



The Grace Vine

January 2012

Rector's Writ

In all we heard about the commercialism of Christmas, it would be interesting to see a list of the things that produce over one BILLION dollars in sales each year. Would you believe boxed chocolates would be on that list?! It's an all round acceptable gift. And after all, who can be grumpy when you're eating chocolates?

Our grandma would sometimes receive as many as three or four boxes of Russell Stover chocolates for Christmas. When Mom would take us to visit her in late January, when the holidays were past and everyone was weary of winter, Grandma would bring out her "stash" of chocolates and carefully open a box to share with all of us. It was something that put us in a happier mood, not just because it was really good candy, but because Grandma was sharing some of her favorite gifts with us kids...and that made us feel loved and special.

That's kind of what we're called to do with the Good News of God's love, too. Peace, love, grace, and forgiveness...these have a center that's not found in the best stores or the finest wrappings. God provides them to us in and through Jesus Christ. We receive such treasures, NOT because we deserve them, but because God loves us and gives us this gift of grace. In receiving that gift, we're to proclaim the Good News and share it with ALL PEOPLE.

We, like many churches, are working on growth, and that will continue to be a focus in 2012. What we do well to remember is that growth is not an aim or end goal in itself. Growth is a result of welcoming people into our Church family; helping and serving others, wherever they are on their spiritual journey; and sharing the goodness and grace God has given us. It results when we're available to God, so that—through us—others may be brought to Christ and to the Church. To Christ, so that new life, hope, and discipleship become a reality; to the Church so that we have the experience of worshipping God, sharing our gifts, and being part of the love, support, and fellowship we can offer one another in this life-long journey of faith. We'll be counting on your prayers, your gifts, and God's grace.



*May 2012 be a year of grace and growth for
God's church and our spiritual lives;
may you and yours be blessed with good health,
happiness, and the peace of God.*



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, January 1 8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 2 Christmas

Officiating The Rev. Carol Evans Lay Reader 8:00 Addrienne Conway/10:00 Roberta O'Keefe Greeters Bev Lewis-Mercury & Jeff Marsh Acolyte Jenna Summy Altar Guild Nancy Ervin & Irene Machisko Coffee Hosts 8:00 Joan & Frank Seman 10:00 Kay Canan & Chris Stickle Counters Jeff Marsh & Cathy Mansor Emeritus Kathy Summy	1st Reading Numbers 6:22-27 Fred Lundgren Psalm 8 2nd Reading Galatians Nancy Lundgren Gospel Luke 2:15-21
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Sunday, January 8 8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 1 Epiphany

Celebrant The Rev. Carol S. Evans Deacon The Rev. William D. Snyder Lay Reader 10:00 Carolyn Englert Greeters Nancy & Jim Ervin Acolyte Eric Splinter Coffee Host 8:00 TBA 10:00 Fred & Nancy Lundgren Altar Guild Nancy Ervin & Irene Machisko Counters Jeff Marsh & Cathy Mansor	1st Reading Genesis 1:1-5 Maynard Evans Psalm 29 2nd Reading Acts 19:1-17 Cathy Mansor Gospel Mark 1:4-11
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Sunday, January 15 8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 2 Epiphany

Celebrant The Rev. Carol S. Evans Lay Reader 8:00 Addrienne Conway/10:00 Nancy Lundgren Greeters John & Mary Jean McDonald Acolytes Kevin Splinter & Jillian Conway Altar Guild Nancy Ervin & Irene Machisko Coffee Hosts 8:00 TBA 10:00 Toni & Tony Worthen Counters Tony Worthen & Cory Conway Emeritus Bill Snyder	1st Reading 1 Samuel 3:1-20 Tim Splinter Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17 2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Carolyn Englert Gospel John 1:43-51
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Annual Parish Meeting

January 29th, 9:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist—Covered Dish Luncheon to Follow the Meeting

