



# the Grace TEAM

to each a ministry

MARCH 2016

## Parson to Person

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#### The Grace TEAM

is published monthly. Articles and information due on the 15th of the month.

#### Sunday Worship

7:45AM - Rite I  
9:00AM - Family Eucharist  
11:15AM - Festival Eucharist

#### Healing Prayer

Every Sunday at  
9:00AM and 11:15AM  
there is a Prayer Station  
available with  
Lay Healing Prayer Ministers.

#### Healing Prayer Services

Tuesdays, 7:00PM - Healing  
Prayer Service;  
Eucharist with Generational  
Healing Service  
first Tuesday monthly.

#### Wednesdays at 12:15PM

Healing Prayer Service and  
Eucharist - laying on of hands  
by the priest for God's Healing.

#### Taizé

Third Sunday of each month at  
8:00PM 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 God,

I want to talk to you in this "Parson to Person" about Holy Week and Easter and, particularly, the worship opportunities that will be available to us and about honoring our Lord Jesus with our presence in worship.

Of course, Holy Week begins with the celebration of Palm Sunday, March 20, with all its pomp and glory. The reading from the Gospel tells the story of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem as people wave their palm branches in celebration of the coming of their King. They proclaim Him as the Son of David, which is a Messianic title. The celebratory nature of the service quickly deteriorates, however, continuing with the passion and death of our Lord as we read our parts in the Passion Narrative.

On Wednesday, March 23, we will celebrate the Holy Eucharist at 12:15 p.m. in the nave. We will use the readings for the days of Holy Week for this service. Hopefully, some of you will be able to get loose from work to join us for this brief thirty minute midday service.

On Maundy Thursday, March 24, at 6:00 p.m., we celebrate the night in which Jesus instituted The Holy Eucharist as He shared the bread and cup with His disciples. We will also have the washing of each other's hands (or feet) as we remember Jesus lovingly washing the feet of his disciples.

On Good Friday, March 25, we will have the Liturgy for Good Friday at 12:00 noon and again at 6:00 p.m. at which we will commemorate and mourn the death of

our Lord on the Cross.

On Holy Saturday, March 26, at 10:00 a.m. in the Memorial Garden, we will remember all of those who have been interred there. This occurs during the time when Jesus lay in the tomb before His resurrection.

Also on Saturday, at 5:30 p.m., we will have an Easter Vigil Service culminating in the first Easter Eucharist.

On Easter Sunday, worship will be held at the regular times of 7:45 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. An Easter egg hunt for children will follow the 9:00 a.m. service.

The pilgrimage in Holy Week is the last leg of our Lenten journey. What if, as part of your Lenten discipline, you were to plan, with Jesus, the services during Holy Week that would be life giving for you to attend? Why not take some quiet time right now to plan your Holy Week worship? If worship is something you naturally enjoy, your Holy Week worship plan will be a treat to look forward to. If worship is something you don't naturally enjoy, it will be a sacrifice offered to Jesus out of your love for Him. In either case, Jesus will be honored by your presence.

**“Why not take some quiet time right now to plan your Holy Week worship?”**

Grace and Peace,

Fr. Gary Coffey

*Find a convenient Holy Week schedule on p.2*

# Events at a Glance

## Weekly Gospel Bible Study

*Mondays, 10:30 a.m., PH*

## Early Birds Men's Book Study

*Tuesdays, 8:15 a.m., LI*

## Centering Prayer

*Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m., OF*

## Bells and Choir Practice

*Wednesdays, Bells: 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Choir: 7:30-8:30 p.m.*

