



The Grace Vine

November 2006

Rector's Reflections

As daylight shortens and the leaves turn colors and drift from yard to yard, we know Thanksgiving will too quickly usher in the holiday season. Those who are church members know that the Stewardship letters are just as predictable as Christmas catalogues this time of year. And this year will be no exception; we will be sending out a stewardship letter. But for the moment, it seems proper to simply focus on giving thanks to God for many people, many reasons, and blessings beyond what we realize.

The gratitude and thankfulness we offer to God are not limited to stewardship seasons and Thanksgiving. Ideally, it's an everyday action... an everyday attitude...to give thanks to God and to be grateful for all the blessings our Lord so graciously and generously provides. We proclaim week after week in what we aptly call The Great Thanksgiving that 'IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE GOD THANKS and PRAISE.'

It's not only right, it's a good and joyful thing. We may hear that phrase so often that we overlook the significance. As a Church family we gather to worship God; bring our offerings before the Lord; be spiritually fed and strengthened to love and serve God and one another. The goodness and joy that come from receiving God's grace and sacraments are then woven into our relationships, service, prayers, actions and attitudes as we live our daily lives. We are vessels (imperfect vessels to boot) for that goodness and joy to be made present in the lives of others. We're not called to stay in the shelter and comfort of the Church we love. We're sent out into the world with a sense of gratitude and joy AND sent to carry out a mission: "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. THANKS BE TO GOD."

Happy Thanksgiving and God's blessings to you and yours.

THANKSLIVING

Were thanks with every gift expressed,

Each day would be Thanksgiving;

Were gratitude its very best,

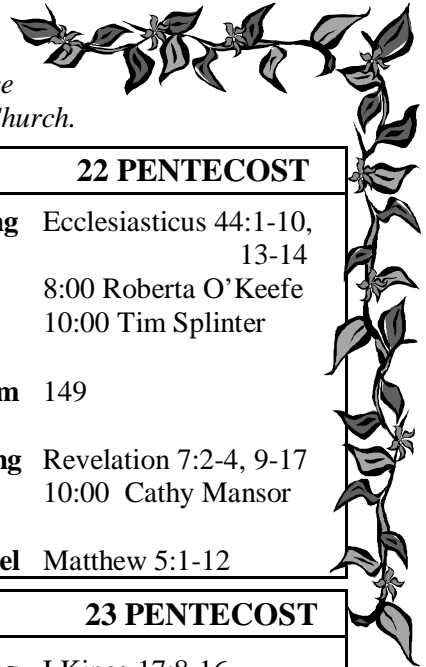
Each life would be thanksgiving.

Chauncey R. Piety



Service and Lay Ministry Schedule

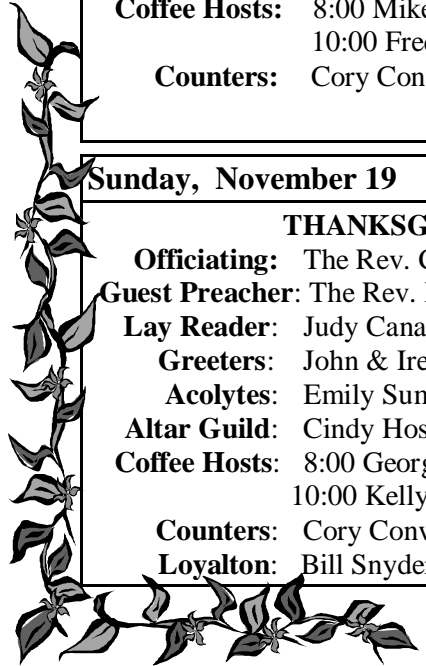
If you cannot serve when scheduled, please find a substitute and call the parish office with that person's name. Thank you for sharing in the liturgical ministry of Grace Church.