The following people are responsible for reports

Rector's Report – Rev. Carol Evans

Senior Warden's Report – Cory Conway

Junior Warden's Report – Reba Cook

Treasurer's Report – Marcia Splinter

Deacon's Report – Bill Snyder

Altar Guild - Nancy Lundgren

Altar Guild Financial Report – Marsha Snyder

Emeritus – Kathy Summy & Bill Snyder

Acolytes – Tim Splinter

Christian Education – Addrienne Conway

Youth Group – Christine Stickle

Choir – Mary Ann Switz

Gracie's Back Door - Nancy Lundgren

Prayer Chain – Carolyn Englert

ECW – Marsha Snyder

ECW financial Report - Mary Jean McDonald

Discretionary Fund – Marsha Snyder

Fun-Raising Committee – Marcia Splinter

Hospitality Committee – Nancy Ervin

Mary Helen Beatty Committee – Frank Seman

Memorial Fund – Judy Canan

Loaves & Fishes – Chris Stickle

Sunday, January 22 **8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist** **3 Epiphany**

Officiant The Rev. Carol S. Evans	1st Reading Jonah 3:1-5, 10 Jeff Croll
Deacon The Rev. William D. Snyder	
Lay Reader Cory Conway	Psalm 62:6-14
Greeters Fred & Nancy Lundgren	
Acolyte McKenna Conway	2nd Reading I Corinthians 7:29-31 Martha Croll
Coffee Host 8:00—TBA 10:00—John & Mary Jean McDonald	
Altar Guild Nancy Ervin & Irene Machisko	Gospel Mark 1:14-20
Counters Jeff Marsh & Cathy Mansor	

Sunday, January 29 **9:00 AM Holy Eucharist** **4 Epiphany**

Officiant The Rev. Carol S. Evans	1st Reading Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Tim Splinter
Deacon The Rev. William D. Snyder	
Lay Reader Carolyn Englert	Psalm 111
Greeters John & Irene Machisko	
Acolyte Jenna Summy	2nd Reading Corinthians 8:1-13 Maynard Evans
Altar Guild Nancy Ervin & Irene Machisko	
Coffee Hosts Hospitality Committee	Gospel Mark 1:21-28
Counters Tony Worthen & Cory Conway	

Sunday, February 5 **8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist** **5 Epiphany**

Officiant The Rev. Carol S. Evans	1st Reading Isaiah 40:21-31 Nancy Lundgren
Lay Reader 8:00 Addrienne Conway/ 10:00 Roberta O'Keefe	
Greeters Nancy & Fred Lundgren	Psalm 147:1-12, 21c
Acolyte Kevin Splinter	
Altar Guild Nancy Lundgren, Nancy Ervin & Cindy Hoskins	2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Fred Lundgren
Coffee Hosts 8:00—TBA 10:00—Kay Canan & Chris Stickle	
Counters Tony Worthen & Cory Conway	Gospel Mark 1:29-39



Birthdays

- 4th Emily Summy
- 7th Richard Sanek
- 10th Patricia Williams
- 15th Bruce Ahrens
- 17th Alice Boydell
- 18th Amanda Ulbricht
- 22nd Pauline Wamsley
- 26th Courtney Rich
- 28th Paige Paxton

Congratulations!

and many happy returns...

Anniversaries

- 11th Fred & Nancy Lundgren
- 28th Mike & Shirley Johnson



Baptisms

- 2nd Reba Cook
- 9th Bill Summy
- 18th Marguerite Rich
Emily Scibelli



Did You Know?...



John & Irene Machisko spent time in Georgia for their Thanksgiving holiday with their son John and his family. Irene reports they had 15 for at the gathering and I'll bet they really enjoyed the four pumpkin pies Irene baked. She does make the best pies...

Bette Brooks enjoyed the holidays with her daughter, **Laurel** being home for a holiday visit...

Judy Canan had a house full for Thanksgiving when her family and her "son the priest" came for a visit. **Fr. David Canan** even cooked the Thanksgiving dinner. And when they all attended church at the 8:00 AM service the numbers swelled...