## Lenten Class on Forgiveness Continues

*Thursdays, March 3, 10, 17, & 24*

## Generational Healing Eucharist

*Tuesday, March 1, 7:00 p.m., CH*

## Movie Night: JERUSALEM

*Sunday, March 6, 6:30-7:30 p.m., PH*

## Men of the Church

*No meetings during Lent*

## Healing Prayer Services

*Tuesday, March 8, 15, 22, & 29, 7:00 p.m., CH*

## Order of St. Luke Program Meeting

*Thursday, March 10, 6:30 p.m., PH*

## Steadfast House Meal

*Friday, March 11, 6:00 p.m.*

## PubSing

*Sunday, March 13, snacks 5:30 p.m.; singing 6:00 p.m.*

## Palm Sunday Worship (see Holy Week schedule below)

## Taizé Worship Service

*Sunday, March 20, 8:00 p.m., CH*

## Holy Eucharist (see Holy Week schedule below)

## Maundy Thursday (see Holy Week schedule below)

## Good Friday (see Holy Week schedule below)

## Holy Saturday (see Holy Week schedule below)

## Easter Vigil (see Holy Week schedule below)

## Easter Sunday (see Holy Week schedule below)

## Easter Egg Hunt (see Holy Week schedule below)

## Church Office Closed (staff holiday)

*Monday, March 28*

# Parish News

**Centering Prayer** meets on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in Fr. Gary's office. All are welcome.

The Tuesday morning **Early Birds** meet at 8:15 on Tuesday mornings in the library and study the Word through book studies. All are welcome.

**Men of the Church** will not be meeting during Lent. Meetings resume the second Tuesday of April.

**Monday Morning Bible Study** meets on Mondays at 10:30 a.m. in the parish hall. Please join us as Fr. Bob facilitates a study of the Gospel for the following Sunday. All are welcome.

The **Order of St. Luke** program meeting will be Thursday, March 10, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Please join us. All are welcome. *We will not meet if the Asheville city schools are closed that day or will close early because of inclement weather.*

**PubSing** is an informal gathering on the second Sunday of each month. Join in this month to sing hymns, old-time Gospel, and Americana inspirational music on March 13, at the French Broad Brewery, 101 Fairview Road, Asheville. Bring a snack at 5:30 p.m.; singing will begin at 6:00 p.m. For more information, contact Monty Wooten at [info@forestguide.com](mailto:info@forestguide.com) or 828-254-1114. For directions, go to <http://frenchbroadbrewery.com/directions/>.



## Our Holy Week Schedule

**Palm Sunday Worship (March 20), 7:45 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.**

**Holy Wednesday Worship (March 23), 12:15 p.m.**

**Maundy Thursday Worship (March 24), 6:00 p.m.**

**Good Friday Worship (March 25), 12:00 noon and 6:00 p.m.**

**Holy Saturday Worship (March 26), 10:00 a.m. in the Urban Memorial Garden**

**Holy Saturday Easter Vigil (March 26) with Baptism, 5:30 p.m. (with Adult and Handbell Choirs)**

**Easter Day Worship (March 27), 7:45 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.**

**Children's Easter Egg Hunt, following the 9:00 a.m. service**

# Movie Night at Grace, March 6!

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Don't miss this showing of the award winning film **JERUSALEM** produced by National Geographic. This forty-three minute film narrated by Benedict Cumberbatch is "an awe-inspiring and intimate portrait" (Washington Post) of one of the world's most beloved cities. Discover why this tiny piece of land is sacred to Jews, Christians and Muslims through experiences of three young Jerusalemite women as they celebrate the city's vibrant holiday traditions. Join world-renown archaeologist, Dr. Jodi Magness, as she explores underground tunnels and ancient ruins to solve some of the city's greatest mysteries. Find out why, after thousands of years, Jerusalem and the Holy Land continue to stir the imaginations of billions of people.

Unprecedented access to the city's holiest sites, as well as rare and breathtaking aerial footage, combine to make **JERUSALEM** "a mesmerizing vision" (The Boston Globe).

## Lenten Class on Forgiveness Continues

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Our Lenten class on Forgiveness continues Thursday evenings, 6:30-8:00, through March 17.

We can probably all agree that forgiving someone who has wronged us or hurt us in some way is difficult. And yet, we know forgiveness is at the very heart of the Gospel. Fr. Gary, the facilitator for this class, learned a lot about how to forgive and live in love when he was away for a week of continuing education recently and hopes to share that learning with you during the Lenten season. Some of the things explored in the class include adjusting our image of God, letting go of resentment, forgiving others and forgiving ourselves. See the course description below.

### How to Forgive and Live in Love

If you are tired of living in a world that:

- Is saturated by resentment
- Places a huge value on revenge
- Confuses revenge and punishment with justice
- Doesn't know how to find the freedom of forgiveness

*"Jesus told us we need to forgive but he never taught us how." - Steve Andreas*

### The reason people don't forgive is simple:

- They don't know what forgiveness really is;

- They confuse it with reconciliation or forgetting;
- They don't know how to forgive;
- Something inside of them resists the idea of forgiving.

### The solution is also simple:

- Teach people what forgiveness really is and what it is not;
- Teach people how to forgive;
- Resolve the internal resistance, which often occurs naturally when they learn what forgiveness really is and what it is not.

