



The Grace Vine

October 2011

Rector's Writ

The kids are back in school. Halloween candy and costumes are already out in the stores. Fall and Christmas catalogues are showing up in the mail-box. The annual stewardship appeal can't be far behind. We'll be sending out letters and talking about how important good stewardship and good discipleship are in keeping Grace Church going and growing. We're still working on the vestry goal of achieving a balanced budget by 2015.

We have some work to do to make that goal, and good stewardship, a reality. It isn't easy asking people to increase giving or to keep faithful in giving in economic times like we're experiencing. An internet site revealed that Hallmark is planning to come out with a new line of cards intended for those who've lost jobs.

We could consider all this and take the low key, "sorry we have to ask...give what you can" approach to stewardship. But that wouldn't be very faithful. Our giving and stewardship are opportunities to give thanks and gratitude to the Lord. We give to God's work in and through Grace Church with the understanding that *everything* we have in this life comes from God. ("All things come of thee, O Lord...") We--and all that we possess--belong to God. A significant part of our calling as Christians is to be good and faithful stewards of the life, talents, time, and treasure that God gives us. Faithful stewardship and giving back to God begins with gratitude. In receiving so much in the way of God's blessings, grace and provision, we learn to respond with grateful and generous spirits. Our giving is a response that's not based on fears, guilt, and 'what ifs', but *faith in God's steadfast love and goodness*. Our constant is the Lord in whom we put our trust. Please give some time to thinking and praying—not about fear and worry and politics—but about a deep sense of *gratitude* during our stewardship season and always.

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as you teach..in all wisdom...and as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."
(Colossians 3:16-17)

"Not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them, is the true measure of our thanksgiving."
(W.T. Purkiser, preacher and author, 1910-1992)

"O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures for ever." (Ps. 136:1)

"Gratitude is the memory of the heart." (Jean Baptiste Massieu, priest, 1743-1818)



"I would maintain that thanks are the highest form of thought, and that gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder."
(G.K. Chesterton, author, 1874-1936)



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.

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|--|
| Sunday, October 2 | | 8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist | | 16 Pentecost | |
| Celebrant | The Rev. Carol S. Evans | 1st Reading | Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 | | |
| Lay Reader | 8- Addrienne Conway/10- Roberta O'Keefe | | Fred Lundgren | | |
| Greeters | Fred & Nancy Lundgren | Psalm | 19 | | |
| Acolyte | McKenna Conway | 2nd Reading | Philippians 3:4b-14 | | |
| Coffee Hosts | 8:00 Joan & Frank Seman | | Nancy Lundgren | | |
| | 10:00 Toni & Tony Worthen | Gospel | Matthew 21:33-46 | | |
| Altar Guild | Nancy Ervin & Irene Machisko | | | | |
| Counters | Sue Ahrens & Cory Conway | | | | |
| Emeritus | Kathy Summy | | | | |
| | 1:30 PM BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS | | | | |
| Sunday, October 9 | | 8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist | | 17 Pentecost | |
| Celebrant | The Rev. Carol S. Evans | 1st Reading | Exodus 32:1-14 | | |
| Deacon | The Rev. William D. Snyder | | Maynard Evans | | |
| Lay Reader | Carolyn Englert | Psalm | 106:1-6, 19-23 | | |
| Greeters | Nancy & Jim Ervin | 2nd Reading | Philippians 4:1-9 | | |
| Acolytes | Eric Splinter & Jillian Conway | | Cathy Mansor | | |
| Coffee Host | 8:00 George Furrer | Gospel | Matthew 22:1-14 | | |
| | 10:00 John & Mary Jean McDonald | | | | |
| Altar Guild | Nancy Ervin & Irene Machisko | | | | |
| Counters | Sue Ahrens & Cory Conway | | | | |
| Sunday, October 16 | | 8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist | | 18 Pentecost | |
| Celebrant | The Rev. Carol S. Evans | 1st Reading | Exodus 33:12-23 | | |
| Lay Reader | 8- Addrienne Conway/10- Nancy Lundgren | | Tim Splinter | | |
| Greeters | John & Mary Jean McDonald | Psalm | 99 | | |
| Acolyte | Jenna Summy | 2nd Reading | I Thessalonians 1:1-10 | | |
| Altar Guild | Nancy Ervin & Irene Machisko | | Carolyn Englert | | |
| Coffee Hosts | 8:00 Pat Williams | Gospel | Matthew 22:15-22 | | |
| | 10:00 Nancy & Jim Ervin | | | | |
| Counters | Sue Ahrens & Cory Conway | | | | |
| Emeritus | Bill Snyder | | | | |
| Sunday, October 23 | | 8:00 & 10:00 AM Morning Prayer | | 19 Pentecost | |
| Officiant | The Rev. William D. Snyder | 1st Reading | Deuteronomy 34:1-12 | | |
| Lay Reader | 10:00 Roberta O'Keefe | | Jeff Croll | | |
| Greeters | John & Irene Machisko | Psalm | 90:1-6, 13-17 | | |
| Acolyte | Kevin Splinter | 2nd Reading | I Thessalonians 2:1-8 | | |
| Coffee Hosts | 8:00 TBA | | Martha Croll | | |
| | 10:00 Nancy & Fred Lundgren | Gospel | Matthew 22:34-46 | | |
| Altar Guild | Nancy Ervin & Irene Machisko | | | | |
| Counters | Sue Ahrens & Cory Conway | | | | |





