

The Grace Vine

September 2012

Rector's Writ

Every Sunday it's encouraging to look out and see people in the pews gathered to worship God and enjoy fellowship afterward. We sometimes need to remember that Grace Church couldn't keep the doors open without the participation and support of all our members. With God's help and with your willingness to give and serve, we provide worship services, opportunities for fellowship, Christian Ed programs, pastoral care, and do outreach in the community and beyond. We rely on and need active volunteers to faithfully carry out and continue all the Church is called to be and do.

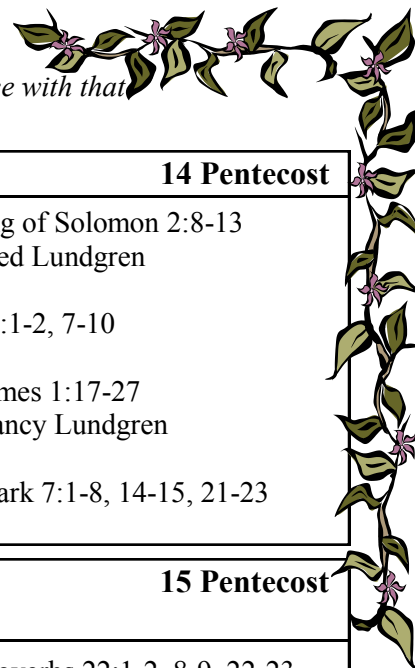
Any given Sunday there's a lot of service that's done before, during, and after worship. The Altar Guild sets up the elements and prepares the altar for services, then cleans up and puts up afterward. Ushers provide a friendly greeting at the door, pass out bulletins, and welcome visitors. Coffee hosts provide good food to share as we gather for fellowship after church. We count on our Deacon, our worship leaders, lectors, choir members, acolytes. We count on the member who schedules this crew of volunteers as well as the couple and staff who put the Grace Vine together each month. We trust the holy learning of our children to our Christian Ed Team who teaches classes. We need the faithful and the energetic parent who leads our Youth Group. We have good hearted volunteers in an almost endless variety: our Vestry members and the leadership they provide in any number of projects; our treasurer; our Building & Grounds group; Gracie's volunteers and hard workers; Episcopal Church Women; the Hospitality Committee; Loaves and Fishes leaders; those who arrange flowers for the altar; the Fun-d Raising Committee and the Poker Boys. This list doesn't begin to name all that's done to God's glory and for the good of God's people, but please know we are grateful for **all** who volunteer and serve. And the truth is we could use more volunteers in just about every area discussed. If you're among these volunteers, please accept our thanks and appreciation. If you haven't yet found your niche for service, please pray about it...and trust God to be with you in discovering your gifts and how to best use them to his glory and the benefit of his people. Carol +

"Now to (God) who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen." (Ephesians 3:20)



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 14 Pentecost

Celebrant The Rev. Carol Evans Lay Reader 8:00 Judy Watkins 10:00 Carolyn Englert Greeters Nancy & Fred Lundgren Acolyte Kevin Splinter Altar Guild Barb Popiel & Judy Watkins Coffee Hosts 8:00 Joan & Frank Seman 10:00 John & Mary Jean McDonald Counters Jeff Marsh & Joan Seman Emeritus Kathy Summy	1st Reading Song of Solomon 2:8-13 Fred Lundgren Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10 2nd Reading James 1:17-27 Nancy Lundgren Gospel Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
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Sunday, September 9 8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 15 Pentecost RALLY DAY

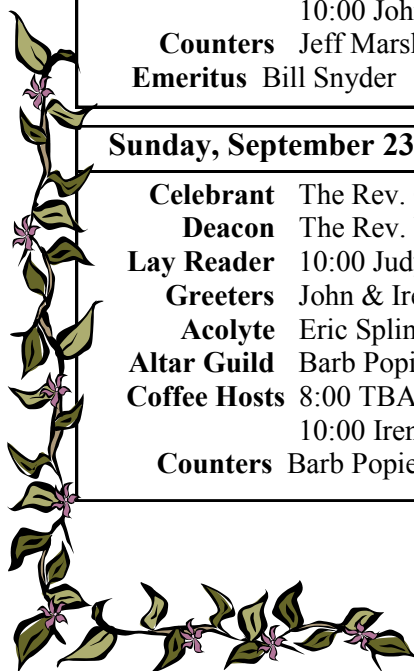
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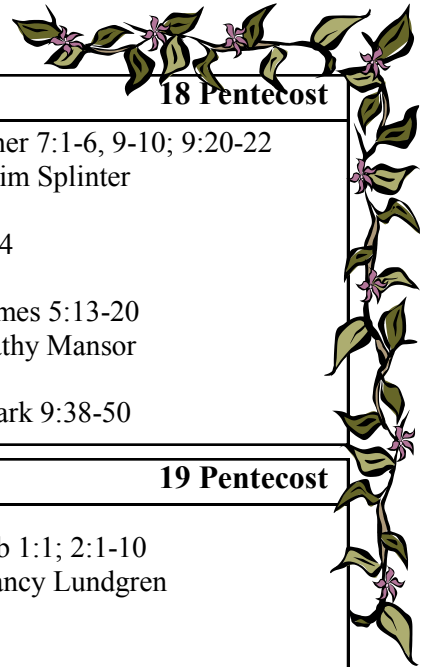
Sunday, September 16 8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 16 Pentecost

