



The Grace Vine

September 2006



Rector's Writ

A teacher who had taught, inspired, and disciplined fifth graders for forty years told us she didn't miss preparing the classroom and lessons each September, but she did miss the kids. We've seen the children and youth of our Church family over these summer Sundays and at J.A.M. and VBS. As our children grow and learn more about God and the Church, our Christian Ed and Youth leaders keep teaching and guiding them on. With the beginning of *Godly Play* and *Our Episcopal Faith* and a teen study/discussion on Joseph, Christian Ed at Grace begins another season August 27th. For adult Christian Ed, we'll be offering the Wednesday night dinner group with a study of the book of Ruth in October.

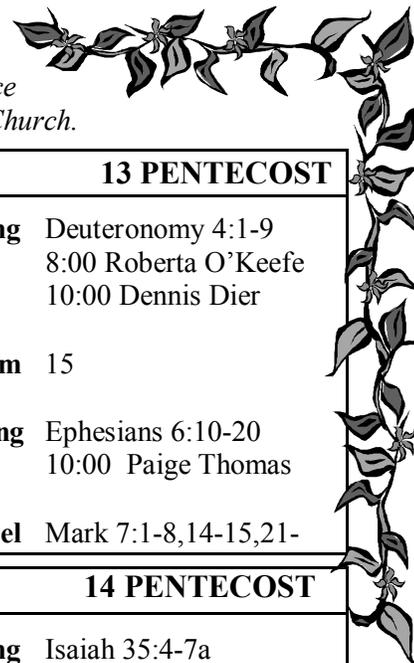
One of my best teachers reminded us that a first step in learning is realizing how much we don't know. Those who teach the Bible to children or adults would probably all agree with that. I don't remember encountering anyone who could say they knew enough, much less everything, about God and holy Scriptures. Learning the faith and LIVING the faith...is a lifelong process. The tricky thing about knowledge is just because we KNOW what we're supposed to do doesn't mean we'll do it. We need teachers, guides, mentors, and EXAMPLES.

James Baldwin wrote, "Children have never been very good at listening to their elders, but they have never failed to imitate them." One of the most important things we're called to do as a Church family is to be living examples of God's love and goodness; instruments of Christ's grace and peace. We learn about God and Christ and the Holy Spirit through teaching, reading, and preaching. But the lessons that stick with us throughout life are what we learn by living examples--parents, grandparents, church family, teachers, friends--and by the perfect example God has given us in Jesus Christ. We learn to love by being loved. Those examples we want to imitate most are those who treat us with love and respect. Like Jesus, people teach us about love by showing us what love is: by help, second chances, kindness, or encouragement. Examples come in many forms, but the love of God and one another are at the heart of every example that is treasured, remembered, and passed on...from generation to generation. That is what teaching and learning are all about.



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, September 3	8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	13 PENTECOST
Officiant: The Rev. Carol S. Evans Lay Reader: Carolyn Englert Greeters: Kay & Judy Canan Acolyte: Emily Summy Altar Guild: Judy Watkins & Barb Popiel Coffee Hosts: 8:00 Lauren & Melissa Strainer 10:00 Fred & Nancy Lundgren Counters: Cory Conway & Dennis Dier Loyalton: Maynard Evans	1st Reading Deuteronomy 4:1-9 8:00 Roberta O'Keefe 10:00 Dennis Dier Psalm 15 2nd Reading Ephesians 6:10-20 10:00 Paige Thomas Gospel Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-	

Sunday, September 10	8:00 & 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist	14 PENTECOST
CHURCH PICNIC @ CITY PARK , 10:30 AM Officiant: The Rev. Carol S. Evans Altar Guild: Judy Watkins & Barb Popiel Coffee Hosts: 8:00 Cindy Hoskins & Pat Williams 10:00 None Counters: Cory Conway & Dennis Dier Loyalton: Judy Canan		1st Reading Isaiah 35:4-7a 8:00 Melissa Strainer Psalm 146:4-9 2nd Reading James 1:17-27 Gospel Mark 7:31-37

Sunday, September 17	10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	15 PENTECOST
BISHOP HOLLINGSWORTH'S VISITATION Officiating: The Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth The Rev. Carol S. Evans Lay Reader: Bette Brooks Greeters: John & Mary Jean McDonald Acolytes: IC- Emily Summy, 2C- Janell Moore T- Schylar Conway & Jenna Summy Assisting the Bishop - Paige Thomas Altar Guild: Judy Watkins & Barb Popiel Coffee Hosts: 10:00 Covered dish luncheon Counters: Cory Conway & Dennis Dier Loyalton: Bill Snyder		1st Reading Isaiah 50:4-9 10:00 Steve Barna Psalm 116:1-8 2nd Reading James 2:1-5,8-10,14-18 10:00 Bud Minnich Gospel Mark 8:27-38

Make sure you think about and remember these upcoming events.

