



the Grace TEAM

to each a ministry

APRIL 2016

Parson to Person

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The Grace TEAM

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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 Prayer
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 Grace,

It is the Easter Season and resurrection is bursting out all over as flowers pop through the soil, and shrubs and trees are leafing, blooming and coming back to life after winter. What a perfect time to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord!

Our Bishop, The Rt. Rev. G. Porter Taylor will be with us for all three services on April 10 and at the 11:15 a.m. service, will be confirming young people and adults who have been prepared for their Confirmation. A reception honoring our Confirmands will follow the 11:15 service in the parish hall. Bishop Taylor will also speak that day at the Adult Sunday School Class in the parish hall at 10:00 a.m.

You may remember that sign with a picture of Uncle Sam on it which read, "Uncle Sam wants you!" It was a plea for people to volunteer for service to our country. Well, we might want to make some posters here at Grace Church which say, "Our Lord Jesus Christ wants you!" Of course, I'm being facetious about making the signs, but not about Jesus wanting you in His service here at Grace.

Members of the Vestry have graciously agreed to be chairpersons of the ministries at Grace, and they need you to search your heart and life to see how you might offer yourself in the service of Jesus through the ministry of Grace. Often, we discover how Jesus can use us by thinking about the answer to this question, "Other than spending time with family, what is it that I love to do?" As we think about the answer to that question, it can lead us to find out what delights us, and Jesus can use whatever that is in His service through the Church.

For example, let's say working in your

garden and seeing things grow delights you. Well, Jesus can use that delightful service here on the grounds of our beautiful church. Or let's say being around children delights you. Jesus would love to have you delight in our precious children here at Grace in the nursery, children's choir, Sunday School, or acolyte program. Jesus can and will use whatever delights you in His service at Grace.

"Other than spending time with family, what is it that I love to do?"

Here is a list of the ministries of Grace and the chair persons, most of whom are Vestry people. As you read over these, if you get a nudge from the Holy Spirit to serve in one or more of these ministries, the chairpersons would be delighted to hear from you and incorporate you into their ministries. Please feel free to call the Church Office if you need

contact information for any of these folks.

Newcomers: Ray Kuykendall; Pastoral Care: Kathleen Griffin; Children's Sunday School: Deb Gravatt and Mark Silvers; Finance: Oscar Starnes; Endowment: Mike Nery; Fellowship: Sally Withers; Building and Grounds: Bill Crownover; Communications: Eric Howell; Stewardship: Kimberly Kneier; Youth Ministry: Elaine Potter; Outreach: Sue Thompkins; Worship: Gary Coffey; Altar Guild: Cuyler Dupree; Flower Guild: Mary Israel; Wedding Guild: Jean Haldane. Adult Christian Education: (To be determined).

The Vestry and Clergy are excited about getting you, the people of Grace, involved in a ministry. But more than this, your willingness to serve in a ministry which delights you is sure to be a blessing to our Lord Jesus who has gifted you to serve the world in His Name.

Easter Blessings!

Fr. Gary Coffey

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.

"Farewell To Becky" All-Parish Brunch

Sunday, April 3, 10:00 a.m., PH

Generational Healing Eucharist

Tuesday, April 5, 7:00 p.m., CH

A Paradigm for Our Christian Beginnings Study

with Bill Spencer, Thursday, April 7, 11:00 a.m., LI

Steadfast House Meal

Friday, April 8, 6:00 p.m.

Bishop Taylor Visit & Confirmation, Reception

Sunday, April 10

PubSing

Sunday, April 10, Snacks, 5:30 p.m.; singing, 6:00 p.m.

Men of the Church

Tuesday, April 12, 6:00 p.m.

