



The Grace Vine

October 2008

Rector's Writ

In this season of political rhetoric and financial chaos, I'd like to share survey results of a different kind. People were asked "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. The last of the top three was a bit of a surprise...."Dinner's ready."

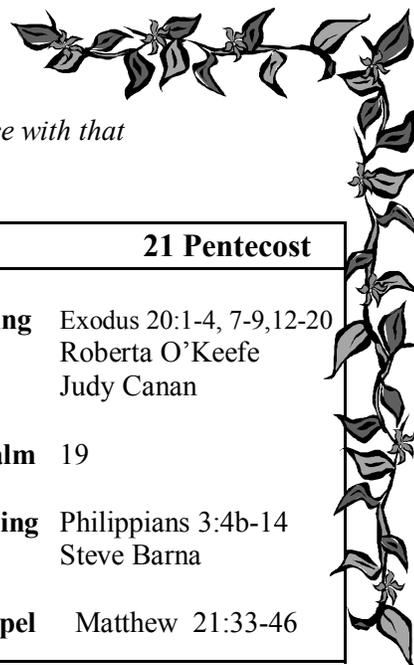
There must be something about being called to the table that strikes a chord in all of us. Someone has lovingly prepared the meal, and we're all called in and around the table to enjoy it and be together. This is in no small way related to what the Church is all about. It's a place where we're to make 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; gathering to receive the spiritual food we all need, nurtured by the promise of love, forgiveness, and hope.

We might wonder in this connection to Church, what are the three things we least like to hear? I've done no survey, but my guess is those things likely include: "We have a deficit...We need active members... We need to invite more people to Church." We do need to invite people, but always *for the right reasons...* for a relationship with God...for spiritual growth and fellowship...not for financial reasons. 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 people in Portage county 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 (otherwise the pews would be empty!); it's for any and all who are looking for a way to meet God and bring faith into their lives. They have a place at the Lord's table here. The spiritual food they'll receive has the most gracious Host anywhere. God is waiting for them. God is waiting for us to make the invitation and welcome them... worshiping and walking together in faith and fellowship.



Service and Lay Ministry Schedule

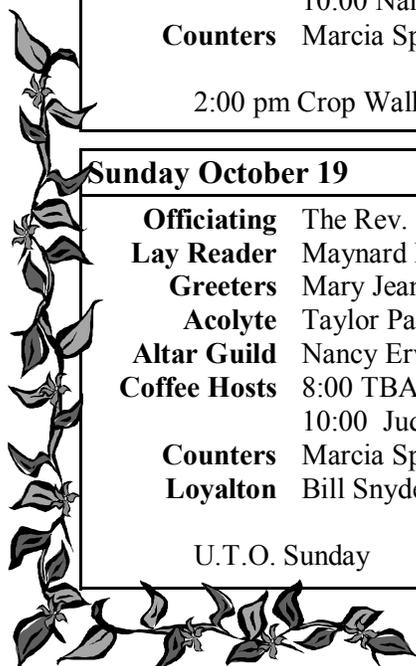
If you cannot serve when scheduled, please find a substitute and call the parish office with that person's name. Thank you for sharing in the liturgical ministry of Grace Church.



Sunday, October 5		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	21 Pentecost
Officiating	The Rev. Carol S. Evans		1st Reading Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 Roberta O'Keefe Judy Canan Psalm 19 2nd Reading Philippians 3:4b-14 Steve Barna Gospel Matthew 21:33-46
Lay Reader	Bette Brooks		
Greeters	John & Mary Jean McDonald		
Acolyte	Emily Summy & Kevin Splinter		
Altar Guild	Nancy Ervin & Irene Machisko		
Coffee Hosts	8:00 Joan & Frank Seman 10:00 Chris Stickle & Denise Crouse		
Counters	Marcia Splinter & Kelly Postlethwaite		
Loyalton	Maynard Evans		
2:00 pm Blessing of the Animals			

