



The Grace Vine

October 2010

Rector's Writ

A survey went out some time ago that was not about the economy, politics or opinions. It simply asked people to share the three most important things we like to hear said to us in life. The top three responses were rather brief but important phrases: "I love you." "I forgive you." "Dinner's ready."

The first two are no surprise. The third one was unexpected but certainly understandable. There's something about 'dinner's ready' that strikes a chord in all of us. Someone has lovingly prepared the meal, and we're all called in to gather around the table and enjoy it together.

This is in no small way related to what the Church is all about. It's a place where we're to practice making God's love for all known by loving one another. It's where we seek not only forgiveness, but grace and guidance from God. It's where we're to be forgiving when someone has missed the mark and caused problems or heartache. It's an inclusive place where all are called to God's table; gathered to receive spiritual food for renewal and strength; gathered to receive gratefully the love, forgiveness, and hope we all need.

All this gathering and receiving leads us to do some giving as well. I suspect if we were to do a survey of what church members *least* like to hear, it would include such matters as: "We need more members." "We need more money."

"We need to invite more people to church." And we do. Yet maybe what we need "more" of is faith; faith in God's goodness, abundance, and guidance; faith to be and do what God wants his people to be and do in our area.

To keep the doors of Grace Church open; to grow our parish and to continue the service we provide, we need your help, your participation, your prayers, your contributions. We need your presence at the Lord's table at Grace Church, at our shared fellowship, and in the service that follows. The stewardship season is here. Letters and pledge requests will be forthcoming. Please pray about how you'll respond as a faithful and giving member who loves God and the Church.



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 3		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	Pentecost 19
Officiating	The Rev. Carol S. Evans	1st Reading Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 Carolyn Englert	Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16
Lay Reader	Bette Brooks		
Greeters	John & Irene Machisko	2nd Reading 1 Timothy 6:6-19 Tim Splinter	Gospel Luke 16:19-31
Acolyte	Kevin Splinter & Paige Paxton		
Altar Guild	Nancy Ervin & Irene Machisko		
Coffee Hosts	8:00 TBA 10:00 Chris Stickle & Denise Crouse		
Counters	Alice Boydell & Reba Cook		
Loyalton	Kathy Summy		

Wednesday, October 6		6:00 PM Healing Service with Holy Eucharist
Officiating	The Rev. Carol Evans	

Sunday, October 10		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	Pentecost 20
Officiating	The Rev. Carol S. Evans	1st Reading Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 Martha Croll	Psalm 66:1-11
Deacon	The Rev. William D. Snyder		
Lay Reader	Roberta O'Keefe	2nd Reading 2 Timothy 2:8-15 Jeff Croll	Gospel Luke 17:11-19
Greeters	Nancy & Jim Ervin		
Acolytes	Schylar Conway & McKenna Conway		
Altar Guild	Nancy Ervin & Irene Machisko		
Coffee Hosts	8:00 TBA 10:00 John & Mary Jean McDonald		
Counters	Alice Boydell & Reba Cook		

Sunday, October 17		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	Pentecost 21
Officiating	The Rev. Carol S. Evans	1st Reading Jeremiah 31:27-34 Cathy Mansor	Psalm 119:97-104
Lay Reader	8:00 Bette Brooks/10:00 Addrienne Conway		
Greeters	John & Mary Jean McDonald	2nd Reading 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5 Tim Splinter	Gospel Luke 18:1-8
Acolyte	Taylor Paxton		
Altar Guild	Nancy Ervin & Irene Machisko		
Coffee Hosts	8:00 TBA 10:00 Toni & Tony Worthen		
Counters	Alice Boydell & Reba Cook		
Loyalton	Bill Snyder		

Sunday, October 24		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	Pentecost 22
Officiating	The Rev. Carol S. Evans	1st Reading Joel 2:23-32 Fred Lundgren	Psalm 65
Deacon	The Rev. William D. Snyder		
Lay Reader	Roberta O'Keefe	2nd Reading 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Nancy Lundgren	Gospel Luke 18:9-14
Greeters	Bev Lewis-Mercury & Jeff Marsh		
Acolyte	Eric Splinter		
Altar Guild	Nancy Ervin & Irene Machisko		
Coffee Hosts	8:00 TBA 10:00 Fred & Nancy Lundgren		
Counters	Alice Boydell & Reba Cook		



