



# The Grace Vine

March 2008

## Rector's Writ

It's not uncommon that about midway through the season of Lent, we start looking forward to longer days and green grass to replace the snow and gray of winter. While we're watching for noticeable signs of spring, we may find our spiritual life needs nurtured as we look for signs of growth and change there as well. We can't argue with the Ash Wednesday collect reminding us to 'lament our sins and acknowledge our wretchedness,' but we also can't stay too long in those shadows. We would find ourselves unable to acknowledge *any* sins if we did not have the certainty of God's mercy, the promise of God's love and forgiveness. We endure this Lenten journey because we know Easter awaits us and invites us out of the shadows into new life.

God is gracious in providing the nurturing we need to coax us out of the shadows. We've had some good discussions, meals, and fellowship with our Wednesday night Lenten Bible Study group. Nine people will be confirmed February 24th when Bishop Williams visits Grace Church; nine people who all have their own spiritual journey to share and to keep exploring. As we know from being part of this Grace Church family, our spiritual journey doesn't end with keeping a faithful Lent or being confirmed...it is ongoing, as long as we live. In gatherings we've shared at Grace and again in a Lenten Bible study with our bishop and colleagues this past week, we have heard how salvation and our response in faith is not a one time thing. It's a continuous, lifelong process. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bundle the gifts of grace and mercy with a firm cord of hopefulness. It's an ongoing promise, an offer that never expires, and it results in peace. God provides; we believe; we're forgiven and reconciled. The transforming, healing love of God in Christ Jesus continues to work within, through, and among us.

A major part of our spiritual journey is learning to accept and share those life changing, God given gifts with a response of love, joy, and gratitude all our lives.

Easter blessings and peace to you and those you love.

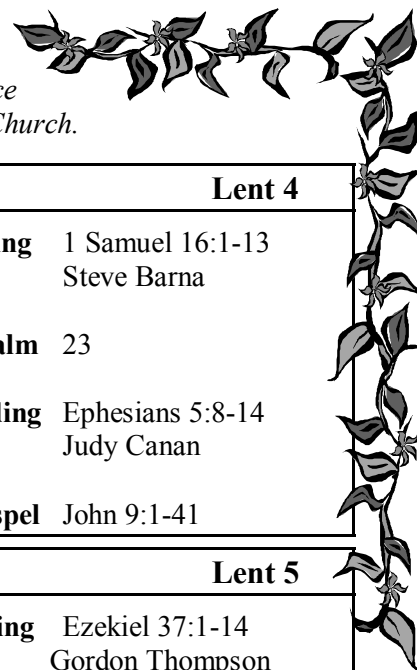


*"O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen." (BCP p. 288)*



# 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.*



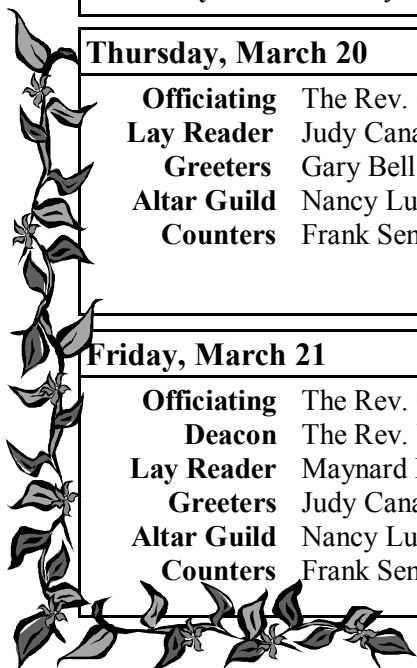
Sunday, March 2		8:00 & 10:00 am Holy Eucharist	Lent 4
<b>Officiating</b>	The Rev. Carol Evans		<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b> 1 Samuel 16:1-13 Steve Barna
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Bette Brooks		<b>Psalm</b> 23
<b>Greeters</b>	Kay & Julie Canan		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b> Ephesians 5:8-14 Judy Canan
<b>Acolytes</b>	Emily Sum9my & Taylor Paxton		<b>Gospel</b> John 9:1-41
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Nancy Lundgren, Cindy Hoskins, & Shirley Johnson		
<b>Coffee Hosts</b>	8:00 Frank & Joan Seman 10:00 Jim & Nancy Ervin		
<b>Counters</b>	Frank Seman & Roberta O'Keefe		
<b>Loyalton</b>	Maynard Evans		

