

The Grace Vine

May 2005

Rector's Writ

Whenever we have a Confirmation Class, I'm reminded how much there is to learn about God-Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and about this "wonderful and sacred mystery" we call the Church. We remind those being confirmed or received or renewing their baptismal vows that what we learn and discuss in the way of instruction is just putting our toe into the water. There's a winding and wonderful journey before us when it comes to worship, service, and that deceptively simple command to love God and one another. Although for Christians the hope and promise of the final destination of our journey is heaven, we need to be intentional in searching and seeing what God might choose to reveal to us along the way.

One of the things God shows and reminds us over and over again is that the Church is not the building, it's the PEOPLE. The people are not "just" members, but MINISTERS. Our Catechism lists lay persons first in answer to the question "Who are the ministers of the Church?" An active and committed congregation is the best and most important kind of "multi-staff" Church. Every member of God's Church is called to some form of ministry. We have several going on at Grace: Altar Guild and all the people involved with worship; Christian Ed for children, youth, and adults; Bible studies; E.C.W.; Loyalton ministers; G. E.M.; Hospitality; Choir; Vestry; Gracie's; community volunteers; to name only a few. Ministries at their best are to build up the body of Christ (the Church members) and to invite and WELCOME more people to become part of this Church family. Ministries are not meant to be perfect, but meant to be shared.

Do the people visiting--or attending Grace Church for that matter--feel invited and encouraged to join in our fellowship and to take part in the ministries we're all called to do... whether that ministry is at the altar, in the kitchen, or at Loyalton; whether it's teaching, cooking, reading, doing repairs or building fellowship? God's love, grace, and power--and the ministries Christ calls us to--are not limited. When we're willing to make ourselves available for God's purposes; to express gratitude; to share what we've been given, our Lord responds with blessings of growth in the Spirit and growth in fellowship. May it please the Lord to nurture our ministries and fellowship with his loving Spirit.

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.

Sun. May 1—8:00am & 10:00am Holy Eucharist—6th Easter	
Officiant: The Rev. Carol Evans Deacon: The Rev. William Snyder Lay Reader: Judy Canan Greeters: Bud Minnich & Jim Ervin Acolytes: Emily Neely & Katie Ahrens Shepherd: 8:00 Roberta O'Keefe, 10:00 Stephanie Higgins Altar Guild: Nancy Ervin & Barb Popiel Coffee Hosts: 8:00 Lauren & Melissa Strainer 10:00 Kelly & Ron Postlethwaite Counters: Ron Postlethwaite & Addrienne Conway Loyalton: Jim Wichman	(8:00 Roberta O'Keefe) 1st Reading Acts 17:22-31 Bud Minnich Psalm 148:7-14 2nd Reading 1 Peter 3:8-18 Maynard Evans Gospel John 15:1-8
Sun. May 8—8:00am & 10:00am Holy Eucharist—7th Easter—Mother's Day	
Officiant: The Rev. Carol Evans Deacon: The Rev. James H Wichman Lay Reader: Bette Brooks Greeters: Sandee West & Betty Russell Acolytes: Julie Canan & Jeanell Moore Shepherd: 8:00 Roberta O'Keefe, 10:00 Bill Snyder Altar Guild: Nancy Ervin & Barb Popiel Coffee Hosts: 8:00 Pat Black & Cindy Hoskins 10:00 John & Irene Machisko Counters: Ron Postlethwaite & Addrienne Conway Loyalton: Judy Canan	(8:00 Roberta O'Keefe) 1st Reading Acts 1:1-14 Steve Barna Psalm 47 2nd Reading 1 Peter 4:12-19 Tim Splinter Gospel John 17:1-11
Sun. May 15—8:00am & 10:00am Holy Eucharist—Day of Pentecost	
Officiant: The Rev. Carol Evans Deacon: The Rev. William Snyder Lay Reader: Maynard Evans Greeters: Fred & Nancy Lundgren Acolytes: Emily Summy & Chelsea Postlethwaite Shepherd: 8:00 Jean Mercer, 10:00 Leslie Thomas Altar Guild: Nancy Ervin & Barb Popiel Coffee Hosts: 8:00 Shirley & Mike Johnson 10:00 Judy Canan & Bonnie Quay Counters: Ron Postlethwaite & Addrienne Conway Loyalton: Bill Snyder	1st Reading Acts 2:1-11 Laura Price Psalm 104:25-32 2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 12:4-13 John Machisko Gospel John 20:19-23

