



the Grace TEAM

to each a ministry

February 2018
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The Grace TEAM
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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.

Parson to Person

Dear People of Grace,

February 14 is Ash Wednesday and begins another forty day Lenten Season (excluding Sundays, which are always feast days in The Episcopal Church). I thought it might be helpful to think with you about possibilities for our Lenten pilgrimage together this year. The idea for Lent is to do something intentionally during this season of self-examination and prayer to draw closer to our Lord Jesus as we prepare for the celebration of His Resurrection on April 1.

The first thing that comes to mind is based on some research that has been out there for several years. Doing something consistently for thirty days or so is necessary to ingrain a habit into our lives. If that is so, then the Lenten season is an excellent opportunity to establish an ongoing holy habit that will become a part of our lives for days and years to come.

That raises the question, "Is there anything in your spiritual life that you wish were a holy habit?" An example might be reading *Forward Day by Day*, the daily devotional available through The Episcopal Church, every day. Copies are available at church, or a more convenient way that I use is an app on my cell phone.

There could be any number of holy habits one could choose to in-

grain as a part of our lives during this forty days: a regular prayer or meditation time, reading a chapter of Holy Scripture every day, beginning the "reading the Bible in a year" program, praying Morning Prayer or Evening Prayer or Compline every day. What is the one habit you would like to establish to draw yourself closer to Jesus during these next forty days? With His

help, you can do it.

Other ideas for this Lenten Season are signing on with the Bible Study of the Gospel of John during Adult Sunday School beginning the first Sunday of this month, February 4, 10:00 a.m. in the parish hall. Or attend the Confirmation/Inquirers classes on Tuesday evenings beginning February 13, the day before Ash

Wednesday, at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall. These classes are an examination of the Episcopal practice of the Christian faith that Fr. Bob and I will co-lead.

Whatever you choose to do for Lent, as I have always said, make sure that it is something that will draw you closer to our Lord Jesus during these forty days. As always, I am available to you to chat about what that might be for you.

God's Peace and Blessing,

Fr. Gary Coffey

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Events at a Glance

A Quick Review of the Month

Monday Morning Gospel Bible Study

Mondays, 10:30 a.m., PH

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 Rm.

Choir, 7:15-8:45 p.m., PH

Adult Sunday School: The Gospel of John

Begins February 4, 10:00 a.m., PH

Generational Healing Eucharist

Tuesday, February 6, 6:30 p.m., CH

Order of St. Luke

Thursday, February 8, 6:30 p.m., PH

Mardi Gras Talent Show and Potluck

Friday, February 9, 5:30 p.m., PH

Steadfast House Meal

Friday, February 9, 6:00 p.m.

Confirmation/Inquirers Classes

Youth classes begin Sunday, February 11, 4 p.m., LI

Adult classes begin Tuesday, February 13, 6:30 p.m., PH

Pub Sing

Sunday, February 11, snacks at 5:30 p.m.; singing at 6:00 p.m.

Men of the Church

Tuesday, February 13

Healing Prayer Services

Tuesdays, February 13, 20 & 27, 6:30-7:30 p.m., CH

TEAM Meeting

Wednesday, February 14, 10:00 a.m., OF

Ash Wednesday Services

Wednesday, February 14, 12 noon & 6:00 p.m., CH

Purls of Grace

Thursday, February 15, 5:00 p.m., LI

Taizé Worship Service

Sunday, February 18, 8:00-9:00 p.m., CH

Vestry Meeting

Monday, February 19, 5:30 p.m., LI

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 February. Questions? Call Bill Spencer at 299-3566.

The next meeting of **Men of the Church** is February 13, 6:00 p.m., at the home of Ron Sims, 2 Kimberly Knoll Road, Asheville 28804. 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 is 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, February 8, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the parish hall. We begin a new program series, "Partnering with Jesus in Healing." The Rev. John Rice will lead us in a discussion and prayer experience of "Praying with Power and Authority." 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.