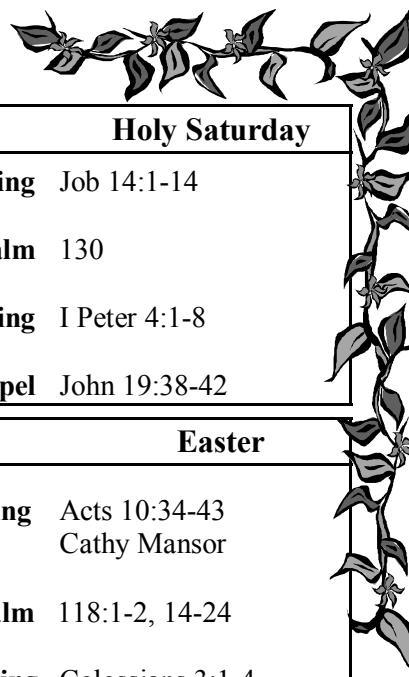
Sunday, March 9		8:00 & 10:00 am Holy Eucharist	Lent 5
<b>Officiating</b>	The Rev. Carol S. Evans		<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b> Ezekiel 37:1-14 Gordon Thompson
<b>Deacon</b>	The Rev. William D. Snyder		<b>Psalm</b> 130
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Carolyn Englert		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b> Romans 8:6-11 Kathy Summy
<b>Greeters</b>	Bud Minnich & Richy Sanek		<b>Gospel</b> John 11:1-45
<b>Acolytes</b>	Schyler Conway & Sammy Stickel		
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Nancy Lundgren, Cindy Hoskins, & Shirley Johnson		
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	8:00 Mike & Shirley Johnson 10:00 Fred & Nancy Lundgren		
<b>Counters</b>	Frank Seman & Roberta O'Keefe		

Sunday, March 16		8:00 & 10:00 am Holy Eucharist	Palm Sunday
<b>Officiating</b>	The Rev. Carol S. Evans		<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b> Isaiah 50:4-9a Bud Minnich
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Maynard Evans		<b>Psalm</b> 31:9-16
<b>Greeters</b>	John & Mary Jean McDonald		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b> Philippians 2:5-11 Cathy Mansor
<b>Acolytes</b>	Julie Canan		<b>Gospel</b> Matthew 26:14-27:66
<b>Coffee Hosts</b>	8:00 Golec/Lallathin 10:00 Denise Crouse & Chris Stickle		
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Nancy Lundgren, Cindy Hoskins, & Shirley Johnson		
<b>Counters</b>	Frank Seman & Roberta O'Keefe		
<b>Loyalton</b>	Bill Snyder		

Thursday, March 20		7:00 pm Holy Eucharist	Maundy Thursday
<b>Officiating</b>	The Rev. Carol Evans		<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b> Exodus 12:1-14 Carolyn Englert
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Judy Canan		<b>Psalm</b> 116:1-2, 12-17
<b>Greeters</b>	Gary Bell & Jim Ervin		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b> I Corinthians 11:23-26 Steve Barna
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Nancy Lundgren, Cindy Hoskins, & Shirley Johnson		<b>Gospel</b> John 13:1-17, 31b-35
<b>Counters</b>	Frank Seman & Roberta O'Keefe		

Friday, March 21		7:00 pm (no Eucharist)	Good Friday
<b>Officiating</b>	The Rev. Carol S. Evans		<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b> Isaiah 52:13—53:12 Judy Canan
<b>Deacon</b>	The Rev. William D. Snyder		<b>Psalm</b> 22
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Maynard Evans		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b> Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Maynard Evans
<b>Greeters</b>	Judy Canan		<b>Gospel</b> John 18:1—19:42
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Nancy Lundgren, Cindy Hoskins, & Shirley Johnson		
<b>Counters</b>	Frank Seman & Roberta O'Keefe		



