



The Grace Vine

September 2007



Rector's Writ

September zooms into our lives flanked by transitions that demand our attention: Our youth return to school or college, autumn arrives, Sunday school and Choir start up again, and a flurry of activities gets packed into this new month. We'll celebrate Friend-ship Day with St. Paul's Lutheran having an outdoor Communion service and picnic at City Park (Sept. 9th, 10:30am); we have the Balloon-a-Fair parade (9am) and Hot Dog Lunch (11-2, both on Sept. 15)...a Ministry Fair (Sept. 23 after both services) ... not to mention several meetings and fellowship events. The Church is no exception to the fall flurries, although maybe it should be. Martin Luther once observed that he had so much to do he needed to spend twice his usual time in prayer to manage it all.

Prayer is one of those things that is especially important in our relationship with God and one another, but it's also too often pushed aside when we're busy or just plain tired. Following are a few thoughts and prayers to carry with us into the next busy season:

"I had learned many years ago to release my problems to God, something I had to do often in all our political years when I was trying to do so many different things at once. "Here it is, God. You take it. I can't handle it alone," I would say. It helped me through the good times and the bad. I knew that God loved me. I had found God's love a shield around me in the midst of controversy or letdowns." (Rosallynn Carter, from *The Language of Prayer*)

"Get these three Principles fixed in your hearts: that Things eternal are much more considerable than Things temporal; that Things not seen are as certain as the Things that are seen; that upon your present choice depends your eternal lot. Choose Christ and his ways, and you are blessed forever; refuse, and you are undone forever." (John Wesley, from *Classics of Western Spirituality Series*)

"Somehow, Jesus, I like praying with a cup of coffee in my hands. I guess the warmth of the cup settles me and speaks of the warmth of your love. I hold the cup against my cheek and listen, hushed and still. I blow on the coffee and drink. O Spirit of God, blow across my little life and let me drink in your great Life. Amen." (Richard Foster, from *Prayers of the Heart*)

"Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the work and the changes of this fleeting world may rest upon Thy eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen." (Ancient Collect, revised in *Compline*)

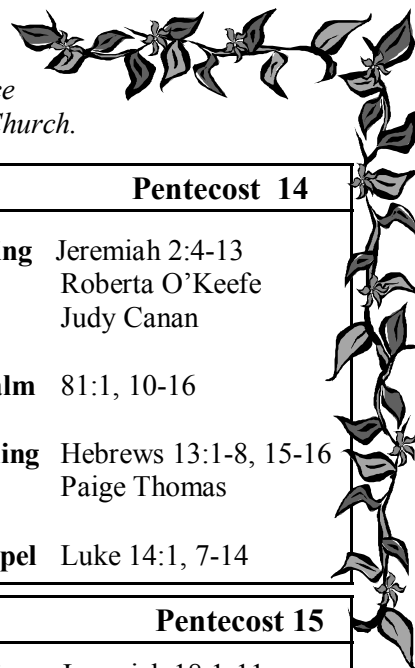


"O most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother, may we know Thee more clearly, love Thee more dearly, and follow Thee more nearly; for Thine own sake. Amen." (Richard of Chichester)



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 2		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	Pentecost 14
Officiating	The Rev. Carol S. Evans		1st Reading Jeremiah 2:4-13 Roberta O'Keefe Judy Canan
Lay Reader	Carolyn Englert		
Greeters	July Canan & Marsha Snyder		Psalm 81:1, 10-16
Acolyte	Sammy Stickle		
Altar Guild	Barb Popiel & Judy Watkins		2nd Reading Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Paige Thomas
Coffee Hosts	8:00 George Furrer 10:00 Paige & Leslie Thomas		
Counters	Bette Brooks & Dennis Dier		Gospel Luke 14:1, 7-14
Loyalton	Maynard Evans		

