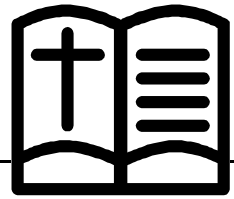




The Grace Vine

May 2007



Rector's Writ

<u>Bible</u>	<u>Creeds</u>	<u>Seasons of the Church Year</u>
<i>Old Testament</i>	<i>1st paragraph: "I believe in God the Father almighty..."</i>	<i>Advent</i>
<i>Matthew</i>	<i>2nd paragraph: "I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord..."</i>	<i>Christmas</i>
<i>Mark</i>		<i>Epiphany</i>
<i>Luke</i>		<i>Lent</i>
<i>John</i>		<i>Holy Week</i>
<i>Book of Acts</i>	<i>3rd paragraph: "I believe in the Holy Spirit..."</i>	<i>Easter</i>
<i>The Epistles</i>		<i>Pentecost</i>
<i>Book of Revelation</i>		

Our catechism provides a brief but useful description of Holy Scriptures, citing the Old Testament as "books written by the people of the Old Covenant...to show God at work in nature and history." The New Testament is described as "books written by the people of the New Covenant...to set forth the life and teachings of Jesus and to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom for all people." Each of these definitions also reminds us Scripture is written "under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit." So no matter which season of the Church Year we're in, we're reading Scripture inspired by the Holy Spirit while we're BEING inspired and guided by the same Spirit.

The above diagram is from William Sydnor's book *Looking at the Episcopal Church*. It provides a bare bones outline of the seasons we observe in our Church year, but more importantly it outlines the unfolding acts of God's love and redemption in the Scriptures and the beliefs we uphold and affirm in our Creeds (Nicene and Apostles'). It's good to watch people in the pews smile as we hear the Easter season stories about Jesus appearing to his disciples and cooking them breakfast. There seems to be a part of us that embraces both the mystique and the practicality of the resurrected Christ. We want the assurance of Christ's presence and forgiveness, but even more we long to have our lives transformed by it. We want our faith and our lives to become new...sins, mistakes, and fears swept aside. The story of God's deeds and Christ's teachings continues to unfold as we come to understand how faith and hope, redemption and renewal can transform our lives today. That process of becoming the people God has created us to be (disciples, servants, friends) is not limited by seasons or structures or even by our efforts to understand. Christ makes himself known to those who love and seek him. May the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit work among and through and within us this Easter season and always.



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, May 6	8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	Easter 5
Officiating: The Rev. Carol S. Evans Lay Reader: Judy Canan Greeters: Fred & Nancy Ludngren Acolyte: Julie Canan Altar Guild: Barb Popiel & Goldie Shriver Coffee Hosts: 8:00 Golec Girls 10:00 Leslie & Paige Thomas Counters: Kelly Postlethwaite & Cathy Mansor Loyalton: Maynard Evans	1st Reading Acts 11:1-18 8:00 Roberta O'Keefe 10:00 G. Thompson Psalm 148 2nd Reading Revelation 21:1-6 Tim Splinter Gospel John 13:31-35	
Sunday, May 13	8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	Easter 6
MOTHER'S DAY Officiating: The Rev. Carol S. Evans Deacon: The Rev. William D. Snyder Lay Reader: Bette Brooks Greeters: Irene & John Machisko Acolyte: Emily Summy & Eric Splinter Altar Guild: Barb Popiel & Goldie Shriver Coffee Hosts: 8:00 The Hospitality Committee (Spring Breakfast) 10:00 John & Mary Jean McDonald Counters: Kelly Postlethwaite & Cathy Mansor	1st Reading Acts 16:9-15 Cathy Mansor Psalm 67 2nd Reading Revelation 21:10,22-22:5 Steve Barna Gospel John 14, 23-29	
Sunday, May 20	8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	Easter 7
Officiating: The Rev. Carol S. Evans Lay Reader: Judy Canan Greeters: Nancy & Jim Ervin Acolyte: Jenna Summy Coffee Hosts: 8:00 Janice Lallathin 10:00 Judy & Kay Canan Altar Guild: Barb Popiel & Goldie Shriver Counters: Kelly Postlethwaite & Cathy Mansor Loyalton: The Rev. William Snyder	1st Reading Acts 16:16-34 8:00 Roberta O'Keefe 10:00 K. Postlethwaite Psalm 97 2nd Reading Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 John Machisko Gospel John 17:20-26	

Len & Jean Mercer are settled in North Carolina.

Here's their new contact info

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Did You Know?...



