



The Grace Vine

November 2008

Rector's Writ

November lets us know that autumn has settled in. We're seeing again those familiar accompaniments of the season: falling leaves, pumpkins, and stewardship letters. We turn the thermostats up and worry how much the stock market has gone down. We worry about home mortgages, jobs, health care, education...the elections, and the consequences of the elections. Are better times ahead? Does anyone really have any solutions? Where do we go for hope?

A good friend of ours once observed that God invites us to visit at least two places each November. First is the place of remembering. We remember our loved ones now in God's nearer presence and the impact these saints and sages have had on our lives. Second is the place of thanksgiving. Here we give thanks for the many ways God blesses, guides, protects, and provides for us. This "place" is often around a table: the altar at Church or the home dinner table at the holiday. We offer our thanks for the Lord's blessings and goodness; for food, family, and loved ones; for being part of that "holy fellowship" of God's family, past and present. We enter both places—the place of remembering and the place of thanksgiving—with the grace of God going before us and grateful hearts within us. When we believe and understand that God loves us and has given us all that we have, we welcome these November places...and places uncertain as well...because we know the One in whom we hope. Our hope is and remains in the Lord, no matter how chaotic or anxious the ways of the world become.

Almighty God, whose loving hand has given us all that we possess: Grant us grace that we may honor you with our substance, and...be faithful stewards of your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (BCP p. 827 For the Right Use of God's Gifts)

Put your trust in God; for I will yet give thanks to him who is the help of my countenance, and my God. (Ps. 42:7, BCP)

The God of peace and love vouchsafe always to dwell with you, and the Lord have mercy upon you.

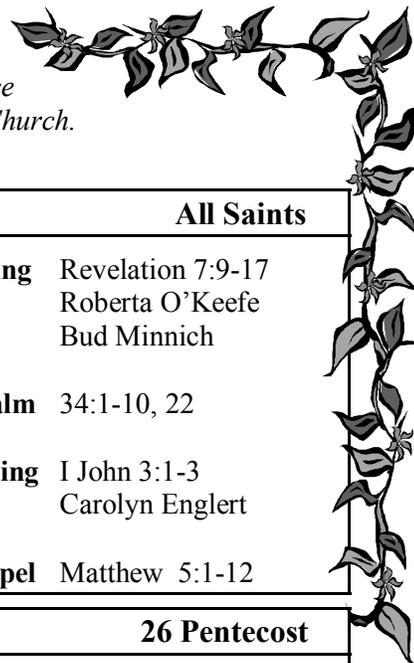
The Almighty God give you sustenance, replenish your hearts with love and gladness, and give you sufficiency and perseverance in all good works.

*In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
Amen. (Services & Prayers for Country Use, Paul Welsby, p. 47)*



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.

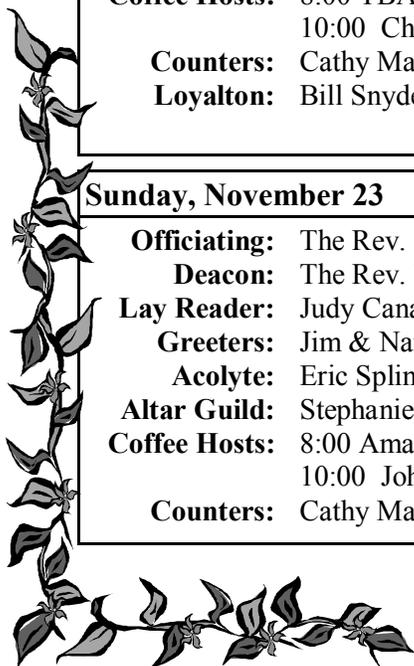


Sunday, November 2		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	All Saints
Officiating	The Rev. Carol S. Evans		1st Reading Revelation 7:9-17 Roberta O'Keefe Bud Minnich
Lay Reader	Bette Brooks		
Greeters	Bud Minnich & Gary Bell		Psalm 34:1-10, 22
Acolyte	Sammy Stickle & Emily Summy		
Altar Guild	Stephanie York & Nancy Lundgren		2nd Reading I John 3:1-3 Carolyn Englert
Coffee Hosts	8:00 Joan & Frank Seman 10:00 Mary Jean & John McDonald		
Counters	Cathy Mansor & Frank Seman		Gospel Matthew 5:1-12
Loyalton	Maynard Evans		