## Easter Basket Project, March 15

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Please save this special date! Tuesday, March 15, members of Grace will come together at 10 a.m. in the parish hall to prepare Easter baskets for our friends in Christ who are no longer able to attend church or be as involved as they may have been in the past. All are welcome to come enjoy the fellowship and, when the baskets are all filled, go out for a nice lunch.

As always, your gifts help us fill our baskets. Here are some of the things we need:

- Easter baskets and grass
- Lip Care
- Notecards, stamps and pens
- Lotion, shampoo and other toiletries
- Jelly beans and other small candies to fill the eggs
- Easter cards



# All-Parish Potluck Farewell to Becky April 3

Our dear Becky is retiring March 31 after nine years as our Office Administrator. As you know, she has done an outstanding job for us and is looking forward to her retirement, but in true “Becky fashion,” she was thinking about us first when she set her retirement date later than originally planned “so that she could get us through Holy Week and Easter Day before she retires.” God bless you, Becky!

As a way of saying goodbye to such a special friend, we are holding an **All-Parish Potluck Brunch** in Becky’s honor on Sunday, April 3, in the parish hall at 10:00 a.m. between the 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. services. So, mark your calendars now and plan to be there with a scrumptious breakfast dish to share as we thank Becky and wish her well in her retirement.

*If you would like to participate in the cash gift that we will present to Becky at the brunch, please write the check to Grace Church earmarked “Becky’s gift”. Thank you.*



## An “Instructed Eucharist” Sunday, April 3

An “Instructed Eucharist” is a special worship service where, instead of a homily, a reader instructs us regarding why we do what we do at each part of the service. We have not done one of these at Grace in years and it is a great day to bring someone to Grace who might be interested in our Episcopal liturgical form of worship. Part of our motivation for doing this service on Sunday, April 3, is for the benefit and training of our Confirmands who will be confirmed by Bishop Taylor on the following Sunday, April 10, at the 9:00 a.m. service. It is also a good reminder to all of us of the special significance of each and every part of our worship service.

The Instructed Eucharist will be offered at all three services.

## New Church Office Hours

Following Becky Barker’s retirement March 31, our new office hours at Grace, effective Friday, April 1, will be 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

As these changes take place, we will be looking for an Administrative Assistant to work twenty hours each week. This person needs to have good people skills, the ability to work well with volunteers, excellent Word and Excel skills, and should be someone who is good at multi-tasking. Due to the nature of this job, our search will be for someone who is not a member of the parish. We are currently preparing a job description and an advertisement, but we are also hoping you will help us get the word out about this position. If you know someone who is interested, please have them send their resume to the church. Our personnel committee will review resumes and be in touch with people of interest to schedule interviews.

Our own Kim Hayes has graciously agreed to work for us during the interim period until we can get someone trained and in place. Thank you, Kim!

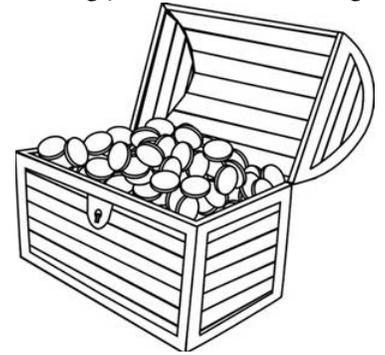
# Grace Outreach

*Sue Thompkins*

**TREASURES FOR TRANSFORMATION.** Homelessness does matter. Jesus calls on us to provide for the least of these in our society. One way we can do this is to help God transform lives through outreach projects such as the **Transformation Village**.

In this spirit, we are continuing to collect monetary donations for ABCCM's Transformation Village. This village will provide housing in a village setting complete with a park and playground for women and children who are currently homeless in Buncombe County. It will also focus on female veterans who are homeless. You have received a "treasure chest" for your treasure — coins, bills, or checks — which we are asking you to collect during Lent. Children especially love projects like this, so we hope you will make this a family project and let them help fill the treasure chest.

On Palm Sunday, March 20, please bring the boxes back to the church. The Outreach committee will deliver the money to ABCCM. If you do not have a treasure chest and want one, help yourself to one from the display in the foyer. You can always make a check out to Grace Church with Transformation Village in the memo line and drop it in the offering plate on any Sunday. If you would prefer to make your donation to ABCCM directly, feel free to do so. Just make sure and specify that it is for the Transformation Village. If you have any questions, please call Sue Thompkins at 828-230-9328. Happy treasure collecting!