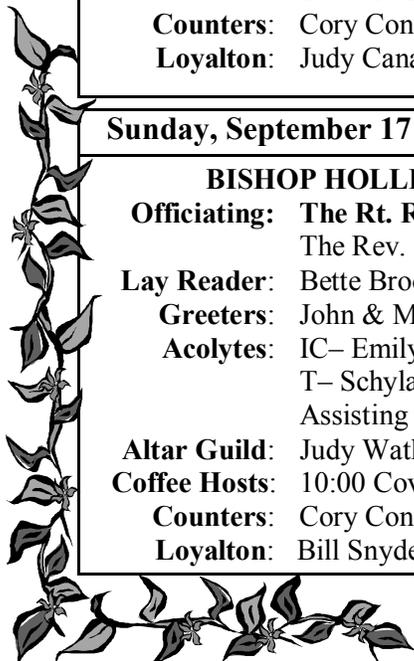
Events to Remember

Church Picnic with St. Paul's on the 10th.

Gathering at Debbie Short's new house on the 23rd.

Tour of Trinity Cathedral and Trinity Commons on the 30th.

Find them all in "On The Horizon"...





Sunday, September 24	8:00 & 10:00 HOLY EUCHARIST	16 PENTECOST
Officiating: The Rev. Carol S. Evans Deacon: The Rev. William D. Snyder Lay Reader: Judy Canan Greeters: Betty Capriola & Bud Minnich Acolyte: Julie Canan Altar Guild: Judy Watkins & Barb Popiel Coffee Hosts: 8:00 George Furrer 10:00 Judy & Kay Canan Counters: Blake Quay & Kathy Summy	1st Reading Wisdom 1:16-2:1,6-22 8:00 Melissa Strainer 10:00 Cathy Mansor Psalm 54 2nd Reading James 3:16-4:6 10:00 Blake Quay Gospel Mark 9:30-37	

Sunday, October 1	8:00 & 10:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST	17 PENTECOST
Officiating: The Rev. Carol S. Evans Lay Reader: Carolyn Englert Greeters: Bonnie Quay & Sandee West Acolytes: Paige Thomas & Schylar Conway Altar Guild: Nancy Ervin & Irene Machisko Coffee Hosts: 8:00 Golec girls 10:00 John & Irene Machisko Counters: Kelly Postlethwaite & Pat Williams Loyalton: Maynard Evans	1st Reading Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 8:00 Roberta O'Keefe 10:00 John Machisko Psalm 19:7-14 2nd Reading James 4:7-12(13-5:6) 10:00 Tim Splinter Gospel Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48	



Volunteer For Hospice...Pay It Forward

An open letter from Bernadette Thomas of Hospice at RMH

Hospice Volunteers pay it forward every day as they share talents with 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 families particular needs and desires.

We are especially seeking respite volunteers available weekday/daytime hours. Respite volunteers provide relief time for the caregiver. Vigil volunteers who provide support to families when it appear death is imminent are also needed. Other opportunities available as well are volunteers for Special Events, Nursing Home Team, Bereavement Support and Flower arranging.

Every volunteer is provided the necessary training and ongoing education and support. Training sessions begin Tuesday, October 3, 2006 and run Tuesdays and Thursdays through October 24, 2006. For more information please call Bernadette Thomas, Volunteer Coordinator, Robinson Memorial Hospital Visiting Nurse & Hospice at 330-297-8899. bthomas@rmh2.org



Did You Know?...



Burt Stover is unofficially out of the army and back in Streetsboro with his family. He'll be officially out in October, however he has enough leave time accumulated that he can be home now. Burt and son **Ryan** lived in Maryland where Burt was stationed. Welcome back home Burt and Ryan. **Linda** says her house just shrunk -- instead of a house with just herself and two boys, it's now a house herself, Burt and three boys...

If you haven't seen the new glass block windows take a look, they are great. Phase IV (the last phase) still needs to be completed and donations are being taken at this time. We need \$2834 to complete this project with the hope to have it completed by the end of September. Thanks to **Dennis Dier and John McDonald** for all their hard work on this project...

Summer J.A.M. was a lot of fun for all of those who participated. Many thanks to **Steve and Marsha Barna** for allowing us to come to their farm and enjoy the woods and pool and their hospitality...