Addrianne Conway spent time away from her family traveling with her job, for several weeks before Christmas. What a lousy time to be away from the family. Or maybe not. At least she'll be home for the weekends...

Martha Croll and her family spent time at Stan Hywet Hall on a beautiful Sunday, to view the Christmas decorations during the decades Stan Hywet was occupied...

Phillip Crouse is in training with the army at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri. His family, **Brittany and Noah**, hope to join him there after he basic completes training and gets a permanently assignment...

Chris & Nicole Stickle braved "Black Friday". And when Nikki and Chris got separated some little old lady grabbed 17th year old Nikki's hand and said she would help her get back to her mother. Mother and daughter weren't out of eye sight of one another, but the little lady was being a good Samaritan. How sweet...

Mary Jean & John enjoyed their holiday in California with daughter **Amy** and her family where a cottage was rented on the beach, and it was wonderful...

Bill and Marsha Snyder headed to Minnesota to visit with their son **Luke** and his family. Luke had a ten day leave from Kuwait where he's been stationed since May...

Nancy & Fred Lundgren spent their Thanksgiving at the neighbor's home and Nancy really had something to be very thankful for --- she didn't have to cook...

Lloyd and Roberta O'Keefe donated to Public Radio and it was announced several times during the broadcast, "thanks to Lloyd and Roberta for their contribution", but they also thanked Lloyd and 'Robert' and Lloyd and 'Robin.' But, then again we all knew who it was...

Judy Watkins called from Florida to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and she was excited that daughter

Stephanie and her family will be joining them for the Christmas holiday...

Debbie Haag called from Georgia to say she and **Bob** will be in Ravenna for Christmas and will be at church. It will be good to see them...

Mechele Novak is moving into a new house and **Midge Myers** came to help her. The leaf blower was a real challenge for them, especially when they found a dead turtle in the window well and no one wanted to touch it. It was quite noisy in the neighborhood that day!

Tony Worthen hosted the Poker Boys last month and of course his wife **Toni** is well known for her southern style cooking. But, the hot peach cobbler is still being talked about. Toni you have to cut that out, you're making the rest of us look bad!!

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



Notes from county clothing

*clothing center will be collecting
Acme cash register tapes dated
from Sat. Sept 24, 2011 until
Sat. Feb. 11, 2012. They can redeem
them for 5% cash from Acme's
community cash back program.
Receipts can be given to Mary Jean
or turned in to the office.*

On the Horizon

Saturday, January 14th Fellowship & Game Night 6:30 pm

As of yet, this one will be in the Parish Hall.

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

Saturday, February 18th Mardi Gras Pancake Dinner 6:30 pm

As of yet, this one will be in the Parish Hall.

Easter Candy Orders February

Watch for order forms for this year's Easter candy sale to come out!

Garrettsville Yard Sale Day April/May

Time to do the Garrettsville Yard Sale day again. Start saving up your stuff and clearing out your closets!

Mother's Day Flower Sale May

Acolytes Schedule

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

2/12—Eric & Jillie

2/19—Schyler

2/26—McKenna

3/4—Jenna

Tim@splinterfactions.net

Marcia@splinterfactions.net

330-527-2084

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

- To everyone who contributed to the ECW Cookie Sale and to Carolyn Englert for being "in charge".
 - To those who gave to the our annual County Clothing Center's sock & underwear collection and to Mary - - - Jean McDonald for showing us just one more need of those in our community.
 - To Chris Stickle who represented Grace Church at the Loaves & Fishes that fed the needy on Christmas Eve Day and several Saturdays last year.
 - To the "Poker Boys" for their contribution to the Discretionary Fund.
 - To all the parishioners who make our church a wonderful place to worship our Lord.
 - To the Christian Education leaders who taught our children last year.
 - To our excellent Senior Warden, Cory Conway & Junior Warden, Reba Cook who did a wonderful job last year.
 - To everyone who served on Vestry in 2011 and those who will say "yes" when asked to be on the 2012 Vestry.
 - To those from our church who answered the request for bell ringers by the Salvation Army during Christmas season.
 - To the choir and Mary Ann Switz for the wonderful Christmas music (and fine music & songs every Sunday).
 - To the Altar Guild for all their hard work during the holiday season.
 - To our Rector Carol for being the wonderful person she is.
 - To Shirley Johnson for making and sending many lovely Christmas cards to church family members we haven't seen in awhile.
 - Thank you to all the people who donated socks and underwear to the County Clothing Center. These items are seldom received in their general donations and are often the last items of clothing that people on limited funds buy for their children.
- 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.