United Thank Offering Ingathering Sunday, May 8, 2005

United Thank Offering (UTO) is a program of the Episcopal Church USA for the mission of the whole Church, founded by and administered by women since 1889. The UTO is collected by men, women and children who collect coins as an offering of thanks to God. Look for the UTO envelope in your Grace Vine and bring it in for collection on May 8th.

Sun. May 22—8:00am & 10:00am Holy Eucharist—Trinity Sunday

<p>Officiant: The Rev. Carol Evans Deacon: The Rev. James Wichman Lay Reader: Carolyn Englert Greeters: John & Mary Jean McDonald Acolytes: Page Thomas & Emily Ahrens Shepherd: 8:00 George Furrer, 10:00 Judy Canan Altar Guild: Nancy Ervin & Barb Popiel Coffee Hosts: 8:00 Lauren & Melissa Strainer 10:00 Kelly & Ron Postlethwaite Counters: Ron Postlethwaite & Addrienne Conway Loyalton: Maynard Evans</p>	<p>(8:00 Melissa Strainer) 1st Reading Genesis 1:2-2:3 Dennis Dier Psalm Canticle 13 2nd Reading 2 Corinthians 13:5-14 Kathy Summy Gospel Matthew 28:16-20</p>
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Sun. May 29—8:00am & 10:00am Holy Eucharist—2nd Pentecost

<p>Officiant: The Rev. Carol Evans Deacon: The Rev. William Snyder Lay Reader: Judy Canan Greeters: Leslie & Colin Thomas Acolytes: Katie Ahrens & Cory Postlethwaite Shepherd: 8:00 Roberta O’Keefe, 10:00 Stephanie Higgins Altar Guild: Nancy Ervin & Barb Popiel Coffee Hosts: 8:00 TBD 10:00 John & Mary Jean McDonald Counters: Ron Postlethwaite & Addrienne Conway Loyalton: Carolyn Englert</p>	<p>1st Reading Deuteronomy 11:18-21, 26-28 Paige Thomas Psalm 31:1-5,19,24 2nd Reading Romans 3:21-25a,28 Tim Splinter Gospel Matthew 7:21-27</p>
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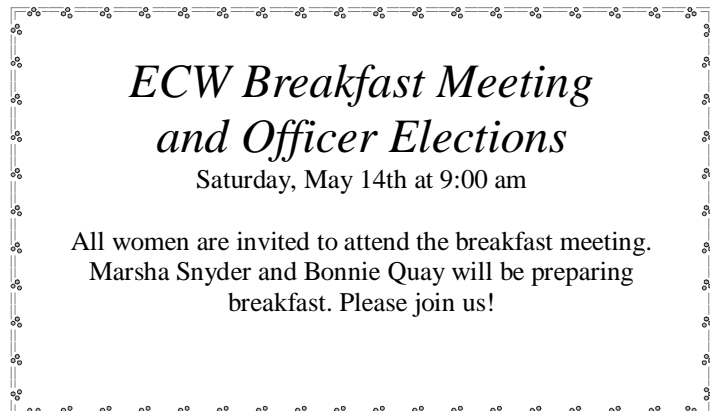
Sun. June 5—8:00am & 10:00am Holy Eucharist—3rd Pentecost

