



The Grace Vine

October 2009

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.*

Samuel Isaac Joseph Schereschewsky—October 14

Samuel Schereschewsky was born in Lithuania in 1831. Orphaned at a young age, he was raised by his half-brother who saw his academic gifts and hoped he would become a rabbi. While attending a rabbinical school, he was given a copy of the New Testament in Hebrew that had been produced by the London Society for Promoting Christianity among the Jews. His study of the small volume convinced him that Jesus was the Messianic fulfillment of the prophecies of the Old Testament. He left Lithuania and went to Germany to study at Frankfort and later at the University of Breslau. Already fluent in Yiddish, Polish, and Russian, he added German, a language he spoke flawlessly to the end of his days.

In the summer of 1854, he immigrated to America and while in New York City he connected with Christian Jews but did not convert until the following spring. Although baptized a Baptist, he became Presbyterian within months and attended the Western Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church. After 2 years, he converted again, this time to the Episcopal Church, and completed his theological education at General Theological Seminary. After he was ordained deacon in 1859, he offered himself for mission work in China. Almost a year after his arrival in China, he was ordained priest in the chapel of the mission school where he taught. This chapel later became the Church of Our Savior, Hongkew. With his gift for languages, it is not surprising that in 1862 he began to translate the Bible into Mandarin Chinese, beginning with the Psalms. This work consumed the next 13 years of his life. In 1877, he was elected Bishop of Shanghai, where he founded St. John's University and began to translate the Bible into Wenli, another major Chinese dialect. After developing Parkinson's disease, he resigned as Bishop of Shanghai in 1884 and continued his translation work. Wheelchair-bound and largely paralyzed by the end of his life, he typed the last 2000 pages of his translation with the one finger he could still move.

Four years before his death in 1906, this extraordinary modern saint said, "I have sat in this [wheel]chair for over twenty years. It seemed very hard at first. But God knew best. He kept me for the work for which I am best fitted." Because of this quotation, Bishop Schereschewsky is also affectionately considered the "patron saint" of the Anglican Communion's internet mailing list, sometimes called the "cyber parish of St. Sam's." He was buried in Tokyo, Japan.

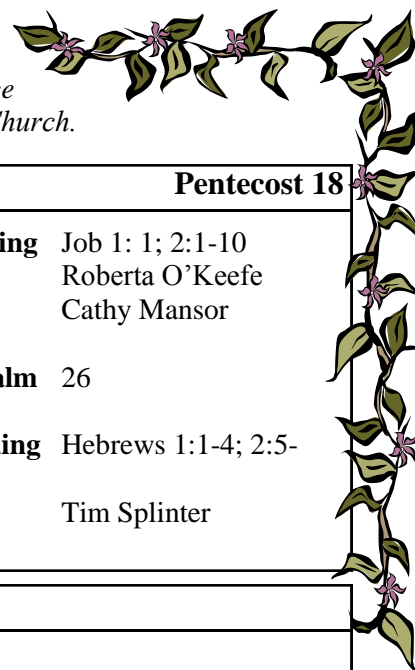
Prayer:

O God, who in Your providence called Joseph Schereschewsky from his home in Eastern Europe to the ministry of this Church, and sent him as a missionary to China, upholding him in his infirmity, that he might translate the Holy Scriptures into languages of that land: Lead us, we pray, to commit our lives and talents to you, in the confidence that when you give your servants any work to do, you also supply the strength to do it; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.



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 4 8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Pentecost 18

Officiating	The Rev. James F. Cooney	1st Reading	Job 1: 1; 2:1-10
Deacon	The Rev. William Snyder		Roberta O'Keefe
Lay Reader	Bette Brooks		Cathy Mansor
Greeters	Mary Jean & John McDonald		
Acolytes		Psalm	26
Altar Guild	Nancy Ervin & Irene Machisko		
Coffee Hosts	8:00 Frank & Joan Seman	2nd Reading	Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12
	10:00 Chris Stickle & Denise Crouse		
Counters	John McDonald & Cathy Mansor		Tim Splinter
Loyalton	Kathy Summy		

Wednesday, October 7 6:00 PM Healing Service with LEV Eucharist

Officiating	Kathy Summy—Lay Eucharistic Visitor
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Sunday, October 11 8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Pentecost 19

Officiating	The Rev. James F. Cooney	1st Reading	Job 23:1-9, 16-17
Deacon	The Rev. William Snyder		Jeff Croll
Lay Reader	Carolyn Englert		
Greeters	Jim Ervin & Gary Bell	Psalm	22:1-15
Acolytes	Phillip Coruse & Kevin Splinter		
Altar Guild	Nancy Ervin & Irene Machisko	2nd Reading	Hebrews 4:12-16
Coffee Hosts	8:00 Mike & Shirley Johnson		Brandon Higgins
	10:00 Judy Canan & Kay Canan		
Counters	John McDonald & Cathy Mansor	Gospel	Mark 10:17-31