Sunday, October 31		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist		Pentecost 23	
Officiating	The Rev. Carol S. Evans	1st Reading	Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 Carolyn Englert		
Lay Reader	8:00 Bette Brooks/10:00 Roberta O'Keefe	Psalm	119:137-144		
Greeters	Nancy & Jim Ervin	2nd Reading	2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 Jeff Croll		
Acolyte	Jenna Summy & Paige Paxton	Gospel	Luke 19:1-10		
Altar Guild	Nancy Ervin & Irene Machisko				
Coffee Hosts	8:00 TBA 10:00 Jim & Nancy Ervin				
Counters	Alice Boydell & Reba Cook				
Loyalton	Kathy Summy				

Sunday, November 7		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist		Pentecost 24	
Officiating	The Rev. Carol S. Evans	1st Reading	Haggai 1:15b--2:9 Fred Lundgren		
Lay Reader	Bette Brooks	Psalm	145:1-5, 18-22		
Greeter	John & Irene Machisko	2nd Reading	2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 Martha Croll		
Acolyte	Eric Splinter & McKenna Conway	Gospel	Luke 20:27-38		
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				

CROP WALK

October 10, 2010
2:00 PM

The 2010 Ravenna/Kent Area CROP Walk is for the benefit of world hunger. As another season of CROP Hunger Walks in Ohio, we would like to share with you a story about the difference your work made last year. As you know on January 12, 2010 Port-au-Prince, Haiti was destroyed by a massive earthquake. Fortunately, Church World Service was able to respond within 24 hours of the earthquake with vital, life sustaining assistance. The reason CWS was able to respond so quickly and efficiently is because they have been at work in Haiti since 1954. In fact, because of CROP Hunger Walks in 2009, CWS was able to continue to fund work with people suffering from disabilities. The disabled population of Port-au-Prince was one of the most vulnerable portions of the population before the earthquake and is even more vulnerable in its aftermath. Because of the long-time partnership with indigenous agencies in Haiti, CWS was able to seek out and aide those who were bound to their homes ensuring that they were getting necessary items for survival. So by helping organize a CROP Hunger Walk in 2009, you responded to the earthquake before it happened!

Last year we joined with the Kent area churches and had over 80 people walking four miles on Portage County Bike and Hike Trail. The combined effort raised over \$5100. The Center of Hope and Ravenna Christian Cupboard were our local benefactors.

For more information please see Bill Snyder during coffee hour.





Did You Know?...



We held our farewell for **Bonnie and Blake Quay** on August 29th. **Nancy Ervin**, our Hospitality Chairperson, purchased a cake and asked for lots of cookies, and got them, for the celebration in the parish hall and church were packed to see them off. They will be heading for Florida and a new life and warmer weather for Blake with family around them. Their new address is 413 Gulf Aire Dr., Port St. Joe, FL 32456. They are hoping to hear from you...

The new Ravenna High School opened and tours of the building were open to the public on Sat. and Sun. Aug. 8 & 9th, and a lot of Grace Church members attended. Our own **Joan Seman**, a member of the school board, was a tour guide to this state-of-the-art high school. It's a beautiful facility with the latest in technology and the people of Ravenna should be very proud of the wonderful facility that will enhance our youth's educational experience. This facility is simply amazing. Check it out if you already haven't...

Thank you to **Shirley and Mike Johnson** for hosting the Sit & Stitch group, on August 23rd, to a hot dog lunch, but you can believe me when I tell you that more than hot dogs were served. It was a wonderful time and the weather even cooperated. We also said a "good-bye" to **Bonnie Quay**, a member of the Sit & Stitch group. She will be missed, as she always had a great story to tell...

The Poker Boys met at **Bill Snyder's** home and they had a great time - \$94.00 was given to the Discretionary Fund. And once again Grace Church came out as the winner of those games. Then on September 17th the "Boys" met at **Steve Barna's** and once again the winnings went to Grace Church. Thanks Boys!...

One year old **Noah Crouse** was so fascinated watching his daddy, **Phillip**, acolyte. He watched him throughout the service and had a big smile on his face. Maybe a future acolyte, lay reader, deacon, priest - who knows??...

Thanks to **Cindy Hoskins** for staffing Gracie's Back Door for the summer. It gave those regular volunteers a much needed summer break. Gracie's Back Door is considering closing if they don't get more volunteers. If you can help one Wednesday a month from 10:00-2:00 PM., please contact **Nancy Lundgren or Mary Jean McDonald**...

