



the Grace TEAM

to each a ministry

January 2018
Gary Coffey

Grace Episcopal Church

871 Merrimon Avenue
Asheville, NC 28804
828-254-1086

grace.church.asheville@gmail.com

Visit us online at

www.graceepiscopalchurch.us &

www.facebook.com/graceasheville

The Grace TEAM

is published monthly.

Deadline for articles is the 15th.

Sunday Worship

7:45 a.m. - Rite I

9:00 a.m. - Family Eucharist

11:15 a.m. - Festival Eucharist

Healing Prayer

Every Sunday at

9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

there is a prayer station available with Lay Healing Prayer Ministers.

Healing Prayer Services

- Healing Prayer Service, Tuesdays (except 1st Tuesday), 6:30 p.m.;

- Eucharist with Generational Healing Service, first Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.;

- Healing Prayer Service and Eucharist; laying on of hands for God's healing, Wednesdays, 12:15 p.m.

Taizé

Third Sunday of each month at 8:00 p.m. there is a Taizé service attended by an ecumenical congregation who enjoy the reflective form of worship using candles, incense, chants, meditative readings and prayers.

Healing Prayer is also offered at the service.

Dear People of Grace,

I hope all of you had a holy Advent and are having a joyful Christmas. The staff and clergy would like to thank all of you for so many kind remembrances at Christmas time.

We are grateful.

We would all like to express our thanks to Beth Stahl who returned to Grace this fall to be our interim choir director. Thank you, Beth! I

am happy to announce to you that Ned Tipton has accepted the position as our new Director of Music at Grace. As you can read about in his biography in this *Team*, Ned brings with him a wealth of musical experience in the Episcopal Church and is excited about working with us here at Grace.

A number of new individuals and families are worshipping with us and we will be busy incorporating them into the life and ministry of Grace. We are delighted that God has brought them our way. Whenever you see someone you do not know, please introduce yourself.

One of the things that I have been thinking about is how passages from Matthew, Mark and Luke are featured in the Sunday Lectionary in Years A, B and C respectively, but we only have passages from John sprinkled about in all three years. For that reason, and because John is so rich theologically and devotionally, I am planning to offer a study of

the Gospel of John during the Adult Sunday School hour. It will begin around the first Sunday of February after we have finished up the study of Jim Wallis' book on racism.

Another important project for the New Year is to continue our firming up of the ministries of Grace. The leaders of the ministries will be asking some of you to serve in their areas of ministry. Others of

you know where you would like to serve and will be contacting the ministry leaders and offering your services.

Remember that one helpful image of the Church is that of a freighter, which is a ship that carries cargo from one place to another. In our case, we are transporting

the good news of God's love as demonstrated in the life, teachings, death and resurrection of Jesus. On a freighter, everyone has his or her job to do and every job is important for the ship to function properly. The same is true with the Church. God has given each of us a job to do in the Church and each job is important. So, as this New Year begins, I encourage you to offer yourself to Christ afresh this year through the ministry of Grace Church. You won't ever be sorry that you did so.

New Year's Blessings and Peace,

Fr. Gary

“God has given each of us a job to do in the Church, and each job is important.”

Events at a Glance

A Quick Review of the Month

Monday Morning Gospel Bible Study

Mondays, 10:30 a.m., PH (resumes January 8)

Early Birds Men's Book Study

Tuesdays, 8:30 a.m., LI

Centering Prayer

Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m., CR

Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing

Wednesdays, 12:15-1:15 p.m., CH

Choir and Bell Rehearsal

Wednesdays: Bells, 6:00 p.m.; Choir, 7:30 p.m.

New Years Day

Monday, January 1, church office closed

Purls of Grace

Saturday, January 6, 10:00 a.m., LI;

Thursday, January 18, 5:00 p.m., LI

Men of the Church

Tuesday, January 9, 6:00 p.m., PH

Healing Prayer Services

Tuesdays, January 9, 16, 23 & 30, 6:30-7:30 p.m., CH

TEAM Meeting

Wednesday, January 10, 10:00 a.m., OF

Order of St. Luke

Thursday, January 11, 6:30-8:30 p.m., PH

Steadfast House Meal

Friday, January 12, 6:00 p.m.

Order of St. Luke Study Group

Saturdays, January 13, 20 & 27, LI

Pub Sing

Sunday, January 14, snacks at 5:30 p.m.; singing at 6:00 p.m.