Celebrant The Rev. Carol Evans Lay Reader 8:00 Bette Brooks 10:00 Nancy Lundgren Greeters Jim & Nancy Ervin Acolyte Jeff Marsh Altar Guild Barb Popiel & Judy Watkins Coffee Hosts 8:00 Rick Lashley & Debbie Shorts 10:00 John & Mary Jean McDonald Counters Jeff Marsh & Joan Seman Emeritus Bill Snyder	1st Reading Proverbs 1:20-33 Tim Splinter Psalm 19 2nd Reading James 3:1-12 Kathy Summy Gospel Mark 8:27-38
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Sunday, September 23 8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 17 Pentecost

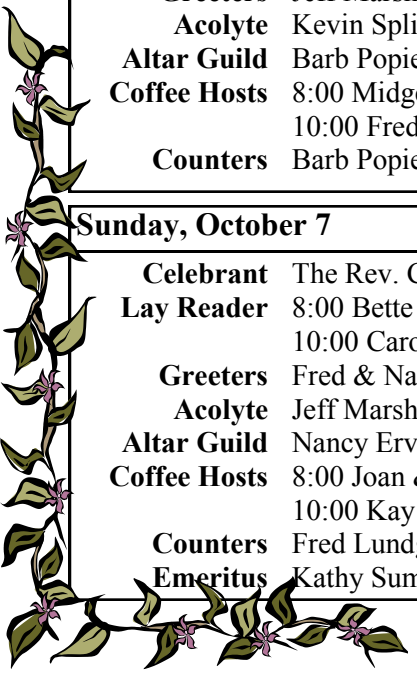
Celebrant The Rev. Carol Evans Deacon The Rev. William Snyder Lay Reader 10:00 Judy Watkins Greeters John & Irene Machisko Acolyte Eric Splinter Altar Guild Barb Popiel & Judy Watkins Coffee Hosts 8:00 TBA 10:00 Irene & John Machisko Counters Barb Popiel & Reba Cook	1st Reading Proverbs 31:10-31 Jeff Croll Psalm 1 2nd Reading James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a Martha Croll Gospel Mark 9:30-37
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Sunday, September 30		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	18 Pentecost
Celebrant	The Rev. Carol Evans	1st Reading Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22 Tim Splinter	Psalm 124
Lay Reader	8:00 Bill Snyder 10:00 Carolyn Englert		
Greeters	Jeff Marsh & Jim Ervin	2nd Reading James 5:13-20 Cathy Mansor	Gospel Mark 9:38-50
Acolyte	Kevin Splinter		
Altar Guild	Barb Popiel & Judy Watkins		
Coffee Hosts	8:00 Midge Myers 10:00 Fred & Nancy Lundgren		
Counters	Barb Popiel & Reba Cook		

Sunday, October 7		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	19 Pentecost
Celebrant	The Rev. Carol Evans	1st Reading Job 1:1; 2:1-10 Nancy Lundgren	Psalm 26
Lay Reader	8:00 Bette Brooks 10:00 Carolyn Englert		
Greeters	Fred & Nancy Lundgren	2nd Reading Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12 Fred Lundgren	Gospel Mark 10:2-16
Acolyte	Jeff Marsh		
Altar Guild	Nancy Ervin & Irene Machisko		
Coffee Hosts	8:00 Joan & Frank Seman 10:00 Kay Canan & Chris Stickle		
Counters	Fred Lundgren & Midge Myers		
Emeritus	Kathy Summy		



Birthdays

- 2nd Tim Neely
- 4th Tracy Shriver
- 6th A.J. Neely
Megan Worthen
- 10th Mary Jean McDonald
- 13th Leslie Thomas
- 15th Barbara Popiel
- 20th Jeane Wolcott
- 21st Elizabeth Ulbricht
- 25th Martha Croll
- 30th Toni Worthen



Congratulations!

and many happy returns...