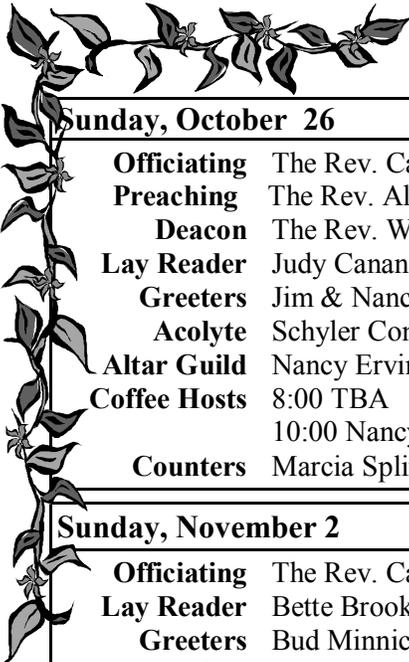
Sunday, October 12		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	22 Pentecost
Officiating	The Rev. Carol S. Evans		1st Reading Exodus 32:1-14 Gordon Thompson Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 2nd Reading Philippians 4:1-9 Kathy Summy Gospel Matthew 22:1-14
Deacon	The Rev. William D. Snyder		
Lay Reader	Carolyn Englert		
Greeters	Nancy & Fred Lundgren		
Acolyte	Julie Canan		
Altar Guild	Nancy Ervin & Irene Machisko		
Coffee Hosts	8:00 Amanda Ondrejko & Pauline Wamsley 10:00 Nancy & Jim Ervin		
Counters	Marcia Splinter & Kelly Postlethwaite		
2:00 pm Crop Walk			

Sunday October 19		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	23 Pentecost
Officiating	The Rev. Carol S. Evans		1st Reading Exodus 33:12-23 Roberta O'Keefe Carolyn Englert Psalm 99 2nd Reading I Thessalonians 1:1-10 Tim Splinter Gospel Matthew 22:15-22
Lay Reader	Maynard Evans		
Greeters	Mary Jean & John McDonald		
Acolyte	Taylor Paxton & Eric Splinter		
Altar Guild	Nancy Ervin & Irene Machisko		
Coffee Hosts	8:00 TBA 10:00 Judy Canan & Bev Louis Mercury		
Counters	Marcia Splinter & Kelly Postlethwaite		
Loyalton	Bill Snyder		
U.T.O. Sunday			



Blessing of the Animals Sunday, Oct. 5th 2pm

Please bring your pets for our tradition of blessing all God's creatures in observance of the teachings, compassion, and joy of St. Francis of Assisi. Rain or shine, we'll bless the pets, so come and join us on the Church lawn!



Sunday, October 26

8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist

24 Pentecost

Officiating The Rev. Carol S. Evans
Preaching The Rev. Alan James
Deacon The Rev. William D. Snyder
Lay Reader Judy Canan
Greeters Jim & Nancy Ervin
Acolyte Schyler Conway
Altar Guild Nancy Ervin & Irene Machisko
Coffee Hosts 8:00 TBA
 10:00 Nancy & Fred Lundgren
Counters Marcia Splinter & Kelly Postlethwaite

1st Reading Deuteronomy 34:1-12
 Cathy Mansor

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

2nd Reading I Thessalonians 2:1-8
 John Machisko

Gospel Matthew 22:34-46

Sunday, November 2

8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist

All Saints Sunday

Officiating The Rev. Carol S. Evans
Lay Reader Bette Brooks
Greeters Bud Minnich & Judy Canan
Acolyte Sammy Stickle & Emily Summy
Altar Guild Nancy Lundgren & Stephanie York
Coffee Hosts 8:00 Joan & Frank Seman
 10:00 Mary Jean & John McDonald
Counters Cathy Mansor & Frank Seman
Loyalton Maynard Evans

1st Reading Revelation 7:9-17
 Roberta O'Keefe
 Bud Minnich

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

2nd Reading I John 3:1-3
 Carolyn Englert

Gospel Matthew 5:1-12

CPC SUNDAY



United Thank Offering Fall Ingathering Sunday, Oct. 19, 2008



Please use the enclosed blue envelope to take part in this fall's ingathering. Any amount will be appreciated. The UTO has been a part of the Episcopal Church for many years and with the funds collected it enables us to help people from all over the world and in our own communities. Our dean-

ery is the only one in the diocese that had 100% participation this last spring and we want to continue to support this wonderful cause. Take a box (*they are on the table in back of the church*) and every time you're thankful for one of God's blessings put a coin in the blue box, at the spring ingathering we will collect those coins.

ECW Autumn Retreat

Who wouldn't love to spend an autumn weekend at beautiful Cedar Hills, the conference Center of the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio?

The Episcopal Church Women of the Western Reserve Deanery have planned a Reflective Retreat for Friday and Saturday, Oct. 24 & 25, led by Rev. Carol. The Rev. Julie Fisher from Christ Church, Kent will present the program "Praying out of the Box"

The cost is \$80, which includes accommodations, meals and all materials. Mark you calendar with those dates and we hope to see you there. For information ask Marsha Snyder or call her at home (330.296.5143) or the office (330.296.3443).