<p>Officiant: The Rev. Carol Evans Deacon: The Rev. William Snyder Lay Reader: Bette Brooks Greeters: John & Irene Machisko Acolytes: Emily Summy & Emily Ahrens Shepherd: 8:00 Lloyd O’Keefe, 10:00 Bill Snyder Altar Guild: Judy Watkins & Bette Brooks Coffee Hosts: 8:00 TBD 10:00 Fred & Nancy Lundgren Counters: Nancy Lundgren & Dennis Dier Loyalton: Jim Wichman</p>	<p>(8:00 Roberta O’Keefe) 1st Reading Hosea 5:15-6:6 Bud Minnich Psalm 50:7-15 2nd Reading Romans 4:13-18 John Machisko Gospel Matthew 9:9-13</p>
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MEXICAN FIESTA
SATURDAY MAY 21ST

Buffet Dinner and Games
For Adults Only
\$15 each
Eat, have fun with friends,
AND support the church...



*ECW Breakfast Meeting
and Officer Elections*
Saturday, May 14th at 9:00 am

All women are invited to attend the breakfast meeting.
Marsha Snyder and Bonnie Quay will be preparing
breakfast. Please join us!

Did You Know...?

By Marsha Snyder

...as of last month this parish (not the church building) has been in existence for 140 years. In 1865, the Reverend Holden came to Ravenna for the founding of Grace Parish. The first service was held on Easter Sunday, April 9th, 1865 with twenty four families in attendance. Actually the first Episcopal parish in Ravenna began on March 10, 1817 and was then called St. Luke's. So, we Episcopalians have been in Ravenna for 188 years. And we're still hanging in there.

...Congratulations to **Paige Thomas**, who is now officially a Ravenna High School cheerleader. After a lot of hard work she "made it" on her first try-out. Yah! Good going Paige.

...**Ken Boydell** and a friend went to Myrtle Beach to their condo to fix a washer. Well that's the story, not sure it's the whole story.

...**Nydah Ellet** is getting really excited about her trip to Scotland this August. The Ellet Clan will be gathering at the castle and she's going to be there no matter what!!

...**Phyllis Shorts** wrote to say that Bill is doing well and we are certainly happy to here that good news.

...The E.C.W. Deanery Spring Luncheon was held this year at Grace Church. It was very successful and everyone was very complementary on the fine job the women of Grace displayed. Thanks to everyone who worked so hard getting food and decorations on the tables and setting up. Judy Canan, made the delicious salad; **Mary Jean McDonald, Pat Williams, Betty Capriola, Irene Machisko, and Marsha Snyder**, baked the quiche;

Bonnie Quay bought the sherbet and cookies, **Marsha Snyder** baked the rolls, **Kay Canan** made the little fancy chocolate fans that went on each dessert plate. Thanks also to those who brought in their treasurer's (tea pots, tea cups, doilies, gloves, and jewelry) for display: **Kathy Summy, Betty Capriola, Jean Mercer, Carolyn Englert, Judy Canan, and Marsha Snyder**. Those who set up on Tuesday afternoon were: **Jean Mercer, Judy Canan, Betty Capriola, Marsha Snyder, and Mary Jean McDonald** (who had to leave because she broke a tooth, but in no time at all she was back to all our amazement). We want to especially say thanks to **Carolyn Englert** for her wonderful program about the lovely dolls she's created. She was well received by all the ladies of our Deanery.

...Gracie's Back Door did a booming business after the deanery business meeting was over and a few minutes were available to shop. There's always time to shop.

...**Janice Lallathin** is walking in the March of Dines walk-a-thon in Akron on May 7th. Five miles ought to be a piece of cake for Janice, you can see her many mornings walking all over Ravenna. How many miles do you put on in a day Janice?

...**Tim, Marcia, Eric and Kevin Splinter** are headed for Texas to visit Marcia's brother, who just happens to live in the same community as Nancy and Fred Lundgren's son Bill and his family. It's a small world.

...**Nancy Ervin** is back in the choir after her recent surgery and the choir is happy to have her back, especially Marcia Splinter.

