



The Grace Vine

March 2012

Rector's Writ

Well before Ash Wednesday services are on the calendar, many of us have already been praying and thinking about what we're giving up or taking on in our "observance of a holy Lent." There are no hard and fast rules. The Ash Wednesday liturgy suggests our observance includes "self examination and repentance; prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and reading and meditating on God's holy Word." So, some give up coffee, coke, sweets or red meat. (We don't do the 'self-denial' thing too well, do we?) Some prefer the discipline of taking on extra Bible study, prayer time or a special outreach for the season. The main thing seems to be that we recognize our need for repentance and humbly draw near to the Lord who lovingly provides the mercy and grace we need. "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me." (Ps. 51:11) Our worship of God, our Lenten disciplines of prayer, Bible study, and repentance are a necessary part of walking with Christ—listening, learning, and serving---so that we may remember his passion and celebrate his resurrection.

We'll continue our Thursday and Sunday groups who are studying *Unbinding Your Soul* in an ongoing effort to help grow our church membership and to grow in prayer and fellowship. If there's something you'd like to see offered during Lent or in the Easter season, please share that with the rector, Christian Ed or vestry leaders. We could add a mid-week service of Morning or Evening Prayer if that would be helpful. It may be time to start building on our current programs and explore what new ideas might be offered to grow in our spiritual lives, fellowship, and evangelism.

Please join us for the weekly meetings of *Unbinding Your Soul* (Thursday at 6:30pm and Sunday at 9:15am) and for the following Holy Week Services:

Sunday, April 1st Palm Sunday 8am and 10am

Monday, April 2nd Evening Prayer 5:30pm

Tuesday, April 3rd Evening Prayer 5:30pm

Wednesday, April 4th Healing Service & Holy Eucharist 5:30pm

Thursday, April 5th Maundy Thursday Eucharist & Stripping of Altar 7pm

Friday, April 6th Stations of the Cross & Good Friday Liturgy 7pm

Saturday, April 7th Holy Saturday Liturgy 9:30am

Easter Sunday, April 8th Festive Easter Eucharist 8am & 10am



May our prayers, our plans, and our worship be blessed
as we keep a faithful and holy Lent. Carol +



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 4 8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 2 Lent

Officiating	The Rev. Carol Evans	1st Reading	Genesis 17:1-7-15-16 Fred Lundgren
Lay Reader	8:00 Addrienne Conway/10:00 Roberta O'Keefe	Psalm	22:22-30
Greeters	Nancy & Fred Lundgren	2nd Reading	Romans 4:13-25 Nancy Lundgren
Acolyte	Kevin Splinter	Gospel	Mark 8:31-38
Altar Guild	Bette Brooks & Debbie Shorts		
Coffee Hosts	8:00 Joan & Frank Seman 10:00 John & Mary Jean McDonald		
Counters	John McDonald & Joan Seman		
Emeritus	Bill Snyder		

Sunday, March 11 8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 3 Lent

Celebrant	The Rev. Carol S. Evans	1st Reading	Exodus 20:1-17 Maynard
Deacon	The Rev. William D. Snyder		
Lay Reader	10:00 Carolyn Englert	Psalm	19
Greeters	Nancy & Jim Ervin	2nd Reading	1 Corinthians 1:18-25 Cathy Mansor
Acolytes	Schyler Conway & Jillian Conway		
Coffee Host	8:00 Mike & Shirley Johnson 10:00 Nancy & Fred Lundgren		
Altar Guild	Bette Brooks & Debbie Shorts		
Counters	John McDonald & Joan Seman		

Sunday, March 18 8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 4 Lent

Celebrant	The Rev. Carol S. Evans	1st Reading	Numbers 21:4-9 Jeff Croll
Lay Reader	8:00 Addrienne Conway/10:00 Nancy Lundgren	Psalm	107:1-3, 17-22
Greeters	John & Mary Jean McDonald	2nd Reading	Ephesians 2:1-10 Martha Croll
Acolyte	Eric Splinter	Gospel	John 3:14-21
Altar Guild	Bette Brooks & Debbie Shorts		
Coffee Hosts	8:00 Pat Williams 10:00 Jim & Nancy Ervin		
Counters	John McDonald & Joan Seman		
Emeritus	Kathy Summy		