Taizé Worship Service

Sunday, January 21, 8:00-9:00 p.m., CH

Vestry Meeting

Monday, January 22, 5:30 p.m., LI

Fourth Sunday Brunch

Sunday, January 28, 10:00 a.m., PH (details on p. 3)

Centering Prayer meets Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in the downstairs conference room. All are welcome.

The **Early Birds Men's Group** is a small group of men that has met in the library on Tuesdays for the past seven years, 8:30-10:00 a.m., to discuss a chosen book. All men of the church are welcome and are encouraged to bring friends who are not congregants. More people make for lively and thought-provoking discussions. We hope you will join us in January. Questions? Call Bill Spencer at 299-3566.

The January meeting of **Men of the Church** is January 9, 6:00 p.m., in the parish hall. This is a special combined dinner meeting with Bill Spencer's Early Birds group, and Eva Andres-Hsu will be cooking. The cost is \$15, and a sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. All men of the church are welcome.

Monday Morning Gospel Bible Study will resume meetings on Monday, January 8, at 10:30 a.m. in the parish hall. Facilitated by Fr. Bob, it is a study of the Gospel for the following Sunday. All are welcome.

The Mountain Chapter of the **Order of St. Luke** will meet on Thursday, January 11, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Our DVD and discussion will focus on "How the Holy Spirit Helps Us When We Need It Most." All are welcome. One does not have to be an OSL member to attend. We will not meet if the Asheville City Schools are closed that day or will close early due to inclement weather.

The **Order of St. Luke** is also sponsoring a study group of *The Healing Ministry of Jesus*. For those who want to grow in Jesus' ministry of healing, completion of the study prepares one for full membership in The Order of St. Luke. The cost for the course is \$45, which covers the cost of a workbook and a year membership. The group will meet for three Saturdays: January 13, 20, and 27, 9:00 a.m. to mid-afternoon. Meetings will be held in the Edwards Library. Jeanne Robertson will facilitate. For more information or to sign up for the course, please contact her at 828-683-7701 or jerobertson38@me.com

PubSing is an informal gathering on the second Sunday evening of each month to sing hymns, old-time Gospel, and Americana inspirational music. We will meet this month on Sunday, January 14, at the French Broad Brewery, 101 Fairview Road. You may bring a snack at 5:30 p.m.; singing is 6:00-8:00. For more information, contact Monty Wooten at montywooten@bellsouth.net or 828-254-1114. Get directions at frenchbroadbrewery.com/directions/.



Parish News, Updates and Reminders

FIFTH SUNDAY BRUNCH ON THE FOURTH SUNDAY! Join us in the parish hall for a Fifth Sunday Brunch on a Fourth Sunday! True, that's a little strange, but we had to delay the brunch originally scheduled for the fifth Sunday in December (which was New Year's Eve), and now we want to make it up.

So, on Sunday, January 28, we'll have our delayed Fifth Sunday brunch at 10:00 a.m., between the 9:00 and 11:15 services. Bring your breakfast casseroles, fruit or sweet breads and join us for a special Fourth Sunday Brunch to help brighten January and get to know our fellow parishioners. See Sally Withers (712-1955) for details.



THE MARDI GRAS TALENT SHOW IS BACK!

And the talent search is on! Do you have a talent or gift you would like to share with the Grace Church family? Are you a singer, a musician, a dancer, a comedienne? Don't be shy. We want YOU for the Second Annual Mardi Gras Talent Show and Potluck on Friday, February 9, 5:30 p.m. in the parish hall. A sign up sheet is posted in the foyer, so don't wait. Get your act on the list and start rehearsing. If you have questions, contact Sally Withers at 712-1955.

THE BATTERY BUCKETS. You may have noticed two white buckets on the coffee table in the foyer. They are for recycling used batteries – one for rechargeables and the other for non-rechargeables. When the buckets are full, or once a month, depending on quantities, the batteries will be taken to a retailer that accepts all types of used batteries for recycling.

A REFLECTION FROM THE CHILDREN'S SABBATH. During the children's service in October, I talked to them about the image of God. We first read Genesis 1:27 "God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him, male and female He created them." We talked about coins and the images of people that were on them. We talked about stamps and how God has stamped His image on all of us. We then took a picture of all of us together and realized, though we look different, we are all in the image of God.