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, February 11, 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/.

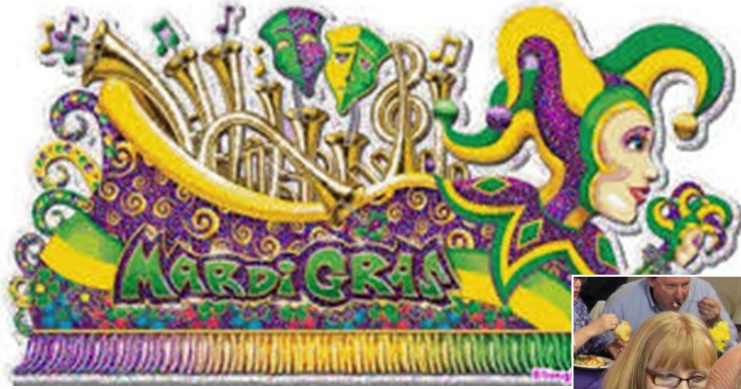


**ASH
WEDNESDAY**

February 14

Services at 12:00 noon and 6:00 p.m.

Parish News, Updates and Reminders



THE MARDI GRAS TALENT SHOW, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9! Mardi Gras, talent show, jambalaya, potluck, Pub Sing Band; it's hard to find one word to describe Mardi Gras at Grace! Join us for a night of music, fellowship and delicious food on Friday, February 9 from 5:30 - 7:30. Your fellow parishioners will amaze you with their talents, our Pub Sing Band promises to add Cajun-themed music, and our wonderful cooks are ready to make some authentic jambalaya. Bring a side dish to share, BYOB, and be prepared to have a wonderful time celebrating the end of Epiphany with Grace!



CONFIRMATION/INQUIRERS CLASSES BEGIN FEBRUARY 11! Our bishop, The Right Reverend José McLoughlin, is going to be with us on Palm Sunday, March 25, for his parish visitation and to confirm new members. Prior to his visit, we will have two classes that will run for six weeks, one for young people age twelve and older, and one for adults. The classes for young people will begin on Sunday, February 11, and will meet from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Edwards Library. Classes for adults will meet on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the parish hall, beginning February 13. Fr. Gary is planning to teach the young people's class and share the teaching of the adult class with Fr. Bob. The classes will coincide with Lent, and the Tuesday evening Adult Class will double as a Lenten study/discipline for anyone who is interested. It is always helpful to have seasoned Episcopalians in Confirmation/Inquirers classes to offer their perspectives.

SING WITH THE GRACE CHOIR! Come join this talented and enthusiastic group, so very important to our worship. We need singers for all sections with some sight-reading skills, good intonation, as well as dedication and good humor. Contact our new Director of Music, Ned Tipton, ned.graceasheville@gmail.com.

Choir Rehearsal is from 7:15 to 8:45 p.m. in the Parish Hall on Wednesday evenings and at 10:15 a.m. on Sundays. Bells practice Wednesdays, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Choir room.



THANK YOU, BETH. Your willingness to step in and guide our Grace choir during the interim as we searched for a new music director was so appreciated. Your skills, your beautiful voice and your creativity were, and continue to be, a blessing to this parish.

So, although we've said it so often before, please let us once more say "Thank you, Beth!"

< A photo of Beth's last Sunday as our interim Music Director.

Lent Things You May Not Have Known

Why do Episcopalians observe Lent? Lent is a solemn observance in the liturgical year of many Christian denominations, including the Episcopal Church. Probably originating in the fourth century of the Church, it is one of the oldest observances in the Christian calendar. Its traditional purpose was the preparation of catechumens through prayer, penance, repentance, almsgiving and self-denial for baptism and acceptance into the Church. Today, often through a variety of Lenten disciplines, Christians continue to use the period of time leading up to Easter for introspection, self-examination, repentance and good works.

