well worth it. Thanks Doug, for setting up the camera, microphone, wi-fi and all the live stream tech in 2020, and for filming/recording the service to You-tube almost every Sunday since...

We're happy to report that **Sue Ahrens** came home on Mother's Day following four months of rehab after a stroke. Her husband, **Bruce** has made arrangements for round the clock care for Sue with his efforts & care and with the help of family, friends, and a couple of experienced home health care staff...

Thanks to **Nancy Ervin** for ordering and serving the beautiful Mother's Day cake we all enjoyed at both coffee hours. Nancy also served on Altar Guild that day. Our thanks to **Cathy Potisuk** who made beautiful floral arrangements for the Altar on Mother's Day (and did all the arranging in spite of a pulled tendon in her foot!)...

Nancy Lundgren retired as sacristan after many years of service overseeing all the duties involved with Altar Guild. Nancy has given her presence, knowledge, and help not only on Sundays and the main Church holidays/feast days, but with baptisms, Bishop's visitations, weddings, and funerals as well. **Laurie**

Barney & Cathy Potisuk will be taking up the service and responsibilities of directing the Altar Guild working together as Co-Sacristans. It's a major responsibility. We're grateful to Nancy for her time as Sacristan, and grateful that Laurie and Cathy are willing to begin serving as Co-Sacristans. And they'd all want us to say, we're grateful to the entire Grace Church Altar Guild, many who've served for years. **THANK YOU ALL!...**

Our Junior Warden **Carol Marotta** planned a cleanup day on May 21st. Thanks to everyone who came to spruce up the church including **John McDonald, Kingsland Pretorius, Doug Holzschuh, Laurie Barney, Nancy & Jim Ervin, Kenzie Ervin, Debbie Shorts, Rick Lashley, Midge Myers, Fred & Nancy Lundgren, Sr. Warden**

Barb Popiel, Jr. Warden Carol Marotta, and Rev. Carol. The church yard looks beautiful. Good job folks!...

Sally Dier has been in the hospital but is now home and recovering. We hope Sally's feeling better, and getting some rest. We continue to keep Sally, Dennis, and all the Dier family in our prayers...

Congratulations to **Michelle McLaughlin** who will be getting married this summer and moving to Tennessee. She's been packing in spite of a LOT of overtime work. We'll miss her service and presence on vestry, at the 8am service & coffee hour, but mostly we'll just miss seeing her each week. Our love & prayers go with Michelle.

Thank you! Thank you!

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

- **Nancy Ervin** for ordering and serving the Mother's Day cake for both the 8 & 10 services.
- **Bill Snyder** for having the Mary Helen Beatty picture framed, matted, and hung in the parish hall entrance.
- **John McDonald & Jeff Marsh** for painting the front doors.
- **Pat Williams** for purchasing dish towels for the church kitchen.
- To all the parishioners who donated 136 oatmeal packets to the Raven Packs.
- **Doug Holzschuh** for live streaming and recording services for our members at home to access.
- **Bill Snyder** for preaching two Sundays after Easter.
- Everyone who worked on the Spring cleanup day (please see Barb Popiel's write up)

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
 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
 14th Carol & Eric Marotta
 27th Frank & Joan Seman



The Bulletin Board

Church Picnic

Chestnut Hills Park - Shelter
Sunday, June 26th, 12 noon

Bring a dish to share.
Paper products will be provided.



Picnic

Breakfast Club

June 16th, 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.*

Columba, Abbot and Missionary

June 9

In the troubled and violent Middle Ages in Northern Europe, monasteries served as inns, orphanages, centers of learning, and even as fortresses. The light of civilization flickered dimly and might have gone out altogether if it had not been for these convent-shelters. This is why this period is often titled "The Dark Ages."

St Columba lived from December 7, 521 until June 9, 597. The name he is known by today is the Latin version of his given name Colum, though he came to be known as Colum-cille, or "dove of the church" by most people in his own day.

Columba was born at Garten, County Donegal, Ireland. He was a member of the Clan O'Donnell and was of royal descent. Columba was educated at the monastic school of Moville. In 560 a dispute arose over a copy Columba had made of St. Finnian's book of psalms. The result was Columba's instigation of a rebellion by the Clan Neill against King Diarmait of Ireland. This culminated in the Battle of Cooldrevny in 561, at which three thousand men were killed. Following the battle, Columba's confessor set him the penance of leaving Ireland and preaching the Gospel in order to convert as many to Christianity as had been killed at Cooldrevny and never again to look upon his native land.

In 563 Columba and 12 companions left Ireland, arriving first at what is today Southend on the southern tip of Kintyre peninsula, Scotland. This, though, was still within sight of Ireland, so they travelled further north, landing on Iona on May 12, 563. The island was granted to Columba for the establishment of a monastery by the king of the region.

He started his evangelizing amongst the Scots but then turned to the more rigorous task of converting the northern Picts of Caledonia. Together with two companions, Columba called on Pict King Brude at his fortress overlooking what is now Inverness. Brude refused to allow the missionaries into the fortress; however, legend says that at the sign of the cross being made by Columba, the barred gates of the fortress simply opened. The story goes on to record that the King, awed by this miracle, was converted on the spot, with the rest of the Picts not long after him.

St Columba died in the monastery he had built on Iona on June 9, 597. The island became a place of pilgrimage and has remained so ever since despite St Columba's own remains being removed in 849, split between the Scottish and Irish Christians. The historian Bede tells us that Columba led many to Christianity by his "preaching and example." He was much admired for his physical as well as spiritual prowess. He was a strict ascetic and remained physically vigorous and unflagging in his missionary and pastoral journeys throughout all his seventy-six years. Although Iona was desecrated during the Reformation, today it houses a flourishing ecumenical religious community.

PRAYER: O God, who by the preaching of your blessed servant Columba caused the light of the Gospel to shine in Scotland: Grant, we pray, that, having his life and labors in remembrance, we may show our thankfulness to you by following the example of his zeal and patience; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.





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