Did You Know?...



The back parking lot has been stripped, repaved and striped and it looks beautiful (as beautiful as black top can look), and thanks to Junior Warden, **Reba Cook** for getting this project on target. Now on to the next project – the rectory roof & bathroom...

Amanda Brooks had some stiff competition but was selected for the position of Sports Information Director for Women's Volleyball and all Track and Field at the University of Florida. She started her new job on July 18th. Congratulations Amanda!!...

Seven year old **Kirsten Seman** has been doing some impressive reading this summer, while her sister, **Aundrea** kept busy swimming at Grandma & Grandpa's (**Bud & Joan's** home) and riding her bike. Kirsten proudly announced to her mother and grandparents "I just finished reading the whole Bible!" She's read the entire Children's Bible and has started reading it again. This first grader is reading at a third grade level and obviously enjoys it very much. We all know there are some great stories in the Bible. Way to go, Kirsten!! And by the way - - what did you read this summer??...

Shirley & Mike Johnson had the Sit & Stitch group for a picnic at their home and everyone had a wonderful time. Those in attendance were: **Judy Canan, Barbara Splinter, Ken & Carolyn Englert, John & Mary Jean McDonald, Alice Boydell, Jean Lawrence, Rev. Carol, and Marsha Snyder**. Everyone enjoys these times together and if you're interested in becoming a member all you have to do is show up at 1:00 PM on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. We'd love to see you. **Alice Boydell** had the group at her home for the next meeting. We lunched in their new gazebo and got to see Alice's new sewing room. Very nice!...

Bette Brooks is thrilled to announce the birth of her first granddaughter. Her daughter **Caroline** and son-in-law **Daniel** announced the safe arrival of **Mary Elizabeth (Molly) Shaver** on Sunday, August 28 at 2:45 PM. Molly was 19 inches long and weighed in at 7lbs. 4 oz. Both mother and baby are doing well. Caroline's sister **Beverly** headed to Alexandria, VA and stayed with her big sister while the grandmothers and aunts "arm wrestled" for their turn...

The day before school began **Chrissy Stickle** was kind enough to stop by the office and brought cookies. That was very nice - thank you Chris. We'll miss your visits...

Just a little correction from last month's GraceVine – **Taylor Paxton** is not in the 8th grade she's a Freshman at Stow High School and on the golf team. No freshman wants to be called an eighth grader; we get that – sorry, Taylor...

Bill Snyder and Sue Ahrens enjoyed their trip to Minnesota. Sue went to visit with her brother and family and got to spend time with her new nephew. Bill visited with daughter-in-law and grandsons while his son **Luke** is off with the Minnesota National Guard in Kuwait...