What does the word “Lent” mean? The word “Lent” is derived from the Anglo-Saxon words “lencten” meaning “spring” and “lenctentid,” which means both “Springtide” and “March.”

Why do some traditions refer to Lent as the Bright Sadness? Because Lent is observed as a season of sorrowful reflection, it is called in Eastern Orthodox traditions the season of Bright Sadness.

When does Lent occur? In most western traditions, Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and concludes either on Maundy Thursday morning or on Easter Eve. At Grace, Lent is observed from Ash Wednesday (February 14) until sundown on Holy Saturday (March 31). Sundays are not counted in the forty days of Lent.

What is the significance of keeping the Lenten fast for forty days? The number forty is connected with many biblical events: forty days and forty nights of rain in the story of Noah and the ark; the forty days and forty nights Moses spent on Mount Sinai receiving the Ten Commandments; the forty years the Israelites spent in the desert. The number is particularly significant for Christians during Lent because it is a time of spiritual preparation mirroring the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness preparing for His ministry.

What is carnival? More than just a big indulgent party in places like New Orleans or Rio de Janeiro, carnival is the three-day period preceding the beginning of Lent — the Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday immediately before Ash Wednesday (some traditions consider carnival to be the entire period of time between Epiphany and Ash Wednesday). The word “carnival” is derived from the Latin phrase “carne vale” which means “farewell to meat.”

What is Clean Monday? Also known as Ash Monday, Clean Monday is the first day of Lent in the Eastern Orthodox Christian tradition. Clean Monday refers to the leaving behind of sinful attitudes and it is often commemorated by giving one’s house a thorough cleaning. Kite-flying is another widespread custom for Clean Monday.

What does “Mardi Gras” mean? “Mardi Gras” is French for “Fat Tuesday.” It was traditionally the day when people emptied their pantries of food items restricted during Lent. Today the phrase is often used to refer to the entire three-day period prior to the beginning of Lent. In some parts of the Christian world, the commonly-used term for the Tuesday before Lent is Shrove Tuesday. To “shrive” means to present oneself for confession, penance and absolution.

Why eat pancakes on Fat Tuesday? Pancakes are made using fat, milk and eggs, foods that were traditionally restricted during Lent. Thrifty homemakers would make pancakes on Fat Tuesday to empty their pantries of those items. The day is also called Pancake Tuesday.

Where do the ashes for Ash Wednesday come from? The ashes for Ash Wednesday are typically gathered from the burning of palm fronds from the previous year’s Palm Sunday.

Why make pretzels in Lent? Around the year 610 (supposedly in preparation for Lent) a monk was using unleavened bread to make a treat for children who had learned to recite their prayers. Christians in those days prayed by folding their hands across their chests with each hand touching the opposite shoulder. The clever monk twisted strips of dough to look like hands folded in prayer. He gave his creation the name “pretiola,” Latin for “little reward.”

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.

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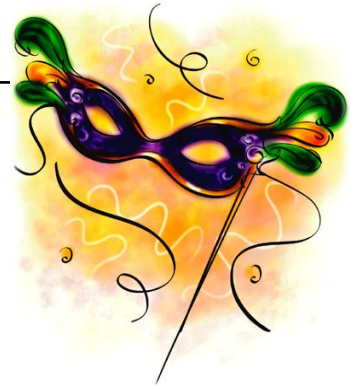
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Adult Formation

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL. Through our lectionary cycle, we read each of the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) once every three years in our corporate worship. But what about John? Unique in tone and structure, John presents us with a different perspective. Join us for Adult Sunday School starting February 4 for a study of the Gospel of John. Fr. Gary and Greg Townsend will lead this class, which will meet in the parish hall.

Fellowship

MARDI GRAS TIME! Friday, February 9 at 5:30 p.m. Do you have a talent or gift you would like to share with the church? Are you a singer, musician or performer? We want YOU for the Second Annual Mardi Gras Talent Show and Potluck. There's still time to sign up in the foyer or contact Sally Withers at 712-1955 for more information. Read more on page 3.



