

# The Grace Vine

October 2005

## *Rector's Writ*

A friend recently sent me a copy of an address that was given at a graduation. The speaker quoted a survey that asked a number of people "What are the three things you most want to hear said to you in life?" Coming in at number one was no surprise to anyone; we want to hear "I love you." The second thing people most wanted to hear was, "I forgive you." OK. That lets us know we're human. It also lets us know we all do unkind, hurtful or judgmental things for which we need to ask forgiveness. But the last of the top three was "Dinner's ready." And that was a bit of a surprise.

There must be something about being called to the table that strikes a chord in all of us. Someone has lovingly prepared the meal, and we're all called in and around the table to enjoy it and be together. This is in no small way related to what the Church is all about. It's a place where we're to make known God's love for us by loving one another. It's a place where we're to be forgiving when someone has "missed the mark" and caused some trouble or unhappiness. It is a place where all are called to God's table; gathered there to receive spiritual food, but love, forgiveness, and hope as well.

I had to wonder in this connection to Church, what are the three things we least like to hear in our Church family. I've done no survey, but my guess is those things likely include: "We have a deficit." and "We need more members... We need to invite more people to Church." And we do. So please...invite people to Church. We don't have to proselytize and snatch people from other churches. The statistics show there are plenty of unchurched in Portage county...people with no church connection. Ask people to come to church with you. Let them know what God has done for you, what the Church means to you. Let them know Church is not limited to the holy and the perfect, it's for anyone who's looking for a way to meet God and bring faith into their lives. The spiritual food they'll receive here has the most gracious Host anywhere...and fellowship, too. God is waiting for them. And it's up to us to make the invitation.

## 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.*

### Sun. Oct 2—8:00am & 10:00am Holy Eucharist—20 Pentecost—2:00 Blessing of the Animals

<p><b>Officiant:</b> The Rev. Carol Evans  <b>Deacon:</b> The Rev. James Wichman  <b>Lay Reader:</b> Carolyn Englert  <b>Greeters:</b> Sandy West &amp; Betty Russell  <b>Acolytes:</b> Emily Summy  <b>Shepherd:</b> 8:00 George Furrer, 10:00—Judy Canan  <b>Altar Guild:</b> Stephanie Higgins &amp; Amy Neely  <b>Coffee Hosts:</b> 8:00 Len &amp; Jean Mercer  10:00 Judy Canan &amp; Kay Canan  <b>Counters:</b> Addrienne Conway &amp; Dennis Dier  <b>Loyalton:</b> Maynard Evans</p>	<p>8:00 Roberta O'Keefe  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b> Isaiah 5:1-7  Bud Minnich    <b>Psalm</b> 80:7-14    <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b> Philippians 3:14-21  Paige Thomas    <b>Gospel</b> Matthew 21:33-43</p>
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### Sun. Oct 9—8:00am & 10:00am Holy Eucharist—21 Pentecost

<p><b>Officiant:</b> The Rev. Carol Evans  <b>Deacon:</b> The Rev. Bill Snyder  <b>Lay Reader:</b> Bette Brooks  <b>Greeters:</b> John &amp; Mary Jean McDonald  <b>Acolytes:</b> Julie Canan  <b>Shepherd:</b> 8:00 Roberta O'Keefe, 10:00 Leslie Thomas  <b>Altar Guild:</b> Stephanie Higgins &amp; Amy Neely  <b>Coffee Hosts:</b> 8:00 Cindy Hoskins &amp; Pat Williams  10:00 Jim &amp; Nancy Ervin  <b>Counters:</b> Addrienne Conway &amp; Dennis Dier  <b>Loyalton:</b> Judy Canan</p>	<p>8:00 Melissa Strainer  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b> Isaiah 25:1-9  Dennis Dier    <b>Psalm</b> 23    <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b> Philippians 4:4-13  Tim Splinter    <b>Gospel</b> Matthew 22:1-14</p>
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### Sun. Oct 16—8:00am & 10:00am Holy Eucharist Children's Sabbath—22 Pentecost