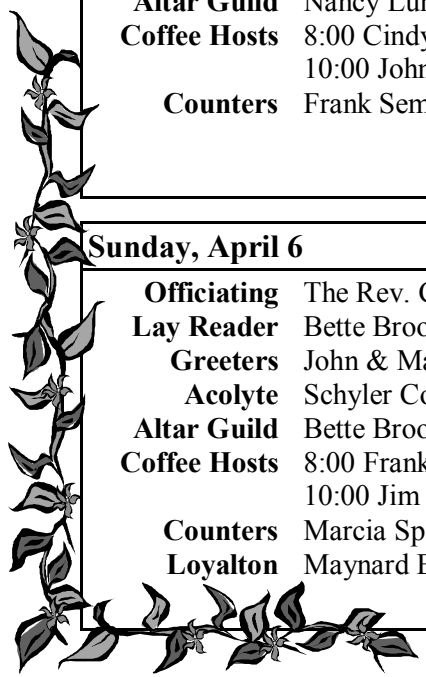


Saturday, March 22	10:00 am (no Eucharist)	Holy Saturday
<b>Officiating</b> The Rev. Carol Evans		<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b> Job 14:1-14
<b>Altar Guild</b> Nancy Lundgren, Cindy Hoskins, & Shirley Johnson		<b>Psalm</b> 130
<b>Counters</b> Frank Seman & Roberta O'Keefe		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b> I Peter 4:1-8
		<b>Gospel</b> John 19:38-42

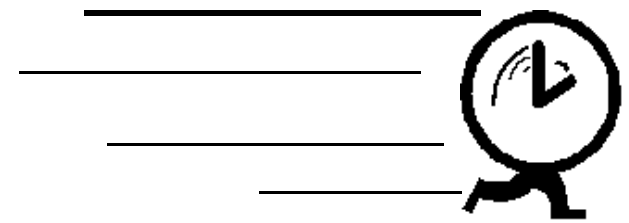
Sunday, March 23	8:00 & 10:00 am Holy Eucharist	Easter
<b>Officiating</b> The Rev. Carol S. Evans		<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b> Acts 10:34-43
<b>Deacon</b> The Rev. William D. Snyder		Cathy Mansor
<b>Lay Reader</b> Judy Canan		<b>Psalm</b> 118:1-2, 14-24
<b>Acolytes</b> PC-Emily Summy, T-Samantha Stickle & Jenna Summy, Thurifer-Phillip Crouse		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b> Colossians 3:1-4
<b>Greeters</b> Fred & Nancy Lundgren		Tim Splinter
<b>Altar Guild</b> Nancy Lundgren, Cindy Hoskins & Shirley Johnson		<b>Gospel</b> John 20:1-18
<b>Coffee Hosts</b> 8:00 TBA		
10:00 Judy Canan & Kay Canan		
<b>Counters</b> Frank Seman & Roberta O'Keefe		

Sunday, March 30	8:00 & 10:00 am Morning Prayer	Easter 2
<b>Officiating</b> The Rev. William Snyder		<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b> Acts 2:14a, 22-32
<b>Lay Reader</b> Carolyn Englert		Kathy Summy
<b>Greeters</b> Judy Canan & Kay Canans		<b>Psalm</b> 16
<b>Acolyte</b> Jenna Summy		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b> I Peter 1:3-9
<b>Altar Guild</b> Nancy Lundgren, Cindy Hoskins, & Shirley Johnson		Bud Minnich
<b>Coffee Hosts</b> 8:00 Cindy Hoskins & Pat Williams		<b>Gospel</b> John 20:19-31
10:00 John & Mary Jean McDonald		
<b>Counters</b> Frank Seman & Roberta O'Keefe		