Healing Prayer Services

Tuesday, April 12, 19 & 26, 7:00 p.m., CH

Order of St. Luke – Rev. John Rice, Speaker

Thursday, April 14, 6:30 p.m., PH

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, April 17, 9:00 a.m. Service

Taizé Worship Service

Sunday, April 17, 8:00 p.m., CH

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 meets Tuesday, April 12, at the home of Jim Compton, 60 Salem Road, Weaverville. Jim is our host and cook. All are welcome and the cost is \$10. Sign up on the blue sheet on the kiosk in the foyer.

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

The Order of St. Luke Program Meeting Thursday, April 16 at 6:30 p.m. will feature the Rev. John Rice. He will address Jesus' response to his disciples request, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."

PubSing, an informal gathering on the second Sunday of each month to sing hymns, old-time Gospel, and Americana inspirational music, meets this month on April 10 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 or 828-254-1114. For directions go to <http://frenchbroadbrewery.com/directions/>.

New Office Hours at Grace!

Starting Friday, April 1, the new office hours at Grace will be **9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday**. Our own Kim Hayes will fill in during the interim period as we search for an Administrative Assistant to work twenty hours a week.

If you know someone with good "people skills" who works well with volunteers, has excellent Word and Excel skills, and is a good multi-tasker, please have them send their resume to the church. This person should not be a member of the Grace parish.

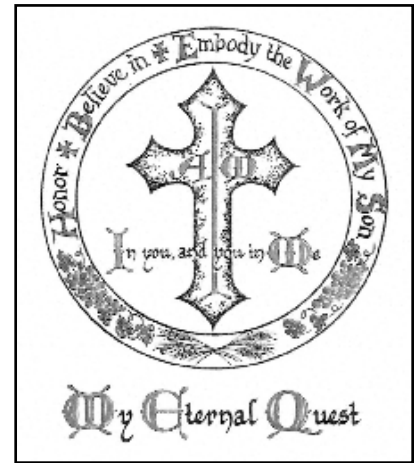
April 3 All-Parish Potluck and Farewell Party for Becky Barker

God Bless and Farewell to Becky Barker! Our dear Becky is retiring on March 31, after nine years as our Office Administrator. As you know, Becky has done an outstanding job for us and is looking forward to her retirement. But as always, she was thinking about us when she set her retirement date "to get us through Holy Week and Easter Day" before she retires. On Sunday, April 3, we are holding an All-Parish Potluck Brunch in Becky's honor in the parish hall at 10:00 a.m. (between the 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. services), so please mark your calendars now and plan to join the fun. Bring a scrumptious breakfast dish to share as we wish Becky well in her retirement.

If you would like to contribute to the cash gift we will present to Becky at the brunch, please write the check to Grace Church earmarked "Becky's gift". Thank you.

A Paradigm for All Christian Beginnings led by Bill Spencer

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! We will begin this five-week study on Thursday, April 7, at 11:00 a.m., and continue 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 booklet to Grace Church. 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, and 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.



Bishop's Visit, April 10

Gary Coffey



Bishop Taylor will be with us for all three services on April 10. We will have Confirmation and Reaffirmation at the 11:15 worship service on that day. We have twelve Candidates for Confirmation. If you would like to reaffirm your faith and have the Bishop pray for you at that time, please contact me at 254-1086.

Both adult Sunday school classes will meet in the parish hall with Bishop Taylor on April 10. I will invite him to share his thoughts on how we as a congregation and as the Episcopal Church can reach this increasingly secular world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I am sure he will be able to answer any questions that you might have for him as well.

There is much that one could say about our Bishop. He is thoughtful and prayerful. He loves the Lord and His Church. Being a former college professor and having a Ph.D. in English with a concentration in poetry, Porter is, in my opinion, one of the best preachers in the Episcopal Church.

In the Episcopal Church, the bishop oversees the ministry of the Diocese, which is, in our case, the Diocese of Western North Carolina. Porter happens to be a native of Asheville, and he grew up here in North Asheville. This will probably be his last visit with Grace prior to his retirement, so please don't miss this special opportunity to spend time with him.