Sunday, September 9		8:00 & 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist	Pentecost 15
CHURCH PICNIC 10:30 Service at City Park			
Officiating	The Rev. Carol S. Evans		1st Reading Jeremiah 18:1-11
Lay Reader	Bette Brooks		
Greeters	none		Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17
Acolyte	none		
Altar Guild	Barb Popiel & Judy Watkins		2nd Reading Philemon 1-21 Kathy Summy
Coffee Hosts	8:00 TBA 10:00 none		
Counters	Bette Brooks & Dennis Dier		Gospel Luke 14:25-33

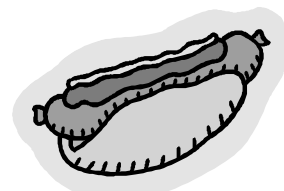
Sunday, September 16		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	Pentecost 16
Officiating	The Rev. Carol S. Evans		1st Reading Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 Roberta O'Keefe Gordon Thompson
Lay Reader	Judy Canan		
Greeters	Nancy & Jim Ervin		Psalm 14
Acolyte	Jenna Summy		
Coffee Hosts	8:00 TBA 10:00 Nancy & Fred Lundgren		2nd Reading I Timothy 1:12-17 Kelly Postlethwaite
Altar Guild	Barb Popiel & Judy Watkins		
Counters	Bette Brooks & Dennis Dier		Gospel Luke 15:1-10
Loyalton	Bill Snyder		



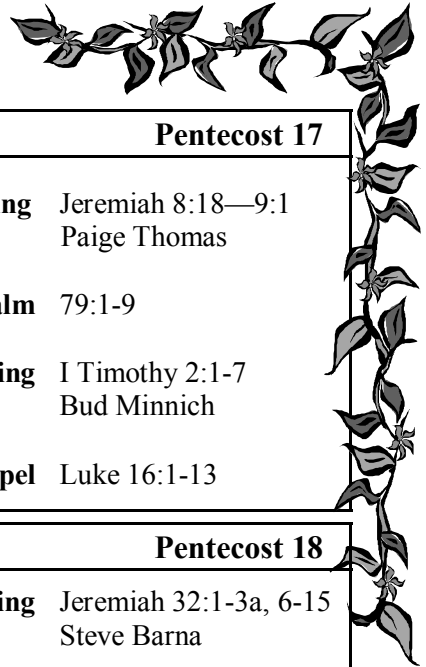
BAMMOON-A-FAIR



PARADE lines up at 8:30
HOG DOG LUNCH 11am—2pm



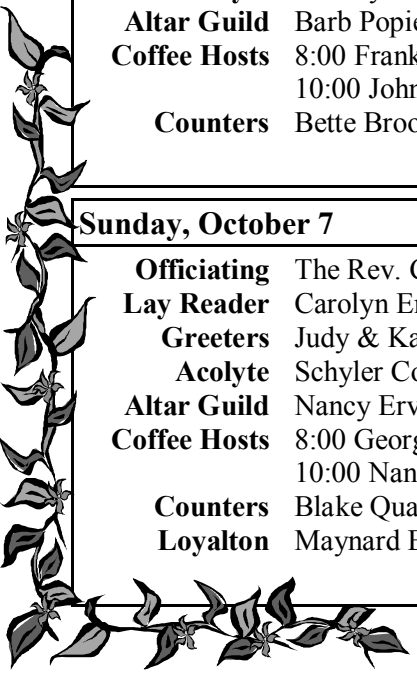
Grace Church will again be walking in the Parade and running the Hot Dog Lunch. We hope to have LOTS of parishioners walk with us and, of course, volunteers are always need to run the lunch. This year will again include the Bake Sale at the Lunch. Donations for the Bake Sale as well as soda donations are still needed.



