



The Grace Vine

November 2010

Rector's Writ

It seems as soon as Halloween is over, preparation for the holiday season goes into a frantic full swing. We start thinking about how many people we'll have under one roof and around the table for Thanksgiving. We begin to hear Christmas carols the very next day. Catalogues that arrived in August are now followed by 'last minute specials' that begin before we can even light the first Advent candle. The annual stewardship drive at Church gets wrapped up, and often our intentions around prayer and gratitude to God get lost in the ongoing blitz of shopping, preparation, and partying.

That theme of stewardship being a year round effort all too easily gets pushed quietly to the back burner. We wholeheartedly agree with the Thanksgiving and stewardship reminders that ALL we have comes from God. Yet too often we forget too quickly about gratitude, joy, giving thanks to God, and giving back to God. It's no accident that our weekly Eucharist includes both a prayer of confession and a prayer of thanksgiving. It's a lovely balance reminding us how faith calls us to respond to God's goodness. We need to receive forgiveness and offer our thanks; to receive strength and offer our faithfulness; to receive grace and offer our gratitude. We learn to humbly accept these gifts from the Lord who delights in giving them. Surely the Lord doesn't need our thanks, so much as we need to BE thankful, joyful, willing to serve, willing to give and share from ALL that we've been given. May our holiday preparation include an ongoing sense of gratitude and a generous response to the goodness, grace, and blessings God so abundantly provides.

For all your bounty, gracious Lord, we praise and thank you. ...Receive, O Lord, our thanks for the blessings you continually bestow upon us. We offer to you the gifts you have given to us; and we pray that they may be used to carry out your gracious will, with joy and thanksgiving, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
(Adapted from Services and Prayers for Country Use by Paul Welsby)



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 7		8:00 & 10:00 Am Holy Eucharist	All Saints' Sunday
Officiating	The Rev. Carol S. Evans	1st Reading	Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 Fred Lundgren
Lay Reader	Addrianne Conway	Psalm	149
Greeter	John & Irene Machisko	2nd Reading	Ephesians 1:11-23 Martha Croll
Acolyte	Eric Splinter & McKenna Conway	Gospel	Luke 6:20-31
Altar Guild	Toni Worthen & Nancy Lundgren		
Coffee Hosts	8:00 Joan & Fred Seman 10:00 Chris Stickle & Denise Crouse		
Counters	Fred Lundgren & Tony Worthen		
Emeritus	Kathy Summy		

Sunday, November 14		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	Pentecost 25
Officiating	The Rev. Carol S. Evans	1st Reading	Isaiah 65:17-25 Cathy Mansor
Deacon	The Rev. William D. Snyder	Canticle 9	The First Song of Isaiah
Lay Reader	Roberta O'Keefe	2nd Reading	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Tim Splinter
Greeters	Nancy & Jim Ervin	Gospel	Luke 21:5-19
Acolytes	Taylor Paxton & Kevin Splinter		
Altar Guild	Toni Worthen & Nancy Lundgren		
Coffee Hosts	8:00 George Furrer 10:00 John & Mary Jean McDonald		
Counters	Fred Lundgren & Tony Worthen		

Sunday, November 21		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	Last Sun. after Pentecost
Officiating	The Rev. Carol S. Evans	1st Reading	Jeremiah 23:1-6 Nancy Lundgren
Lay Reader	8:00 Addrianne Conway 10:00 Carolyn Englert	Canticle 4	The Song of Zechariah
Greeters	John & Mary Jean McDonald	2nd Reading	Colossians 1:11-20 Fred Lundgren
Acolyte	Phillip Crouse	Gospel	Luke 23:33-43
Altar Guild	Toni Worthen & Nancy Lundgren		
Coffee Hosts	8:00 TBA 10:00 Judy Canan & Kay Canan		
Counters	Fred Lundgren & Tony Worthen		
Loyalton	Bill Snyder		