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.*

Harriet Bedell January 8

Harriet Bedell was born in Buffalo, NY, on March 10, 1875. Inspired by an Episcopal missionary, she enrolled as a student at the New York Training School for Deaconesses where she was instructed in religion, missions, teaching, and hygiene. She became a missionary and teacher among the Cheyenne at the Whirlwind Mission in Oklahoma and was adopted into the tribe and given the name "Bird Woman."

In 1916, she was sent to Stevens Village, Alaska, where she was finally designated a deaconess in 1922. She also served as a teacher and nurse at St. John's in the Wilderness, a mission at Allakaket which is a mere 40 miles south of the Arctic Circle and is so remote that dogsleds were used to reach the mission. During her last years in Alaska, she opened a boarding school in Tanana for children who could not travel in the bad winter weather. However, funding was limited, and in 1931 she traveled to New York to plead for more contributions. Because of the Great Depression, there was little available money and although the church paid off the school's existing debt, there was little reason for her to return to Alaska.

In 1932, she heard about the plight of the Indians in Florida and, using her own salary from speaking engagements, reopened a mission among the Mikasuki Indians there. She worked to revive some of their traditional crafts. The arts and crafts store that was established to sell the hand crafted items improved the economy of the Blades Cross Mission. Although she was forced to retire at age 63 in 1938, she continued her ministry of health care, education, and economic empowerment among the Mikasuki until 1960 when Hurricane Donna wiped out the mission.

Bedell remained active into her 80s, driving an average of 20,000 miles a year during her ministry, even during the 1930s. She won the respect of the indigenous peoples through her compassion and respect for their way of life and their beliefs. She emphasized health and education rather than religious conversion. She died on January 8, 1969.

Prayer: Holy God, you chose your faithful servant Harriet Bedell to exercise the ministry of deaconess and to be a missionary among indigenous peoples: Fill us with compassion and respect for all people, and empower us for the work of ministry throughout the world; 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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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 Holy Name •8am HE •9am Coffee •9:45 Ch. Ed. •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	2	3	4 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door •7pm Choir Practice	5	6 Epiphany	7
8 1 Epiphany •8am HE •9am Coffee •8:45 Choir •9:45 Ch. Ed. •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	9	10 •1-3pm Sit & Stitch	11 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door •5:30 Healing Service •7pm Choir Practice	12	13	14 •6:30 Fellowship & Game Night
15 2 Epiphany •8am HE •9am Coffee •8:45 Choir •9:45 Ch. Ed. •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	16	17 •7pm Vestry Meeting	18 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door •7pm Choir Practice	19 •8am Retired Men's Breakfast	20	21
22 3 Epiphany •8am HE •9am Coffee •8:45 Choir •9:45 Ch. Ed. •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	23	24 •1-3pm Sit & Stitch	25 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door •7pm Choir Practice	26	27	28
29 4 Epiphany •9am HE •10am Annual Meeting	30	31				



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The Vestry of Grace Episcopal Church

Tony Worthen (2011)

Reba Cook (2011)

Alice Boydell (2011)

Cory Conway (2012)

Sue Ahrens (2012)

Joan Seman (2012)

Cathy Mansor (2013)

Jeff Marsh (2013)

Barb Popiel (2013)

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