<p><b>Officiant:</b> The Rev. Carol Evans  <b>Deacon:</b> The Rev. James Wichman  <b>Lay Reader:</b> Judy Canan  <b>Homily:</b> Paige Thomas  <b>Prayers of the People:</b> Colin Thomas  <b>Greeters:</b> Nikky Stickle &amp; Samantha Stickle  <b>Acolytes:</b> 1C Julie Canan, 2C Kate Ahrens, 1T Emily Summy &amp; Emily Ahrens, 2T Janell Moore &amp; Schyler Conway  <b>Shepherd:</b> 8:00 Jean Mercer, 10:00 Bill Snyder  <b>Altar Guild:</b> Stephanie Higgins &amp; Amy Neely  <b>Coffee Hosts:</b> 8:00 George &amp; Katherine Furrer  10:00 Youth of the Church  <b>Counters:</b> Addrienne Conway &amp; Dennis Dier  <b>Loyalton:</b> Bill Snyder</p>	<p>8:00 Roberta O'Keefe  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b> Isaiah 45:1-7  Chelsea Postlethwaite    <b>Psalm</b> 96:1-9    <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b> 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10  Cory Postlethwaite    <b>Gospel</b> Matthew 22:15-22</p>
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## *Prayer Chain*

Just a reminder that we do have a very active Prayer Chain. If you or someone you love is in need of prayer, please call or email Carolyn Englert at 330-527-4888 or dolly96@apk.net and she'll get the message out to the prayer chain members.

**Sun. Oct 23—8:00am & 10:00am Holy Eucharist—23 Pentecost**

<b>Officiant:</b> The Rev. Carol Evans <b>Deacon:</b> The Rev. William Snyder <b>Lay Reader:</b> Maynard Evans <b>Greeters:</b> Fred & Nancy Lundgren <b>Acolytes:</b> Paige Thomas <b>Shepherd:</b> 8:00 George Furrer, 10:00 Stephanie Higgins <b>Altar Guild:</b> Stephanie Higgins & Amy Neely <b>Coffee Hosts:</b> 8:00 Golec Girls 10:00 Thank You Dinner for Volunteers <b>Counters:</b> Addrienne Conway & Dennis Dier <b>Loyalton:</b> Jim Wichman	8:00 Melissa Strainer <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b> Exodus 22:21-27 Carolyn Englert  <b>Psalm</b> 1  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b> 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 John Machisko  <b>Gospel</b> Matthew 22:23-46
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**Sun. Oct 30—8:00am & 10:00am Holy Eucharist—24 Pentecost**

<b>Officiant:</b> The Rev. Carol Evans <b>Deacon:</b> The Rev. James Wichman <b>Lay Reader:</b> Carolyn Englert <b>Greeters:</b> John & Irene Machisko <b>Acolytes:</b> Chelsea Postlethwaite <b>Shepherd:</b> 8:00 Roberta O’Keefe, 10:00—Judy Canan <b>Altar Guild:</b> Stephanie Higgins & Amy Neely <b>Coffee Hosts:</b> 8:00 Frank & Joan Seman 10:00 John & Mary Jean McDonald <b>Counters:</b> Addrienne Conway & Dennis Dier <b>Loyalton:</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b> Micah 3:5-12 Blake Quay  <b>Psalm</b> 43  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b> 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13, 17-20 Judy Canan  <b>Gospel</b> Matthew 23:1-12
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**Sun. Nov 6—8:00am & 10:00am Holy Eucharist—All Saints Sunday**

<b>Officiant:</b> The Rev. Carol Evans <b>Deacon:</b> The Rev. William Snyder <b>Lay Reader:</b> Judy Canan <b>Greeters:</b> Judy & Kay Canan <b>Acolytes:</b> Emily Summy <b>Shepherd:</b> 8:00 Jean Mercer, 10:00—Leslie Thomas <b>Altar Guild:</b> Irene Machisko & TBD <b>Coffee Hosts:</b> 8:00 George & Catherine Furrer 10:00 Fred & Nancy Lundgren <b>Counters:</b> Kathy Summy & Blake Quay <b>Loyalton:</b> Maynard Evans	8:00 Roberta O’Keefe <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b> Ecclesiasticus 44:1-10, 13-14 Bud Minnich  <b>Psalm</b> 149  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b> Revelation 7:2-4, 9-17 Paige Thomas  <b>Gospel</b> Matthew 23:1-12
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## *Bible Study & Dinner*

A Wednesday evening Bible Study is being planned for October 5, 12, 19, and 26 at 6:00pm. A dinner will be served at 6:00 and then study will follow. Child care will be provided for those of you with children.