Sunday, November 28		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	Advent 1
Officiating	The Rev. Carol S. Evans	1st Reading	Isaiah 2:1-5 Martha Croll
Deacon	The Rev. William D. Snyder	Psalm	122
Lay Reader	Addrianne Conway	2nd Reading	Romans 13:11-14 Jeff Croll
Greeters	Bev Lewis-Mercury & Jeff Marsh	Gospel	Matthew 24:36-44
Acolyte	Jenna Summy		
Altar Guild	Toni Worthen & Nancy Lundgren		
Coffee Hosts	8:00 Mike & Shirley Johnson 10:00 Toni & Tony Worthen		
Counters	Fred Lundgren & Tony Worthen		

Sunday, December 5		8:00-& 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	Advent
Officiating	The Rev. Carol S. Evans	1st Reading	Isaiah 11:1-10 Tim Splinter
Lay Reader	Roberta O'Keefe	Psalm	72:1-7, 18-19
Greeters	Nancy & Fred Lundgren	2nd Reading	Romans 15:4-13 Carolyn Englert
Acolyte	Eric Splinter	Gospel	Matthew 3:1-12
Altar Guild	Nancy Ervin, Toni Worthen & Nancy Lundgren		
Coffee Hosts	8:00 Joan & Frank Seman 10:00 Jim & Nancy Ervin		
Counters	Cory Conway & TBA		
Emeritus	Kathy Summy		

On the Horizon

Saturday, November 7 Daylight Savings Ends

Time to turn your clock back an hour and get some extra sleep. If you forget...well you can hang around in the parish hall Sunday morning.

Saturday, November 13 Fellowship & Game Night 6:30pm

We'll be at Reba Cook's house this month! Come for the fun!

Saturday, December 11 & Saturday, January 8 Fellowship & Game Night 6:30pm

As the weather chills, would anyone be interested in hosting a game night someplace other than the Parish Hall?

Sunday, December 12 Acolyte Practice After 10am service

All acolytes on deck! Time for a little refresher course and to get ready for the Christmas services.

The Salvation Army

You can probably hear the bells around the corner...ring, ring, RING, RING! That's right; once again the Salvation Army is in need of volunteers to ring the bell this holiday season. From Friday, November 26th through Friday, December 24th, the Red Kettle effort will be taking place at various locations throughout Portage County. Shifts are available in two hour increments from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday. If you or your group is interested in being part of this effort please call Captain Demetrius Stanford, of the Salvation Army at 330 -577-6018.

Baptisms

- 2nd Sally Dier
Paige Thomas
Colin Thomas
- 6th JD Novak
Eleanor Blank
- 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
- 3rd Julie Canan
- 8th Mechele Novak
- 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





Did You Know?...



Roberta O'Keefe, Megan Worthen and her friend **Glenn Oliver** represented Grace Church at the Crop Walk on October 10th. Approximately 90 people from Portage County walked and raised over \$9,000.00 with \$3,000.00 of that amount coming from Ravenna churches. Grace Church raised over \$500.00 and a big thank you to all those who so generously contributed to this worthwhile effort...

Steve and Marsha Barna have moved to Utica, Ohio. A reception was held in the parish hall on October 17th for everyone to say their goodbyes. We are sorry to see these long time members leave, but we know they will now be closer to their children and let us not forget the grandchildren. The choir won't be the same without Steve and Marsha. Their new address is 3753 Homer Rd N. W., Utica Ohio 43080. Keep in touch folks...

Speaking of keeping in touch we heard from **Jean & Len Mercer** this week. They are doing well and want to say "hello" to everyone. And **Bonnie Quay** called to say they are all doing well and to say "hello" to everyone...

Roger Watkins are going to Florida for the winter and Judy wishes us all a wonderful winter. Yeah right!...

The Rev. Carol, Deacon Bill Snyder, Cory Conway, Addrienne Conway, and Reba Cook will represent Grace Church at the Diocesan Convention this November. The convention will be held in Toledo and that means an overnight stay. Can you imagine Cory and Addrienne actually have a night together without children? Toledo may never be the same again!...