Sunday, October 18 8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Pentecost 20

Officiating	The Rev. James F. Cooney	1st Reading	Job 38:1-7 (34-41)
Lay Reader	Maynard Evans		Roberta O'Keefe
Greeters	John & Irene Machisko		Steve Barna
Acolyte	Taylor Paxton	Psalm	104:1-9, 25-37b
Altar Guild	Nancy Ervin & Irene Machisko		
Coffee Hosts	8:00 Amanda & David Ondrejko	2nd Reading	Hebrews 5:1-10
	10:00 John & Mary Jean McDonald		Martha Croll
Counters	John McDonald & Cathy Mansor		
Loyalton	Bill Snyder	Gospel	Mark 10:35-45



Sunday, October 25

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist

Pentecost 21

Celebrant The Rev. James F. Cooney
Deacon The Rev. William D. Snyder
Lay Reader TBA
Greeters Bev Lewis-Mercury & Bonnie Quay
Acolyte Jenna Summy
Altar Guild Nancy Ervin & Irene Machisko
Coffee Hosts 8:00 TBA
10:00 Toni & Toni Worthen
Counters John McDonald & Cathy Mansor

1st Reading Job 42:1-6, 10-17
Nancy Lundgren

Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22)

2nd Reading Hebrews 7:23-28
Stephanie York

Gospel Mark 10:46-52

Sunday, November 1

8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist

All Saint's Day

Officiating The Rev. James F. Cooney
Deacon The Rev. William Snyder
Lay Reader Bette Brooks
Greeters John & Mary Jean McDonald
Acolytes Eric Splinter
Altar Guild Nancy Lundgren & Shirley Johnson
Coffee Hosts 8:00 Frank & Joan Seman
10:00 Jim & Nancy Ervin
Counters Fred Lundgren & Tony Worthen
Loyalton Kathy Summy

1st Reading Wis.of Solomon 3:1-9
Roberta O'Keefe
John Machisko

Psalm 24

2nd Reading Revelation 21:1-6a
Fred Lundgren

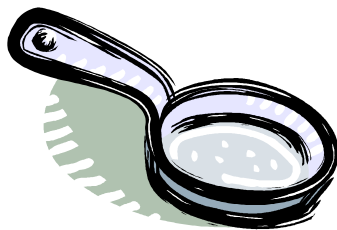
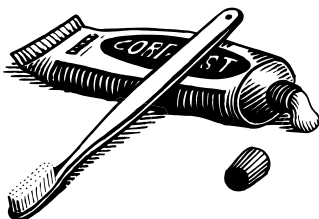
Gospel John 11:32-44

Request for Help from County Clothing Center

The County Clothing Center is trying to help out Coleman clients with their new apartment building in Kent. We are asking each of our supporting groups to help us by collecting items for one apartment.

This is the list of items we think we would like to provide for them:

- Bathroom
 - Toilet Brush
 - Shower Curtain and hooks or rings
 - 2 Bath towels and wash cloths
 - Toothbrush holder, toothbrush and toothpaste
 - Small trash can
- Bedroom
 - Blankets and linens for a twin size bed
 - Pillow
- Kitchen
 - 3 or 4 dish cloths and towels
 - 2 pot holders
 - Silverware tray
 - Dish drainer
 - 1 med. Sauce pan
 - 1 frying pan
 - Dishes
 - 4 plastic glasses
 - Dish soap
 - Measuring cups and spoons
 - Can opener
 - Plastic pitcher
 - Mixing spoon
 - Ladle
 - Rubber Scrapper
 - Pancake turner
 - Potato peeler





Did You Know?...



The Record Courier has had many of Grace Church's members featured in their publication lately: the announcement of **George & Katherine Furrer** celebrating their 60th anniversary along with a lovely picture of the couple... a picture of the Ravenna High School Class of 1941 that included with our own **Betty Capriola** sitting in the front row... **Reba Cook's** card club celebrated their 40th years in existence... **Debbie Shorts** was featured (in a colored photo – no less) when she offered her home to the Coleman Foundation benefit on Sept. 12 for the "Right At Home". The Coleman foundation Right at Home supports children, families and older adults in the community who are facing mental health and rehabilitation challenges. It was then followed by a full spread the following week. Good work Debbie!!...

