



The Grace Vine

November 2020

Rector's Writ

The evening news had a report on some of the impacts the Corona virus is having on our mental health. It's no surprise to hear many people worry about such things as job cutbacks, unemployment benefits running out, keeping the bills paid, and keeping healthy. We hear that people are getting tired of remembering to wear a mask and putting traditional family gatherings on hold. Most of us understand when we learn that a number of people (over 50%) report feeling some degree of anxiety, depression, loneliness or isolation. Many of us are worrying and feeling stressed: about Covid-19 fallout and keeping healthy; about the elections and the consequences; about issues of justice, peace, and dismantling racism. Are better times ahead? Does anyone really have any solutions? Where do we go for hope, strength, and guidance?

When we understand and believe that God loves us, watches over us, and gives us all that we have, we trust that God will lead us through and beyond these certainly uncertain and uneasy times. We know the Holy God in whom we have hope will not forsake us. We know that Christ's grace is sufficient to get us through any difficulties and troubles. We know the Spirit is with us, guiding us to remember all Jesus has taught us. No matter what kind of stress, chaos or uncertainty is going on, the goodness of God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit remains unchanged. That's something we can be thankful for. Following are a few quotes that help me remember there are so many blessings for which we can give grateful thanks to God.

May you and yours enjoy a Thanksgiving filled with blessings, health, and gratitude.

Carol+

*"O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever."
(1 Chron. 16:34)*

"I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall ever be in my mouth." (Ps. 34:1)

*"We would worry less if we praised more. Thanksgiving is the enemy of discontent..."
(Harry Ironside)*

Lord, we give you thanks: "For each new morning with its light, for rest and shelter of the night, for health and food, for love and friends, for everything Thy goodness sends. Amen." (R.W. Emerson)

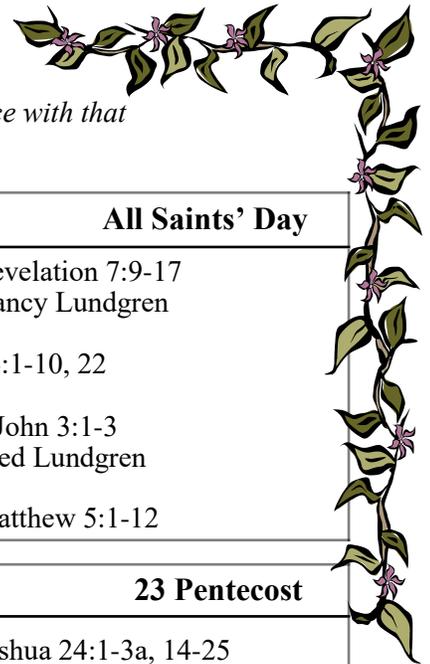


*"Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God."
(Ps. 42:5b)*



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 1	8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	All Saints' Day
Celebrant The Rev. Carol Evans	1st Reading Revelation 7:9-17 Nancy Lundgren Psalm 34:1-10, 22 2nd Reading 1 John 3:1-3 Fred Lundgren Gospel Matthew 5:1-12	
Deacon 8:00 The Rev. William Snyder		
Wrshp Ldr 10:00 Carolyn Englert		
Greeters Nancy & Fred Lundgren		
Altar Guild Nancy Lundgren & Marsha Snyder		
Counters Cathy Potisuk & Phillip Crouse		
After worship volunteer cleaners		
8:00—Kingsland Pretorius & Doug Holzschuh		
10:00—Marsha Snyder		

Sunday, November 8	8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	23 Pentecost
Celebrant The Rev. Carol Evans	1st Reading Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 Jeff Croll Psalm 78:1-7 2nd Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Karen Krofta Gospel Matthew 25:1-13	
Deacon The Rev. William Snyder		
Greeters John & Mary Jean McDonald		
Altar Guild Nancy Lundgren & Marsha Snyder		
Counters Cathy Potisuk & Phillip Crouse		
After worship volunteer cleaners		
8:00—Mike & Shirley Johnson & Kathy Summy		
10:00—Nancy Ervin & Cindy Hoskins		