Music Notes

JoAnna Best, Youth Music Director

Please try to have children present for the Sunday School hour for music rehearsal at these dates:

- April 10 (preschool-Kindergarten);
- April 17 (1st-5th grades);
- May 8 and May 15 (all).

The children WILL sing on April 24, as scheduled. This will be a special Sunday with two youth playing trumpet along with the children. Then we count on May 22 for the youngest children to sing.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I appreciate the great effort it takes to get our youth ready and here. The congregation loves to hear them sing.



Blessing of the Animals, April 17

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.

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 at Grace, you know what a wide and delightful variety 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 water will be available.



Come to a Camp Henry party at Lake Logan!

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. Camp Henry changes lives!

Sunday, April 17 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

at the Lake Logan Episcopal Center
25 Wormy Chestnut Lane, Canton 28716

questions? call 828-808-5844

for more info visit www.camphenry.net

Camp Scholarships Available

ECW Scholarships for Camp Henry are once again available. Funding comes from the ECW Rummage Sale. If your child is interested, please submit your request, including the child's name and dates of attendance, to Georgi Bruce (via the church office) by May 15. A second child in the family may also receive limited assistance. Young people not requesting Camp Henry assistance may be assisted with youth group mission trips or conference attendance.

As an active member of Grace Parish, *your* children are eligible for these scholarship funds, so don't miss the opportunity!

Help Us Recognize Our Grads



Graduates and families of graduates, we would like to recognize you on the occasion of this big accomplishment. Please share details of your graduation from high school or college with the church office at grace.parish@att.net or call the church office at 254-1086. Include your school's name, majors, and future plans for publication in an upcoming issue of the *TEAM*.

Meet the Candidates for Our Next Bishop

The selection of the seventh Bishop of Western North Carolina begins with a series of "Meet the Candidates Walk-Abouts" throughout our diocese. These meetings are open to everyone, and parishioners are encouraged to attend any or all. The meeting schedule is:

- Monday, May 16, 6-8 pm - Asheville Area, Christ School, Arden
- Tuesday, May 17, 12-2 pm - Grace in the Mountains, Waynesville
- Tuesday, May 17, 6-8 pm - Valle Crucis Conference Center, Banner Elk
- Wednesday, May 18, 12-2pm - Piedmont Area, St Luke's, Lincolnton.

After the May meetings listed above, your parish delegates (our clergy and two parish "electors" - Walt and Joyce Noble, who represented Grace at the Fall 2015 Convention) will provide an opportunity for you to meet, review the candidate resumes and ask questions.

Also, you may download a brochure that includes a brief history and a statement from Bishop Taylor. It is titled *The Future is an Exciting Place*.



Grace Outreach

Sue Thompkins

Transformation Village Fund-Raiser. The members of the Grace Outreach Committee would like to thank you for your support of our “Treasures for Transformation” drive that we sponsored during Lent. As you know, all of the money that was donated will be given to ABCCM for the Transformation Village they are building to house homeless women and children in Buncombe County. We will give you a total for the donations in the May *TEAM*. Thank you!



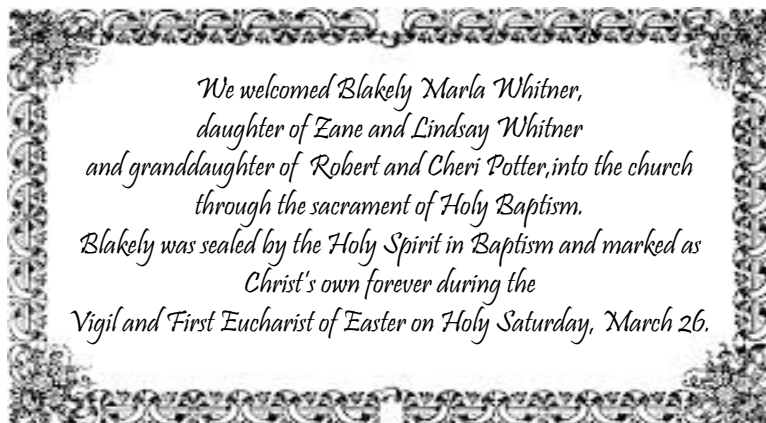
Denise Drake (2nd from left) accepts the key to her new home from Mary Bruce Woody and Bill Doyle (on right) and AAHH Executive Director Andy Barnett.