See Carolyn Englert if you’re interested in attending.

# Did You Know?...

...We were saddened by the death of **Bishop James Moody**, may light perpetually shine on him and those he loves...

Keep in your prayers **Roger Watkins** and **Fr. Lloyd O'Keefe** who are both recovering from surgery...

On a happier note -- congratulations to **Tim Neely** who graduated summa cum laude from Kent State and has been notified he was awarded the Jerry A. Zinna Scholarship totaling \$40,000. Tim also went to the Dominican Republic as a member of the International Student Volunteer Program, where he volunteered to teach English and helped construct water lines in a local school and build a washroom there - what a kid!!...

If you weren't at the church picnic you missed a lovely service and the chance to meet our Lutheran friends again and enjoy a lot of great food. Thanks to **Nancy and Jim Ervin, Ron Postlethwaite** and **Cory Conway** who cooked hot dogs and set up tables and just got the important things done...

Many members of the congregation took part in the Balloon-A-Fair parade walking, carrying our banner and handing out tickets to the hot dog dinner. **John McDonald** had his classic Corvair convertible in the parade - "looking cool". However, the Balloon-A-Fair did it again (it rained!!), but that didn't dampen the spirit in the parish hall. Thanks to everyone who helped make this a fun time for all. It was decided that all the proceeds for the \$1.00 a lunch, a basket raffle, face painting, and a donation jar, would go to hurricane relief. We sent \$419.18 to the relief fund. **Addrianne Conway** and **Chris Stickle** got donations from local businesses and made up gift baskets for the raffle and **Emily Summy** and **Marcia Splinter** sold tickets. **Kelly Postlethwaite** and **Kay Canan** spent their time face painting. **Addrianne Conway** set up the parish hall and stayed to help in any way she could. We had lots of help in the kitchen with **Barb Popiel, Mary Jean McDonald, Irene Machisko, Betty Capriola, Judy Canan, Nancy Ervin, and Gordon Thompson** just to mention a few. **Jean Mercer** and **Cindy Hoskins** opened Gracie's Back Door. **Bill Snyder** sold tickets for the lunch. **Carrie and Bud Minnich, Blake Quay** and many others greeted our guests. And **Fred and Nancy Lundgren** helped with the cleanup as did **Kathy Summy**. Thanks to everyone who made this all possible as workers or as guest, it was great fun!!...

**Dick Tuttle, Addrianne Conway's father**, is a member of the Diocese of Southern Ohio's Stewardship commission, was here to speak to us about stewardship. We were pleased to have him join us for dinner and a "stewardship lesson". He gave us a lot to think about...

Thanks to **Shirley and Mike Johnson** for placing

the pumpkins around the garden and cleaning up the garden area - it looks great. And thanks to **Dennis Dier and John McDonald** who repaired and painted the back steps. **John McDonald and Mike Johnson** got a truck with a bucket and painted the steeple windows -- what a job!!, but they look great. And speaking of looking great the front doors have been painted again - red of course - thanks to **John McDonald**...

At a recent evangelism meeting our instructor advised us ask all the members of the congregation to park in front of the church so the community can see everyone attending services -- so if that isn't too inconvenient for you please park in front of the church for Sunday morning services.

## United Thank Offering Fall Ingathering November 6th

UTO is collected twice a year at Grace in May and November. Please place your offering in the available blue envelope.

Since 1889, the women of the 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."

The Western Reserve Deanery is one of two in the Diocese to have 100% participation with \$2669.25 collected this spring. Please make this Ingathering as successful as last spring.

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.