Sunday, November 9		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	26 Pentecost
Officiating:	The Rev. Carol S. Evans		1st Reading Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 Judy Canan
Deacon:	The Rev. William D. Snyder		
Lay Reader:	Carolyn Englert		Psalm 78:1-7
Greeters:	John & Mary Jean McDonald		
Acolyte:	Jenna Summy & Phil Crouse		2nd Reading Thessalonians 4:13-18 Steve Barna
Altar Guild:	Stephanie York & Nancy Lundgren		
Coffee Hosts:	8:00 Mike & Shirley Johnson 10:00 Nancy & Jim Ervin		Gospel Matthew 25:1-13
Counters:	Cathy Mansor & Frank Seman		

Sunday November 16		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	27 Pentecost
Officiating:	The Rev. Carol S. Evans		1st Reading Judges 4:1-7 Roberta O'Keefe Gordon Thompson
Lay Reader:	Maynard Evans		
Greeters:	Nancy & Fred Lundgren		Psalm 123
Acolyte:	Taylor Paxton		
Altar Guild:	Stephanie York & Nancy Lundgren		2nd Reading I Thessalonians 5:1-11 Kathy Summy
Coffee Hosts:	8:00 TBA 10:00 Chris Stickle & Denise Crouse		
Counters:	Cathy Mansor & Frank Seman		Gospel Matthew 25:14-30
Loyalton:	Bill Snyder		

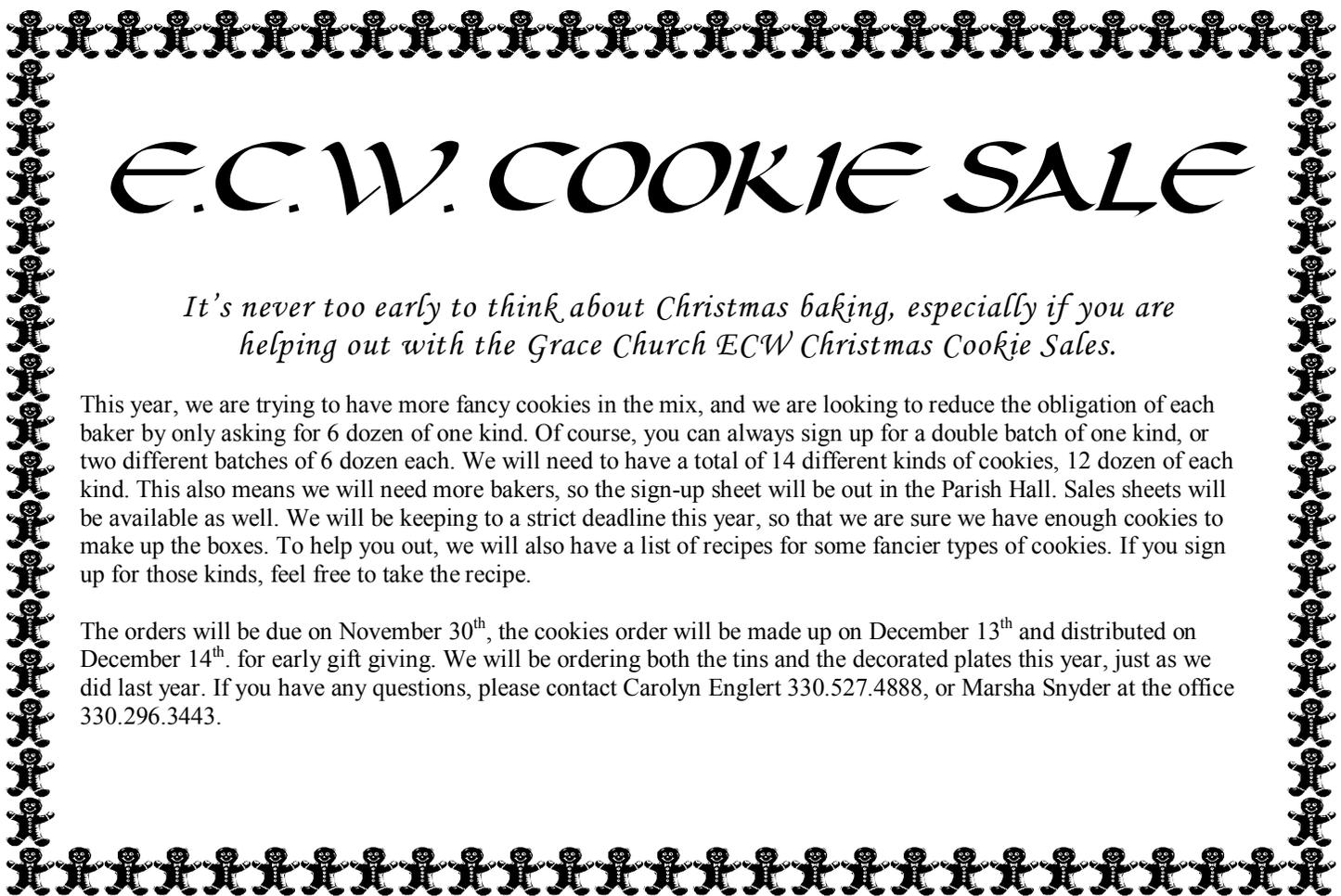
Sunday, November 23		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	Last Pentecost
Officiating:	The Rev. Carol S. Evans		1st Reading Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24 Carolyn Englert
Deacon:	The Rev. William D. Snyder		
Lay Reader:	Judy Canan		Psalm 100
Greeters:	Jim & Nancy Ervin		
Acolyte:	Eric Splinter		2nd Reading Ephesians 1:15-23 Tim Splinter
Altar Guild:	Stephanie York & Nancy Lundgren		
Coffee Hosts:	8:00 Amanda Young, Elizabeth Ulbricht 10:00 John & Irene Mashisko		Gospel Matthew 25:31-46
Counters:	Cathy Mansor & Frank Seman		