The Balloon-A-Fair was great this year, even the weather cooperated. Our church was represented in the parade, **Fred Lundgren** & granddaughter **Paige Paxton** rode in his 1964 Chevy, **Mike & Shirley Johnson** walked with our banner followed by **Courtney, Phil, Jerry, Maggie, & Sammy Rich, Tim & Kevin Splinter, Sammy and Nicki Stickle, Schyler Conway, Phil Crouse, Brittany Cannon and Noah, Denise Crouse and Roberta O'Keefe. Nancy Lundgren** help set up? Our lunch went well and we want to thank all those who took part including those who baked for the bake sale: **Carolyn Englert, Pat Williams, Nancy Ervin, Barb Popiel, Irene Machisko, Marsha Snyder, Judy Canan, Toni Worthen, Roberta O'Keefe, Betty Capriola, and Martha Croll.** Thank you to those who made baskets to be raffled: **Toni Worthen** - Italian Basket; **Roberta O'Keefe** - Chocolate Lover's Delight; **Courtney Rich** - BeautiControl, and Usbourne Baskets and a friend of hers gave the Avon Basket basket; **Pat Williams** - Bath & Body Works; **Barb Popiel** - Ohio State Favorites; and the Baby/Kid basket was given by someone way back in spring but that data has departed Marcia's mind (sorry, but thanks whoever you were)... The kitchen for the hot dog lunch was staffed by: **Nancy Ervin, Addrienne Conway, Betty Capriola, and Irene Machisko. Marcia Splinter & Courtney Rich** sold raffle tickets and baked good items, and **Judy Canan & Roberta O'Keefe** sold lunch tickets & collected funds for the Center of Hope. We thank everyone who came to support the luncheon and bought tickets and baked goods, there were far too many to name. And we want to thank those who helped clean up: **John McDonald, Ricky Sanek...**

Shirley Johnson had the Sit & Stitch group at her home on September 22nd, those attending were: **Sue Ahrens, Judy Canan, Marsha Snyder, Alice & Ken Boydell,** (Ken's our un-official member), **Jean Lawerance, Carolyn Englert, and Mary Jean McDonald.** Shirley served a wonderful lunch, with **Mike's** help, and then took us on a tour, (by golf cart) of their home in the woods, it was wonderful, and so peaceful. We also went home with goodies from their garden. Thanks Shirley & Mike!...

The choir is back in session with several new members. **Jeff & Martha Croll** have joined us and **Marsha Barna** is back in the soprano section. So we now have three Marsha/Marcia's back in the soprano section. **Nancy Ervin** was even back in the alto section for one Sunday, while **Kathy & Emily Summy** were on a Civil War re-inactment weekend...

Tony, Toni & Megan Worthen joined the **Summy's** that weekend in Zoar, Ohio for the Civil War Ball. Toni & Megan were dressed in beautiful, but very full dresses with hooped skirts, and watching them getting into the car was a treat. Toni found she couldn't get behind the steering wheel, therefore Tony had to drive. He was reported to have said "Yes, there is a God!" Megan said people were asking her if she was "Little Bo Peep" which was not the look she was going for, but she did look cute!!...

The Poker Buddies played at **Steve Barna's** home this month and had a great time and they contributed very nicely to Discretionary Fund...

It was great seeing **Kay Canan** back in church, her hours have changed and now allow her & **Julie** to be back with us. Thanks be to God! ...

Ron Postlethwaite took his girls, **Chelsea & Grace,** to Disney World last month and they had a wonderful time...

Bonnie Quay was off to Florida to visit with her sister...

Betty Sanek is so excited, she'll soon be a great-grandmother for the first time and her granddaughter is having twins...

Kevin Splinter is really enjoying playing football and **Eric** is in a Youth Theatre Workshop and it's been keeping **Tim & Marcia** busy...

Judy & Roger Watkins will soon be leaving us for places a lot warmer than Ohio – Florida. You'll be missed

More Bulletin Funnies from the Web...

Jean is leading a weight-management series on Wednesday nights. She has used the program herself and is growing like crazy.

Illiterate? Write to the church office for help.

Wanted: Part-time, a Christian nanny to take care of our two-year-old who does not smoke or drink.

On the Horizon

Saturday, October 10th Fellowship & Game Night 6:30 pm

More Games and Laughter and Snacks and Loving Harrassment!