# On the Horizon

## **Sunday October 2nd Blessing of the Animals 2:00 pm**

To celebrate St. Francis of Assisi day, a blessing of the animals will take place here at Grace Church. Please don't forget your pets — they need a blessing too! Rev. Carol Evans will bless your furry friend, rain or shine. "Treats" will be served to furry and non-furry participants.

## **Saturday October 8th Kitchen Cleanup 9:00 am**

After a busy summer, we find the kitchen is in need of cleaning. If you can give a few hours, please come to the parish hall and help us get our kitchen back in good order. There will be a sign up sheet available in the parish hall. Please sign up.

## **Saturday October 15th E.C.W. Breakfast Meeting 9:00am to 11:00am**

Our hosts will be Judy Canan and Kay Canan. Our guest speaker will be Nydah Ellet who will speak about her

travels to Scotland. All women of the church are members of the ECW and invited to join us—we'd love to have you.

## **Sunday October 16th Children's Sabbath at the 10:00 Service**

We will join with thousands of congregations across the nation to celebrate the National Observance of Children's Sabbaths. Sponsored by the Children's Defense Fund and supported by the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA, this service focuses on needs of children and how people of faith can respond.

## **Thursday October 20th Retired Men's Breakfast 8:00am Brimfield Steak House**

## **Friday October 21st 10:00am to 2:00pm**

Volunteers are needed for Grace's turn at County Clothing Center.

## **Saturday October 22 Sarah Coventry Party 3:00pm to 5:00pm**

The "Fun"draising committee has planned a jewelry party. Please come and enjoy the beautiful jewelry and the fun. The ladies can choose something they like and the gents can come and pick out something their wives or girlfriends would actually like for Christmas or for any other special occasion. Think about it!! It just might work!!

## **Sunday October 23rd Thank You Dinner after 10:00 service**

For all those hard working people of Grace Church, a dinner is planned in your honor. Please come and join us.

Nancy Ervin is making all the necessary arrangements, all she asks is to please sign up so she knows how much food to make.

## **Sunday October 9th Crop Walk Brady Lake Methodist Church 2:00 pm**

CROP is the community hunger appeal of Church World Service. Each year more than 3,000,000 friends and neighbors across the country walk or sponsor a walker to help stop hunger around the block and around the world. They put their hearts and soles in motion in one of some 2000 Crop Walks.

CROP events help make possible grassroots development initiatives from West Africa to Southeast Asia, from Bosnia to Brazil, helping families overcome poverty and powerlessness. And, up to 25% of what CROP events raise goes to assist the Center of Hope and Christian Cupboard of Portage County.

If you can't walk, please sponsor someone that can with your cash donation; or you may want to give canned goods that will be given to the Center of Hope and Christian Cupboard.

Call Kathy Summy if you have any questions. 330-298-2975

## Baptisms

1st Perry Williams  
10th Sonja Sherwood  
12th Schyler Conway  
13th John McDonald  
14th Bill Shorts, Jr.  
Luke Snyder  
15th Gwen Baker  
28th Barbara Atkins  
Morgan Sherwood  
29th Kevin Splinter  
30th Lucy Kester  
31st Grace Postlethwaite

## Birthdays

1st Charlene Wichman  
5th Mike Johnson  
7th J.D. Novak  
18th Jamie Popiel  
21st Nancy Ervin  
27th Ricky Sanek  
28th Kate Ahrens  
29th Reba Cook

# Congratulations!

*and many happy returns...*

## Anniversaries

5th Charles & June Marks  
7th Gary & Cindy Ward  
11th Cory & Addrienne Conway  
15th Jason & Melissa Strainer  
17th Tim & Marcia Splinter  
28th Michael & Martha Baker

# GRACE'S FACE FESTIVAL

NOVEMBER 12

10AM-3PM

If you would like to have a table of your own, please call Addrienne Conway, 330-298-1182. A table for parish members with only a few items will be available. We ask only that you consider donating a portion of your sales back to the church.

Flyers will be available if you would like to post any at work or elsewhere around our communities.

Thank you.

## Regional Meetings with the Bishop

*What does it mean to be in Communion with one another as the Diocese of Ohio and beyond?*

Bishop Hollingsworth will share his experiences and reflections on Communion from his summer trips to Palestine and Nigeria.