The Drake Family Comes Home! On Thursday morning, March 17, Denise Drake, the new owner of the recently completed Habitat for Humanity Episcopal House in Hudson Hills, listened carefully while attorney Marc Rudow explained all the legalese included in her mortgage papers. “See this figure right here, this zero?” Marc pointed out. “That’s the total amount of interest you will pay over the 30 years of your mortgage. Zero. That’s a good number.”

Denise signed her name on the documents as Bill Doyle (Cathedral of All Souls) and Mary Bruce Woody (Trinity Episcopal Church) looked on. Mary Bruce reported later that Denise was nothing short of euphoric, and that she left the closing to begin moving into her new home with the help of her children and friends.

We are grateful for the faithful and long-standing partnership of the Episcopal churches of Buncombe County, the WNC Diocese, and the Deerfield community. Thank you for all your help bringing Denise Drake and her children home!

Easter Vigil Baptism



Healing Prayer Corner

Jeanne Robertson

The Rev. John Rice is coming to our OSL Program Meeting. SAVE THE DATE!

On Thursday, April 14, 6:30 p.m., we will be blessed to have with us The Rev. John Rice. Most of you know John. He is a member of the North American board of directors of the International Order of St. Luke, now serving as their Executive Chaplain. John will help us learn from Jesus’ response to his disciples request, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” (Luke 11:1)

John will focus on praying the Lord’s Prayer for healing, persisting in prayer, and praying with Jesus’ power and authority. He will lead us in prayer exercises for all three areas. It will be a rich evening that will further equip us for Jesus’ ministry of healing.

I hope to see you there!

Gift Boosts Pledge February Receipts

Pledge receipts through the end of February totaled \$79,968, compared to projected pledges of \$54,833. Considering all income sources, income received to date totaled \$97,088; while we projected income to be \$64,550. We ended the month with a very positive variance in overall projected income of \$32,538. A generous donation of \$25,000, which was provided as pledged income, contributed significantly to this very happy month end.

The positive income variance thus far has been enhanced by expenses which were less than budgeted amounts by \$311. When added to the positive income variance of \$32,538 our income less expenses resulted in a healthy surplus of \$32,849 for the year.

While we have begun the year in a very positive manner, we do need to be aware that a single donation has greatly influenced our financial position. We continue to encourage prayer and attention to our stewardship efforts.

Your Vestry

Statement of Activities - Grace Church Year to Date - February 2016

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Income:			
Pledges	78,968	54,833	24,135
Prior Year Pledges	4,490	748	3,742
Non-pledged Offerings	7,470	5,525	1,945
Open Offering	3,307	998	2,309
Interest	0	0	-
Misc.	2,853	2,446	407
Total Income:	97,088	64,550	32,538
Expenses:			
Outreach/Mission	7,365	8,569	(1,204)
Parish Programs	4,434	2,720	1,714
Operations	13,109	11,995	1,114
Personnel	50,892	49,599	1,293
Total Expenses:	28,071	28,382	(311)
Income Less Expenses:	69,017	36,168	32,849

The State of Our Altar Guild

Cuyler Dupree

Dear Grace family,

The Altar Guild is about to hit a real crisis. We have lost many members in the last several years for a variety of reasons.

We are organized into teams corresponding to Sundays: Team 1 on the first Sunday, Team 2 on the second Sunday, and so on. Whenever there is a 5th Sunday, we all pitch in. When I began serving on Team 1, our team had eight members. We are now down to three, and unfortunately, this has become typical for all our Altar Guild teams.