Moira Stewart spoke during the Children's Sabbath this past October. Thank you for sharing this with us, Moira.



GREAT STEWARDSHIP NEWS! We are grateful to report the following year-end totals:

Pledging Units: 115

Total Amount Pledged: \$334,125

Thank you, Grace Family, for your generosity and support of the ministries at Grace.

Introducing Our New Music Director!

Edward J. “Ned” Tipton was born and raised in Asheville, and is the son of John L. and Carolyn Byrd Tipton, and the brother of Patsy Tipton and Susan Tipton Austin. He began his musical studies at the age of four (with his mother, also a pianist), and gave his first recital at the age of six (as a student of Louise Godfrey Ogle). He soon took up the violin (as a student of Mary Cheek), organ (with Dr. Marilyn Keiser and Dr. William Dan Hardin), trumpet, oboe, and flute (as a student in the Asheville City school system). His first post as church organist was at the age of fourteen, at the French Broad United Methodist Church (now a recording studio!), and at the age of 16, at Church of the Redeemer, Woodfin. After his graduation from Asheville High School, he attended the Oberlin College Conservatory of Music, Oberlin, Ohio, where he received his BM in Piano and his MM in Choral Conducting. As a winner of a Rotary International Foundation Scholarship for the school year 1979-1980, he continued his piano studies at the *Ecole Normale de Musique*, Paris. His studies of the organ works of Maurice Duruflé were with the wife of the composer, Marie-Madeline Duruflé-Chevalier.

After his studies at Oberlin he was appointed Organist-Choirmaster at St. Mark’s Episcopal in Dalton, GA, then The Church of Our Saviour, Atlanta. A resident of Atlanta from 1986 until late 1989, he was Assistant Administrator and Interim Director of the Robert Shaw Institute at Emory University, and rehearsal assistant for and a member of the Atlanta Symphony Chorus and Chamber Chorus. From 1989 until 2010 he served as Canon for Music and Organist-Choirmaster of the American Cathedral in Paris. He was Artistic Director of Les Arts George V, the American Cathedral’s not-for-profit arts association which organized over 70 artistic events each year. In 1994 he co-founded the Paris Choral Society, and under his 16-year tenure as Music Director and Conductor the “PCS” performed an impressive number of the major works for symphonic chorus and orchestra (among which were the Beethoven *Missa Solemnis* and *Ninth Symphony*, the Verdi *Requiem*, and the complete choral works of Maurice Duruflé during the centenary year of the composer’s birth, 2002.). He served as adjunct professor of music history for the year-abroad program of Trinity College, Hartford. He served as Minister of Music, then later Canon for Music Ministry and Cathedral Arts, at St. John’s Cathedral, Los Angeles, from 2010 until July of 2017. He remains a permanent member of the International Steering Committee of the Association Maurice et Marie-Madeleine Duruflé.

Tipton maintains an active international career as an organist, played recitals throughout Europe (including *Notre Dame-de-Paris* and Westminster Cathedral, London) and the United States. He was a featured recitalist of the 2009 conference of the Association of Anglican Musicians in Los Angeles. He has served the American Guild of Organists as a member of the Program Committee, a Member-at-large, Sub-Dean, then Dean of the second largest chapter in the United States, the Los Angeles chapter.

In 1999, he received the “Bishop’s Award” for service to the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe, and he was awarded the status of Honorary Canon of the Cathedral Center of the Diocese of Los Angeles in 2015.



“Asheville has always been a fascinating place to live, but what’s happened to it lately is nothing short of extraordinary. I am thrilled to be back, will be honored to serve as your Director of Music. I look forward to a creative ministry with Fr. Gary, the staff, the choirs ... but most especially, to meeting you all!”

Welcome, Ned! All of us here at Grace Church are delighted and honored to have you with us as our new Director of Music. And Beth Stahl, no words can express how grateful we are for your willingness to come back and serve as our interim during this search. You are so dear to us. We thank God for you and your many gifts.

Grace Ministries in Action

"Grace Ministries in Action" spotlights reports from our ministry leaders, keeping us informed about the ministries, their programs, and ways in which each of us can get involved. The ministry leaders listed here would love to hear from you.