**Oct 1**—St. Mark's Toledo

**Oct 8**—St John's, Cuy. Falls

**Oct 15**—Christ Church,  
Warren

9am to Noon with potluck lunch to follow.

Bring your favorites!

Register with Eva Cole.

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# PIPINGS

From Mary Ann Switz

On the last Sunday of this church year, November 20, 2005, at 4:00 PM, the Clergy and Choir of Grace Church will lead us in a service of Choral Evensong.

From earliest times music was an inseparable part of religious ceremonies. The two principal classes of services originating in the earliest Roman liturgies and monasteries include the *Office* and the *Mass*. The *Offices*, or *Canonical Hours*, are celebrated every day at stated times by the clergy and members of religious orders. *Matins* are sung before daybreak, *Lauds* at sunrise, *Prime*, *Terce*, *Sext*, *Nones* respectively at about 6 AM, 9 AM, noon, and 3 PM. *Vespers* are sung at sunset, and *Compline* usually right after Vespers.

The service of Evensong has its origins in this monastic order of daily prayer, which was reduced by England's Archbishop Thomas Cranmer (1489-1556) to a twice-daily pattern of Morning and Evening Prayer. The Prayer Book of 1662 further established this practice, which, although altered in content since then, remains a staple part of Anglican, and therefore, Episcopalian life.

Evensong is a celebration of the Incarnation of Jesus, the unique event in which God became a part of human life by becoming human. In **Choral Evensong** words and music come together, each enriching the other, drawing us closer to God. The Rector and the Choir sing most of the service, while the congregation joins in chanting the Lord's Prayer and singing of a hymn. The choir and clergy sing the *Preces and Responses*. The choir sings the Psalm set for the day, and two readings drawn from the daily lectionary are read by the clergy. The *Magnificat*, *Nunc Dimittis* and an *Anthem* are also sung by the choir. The *Magnificat* is the Song of Mary ("My soul doth magnify the Lord . . ."), which she said joyfully as she became aware that she was to be the mother of Jesus. The *Nunc Dimittis* is the Song of Simeon ("Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace . . ."), a devout and righteous man who recognizes that the child Jesus was the Messiah and come to be the salvation of all. The anthem is drawn from the vast treasure trove of English cathedral music.

The service of Choral Evensong has, for me, always been a special, awe-inspiring, spiritual experience. In "A Short History of English Church Music" by Erik Routley, published in 1977, he quotes a passage from the booklet the congregation received at Evensong at Coventry Cathedral. I think it accurately sums up the feeling for this service. I quote that same passage for you:

"When you come to Evensong here, it is as if you were dropping in on a conversation already in progress – a conversation between God and men which began long before you were born, and will go on long after you are dead. So do not be surprised, or disturbed, if there are some things in the conversation which you do not at once understand. Evensong is drawn almost entirely from the Bible. Its primary purpose is to proclaim the wonderful works of God in history and in the life and death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Its secondary purpose is to evoke from the worshipper a response of praise, penitence, prayer and obedience."

Please plan on joining us at Grace Church for this very special service!

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9 21 Pentecost •8am HEZ •9:45 Ch. Ed. •10am HEZ •2pm Crop Walk	10	11	12 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door •Adult Ed. 6-8pm	13 •7:30-9:00 Choir Practice	14	15 •9am-12pm Bishop's meeting in Warren •9am ECW Breakfast
16 22 Pentecost •8am HEZ •9:45 Ch. Ed. •10am HEZ	17 •10am-12pm Deanery ECW meeting at Grace	18 •7pm Vestry Meeting	19 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door •Adult Ed. 6-8pm	20 •8am Men's Breakfast •7:30-9:00 Choir Practice	21 •10-2 County Clothing Center	22 •3-5 Sarah Coventry Jewelry Party "Fun"d-raiser
23 23 Pentecost •8am HEZ •9:45 Ch. Ed. •10am HEZ 22 Pentecost •11:15 Thank You Dinner	24	25	26 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door •Adult Ed. 6-8pm	27 •7:30-9:00 Choir Practice	28	29 •Noon Habitat for Humanity Lunch
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