Sunday, September 23		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	Pentecost 17
First Day of Christian Education & Ministry Fair			
Officiating	The Rev. Carol S. Evans	1st Reading	Jeremiah 8:18—9:1 Paige Thomas
Deacon	The Rev. William D. Snyder	Psalm	79:1-9
Lay Reader	Maynard Evans	Reading	I Timothy 2:1-7 Bud Minnich
Greeters	Paige & Leslie Thomas	Gospel	Luke 16:1-13
Acolyte	none – Christian Ed begins		
Altar Guild	Barb Popiel & Judy Watkins		
Coffee Hosts	8:00 TBA 10:00 Kay & Judy Canan		
Counters	Bette Brooks & Dennis Dier		

Sunday, September 30		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	Pentecost 18
Officiating	The Rev. Carol S. Evans	1st Reading	Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 Steve Barna
Lay Reader	Judy Canan	Psalm	91:1-6, 14-16
Greeters	Nancy & Fred Lundgren	2nd Reading	I Timothy 6:6-19 Cathy Mansor
Acolyte	Sammy Stickle	Gospel	Luke 16:19-31
Altar Guild	Barb Popiel & Judy Watkins		
Coffee Hosts	8:00 Frank & Joan Seman 10:00 John & Mary Jean McDonald		
Counters	Bette Brooks & Dennis Dier		

Sunday, October 7		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	Pentecost 19
Officiating	The Rev. Carol S. Evans	1st Reading	Lamentations 1:1-6 Roberta O'Keefe Tim Splinter
Lay Reader	Carolyn Englert	Psalm	137
Greeters	Judy & Kay Canan	2nd Reading	2 Timothy 1:1-14 Judy Canan
Acolyte	Schyler Conway	Gospel	Luke 17:5-10
Altar Guild	Nancy Ervin & Irene Machisko		
Coffee Hosts	8:00 George Furrer 10:00 Nancy & Jim Ervin		
Counters	Blake Quay & Pat Williams		
Loyalton	Maynard Evans		



MINISTRY FAIR

SEPTEMBER 23, 2007

FOLLOWING 8:00 & 10:00 AM SERVICES

The Stewardship Committee is sponsoring a Ministry Fair in the Parish Hall following both services on Sept. 23rd. This will provide a setting for members to ask questions about any of the ministries, committees, or fellowship organizations you might like to join and support. Each group will have a representative to answer questions and share the joys and responsibilities of their particular ministry. This will be our first Ministry Fair at Grace. **It will replace the Time and Talent sheet that usually goes out with pledge cards.** It will give people an opportunity to find where they might share their talents, time, and ideas. We hope everyone will support this effort so that it will become an annual and enthusiastic event at Grace Church!



Did You Know?...



School is starting again and kids and parents are getting back to the old routine. It will be good to see **Gordon Thompson** back at KSU and in the choir. The "summer choir" worked out great, we have possibly two new members; **Paige Thomas and Sue Ahrens**. We got warmed up for a new season and it was great having **Nancy Ervin** back with us, even if it was just for the summer...

Fred Ahrens' daughter Emily, as a first year member of 4H, entered a lamb, a hog and two steers in the Summit County Fair and won grand champion lamb and hog and her two steers placed. Sounds like she's taking after you, Fred...

The announcement said IT'S A BOY, when we heard from **Phil and Courtney Rich** saying that **Samuel Phillip** was born on July 31st at 5:06 PM and weighted in at 8 lbs. and was 21.25" long. Congratulations to the Rich family...

Judy Canan & granddaughter Julie enjoyed a week visit from her teenage grandson **Christopher and his friend Cody**. The boys' habit of staying up all night and sleeping until the crack of noon had Judy a bit confused. But Judy and daughter-in-law **Kay** are taking the boys back home and I'm sure their sleeping habits will change once school begins...

Addrianne Conway took her three girls, **Schylar, McKenna, and Jillian** to the cathedral for a meeting of Christian Ed directors. Schylar had a drawing on display at the cathedral and that was a lot of fun to see...

Carolyn Englert's grandson Terrence has moved to South Carolina and she reports that she's heard from him and he seems to be doing well...

Maynard and Carol had a visit last month from Maynard's children and grandchildren (lots of them- they filled up two pews in the church) and it was great seeing them in church on that Sunday...

Sally & Dennis Dier had to put down their beloved dog **Moe**, who battled cancer with the Diers help. He's already missed...

