



The Grace Vine

March 2013

Rector's Writ

March is accompanied by a little more daylight, a lot of unpredictable weather, and Easter on March 31st. While waiting for spring, we're also trying to remain faithful to the "observance of a holy Lent." We reluctantly agree with those Ash Wednesday reminders of our wretchedness while we cleave to the promise of God's forgiveness. Trying to walk a faithful path in these early weeks of Lent, that "observance" might move us to a spiritual place that seems to demand more from us than simply giving up or taking on some discipline, and....we walk in faith.

One hope of our 40 day journey is to be closer to God. We may feel like that's happening in micrometers when often we want something drastic, something "super-spiritual" to happen as a result of our observance. We prefer growth to guilt; reflection to repentance; and some experience we can describe to that much-talked-about-but-seldom-explained sense of hope we seek in Christ.

Lent is a time to invite Jesus to stand beside us as we take a look at our lives in the light of God's goodness. Only God in Christ and the Holy Spirit can give us the courage and will to do that difficult work of examining our lives, our relationships, and what we value or "treasure." With God's help we learn what sins we need to repent of and what change and renewal we need to move toward. We find hope and meaning, not in what we turn away from or take on, but in the LORD WE TURN TOWARD. On that path, our penitence is received with God's mercy...our reflection is focused by the Spirit's guidance...our hope is made firm in Christ's grace. May our Lent be filled with hope and our Easter celebration with joy.

*"Paschal Lamb, by God appointed, all our sins on thee were laid:
by almighty love anointed, thou hast full atonement made.
All thy people are forgiven through the virtue of thy blood:
opened is the gate of heaven, reconciled are we with God."*

--words by John Bakewell (1721-1819) & Martin Madan (1726-1790)

From Hymn #495 Hail, thou once despised Jesus



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 10		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist		4 Lent
Celebrant	The Rev. Carol Evans	1st Reading	Joshua 5:9-12	
Deacon	8:00 The Rev. William Snyder 10:00 Roberta O'Keefe		Kathy Summy	
Greeters	John & Mary Jean McDonald	Psalm	32	
Acolyte	Kevin Splinter	2nd Reading	2 Corinthians 5:16-21	
Altar Guild	Nancy Lundgren & Cindy Hoskins		Tim Splinter	
Coffee Hosts	8:00 Mike Johnson 10:00 Fred & Nancy Lundgren	Gospel	Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32	
Counters	John McDonald & Cathy Mansor			

Sunday, March 17		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist		5 Lent
Celebrant	The Rev. Carol Evans	1st Reading	Isaiah 43:16-21	
Lay Reader	8:00 Bette Brooks 10:00 Nancy Lundgren		Cathy Mansor	
Greeters	Nancy & Jim Ervin	Psalm	126	
Acolyte	Eric Splinter	2nd Reading	Philippians 3:4b-14	
Altar Guild	Nancy Lundgren & Cindy Hoskins		Maynard Evans	
Coffee Hosts	8:00 Midge Myers 10:00 Lisa, Taylor, & Paige Paxton	Gospel	John 12:1-8	
Counters	John McDonald & Cathy Mansor			

Sunday, March 24		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist		Palm Sunday
Celebrant	The Rev. Carol Evans	1st Reading	Isaiah 50:4-9a	
Deacon	8:00 The Rev. William Snyder 10:00 The Rev. William Snyder		Martha Croll	
Greeters	David Miller & Alex Wroblewski	Psalm	31:9-16	
Acolyte	Jeff Marsh	2nd Reading	Philippians 2:5-11	
Altar Guild	Nancy Lundgren & Cindy Hoskins		Jeff Croll	
Coffee Hosts	8:00 Pat Williams 10:00 Nancy & Jim Ervin			

Monday, March 25		6:00 PM Evening Prayer		
Celebrant	The Rev. Carol Evans	1st Reading	Lamentations 1:1-2, 6-12	
Altar Guild	Nancy Lundgren & Cindy Hoskins	Psalm	69:1-23	
		2nd Reading	John 12:9-19	

Tuesday, March 26		6:00 PM Evening Prayer		
Celebrant	The Rev. Carol Evans	1st Reading	Lamentations 1:17-22	
Altar Guild	Nancy Lundgren & Cindy Hoskins	Psalm	94	
		2nd Reading	John 12:20-26	