# Episcopal House XI Dedicated

On Thursday afternoon, February 18, Denise Drake and three other Habitat Partner Families accepted ceremonial keys to their new homes. It was a moving celebration as a crowd of about 80 Habitat supporters welcomed the four new families home.

After the program ended, someone asked the Interfaith House Partner Family, Eric and Michelle Ender, if they were excited about their pending move to the Hudson Hills community. Eric reached into his pocket and pulled out a bullet: "Yes," he answered. "We can't wait to feel safe in our home." He went on to explain that he and Michelle found the bullet in their bedroom after gunshots were fired one day near their current apartment.

Habitat is so much more than a roof and walls. Security. Stability. Safety.

Thank you for your role in creating safety and stability for four more Habitat homeowner families.

# Healing Prayer Corner

*Jeanne Robertson*

I have been writing the Healing Prayer Corner for many years now, and it suddenly occurred to me that many of you may not know how to get a name on "Our Prayer List" that appears in our bulletin and in the *TEAM* each month here at Grace. When you read the list, you will see that names can occur under many categories such as: For Parishioners; For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities; For Others; For Those Who Have Died and Their Families; Those in the Episcopal Church; and For Those in Service to Our Country.

When you submit a name, the first choice you have is either having the person listed by their first name or by their first and last name. Next would be the selection of the category. Most are self explanatory and you will not have any decision to make here.

Most importantly, who is the contact person who will get the name on the list? That would be Kathleen Griffin. You could either email or call her. I would recommend emailing her if possible. Kathleen's email is gkcgriffin7@att.net. Kathleen tells me that an occasional update from time to time is really appreciated. She may call if she does not hear from the person on the prayer list or his/her contact. If she cannot contact the person or does not have an update after four weeks, the name may be removed because of limited space. But if that happens, just email her or call her to have the name replaced. 828-258-2105 or gkcgriffin7@gmail.com

There are many faithful parishioners praying from "Our Prayer List" each week, so I would encourage you to use this prayer tool. There are so many ways to reach God with our prayer requests and this is one of the powerful ways to do so. May God continue to bless each and all of you.

## New Babies!

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Congratulations to Zane, Lindsay and big sister Bryn on the birth of their newest family member, Blakely Marla Whitner. Blakely was born on January 15, and weighed 8 pounds 2 ounces. She will be baptized soon and will wear the same dress her sister Bryn wore. May God bless little Blakely.

Congratulations to David and Kristin Perez and big brother Charlie on the birth of Genevieve "Evie" Claire Perez. Evie was born on February 4, and weighed 8 pounds 2.5 ounces. May God bless little Evie.



## Welcome, Liam!

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On February 7, during the 9:00 a.m. service, we welcomed Liam Matthew Bowie, son of Dustin Bowie and Katherine Rockett and grandson of Doug and Suzanne Bowie, into the church through the sacrament of Holy Baptism. Liam was sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever.



## Children's Easter Egg Hunt

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One of Grace Church's own traditions, the Children's Easter Egg Hunt, will be held again on Easter morning following the 9:00 a.m. service. Children through fifth grade will gather in the parish hall, and the hunt will begin about 10:10 a.m.

Please bring twelve empty plastic eggs and a basket for each child who will participate. Just put the empty eggs in the box in the foyer when you arrive. The eggs you bring will replace the twelve eggs your child takes home from the hunt.

## ECW News for 2015

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Rummage Sale Income (Thanks to Nancy Remmers)	\$2241
<i>(Special thanks for Nancy Remmers for her leadership)</i>	

### Outreach

Diocese of WNC	\$ 300
Episcopal Relief & Development	\$ 200
United Thank Offering	\$ 200
Lambeth Conference	\$ 10
Broughton House Dinner	\$ 122

### Grace Special Projects

Camp Henry Scholarships	\$ 100
Young Adult Service Core/Elly Withers	\$ 500
Grace Angel Tree – Outreach (for Christmas/Buncombe Co.)	\$ 300
Rummage Sale Sign	\$ 149

# Thursday Morning Easter Study

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*A Paradigm for All Christian Beginnings — even Yours and Mine!* is a study booklet written by our own Bill Spencer as a model of study to help reveal the true, basic meanings of Christ's Gospel. What a fitting subject to look at together during the Easter Season!

