



The Grace Vine

October 2020

Rector's Writ

The daylight hours don't seem so long, the leaves and the temperatures start falling, pumpkin rolls and other goodies are on display...the endless summer isn't endless. The lawn mower is soon enough replaced by a snow blower, as we prep for fall and winter. Part of that preparation is figuring out the budget for 2021. Our staff, treasurer, and most members know ours is a fairly bare bones budget with little room for trimming and cutbacks. We're blessed to have the Beatty fund to help cover the deficit between operating income and expenses. We also realize generous and useful funds aren't endless either.

We discuss each year how we're challenged to grow in membership, fellowship, service, and giving. In 2020 the challenges are notched up since it's been such a difficult and anxious year: the Coronavirus pandemic, the realities of racism, civil unrest, and political tensions. We're doing church differently, and we continue to work on ways to provide worship services for those who choose to remain at home. The Church is trying to figure out what God is calling us to be and do in this time of unrest and anxiety. One answer is we're simply to be the people of God. For some that means bringing Christ's teachings of love and justice to a world that seems disinterested in practicing his ways and values. For some that means praying—as we worship at church or at home—for peace, healing, and real fellowship among all people. For others it includes gathering to study scripture or pray the office of Compline. For many it includes serving, participation, prayer, and giving to support God's Church at Grace, Ravenna.

One of the things I've noticed about our parish family is faithful persistence in these times. The pledge checks people send each week or each month are a reminder that we choose to be persistent in our support of God's Church even when we can't be present; even when life has become chaotic, all stirred up, and we find God is our only peace. The practice of worship, prayer, service, and giving include the practice of persistence. I give thanks to God for the persistence and strength in faith shown by our members. We give thanks to the Holy One who brings us through all difficulties. May our hope ever remain in the God who makes all things possible, the Son we trust and follow, and the Spirit who guides us in the ways of peace.

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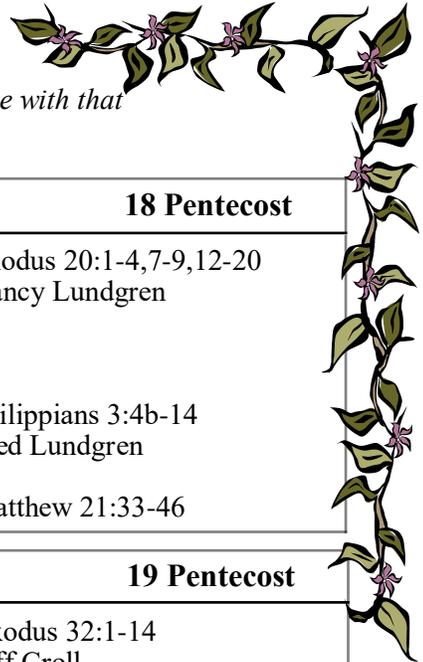


"The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. (The Lord) cares for those who trust in him." (Nahum 1:7)



Service and Lay Ministry Schedule

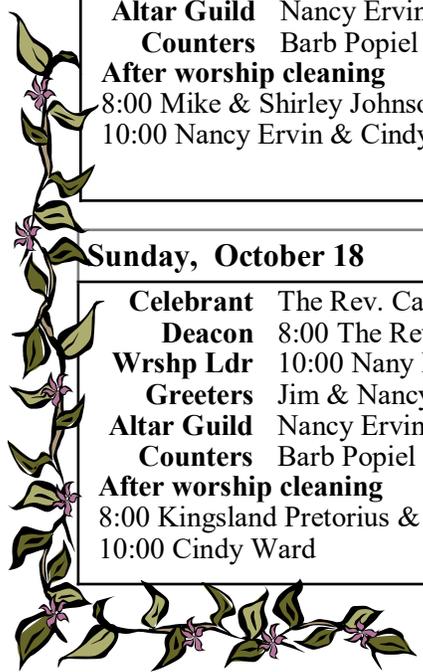
If you cannot serve when scheduled, please find a substitute and call the parish office with that person's name. Thank you for sharing in the liturgical ministry of Grace Church.