On Sunday, Sept. 4th **Tony, Toni and Megan Worthen**

announced they were going eat their way through the Canfield Fair. There is nothing better than fair food and they enjoyed it!!

Mary Jean & John McDonald have been spending a lot of time at sporting events watching grandchildren play baseball, football & volleyball and those grandchildren are very accomplished athletes...

The **Splinters** also spent many an hour at the baseball field and football field as well. Son **Kevin** keeps them very busy with all his sporting events. And **Mike & Shirley Johnson** went to South Carolina to watch their granddaughter and grandson son play football and volleyball. Now that's dedication...

What a nice surprise it was to have **Blake and Bonnie Quay** in church on Aug. 28th. They came up from Florida to take care of some personal business and finish moving their things back to their new home in Port St. Joe. It was great seeing them and we wish them well. Their son and daughter have even moved to Florida to be closer to Mom and Dad...

Bev Lewis Mercury has also moved. She and husband **Tony** were one of many asked to leave their apartment in Kent at Silver Oaks to allow for student housing. They were lucky enough to find an apartment in Tallmadge. Don't stay away Bev, Tallmadge isn't that far away...

The choir is now officially in session and this year we have one new member; **Jenna Summy** and one new "er" member **Sue Ahrens**. Sue has returned to the choir and we are happy to have her back. Jenna is new to us and we love having her join the group...

Thanks to everyone who worked so hard on the Grace Church float at the Balloon-A-Fair: **Amanda & Rob Young and Sandy Ulbricht**, who designed the hot air balloon and brought it to the Conway's garage after it dropped on to the road twice. It was decorated by **Addrienne, Cory, Schyler, McKenna, & Jillian Conway, Chris, Rodney, Nikki, & Sammy Stickle, Kay Canan, and Kathy & Jenna Summy**. **Rodney Stickle** drove it in the parade. The float won honorable mention and the members of Grace Church participating in the parade included those who worked on the project plus **Rev. Carol and Sue Ahrens** ...

Mary Ann Switz loves to gather the choir for their annual picnic. It was hosted by **Martha & Jeff Croll** on a lovely sunny Sunday afternoon. Everyone enjoyed the fellowship and the good food and not a note was sung...

We are happy to announce that we now have two new Worship Leaders, **Nancy Lundgren and Judy Watkins** have volunteered to assist Rev. Carol during the church services and they are both doing a wonderful job. Thanks ladies.

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

On the Horizon

Sunday, October 2nd Crop Walk 2:00 pm

The 2011 Ravenna/Kent Area Crop Walk is for the benefit of world hunger. Chairperson, Bill Snyder has information for those who wish to participate in this year's Crop Walk. If you can't walk you can financially support those who do. This is a four mile walk that begins at Brady Lake Methodist Church. The Center of Hope and the Christian Cupboard will receive 25% of the funds collected.

Blessing of the Animals 1:30 pm

Please bring your furry, feathered, or scaled "friends" to the church on Sunday, October 2nd for the annual Blessing of the Animals. Treats will be offered to both human and non-human in the parish hall (we feed everyone) after the service.

Saturday, October 22nd Fellowship & Game Night 6:30 pm

Saturday, October 22nd 2nd Annual Wine Tasting 6:00 pm

\$15/person or \$25/ couple. Tickets are on sale now. This is a presale event only, there will be no tickets at the door because an accurate head count is needed to buy supplies.

The "theme" this year will be to compare 2 different wines made from the same grape (ex: a wine from Italy and one from CA). We are asking for \$\$ donations instead of bottles of wine so Susan can get exactly what she needs.

We had a great time last year - tried some new wines, had some great food, learned a little and laughed a lot. Come join us this year and bring a friend or two!

Saturday, November 5th Pampered Chef Party 1-3pm

Do some Christmas shopping and have some fun. (Ladies - you can always give your guy a list and they can see Addrianne or Marcia to get your Christmas present!)