Maynard Evans, Bill Snyder, John McDonald, and Tony Worthen enjoyed a Sunday's afternoon fishing on **Sue & Bruce Ahrens'** pontoon. The fishing went well and Bill was very happy that Tony offered to take the fish home to clean. It was great fun...

Gracie's Back Door has their Christmas displays up, thanks to **Nancy Lundgren**, so stop by and see if there isn't some treasure you might need, want, or find interesting...

While **Marsha Snyder** was on vacation (*she went to Minnesota to be with the new grandson Noah, who's wonderful*) **Mary Ann Switz** was kind enough to take over some of the office duties – little did she know that there was a wedding, a baptism, and a funeral that kept her busier than she anticipated. Many thanks to Mary Ann!...

Toni Worthen is entering the Chili Cook Off held at Ravenna High School as part of Relay for Life campaign.

Toni asked us support this most important event by attending on November 18th from 6:00-7:00 PM Chili Kick off and at 7:00-8:00 PM the Cook Off. For \$5.00 per person, you can taste all the chili you want and vote for up to 6 entries, and of course vote for Toni's...

We welcomed a new member into our Grace Church family, **Jane Elizabeth O'Neill**, daughter of **Emily (Neely) and Shea O'Neill** was baptized here on October 3rd...

We were saddened by the death of **John Miles**, not many of you would have known him, but he was a member here many years ago, and very active...

On a happier note **Cathy Mansor's daughter Cory** married **Adrian Ho** here on October 9th. Adrian is from Hawaii and they had some traditional Hawaiian music at the ceremony and it was lovely.

Splinters had a wild weekend in October following **Kevin's** sporting exploits: a Baseball fall workout on Saturday, final Youth Football game of the season on Sunday and off to his first ever Wrestling practice on Monday. Add Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, martial arts and **Eric's** Youth Theatre play and it never seems to end. How do you young parents keep up?...

On Oct 23rd we had our 1st (annual?) wine tasting, which was an OVERWHELMING success! We tasted 7 different wines and learned many interesting facts about the entire wine making process and history. We can't name everyone who helped w/ donations and food and labor, but a special thanks to **Barb Popiel** for championing the idea and to **Susan and Steve Merrill** for the tremendous effort they put into the evening.

...if you have information you want to share in the "Did You Know" please email it to: office@graceravenna.org

Habitat for Humanity

We received a letter from Habitat for Humanities thanking us for our continued support and letting us know that two more local families are now owners of a Habitat home. These were project numbers 54 and 55 on Hillcrest Dr. in Atwater. There are now fifteen completed homes in that neighborhood. Project 56, a renovation in Ravenna, is also near completion. They ask for our continued prayer and support for this ministry.

Fathers (and Mothers) and Friends

By Bette Brooks

*They lived not only in ages past; there are hundreds of thousands still.
The world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus' will.*

C. S. Lewis

November 22

Clive Stapleton Lewis, called “Jack” by his friends, was born in Belfast, Ireland, on November 29, 1898, to Albert and Flora Hamilton Lewis. His father was a solicitor and his mother was the daughter of a Church of Ireland (Anglican) priest. He received his nickname when he was four. His beloved dog Jacksie was killed by a car and the inconsolable child refused to answer to any name but that of his pet. He finally consented to “Jack.”