Sunday, October 4		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	18 Pentecost
Celebrant	The Rev. Carol Evans	1st Reading Exodus 20:1-4,7-9,12-20 Nancy Lundgren	Psalm 19
Deacon	8:00 The Rev. William Snyder		
Wrshp Ldr	10:00 Carolyn Englert	2nd Reading Philippians 3:4b-14 Fred Lundgren	Gospel Matthew 21:33-46
Greeters	Nancy & Fred Lundgren		
Altar Guild	Nancy Ervin & Cindy Ward	After worship cleaning	
Counters	Barb Popiel & Fred Lundgren	8:00 TBA 1	
8:00 TBA 1		10:00 Marsha Snyder	

Sunday, October 11		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	19 Pentecost
Celebrant	The Rev. Carol Evans	1st Reading Exodus 32:1-14 Jeff Croll	Psalm 106:1-6,19-23
Deacon	The Rev. William Snyder		
Greeters	John & Mary Jean McDonald	2nd Reading Philippians 4:1-9 Karen Krofta	Gospel Matthew 22:1-14
Altar Guild	Nancy Ervin & Cindy Ward		
Counters	Barb Popiel & Fred Lundgren	After worship cleaning	
8:00 Mike & Shirley Johnson & Kathy Summy		10:00 Nancy Ervin & Cindy Hoskins	

Sunday, October 18		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	20 Pentecost
Celebrant	The Rev. Carol Evans	1st Reading Exodus 33:12-23 Martha Croll	Psalm 99
Deacon	8:00 The Rev. William Snyder		
Wrshp Ldr	10:00 Nany Lundgren	2nd Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Carolyn Englert	Gospel Matthew 22:15-22
Greeters	Jim & Nancy Ervin		
Altar Guild	Nancy Ervin & Cindy Ward	After worship cleaning	
Counters	Barb Popiel & Fred Lundgren	8:00 Kingsland Pretorius & Doug Holzschuh	
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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, October 25		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist		21 Pentecost	
Celebrant	The Rev. Carol Evans	1st Reading	Deuteronomy 34:1-12		
Deacon	The Rev. William Snyder		Jeff Croll		
Greeters	Marsha Snyder	Psalm	90:1-6,13-17		
Altar Guild	Nancy Ervin & Cindy Ward	2nd Reading	Thessalonians 2:1-8		
Counters	Barb Popiel & Fred Lundgren		Tim Splinter		
After worship cleaning		Gospel	Matthew 22:34-46		
8:00 Mike & Shirley Johnson & Kathy Summy					
10:00 Marcia & Tim Splinter					

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



Thank You! Thank You!

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

- **Kingsland Pretorius** for covering the cost of Zoom use for a year and for purchasing books for use in racial equality studies.
- **Doug Holzschuh** for ongoing work on videos, edits and uploads of the 8am Sunday service.
- **Carolyn Englert** for leading a Bible study group on Sunday afternoons at 4pm. They close with Compline.
- **Tim Splinter** for the Grace Vine design and set up each month, helping the secretary with her computer issues and for keeping the office computers updated and running..
- **Marcia Splinter** for the time she gives to the constant demands of being our church treasurer.
- **Nancy & Fred Lundgren** for trimming the ground cover, pulling the weeds, and trimming the mulberry tree (again).
- **Carol Marotta & Cherry Monegan** for time spent sorting through dinner items left from the community "Dinner at Grace's. We're wondering when that may start again..
- **Nancy & Jim Ervin** for taking donated food to the Center of Hope, and thanks to all those who donate food for the "red wagon."
- **Mike Ervin** for inspecting the roof and then doing some repair work to take care of a leak over the parish hall door.
- **Mike Johnson** for digging the space for **Fr. Lloyd's** ashes.
- **Shirley & Mike Johnson** for their home-made soup and cookies ministry enjoyed by several membrs.
- **Deacon Bill** for helping out every Sunday with services, and **Nancy Lundgren & Carolyn Englert** for serving as Worship Leaders.
- All the members of the Altar Guild, Greeters, and those who are on the cleanup crew after each church service



Did You Know?...



Shala Kearsey is so proud of her 4 year old son Luke; during this pandemic Luke painted some lovely pictures. Shala thought they were nice enough to share so she auctioned them off to friends and family. And when asked what he'd like to do with the money, Luke thought it would be a very good thing to buy food for poor people. So the Center of Hope was the recipient. Good for you Luke and good for your parents!! What a wonderful lesson to teach your child. We're so very proud of you...