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



Birthdays

5th Mike Johnson
13th Maggy Rich
18th Jamie Popiel
Nicole Stickle
Emily Scibelli
21st Nancy Ervin
29th Reba Cook
Linda Stover

Congratulations!

and many happy returns...

Baptisms

3rd Jane O'Neill
10th Sonja Sherwood
12th Schyler Conway
13th John McDonald
25th Aundrea Seman
27th Ricky Sanek
29th Kevin Splinter
Martha Croll



Anniversaries

7th Ken & Alice Boydell
11th Cory & Addrianne Conway
17th Tim & Marcia Splinter
20th Bill & Kathy Summy

The Bulletin Board

Acolytes Schedule

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

11/13-Eric & Jilly

11/20-Jenna

11/27-Schlyer

12/4-Kevin

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Emily Summy
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Kent State University
Kent OH 44240

Prayer Shawl Ministry

If anyone you know is sick and in need of some comfort, please see a member of the Sit & Stitch Group or Rev. Carol and they will be sure to get you a prayer shawl. These shawls are made with love and prayers and are given with love and concern for whoever receives it.

Members of the group are: Alice Boydell, Judy Canan, Carolyn Englert, Shirley Johnson, Mary Jean McDonald, Bev Lewis-Mercury, and Marsha Snyder.

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.

UTO EVERY DAY

The United Thank Offering ingathering is set for Sunday, November 2nd. This is the day to empty out your blue boxes and bring in your offering envelopes.

United Thank Offering is our daily thanks for the blessings in our everyday lives through prayer and offerings. What daily things are you thankful for? A glorious fall, family, good friends and neighbors, church family, and good health.

Offerings are used as a worldwide effort to meet compelling human needs and to expand the mission and ministry of the church – for men, women and children throughout the world.

Count your blessings! Drop a few coins a day into your Blue Boxes. Combined with many others, we are doing a world of good. Remember the size of your offering is not as important as the practice of thanksgiving.

UTO Chairperson, Alice Boydell

WATER

The following will probably amaze and startle you, or maybe not.

- One glass of water shuts down midnight hunger pangs for almost 100% of the dieters studied in a University study.
- Lack of water is the #1 trigger of daytime fatigue.
- Preliminary research indicated that 8-10 glasses of water a day could significantly ease back and joint pain for up to 80% of those who suffer.
- A mere 2% drop in body water can trigger fuzzy short-term memory, trouble with basic math, and difficulty focusing on the computer screen.
- Drinking 5 glasses of water daily decreases the risk of colon cancer by 45% plus it can slash the risk of breast cancer by 79%, and one is 50% less likely to develop bladder cancer.

Are you drinking the amount of water you should every day? (No kidding, all of the above are true...)

Notes from county clothing

The ECW is again sponsoring a underwear and socks collection for the County Clothing Center. Boxes will be in the Narthex and Parish Hall starting in November. Please bring these items to the church by the second Sunday in December.
Thank you in advance.

Also for the Clothing Center, we 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.

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.*

George Kennedy Allen Bell

October 3

George Bell was born February 4, 1883, on Hayling Island, Hampshire, the eldest child of the vicar of the island and later canon at Norwich Cathedral. He studied theology at Christ Church, Oxford, and Wells Theological College where he was first influenced by ecumenism. Ordained deacon in 1907 and priest the following year, he worked for 3 years as a parish priest in the industrial slums of Leeds where his assignment was to minister to industrial workers, a third of whom were Indians and Africans from the British Empire. During his time there he learned much from the Methodists who were also active in the slums. He saw the Methodist emphasis on the connection between personal creed and social engagement as an example the Church of England should adopt.

In 1910, Bell returned to Oxford to serve as a student minister and academic tutor; however, he remained active in social welfare work, serving as a founder of a cooperative for students and university members and sitting on the board of settlements and worker development. In 1915, George received a special commission for international and inter-denominational relations. He ensured that the Lutheran Indians would be allowed to continue the work in their Indian Missions after the German missionaries there had been jailed. He helped those orphaned by the war and worked with the Swedish Lutheran Archbishop Soderblom for the exchange of prisoners of war. It was through this work that he came to see the internal Protestant divisions as increasingly insignificant.