MINISTRY LEADERS

ADULT FORMATION: Greg Townsend,
gwtownsend@outlook.com

ALTAR GUILD:

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:

CHILD FORMATION: Mark Silvers,
mhswjak@hotmail.com

CHOIR: Rusty McCredie,
rebscape@att.net

COMMUNICATIONS: Eric Howell,
eric_howell@att.net

ENDOWMENT: Mike Nery,
mnery.nam@att.net

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW):
Maria Mason,

mariamaso@gmail.com

FELLOWSHIP: Sally Withers,
sallywithers@gmail.com

FINANCE: Oscar Starnes,
oscar.starnes@wellsfargoadvisors.com; Joe
Aull, jaull@charter.net

FLOWER GUILD: Mary Israel,
tobarranged@bellsouth.net

HEALING MINISTRY: Jeanne Robertson,
j Robertson38@me.com

MEN OF THE CHURCH: Jim Compton,
j.t.compton@gmail.com

NEWCOMERS: Ray Kuykendall,
brk1442@gmail.com

OFFICE MINISTRY: Valeria Heavens,
grace.church.asheville@gmail.com

OUTREACH: Cheryl Deyton,
cheryldeyton@bellsouth.net

PASTORAL CARE: Kathleen Griffin,
gkcggriffin7@att.net

PUBSING: Monty Wooten,
montywooten@bellsouth.net

STEWARDSHIP: Kimberly Kneier,
kkneier@yahoo.com

TAIZÉ: James Cannon,
imjcannon@frontier.com

YOUTH FORMATION: Elaine Potter,
elaine@graylineasheville.com

WEDDING MINISTRY: Elaine Potter,
elaine@graylineasheville.com; Cheri
Potter, Cheripotter82@gmail.com

WORSHIP: Gary Coffey,
garycoffey77@gmail.com

Adult Formation

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL. Since this past September, we have been discussing the question of how we should bring God's love to our multicultural society. Our discussion of Jim Wallis' *American Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege, and the Bridge to a New America* has challenged us to be **Matthew 25 Christians**: "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Come join us in the parish hall between the 9:00 and 11:15 services as we continue this engaging and rewarding conversation.

Fellowship

FOR YOUR CALENDAR! Don't forget to make plans for the upcoming Fifth Sunday Brunch and the Mardi Gras Talent Show! Details for both events on page 3.

Flower Guild

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS. A list of thanksgivings and memorials for Christmas greenery and flowers is on page 8.

Office Ministry

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR OFFICE VOLUNTEERS! Several people help out in the office. Please join me in thanking them. Charlotte Chiott creates our Sunday bulletins, Eva Dupree reviews and edits them, and Chal Vaughn prints and prepares them for Sunday Service. Nancy Remmers keeps our membership rosters and writes memorial thank you notes. Kim Hayes is our TEAM designer and editor, and Joe Aull, our treasurer also helps with researching and implementing IT needs. All of these are huge commitments and everyone also does so much more. Deb Pegal, Carol Hudson and many others have also helped out. If you'd like to be on my list of people to call for special projects, please let me know. -Valerie

Outreach

OUR FINAL ABCCM FOOD DRIVE OF THE YEAR. Thank you to everyone who brought food for our final ABCCM food drive of the year. We were able to deliver thirty-two bags of groceries.

ANGEL TREE UPDATE: A NOTE FROM CHERYL DEYTON. Thank you so much for your outstanding response to the Foster Care Angel Tree! This year, we provided for sixty children who are currently removed from their home of origin and living in foster care or kinship care (when a child is legally removed from their home, but placed with an extended family member who has volunteered to care for them). Because state supported foster care typically provides families a minimal stipend that meets only basic needs, the gifts we provide support both the child *and* the family they are living with. How wonderful it is that we can enrich the Christmas of a child living outside of their family! Your gifts were amazing and generous. Thanks to each of you who participated by donating money for shopping, working with someone else to provide gifts, encouraging your friends or social groups to participate, or by sponsoring a child or children. As a former foster parent, I know how enthusiastic and heart-warming this parish has always been. This program is truly meeting needs and touching hearts.

I would also like to thank Mr. Carl Hill, who donated the Christmas tree, and Pat and Merritt Lapiers, who provided the names and distributed the presents. This project also receives support from the Outreach Committee and the Grace Church staff, especially David Gentry. Many thanks, and may the joy of the season be with you all!