This summer **Tony, Toni, & Megan Worthen** enjoyed the Civil War reenactment at Sun Beau until it began to rain. Then they headed for the church in those beautiful long, full, hooped, heavy gowns. Yes, those dresses can be miserable when they get wet. But, you sure look good in them...

Bill Lundgren, Nancy & Fred's son, entered his jellies at the Texas State Fair, which I might add is the largest state fair in the nation, and received 2nd place for his green pepper jelly and 4th place for his raspberry/jalapeño jelly. Bill, can you share these recipes?...

We are happy to announce that **Martha Croll** has a teaching position at Cleveland Central Catholic, her old alma mater.

Thanks be to God!!!...

Bill and Marsha Snyder are grandparents again. Son **Luke** and his wife **Alex** had a baby boy on September 21st, his name is **Noah Alexander** and he's wonderful, just ask grandma and grandpa...

Grace Church held our Rally Day on September 12th. It was wonderful to see all the children back in the Sunday school rooms and the choir back in their pews and the prayers were deeply appreciated. Thanks to **Nancy Ervin** and her hospitality committee for arranging the covered dish dinner that followed...

If you haven't already noticed, the front doors are no longer pink. **John McDonald** got out the red paint and the doors look great again. Thanks John!!!...

Sue Ahrens's mother Ruth Woodward died on September 10th in Minnesota, where she had been living for the last few years. She was buried here on September 17th and The Rev. Carol led a beautiful service. May she rest in peace. We gathered after for fellowship & support at the luncheon reception hosted by the Hospitality Group. Many thanks to **Nancy Ervin, Marsha Snyder** and **Jim Ervin's sister Connie** for all their help...

Mary Jean McDonald wants to thank the volunteers who worked at the County Clothing Center for September: **Cindy Hoskins, Mike Johnson, and John and Mary Jean McDonald**. This was the last day Grace Church will have a volunteer group working at the Clothing Center but Mary Jean and **Roberta O'Keefe** plan to still volunteer with another group.

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

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

October 3RD

1:00 PM

Please bring your furry, feathered, or scaled "friend" to the church on Sunday, October 3rd for the annual Blessing of the Animals.

Treats will be offered to both human and non-human in the parish hall (we feed everyone). See you there!

On the Horizon

Saturday, October 9th
Fellowship & Game Night
6:30pm

Sunday, October 10
CROP Walk
2:00 pm

See Bill Snyder for details or to make donations.

Wine Tasting Tickets

This is the last day to purchase or turn in sales for tickets for the Wine Tasting.

Saturday, October 23
Wine Tasting Event
6:00 pm

\$15.00 Person/\$25.00 Couple
Raffle baskets, 50/50, Heavy Hors
D'oeuvres, Door Prize.

Look for more details on the
"Bulletin Board" page of this issue.

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

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

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



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



Congratulations!

and many happy returns...

Baptisms

10th Sonja Sherwood
12th Schyler Conway
13th John McDonald
25th Aundrea Seman
27th Ricky Sanek
29th Kevin Splinter
Martha Croll



Anniversaries

7th Ken & Alice Boydell
11th Cory & Addriane Conway
17th Tim & Marcia Splinter
20th Bill & Kathy Summy

The Bulletin Board

Acolytes Schedule

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

11/14—Taylor & Kevin

11/21—Phil

11/28—Jenna

12/5—Eric

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Marcia@splinterfactions.net

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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 Sunday in December. Collection boxes will be in the Narthex and church office starting the first of November.

Thank you to all who helped, made food, and joined us for the luncheon after the funeral for my mother, Ruth Woodward. We appreciated the hard work it took to provide our family and friends with such a nice meal. It is such a blessing to be a part of Grace Episcopal Church!

*Thanks for your support,
Sue and Bruce Ahrens and families*

WINE TASTING EVENT

Saturday, October 23, 2010 6:00 PM

\$15.00 Person/\$25.00 Couple

Raffle baskets, 50/50,

Heavy Hors D'oeuvres, Door Prize

Volunteers are needed for various duties

Sign up sheets will be available on Sundays

Tickets are on sale until October 10th. This will be a PreSale only event. We won't be able to sell tickets at the door in order to make an accurate prediction of what to buy.

Cash donations for supplies will be greatly appreciated.

Need more information call Barb Popiel 330.671.5421

L.I.V.E.

One of the most loving gifts you can give.

Learn about Options

Implement a Plan

Voice the Plan to others

Engage others in Live

A Diocesan Symposium and Workshop – Opportunity for Clergy and Laity

Saturday, October 9th 9:30 AM- 3:00 PM

St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Akron

1361 W Market St

\$10.00 Registration Fee

(Morning coffee and lunch included.)