Wednesday, March 27		6:00 PM Holy Eucharist		
Celebrant	The Rev. Carol Evans	1st Reading	Isaiah 50:4-9a	
Altar Guild	Nancy Lundgren & Cindy Hoskins	Psalm	70	
		2nd Reading	Hebrews 12:1-3	
		Gospel	John 13:21-32	



Thursday, March 28		7:00 PM Holy Eucharist	Maundy Thursday
Celebrant	The Rev. Carol Evans	1st Reading	Exodus 12:1-14 Cathy Mansor
Lay Reader	Roberta O'Keefe	Psalm	116:1, 10-17
Greeters	Nancy & Fred Lundgren	2nd Reading	I Corinthians 11:23-26 Tim Splinter
Acolyte	TBA	Gospel	John 13:1-17, 31b-35
Altar Guild	Nancy Lundgren & Cindy Hoskins		
Counters	John McDonald & Cathy Mansor		

Friday, March 29		7:00 PM Stations of the Cross & Good Friday Liturgy	Good Friday
Celebrant	The Rev. Carol Evans	1st Reading	Isaiah 52:13—53:12 Tim Splinter
Deacon	The Rev. William Snyder	Psalm	22
Altar Guild	Nancy Lundgren & Cindy Hoskins	2nd Reading	Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Kathy Summy
Counters	John McDonald & Cathy Mansor	Gospel	John 18:1—19:42

Saturday, March 30		9:30 AM	Holy Saturday
Celebrant	The Rev. Carol Evans	1st Reading	Lamentations 3:37-58
		Psalm	27
		2nd Reading	Romans 8:1-11

Sunday, March 31		8:00 & 10:00 AM Festive Holy Eucharist	Easter
Celebrant	The Rev. Carol Evans	1st Reading	Isaiah 65:17-25 Martha Croll
Deacon	8:00 The Rev. William Snyder 10:00 Nancy Lundgren	Psalm	118:1-2, 14-24
Greeters	Steve & Susan Merrill	2nd Reading	Acts 10:34-43 Jeff Croll
Acolytes	All Youth	Gospel	Luke 24:1-12
Altar Guild	Nancy Lundgren & Cindy Hoskins		
Coffee Hosts	8:00 TBA 10:00 Mary Jean & John McDonald		
Counters	John McDonald & Cathy Mansor		

Sunday, April 7		8:00 & 10:00 AM Morning Prayer	2 Easter
Celebrant	The Rev. Carol Evans	1st Reading	Acts 5:27-32 Fred Lundgren
Lay Reader	8:00 Bette Brooks 10:00 Carolyn Englert	Psalm	118:14-29
Greeters	Nancy & Fred Lundgren	2nd Reading	Revelation 1:4-8 Nancy Lundgren
Acolyte	Cathy Mansor	Gospel	John 20:19-31
Altar Guild	Joan Seman & Amy Neely		
Coffee Hosts	8:00 Frank & Joan Seman 10:00 Chris Stickle & Loretta Reigelman		
Counters	Steve Merrill & Reba Cook		
Emeritus	Kathy Summy		





Did You Know?...



Jenna Summy received a Silver Key from the Scholastic Art Exhibition for the digital photo she took and an honorable mention for another photo. The pictures are posted on the bulletin board in the parish hall if you'd like to take a look. Congratulations Jenna!

Chris Stickle was awarded an accommodation from the Ravenna police department and the Ravenna City School Superintendent for her quick action at Willard Elementary School when an overly agitated man tried to enter the school. Chris physically held the door closed while the police were called to the school. Her quick action may have saved the school from a potential tragedy...

We heard from **Bill and Phyllis Shorts** who wrote that they are doing well and they've enjoyed a lot of holiday visitors. They were on a Caribbean cruise in January with friends from their area...

John & Irene Machisko are in Florida for some of our winter. Hope they are enjoying their vacation..

Shirley Johnson found a Prayer Book owned by **Jake Wolfe**, a member of many years ago, and sent it to his daughter **Sally**. Sally and her husband **Kevin** now live in New Jersey and they are both opera singers. Sally writes that she and Kevin are doing well. He is singing in Denver with Opera Colorado and she will start the spring semester at Westminster. In the 90's Sally opened at the New York City's Metropolitan Opera's production of The Magic Flute, and many us from Grace attended her debut to celebrate with Sally...