Nancy & Jim Ervin's granddaughters have been keeping them very busy. **Emily** just passed her driver's test and is now on the road. She will now be able to drive herself to Stow High School, and take the pressure off her parents and grandparents who have been making those daily trips. Emily opted to transfer from Ravenna High School to Stow High School this year to play basketball. For several years Emily has been on a traveling basketball team and most of her teammates are from Stow. Here's hoping for a great season. Emily's sister **Kenzie** and her friend **Abby Miano** (Abby is **Cindy Ward's** foster child in Cindy's care for two years and new part of the family) are both playing 7th grade volleyball at Brown Middle School. Each team member is allowed to have only two tickets for each game, so Jim and Nancy are happy to finally see Kenzie play...

Suzie Lundgren, Nancy & Fred's granddaughter, has been baking during this shut down. She's discovered that her baked goods are in demand and people are really enjoying them. Suzie, being the smart girl that she is, knew that if she wanted some really good cookie recipes she needed to call Grandma Nancy. Grandma's cookies are always the best. Suzie's mother is an art teacher and has encouraged her to try her hand at making pottery and Nancy says she's made some beautiful pieces. Looks like this girl has her act together...

Cindy Ward was excited to announce that son **Kris** is now engaged to the love of his life, **Rochelle Stevenson**. They met at work and are planning a fall wedding next year. He popped the question while they were on vacation in Myrtle Beach...

Marsha and Bill Snyder's 8 year old grandson **Noah** is playing baseball and football. He loves football and wants to be a running back. He's learned everything he knows about football playing video games. He can tell you all the teams, their plays, all the positions and what they do, names of coaches, and many players. Having never actually played the game himself; after the first practice he's finding out that getting tackled and hit isn't quite the same as sitting in a chair in your family room playing football in a video game. But, so far he's still very excited about playing the game...

Pat Williams underwent knee replacement surgery and is now on the mend. After a few days in the hospital she returned home. Many thanks to **Nancy Ervin** for coordinating meals that were delivered to Pat while she's recovering. Thanks to **Shirley Johnson, Nancy Ervin, Cathy Potisuk, Nancy Lundgren, and Marsha Snyder** for taking the food to Pat. Hope to see you back in church soon, Pat...

Mary Jean and John McDonald have been enjoying a visit with their daughter **Amy**. Amy flew in from California and stayed with them for three weeks. Amy's home isn't in immediate danger of the California wildfires however there is ash accumulating on her home and patio. Scary!...

Bill and Marsha Snyder visited with their daughter and her family in Marion. They haven't seen daughter **Jill**, or granddaughters **Ellie & Lilly**, but most importantly great-grandson **Hendrix** since February. It was a wonderful visit...

Sixteen year old **Maggie Rich** had back surgery and she's still on the mend; the surgery was much worse than she thought it would be, but getting a little better every day. School started for the Rich kids on Sept. 8th but Maggie will be home for at least another two and a half weeks. She can attend school when she's able to sit at a desk for a long period of time and walk the hall. Her 18 year old brother **Gerry**, is a senior this year, and mom took a picture of him leaving the first day of his senior year. He was carrying the same book bag he carried when he entered first grade. He's probably the only kid that kept the same back pack that long. And brother **Sammy** was just so excited to be back in school, enough of this staying home. But I think mom **Courtney** was the most excited about school beginning...

Martha Croll is a physics teacher at Cleveland Central Catholic High School and now back to work, but working from home and on line. All her students have computers, thanks to a school administrator, but Martha was still concerned about teaching physics on line. She was lucky enough to find "on line labs" that were very interesting and helpful and she was excited about that. Martha and Jeff were also very excited (well I don't know if excited is the right word), when they looked out of their back window and saw the horses had gotten out of the barn and were enjoying the grass in their yard. It took them a while to get them where they belong. It is this a case of "the grass is always greener on the other side of the fence?"...

Carol Marotta was so excited to be going camping; well the weather is great and I'm sure they will have a wonderful time. **Rick Taylor** also shared that he will be camping, but camping in an RV with microwave, air-

conditioning, heat source and king size bed isn't really "camping" Rick! It's a great way to have quiet time and enjoy the great outdoors and be with friends. But, let's face it, that's the way we all, or at least most of us, want to "go camping."...

Kathy Summy let us know that daughter **Jenna** is getting married on October 14th. She has also started a new job and is the second main receptionist at Oasis Surgery Center where her mom works. And daughter **Emily** is back at Kent State in the graduate assistantship program where she will be getting a Masters in Communication...

Taylor Paxton is a police officer for the city of Stow and for her birthday she was surprised when some of the officers stopped by for a short visit to wish her "Happy Birthday." The neighbor kids got a kick out of talking to the officers, sitting in the patrol car, with flashing lights and sirens. Sounds like Taylor found some good friends on the force...