Sunday, November 30	8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	Advent 1
Officiating: The Rev. Carol S. Evans		1st Reading Isaiah 64:1-9a John Machisko
Lay Reader: 8:00 Maynard Evans, 10:00 Judy Canan		
Greeters: Bonnie Quay & Bev Louis-Mercury		Psalm 80:1-7
Acolyte: Emily Summy & Kevin Splinter		2nd Reading I Corinthians 1:1-9 Cathy Mansor
Altar Guild: Stephanie York & Nancy Lundgren		
Coffee Hosts: 8:00 TBA 10:00 Fred & Nancy Lundgren		Gospel Mark 13:(24-32)33-37
Counters: Cathy Mansor & Frank Seman		

Sunday, December 7	8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	Advent 2
Officiating: The Rev. Carol S. Evans		1st Reading Isaiah 40:1-11 8:00 Roberta O'Keefe 10:00 Tim Splinter
Deacon: The Rev. William D. Snyder		
Lay Reader: Bette Brooks		Psalm 85:7-13
Greeters: John & Irene Machisko		2nd Reading 2 Peter 3:8-15a,18 10:00 Kathy Summy
Acolyte: Schyler Conway		
Altar Guild: Nancy Lundgren, Shirley Johnson, & Nancy Ervin		Gospel Mark 1:1-8
Coffee Hosts: 8:00 TBA 10:00 Judy Canan & Bev Louis-Mercury		
Counters: Cory Conway & Bette Brooks		
Loyalton: Maynard Evans		



ECW COOKIE SALE

It's never too early to think about Christmas baking, especially if you are helping out with the Grace Church ECW Christmas Cookie Sales.

This year, we are trying to have more fancy cookies in the mix, and we are looking to reduce the obligation of each baker by only asking for 6 dozen of one kind. Of course, you can always sign up for a double batch of one kind, or two different batches of 6 dozen each. We will need to have a total of 14 different kinds of cookies, 12 dozen of each kind. This also means we will need more bakers, so the sign-up sheet will be out in the Parish Hall. Sales sheets will be available as well. We will be keeping to a strict deadline this year, so that we are sure we have enough cookies to make up the boxes. To help you out, we will also have a list of recipes for some fancier types of cookies. If you sign up for those kinds, feel free to take the recipe.