Outreach

A NOTE FROM CHERYL DEYTON. Outreach at Grace is striving to be a vibrant ministry. We have many different programs that provide parishioners with various opportunities. One of the largest ongoing programs is the Backpacker Program, which provides supplemental food for needy students at Jones Elementary. Extra volunteers are needed to keep the program running smoothly. Other areas of Outreach include providing services and food for ABCCM (food drives and Steadfast House meals), coat collection, foster care support, and other programs. I will soon be sharing an estimate of the calculated value of these programs, both "in kind" and monetary contributions so that the people of Grace can see their broad and varied impact. Please do not hesitate to contact me with ideas or to get information about opportunities. If you have an interest in volunteering or contributing, please contact me at 828-337-9065.

OUR NEXT ABCCM FOOD DRIVE. Thank you to everyone who brings food for our quarterly ABCCM food drives. We really do make a difference for their food pantry and the meals they serve to those in need. Our next food drive will begin when bags are put in the pews Sunday, March 4. The deadline for bringing food back to church is Sunday, March 11. If you would like to shop early, our grocery list this quarter is canned fruit, canned tuna and spaghetti sauce.

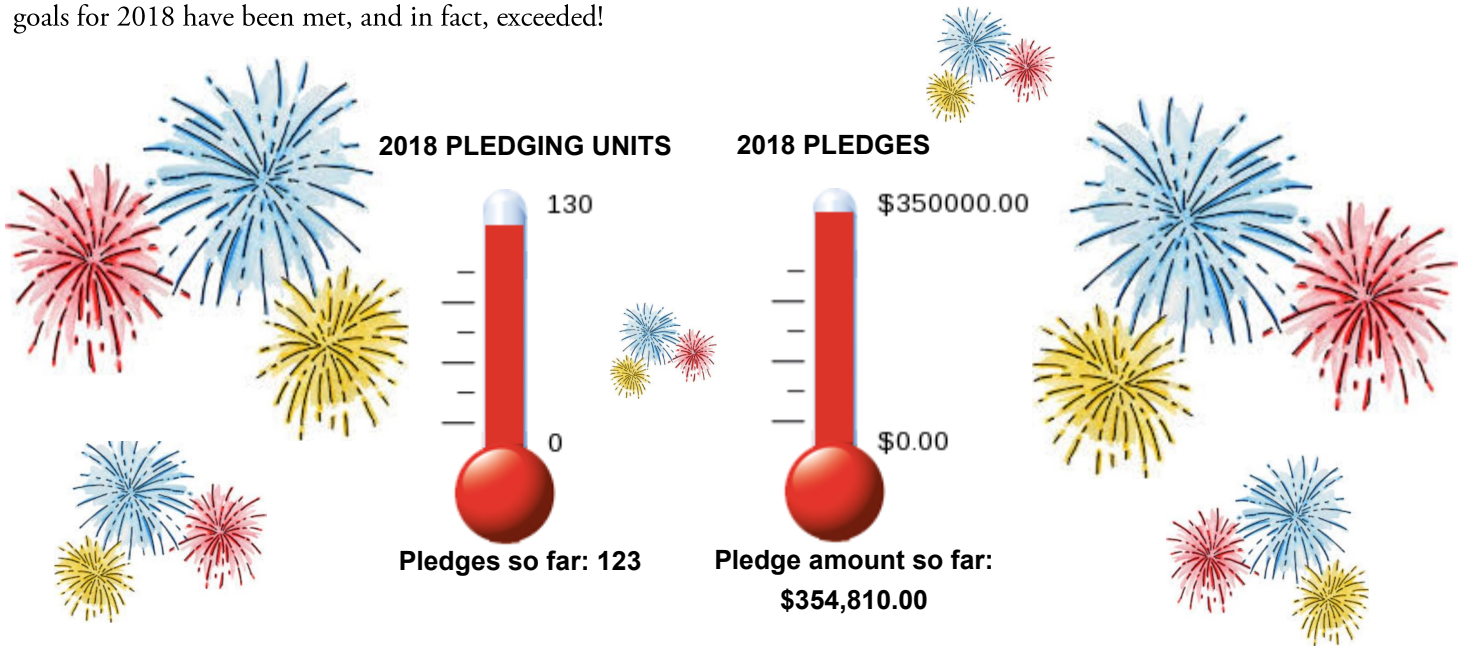
Grocery List
1. Canned Tuna
2. Canned Fruit
3. Spaghetti
Sauce