Sunday, April 6	8:00 & 10:00 am Holy Eucharist	Easter 3
<b>Officiating</b> The Rev. Carol S. Evans		<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b> Acts 2:14a, 36-41
<b>Lay Reader</b> Bette Brooks		8:00 Roberta O'Keefe
<b>Greeters</b> John & Mary Jean McDonald		10:00 Gordon Thompson
<b>Acolyte</b> Schyler Conway		<b>Psalm</b> 116:1-3, 10-17
<b>Altar Guild</b> Bette Brooks & Amy Neely		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b> I Peter 1:17-23
<b>Coffee Hosts</b> 8:00 Frank & Joan Seman		Steve Barna
10:00 Jim & Nancy Ervin		<b>Gospel</b> Luke 24:13-35
<b>Counters</b> Marcia Splinter & Fred Lundgren		
<b>Loyalton</b> Maynard Evans		



**TIME CHANGE**  
**Saturday Night, March 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**Spring Forward!**





# Did You Know?...



...With the weather and illnesses, attendance has been pretty sparse here at Grace Church. But on February 24<sup>th</sup> **Bishop Williams** was here to celebrate a baptism and confirmations and we packed the pews. Congratulations to the newly baptized **Rob Young** and to those confirmed and received: **Denise, Josh, and Phillip Crouse; Amanda Ondrejko; Emil Summy; Sandra, Amanda, and Elizabeth Ulbricht;** and again **Rob Young**. We welcome all to our Grace Church family...

**Emily Summy, her mom, Kathy, and Phillip Crouse** all attended the youth event "Happening" at St. Timothy's, Perrysburg, Ohio (just south of Toledo). Emily was so moved by the event and so excited it was hard to contain her excitement (not that you'd want to) and it was a real pleasure talking with her about her spiritual journey. If you want to know more, just ask her, she'd love to share her faith journey and experience with you...

Congratulations to new grandma **Cora Pierce**, daughter **Coralie** delivered a healthy baby girl, **Evelyn Riley Doss** born on February 18<sup>th</sup> weighing in at nine pounds four ounces and twenty-two inches long. Mom and baby are doing fine. Thanks be to God!!...

And speaking of doing fine, little **Faith Postlethwaite** is home from the hospital and doing well, as are **Judy Canan**, and **Nydah Ellet, Irene and John Machisko** (recovering now in Florida), and **Nancy Lundgren** is the most recent member to endure surgery to her hand and work at patiently recovering (not to mention cooking with one hand!). Thank to everyone for your thoughts and prayers and we pray for a speedy and complete recovery for all these members...

We are sad to report that **Charley Marks** lost his battle with lung cancer and died on February 8<sup>th</sup>. The funeral service was held here at Grace on the 12<sup>th</sup> and the Hospitality Committee held a reception for the family. Our love and prayers to **June** and the Marks family...

Game Night was held at the **Conway** home with twenty people attending from ages 5 to 84, and from

all reports, they all had a great time. Not only did they play games, but sang on the competitive karaoke game, and I heard **Tim Splinter** was a hit. Next Game Night will be held at the **Splinters**, and we hope more people will come and join in the fun...

Thanks to **Blake Quay** for a job well done and the many years as Volunteer Coordinator and I might add it's taken two people to take his place. **Mary Jean McDonald** will coordinate the volunteers at the County Clothing Center and **Cathy Mansor** will coordinate the Habitat volunteers. Thanks to Mary Jean and Cathy for stepping up to the plate...

**Barb Popiel** got to shake Hillary Clinton's hand when she visited Lockheed Martin, where she works, Barb even got a few pictures of Hillary...

**Marsha Snyder** just returned from a weekend with her daughter **Jill**, and granddaughters **Ellie and Lilly**, in Dayton and had a great time celebrating daughter Jill's 40<sup>th</sup> birthday...

**Mary Ann Switz's grandson Phillip** plays basketball and his team won their championship game to Mary Ann's delight...

**Jean Mercer** called from North Carolina, to say the flowers are out and the trees were in bud. Now that's just plain mean, Jean!! We're still knocking snow off our boots. Enjoy your spring!! We'll enjoy our winter, and winter, and more winter.