Sunday, November 5	8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	22 PENTECOST
Officiant: The Rev. Carol S. Evans Lay Reader: Carolyn Englert Greeters: Bonnie Quay & Judy Canan Acolytes: Julie Canan & Sammy Stickle Altar Guild: Cindy Hoskins & Amy Neely Coffee Hosts: 8:00 Lauren & Melissa Strainer 10:00 John & Mary Jean McDonald Counters: Cory Conway & Frank Seman Loyalton: Maynard Evans UTO SUNDAY ALL SAINT'S SUNDAY	1st Reading Ecclesiasticus 44:1-10, 13-14 8:00 Roberta O'Keefe 10:00 Tim Splinter Psalm 149 2nd Reading Revelation 7:2-4, 9-17 10:00 Cathy Mansor Gospel Matthew 5:1-12	

Sunday, November 12	8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	23 PENTECOST
Officiating: The Rev. Carol S. Evans Deacon: The Rev. William D. Snyder Lay Reader: Bette Brooks Greeters: Jim & Nancy Ervin Acolytes: Paige Thomas & Schyler Conway Altar Guild: Cindy Hoskins & Amy Neely Coffee Hosts: 8:00 Mike & Billy Johnson 10:00 Fred & Nancy Lundgren Counters: Cory Conway & Frank Seman	1st Reading I Kings 17:8-16 8:00 Melissa Strainer 10:00 K. Postlethwaite Psalm 146:4-9 2nd Reading Hebrews 9:24-28 10:00 Blake Quay Gospel Mark 12:38-44	

Sunday, November 19	8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	24 PENTECOST
THANKSGIVING SERVICE Officiating: The Rev. Carol S. Evans Guest Preacher: The Rev. Peter Neilson Lay Reader: Judy Canan Greeters: John & Irene Machisko Acolytes: Emily Summy & Julie Canan Altar Guild: Cindy Hoskins & Amy Neely Coffee Hosts: 8:00 George Furrer 10:00 Kelly & Ron Postlethwaite Counters: Cory Conway & Frank Seman Loyalton: Bill Snyder	1st Reading Daniel 12:1-13 8:00 Roberta O'Keefe 10:00 John Machisko Psalm 16:5-11 2nd Reading Hebrews 10:31-39 10:00 Paige Thomas Gospel Mark 13:14-23	



The Worship Committee met last month and reach the following decision, which Vestry has approved.

Decisions & Updates

- We will continue to have announcements at the end of the Peace on Sunday mornings.
- The Greening of the Church will take place on December 17th with a covered dish luncheon to follow.
- On Sunday, December 24 (Christmas Eve) we will have one Advent IV service at 9:00 AM, the Family Service with the Children's Pageant will take place at 4:00 PM and at 10:30 until 11:00 PM we will sing hymns and Christmas carols and at 11:00 PM will begin the Holy Eucharist.



Sunday, November 26 8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist LAST PENTECOST

Officiating: The Rev. Carol S. Evans
Deacon: The Rev. William D. Snyder
Lay Reader: Judy Canan
Greeters: Betty Capriola & Bud Minnich
Acolytes: Emily Summy & Schylar Conway
Altar Guild: Cindy Hoskins & Amy Neely
Coffee Hosts: 8:00 Cindy Hoskins & Pat Williams
 10:00 Judy Canan & Kay Canan
Counters: Cory Conway & Frank Seman
Loyalton: Bill Snyder

1st Reading Daniel 7:9-14
 8:00 Melissa Strainer
 10:00 Bud Minnich

Psalm 93

2nd Reading Revelation 1:1-8
 10:00 Kathy Summy

Gospel John 18:33-37

Sunday, December 3 8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist I ADVENT