Sunday, March 25 8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 5 Lent

Officiant	The Rev. Carol Evans	1st Reading	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Tim Splinter
Deacon	The Rev. William Snyder	Psalm	51:1-13
Lay Reader	10:00 Cory Conway	2nd Reading	Hebrews 5:5-10 Kathy Summy
Greeters	Bev Lewis-Mercury & Jeff Marsh	Gospel	John 12:20-33
Acolyte	McKenna Conway		
Coffee Host	8:00 Rick Lashley & Debbie Shorts 10:00 Tony & Toni Worthen		
Altar Guild	Bette Brooks & Debbie Shorts		
Counters	John McDonald & Joan Seman		



Sunday, April 18:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist**Palm Sunday**

Officiant The Rev. Carol Evans
Lay Readers 8:00 Addrienne Conway/10:00 Roberta O'Keefe
Greeters Nancy & Fred Lundgren
Acolyte Schyler Conway
Coffee Hosts 8:00 Joan & Frank Seman
 10:00 Kay Canan & Chris Stickle
Altar Guild Nancy Lundgren, Cindy Hoskins, & Sandy Ulbricht
Counters Sue Ahrens & Barb Popiel

1st Reading Isaiah 50:4-9a
 Nancy Lundgren

Psalm 31:9-16

2nd Reading Philippians 2:5-11
 Fred Lundgren

Gospel Mark 14:1—15:47

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Please join us in saying ‘THANK YOU’ to people serving god at Grace Church and in our community in a variety of ways:

- Those who worked so hard at the Mardi Gras pancake supper and those who came to support our the Grace Church Youth Group
- Thanks to Shirley Johnson for making and sending out all the beautiful cards that are sent to parishioners and family members.
- To everyone who’s been bringing their “treasures” to Gracie’s Back door – they have some really great items – check it out!
- Thanks to those who facilitate and participate in the Unbinding your Soul program.
- Thanks to Jim Ervin for painting the door in the parish hall kitchen.
- To Nancy Lundgren & Sally Dier for making Gracie’s a success.
- Thanks to everyone who pledged to Grace Church in the year 2012

- To those who give without a pledge. Your support is necessary to keep our doors open.
- Thanks to Cindy Hoskins for getting to church early on Sunday mornings and make coffee for those who arrive early – yes, some of us do arrive early.
- Thanks to all our volunteers especially coffee hosts, greeters, counters, and altar guild members.
- Thanks to Jeff Marsh for showing us why he’s called “little Jeff” and Jeff Croll is call “big Jeff” at the Mardi Gras pancake dinner.
- Thanks to the Poker Boys for their contribution to the Discretionary Fund.
- But we especially thank God for all his blessing, healings, and the support of our church family.

Please call the office or email us a note if you know of any volunteers we need to thank for work, donations, or other good deeds.



Did You Know?...



Rev. Evans is back in the pulpit, after spending much needed time with her ailing parents, and we are delighted to have her back with us...

Thanks to **Rev. Bill** for preaching the two Sundays she was gone and taking care of other pastoral care needs while Carol was away. And a special thanks to our Senior Warden, **Cory Conway and Reba Cook**, our Junior Warden, for keeping the church running smoothly...

Our Annual Meeting went well and short. Thanks to **Cory Conway** for conducting the meeting and to the vestry members who gave up their third Tuesdays of most months to be part of our governing body: **Alice Boydell, Tony Worthen, and Reba Cook**. And we really appreciate the new vestry members who accepted the challenge and were elected: **Reba Cook, John McDonald and Midge Myers**. Our new vestry officers are: **Cory Conway**, Senior Warden; **Reba Cook**, Junior Warden and **Sue Ahrens**, Clerk...

Judy Canan is tired of that knee hurting so she decided to have it replaced and his now is recovering from knee replacement surgery that she underwent on Feb. 17th...

The **Splinter's** have been busy... well, the boys have been keeping them busy, with school, scouts, basketball and baseball. And don't forget they have full time jobs and the work they do here at the church. It's a good thing they are as young as they are and we are lucky to have them...

Martha Croll's brother was involved in one of the pileups that took place after that huge snow storm we had last month. He wasn't hurt but his car was totaled. And **Rodney Stickle** was in a crash with a county vehicle and found out that the county government isn't responsible if they crash into you. Something we might keep in mind...

David Miller and Alexandra Wroblewski have a great fondness for square dancing and they attend dances after church on Sundays – what fun!! Well, square dancing is how they met...