The orders will be due on November 30th, the cookies order will be made up on December 13th and distributed on December 14th. for early gift giving. We will be ordering both the tins and the decorated plates this year, just as we did last year. If you have any questions, please contact Carolyn Englert 330.527.4888, or Marsha Snyder at the office 330.296.3443.



Did You Know?...



In celebration of St. Francis of Assisi day, we held the Blessing of the Animals on October 5th. Some of the members of our parish that brought their beloved animals were: **Cindy Hoskins** with her dog Tipper; **Emily, Jenna & Kathy Summy** brought their dog Ginger and cat Arizona; **Lisa, Taylor, & Paige Paxton** brought their hamster Cupcake; **Pat Williams** had Nola blessed; **Chris, Sammy, Nikki Stickle's** cats Midnight & Princess and their dog Coco; **Sandy Ulrich** and daughter **Amanda Young** brought their dogs Jack & Piglet; **Joan Seman** her dog Jake. **Bev Louis Mercury** came but left her cat that needed the blessing at home. I guess it wasn't safe to bring this particular cat. **Carol and Maynard** were also there to celebrate this event with our furry and not so furry friends. It was a beautiful sunny day and treats were had by everyone...

Our first Women's Night Out was great fun. During dinner our travels were the topic of conversation and all that laughter made for easy digestion. The evening was enjoyed by **Betty Capriola, Nancy Ervin, Marsha Barna, Judy Watkins, The Rev. Carol, Addrienne Conway, Irene Machisko, Marcia Splinter, Kathy Summy, Toni Worthen, and Sue Ahrens...**

Amanda Brooks is at Vanderbilt, as many of you already may know, and as part of her Sports information class she got to do the statistics for ESPN at the football game between Vanderbilt and Auburn. There's a unique experience for you...

Bud and Cary Minnich are members of Ravenna High School's class of 1943 and they recently celebrated their 65th class reunion. Sixty members of that class enjoyed a three day reunion, Bud was able to attend all the events, however Cary wasn't able to go due to ill health...

Congratulations to **J.D. Novak and Mary Meluch** who were married on October 11th at Immaculate Conception Church here in Ravenna. We wish them the best and God's blessings go with them always...

Chelsea Postlethwaite and two friends were driven to the Stow High School homecoming by her father, **Ron**, in his new Hummer and they made quite an entrance. It made Chelsea and her friends very happy...

A diocesan Christian Education retreat was held here at Grace Church on October 11th and although the turn out was lighter than expected, those that attended were impressed with the quality of the presentation and are hoping for a repeat of this informative retreat. Our own, **Dr. Bette Brooks** was the key note speaker and curriculum and child learning abilities were some of the topics discussed...

Denise Crouse got lost in the corn maze that the children went to last month. Denise had to call **Addrienne Conway** to get directions and find her way out. All the children made it out alright and had a wonderful time...

The Steak Fry was a lot of fun. Thanks to **Jim and Nancy Ervin** for planning this event. The steaks were delicious and Nancy made salad and potatoes and dessert available to anyone who wanted. **Maynard Evans and Bill Snyder** were our

auctioneers and we they were great auctioning off "white elephant" items that were beautifully wrapped, but with questionable contents. It was all for a good cause, the deficit, and we earned over \$300.00 and had a lot of fun in the process...

Cathy Mansor wanted to thank the following people who helped her serve the Habitat meal on October 11th: **Judy Canan, Marsha & Steve Barna, Amanda Ondrejko, Pauline Wamsley, Nancy Ervin, & Irene Machisko...**

Phyllis Shorts writes to say that **Bill** is having a cornea transplant and asked us to keep him in your prayers...

Judy and Roger Watkins have returned to Florida for the winter and they will be sorely missed...

Kevin and Eric Splinter will be collecting donations for their Cub Scout Pack's food drive on Sunday, November 9th. Donations will be given to the food pantry at the First Baptist Church in Garrettsville...

The E.C.W. mailed off 133 pounds of books to the Lillian Valley American Indian school in Blackfoot, Idaho. Thanks to **Shirley Johnson, Gracie's, Tina McDonald and Mary Jean McDonald** for their generous donations to this worthy cause.

CROP Walk

On October 12th 24 walkers from Ravenna joined 66 walkers from Kent to make this year's CROP Walk. Together they gathered \$8478 for the effort.