Nydah Ellet has been attending the Silver Sneakers workout group at the Ravenna Rec. Dept, and her instructor is our own **Janice Lallathin**. Nydah says Janice is a very good instructor...

We heard from **Jean Mercer** and she says she's doing much better --- not so home sick. They are enjoying their grandson **Ian**, and he's learned to beat them at cards!!...

Bonnie Quay spent a week in California helping her sister move back to Ohio. But it was good having Bonnie back here in Ohio too...

Bill Snyder got himself a new job; he's now the assistant chief of security for the Attorney General of the State of Ohio...

Congratulations to **Erica & Chris Eichler** who were married here at Grace on August 11th. We wish them the very best...

Luke Snyder called home saying "it's a boy" (he's not too excited) **Oliver William** is due January 1st.



Birthdays

- 1st Grace Postlethwaite
- 2nd Tim Neely
- 3rd Bill Shorts, Jr.
- 4th Tracey Shriver
- 6th A.J. Neely
- 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
Gerry Rich
- 25th Sue Ahrens
- 26th Gladys Parsons



On the Horizon



Tuesday September 4th
Fun-draising Meeting
7pm

Wednesday September 5th
1st Choir Rehearsal
7:30pm

Rehearsals have moved to Wednesday, at least for the fall semester. Remember that anyone is welcome. Come to rehearsal if you are interested. You'll love it!!!

Sunday September 9th
Church Picnic
10:30am

The 10am Sunday service will be replaced by the annual picnic at City Park with a covered dish lunch after.

8am service will be at the church.
We will need help moving some tables to the park. If you can offer a truck and some muscles it would be appreciated.

Saturday September 15th
Balloon Affair

We'll be marching in the parade again. Lineup is at 8:30am. We'll be adding a table to sell craft items as well at the Hotdog Lunch. Contact Addrienne about the parade and Hotdog Lunch and Marcia Splinter about the Bake Sale and Craft Sale.

Saturday September 22nd
ECW Breakfast Meeting
9am

Marsha Snyder and Bev Louis-Mercury hosting. The sock and underwear project packaging will begin at the meeting

Sunday September 23rd
Sunday School Begins

Sunday morning Christian Ed for the kids resumes at 9:45am. Have your kids there to enjoy the experience.

Sunday September 23rd
Ministry Fair

This is your chance to learn about ALL the different groups and activities both in parish and by the parish in the community. It will be after both Sunday services.

Sunday September 30th
Choral Evensong at
Trinity Cathedral

Marcia Splinter will organize carpooling for anyone interested.

Sunday November 15th
Youth Spaghetti Dinner
4-6pm

May 10th 2008
Flower Sale

May 17th 2008
Men's Garage Sale

Howdy Partners,

As in the past, Grace Church's youth have come thru big time. The notebooks and crayons and markers you all brought in during your VBS were OVERWHELMING (and down right heavy too). All the little cow pokes at Head Start will surely enjoy using them this next school year.

Thanks again and Happy Trials,

Marsha Barna and the Kids at Head Start

ECW Breakfast Meeting

Saturday September 22nd

9am



The ECW continues to collect socks and underwear for the needy children of Portage County. We need socks for both girls and boys. We especially need girls underwear in sizes 8, 14 and 16 and all sizes of boys underwear. At the meeting we will be putting the items in individual packages. Please bring your items to the meeting or to the church office any time before then. Cash donations are also being accepted at this time.

More Humorous Typos and Poorly Chosen Word from Churches Everywhere

Miss Charlene Mason sang "I will not pass this way again," giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What Is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.

LOOKING FOR A PIANO OR PROJECT??

We have two upright pianos (one in the parish hall and one in the all purpose room) that are not being used. Parishioners are welcome to them with no charge. If you know of organizations or individuals that could use either or both, the price would be minimal and could be negotiated with non profit groups. Those interested are responsible for moving the piano(s). If you know of any friend, group, etc. who could use a piano, please let them know and have them call the church office at 330-296-3443.

THANKS!