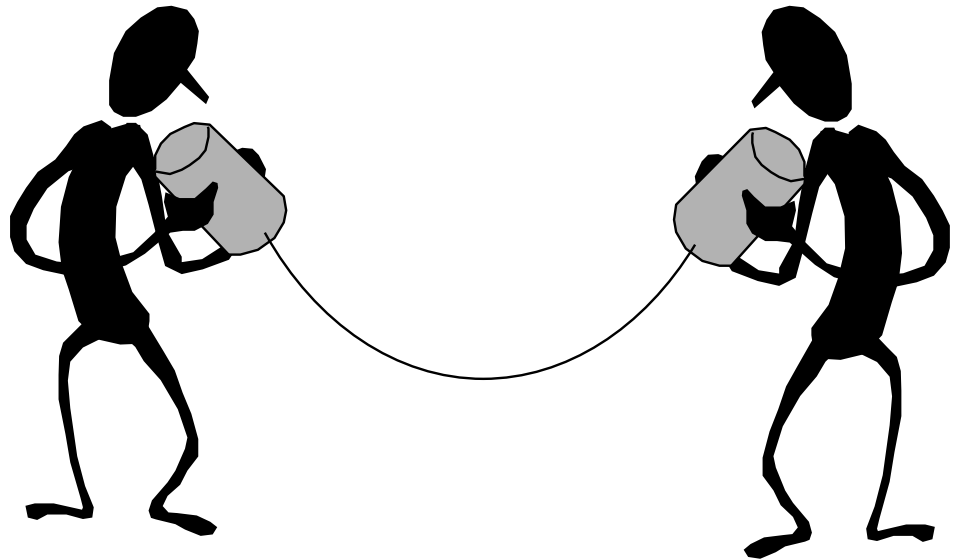
Sunday, October 11th 2009 CROP Walk

It is time again for the CROP Walk. Last year's Walk raised \$8500 for the Center of Hope and Ravenna Christian Cupboard. Please consider walking or donating this year.

Saturday, November 14th Fellowship & Game Night 6:30 pm

Splinters probably won't make this one, so if someone else is available to make sure the parish hall is open, please step up.

Sunday, December 27th Lessons & Carols Service



Birthdays

5th Mike Johnson
7th J.D. Novak
13th Maggy Rich
18th Jamie Popiel
Nicole Stickle
Emily Scibelli
21st Nancy Ervin
28th Kate Ahrens
Morgan Sherwood
29th Reba Cook
Linda Stover
30th Lucy Kester



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
29th Kevin Splinter

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:

11/8—Schyler & Kevin

11/15—Taylor

11/22—Phil

11/29—Jenna

12/6—Kvein

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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
Marsha Snyder for handling.

Have a Heart—Volunteer For Hospice

Hospice Volunteers are ordinary people who give extra-ordinarily of their time and talents to people in need. It is not necessary to have experience in working with people who have a life-limiting illness to become a Hospice Volunteer. Volunteers uphold the basic hospice philosophy of enhancing the quality of life for our patients, while helping them maintain dignity. Compassion, reliability, and a non-judgmental approach are essential qualities. Our volunteers provide a wide variety of services based on each patient and family's particular needs and desires.

Volunteers are needed in the following areas: Respite Care (provide relief time for caregivers), Vigil volunteers, Nursing Home Team, Bereavement Support, Delivery Service, Volunteer Attorney, Fundraising, Flower Arranging and Card Making.

Every volunteer is provided the thorough training and ongoing support needed through the hospice team and coordinator. Fall training begins Tuesday, Sept 15th. For more information, please call Bernadette Thomas at 330-297-8899 or bthomas@rmh2.org.

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
4 18 Pentecost •8am HE •9am Coffee •9:15 Choir •9:45 Ch. Ed. •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	5	6	7 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door •6pm Healing Service & Eucharist	8 •7pm Choir Rehearsal	9	10 •6:30 Fellowship & Game Night
11 19 Pentecost •8am HE •9am Coffee •9:15 Choir •9:45 Ch. Ed. •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	12	13 •2-4 Sit & Stitch	14 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door	15 •7pm Choir Rehearsal	16	17
18 20 Pentecost •8am HE •9am Coffee •9:15 Choir •9:45 Ch. Ed. •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	19	20 •7pm Vestry Meeting	21 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door	22 •8am Retired Men's Breakfast •7pm Choir Rehearsal	23 •10-2 County Clothing Center	24
25 21 Pentecost •8am HE •9am Coffee •9:15 Choir •9:45 Ch. Ed. •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	26	27 •2-4 Sit & Stitch	28 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door	29 Pre-Convention Meeting-TBA •7pm Choir Rehearsal	30	31 All Hallow's Eve

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Bette Brooks (2009)
Cathy Mansor (2009) Senior Warden
John McDonald (2009) Junior Warden
Marcia Splinter (2010)
Roberta O'Keefe (2010) Clerk
Fred Lundgren (2010)
Tony Worthen (2011)
Reba Cook (2011)
Alice Boydell (2011)

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