Bob Fleishman of St. Paul's Lutheran thanks the walkers, donors & churches. From Ravenna: Grace, First United Methodist, First Christian and St. Paul's Lutheran.

He also thanks:

Orchards for the apples
Emerald Transportation
Brady Lake United Methodist
for a starting location.

On the Horizon

Saturday, November 8th
1:00 pm

Pampered Chef & Tastefully Simple Party

Please plan on attending and bring a guest of three. More information and envelopes with catalogs and order forms for pre-ordered are available in the parish hall

Saturday, November 15th
9:00 am ECW Meeting

All the women of the parish are welcome. There will be a signup sheet in the parish hall.

6:30pm Fellowship & Game Night

We meet again in the Parish Hall with games and snacks in hand for friendly competition and laughter.

Sunday, November 16th
Youth Bowling Party

Sunday, November 23th
**Bishops Blend Coffee
Orders Due**

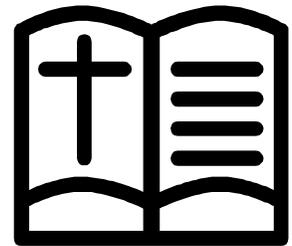
Sunday, November 30th
ECW Cookie Orders Due

Saturday, December 13th
**6:30pm Fellowship
& Game Night**

Adult Bible Studies **6:30pm on Wednesdays**

Each evening looks ahead to the lessons for the coming Sunday for reflection and discussion.

The kids room is open and Goldie is on duty, so children are welcome to come along if you wish.



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
25th Dutch & Goldie Shriver
27th Jim & Sandee West

The Bulletin Board

Acolytes Schedule

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

12/14—Taylor&Jenna

12/21—Sammy&Phil

Please get us a list of your schedule for Christmas Eve through Jan. 4 dates.

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Marcia@splinterfactions.net
330-527-2084

HOW MANY EPISCOPALIANS DOES IT TAKE TO SCREW IN A LIGHT BULB?

The Diocese has provided Compact Florescent lightbulbs for use in the parish and distribution to parishioners to encourage "Shrinking our Ecological Footprint". Please see John McDonald if you'd like a couple.

John also placed a box in the parish hall to take in dead CFL's for proper recycling.

And of course, the answer to the question is...
"Change it!? My mother donated that light bulb!..."

Ebay for Grace!

Marcia and Tim Splinter are offering Ebay selling service to everybody. We will help you self your stuff...take pictures, do the computer work, use our Ebay account, the whole nine yards... Once your item sells, we will deduct the selling fees, give 10% to the parish and get the rest of the proceeds to you.

Clean out your saleable stuff and help the parish at the same time!

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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 **Marcia Splinter** for handling.

Email

Change!

Last Warning!!! The old dial-up and the email that goes with it (gracerav@vipn.com) will soon be cancelled! Check your address books and make sure you have the newer emails in place!

RevCarol@GraceRavenna.org
Office@GraceRavenna.org (Marsha)

Fun-draising is look ahead to next year and planning a *Homemade Chocolates* sale for Easter. Anyone willing to help please let one of the committee know:

Addrienne Conway, Marcia Splinter
Roberta O'Keefe, Pat Williams
Courtney Rich, Chris Stickle

Children's Underwear Project

Again this year the E.C.W. will be collecting children's underwear that will be given to the County Clothing Center. We only ask that you "repackage" and place three pairs of underwear in a zip top plastic bag with the size and whether it's for a boy or girl on the package. You can bring your packages to the church office or to the church on Sunday.

MATCHING FUNDS GIFT

The Parish has received an anonymous gift of up to \$2500 in the form of a matching gift drive. If you can contribute matching funds, simply mark your donation for the "Matching Gift" and help us match up the entire \$2500.

Bonfire

at Worthen's

Tony & Toni Worthen (and their daughter Megan) are hosting a bonfire at their house! The whole congregation is invited!

Saturday, November 1st, 6 pm
624 Porter Road

Cedar Hills Fall Clean-Up

Saturday, Nov. 8
8-4:15 as your schedule permits

Lunch 11:45-12:30
Dinner, Entertainment
& Campfire 4:30

Please call 440-352-6363
to register for meals and
available jobs

Groups & Families encouraged
to join existing work parties
or create their own

Adult leaders needed for
youth work teams