If you want to know what the Altar Guild does, we prepare Grace church for worship for *all* services — Sundays, funerals, and weddings, the candles, hymn boards, clergy vestments, and vessels for communion.

It has been a very rewarding experience for me. There are no finer people to work with. I miss the ladies who are gone: Angie Vest, Marty Hawkins, Betty Harper, and Sherry Coward.

Please consider joining this vital ministry. Although it is traditionally a women's ministry, men are most welcome. The preparations for Sunday services are usually made on Saturday, and don't require a long period of time. Please call me at 828-299-8412, or email me at cdoledawg@charter.net. You may also call Nora Jones at 828-277-5507, or email her at Noraorajones@1223att.net. Let us put you in touch with a team leader to learn more.

I hope we hear from you!

An Update from Panama

Elly Withers

I can't believe that I have already been in Panama for six months now. Half a year, and already I have seen and learned so much. With PROMESA I have had the opportunity to travel north to Santiago to work with the indigenous groups from the Ngobe Bugle, south towards Darién to work with the indigenous groups from the Emberá and the Kuna, and east to work with different rural farmers outside of the Pintada and in Tres Hermanas. I have had the opportunity to help facilitate three different farm exchanges, five different workshops, visit ten different communities, dozens of farms, and even had the chance to present with PROMESA at the National Episcopal Convention in Panama City.

But these stats really can't capture all of the inspiration that I have felt. Today, one of our agricultural promoters, Vasco, explained to me how he learned to make bread at a PROMESA "crop transformation" workshop. In these workshops, our promoters come together and share new recipes with one another that use common crops from their farms. Vasco now sells the bread that he learned to make with PROMESA to his entire community and even three of the neighboring communities down the road. He told me that he is able to send his six kids to school every day because of that bread.

Wow. I feel so fortunate to be working with an organization that is making such a big difference in the communities where it works. Thank you again for all of your support from Grace, that has allowed me to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God in Panama!



Herminio Sánchez with his daughter Danelly riding a horse in Tres Hermanas. Horses serve as the main transportation here because of the small, steep trails and numerous river crossings.



I visited Tres Hermanas, a small rural community outside of Chorrera in Panamá. I got to visit four different farms and even learned how to milk a cow at one of them!



Presenting a slideshow about PROMESA with our Director Franklin, for the National Convention of the Episcopal Church.



I was machete weed-eating with Ramón, one of our agricultural promoters, when we came across this huge yam! He had forgotten that he had even planted it.

Our own Elly Withers continues her year of service in Panama with the Young Adult Service Corp through the Episcopal Church (YASC). You can follow her at ellypanamoni.blogspot.com.