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Stewardship

STEWARDSHIP GOALS REACHED! For all who participated in our prayer vigils, for all who joyfully pledged to give back to God through Grace Church, for all who faithfully believed in the importance of our ministries and helped provide the funding needed to keep them going—thank you! And most important of all, thanks be to God! Our stewardship goals for 2018 have been met, and in fact, exceeded!



"Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return."

Luke 6:38

Wedding Ministry

FEBRUARY! THE MONTH OF ALL THINGS LOVE. Hearts, chocolate, candy...maybe engagements? We have three weddings scheduled so far for 2018: March 3, April 28 and June 16.

We would love to have some new members on our team! The proceeds of the cost of renting our beautiful sanctuary for a wedding help improve Grace Church. The money has helped re-carpet the offices and repave the parking lot. It is a fun ministry; it is a great feeling helping a couple get married in church in the presence of God. Please think about serving on this ministry. We really need more help to have more weddings! Not restricted to women...we would love to have some men participate, too!

Contact Cheri Potter or Elaine Potter if you are interested and want to find out more about the Wedding Team:

Cheri Potter: cheripotter82@gmail.com, 828-275-9652 (leave a message, please!)

Elaine Potter: elaine@graylineasheville.com, 828-989-8125

Our next Wedding Ministry meeting
February 10, 10:00-11:00 a.m. in the Edwards Library.
Please come! Current members and New members invited!
Cupcakes and coffee provided!



“Take My Strength and Give Me Fear”

A stewardship story by Pete Kuehne.

I went to church one Sunday with the sole intention of dropping off some items for our annual rummage sale. The service was already in progress, and I certainly wasn't dressed appropriately to attend. I had not shaved or showered and was having a bad hair day. But somehow I found myself sitting in the back row, feeling foolish and a little out of place. I am a new member and I didn't want to create a bad impression. But the thought came to mind that God doesn't care, so I stayed.

Toward the end of the service, a clipboard was handed to me. It was a signup sheet for the 24 hour prayer vigil in support of our annual funding effort. Because I was late to the party, the only available slot was at 4:00 am. This didn't seem especially appealing but somehow I filled in my name. Immediately I thought, "What? Did I just do that?" But it was done and I had made a commitment. I thought it would be nice to come to the church for my hour of prayer, and I thought someone said the building would be unlocked. And despite my unruly appearance, everyone in the congregation made me feel welcome that day.

The day of prayer soon arrived, and my alarm woke me at 3:30. I showered, grabbed coffee and headed to the church. The rain had stopped and a full moon was shining. I got there with a few minutes to spare. As promised, the front door was...locked? How about the door to the sanctuary? Locked as well. Every door was locked up tight and I found myself spending my prayer hour wandering around outside, first in the courtyard, then making my way to the garden and eventually walking the labyrinth. And I prayed. I prayed for the people of the church and I prayed for the people I love. I prayed for faith. And I confessed my fear around giving when my finances seem so tight. "I am afraid," I prayed. "I am afraid of losing what I have. I am afraid of being poor." I wanted God to take my fear and give me strength. And so that's what I asked. "God, take my fear and give me strength." I repeated this over and over as I walked around and around, back and forth. Walking the labyrinth is all about turning around and going back. And so I decided to turn my prayer around. "God, please take my strength and give me fear." Take my strength. Let me give. Let me use my gifts to create wealth. And give me fear. Let my fear be that I didn't do my part. Let my fear be that I didn't do my best. That I didn't fulfill my potential. That I wasn't kind enough. That I wasn't generous enough. Let me be afraid of falling short because I didn't have the faith to try.