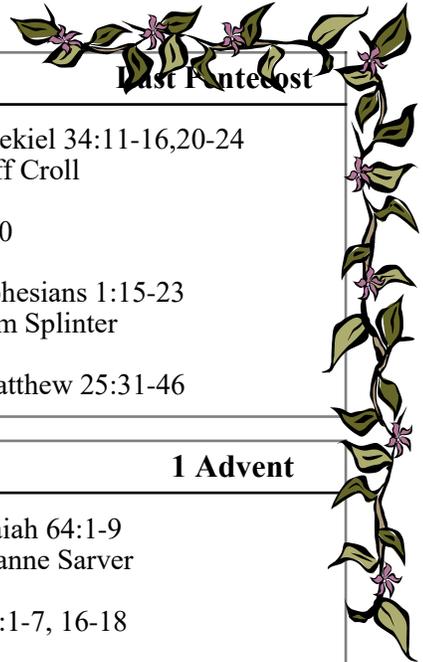
Sunday, November 15	8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	24 Pentecost
Celebrant The Rev. Carol Evans	1st Reading Judges 4:1-7 Martha Croll Psalm 123 2nd Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Carolyn Englert Gospel Matthew 25:14-30	
Deacon 8:00 The Rev. William Snyder		
Wrshp Ldr 10:00 Nancy Lundgren		
Greeters Nancy & Jim Ervin		
Altar Guild Nancy Ervin & Marsha Snyder		
Counters Cathy Potisuk & Phillip Crouse		
After worship volunteer cleaners		
8:00—Kingsland Pretorius & Doug Holzschuh		
10:00—Cindy Ward		



Bible Study

Missing Bible Study? Come join us every Sunday at 4:00 p.m. for a study on the lectionary readings for that day. Just let Carolyn Englert know and she can sign you up. We meet using Zoom, a very easy app to learn to use, on your computer or tablet. Her phone is 330.527.4888 and she will walk you through it.





Sunday, November 22 **8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist** **Last Pentecost**

Celebrant The Rev. Carol Evans Preaching The Rev. William Snyder, Deacon Greeters Marsha Snyder Altar Guild Nancy Lundgren & Marsha Snyder Counters Cathy Potisuk & Phillip Crouse After worship volunteer cleaners 8:00—Mike & Shirley Johnson & Kathy Summy 10:00—Marcia & Tim Splinter	1st Reading Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24 Jeff Croll Psalm 100 2nd Reading Ephesians 1:15-23 Tim Splinter Gospel Matthew 25:31-46
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Sunday, November 29 **8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist** **1 Advent**

Celebrant The Rev. Carol Evans Deacon The Rev. William Snyder Greeters Marsha Snyder Altar Guild Nancy Lundgren & Marsha Snyder Counters Cathy Potisuk & Phillip Crouse After worship volunteer cleaners 8:00—Kingsland Pretorius & Doug Holzschuh 10:00—TBD	1st Reading Isaiah 64:1-9 Joanne Sarver Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Jack Sarver Gospel Mark 13:24-37
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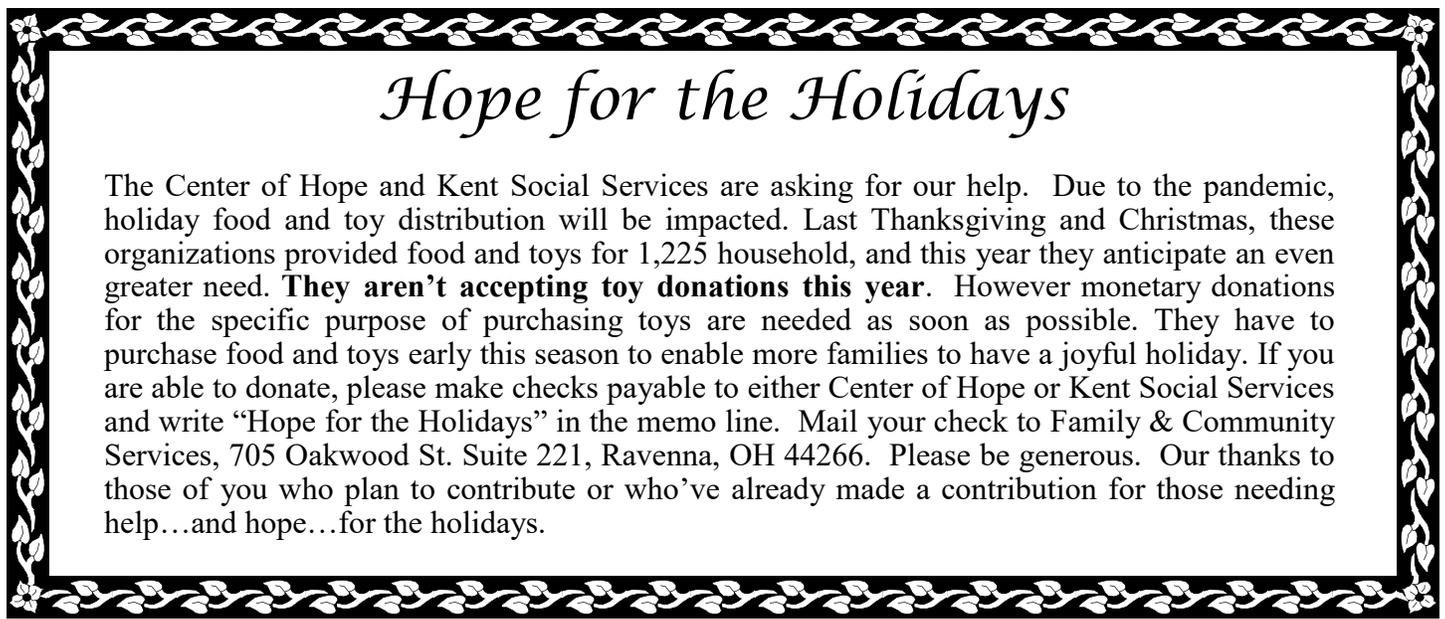
Sunday, December 6 **8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist** **2 Advent**