Bill will lead this five week study beginning Thursday, April 7, at 11:00 a.m. and continuing through Thursday, May 5, which is the Feast of the Ascension. Participants are asked to read through the entire text of this brief booklet in advance, without reading the discussion questions, which will be covered each week in class.

The cost of each booklet is \$3.00 and Bill has graciously given the booklets to Grace Church. Therefore, all proceeds from its sale will go to the Grace Church Endowment Fund. Thank you, Bill! Booklets will be available on the table in the foyer. You may put the \$3.00 in the offering plate in an offering envelope or in some other way that will identify it as payment for the booklet.

Please contact Bill (mcm Spencer@charter.net) or Fr. Gary (garycoffey77@gmail.com) with any questions regarding the booklet or the course. All are most welcome to attend.

# Blessing of the Animals, April 17

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The annual Blessing of the Animals at Grace, scheduled this year for April 17 at the 9:00 a.m. service, offers individuals with pets a unique opportunity to reflect upon the positive impact animals have on our emotional and physical well-being. The bond between a person and his or her pet is like no other relationship because the communication between fellow creatures is at its most basic. Eye to eye, a man and his dog or a woman and her cat are two creatures of love.

No wonder we enjoy and welcome this opportunity to bring our animal companions to church for a special blessing. Church is the place where the bond of creation is celebrated.

If you have ever attended a Blessing of the Animals service at Grace, you know what a wide and delightful array of animals and their human friends it attracts. If this is going to be your first experience, you will most certainly enjoy it.

*All pets are welcome, but please consider the wisdom of bringing aggressive animals. Large animals are also welcome but must be led (for example, horses must not be ridden). Clean-up aids and waer will be available.*

# Camp Henry Open House, April 17

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Come to a Camp Henry Open House! Join with other parents and campers old and new to meet Camp Director Kathryn Florack and learn more about Camp Henry, our diocesan summer camp, located at Lake Logan in Canton. Camp Henry changes lives!

Sunday, April 17, 2:00-5:00 p.m.  
at the Lake Logan Episcopal Center  
154 Sunburst Road, Canton



For more info, visit <http://www.camphenry.net/28716>  
Questions? call 808-5844 or Greg Townsend at 713-5078