So I made a commitment to give. I decided on a scary big number! It's hard for me right now with a kid in a super expensive college. But I committed to give when it's hard. Anyone can give when they have plenty, but to give when it's hard? That takes faith. So I decided to just have faith and accept the outcome.

Well a funny thing happened. The exact amount I pledged came from the sale of an old doll that had been in the closet for years. I am a real estate agent, and suddenly I found myself handling a transaction that closed with almost no effort in a very short time. The commission was almost the exact amount of my pledge. Other new clients seem to be coming my way without any conscious effort on my part. It's honestly kind of weird but I'm finding that so long as I do my part, God seems to be taking care of the rest. I am letting go of the fear that I won't get the results I think I want. Instead I am doing my part in faith, and accepting the outcome. So far, it's looking pretty good.



February 2018 Ministry Schedule

Date	Service Time	Acolyte C	Acolyte G	Acolyte E	Lector, Intercessor & Presenters	Healing Team	Ushers	Chalicians	Coffee Hour	Scripture	Lesson
February 4											
	7:45						Ed Duncan	James Cannon			
	9:00	Maya Bell	Aleena Bennett	Louise Wernicke	L, I, P - Ray Kuykendall Jeanne Robertson Kuykendall Family	Louise Wernicke Patricia Hargrove	Will Israel Tom Barr	1. John Woodson 2. Cuyler Dupree	Elaine Dephouse	Isaiah 40:21-31	1st Lesson
	11:15	Jonah Silvers	Olivia Nery	Eric Howell	L, I, P - Kristen Dusenbery Nancy Remmers	Pat Davis Karen Compton	Larry and LuAnn Harris	1. Steve Parker 2. Bill Warren	Volunteer	I Corinthians 9:19-23	2nd Lesson 9 A.M. Lesson
February 11											
	7:45						Johnny Robinson	Susan Macdonald			
	9:00	Daphne Urquhart	Lauren Kuykendall	Zoe Davis	L, I, P - Daphne and Paul Urquhart and Family	Allyn and Joan Aldrich	Ray and Lauren Kuykendall	1. Carol Booth 2. Debbie Jones	Cuyler Dupree	Genesis II Kings 2:1-12	1st Lesson
	11:15	Cheryl Aull	Sally Withers	Ellie Silvers	L, I, P - Rusty McCredie Jenny Thomas	Marzy Israel Corinne Spencer	Ed Woeckener Bob Turner	1. Elaine Potter 2. Carol McMichael	Pat Stafford	II Corinthians 4:3-6	2nd Lesson 9 A.M. Lesson
February 14 - Ash Wednesday											
	12:00	Elaine Potter			L - Kristen Dusenbery		Ray Kuykendall	1. Sally Coburn 2. Carol McMichael		Isaiah 58:1-12	1st Lesson
	6:00	Sally Withers			L - Mark Silvers		Ed Woeckener	1. Mark Silvers 2. Bill Spencer		II Corinthians 5:20b-6:10	2nd Lesson
February 18											
	7:45						Steve Jones	Margaret Dahm			
	9:00	Carsten Path	Tessa Path	Moira Stewart	L, I, P - Louise Wernicke Cuyler Dupree	Pat Davis Jane Whitman	Mickey and Tricia Trinite	1. Lorie Tola 2. Nancy Walters	Paul Vest	Genesis 9:8-17	1st Lesson
	11:15	Mark Silvers	Olivia Nery	Grace Miller	L, I, P - Sally Coburn Carol McMichael	Sonny Rawls Karen Compton	Elaine Potter Rusty Herman	1. Cliff Albertson 2. Sally Withers	Georgi Bruce	I Peter 3:18-22	2nd Lesson 9 A.M. Lesson
	Taizé 8:00 PM				I - James Cannon L - Monty Wooten						
February 25											
	7:45						Ed Duncan	Jack Frue			
	9:00	Laura Ellington	alternate	Lisle Ellington	L, I, P - Robert Green and Family	Jeanne Robertson Shari Lane	Derek and Wade Ed-	1. Greg Townsend 2. Ann Robinson	Micki Newton	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16	1st Lesson 9 A.M. Lesson
	11:15	Rusty McCredie	Sally Withers	Eric Howell	L, I, P - Jenny Thomas Kimberly Kneier	Marzy Israel Sonny Rawls	Bob Turner Ed Woeckener	1. Charles Carter 2. Kimberly Kneier	Mary Ann Warren	Romans 4:13-25	2nd Lesson
February 25 - Flower Arrangers											
Date	Counters	Depositors	Date	Flower Arrangers	Altar Guild						
4-Feb	Steve Birkhofer	James Cannon	4-Feb	Newton	Group 1 - February 3 - February 9						
11-Feb	Martha Boyette	Judy Bohan	11-Feb	Jones, Willis, Feb 14: Ash Wednesday -	Group 2 - February 10 - February 16						
18-Feb	Sally Withers	Chal and Hugh Vaughn	18-Feb	Dawson - greenery only on altar	Group 3 - February 17 - February 23						
25-Feb	Georgi Bruce	Anne Simmons	25-Feb	Greenery	Group 4 - February 24 - March 1						