Anniversaries

- 4th Chris & Rodney Stickle
- 9th Tony & Toni Worthen
- 24th Michael & Kay Canan

Baptisms

- 7th Jenna Summy
- 22nd Lisa Paxton
Gerry Rich
- 25th Sue Ahrens
- 30th Samuel Rich





Did You Know?...



Carolyn & Ken Englert traveled to Texas by train to visit their daughter **Becky** and the grandchildren. They highly recommend this mode of travel. They enjoyed meeting new people and accommodations were great...

Bill & Marsha Snyder held a “surprise” birthday party for their 8 year old granddaughter **Lilly**. But the biggest surprise was for Bill. His job was to keep Lilly busy while the party was set up. The guests didn’t arrive on time and Bill had to figure out how to keep an 8 year old entertained. It wasn’t easy but he took her to his fishing spots, the flea market and went to get ice cream. There were a few anxious moments but all went well when Lilly had a wonderful surprise. Thanks, Papa...

The Poker Boys met at **Jeff Marsh’s** home and everyone had a wonderful time. They really enjoyed the peach pie that Jeff served. And thank you to the boys for their contribution to the Discretionary Fund...

Shirley & Mike Johnson’s granddaughter **Kelly** and her friend **Jordan**, who lives in South Carolina and just graduated from high school, traveled to Ohio to visit with them. Shirley & Mike took them to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and Geauga Lake and they spent time on their lovely property just enjoying the quiet and Grandma and Grandpa. It was great fun having them come for the visit but now Grandma and Grandpa need a vacation...

This must have been the summer for grandchildren because **Sue & Bruce Ahren’s** grandchildren, **Morgan & John** from Massachusetts, stayed with them for three weeks. These grandchildren are young and young kids are much more difficult to keep up with; especially when you live on a lake. But, they all had a great time...

Judy Watkins enjoyed her granddaughter **Sophie** and daughter-in-law **Christine** who visited with her for three weeks after they came home for Roger’s funeral. They traveled all the way from Cancun and it was a great time to spend some time with Grandma. Little Sophie is bilingual and Judy had an interesting time with Spanish. And little Sophie really enjoyed the pink cowboy boots that Aunt Stephanie purchased for her before they attended the horse show...

Johnnie and Irene Machisko enjoyed their visit with son **David** who came from St. Louis. David even ushered with **Irene** the Sunday he was here...

We heard from **Bill & Phyllis Shorts** and they report they are doing well. Bill is still enjoying his golf games and they like to play cards, attend concerts, plays and dances. They are enjoying their blessings and send greetings and love to everyone...

Barb Popiel is enjoying her new grandson **Tyson** – she has lots of pictures and he’s beautiful. She and **Craig** drove to Orlando to see **Michelle** while **Dave** was again in Africa on a hunt with his Uncle. Four total days of being in a car was a little bit much. They took the rest of Michelle's china to her and also had 3 containers of ammunition, 2 rifles and 2 animal skins belonging to Dave's brother. So they only drove 5 miles over the speed limit all the way. Didn't want to have to explain the guns, ammo to any police officer. A very nice trip, she says, but flying is the way to go for sure.

This year Vacation Bible School was a great time for all who attended. Many thanks to the adult leaders and helpers: **Chris Stickle** coordinated activities and arranged the meals and snacks, **Kathy Summy** led the Bible stories, **Stacy Scibelli** did creative crafts, **Nicole Stickle & Denise Crouse** led in the games, the other adults who assisted were: Chrissy’s mother **Wilda** & her husband **Lane Autry** made dinner for the group one night and made their famous mac & cheese along with sliders and fruit cocktail. **Sammie Stickle & Jenna Summy** assisted getting the children from place to place and with music and song. The “Awesome God” song the children shared at church was taught to them by Sammi & Jenna. **Rev. Carol, Alex Wroblewski & David Miller, Amy Seman** and Chrissy’s aunt **Loretta Reigelman** helped serve dinner and volunteer where ever they were needed. And last but certainly not least, **Phil & Courtney** were the “life savers” ; after each session they did the cleaning up. Some of the children that involved were: **Zack & Emily Scibelli, Elaine Sheridan, Derek & Shane, Kamron & Kyle Miles, Gerry & Maggie Rich, Jalen, Madison Ahrens, Kirsten & Aundrea Seman, Hanna, John Freshman, and Lea** a neighbor of Chris...