# March 2016 Ministry Schedule

Date	Service Time	Acolyte C	Acolyte G	Acolyte E	Lector, Intercessor & Presenters	Healing Team	Ushers	Chalicians	Coffee Hour	Scripture	Lesson
<b>Mar 6</b>											
	7:45				Deb Gravatt	Ed Duncan	James Cannon				Mar 6
	9:00	Gavin Knapp	Maya Bell	Cuyler Dupree	L, I, P - Cuyler Dupree, Greg Townsend & Family	Louise Wernicke Patricia Hargrove	Doug Haldane Jim Siemens	1. John Woodson 2. Jenny Knapp	Elaine Dephousse	Joshua 5:9-12	1st Lesson
	11:15	Bob Grimes	Sally Withers	Eric Howell	L, I, P - Carol McMichael and Jenny Thomas	Pat Davis Karen Compton	Larry & LuAnn Harris	1. Sally Withers 2. Bill Warren	Sallie Hunter	II Corinthians 5:16-21	2nd Lesson & 9:00
<b>Mar 13</b>											
	7:45				Deb Gravatt	Steve Jones	James Cannon				Mar 13
	9:00	Faith Valley	Helena Cullen	Louise Wernicke	L, I, P - Robert Green & Family	Jeanne Robertson Alternate	Tom & Liz Barr	1. Debbie Jones 2. Sarah Valley	Cuyler Dupree	Isaiah 43:16-21	1st Lesson
	11:15	Mark Silvers	Ellie Silvers	Jonah Silvers	L, I, P - Elaine Potter, Kristen Dusenbery & Alternate	Corinne Spencer Mary Israel	Ron Sims Arnold Clark	1. Eric Howell 2. Nancy Clark	Volunteer	Philippians 3:4b-14	2nd Lesson & 9:00
<b>Mar 20 PALM SUNDAY</b>											
	7:45				Deb Gravatt	Andrew Dahm	Margaret Dahm				Mar 20
	9:00	Cade Wooten	Cheryl Deyton	Daphne Urquhart	L, I, P - Hugh Vaughn, Anne Simmons Family	Pat Davis Jane Whitman	Paul & Vicki Vest	1. Anne Simmons 2. Greg Townsend	Micki Newton	Isaiah 50:4-9a	1st Lesson
	11:15	Cheryl Aull	Olivia Nery	Grace Miller	L, I, P - Cal & Nancy Remmers	Karen Compton Sonny Rawls	Elaine Potter Rusty Herman	1. Sally Coburn 2. Bill Spencer	Georgi Bruce	Philippians 2:5-11	2nd Lesson
	Taizé 8:00 PM				L, I - Monty Wooten James Cannon	Deb Gravatt					Taizé 8:00 PM
<b>Maunder Thursday</b>	6:00: PM	Rusty McCredie	Sally Withers	Eric Howell	L, I, P - Elaine Potter and Mark Silvers		Kaderabek Family	1. Charles Carter 2. Kimberly Kneier		Exodus 12:1-14 I Corinthians 11:23-26	<b>Maunder Thursday</b>
<b>Good Friday</b>	12:00 PM 6:00PM				<b>Lectors:</b> 12:00-John & Beth Woodson 6:00- Bill Spencer, Kristen Dusenbery		Larry Harris Bill Crowmover Paul Stewart Bob Turner	1. Sally Coburn 2. Sally Withers 1. Carol McMichael 2. Mark Silvers		Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Hebrews 10:16-25	<b>Good Friday</b>
<b>Urban Garden Service</b>	10:00AM	Cuyler Dupree								Job 14:1-14 I Peter 4:1-8	<b>Urban Garden Service</b>
<b>Great Vigil</b>	5:30 PM	To be announced	To be announced	To be announced	<b>Lectors - Choir</b>	To be announced	To be announced	To be announced	To be announced		<b>Great Vigil</b>
<b>March 27 Easter Sunday</b>											
	7:45				Deb Gravatt	Ed Duncan	Jack Frue				March 27
	9:00	Liesl Ellington	Cuyler Dupree	Laura Ellington	L - Vicki Vest I - Jeanne Robertson P - Robertson Family	Jeanne Robertson Shari Lane	Derek and Wade Edwards	1. Zoe Davis 2. Ann Robinson	Elaine Dephousse	Acts 10:34-43	1st Lesson
	11:15	Rusty McCredie	Ellie Silvers	Jonah Silvers	L, I, P - Jenny Thomas and Kimberly Kneier	Mary Israel Sonny Rawls	Henry Watts John Rigby	1. Charles Carter 2. Kimberly Kneier	Mary Ann Warren	I Corinthians 15:19-26	2nd Lesson
<b>Date</b>	<b>Counters</b>	<b>Depositors</b>	<b>Flower Arrangers</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Altar Guild</b>						
<b>6-Mar</b>	Steve Birkhofer	James Cannon	Palm Sunday - Shearouse, Buchanan; Davis the Cross	20-Mar	<b>Group 1 - Mar 5 - Mar 11</b>						
<b>13-Mar</b>	Martha Boyette	Judy Bohan	Pat and Nora to Condition	23-Mar	<b>Group 2 - Mar 12 - Mar 18</b>						
<b>20-Mar</b>	Sally Withers	Chal and Hugh Vaughn	Maunder Thursday - Israel	24-Mar	<b>Group 3 - Mar 19 - Mar 25</b>						
<b>27-Mar</b>	Georgi Bruce	Anne Simmons	Easter - All Coordinators - Dawson, Buchanan	27-Mar	<b>Group 4 - Mar 26 - Apr 1</b>						

We publish the Parish Prayer List each month so you may include those listed in your daily prayers. We have included the last names of people with their permission, so you will have a better idea for whom you are praying and so you may contact that person if you desire.

*For Parishioners:* **Vera; Clifford Albertson; Pat Anderson; Jo Brokenshire; Chris Carson (son of Martha & Randy); **Ed Denison; Eunice Ferguson; Mary Hayes; Wendy Kuykendall; Nancy Porter; Doris Rigsby; Ray Robertson; Mark Silvers; Corey & Tsz-yan Snyder & family; Corinne Spencer; Barbara & Chuck Wilcox.****

*For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities:* **Henny Caldwell; David & Peggie Carey; Betty & Rusk Henry; June Kelley; Neill Mason; Maryli Perkins; Joan Sanderson; Martin Shaw; Laura Stephens; Pat Woodard.**