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**; **Eva Dupree**; **Eunice Ferguson**; **Mary Hayes**; **Mary Israel**; **Wendy Kuykendall**; **Joyce Noble**; **Nancy Porter**; **Sonny Rawls**; **John Rigsby**; **Ray Robertson**; **Laura & Tsz-yan Snyder**; **Rita Spragg**.

For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities: **Jo Brokenshire**; **Henny Caldwell**; **Mary Hayes** (mother of Rick 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); **Patricia Carpenter** (sister-in-law of Kathleen Griffin); **Mary Cozine** (former parishioner); **Rocky Cunningham**; **Keith Enloe** (friend of Mary Israel); **Kacie Epley** (cousin of Vicki & Paul Vest); **Al Fadel** (friend of Nancy & Arnold Clark); **Patricia Ford**; **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); **Barbara Reno** (friend of Paul Camfield); **Janice Ribet** (former parishioner); **Storksens 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); **Betty** (mother of Beth Stahl); **Elizabeth**; **Hendrik** (friend of Barbara Wilcox); **Jessica** (friend of Grace Allendorf); **John** (friend of Jane Whitman); **June** (friend of Barbara Wilcox); **Kaitlyn** (niece of Anne Jarema); **Pam** (friend of Cheryl Aull); **Steve, Sue; Susan**.

Prayers of Thanksgiving: **Joanne Giezentanner Greene**; **Mark Silvers**.

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 Who Have Died and Their Families: **Lou Anslow** (mother of Kim Hayes); **Liv Baldwin** (infant daughter of friends of Vicki Vest); **Julia Reeves** (former parishioner); **Pam Sizemore** (friend of Cheryl Aull); **Hannah Vanbumble** (acquaintance of Gary Roper); **Atlas** (infant son of Adam & Sarah).

For Those in Service to Our Country: **Tommy & Danny Brown** (grandsons of Ed & Marla Woekener); **David Ely** (son of Dave 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); **Nancy Smith**; **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.