Phillip Crouse is completing his army training at the end of March and will be stationed in the state of Washington were his wife **Brittany** and son **Noah** will be joining him sometime after graduation. **Aunt Chris** and her family are looking forward to attending his graduation ceremony in Missouri, but are saddened that they will leave him there to be shipped off to Washington instead of taking him home for a visit...

Mary Jean McDonald is doing well after her

procedure, thanks be to God!...

Steve and Susan Merrill are going to the Dominican Republic to assist the needy there. They will be needing items to take with them such as health school supplies. A list of items will be available - please help out...

Mechele Novak says she's still unpacking after her move. The garage is full and she doesn't see an end to it – just one box at a time Mechele!...

Toni & Megan Worthen have been on their own for over a month; **Mr. Tony** has been off to California on job related business with no end in sight...

We heard from **Roger and Judy Watkins** and they just returned from Cancun to visit with their son **Steve** and his family. But they especially enjoyed 17 month old **Sophia** their granddaughter. It was a busy time in Cancun according to Judy...

We also heard from **John & Irene Machisko**, they are wintering in sunny Florida, and they are enjoying being in the sun and being so close to their daughter **Lynn**...

Mary Jean & John McDonald and Nancy & Fred Lundgren headed south to visit with **Marsha & Steve Barna**. They had a wonderful time visiting and catching up on the latest news. And Marsha & Steve said "hello" to everyone here at Grace. They are really missed...

The Youth Group did it again. The Mardi Gras pancake dinner the best attended in years. And a BIG thank you to **Chris Stickle & Addrienne Conway & Stacey Scibelli** for their leadership and an even bigger thanks to everyone who worked so hard including: **Chris Stickle's mother Wilda Autry who kept the kitchen organized, Tim Splinter made the pancakes and Tim Scibelli cooked potatoes, Stacey Scibelli cooked the sausage. Other helpers were Brittany Crouse, Nikki and Sammie Stickle, and Nikkie's friend Abbey** who worked in the kitchen and made sure the plates were filled and the dishes washed. Those that served were: **Taylor and Paige Paxton, Schyler, McKenna, and Jillian Conway, Eric Splinter, Kristen and Aundrea Seman, Zack & Emily Scibelli and Jenna Summy**. They took their job very seriously and everyone was waited on with "professional" care...

Kevin Splinter has been showing off his math skills. He and his classmate were 3rd and 1st in the county at the Math 24 Competition and his team took first at the Math Skills Tournament the next day. Way to go math whiz...

On the Horizon

Saturday, March 10th
Fellowship & Game Night
6:30 pm

Easter Candy Making
March 17th & 24th

Volunteers will be needed for the candy making! There will be a signup sheet in the parish hall or you can contact Marcia Splinter.

Friday, March 30th
Youth Group Fish Fry
5-7 pm

Saturday, April 14th
Fellowship & Game Night
6:30 pm

Garrettsville Yard Sale Day
May 5th

Time to do the Garrettsville Yard Sale day again. Start saving up your stuff and clearing out your closets!

Mother's Day Flower Sale
May 12th

Pre-sales were down last year, so start thinking on your plantings and be ready to ask around with an order form when they come out.

No Game Night in May
due to Flower Sale



Birthdays

1st Bette Brooks
3rd Amelia Golec
14th Amanda Brooks
Beverly Brooks
22nd George Furrer
Dutch Shriver
Rodney Stickle
26th Ken Boydell
27th Mike Ondrejko
29th Amanda Ondrejko

Congratulations!

and many happy returns...

Anniversaries

29th Dennis & Sally Dier



Baptisms

11th Beth Dier
18th Joan Seman
21st Bill Shorts Sr.
25th Mary Jean McDonald
26th Bernice McCauslin
31st Kay Canan

The Bulletin Board

Acolytes Schedule

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

4/8—All Hands on Deck!

4/15—Kevin & Jilli

4/22—Eric

4/29—Kenna

5/6—Schlyer

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PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

If anyone you know is sick and in need of some comfort, please see a member of the Sit & Stitch Group or Rev. Carol and they will be sure to get you a prayer shawl. These shawls are made with love and prayers and are given with love and concern for whoever receives it.

Members of the group are: Alice Boydell, Judy Canan, Carolyn Englert, Shirley Johnson, Mary Jean McDonald, Bev Lewis-Mercury, and Marsha Snyder.