Schooled by private tutors, the imaginative little boy loved the stories written by Beatrix Potter and began to write and illustrate his own animal stories. He and his brother Warren created the world of Boxen, inhabited and run by animals. After his mother’s death in 1908, he entered Wynyard School and later transferred to Malvern College where he studied with a master of Greek literature and mythology and, in 1916, won a scholarship to University College, Oxford. Only a year later, he volunteered in the British Army during World War I and fought in the Somme Valley in France. He was injured by an English shell falling short of its target and, after his recovery, was assigned to duty in England. Discharged in December 1918, he immediately resumed his studies and earned a First in Greek and Latin Literature in 1920, a First in Philosophy and Ancient History in 1922, and a First in English in 1923. He was hired immediately by the Oxford University as a fellow of Magdalen College, Oxford, where he taught for nearly 30 years, from 1925-1954. He then became the first Professor of Medieval and Renaissance English at the University of Cambridge, Magdalen College. He continued his collegiate friendship with J.R.R. Tolkien and along with several other writer friends formed an informal discussion society known as the “Inklings” that met at the Eagle and Child pub (“the bird and baby”) on Tuesday mornings.

Although teaching occupied much of his time, Lewis was a prolific writer. His works of literature included novels, stories, works of fiction, and his autobiography *Surprised by Joy*. In addition, he is considered one of the greatest Christian writers and speakers of the 20th century. Many of his religious essays began as scripts for radio or as sermons for Evensong at University Chapel, and *The Screwtape Letters* continue to provide countless hours of pleasure (and some discomfort) for many readers. He also wrote devotional literature and children’s books, of which *The Chronicles of Narnia* are best known. This series of seven fantasy novels is considered a classic and is his most popular work. The books contain Christian ideas intended to be easily accessible to young readers.

Lewis married his much younger friend, the American writer and divorcee Joy Davidman Gresham, in March 1957 as she was recovering from treatment for bone cancer. After a brief remission, Joy died in 1960. Lewis raised her sons as though they were his own. His own health declined, and he was forced to miss the autumn term at Cambridge in 1961. However, he recovered and returned the following April. However, during the summer of 1963, he became ill again and, unable to return to teaching, he resigned his post. He died November 22, 1963, the same day as the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Prayer: O God of searing truth and surpassing beauty, we give you thanks for Clive Staples Lewis whose sanctified imagination lights fires of faith in young and old alike; Surprise us also with your joy and draw us into that new and abundant life which is ours in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

The Bulletin Board

Acolytes Schedule

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

12/12 Paige & Schyler

12/19 Jenna & McKenna

12/24 TBA

12/26 Eric or Kevin

1/2 Schyler

Tim@splinterfactions.net

Marcia@splinterfactions.net

330-527-2084

The ECW is again sponsoring a Santa's Workshop collection of children's underwear and socks for the Clothing Center. The gift giveaway is the first Saturday in December. Collection boxes will be in the Narthex and church office starting the first of November.

Once again Acome is doing their **CASH BACK PROGRAM**. Please save your "register receipt tapes" for the Clothing Center. Turn them in to the church office or give them to Mary Jean McDonald. The eligible dates are September 25th thru February 19th, 2011. All tapes must be turned in by Sunday February 27th, 2011.

Thank you for your support.

Mary Jean McDonald

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.**"

Please give any receipts from Marshall's Dry-cleaning to **Marsha Snyder** for handling.

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1 All Saint's Day	2 Election Day	3 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door	4 •7pm Choir Practice	5	6 •11:30-1:30 Loaves & Fishes
7 All Saint's •8am HE •9am Coffee •9:15 Choir •9:4-5am Ch Ed •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	8	9 •2-4pm Sit & Stitch @ Jean Lawrence's home	10 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door	11 •7pm Choir Practice	12 Diocesan Convention	13 Diocesan Convention •6:30pm Game & Fellowship night at Reba Cook's
14 25 Pentacost •8am HE •9am Coffee •9:15 Choir •9:4-5am Ch Ed •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	15	16 •7pm Vestry Meeting	17 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door	18 •8am Retired Men's Breakfast •7pm Choir Practice	19	20
21 Last Pentacost •8am HE •9am Coffee •9:15 Choir •9:4-5am Ch Ed •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	22	23 •2-4pm Sit & Stitch	24 Gracie's Closed	25 Thanksgiving Day	26	27
28 1 Advent •8am HE •9am Coffee •9:15 Choir •9:4-5am Ch Ed •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	29	30				

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