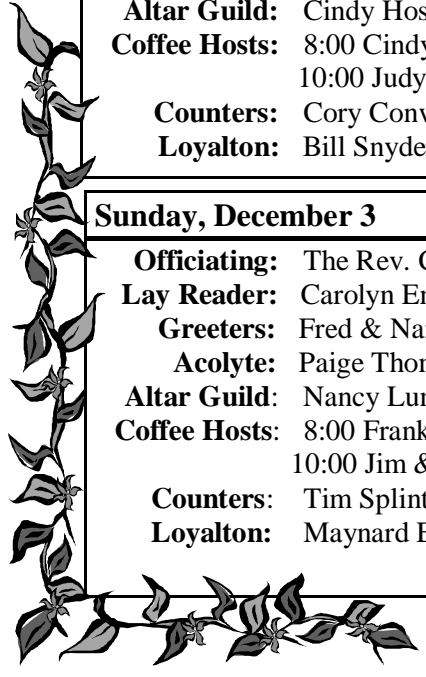
Officiating: The Rev. Carol S. Evans
Lay Reader: Carolyn Englert
Greeters: Fred & Nancy Lundgren
Acolyte: Paige Thomas
Altar Guild: Nancy Lundgren, Shirley Johnson, & Nancy Ervin
Coffee Hosts: 8:00 Frank & Joan Seman
 10:00 Jim & Nancy Ervin
Counters: Tim Splinter & Kathy Summy
Loyalton: Maynard Evans

1st Reading Zechariah 14:4-9
 8:00 Roberta O'Keefe
 10:00 Steve Barna

Psalm 50:1-6

2nd Reading I Thessalonians 3:9-13
 10:00 Dennis Dier

Gospel Luke 21:25-31



We'd Like to Know...

The Worship Committee is considering a few optional services.

- Morning Prayer service on Thanksgiving Day
- Wednesday early evening services during Advent with or without a meal.

If you are interested, please give your feedback to Bette Brooks or Rev. Carol.

Thank you.



Mobile Meals Employment Opportunities!

Community Service Worker I (Part-time Meal Delivery Driver)

Responsible for processing and providing meal delivery to Mobile Meals clients. Delivery routes available in **all areas of Summit and Portage Counties.**

Hourly wage starting at \$7.00/hour. Mileage reimbursement provided.

REQUIREMENTS INCLUDE:

- OWN TRANSPORTATION • VALID OHIO DRIVERS LICENSE
 - PROOF OF AUTO INSURANCE • GOOD DRIVING RECORD
- Must pass criminal background check and drug test

Mobile Meals Meal Delivery Volunteers

(11:00 am – 1:00 pm weekdays)

Mobile Meals is in desperate need of caring individuals to deliver a hot meal to homebound and elderly individuals in an area near your home.

Delivery routes are available in **all areas of Summit and Portage Counties.**

Volunteers can set up a schedule that meets their needs. Volunteer once a week, every other week, once a month – or whatever suits your schedule.

Great opportunity for retired couples or stay-at-home moms.

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330-376-7717 or 1-800-TLC-MEAL



Did You Know?...



About 75 people attended the wedding of **Ken Boydell and Alice Hyer**. Ken's daughters **Ann** and **Susan**, came in from Texas and his sister **Gail** was here from Mansfield along with Alice's daughter **Ellen** from New York City. It was a lovely ceremony on a beautiful fall day. The Boydell's were off to Myrtle Beach for their honeymoon...

The trip to the cathedral was very nice. **Cathy Mansor and her friend, Chris, Samantha, and Nicole Stickle, and Chris's sister Denise Crouse, Tim, Marcia, Eric, and Kevin Splinter, Lisa, Paige, and Taylor Paxton, Alice and Ken Boydell, Nydah Ellet, Marsha Snyder, and The Rev. Carol Evans** spent the afternoon with the cathedral's vergier **Ed Metz** as he explained the wonderful architecture of Trinity Cathedral and the functions of many of the items in the cathedral. If you missed this visitation perhaps we'll do it again next year...