Our youth group once again had a very successful Mardi Gras. And youth group leader **Chris Stickle** wanted to thank everyone who gave donations and to everyone who attended. Thanks to our waitresses: **Taylor Paxton, Paige Paxton, Jenna Summy and her little helper Emily Scibelli**. A special thanks our cooks: **Lane & Wilda Autry, Lisa Paxton, and Loretta Reigelman**. **Stacey Scibelli** kept the drinks coming and just being anywhere she was needed and **Nicole and Sammy Stickle** were busy doing dishes – lots of dishes. And as always thanks to **Rev. Carol** for helping with the clean-up. You can always count on Carol. Chris was asked by Paige Paxton if she wanted to give her an extra table because she saw that Chris was falling behind – you have to watch out for the leader; **Kay Canan** won the 50/50 drawing. Good for you, Kay! As you can see it takes many hands to make this all work! Thanks everyone...

Shirley and Mike Johnson had all three of their vehicles in the garage for repair of one kind and other. As if that's not enough of a problem; Shirley was given a truck for a "loaner" but she needed a ladder to get into it. Shirley's a small person and the truck wasn't small. I'll bet she couldn't wait to get her car back...

Judy Canan was happy to announce that her granddaughter **Jenny Pepera** has recently become engaged and her brother **Jonathan Pepera** is also engaged. Both weddings are planned

for 2014. Sounds like parents and Grandma have time to save for the happy event...

Sue and Bruce Ahrens went to visit with their daughter Sonja and her family in Massachusetts, just in time for the storm of the century. Sue reports that they didn't get as much snow as Connecticut – but snow they did get...

Bud Minnich reports that he really enjoyed his trip to Colorado to visit with his sons **David and Steve** over the Christmas holiday...

Barb Popiel and Linda Stover had their infant grandsons in church on February 10th and you wouldn't know there were babies in the service they were so quiet. It was really nice to see the daddies **Matthew Lewis and Ryan Stover** taking such good care of the baby boys...

And speaking of babies **Mary Jean & John McDonald** became new grandparents when **Christiana Lee McDonald** was born on Feb. 12 to **Andy and Cheryl McDonald**. Mary Jean and John will be leaving soon for Arizona to see Christiana and her parents. Congratulation to everyone!! ...

Marsha and Bill Snyder's cat Gunner was missing for four days and on the fourth day Bill found him on the road. He had been hit by cars many times. Bill came into the office to let Marsha know what he found and then went home to bury the cat--- a very sad day for the Snyders!! When Marsha got home from work the next day she walked into the house with Bill holding the "very alive" Gunner in his arms. I'm not too sure who he buried in the back yard, but you can bet he went with last rites, tears, and many prayers – a proper send off! ...

The first Lenten Study of The Shack went very well on Tuesday, Feb. 19th. Those who participated were **Sue Ahrens, Shirley & Mike Johnson, Dennis Dier, Judy Canan, Kay Canan, Martha Croll, Tony & Toni Worthen, Midge Myers, Bill & Marsha Snyder and Marcia Splinter**. Bill Snyder led the study of the book The Shack and Toni Worthen, our fearless cook, made potato soup along with two different cakes and crackers and drop biscuits. All went home with full stomachs and spirit...

Jim and Amy Neely report that daughter **Emily** and her family are doing well after their home was destroyed by fire. They lost everything including their dogs. **Emily, Shea and daughter Jane** are staying with them for the time being. They even got a new dog. Our prayers are with you...

Reba Cook had a fall in her home last month and the fourteen stitches in her forehead didn't keep her from her job...

Alice Boydell has purchased a condo in Mason, Ohio. She will be moving to be closer to her daughter **Ellen** and her grandsons **Elliot and Henry** and her sister as soon as her home sells here in Ravenna. She will be missed.

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:

- To Reba Cook for hosting the Vestry retreat
- To those who came to the Adult Lenten study. And for those who when out to find the books at used book stores for the study.
- To our lay worship leaders for making our worship experience important to them.
- To Carolyn Englert for the prayer chain ministry she facilitates.
- To Mike and Shirley for all those little things they do quietly for people in our church and the community.
- To Chris Stickle, Loretta Reigelman, and Nicole Stickle for representing Grace Church at Loaves and Fishes.