*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):* **Nancy Bailey** (friend of Barbara & Chuck Wilcox); **Carolyn & Winn Baker** (friends of Bob & Jeannette Reese); **Nancy Battaile** (sister of Chuck Wilcox); **Stephanie Blackwell** (sister of Jeanne Simms); **David Compton** (brother of Jim Compton); **Ryan Conrad** (friend of Julia Anne Dawson); **Debbie D.** (friend of Lynda McCredie); **Kelli Davis** (daughter of George & Pat Davis); **Amanda Donnelly** (friend of Tricia Hargrove); **Kacie Epley** (cousin of Vicki & Paul Vest); **Bill & Mary Hayes** (parents of Rick Hayes); **Donald Israel** (brother-in-law of Mary Israel); **Donna Johnson** (friend of Suzanne & Doug Bowie); **Kathleen Johnson** (friend of Barbara & Chuck Wilcox); **Joyce Malley** (sister of Kathleen Griffin); **Mary McAuliffe** (wife of Jerry & friend of Barbara & Chuck Wilcox); **Ted Oesterlin; Vera Raulston** (granddaughter of Jackie Schaver); **Erik & Susan Stoops** (brother-in-law & sister of Wendy Kuykendall); **Jennifer Svenstrup** (friend of Paul & Vicki Vest); **Calvin Underwood** (friend of Jim & Karen Compton); **Alicia; Ashley** (daughter of Henry Watts); **Cathy; Elizabeth; Annette; Joni; Lou** (mother of Kim Hayes); **Pam** (friend of Cheryl Aull); **Sue; Susan; Vincent** (friend of Jeannette & Bob Reese); **for all those affected by our struggling economy.**

*For Those Who Have Died and Their Families:* **John Churchill; Frederick D. Motley** (father of Diane Wilkey).

*For Those in the Episcopal Church:* **Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Porter & Robert, our Bishops; the clergy; the vestry; the staff; the ministries of this Parish; Church of the Advocate; ABCCM; Consider Haiti; Episcopal Relief & Development; Food for the Poor; Manna Food Bank; Meals On Wheels.**

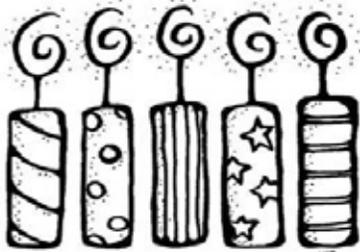
*For Those in Service to Our Country:* **Tommy & Danny Brown** (grandsons of Ed & Marla Woeckener); **Matthew George** (son of Zoe Davis); **Steven Grenier** (son-in-law of Jean & Doug Haldane); **Austin Harrison** (grandson of Joan Sanderson); **Jon Holland** (parishioner); **Spencer & Erica High; Gregory Melson** (grandson of Charlotte Melson); **Jason Marino** (son of Lynda McCredie); **Daniel Schultz** (son of Judy Rhodes); **Karl Tenney** (nephew of Chuck & Barbara Wilcox); **Caitlin Vest** (niece of Vicki & Paul Vest).

**For our President Barack Obama, 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 the crises throughout our world.**

*The Bulletin and TEAM prayer list is one of many prayer lists at Grace: For these lists, please get permission from anyone you would to add and then contact Kathleen Griffin at gkcgriffin7@gmail.com or the church office at grace.parish@att.net. Thanks be to God for answered prayer; for Kathleen who manages the list; and for all those who faithfully pray.*

## March Anniversaries

Cathy Adkins & Earl Leininger	2
David and Suana Gentry	25
Beth and Pat McKinsey	30
David and Peggie Carey	31



## March Birthdays

1	Tom Wernicke	17	Andrew Wall
2	Sam Ellington	19	Mary Israel
2	Eric Howell	20	Nola Ashe Ellington
2	Grace Miller	20	Brad Smith
5	Joe Aull	23	Cameron Bell
6	Priscilla Hendrix	25	Bill Crownover
7	David Haynes	25	Nancy Remmers
8	Pat McKinsey	26	Kimberly Kneier
11	Carol Booth	27	Sally Coburn
11	Jimmy Hudson	27	Charlie Milling
12	James Carlin	27	Mark Wall
16	Henry Holland	29	Terri Frue
16	Lindsay Whitner	31	Ty Hamilton Gregory
17	Dave Hillier	31	Brett Young
17	Corey Snyder		

## Gifts to Appreciate

The Aumbry candle is given to the Glory of God by Kathleen Griffin in thanksgiving for her family.