Tim & Marcia Splinter are empty nesters again, since both sons, **Eric and Kevin**, are finally off to college. Eric's college, in upstate New York State, was very cautious with their students and the pandemic. However Kevin's college not so much, when school first began. However; they had to put in a 2 week Covid lock down. College kids will be college kids!...

Thanks to **Fred Lundgren** who came to the church and cleaned up some of the garden area...

On August 22, **Fr. Lloyd O'Keefe** peacefully entered the nearer presence of God. On September 9th a private funeral service was held here at Grace where his ashes were placed in the memorial garden. For those of us who were privileged enough to know Fr. Lloyd, he was a wonderful teacher & preacher; but most of all he was a wonderful man who lived out his faith. Lloyd and **Roberta** were involved in so many aspects of life here at Grace, in Portage County and the Diocese of Ohio. Our love and prayers are with Roberta and all of their family and friends.

Pet Blessing
outdoors only
weather permitting
Sunday, October 4th 1:00 p.m.



Recycle Latex Paint
Habitat for Humanity Restore

\$2.00 per container

Tuesday, October 6th
 through Saturday, October 10th
 10am - 3pm

1510 S. Water Street, Kent OH 44240
 Call 330.677.8881 if you have any questions
 Email -- restore@habitatofportage.org

Birthdays

- 1st MacAlah Simonson
- 5th Mike Johnson
- 8th Kay Wise
- 11th Lynn Zimmerman
- 13th Maggy Rich
- 18th Jamie Popiel
- 21st Nancy Ervin
- 22nd Janet Hughes
- 25th Aundrea Seman
- 26th David Miller
- 29th Linda Stover



Congratulations!

and many happy returns...

Baptisms

- 3rd Jane O'Neill
- 13th John McDonald
- 16th Marsha Snyder
- 25th Aundrea Seman
- 29th Kevin Splinter
- Martha Croll



Anniversaries

- 7th Cindy & Gary Ward
- 11th Jeff & Lisa Marsh
- 17th Tim & Marcia Splinter
- 20th Bill & Kathy Summy
- 31st Tony & Bev Mercury

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.*

Edward, King and Confessor (1003-1066)

October 13

Edward was born in 1003. He was the last Saxon king to rule (for more than a few months) in England. He is called "Edward the Confessor" to distinguish him from another King of England, Edward the Martyr (c962-979), who was assassinated and who came to be regarded, on doubtful grounds, as a martyr for the faith. In Christian biographies, the term "confessor" is often used to denote someone who has borne witness to the faith by his life, but who did not die as a martyr. Edward the Confessor was the son of King Ethelred the Unready. This does not mean that he was unprepared, but rather that he was stubborn and willful, and would not accept "rede," meaning advice or counsel.

King Ethelred was followed by several Danish kings of England, during whose rule young Edward and his mother took refuge in Normandy. But the last Danish king named Edward as his successor, and he was crowned in 1042. Opinions on his success as a king vary. Some historians consider him weak and indecisive and say that his reign paved the way for the Norman Conquest. Others say that his prudent management gave England more than twenty years of peace and prosperity, with freedom from foreign domination, at a time when powerful neighbors might well have dominated a less skillful ruler. He was diligent in public and private worship, generous to the poor, and accessible to subjects who sought redress of grievances.

While in exile before he became king, he had vowed to make a pilgrimage to Rome if his family fortunes mended. However, his council told him that it was not expedient for him to be so long out of the country. Accordingly, he spent his pilgrimage money instead on the relief of the poor and the building of Westminster Abbey, which stands today (rebuilt in the thirteenth century) as one of the great churches of England, burial place of her kings and others deemed worthy of special honor.

He died on 5 January 1066, leaving no offspring; and after his death, the throne was claimed by both his wife's brother, Harold the Saxon, and by William, Duke of Normandy. William defeated and killed Harold at the Battle of Hastings (14 October 1066), and thereafter the kings and upper classes of England were Norman-French rather than Anglo-Saxon. Edward is remembered, not on the day of his death, but on the anniversary of the moving ("translation") of his corpse to a new tomb, a date which is also the anniversary of the eve of the Battle of Hastings, the end of Saxon England.

Prayer:

O God, who called your servant Edward to an earthly throne That he might advance your heavenly kingdom, and gave him zeal for your Church and love for your people: Mercifully grant that we who commemorate him this day may be fruitful in good works, and attain to the glorious crown of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen



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