...**Len Mercer** had surgery for a detached retina and Jean reports that he did great. Thanks be to God! Len and Jean have planned to travel west this spring to see family and do some site seeing.

...**Judy Canan** had surgery on her foot, a little too late for the wedding shoes she wanted to wear at her granddaughter's wedding. She just suffered in a new pair of shoes with a bad foot.

...Please keep **Nadine VanPelt** in your prayers, she's in the hospital with a heart condition. Please send cards to: Robinson Memorial Hospital c/o Regency, Room 3108 Bed 2, 6847 North Chestnut, Ravenna, Oh 44266.

...It's good to see **Johnnie and Irene Machisko** back from their winter in the south. And we love the nice weather you brought to us. It was you who brought this beautiful weather to us- wasn't it?.

...**Bonnie and Blake Quay** have been working hard at the County Clothing Center and at the recent fashion show their niece was one of the models.

...**Billy Johnson's** family had a retirement party for him here at Grace Church, on April 17th and many of our church family attended along with lots of friends and family.

...**Mary Jean McDonald** was in San Francisco visiting her daughter and family. Just couldn't wait to see those grandchildren...

Mother's Day Flower Sale

Saturday May 7th from 10am to 3pm at the Church

In order to make this a success, we will need the help of the whole parish. If you are willing to make bows for the pots, please contact Addrienne Conway for supplies. We will be getting the plants on Friday the 6th and decorating the pots.

If you have baskets you no longer want that will fit a 4" or 10" pot please bring it to church and put it in the old "Secretary's Office"/Adults/Seniors room straight in from the lower back door. If you would like to decorate that basket, feel free.

We will also need help during the sale with cashiers, helpers, and people to meet and greet customers coming to the sale.

Let's show the community how great we are and have fun doing it!!

Addrienne Conway
Fun-d Raising committee

Birthdays

3rd Carolyn Englert
Lucy Kester
Tim Splinter
4th Laurel Brooks
Lauren Strainer
9th Elizabeth Webb
11th Bonnie Quay
12th Addrienne Conway
Irene Hurst
15th Midge Myers
Phyllis Shorts
16th Marsha Snyder
18th John Phillip Sherwood
23rd Eleanor Blank
25th Mary Harper
26th Kenneth Englert
27th Bill Shorts Jr.
29th Jason Strainer

Congratulations! *and many happy returns...*

Anniversaries

1st Bill & Marcia Snyder
2nd Roger & Judy Watkins
26th Jim & Charlene Wichman

Baptisms

3rd Louise Thacker
4th Joan Pringle
7th Irene Machisko
11th Kathy Summy
13th Nancy Lundgren
18th Irene Hurst
20th Paige Paxton
McKenna Conway
25th Ken Boydell
29th Laura Price

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 6 Easter •8am HE •9am Coffee •9:45 Ch. Ed. •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	2 •9am Buildings and Grounds Meeting	3	4 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door •6pm Dinner and Adult Bible Study	5 •1:30-2:30 Bible Study	6	7 •10-3 Mother's Day Plant Sale
8 7 Easter (UTO) •8am HE •9am Coffee •8:45 Choir •9:45 Ch. Ed. •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	9	10	11 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door •6pm Healing Service & Eucharist •6pm Dinner and Adult Bible Study	12 •1:30-2:30 Bible Study	13	14 •9am ECW Breakfast Meeting •12pm Habitat for Humanity Lunch
15 Pentacost •8am HE •9am Coffee •8:45 Choir •9:45 Ch. Ed. •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	16	17 •7pm Vestry Meeting	18 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door •6pm Dinner and Adult Bible Study	19 •8am Retired Men's Breakfast •1:30-2:30 Bible Study	20 •10-2 County Clothing Center	21 •Mexican Fiesta Buffet & Game Evening—Adults only, \$15/ea
22 Trinity Sun. •8am HE •9am Coffee •8:45 Choir •9:45 Ch. Ed. •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	23	24	25	26 •1:30-2:30 Bible Study	27	28
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