The Blessing of the Animals and the Crop Walk took place on October 8th. **George Furrer** was our only walker for the Crop Walk this year and we certainly appreciate the effort he made to represent Grace Church. Crop Walk 2006 had 30 walkers from Ravenna and Rootstown with \$2,500 pledged and 90 walkers from KSU and Kent with \$8,300 pledged. 25% of our pledges will go to the Christian Cupboard and Center of Hope...

The Blessing of the Animals took place in the front yard of the church with **Chris, Sammy and Nicole Stickle, and Chris's sister Denise Crouse, Kathy, Emily, and Jenna Summy, Mechele Novak, Bud Minnich, and Cindy Hoskins**, were just some of the people attending with their much loved pets...

Carrie and Bud Minnich attended their class of 1943 class reunion last month and had a great time...

Nancy Lundgren, Jean Mercer, and Mary Jean McDonald have been working very hard trying to get Gracie's Back Door ready for the holiday season. If you haven't been in Gracie's lately take a look...

Marsha Barna spent some time in Columbus visiting with **Matt** and his wife and of course the new grandson... It was nice seeing **Phyllis and Bill Shorts** with us. They look great and Bill seems to be doing well. Thanks be to God!!...

Kelly Postlethwaite made 400 meatballs for the spaghetti dinner that was sponsored by our youth group. The parish hall was decorated beautifully and all the youth helped make it a success. And the spaghetti was good too!!...

The Children's Sabbath was very nice with our youth **Paige Thomas and Chelsea Postlethwaite** doing the readings and the ushers were **Schylar Conway and Jannell. Eric Splinter** was a greeter and played an organ solo, Fanfare and Canon, at the beginning of the Liturgy of the Word. He was wonderful, as were our acolytes, **Jenna and Emily Summy and Samantha Stickle. Jenna, Samantha and Nicole**, with their moms' help, even read the Prayers of the People...

We began our Adult Bible study, it will run for five weeks beginning October 18th. Dinner begins at 6:00 PM and we are studying the Book of Ruth with **Carolyn Englert** facilitating...

The Diocesan Convention will take place on October 27th and 28th at Trinity Commons, **Nancy Lundgren, Kathy Summy, and Marsha Snyder** will represent you as delegates and **Fred Lundgren and Maynard Evans** will be our alternates. And of course **Rev. Carol and Bill Snyder** are required participants being members of clergy...

Many thanks to **Shirley and Mike Johnson** who decorated the altar for the fall season. It looks lovely!!...

The Episcopal Church Women met on October 14 and it was decided to give the church \$1000.00 for the deficit and part of the profit from the Parable of Talents will be given to the Lillian Valley School, an Episcopal school in the Blackfoot Nation Reservation, in Blackfoot, Idaho.

CHRISTMAS CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

If your children will be participating in the Children's Program at the Family Service on Christmas Eve, please contact **Marcia Splinter**. In fact, let her know if they won't be able to participate too, just so we know. Planning and practices will need to begin soon.

THANK YOU.

Baptisms

- 2nd Sally Dier
Paige Thomas
Colin Thomas
- 6th JD Novak
Eleanor Blank
- 13th Martha Baker
- 14th Emily Ervin
Kelly Ervin
- 17th Dani Dier
- 19th June Marks
- 21st Frank Seman

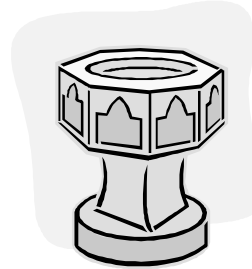


Congratulations!

and many happy returns...

Birthdays

- 1st Amy Neely
- 2nd Jennifer Golec
Melissa Strainer
- 3rd Julie Canan
- 8th Mechele Novak
- 10th Sandee West
- 13th Ron Postlethwaite
- 18th Judy Watkins
- 24th Eddie Stewart
- 25th Cory Conway
- 27th Chris Stickle



Anniversaries

- 3rd John & Mary Jean McDonald
- 23rd Steve & Marsha Barna
Dick & Louise Thacker
- 25th Dutch & Goldie Shriver
- 27th Jim & Sandee West



An Oversight and an Apology

If you've looked over the new Pictorial Directory you may have noticed—as is often the case—not everyone had their picture taken. In our previous directories, member's names and families were listed, whether their picture was taken or not, in a full Parish Roster. We had expected that to be the case with this directory as well.