After the First World War, he became an outstanding initiator and promoter of the new ecumenical movement. At the first postwar meeting of the World Council of Churches in the Netherlands, he encouraged the establishment of a commission for religious and national minorities. From 1925 to 1929, he served as Dean of Canterbury where he initiated the Canterbury Festival of the arts. T.S. Eliot's drama "Murder in the Cathedral" was commissioned by Bell for the festival. In 1929, he was appointed Bishop of Chichester. While in this role, he organized links between his diocese and workers affected by the Great Depression.

However, it was his work in support of the German Confessing Church and the German people (not the Nazi Regime) that occupied his work in the inter-war years and during World War II. The Confessing Church was strongly anti-Nazi (Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a member) and it received international support from the Church of England in 1934. In addition, Bell had a seat in Parliament's House of Lords as Lord Spiritual and used this position to influence public opinion in Britain to support those persecuted by the Nazis. His very public support of Pastor Martin Niemoller, imprisoned in Sachsenhausen and later in Dachau, is credited with saving the pastor from execution. Bell assisted nearly 100 people to emigrate from Germany to Great Britain, most of whom were family members of Christian pastors in the Confessing Church. In addition, he used information from his numerous contacts within the Confessing Church to alert the British people through letters and editorials of the attacks on Jews or Germans with a Jewish parent or grandparent who were Christian by belief and of the presence of concentration camps.

It was his opposition to area bombing (the use of heavy bombing of German cities, many of which had no military or strategic importance—in other words, taking the war to the civilian population), however, for which he is best known—and it possibly cost him selection as Archbishop of Canterbury in 1944. Repeatedly from 1941 until peace in 1945, he used every public medium available to him to call upon the government to stop the practice. He did not have the support of the senior bishops and was harshly criticized on the floor of the House of Lords. His additional request that the government make a clear distinction between "Hitler, Himmler and their accessories" and the German people also brought a rough refusal. After the first unsuccessful attempt on Hitler's life, Bell again tried to bring about a change in government attitudes toward the German Resistance. And when the final failure came on July 20, 1944, Bell harshly criticized the British government for not sending aid, despite the government's full knowledge of the plot.

After the war, Bell continued his support for displaced populations, especially those in Eastern Europe, again to no avail. His work in the 1950s was in opposition to the arms race and he supported any Christian initiatives to that end. He died October 3, 1958.

Prayer: God of peace, you sustained your bishop George Bell with the courage to proclaim your truth and justice in the face of disapproval in his own nation. As he taught that we, along with our enemies, are all children of God, may we stand with Christ in his hour of grieving, that at length we may enter your country where there is no sorrow nor sighing, but fullness of joy in you; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

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| Sun | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat |
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| 2 16 Pentecost •8am HEZ •8:45 Choir •9:45 Ch. Ed. •10am HEZ | 3 | 4 | 5 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door | 6 | 7 | 8 •6:30pm Fellowship & Game Night |
| 9 17 Pentecost •8am HEZ •8:45 Choir •9:45 Ch. Ed. •10am HEZ | 10 | 11 •1-3 Sit & Stitch | 12 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door •7pm Choir Practice | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 18 Pentecost •8am HEZ •8:45 Choir •9:45 Ch. Ed. •10am HEZ | 17 | 18 •7pm Vestry Meeting | 19 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door •7pm Choir Practice | 20 •8am Men's Breakfast | 21 | 22 •6pm Wine Tasting |
| 23 19 Pentecost •8am HEZ •8:45 Choir •9:45 Ch. Ed. •10am HEZ | 24 | 25 •1-3 Sit & Stitch | 26 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door •7pm Choir Practice | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 20 Pentecost •8am HEZ •8:45 Choir •9:45 Ch. Ed. •10am HEZ | 31 | | | | | |

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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