Celebrant The Rev. Carol Evans Deacon 8:00 The Rev. William Snyder Wrshp Ldr 10:00 Carolyn Englert Greeters Nancy & Fred Lundgren Altar Guild Nancy Lundgren & TBD Counters Cathy Potisuk & Carol Marotta After worship volunteer cleaners 8:00—Kingsland Pretorius & Doug Holzschuh 10:00—TBD	1st Reading Isaiah 40:1-11 Nancy Lundgren Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 2nd Reading 2 Peter 3:8-15a Fred Lundgren Gospel Mark 1:1-8
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Hope for the Holidays

The Center of Hope and Kent Social Services are asking for our help. Due to the pandemic, holiday food and toy distribution will be impacted. Last Thanksgiving and Christmas, these organizations provided food and toys for 1,225 household, and this year they anticipate an even greater need. **They aren't accepting toy donations this year.** However monetary donations for the specific purpose of purchasing toys are needed as soon as possible. They have to purchase food and toys early this season to enable more families to have a joyful holiday. If you are able to donate, please make checks payable to either Center of Hope or Kent Social Services and write "Hope for the Holidays" in the memo line. Mail your check to Family & Community Services, 705 Oakwood St. Suite 221, Ravenna, OH 44266. Please be generous. Our thanks to those of you who plan to contribute or who've already made a contribution for those needing help...and hope...for the holidays.





Did You Know?...



The Blessing of the Pets took place here at Grace on October 4th. We had a nice turn out with 10 people and 9 pets: three dogs, three cats, and three horses. **Carol Marotta and grandson Gregory** brought her beautiful dog Suzie; **Cathy Potiusk** had her tuxedo cat Max; **Debbie Shorts and her son Eric** brought their dog Buddy, and **Jeff and Martha Croll** had their dog Fuzzy (who isn't fuzzy), and Martha's brother **Joe Benek** and his friend Denise had two cats, Thelma & Louise, and three horses, Dandy, Sadie, and Aztec. It was a lovely day and thanks to everyone who loaded up their pets to take part in this blessing...

Bette Brooks, Kingsland Pretorius, Carolyn Englert, and Marsha Snyder have been enjoying Bible study on Sunday afternoons at 4:00 p.m. We study the reading from the Sunday inserts and end with Compline. If you're interested please contact Carolyn and she'll get you set up...

Nancy & Fred Lundgren were so excited to have a visit from their son **Bill**, all the way from Texas. Bill did mention something about having a "Browns Party" – yea, how about those Browns?! And how about those Steelers...that game sure didn't end up the way we hoped it would!...

Lisa Paxton has been a city of Stow employee for 34 years and has recently received a nice promotion. She is now the Manager of Stow's Information Services Department. Congratulations Lisa, on a well-deserved promotion and on the high recommendations received from colleagues!...