**Kevin Splinter** joined the ranks of kids impersonating piggy banks when he swallowed a dime this month...

His brother **Eric** got his 15 minutes of fame when the Record-Courier used a photo of him to highlight Garrettsville's 4<sup>th</sup> grade music program. Eric plays the recorder with the whole class and will also play a solo piano piece.

**Please give any information you'd like to see in the "Did You Know" to Tim Splinter or Marsha Snyder.**

# On the Horizon

## Saturday March 8th Fellowship & Game Night 6:30pm

Come on in for our monthly fun! Bring your game, your cards, your favorite snack, or just yourself!

## Sunday March 16th Evensong at Christ Hudson 5:00pm

Anyone wishing to carpool, contact Marcia Splinter.

## Saturday April 12th Fellowship & Game Night

If anyone else wants to host at their house, let us know. If not, we'll return to the spacious parish hall for our usual fun.

## April Bishop's Blend Sale

We'll be putting in another order for Bishop's Blend during April to sell some more or just resupply your own cupboard.

## May 10th 2008 Flower Sale

This was an amazing success last year and we hope to do even better this year. Look for "new and improved" pre-order sheets in early April. Every order helps and they really do add up quickly.

## July

The church's of Ravenna will be having a collective Rummage Sale day in July. Each church will have it's own sale, but they will be advertised collectively to attract a larger crowd. You can get your own table or donate items to the church for general sale.

## Holy Week Schedule

**Palm Sunday**, March 16<sup>th</sup> 8 & 10 am

Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm  
**Evening Prayer**

Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm  
**Evening Prayer**

Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm  
**Healing Service & Holy Eucharist**

Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm  
**Maundy Thursday  
Holy Eucharist & Stripping The Altar**

**Candlelight Watch**  
Thursday, March 20 9:00 pm through  
Friday, March 21 7:00 am

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**Good Friday & Way Of The Cross** (No Eucharist)

Saturday, March 22 10:00 am  
**Holy Saturday** (No Eucharist)

Sunday, March 23 8:00 & 10:00 am -  
**Easter Festive Holy Eucharist  
Children's Easter Egg Hunt To  
Follow** 10:00 am Service

## Birthdays

1st Bette Brooks  
3rd Amelia Golec  
6th Sally Wolf Langan  
14th Amanda Brooks  
Beverly Brooks  
22nd George Furrer  
Dutch Shriver  
Rodney Stickle  
26th Ken Boydell  
31st Gwen Baker



## Congratulations!

*and many happy returns...*

## Anniversaries

29th—Dennis & Sally Dier



## Baptisms

11th—Beth Dier  
24th—Michael Williams  
25th—Mary Jean McDonald  
26th—Bernice McCauslin  
31st—Kay Canan

# The Bulletin Board

## Candlelight Watch

*The **Candlelight Watch** is a way to remember Jesus' time in prayer and his appeal to the disciples to pray and watch at Gethsemane.*

*We will be holding this watch again this year which will go through the night Thursday and end at 7:00 AM Friday. Ideally, we need to have at least two people for each block of time so no one is at the church alone. People can sign up for an hour (or more) and use this time for prayer, meditation, reading, quiet thought or conversation about Christ's story.*

*It is based on scripture, "Could you not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation." (Matt. 26: 40-41). It can be a spiritual way to prepare for the joy we celebrate on Easter. Please let the rector know if you're interested in being part of this Candlelight Watch.*

**County Clothing Center** will be closed on Good Friday (our day to work) but they have rescheduled us for Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup>.

## EMAIL Change...

the email address listed for Splinters in the latest parish directory is obsolete. splinter@vipn.com has been deactivated. Please change it to [tim@splinterfactions.net](mailto:tim@splinterfactions.net) or [marcia@splinterfactions.net](mailto:marcia@splinterfactions.net). If you have something other than the vipn.com address, that will still be valid. If anyone has corrections to the directory or the birthday and anniversary list, let the office know.