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.

Thank you to everyone who saved Acme register tapes for the "Acme Community Cash Back Program". The amount of cash back donated to the County Clothing Center from just the receipts from Grace Church was \$229.87.
GREAT WORK EVERYONE!

Mary Jean

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.*

Geoffrey Anketell Studdert Kennedy

March 8

Geoffrey Kennedy was born June 27, 1883, in Leeds, England. He was the seventh of nine children born to the local vicar. Quarry Hill was an inner-city parish and one of the worst slums in northern industrial England. The vicarage was close to a workhouse, a boarding school a brick quarry, and a pub—and Geoffrey's father was known and loved by all, serving them until his death at the age of 89.

Geoffrey was educated at the local Grammar School and Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland, where he earned a degree in both classics and divinity. After a year's training, he became a curate in Rugby. The Church of England was a very class driven organization then, and Geoffrey was clearly outside the system: he was Irish, he had attended neither Oxford nor Cambridge, and he was socially inferior to the congregation he served. However, his rector saw promise in the young man and mentored him. When Geoffrey's father died in 1914, he became vicar of St. Paul's, Worcester, his father's parish. This parish was just like the one in Leeds where he had grown up—poor, bad housing, disease, unemployment or inadequate wages. He preached with the lights off so that no one would feel out of place or judged by their clothing. Often he was asked by the cathedral dean to preach to departing soldiers who would arrive en masse. He preached without notes and with a fervor that transported his listeners. When World War I broke out, Geoffrey volunteered as a chaplain on the Western Front in 1915 and earned the name "Woodbine Willie" for giving Woodbine cigarettes along with spiritual aid to injured and dying soldiers. In 1917, he won the Military Cross at Messines Ridge after running into no man's land to help the wounded during an assault on the German front line. And he was ashamed that he had supported the war that decimated an entire generation of British men.

When he returned home from the war, he was given charge of St. Edmund King and Martyr in Lombard Street, London. He had, by this time, converted to Christian socialism and pacifism. And he became active in the Industrial Christian Fellowship, an organization dedicated to fair treatment of and fair wages for workers and help for the downtrodden. Geoffrey fearlessly faced industrialists and explained in the plainest terms what their policies were doing to workers and their families. He continued to preach with a passion that brought him to the attention of King George V who requested that he preach several times a year to the royal family. And he continued to minister to the less fortunate, once giving the Miners' Distress Fund a substantial gift that he could ill afford. He crisscrossed the UK and the United States speaking in support of the working classes. The asthma that had plagued him since childhood reappeared. In February he traveled to Liverpool to speak, although he was ill with flu. The combination of flu and asthma led to pneumonia and he died in the early hours of March 8th, 1929. News of his death shook the nation. Many pushed for him to be buried in Westminster Abbey—the dean was scandalized. "What! He was a socialist!" Thousands passed his body as he lay in state in St. Paul's Church. The two-mile route from the church to the cemetery was lined with crowds of his old comrades. And as the coffin was lowered into the grave, there was a shower of packets of Woodbines.