Vacation Bible School was a huge success this year, in spite of the very warm weather, anywhere from 17 - 26 children (depending on the day) participated. Many thanks to all the youth that helped out: **Paige & Colin Thomas, their cousin Alex, and Julie Canan**. The adults that worked so hard on VBS were **Cory and Addrienne Conway, Kathy Summy, Marcia Splinter, Chris Stickle, Ron & Kelly Postlethwaite...**

Betty Capriola just attended her 65th Ravenna High School class reunion along with 11 other members of the Class of '41. Betty did say that a lot of them were dead - yes, I imagine...

Blake Quay is headed to Florida for his 40th class reunion...

and **Nancy Lundgren** is going to Greenville, Ohio to attend her class reunion. She and Fred are looking forward to going back to her home town to see family and friends...

Julie Canan is getting her drivers permit -- can't be!! Isn't she only 12 years old---where has the time gone...

Debbie Shorts has moved into her new home in Kent and all reports are that's it's beautiful, and she did say she really likes it, but she still doesn't have enough furniture. I'm sure you'll get that problem solved soon Debbie. Debbie gives credit her son **Eric** for handling all those little details that really made a difference in this new construction and that he has great taste...

Deacon Bill Snyder is off to Canada to enjoy time with friends on their annual fishing trip. He still can't get **Marsha** to join them -- gee what a surprise!! However, Marsha and her sister **Joan** will be off to for Las Vegas for a niece's wedding on September 16th and they will be gone for a week. (Well, that's their story and their sticking to it!)

Nydah Ellet and her daughter Donna spent more than two weeks in Scotland for their summer vacation...

Gordon Thompson is back at KSU which means he's also back at Grace Church and in the choir, thanks be to God!!...

Jennifer Golec is excited about her new teaching job at St. Patrick's Catholic school in Kent. Not only is she the mother of three small girls but she's also working on her Masters Degree at the University of Akron. How do you do it!!...

Amanda Brooks is back at Hendrix College in Conway Arkansas. **Bette** reports that when they arrived in Conway the temperature was a whopping 109 degrees (and let's not forget the humidity). But Amanda had enough friends to call for assistance and with their help she and Bette had everything moved into her apartment in less than 10 minutes. Bette did say that the temperature cooled off to 97 degrees before she left for Ohio. Amanda spent some time in the church office helping out during the summer and we really enjoyed her presence...

Beverly Brooks is headed to Italy for a semester of study and she won't be back until just before Christmas...

Last month **Judy Canan** broke her foot, and of course she had to have surgery. She's recovering quite well --- just not soon enough to suit her. Daughter-in-law **Kay Canan** has been cooking her evening meals. Now that's a good daughter-in-law...

Dennis and Sally Dier are happy to have daughter **Dani** back from Michigan where she worked for the summer where she worked on an apprentice program as part of her studies at Hiram College...

Last month we were saddened by the deaths of two long time members of Grace Church, **Pauline Reed** and **Irene Hurst**, our prayers go with them and their families...

Thanks to **Bill Snyder** who worked at Gracie's Back door while **Judy Canan** was recuperating, and he did a fine job. Of course most of the money earned came from him and his wife, you would be surprised what you could find at Gracie's...

On October 7th **Ken Boydell and Alice Hyer** will be married here at Grace Church and we wish them every happiness...

Len and Jean Mercer have announced they will be moving to North Carolina to be near their son and daughter-in-law (but we know their grandson **Ian** is the real draw) and wish them the best of luck --- they will be missed...

Amy Neely said that son **Tim** is back from Africa and already working hard at medical school at Ohio University, in Athens...

Amy Seman is awaiting the arrival of her second child in October and she can't wait, it's been a hot miserable summer.

From Carolyn Englert

"While praising the choir, I inadvertently left Nydah Ellet's name off the list of soul-stirring voices-my apologies, Nydah!"



Birthdays

- 1st Grace Postlethwaite
- 2nd Tim Neely
- 3rd Bill Shorts, Jr.
- 4th Tracey Shriver
- 6th A.J. Neely
- 7th W. Robert Collette
- 10th Mary Jean McDonald
Janelle Moore
- 13th Leslie Thomas
- 15th Barbara Popiel
- 17th Caroline Shaver
- 24th Betty Russell

Congratulations!

and many happy returns...