February Anniversaries

Cliff Albertson and Anne Jarema	7
Glenn and Brenda Haller	11
Greg and Emma Plank	12
Bob and Shirley Turner	15
Jim and Karen Compton	29

February Birthdays

1 Bob Grimes	14 Al Dawson
4 Marella Buncick	14 Gary Roper
4 Mike Nery	15 Vicki Sanderson
6 Brenda Layden	16 Rusty McCredie
8 Eunice Ferguson	18 Cooper Green
9 Patricia Stafford	19 Bob Bell
10 Andrew Beasley	20 Larry Harris
10 Hannah Pennell	23 Sam Snead
10 Cheri Potter	24 Patricia Starnes
11 Margaret Crum	24 Tricia Trinite
12 Mel Luedtke	25 Bill Dismukes
12 Bill Spencer	25 Liesl Ellington
13 Julian Nemethy	25 Marion Mayfield-Johnson

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family, loved ones and friends of Lou Anslow (mother of Kim Hayes); Liv Baldwin (infant daughter of friends of Vick Vest); Julia Reeves (former parishioner); Pam Sizemore (friend of Cheryl Aull); Hannah Vanbumble (acquaintance of Gary Roper); and Atlas (infant son of Adam and Sarah).



Special Gifts

The Aumbry candle is given to the Glory of God by Rita Lyda in thanksgiving for Grace Church and in loving memory of her parents, Disa and Jens Krestensen.

The flowers are given to the Glory of God - in memory of Marguerite Alexander by the Drake and Duncan families; - by Katie and Mike Nery in thanksgiving for their family; - by Cheryl Aull in thanksgiving for Joe's birthday.

Lent begins February 14, and traditionally, throughout the Lenten season, Grace Church does not decorate the altar with flowers.

Thank You All



A thank you to Ray and Bob Hoxit (Bob pictured) and the following tree farms for donating greens for our Advent wreath making.



Also, a thank you to Mary Israel, Greg and Shannon Townsend, Ben Dupree, Pete Kuehne, and Elly and Mark Silvers for helping from setup to clean up! Your help was greatly appreciated!

A NOTE FROM MARZY ISRAEL. I wish to thank you on behalf of the flower committee and the brave volunteers who participated in the hanging of the greens, making our sanctuary so beautiful during this past Christmas season.

However, I am a little perplexed. Only six donations came to us in the designated pew envelopes. Were they not obvious enough? Should we have put out more reminders?

I would love to have your input because, even with the great deal we get, our greenery alone runs over \$600.

As always, we cherish the opportunity to create flowers to the Glory of God for our beautiful church and staff.

Pledge Shortfall Contributes to Deficit

Year to Date - December 2017

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Income:			
Pledges	356,270	343,043	13,227
Prior Year Pledges	4,543	7,929	(3,387)
Non-pledged Offerings	31,441	46,148	(14,707)
Open Offering	10,652	12,827	(2,175)
Interest	69	40	29
Misc.	13,922	14,952	(1,030)
Total Income:	416,897	424,939	(8,043)
Expenses:			
Outreach/Mission	49,261	49,032	229
Parish Programs	11,620	13,819	(2,199)
Operations	68,021	69,736	(1,715)
Personnel	291,417	292,352	(935)
Total Expenses:	420,320	424,939	(4,620)
Income Less Expenses:	(3,423)	-	(3,423)

Pledge receipts through the end of December totaled \$356,270 compared to projected pledges of \$343,043. Considering all income sources, income received for the year totaled \$416,897 while we projected income to be \$424,939. We ended the month with a negative income variance of \$8043.

The negative income variance was reduced by expenses less than budgeted amounts by \$4620. When these savings were applied to the negative income variance of \$8043 our income less expenses resulted in a deficit of \$3423 at the end of December.

We continue to encourage prayer and attention to our stewardship efforts as we begin another year.

Your Vestry

A New Look for Annual Giving Statements

We recently mailed out annual giving statements.

These will look different than those in the past due to our transition to new church management software.

If you have questions about the new statements, please don't hesitate to contact Joe Aull or Anne Simmons.

Note that in the future, we will send out your quarterly and annual statements by email.

**If you prefer to continue receiving paper statements,
please let the church office know.**