Sally Dier and Nancy Lundgren continue to do a Herculean job in Gracie’s. They have moved out of Gracie’s into the hall and now into the lounge. You won’t believe the things they have – go and check it out. Thanks to all the donations and those who enjoy shopping there...

Eric Splinter, who plays in the Garfield High School marching band, **Jenna Summy and Sammi Stickle**, who play in the Ravenna High School marching band attended the all county band show, as Freshmen, at Kent Roosevelt High School. They all did a great job and there are pictures on the bulletin board if you want to see them in uniform – all looking great!!...

Jenna Summy will be busy this year keeping up with church choir, acolyte, band, and the tennis team.

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

- Thanks to Bette Brooks for the interesting articles she's been writing for the Grace Vine.
- Thanks to Chrissy Stickle, Kathy Summy, Stacey Scibelli, Denise Crouse & Amy Seman for leading and organizing Vacation Bible School, sharing their faith and creative talents. We thank the same group for leading our Christian Formation Team and leading Sunday school beginning September 9th.
- Thanks to all the children and all the adults who came to Vacation Bible School and participated in a variety of different way on some very hot summer days.
- Thanks to Shirley Johnson for sending out cards to our shut-ins, those who are ill, birthday cards and card of welcome. They are all appreciated.
- Thanks to the Poker Boys for their generous donation to the Parish Discretionary Fund.
- Thanks to all our members for your prayers, service, giving and fellowship.
- Thanks to John McDonald and Jim Ervin for changing light bulbs on scaffolding and ladders.
- Thanks to coffee hour hosts this summer and fall.
- Thanks to Marcia Splinter for serving as our treasurer and all the time work that involves.
- Thanks to our Vestry for their leadership and faithfulness.
- Thanks to Irene Machisko for the peach pie & Cindy Hoskins for the brownies, two delicious treats enjoyed by the VBS staff (I wonder who ate those?)
- Thanks to everyone who donated funds to VBS which enabled the children and staff to make it a huge success.
- Thanks to Judy Canan who month after month makes out the lay schedules.
- Thanks to Martha Croll for her wonderful solo and playing her guitar.
- Thanks to Mary Ann Switz and the choir for another season of music beginning September 9th.

Please call the office or email us a note if you know of any volunteers we need to thank for work, donations, or other good deeds.

A Few Priceless Comments and Questions From the Children During VBS

Q— “Why is the Story Room always different when we come in?”

A— “Kathy Summy redecorates it everyday.”

Reply— “I thought God came and did it for us.”

Q— “Is God a boy?”

A— “Some people think so.”

Reply—The child in silence and looking up at the clouds, “We better sit here and be good.”

Q. “What does Rev. Carol do at VBS?”

A. “She helps out where ever she’s needed.”

Reply – “I only see her eating snacks.”

One four year old child told his mother that he was taught out of a “stinkn’ Bible”. His mother asked, why he called it that. His response was it didn’t have pictures in it like his Bible.

Another child was saying that the crafts he took home were “really neat” and his mom set them in a special place near the television and she loved them.

The children talked about the bubble game all week. “It was the best game ever.” Look for the pictures on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall and see for yourself.

The Bulletin Board

Acolytes Schedule

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

10/8-Cathy M

10/15-Eric

10/22-Kevin

10/29-Jeff

11/5-Eric

Tim@splinterfactions.net

Marcia@splinterfactions.net

330-527-2084

SEPTEMBER 29 MEN'S GARAGE SALE 8:00 – 3:00 PM

The men of the church have decided to have a Men's Garage in the Parish Hall on September 29th. There will be lots of Ohio State items, tools, etc. If you have items for sale please bring them to the church. For more information see Bill Snyder.

ECW MEETING

September 22

9:00 AM

All women of the church are invited to a breakfast meeting on Saturday, September 22nd. We will be discussing a project for Safer Futures (the battered women's shelter), United Thank Offering Fall ingathering, the Christmas cookie sale, and the Lillian Vallely School (an Episcopal American Indian school on the Blackfoot reservation in Idaho). Please see Marsha Snyder if you will be willing to volunteer to prepare breakfast for about 15 women at this meeting.

YOUTH NEWS

On August 17 & 18th our Youth Group met for a lock in. Chris Stickle and Kathy Summy organized this get together. Fifteen youth enjoyed the evening of movies, crafts, and playing games. The youth involved were: Maggie & Gerry Rich and their friends Victoria and Jaylen; Aundrea & Kirsten Seman; Sammie Stickle and her neighbor Leah; Jenna Summy and Sammie Stickle and their friends Katie, Jenna, Aleaha; and Nicole Stickle joined the group after fishing with her dad. In the middle of the night and after the youth were in bed Kathy and Chrissy were busy. Kathy was sewing a shirt for her husband that will be used for their Civil War reenactment and Chrissy & Kathy reorganized the bulletin boards in the parish hall.