Beverly Brooks' picture was in the Record Courier standing in front of the famous fountain in Italy. Her sister **Amanda** received very good feedback from her interview at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific (**Carol's** old alma mater, along with **Bishop Hollingsworth** and the Presiding Bishop). And their sister **Laurel** just received a promotion at Vassar. Sounds like the Brooks girls are doing quite well for themselves...

Dani Dier got a job working in her field --the theater...

Our Sit and Stitch is going great. Some of us are learning to knit (and some of us aren't having much luck at it). **Sue Ahrens** is working on a beautiful quilt that **Bruce's grandmother** started many years ago. **Carolyn Englert** made a renaissance dress for her niece's wedding. **Shirley Johnson** is still knitting hats. And **Alice Boydell** has been working on a cross-stitch that would make most of us go blind, but it's beautiful. The latest project is doll making for an orphanage in Africa. That's very exciting for all of us...

Skyler Conway has a drawing that will hang at Trinity Cathedral this summer...

Jesse Moore has a drawing that is hanging at Kent State University...

Jannell Moore and her Girl Scout Group spent six hours cleaning up for Earth Day...

The Mother's Day Plant Sale pre-sale has been going very well for **Judy Canan**. She's getting even for all the magazines, candles, candy, and "stuff" she's been buying over the years from her grandchildren and her children are now paying back...

Thank you **Cory Conway** for installing the new Fax machine in the church office, and thanks to **Mike Johnson** for the beautiful flowers delivered to the office by his wife **Shirley**...

Mary Jean and John McDonald have returned from their western vacation visiting their children in Arizona and California...

Nancy and Fred Lundgren will be heading west also to visit with son **Bill** and his family in Texas...

The **Mercers** have moved to North Carolina and their new address is: 813 Roanoke Dr., Cary NC 27513. I'm sure they'd love to hear from you...

Kelly and Ron Postlethwaite are expecting another baby in October, congratulations...

On the way from the Habitat Lunch **Blake and Bonnie Quay** had a little run in with one of our local deer. The deer didn't live to tell the tale, but fortunately Blake and Bonnie did with only repairs to the van...

Cora Pierce loves to fish so she joined a ladies fishing club. What a good idea...

Twenty three youth and four adults joined in the Youth Group Lock-In on May 21st. They all had a wonderful time.

CHURCH BULLETIN BLUNDERS

A collection of hysterical typos, errors and poorly chosen words culled from the nation's church publications (or so they claim...)

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been canceled due to a conflict.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on the Water." The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus."

Our youth basketball team is back in action Wednesday at 8 PM in the Recreation hall. Come out and watch us kill Christ the King.

(I've got more to come...)

On the Horizon

Saturday May 12th
Mother's Day Flower Sale
9am—3pm

Fellowship & Games Night
6:30pm

If you could use child care for the evening, let Marcia Splinter know so we can arrange for someone down in Goldie's Room.

Sunday May 13th
Spring Breakfast
9am

The Hospitality Committee invites everyone for breakfast between the Services.

Tuesday May 15th
Crop Walk
Organizing Meeting
7pm

Grace Church needs an organizer for this year's Crop Walk to attend the first meeting. Please call the office if you are interested.

Saturday May 19th
Loaves and Fishes Meal
11:30am

Grace Church's Turn to serve the Loaves and Fishes Meal at the Methodist Church. The Youth (8 and up) will be helping this time.

Saturday June 9th
Fellowship & Games Night
6:30pm

Saturday June 23rd
Men's Garage Sale

Let the Fund-raising committee know if you or anyone you know would like to participate.

Saturday June 30th
Steak Fry
5-7pm

It's been a year or two since our last one, but it's worth the wait. There will be a reservation sheet when the time gets closer. There will be hot dog for the kids, too.

Week of July 23rd
Vacation Bible School
Details will follow, but you can get it on your calendar.

Birthdays

3rd Carolyn Englert
Lucy Kester
Tim Splinter
4th Laurel Brooks
Lauren Strainer
7th Phillip Crouse
9th Elizabeth Webb
11th Bonnie Quay
12th Addrianne Conway
15th Midge Myers
Phyllis Shorts
16th Marsha Snyder
18th John Phillip Sherwood
22nd Gerald Rich
23rd Eleanor Blank
26th Kenneth Englert
27th Joan Seman
Bill Shorts Jr.
29th Jason Strainer



Congratulations!

and many happy returns...

Anniversaries

1st Bill & Marsha Snyder
2nd Roger & Judy Watkins



Baptisms

3rd Louise Thacker
7th Irene Machisko
11th Kathy Summy
13th Nancy Lundgren
18th Amanda Brooks
Beverly Brooks
20th Paige Paxton
McKenna Conway
23rd Marcia Splinter
25th Ken Boydell
27th Joan Seman
29th Laura Price