For Palm Sunday:

The Palms are given to the Glory of God:  
by Ed Duncan in memory of Dick Drake;  
by Rita Lyda in thanksgiving for Grace Church and in loving memory of her parents, Disa and Jens Krestensen.

The hot cross buns are given to the Glory of God by the Rev. Jane Smith in memory of Marquerite Alexander.

For Maundy Thursday:

The flowers are given to the Glory of God:  
by Herman Family in memory of their mother, Jo Herman.

For Easter Day:

The Altar Guild and Flower Guild appreciate the memorial and thanksgiving donations made by parishioners for Eastertide. Thank you for your part in making our church more beautiful for the Holy Season.



## Our Condolences to...

the family of John Churchill;  
the family of Mary Frankel Pepper; and  
the family and Diane Wilkey on the loss of her father, Frederick D. Motley.

# The Washing of Hands (and Feet)

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Last year, as part of our Maundy Thursday worship, we experimented with changing the traditional washing of feet to the washing of hands. This was done in consideration of those of us who might be uneasy about having others touch their feet. Unlike Jewish culture in Jesus' time where washing the feet of a guest was considered an expression of hospitality, we are not so comfortable with it today. People now are far less sensitive about their hands than they are about their feet. There is, however, something admittedly special about the vulnerability of footwashing that gets lost in this switch to handwashing. Therefore, this year, while we will continue to include handwashing in the service, we will also add stations again for any who wish to have their feet washed instead.

## Easter Traditions

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### **The Triduum leads us into our Easter celebration.**

The last week of Lent is called Holy Week, and it includes the days of the Easter Triduum, also called Holy Triduum, Paschal Triduum, or The Three Days. It is the period of three days that begins with the liturgy on the evening of Maundy Thursday and ends with evening prayer on Easter Sunday.

**A moveable feast.** For followers of Jesus in the Episcopal tradition, Easter, which celebrates our Lord's resurrection from the dead, is our most important holiday.

Often called a moveable feast because it doesn't fall on a set date every year, Easter is observed anytime between March 22 and April 25. Christian churches in the West celebrate Easter on the first Sunday following the full moon after the vernal equinox on March 21. Orthodox Christians use the Julian calendar to calculate when Easter will occur and typically celebrate the holiday a week or two after the Western churches, which follow the Gregorian calendar.

**Where the name "Easter" originated.** It is believed Easter derives its name from Eostre, an Anglo-Saxon goddess of spring. A month corresponding to April had been named "Eostremonat," or Eostre's month, leading to "Easter" becoming applied to the Christian holiday that usually took place within it. Prior to that, the holiday had been called Pasch (Passover), which remains its name in most non-English languages.

It seems probable that, around the second century A.D., Christian missionaries seeking to convert the tribes of northern Europe noticed that the Christian holiday commemorating the resurrection of Jesus roughly coincided with the Teutonic springtime celebrations, which emphasized the triumph of life over death. Christian Easter gradually absorbed the traditional symbols.

**About those Easter eggs.** In Medieval Europe, eggs were forbidden during Lent. Eggs laid during that time were often boiled or otherwise preserved. Eggs were thus a mainstay of Easter meals and a prized Easter gift for children and servants.

In addition, eggs have been viewed as symbols of new life and fertility through the ages. It is believed that, for this reason, many ancient cultures, including the ancient Egyptians, Persians, and Romans, used eggs during their spring festivals.

**Easter lilies and hope.** Sometimes called the "white-robed apostles of hope," it is said lilies were found growing in the Garden of Gethsemane after Christ's agony. Tradition has it that the beautiful white lilies sprang up where drops of Christ's sweat fell to the ground in his final hours of sorrow and deep distress. Churches continue this tradition at Easter time by banking their altars and surrounding their crosses with masses of Easter lilies to commemorate the resurrection of Jesus Christ and hope of life everlasting.

**"In your Easter bonnet, with all the frills upon it..."** After their baptism, early Christians wore white robes throughout Easter week to symbolize their new lives. Those who had already been baptized wore new clothes as well to represent the life with Christ they shared with the newly baptised.

In Medieval Europe, churchgoers would take a walk after Easter Mass, led by a crucifix or the Easter candle. Today these walks endure as Easter parades. People show off their spring finery, including lovely bonnets decorated for spring.

**Beyond Easter Sunday.** Easter is followed by a fifty-day period called Eastertide, or the Easter Season, ending with Pentecost Sunday.