The youth enjoyed a little "happy birthday" breakfast for Sammie when pancakes and cupcakes were served. Of course some ate the cupcakes first. But cake is cake. And everyone wished Sammie a happy birthday.

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.

Splinters Need Help!!!

Splinter's House will be on the Garrettsville Christmas Walk in November. We would like to borrow some snowman Christmas decorations for the first two weekends of November.

We also need volunteers to be in the house during the walk.

See Tim or Marcia if you can help.

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.*

Henry Thacker Burleigh

September 11

Henry Thacker Burleigh, always called Harry, was born December 2, 1866, in Erie, PA. An African-American with a rich baritone voice, he was accepted into the prestigious National Conservatory of Music in New York City. Although initially denied entrance into the Conservatory because of poor grades, Frances MacDowell, the mother of composer Edward MacDowell, championed his cause and he was not only admitted but also offered a scholarship. In order to earn additional money, he cleaned the halls of the Conservatory after hours, singing the songs of his childhood. Composer Anton Dvorak was intrigued by his voice and by the African American folks songs and spirituals he sang. Later, Dvorak incorporated them into his *New World Symphony* (1883), the first time a spiritual became a major theme in a great symphonic work.

In 1894, Harry became a soloist for St. George's Episcopal Church in New York. There was opposition to hiring him at the all-white church at a time when many churches closed their doors to blacks. J.P. Morgan cast the deciding vote to hire. In addition, he sang for over 25 years in the synagogue choir of the Temple Emanu-El in New York.

By the late 1880s, he was publishing his own arrangements of songs and, by the end of the century, was trying his hand at composition. He made the first formal orchestral arrangements of more than 100 spirituals, including *Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen*. One of his arrangements in Common Metre is the hymn tune "McKee" which is used with John Oxenham's hymn *In Christ There Is No East or West*. The popularity of his songs, and their sing-ability, created an explosion of interest for the genre during the 1920s, both among the general population and among classically trained musicians.

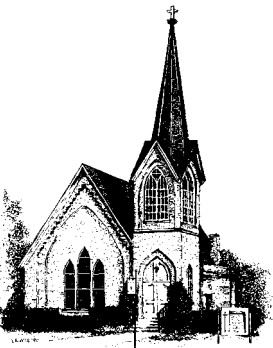
Through the 1920s and 1930s, he continued to promote the spirituals through publications, lectures, and arrangements of the songs. His life-long advocacy for the spiritual outlasted his singing career. He was the first black composer to be instrumental in the development of a characteristically American music and he helped to make that music available to all.

Note: It would be interesting to check the list of arrangers of hymns in *Lift Every Voice* and count how many of Harry's arrangements of spirituals are there.

Prayer: God our strong deliverer, we bless your Name for the gifts of grace given to Harry Thacker Burleigh to gather and preserve the good heritage of African-American music and to life up in song the struggles of his people. Let that Spirit of love which spurred him draw us also to join hands throughout the earth in Christ's one great fellowship of love; through the same Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Grace Vine September

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
2 14 Pentecost •8am HEZ •9am Coffee •10am HEZ •11am Coffee •Noon-Conf. Class	3 Labor Day Office Closed •6-7pm Conf. Class	4	5 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door	6 •7pm Choir Practice	7	8
9 15 Pentecost •8am HEZ •9am Coffee •10am HEZ •11am Coffee •Noon-Conf. Class	10 •6-7pm Conf. Class	11 •1-3pm Sit & Stitch	12 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door •5:30pm Healing Service w/ HE	13 •7pm Choir Practice	14 Gracevine Deadline	15
16 Pentecost •8am HEZ •9am Coffee •10am HEZ •11am Coffee •Noon-Conf. Class	17 •6-7pm Conf. Class	18 •7pm Vestry Meeting	19 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door	20 •8am Men's Breakfast •7pm Choir Practice	21	22 •9am ECW Breakfast Meeting
23 17 Pentecost •8am HEZ •9am Coffee •10am HEZ •11am Coffee •Noon-Conf. Class	24 •6-7pm Conf. Class	25 •1-3pm Sit & Stitch	26 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door	27 •7pm Choir Practice	28 •6:30 Poker Boys	29 •8am Men's Garage Sale in Parish Hall
30 15 Pentecost •8am HEZ •9am Coffee •10am HEZ •11am Coffee •Noon-Conf. Class						



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Jeff Marsh (2013)

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