January 2018 Ministry Schedule

Date	Service Time	Acolyte C	Acolyte G	Acolyte E	Lector, Intercessor & Presenters	Healing Team	Ushers	Chalicians	Coffee Hour	Scripture	Lesson
January 7											
	7:45						Steve Jones	James Cannon			
	9:00	Maya Bell	Aleena Bennett	Louise Wernicke	L, I, P - Vicki Vest Greg Townsend Townsend Family	Louise Wernicke Patricia Hargrove	Will Israel Tom Barr	1. Cuyler Dupree 2. John Woodson	Elaine Dephousse	Isaiah 60:1-6	1st Lesson 9:00 A.M.
	11:15	Jonah Silvers	Olivia Nery	Grace Miller	L, I, P - Rusty McCredie Nancy Remmers	Pat Davis Karen Compton	Elaine Potter Rusty Herman	1. Bill Warren 2. Steve Parker	Volunteer	Ephesians 3:1-12	2nd Lesson
January 14											
	7:45						Johnny Robinson	Susan Robinson			
	9:00	Zoe Davis	Lauren Kuykendall	Moir Stewart	L, I, P - John Woodson Beth Woodson	Allyn and Joan Aldrich	Paul and Vicki Vest	1. Greg Townsend 2. Debbie Jones	Cuyler Dupree	I Samuel 3:1-10	1st Lesson 9:00 A.M.
	11:15	Rusty McCredie	Sally Withers	Ellie Silvers	L, I, P - Maria Mason Jenny Thomas	Marzy Israel Corinne Spencer	Larry and Lu-Ann Harris	1. Cliff Albertson 2. Mark Silvers	Pat Stafford	I Corinthians 6:12-20	2nd Lesson
January 21											
	7:45						Ed Duncan	Margaret Dahm			
	9:00	Carsten Path	Tessa Path	Daphne Urquhart	L, I, P - Hugh Vaughn Barbara Wilcox	Pat Davis Jane Whitman	Mickey and Tricia Trinite	1. Nancy Walters 2. Carol Booth	Paul Vest	Jonah 3:1-5, 10	1st Lesson 9:00 A.M.
	11:15	Mark Silvers	Sally Withers	Eric Howell	L, I, P - Kristen Dusenbery Maria Mason	Sonny Rawls Karen Compton	Ed Woeckener Bob Turner	1. Sally Withers 2. Sally Coburn	Georgi Bruce	I Corinthians 7:29-31	2nd Lesson
	Taizé 8:00 PM				L - James Cannon L - Monty Wooten						
January 28											
	7:45						Steve Jones	Jack Frue			
	9:00	Laura Ellington	alternate	Lisle Ellington	L, I, P - Nancy Walters Jenny Knapp Knapp Family	Jeanne Robertson Shari Lane	Derek and Wade Edwards	1. Cuyler Dupree 2. Ann Robinson	Micki Newton	Deuteronomy 18:15-20	1st Lesson 9:00 A.M.
	11:15	Cheryl Aull	Olivia Nery	Grace Miller	L, I, P - Jenny Thomas Nancy Remmers	Marzy Israel Sonny Rawls	Elaine Potter Ed Woeckener	1. Elaine Potter 2. Carol McMichael	Mary Ann Warren	I Corinthians 8:1-13	2nd Lesson
Alter Guild											
Date	Counters	Depositors	Date	Flower Arrangers	Alter Guild						
7-Jan	Steve Birkhofer	James Cannon	7-Jan	Jones	Group 1 - January 6 - January 12						
14-Jan	Martha Boyette	Judy Bohan	14-Jan	Dawson	Group 2 - January 13 - January 19						
21-Jan	Sally Withers	Chal & Hugh Vaughn	21-Jan	Dawson	Group 3 - January 20 - January 26						
28-Jan	Georgi Bruce	Anne Simmons	28-Jan	Newton	Group 4 - January 27 - February 2						

We publish the Parish Prayer List each month so you may include those listed in your daily prayers. To help you identify and/or contact the people for whom you are praying, we have included the last names of people with their permission.

For Parishioners: Chris Carson (son of Martha & Randy); Arnold & Nancy Clark; Nathan Crownover (son of Bill & Barbara Crownover); Ed Denison; Eunice Ferguson; Mary Hayes; Mary Israel; Wendy Kuykendall; Joyce Noble; Oxford family; Nancy Porter; Sonny Rawls; John Rigsby; Ray Robertson; Betty (mother of Beth Stahl); Laura & Tsz-yan Snyder; Rita Spragg; Paul, Angela, Harrison & Forrest Taylor.