Anniversaries

- 24th Michael & Kay Canan

Baptisms

- 10th Janelle Moore
- 22nd Jillian Conway
Lisa Paxton
- 25th Sue Ahrens
- 26th Gladys Parsons



Get to Know Our Neighbor

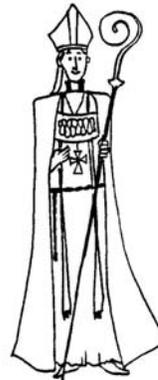
Grace Church has a neighbor that many of us may know little or nothing about. That neighbor is the Alpha House across the alley to the west of our church.

They accept new and slightly used items (clothing, furniture, and anything else) you want to donate. They sell (as a non-profit organization) and sometimes give away needed items to persons in any kind of need. They might be homeless or have lost everything due to some natural or other kind of disaster. We (Carol and a few Vestry members) were invited to visit on Monday, Aug 20, 2006. We learned that they have run this Outreach facility for close to 45 years. Recently they find that their business is on the down side and they need help with money donations and volunteers to help work the outlet.

We also realized they need help with organization and wise building usage, they are cluttered. Anyone willing to help should go fill out a volunteer application or make a donation of money, clothing, furniture, or anything that is like new to Alpha House.

Blake Quay

The Bishop is Coming! The Bishop is Coming!



**Sunday Sept 17th
Bishop Hollingsworth's
first visit to Grace.**

We will have only one service at 10am which will include confirmations.

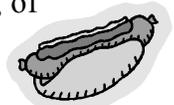
Afterward, we will have a covered dish luncheon

BAZZOON-A-FAIR



PARADE in the morning
HOG DOG LUNCH 11:00 A.M.
UNTIL 1:00 P.M.

Grace Church will again be walking in the Parade and running the Hot Dog Lunch. We hope to have LOTS of parishioners walk with us and, of course, volunteers are always need to run the lunch.



On the Horizon

Saturday Sept. 9th Youth Group at Loaves & Fishes

The Youth Group (ages 12 & up) will work the Loaves & Fishes meal at the Methodist Church. Some Adult help will be needed.

-and-

Habitat for Humanity Lunch Noon

Sunday Sept. 10th Picnic with St Paul's 10:30 Service

The annual Sunday service and picnic with St. Paul's Lutheran will be at the Park. A covered dish luncheon will follow. 8:00 service will be at the church as usual.

Saturday Sept. 16th Balloon Affair Day

We'll again be in the Parade and Running the Hotdog Lunch.

Sunday Sept. 17th Bishop's Visit

We will have only one service at 10:00. A covered dish luncheon will follow.

Saturday Sept. 16th Trinity Cathedral Trip

The trip is open to young and old. The tour is said to be quite far reaching and interesting. We leave from Grace at 10am. We will try to organize carpooling from the church. Brown bag your lunch or buy from the café.

Saturday Sept. 23rd Gathering at Debbie Shorts' New House

Debbie is having an Open House party for her new house. Come join in starting at 6pm.

1523 Elizabeth Court
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Wednesday Oct. 18th Adult Christian Ed

We have a tentative date for the beginning of Adult Christian Ed's Fall session. We will be studying the story of Ruth, and lessons of loyalty and obedience. This is not a "woman's" study, it has applications for all of us in our Spiritual journey. As usual, we will meet on Wednesday nights, from 6 to 8 PM, with a shared meal, fellowship, child care provided. Please make plans to join us starting October 18th.

Saturday Oct. 14th Spaghetti Dinner

The Youth Group will run a spaghetti dinner.

Friday Oct. 27th Youth Group Ghosting

Saturday Oct. 28th Corn Maze Road Trip 2 pm

Saturday Nov. 11th Fall Festival

For details talk to Roberta O'Keefe.

Saturday Dec. 2nd Youth Babysitting

The older youth will babysit at church from 10am to 3pm so parents can shop...or whatever...

December Youth Gift Drive

The Youth group will be collecting gifts to be given to the Boys & Girls Clubs and the Center of Hope.

"Sometime This Fall" Dates to be Determined

Game Night – we will be doing a “no charge – just bring your own beverage and a snack to share” game night. No dinner this time. Let's get together for Euchre, Texas Hold 'Em, board games or just to talk. Past game nights have been a riot, but this one will be even better if YOU are there.

"Spa Party" Fundraiser – similar to “Pampered Chef” or “Sarah Coventry”, but skin care & makeup type products. More details when available.

"Bishop's Blend Coffee"

Fundraiser – Orders will arrive in plenty of time for Christmas, so make a list of all your coffee loving friends and family... and don't forget to “check it twice.”

Diocesan Youth Event November 10-12 St. John's Youngstown Grade 7—12

Addrienne Conway needs to know if you are interested by Sept. 17th.