LIVE is Pro-Active Planning ahead “addressing the inevitability of our mortal state, no matter what our age,” or maybe “just in case”. In faith we ask, “Death where is thy sting?” If we raise these issues now, when no immediate threat looms, we avoid much anxiety for ourselves and our loved ones.

LIVE is based on the National Hospice and Palliative Care Association “LIVE” Program and presented by Professionals from Mercy Medical Center of Canton and the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio.

LIVE is one thoughtful day of learning and reflecting to put you in the driver's seat and help get you on track to resolve difficult questions, while allowing the flexibility to tailor the plan to your particular circumstances.

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.*

Wilfred T. Grenfell

October 9

Wilfred Thomason Grenfell was born February 28, 1865, in Parkgate, Wirral, a small coastal town in the north of England. Educated in the local schools, the adventurous young man entered the London Hospital Medical School in 1883. While in London, he heard the American evangelist Dwight L. Moody speak, and Moody's message changed his life. He immediately committed himself to Christ. He graduated from medical school in 1888.

As an outgrowth of his spiritual commitment and in keeping with his love of the outdoors and the sea, the young doctor joined the Royal National Mission To Deep Sea Fishermen, an organization that provided medical and spiritual services to North Sea fishermen. In 1892, he was sent to Newfoundland to investigate the conditions in the Labrador fishery. This was the start of Dr. Grenfell's lifelong work on a coast that was ice blocked and inaccessible for many months a year. He was devoted to improving the life of all the people in the area. Not only did he practice medicine, the reason for his presence there, he also established cottage hospitals along the coast. In addition, he established schools and orphanages, cooperatives (one of which continues to thrive), industrial work projects, and social services to serve not only the local fishermen but also the aboriginal peoples and settlers along the coasts of Labrador and the eastern side of the Great Northern Peninsula of northern Newfoundland. He traveled to England, Canada, and the United States in search of financial support and committed volunteers to work in his many projects. On one of his early trips aboard the liner *Mauritania*, he met Anne MacClanahan, the daughter of a Confederate Army officer. They married in 1909 and settled in St. Anthony, one of the northernmost points on Newfoundland. There they raised their 3 children in the house they designed overlooking the harbor of St. Anthony and worked as a team to support the outreach of the International Grenfell Association.

In 1926, Grenfell suffered his first heart attack and was urged to reduce his commitments, so the couple purchased a house in Vermont to use as their vacation, and later as their retirement, residence. King George V knighted him as Knight Commander of The Order of St. Michael and St. George. Two years later he had a second heart attack and, after recovering, he created and participated in the Forbes-Grenfell expedition to chart the entire Labrador coast. He formally retired in 1937 and moved with Lady Grenfell to their Vermont home. She died the following year and he a mere two years later, October 9, 1940. Both were buried in their garden at Grenfell House, overlooking the harbor in St. Anthony, among the people they loved and served. Grenfell summed up his philosophy this way: "The service we render to others is really the rent we pay for our room on this earth. It is obvious that man is himself a traveler; that the purpose of this world is not 'to have and to hold' but 'to give and serve.' There can be no other meaning."

Prayer:

Compassionate God, whose Son Jesus Christ taught that by ministering to the least of our brothers and sisters, we minister to him: Make us ever ready to respond to the needs of others, that inspired by the ministry of Wilfred Grenfell to the sick and to the seafarers in Labrador and northern Newfoundland, our actions may witness to the love of our Savior Jesus Christ; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

June

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
3 Pentecost 19 •8am HE •9am Coffee •9:45 Ch. Ed. •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	4	5	6 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door •6pm Healing Service & Eucharist	7	8	9 •4pm Marriage of Corie Mansor and Adrian Ho •Fellowship Night 6:30
10 Pentecost 20 •8am HE •9am Coffee •9:45 Ch. Ed. •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	11	12 •2-4pm Sit & Stitch	13 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door	14	15 •10-2 County Clothing Center	16
17 Pentecost 21 •8am HE •9am Coffee •9:45 Ch. Ed. •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	18	19 •7pm Vestry Meeting	20 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door	21 •8am Retired Men's Breakfast	22	23 •Wine Tasting 6pm
24 Pentecost •8am HE •9am Coffee •9:45 Ch. Ed. •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	25	26 •2-4pm Sit & Stitch	27 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door	28	29	30 •9:30am ECW Breakfast
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