For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities: Jo Brokenshire; Henny Caldwell; Mary Hayes (mother of Rick Hayes); Lou (mother of Kim Hayes); Straudia & Mel Luedtke; Marion Mayfield Johnson; Mary Ida Sprague; Laura Stephens.

For Others (names to stay on the list for four weeks; call the church office to keep names on the list for a longer time): Michael & Da-ae Aull (son & daughter-in-law of Joe and Cheryl Aull); Kim Bailey; Chris Boehme (son-in-law of Mary Alice Nard); Deane Boggs (sister of Joyce Noble); Sullivan Bull (friend of Ron & Jeanne Sims); Rocky Cunningham; Keith Enloe (friend of Mary Israel); Kacie Epley (cousin of Vicki & Paul Vest); Al Fadel (friend of Nancy & Arnold Clark); Patricia Ford; Alex Freeman (son-in-law of Rusty Herman); Christine Gum (friend of Kathleen Griffin); Danny Hall (brother-in-law of David Gentry); Priscilla Hickey (sister-in-law of Barbara Wilcox); Kathleen & Michael Johnson (friends of Barbara Wilcox); Jeff Johnston (cousin of Eva Dupree); Fred & Jean Macon (friends of Don Wills); Jim Monroe (friend of Jeannette & Bob Reese); Allie Pannell (niece of Ron & Jeanne Sims); Janice Ribet (former parishioner); Sharp family (friends of Kathleen Griffin); Storksen family (friends of Barbara Wilcox); Marcus Trinite (son of Mickey & Tricia Trinite); Janet Waters (daughter of Cal & Nancy Remmers); Lara Weaver (daughter of Jackie Schauer); Wayne Wills (brother of Don Wills); Elizabeth; Hendrik (friend of Barbara Wilcox); June (friend of Barbara Wilcox); Pam (friend of Cheryl Aull); Steve, Sue; Susan.

Prayers of Thanksgiving: Joanne Giezentanner Greene; Mark Silvers.

For Those Who Have Died and Their Families: Liv Baldwin (friends of Vicki Vest); Peg Carey.

For Those in the Episcopal Church: Michael (our presiding Bishop); José, Porter and Robert (our Bishops); the clergy, vestry, staff, ministries and people of this parish; Church of the Advocate.

For Those in Service to Our Country: Tommy & Danny Brown (grandsons of Ed & Marla Woeckener); Dave Ely (son of David Ely); Matthew George (son of Zoe Davis); Austin Harrison (nephew of Bill & Glenda Sanderson); Spencer & Erica High; Jason Marino (son of Lynda McCredie); Daniel Schultz (son of Judy Rhodes); Caitlin Vest (niece of Vicki & Paul Vest).

For our President Donald Trump, his Cabinet, Congress and our country; for victims of violence across the world; for local agencies & those who work for relief of the poor; for better stewardship of water; for resolution of crises throughout our world.

The Bulletin and TEAM prayer list is one of many prayer lists at Grace. Please get permission from anyone you would like to add to the list and contact Kathleen Griffin at (828-337-8241) or gkcgiffin7@gmail.com or the office at grace.church.asheville@gmail.com.

January Anniversaries

Margaret and Andrew Dahm	5
Robert and Maggie Green	10
Walt and Joyce Noble	14
Daniel Trant and Katie Chimenti	18
Keith and Tricia Hargrove	20
Joseph and Valerie Heavens	22
Ron and Jeanne Sims	27
Ben and Peggy Grimes	31
Ed and Marla Woeckener	31

January Birthdays

1 Mike Bohan	19 Bonnie Burhans
1 Rick Hayes	20 Brady Blackburn
4 Matthew George	20 Alexander Sanderson
4 Sarah Wilkey	22 Gavin Knapp
5 Annie Dephouse	23 Judy Bohan
5 Wade Edwards	23 Pete Kuehne
5 Lilly Elder	23 Cade Wooten
10 Buddy Greenwood	25 Cheryl Deyton
10 Adam Southwell	25 Ray Kuykendall
10 Moira Stewart	27 Laura Ellington
10 Lindsey Kate Wrenn	27 Emma Hall
11 Greg Plank	27 Kim Hayes
13 Arlo Elder	28 James Raines
13 Tsz-yan Snyder	29 Kathleen Griffin
15 Jennifer Thomas	29 Susan Robinson
15 Blakely Marla Whitner	31 Billy Gray
17 Elly Withers	31 Jim Siemens
18 Katherine Hudson	

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family, loved ones and friends of Liv Baldwin and Peg Carey.