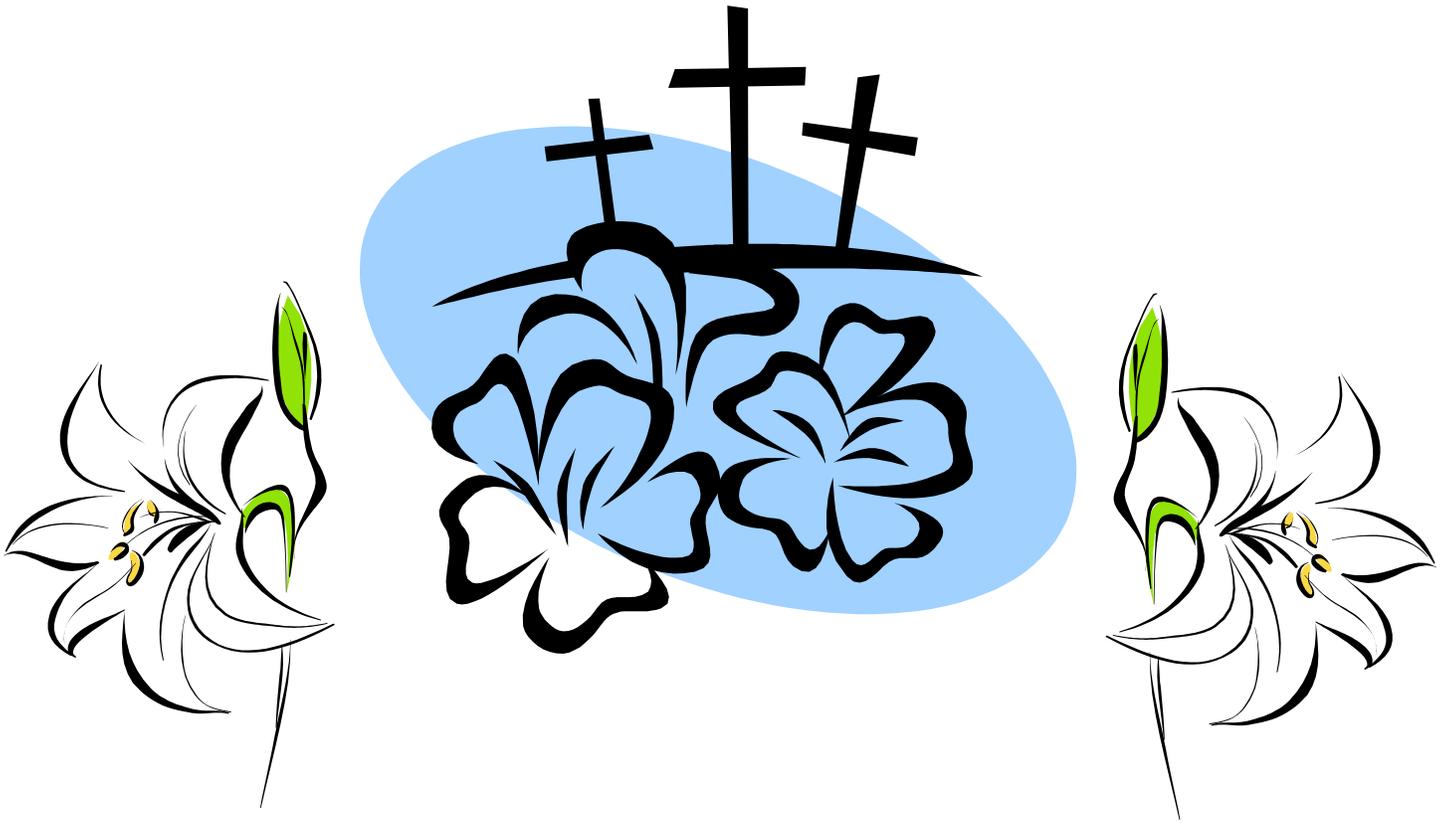
Prayer: Glorious God, we give thanks not merely for high and holy things, but for the common things of earth which you have created: Wake us to love and work, that Jesus, the Lord of life, may set our hearts ablaze and that we, like Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy, may recognize you in your people and in your creation, serving the holy and undivided Trinity; who lives and reigns throughout all ages of ages. Amen.

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2012

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
4 2 Lent •Bam HE •9am Coffee •9:15 Unbinding •9:45 Ch. Ed. •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 3 Lent •Bam HE •9am Coffee •9:15 Unbinding •9:45 Ch. Ed. •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 4 Lent •Bam HE •9am Coffee •9:15 Unbinding •9:45 Ch. Ed. •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 5 Lent •Bam HE •9am Coffee •9:15 Unbinding •9:45 Ch. Ed. •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	26	27	28	29	30	31
		•1-3 pm Sit & Stitch •7pm Vestry Meeting	•10-2 Gracie's Back Door •7pm Choir	•6:30-8 pm Unbinding Your Soul	•6:30 Poker Boys @ Jeff Marsh's	•6:30 Fellowship & Game Night
		•1-3 pm Sit & Stitch	•10-2 Gracie's Back Door •7pm Choir	•6:30-8 pm Unbinding Your Soul	•5-7 pm Youth Fish Fry	•9-4 Vestry Retreat @ Reba Cook's



EASTER MUSIC & FLOWERS

Contributions for Easter Music & Flowers may be made by using this form. Two musicians will be hired and we will adorn the altar with lilies, hyacinths, and tulips. The suggested contribution is \$15.00

_____ I would like to contribute to Easter music

_____ I would like to contribute to Easter flowers

In memory of

In thanksgiving for

Given by _____

Grace Episcopal Church of Ravenna

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