However, it turns out “the roster” of ALL members was an option at additional cost, and so the directory is incomplete, in that only those with pictures taken were listed. This was NOT clear to us, and we were NOT told this was “policy” until we called about this oversight with directories already in hand. It is NOT our intent to give the message that if your picture isn't in the directory you're not part of the Church.

We are checking with the publisher to see what recourse or options we might have to make the full member listing as part of the directory. We apologize to the several families and individuals who were not listed for lack of a full roster.

Rev. Carol

United Thank Offering Fall Ingathering November 5th



UTO is collected twice a year at Grace in May and November. Please place your offering in the available blue envelope or you can pick up an envelope in the back of

the church. Since 1889, the women of the Episcopal Church have contributed to this fund and it has grown into a world wide organization, not just a women's group doing some kind of “women's work.”

Please pick up a Blue Box in back of the church, put it in a convenient place. Take a moment to say “thank you” to God and put a coin in that box. In the spring, put those coins in the blue envelope. We are not meant to be passive, rather we are bid to be active participants in God's world.



Thank you.

On the Horizon

Saturday Nov. 11th Fall Festival & Parable of Talents

9 am—3 pm

See details elsewhere.

Saturday Nov. 18th Game Night 6:30-?

Time for an Open Game Night! Bring your favorite game or deck of cards and a snack to share. Euchre and Texas Hold 'Em are on tap as always. Let Marcia Splinter know if child care would be a help.

Saturday Dec. 2nd Youth Babysitting

The older youth will babysit at church from 10am to 3pm so parents can shop...or whatever...

Sunday Dec. 17th

Greening of the Church

We will Green the Church after 10:00 service followed by a luncheon.

Sunday Dec. 24th

Advent 4 & Christmas Eve

The 4th Sunday of Advent service will be celebrated at 9am. Christmas Eve Family service with the Children's Program will be at 4pm. The "Midnight Mass" will begin with Choir and hymns at 10:30. Service will start at 11pm.

Sunday Dec. 31st

Lessons & Carols

The Lessons & Carols Service will be the Sunday after Christmas with just one 10am service.

December

Youth Gift Drive

The Youth group will be collecting gifts to be given to the Boys & Girls Clubs and the Center of Hope.

December

"Bishop's Blend Coffee" Fundraiser

We'll have a 2nd round of orders for the Bishop's Blend. Orders will arrive in plenty of time for Christmas, so make a list of all your coffee loving friends and family... and don't forget to "check it twice."

Diocesan Youth Event



November 10-12
St John's Youngstown
Grades 7-12

Sitting across from the offering box, he was observing how the crowd tossed money in for the collection. Many of the rich were making large contributions. One poor widow came up and put in two small coins—a measly

two cents. Jesus called his disciples over and said, "The truth is that this poor widow gave more to the collection than all the others put together. All the others gave what they'll never miss; she gave extravagantly what she couldn't afford—she gave her all."

Mark 12:41-44

Contact Addrienne Conway ASAP if you want to attend.

Fall Festival & Parable of Talents November 11th 9am—3pm In the Parish Hall

Once again the Fall Festival will take place here at Grace Church and the ECW is also combining the Parable of Talents with this event.

Be thinking of any crafts, baked goods, or handmade items for Christmas or the Holidays and let ECW (Marsha Snyder) know if you are interested in participating in the Parable of Talents table.

Other participants, from the church or the community, can pay for tables to showcase and sell their wares. Contact Roberta O'Keefe .

We will have lunch available. Join us for the fun.