Tim and Marcia Splinter took a trip to Wisconsin to visit with Tim's mother **Barb**. It must have been a good trip with all the beautiful fall colors, and their son **Kevin** drove up from Bradley University in Peoria to have some time with Mom and Dad and Grandma...

Sue Ahrens' husband Bruce is building chicken coops for their granddaughters who want to start raising chickens. Now he just has to go to the auction to get the chickens. What a good grandpa! And speaking about building things, **Debbie Shorts' son Eric** built tables for her in the "arts and craft" style she likes. Debbie is so happy with her beautiful new tables and the fact that Eric built them makes it even better...

Kay and Ralph Wise took a trip to Columbus for their son **Victor's** wedding. Victor married his longtime girlfriend **Brittany Bearman**. Kay said they had a wonderful time visiting with family and friends they haven't seen for a while...

Sally Dier is a master gardener, and when I tell you "master" I'm not kidding. Some of the things she grows aren't usually in anyone's garden. But she's now harvesting and keeping busy even after being in the hospital for 3 weeks – the Energizer Bunny has nothing on her!...

The Dier daughters, **Dani & Beth**, are taking classes to become yoga instructors. They both enjoy yoga and are especially enjoying taking on this goal together...

We spoke to **Mary and Hank Cabot** and they are doing well and keeping themselves quarantined. Mary did say they aren't sure about going to Florida for the winter. Whatever you decide, the main thing is to keep safe and healthy...

Thanks to **Carolyn Englert** for offering the Safe Guarding God's Children course to members of the vestry and thanks to **Rick Taylor** for setting up the equipment for their viewing...

Good news from **Pat Williams**, she's recovering quite nicely from her knee replacement surgery...

Maggie Rich is recovering from her back surgery. She's already back in school without her brace and has celebrated her 17th birthday. Dad, **Phil Rich** hit a deer and totaled his car (which happens way too often this time of year in Ohio). After the accident, he'd left a message for his wife Courtney to call him. She returned the call and was a bit puzzled when Phil told her he was with the police and he'd have to call her back! Accidents happen, and they sure aren't fun. Courtney and all the kids—and we, too—are just glad Phil is okay...

Cindy & Gary Ward celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary – and son **Kris** just recently got himself engaged...

And **Jenna Summy and Caleb** got married on Wednesday, Oct. 14th. They had a lovely outdoor wedding by a lake. Mom **Kathy** has some great pictures. Jenna's parents, Kathy and **Bill** recently celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary and Kathy's parents celebrated 57 years in October as well, so October must be the month to get married if you're in the Summy family...

We recently heard that **Rev. Chuck Reed**, who was rector here at Grace from 1982-1987, passed away on September 7th. Chuck worked for Food for the Poor, raising funds for third world countries. May light perpetual shine upon him and God's comfort be with his loved ones.

Thank You! Thank You!

Our thanks and appreciation to all those who serve and help out at Grace Church in so many ways, including:

- Deacon Bill Snyder, our worship leaders, lectors, greeters, and Altar Guild for their help with weekly worship services (and Deacon Bill is often there for both 8 AND 10am!)
- Doug Holzschuh for his skills and time given in providing a live stream service for our viewers at home
- Tim Lewicki for the music he provides for weekly worship at 10am
- Volunteers who clean/disinfect the pews after each service
- Cathy Potisuk and Marsha Snyder for arranging altar flowers
- John McDonald for painting the ramp to the deck at the rectory
- Shirley Johnson for creating and mailing cards to our members
- Nancy and Jim Ervin for keeping the church clean, the grass cut, and for taking donated food to the Center of Hope
- Tim and Marcia Splinter: Tim designs and puts together the Grace Vine each month; Marcia gives time regularly to the treasurer's tasks; and they both help with computer troubleshooting and problem solving at the office.
- Our members who join us for worship either in person or from home
- All of you who keep our church family—and Grace Church—in your prayers

Birthdays

1st Amy Neely
2nd Jennifer Golec
3rd Julie Canan
4th Gail Richards
8th Stephanie Amiruzzaman
9th Rachael Jarrell
17th Sarah Beth Audet
18th Judy Watkins
29th Eric Marotta



Congratulations!

and many happy returns...