Did You Know?...



The Balloon-A-Fair and the preparation for it made September a very busy month.. The people from Grace Church did their very best to be part of this community's event and still show their Christian love.

We took part in the parade that kicked off the Balloon-A-Fair with **Mike & Shirley Johnson** carrying the Grace Church banner in front of those who walked: **Kathy, Emily, & Jenna Summy, Nick Friedman, Courtney, Jerry, Sammy, & Maggie Rich, Schyler Conway, Roberta O'Keefe, and Samantha & Nikki Stickle. Bill Johnson & John McDonald** rode in John's restored red Corvair convertible.

Once again we held our famous hot dog lunch. All the hot dogs were donated by Portage Frosted foods, the buns by Giant Eagle, and the potato chips, pop and water were donated by parishioners. It was decided to give the community a free lunch. But we all know there's no such thing as a "free lunch". **Marcia Splinter and Barb Popiel** manned the baked goods table which earned \$245.00 (which included the leftovers that Marcia & Tim Splinter took to work and sold.) We had a lot of baked goods and **Irene Machisko** even made two cheesecakes. Thank you to everyone who baked!!

We also raffled off 10 beautiful gift baskets, some of which were donated by parishioners: **Pat Williams, Marsha Snyder, and Addrienne Conway. Kay Canan** "went begging" through our community and received some wonderful gifts from: Dunkin Donuts, A & W, Lighthouse Pool, Scissors & Sun, Sydmore, Giant Eagle, Pampered Chef, the Cleveland Indians organization. Many parishioners donated single items that Kay put together and made into wonderful baskets. Those from our church that won this raffle were: **Kathy Summy, Michele Novak, Marsha Barna (she won two baskets!), Goldie Shriver, and Joan Seman.** The rest were won by friends and neighbors.

We also asked for donations at the door and the \$220 that was collected was given to the Center of Hope & Christian Cupboard, to help feed the hungry. **Irene Machisko, Addrienne Conway, Judy Watkins and Megan Worthen** worked in the kitchen. Others who worked that day were **Debbie Shorts, Cory Conway, Toni Worthen, Kathy Summy, and Rev. Carol.** Carol spent the day filling up the coolers and greeting our visitors. All in all we totaled over \$800.00 that day and we want to thank everyone who helped, participated, donated and supported our efforts. We feed a lot of hungry people...

On October 12th **Kathy Summy's** brother is being ordained at his home church in Chardon. Kathy and her parents fly to Farmville, IL for his Nov. 6th Instillation.

The Sit & Stitch group met at **Shirley Johnson's** home and had a wonderful time. I think that group does as much eating as they do stitching. That's just a guess!!...

Eric Splinter, Sammy Stickle, and Jenna Summy are in

their school bands. That will keep their parents hopping...

Ken & Alice Boydell traveled to up state New York and New England where they visited Vermont, New Hampshire, Connecticut...

Marsha Snyder & Nydah Ellet went on vacation together and spent time upper Michigan and into Canada. They both agree that the highlight was visiting the Grant Hotel on Mackinaw Island and spending time there enjoying the sights and buying fudge of course...

Some of the youth came to decorate cakes for the coffee hour on Rally Day, Sept. 28th. **Jillian, McKenna, Schyler Conway, Zack Scibelli, Megan Worthen, and Nikki & Sammy Stickle** had some very interesting & lovely creations. The adults assisting were **Chris Stickle, Denise Crouse, Stacy Scibelli, Addrienne Conway, and Toni Worthen...**

Congratulations to **Cora Pierce**, she's a grandma again. Daughter **Meralie** had a beautiful baby girl, **Sophia Rose**, born on September 24th and weighting a whopping 9lbs, 10 1/2 oz. Mom and baby are fine...

Nancy & Fred Lungren are headed for Texas to see their son **Bill** and his family...

Jim and Nancy Ervin just got back from their vacation near Nags Head, North Caroline, just in time for the hurricane Kyle to hit the area. But, that's not the only trouble they had. Jim had some difficulty with the rental car; while pushing buttons he hit the "on star" and the car began talking, asking him about an accident, which he didn't have. He didn't push that button again

Please give any information you'd like to see in the **Did You Know** to **Tim Splinter** or **Marsha Snyder**.