- To those who contributed to Loaves and Fishes which enables Grace Church to be well represented.
- To our Youth Group leaders for all their hard work organizing the Mardi Gras and the trip to Fun and Stuff for our youth and their parents.
- To Roberta O’Keefe for planning to have Julie Rohrich, from the Medication Assistance Program, to come and speak at our ECW meeting
- To Mary Jean McDonald and Marsha Snyder for hosting the ECW meeting and thanks to all those who attended.

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.



Birthdays

- 1st Bette Brooks
- 3rd Amelia Golec
- 14th Amanda Brooks
Beverly Brooks
- 22nd George Furrer
Dutch Shriver
Rodney Stickle
- 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:

4/14— Eric

4/21— Jeff

4/28—Kevin

5/5— Cathy

Tim@splinterfactions.net

Marcia@splinterfactions.net

330-527-2084

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.

Are Appearances Really what Matter?

One Sunday morning, an old cowboy entered a church just before services were to begin. Although the old man and his clothing were clean, he wore jeans, a denim shirt and boots that were worn and ragged. In his hand he carried a worn-out old hat and dog-eared Bible.

The church he entered was a very upscale part of the city. It was the largest and most beautiful church the old cowboy had ever seen. The people of the congregation were dressed with expensive clothes and jewelry.

As the cowboy took a seat, the others moved away from him. No one greeted, spoke to or welcomed him. They were appalled by his appearance and did not try to hide it.

As the old cowboy was leaving the church, the preacher approached and asked the cowboy to do him a favor. "Before you come back in here again have a talk with God and ask him what he thinks would be appropriate attire for worship in church." The old cowboy assured the preacher he would.

The next Sunday, he showed back up for the services wearing the same ragged jeans, shirt, boots and hat. Once again he was completely shunned and ignored. The preacher approached the cowboy and said, "I thought I asked you to speak to God before you came back to our church."

"I did," replied the old cowboy.

"And what was his reply?" asked the preacher.

"Well, sir, God told me that he didn't have a clue what I should wear. He said he'd never been in this church."

- Dave Cangalosi- reprint from The Anglican Digest Spring 2011

News from Gracies Backdoor

Coming Attractions

March 2013: CRAFTS" month at Gracie's. Wait and be surprised about this event.

APRIL 2013: Spring into summer and think about getting outside—gardening, decorating porches and decks.

MAY 2013: Gifts for the graduate, extra serving dishes, picture frames to hold those cherished memories.

JUNE 2013: It's a time for Brides, a time to get outside and enjoy barbeques, picnics, and curling up with a good book. Come see what we have to aid these joys.

If you're cleaning out don't throw anything out – remember Gracie's

From the Deacon's Desk -

Our church calls us to observe the days of Lent by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial, by reading and meditation on God's Holy Word.

Who has the time for all this? Just living in our day to day world can be struggle enough for many of us. Taking time to focus on our relationship with God, how that relationship has been fractured, and how we might begin to heal through prayer. Prayer, actually talking with God with words and thoughts from our own mind and hearts, is not always easy. Yet we can be sure of one thing, God will listen and most important of all God is willing to forgive us for what we have done or have failed to do.

Deacon Bill Snyder

Holy Week Services

Please plan to join us for the following opportunities to complete the observance of a Holy Lent and to celebrate the joy of Easter as we gather to worship and pray. Please be sure to invite friends and family to any of our services.

Sunday, March 24th

Sunday of the Passion

Palm Sunday Services 8 & 10am

Monday, March 25th

Evening Prayer 6pm

Tuesday, March 26th

Evening Prayer 6pm

Wednesday, March 27th

Holy Eucharist 6pm

Thursday, March 28th

Maundy Thursday Eucharist

& Stripping of the Altar 7pm

Friday, March 29th

Stations of the Cross and

Good Friday Liturgy 7pm

Saturday, March 30th

Holy Saturday Liturgy 9:30am

Sunday, March 31st

8am Festive Easter Eucharist with music

10am Festive Easter Eucharist with choir & music

Children's Easter egg hunt follows the 10am service

ECW will continue Collecting...