Anniversaries

3rd John & Mary Jean McDonald
11th Jack & Joanne Sarver

Baptisms

2nd Sally Dier
5th Luke Kearsey
Shala Kearsey
6th Eleanor Blank
17th Dani Dier
21st Frank Seman



The Bulletin Board

Stewardship Ingathering & Pray over Pledges November 22nd

We'll soon be sending out stewardship letters and pledge cards for 2021. We ask you to pray, to serve, and to give to support the worship, ministries, and outreach of Grace Church. May we give with hearts grateful for all God gives us. The question is not how much *should* we give, but how much *shall* we give in gratitude for all God's blessings. We'll ask that all pledges be returned, and we'll offer them at the altar with prayer and thanks on Sunday, November 22nd. Thanks to each of you for your giving, service, prayers, and *all* you do to support Grace Church.

*A Happy & Healthy Thanksgiving
to You and Yours!!!*

From the staff of Grace Episcopal Church



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.*

Southern author Eudora Welty wrote that Southerners not only listen to the story; we listen for the story, a skill born of playing quietly under the bushes that surrounded the porch, listening to the adult conversation in the cool of the evening (before air conditioning!), hoping the adults would forget we were there. I get a similar sense of listening for the story each November when I see our list of friends and family who have entered God's nearer presence. What are the stories of faith here? What are the lessons we have learned from these saints who lived among us? Below is a story of one of my saints.

James R. "Buddy" Wade (May 6, 1931-September 20, 2014)

I met Buddy when he came to Grimsley High School in Greensboro, NC, in the fall of 1973. Like my husband David who was at Dudley, another of Greensboro's 4 high schools, Buddy was to be our career counselor. However, unlike David who had been welcomed warmly by the entire Dudley community 2 years earlier, Buddy walked into a hornets' nest. Grimsley saw itself as a college preparatory high school with no need for a career counselor. That was for those "other kids," those who attended Smith or Dudley, who weren't going to college, who needed to learn a trade or join the military. Certainly, Grimsley students had no need of Buddy's counseling skills. Many of the faculty and parents clearly ignored the fact that not all Grimsley's students were going to college, that not all our Black students were children of professors at A&T State University, that fully a third of our students came from the projects—projects right across the street from Dudley High School, the school they wanted to attend but from which they were bussed across town to Grimsley. And what student, regardless of ethnicity, social status, wealth, or position hasn't struggled with career decisions? Buddy's work was cut out for him.

He brought an unusual set of skills with him. He had graduated from Guilford College with a degree in music education and had promptly joined the Army where he was stationed in Japan. When he returned, he attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, earning his master's degree in counseling. After many years of teaching choral music in Saint Cloud, Florida, he had returned to North Carolina and taken the counseling job at Grimsley. Soon, music flowed from his office, whether he was in it or not—usually not—and never classical music, always Top 40. Students dropped by just to listen and then to talk. Buddy was in the cafeteria, strolling through study halls, greeting students in the hallways of the 13 buildings that made up the Grimsley campus. Faculty began to realize that Buddy knew the "problem" students, the "thick file kids," the "frequent flyers." He knew how to reach them and talk with them in ways that made an impression.

We had left Greensboro by the time Buddy retired; however, we heard that his party was held in the Grimsley cafeteria and was packed not only with faculty and administration but also with former students and their parents. After retirement, Buddy continued as Director of Music at First United Methodist Church in High Point, NC, volunteered at Moses Cone Hospital's cardiac rehabilitation center, and played piano in the lobby of High Point Regional Hospital for visitors' and patients' enjoyment.

I learned so much from Buddy, but his lessons were the subtle ones. Really listen to people. It's awfully hard to listen when you do all the talking. Buddy was seldom seen talking; he was listening or just being with a student. Meet people where they are, both physically and emotionally. You may not have the answer, but you need to be there for them. You need to be their companion. This is why Buddy did not wait for students to find him; he went looking for them. When simmering racial unrest in the schools hit the boiling point in the fall of 1975, Grimsley was no exception. Groups of students roamed the campus and fights were frequent. Buddy was everywhere except his office—since he knew which students were most likely to be involved in violent behavior, he was walking with students, talking with leaders of students, checking on vulnerable faculty especially those of us who moved from room-to-room or even building-to-building to teach (I taught in 2 buildings and was expecting Laurel), seeing older faculty to their cars at the end of the day. I learned that my job as a teacher was to be there for my students, not just to teach but to protect, to reason, sometimes to argue, but always to care about and care for them.



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