STEAK FRY

October 18th

5:00 pm

In the Parish Hall

Please come and enjoy a wonderful steak dinner prepared by Jim & Nancy Ervin!

\$12.00 per person with proceeds going to the deficit. Enjoy a steak, potato, salad, and dessert. There will free hot dogs for the children. Join in the fun! A sign up sheet is in the parish hall.

A White Elephant Auction will take place at this event as well

On the Horizon

Saturday, October 11th Christian Ed Retreat

Details at right

Sunday, October 12th CROP Walk

Details below

Saturday, October 18th Steak Fry

See the details elsewhere

Youth Corn Maze Trip

Contact Addrienne Conway

Friday, October 24th to Saturday the 25th

ECW Autumn Retreat

See the details elsewhere

Saturday, November 8th Pampered Chef Party

Sunday, November 16th Youth Bowling Party

No Game Night this Month!

Christian Educator's Retreat

Saturday
Oct. 11, 2008
9:30am-3pm

Bring your questions, stories, and friends to join us for this retreat/workshop for Christian Ed teachers and leaders.

Bette Brooks is the keynoter speaking about different learning styles; useful information which can be applied to any teaching situation. Addrienne Conway, Carolyn Englert, and Carol Evans will also lead segments, and Susan McDonald, Diocesan Officer for Christian Formation will be available, too.

We encourage you to invite friends from other churches as well. Please call the office to register.

CROP Walk

October 12th 2pm

Starting at Brady Lake United Methodist Church

If you are able to walk four miles, please consider walking to help the hungry of the world. If you are unable to walk, please consider pledging to those who are walking. This is a city wide event and we will be walking with several other churches in the community. Make Grace Church proud. See Deacon Bill Snyder for more information.

Birthdays

5th Mike Johnson
7th J.D. Novak
13th Maggy Rich
18th Jamie Popiel
Nicole Stickle
21st Nancy Ervin
28th Kate Ahrens
Morgan Sherwood
29th Reba Cook
Linda Stover



Congratulations!

and many happy returns...

Baptisms

1st Perry Williams
10th Sonja Sherwood
12th Schyler Conway
13th John McDonald
15th Gwen Baker
25th Aundrea Seman
27th Ricky Sanek



Anniversaries

7th Ken & Alice Boydell
11th Cory & Addrienne Conway
15th Jason & Melissa Strainer
17th Tim & Marcia Splinter
20th Bill & Kathy Summy
28th Michael & Martha Baker

The Bulletin Board

Acolytes Schedule

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

11/9—Jenna

11/16—Taylor

11/23—Eric

11/30—Emily & Kevin

12/1—Schyler

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Marcia@splinterfactions.net

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.

Ebay for Grace!

Marcia and Tim Splinter are offering Ebay selling service to everybody. We will help you sell 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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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!..."

Email

Change!

Make sure you have switched your email address books to the new emails for the parish! The old one will be discontinued SOON!

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

Dear Grace Church

Once again I am humbled by your response to my request for school supplies for Head Start. We will use all of them in some way for the enjoyment of the children.

It may seem like a small thing to donate, but it really adds up. This year the total was \$200.84 worth. I have listed all that was donated so you can see.

Thank you & God bless.

Marsha Barna

3 rulers	3 highlighters
16 folders	1 writing tablet
1 3-ring binder	1 sponge set
2 sets of flash cards	1 foam frame set
3 pencil boxes	1 pack of award ribbons
6 scrapbooking scissors	1 pack of pipe cleaners
9 regular scissors	2 large glitter glue sticks
11 bottles of glue	1 large book bag
44 glue sticks	5 skeins of yarn
2 packs of goggle eyes	4 hand sanitizers
34 spiral notebooks	
4 packs of loose leaf paper	
1 pk of construction paper	
8 paint brushes	
3 packs of jumbo Crayola markers	
12 packs of 10 markers	
29 boxes of 24 crayons	
5 boxes of 8 jumbo crayons	
1 box of 64 crayons	
338 pencils	
2 pencil sharpeners	
6 erasers	
34 pens	
10 retractable pens	

Bonfire

at Worthen's

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

If you haven't met them yet, they are one of our newest families, having moved up from Atlanta. They have been at the 8:00 service for several weeks. Look for them between the services at the 8:00 coffee hour and say hi!

Then come on out to their house for the bonfire!

Saturday, November 1st, 6 pm
624 Porter Road
Atwater

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.