- Items for Safer Futures (a battered women's shelter) will be collected on an on-going basis. Bring your items and place them in the basket in the narthex.
- Box Tops are being collected for Lillian Vallely School. An Episcopal Blackfoot Indian reservation school in Idaho.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

The Youth Group had a great day on Sunday, Feb. 17th. They began their day with pizza and chips after the service, then they were off to "Fun and Stuff" in Macedonia. All ages had a great time playing video games, roller skating, lazar tag, and bumper cars. Kathy Summy, Stacey Scibelli, and Chrissy Stickle joined the kids roller skating and Kathy and Taylor Paxton were busy keeping Chrissy and Stacey, and some of the youth on their feet. Everyone played lazar tag and some did better than others. The youth got most all the points and thanks for Eric and Kevin Splinter who were very good lazar tag players – that's where green team's points came from. At the bumper cars Stacey and Chrissy took on all the kids. They got smashed. What were they thinking? Kathy, Lisa and Courtney stayed out of it and enjoyed watching the mayhem and took pictures – smart thinking. If the day could be described it was "perfect". To see all the smiles and seeing all the youth having a really good time together was certainly worth it!!

The youth included: Gerry, Maggie, and Sammy Rich; Taylor & Paige Paxton; Eric and Kevin Splinter; Zachary & Emily Scibelli; Jenna Summy; Samantha & Nicole Stickle; and Nicole's friend Abby.

The adults who braved the day were: Marcia & Tim Splinter, Kathy Summy, Stacey Scibelli, Lisa Paxton, Courtney Rich, and Chris Stickle.

Thanks to all the members of the congregation for their support in our effort to have a successful youth group. (Note: Many thanks to our ever-faithful and ever-energetic Youth Group Director, Chris Stickle.)

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
3 3 Lent •8am HE •9am Coffee •9:15 Adult Study 9:45 Chr. Ed •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	4	5 •6pm Lenten Adult Study	6 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door	7 •7pm Choir Practice	8 World Day of Prayer	9 •6pm Fellowship & Game Night
10 4 Lent •8am HE •9am Coffee •9:15 Adult Study 9:45 Chr. Ed •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	11	12 •2-4pm Sit & Stitch •6pm Lenten Adult Study	13 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door •6pm Healing Service & Eucharist	14 •7pm Choir Practice	15	16
17 5 Lent •8am HE •9am Coffee •9:15 Adult Study 9:45 Chr. Ed •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	18	19 •6pm Lenten Adult Study •7pm Vestry Meeting	20 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door	21 •8am Retired Men's Breakfast •7pm Choir Practice	22	23
24 Palm Sunday •8am HE •9am Coffee •9:15 Adult Study 9:45 Chr. Ed •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	25 •6pm Evening Prayer	26 •2-4pm Sit & Stitch •6pm Evening Prayer	27 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door •6pm Holy Eucharist	28 •7pm Maundy Thursday •8pm Choir Practice	29 •7pm Stations of the Cross	30 •9:30 am Holy Saturday
31 Easter •8am HE •9am Coffee 9:45 Chr. Ed •10am HE •11:15 Coffee & Egg Hunt						

The Vestry of Grace Episcopal Church
 Cathy Mansor (2013)
 Jeff Marsh (2013)
 Barb Popiel (2013)
 Reba Cook (2014)
 John McDonald (2014)
 Midge Myers (2014)
 Fred Lundgren (2015)
 Steve Merrill (2015)
 Frank Seman (2015)

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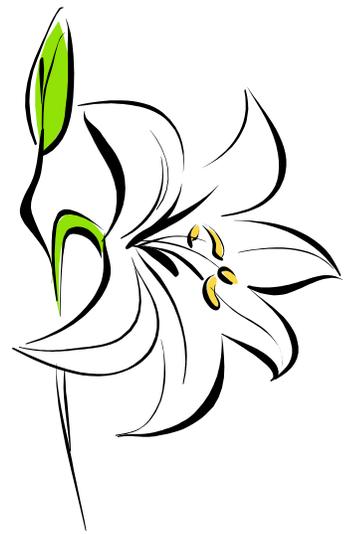
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