Special Gifts

The Aumbry Candle is given to the Glory of God by Georgi Bruce and David and Sally Withers in memory of Mary and George Royer and Stella and William Bruce.

The flowers are given to the Glory of God
 - by Randy and Martha Carson in honor of their parents;
 - anonymously in appreciation for the Flower Guild;
 - by the Herman family in memory of Oz and Jo Herman;
 - by Deb Pegal in memory of her husband Louis.



Christmas Greenery

Thank you to all who contributed to the beauty of our church during the Christmas season:

The Shaw Family in memory of Martin and Mary Leigh Shaw;

Hugh and Chal Vaughn in thanksgiving for family;

Bill Coward in memory of Sherry Coward and our parents;

Rusty and Lynda McCredie in memory of parents: Claude and Caryl McCredie and Elmo and Blanch Ghormley, and in thanksgiving for children, grandchildren and great-grands;

Jennifer Thomas in thanksgiving for Janet Thomas;

James G. Cannon in thanksgiving for AnnaLee and Michael Peters;

Tricia Trinite in thanksgiving for Marcus and Mickey Trinite's healing;

George and Pat Davis in memory of Mike and Kelli and in thanksgiving for family and friends;

Don Wills in memory of Sam Byrn III, the Wills, Clark, Griswold Hooper families, my boys; in thanksgiving for Bradlee and our clergy;

Jack and Mary Jane Westall in memory of loved ones.

Pledge Shortfall Contributes to Deficit

Statement of Activities - Grace Church

Year to Date - November 2017

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Income:			
Pledges	308,029	314,456	(6,428)
Prior Year Pledges	4,543	7,269	(2,726)
Non-pledged Offerings	31,441	42,303	(10,862)
Open Offering	9,254	11,758	(2,504)
Interest	58	37	22
Misc.	12,841	13,706	(865)
Total Income:	366,165	389,528	(23,363)
Expenses:			
Outreach/ Mission	45,818	44,946	872
Parish Programs	10,792	12,667	(1,876)
Operations	61,384	63,925	(2,541)
Personnel	267,421	267,990	(569)
Total Expenses:	385,415	389,528	(4,113)
Income Less Expenses:	(19,250)	0	(19,250)

Pledge receipts through the end of November totaled \$308,029 compared to projected pledges of \$314,456. Considering all income sources, income received for the year totaled \$366,165 while we projected income to be \$389,528. We ended the month with a negative income variance of \$23,363.

The negative income variance was reduced by expenses less than budgeted amounts by \$4,113. When these savings were applied to the negative income variance of \$23,363 our income less expenses resulted in a deficit of \$19,249 at the end of November.

We continue to encourage prayer and attention to our stewardship efforts.

Your Vestry

Angels in Bullet-Proof Vests

Carol McMichael

Recently, I had to have my "gentle Giant," Chrissie, an Akita, put down. She was very old, had stopped eating, and was unable to walk. I could not lift her on my own. I went to the Buncombe Sheriff's web page and discovered that, under certain circumstances, they would dispatch Animal Control and take the dog to be put down.

The woman I spoke to was very understanding. I was crying my eyes out. "Ma'am, I have five dogs and I'd be crying too. Don't you apologize," she said to me. The Angel that came to the house was in full gear, bullet proof vest, side arm, radio...the whole nine yards. I took him to Chrissie and he asked me if she was friendly. I said she was, and the next thing I know he is lying on the floor face-to-face with her; stroking her muzzle, patting her head and telling her what a good girl she is.

After some conversation (and crying) the two of

us got her outside. The Deputy told me he could not put her in the cage. He said, "I'm going to let her ride up front with me. He put out a soft blanket and up front she rode!

About forty minutes later, he called to let me know she had been put down. He asked if I wanted her ashes. He also said, "Ma'am, just to let you know, I laid down next to her until she passed so she wouldn't be alone."

So, the next time you see a Police Officer or a Deputy Sheriff, take a quick peek and see if their wings are showing.