April 2016 Ministry Schedule

Date	Service Time	Acolyte C	Acolyte G	Acolyte E	Lector, Intercessor & Presenters	Healing Team	Ushers	Chalicians	Coffee Hour	Scripture	Lesson
Apr 3											
	7:45					Deb Gravatt	Ed Duncan	James Cannon			
	9:00	Gavin Knapp	Helena Cullen	Cuyler Dupree	L.I.P - Jenny Knapp, Bill Crownover, Knapp family	Louise Wernicke Patricia Haigrove	Tricia and Mickey Trinite	1. Caro Booth 2. Jenny Knapp	Paul Vest	Acts 5:27-32	1st Lesson & 9:00
	11:15	Bob Grimes	Olivia Nery	Sally Withers	L, I, P - Joel Rogers, Kristen Dusenbery	Karen Compton Pat Davis	Lary and LuAnn Harris	1. Charles Carter 2. Kimberly Kneier	Sallie Hunter	Revelation 1:4-8	2nd Lesson
Apr 10											
	7:45					Deb Gravatt	Steve Jones	James Cannon			
	9:00	Harrison Best	Andrew Best	Louise Wernicke	L.I.P - Paul and Daphne Urquhart	Jeanne Robertson Kathy Oesterlin	Tom and Liz Barr	1. Cuyler Dupree 2. Scott Best	Katherine Kaderabek	Acts 9:1-20	1st Lesson & 9:00
	11:15	Mark Silvers	Ellie Silvers	Jonah Silvers	L, I, P - Cal and Nancy Remmers	Mary Israel Corinne Spencer	Ron Sims Arnold Clark	1. Sally Coburn 2. Cliff Albertson	Volunteer	Revelation 5:11-14	2nd Lesson
Apr 17											
	7:45					Deb Gravatt	Andrew Dahm	Margaret Dahm			
	9:00	Daphne Urquhart	Maya Bell	Moira Stewart	L.I.P - Angie Cullen, Debbie Jones, Jones family	Pat Davis Jane Whitman	Paul and Vicki Vest	1. Jennifer Clary 2. Greg Townsend	Micki Newton	Acts 9:36-43	1st Lesson & 9:00
	11:15	Rusty McCredie	Grace Miller	Eric Howell	L.I.P -Jenny Thomas, Joel Rogers	Karen Compton Sonny Rawls	Elaine Potter John Rigsby	1. Eric Howell 2. Nancy Clark	Georgi Bruce	Revelation 7:9-17	2nd Lesson
	Taizé 8:00 PM				I - James Cannon L - Monty Wooten	Deb Gravatt					
Apr 24											
	7:45					Deb Gravatt	Ed Duncan	Jack Frue			
	9:00	Liste Ellington	Cuyler Dupree	Laura Ellington	L, I, P - John and Beth Woodson	Jeanne Robertson Shari Lane	Derek and Wade Edwards	1. Daphne Urquhart 2. Ann Robinson	Elaine Dephouse	Acts 11:1-18	1st Lesson & 9:00
	11:15	Cheryl Aull	Ellie Silvers	Jonah Silvers	L, I, P - Rusty McCredie, Sally Coburn	Mary Israel Sonny Rawls	Paul Stewart Bob Turner	1. Carol McMichael 2. Bill Warren	Mary Ann Warren	Revelation 21:1-16	2nd Lesson
Flower Arrangers											
Date	Counters	Depositors		Date	Altar Guild						
3-Apr	Steve Birkhofer	James Cannon		3-Apr	Shearouse (Dawson, Buchanan)						
10-Apr	Martha Boyette	Judy Bohan		10-Apr	Dawson, Buchanan						
17-Apr	Sally Withers	Chal & Hugh Vaughn		17-Apr	Dawson, Buchanan (Shearouse)						
24-Apr	Georgi Bruce	Anne Simmons		24-Apr	Davis, Jones						

Our Prayer List

April

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

For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities: **Henny Caldwell; David & Peggie Carey; Rusk Henry; June Kelley; Neill Mason; Maryli Perkins; Joan Sanderson; 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): **Ashley** (*daughter of Henry Watts*); **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 Sims*); **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*); **Steve Graves** (*brother-in-law of Barbara & Chuck Wilcox*); **Bill & Mary Hayes** (*parents of Rick Hayes*); **Priscilla Hickey** (*sister-in-law of Barbara & Chuck Wilcox*); **Donald Israel** (*brother-in-law of Mary Israel*); **Donna Johnson** (*friend of Suzanne & Doug Bowie*); **Kathleen Johnson** (*friend of Barbara & Chuck Wilcox*); **Mary McAuliffe** (*wife of Jerry & friend of Barbara & Chuck Wilcox*); **Ted Oesterlin; Kelly Rice** (*daughter of Steve & Nora Jones*); **Cindy Smeltzer** (*friend of Jeanne & Ron Sims*); **Erik & Susan Stoops** (*brother-in-law & sister of Wendy Kuykendall*); **Jennifer Svenstrup** (*friend of Paul & Vicki Vest*); **Calvin Underwood** (*friend of Jim & Karen Compton*); **Vincent** (*friend of Jeannette & Bob Reese*); **Alicia; Cathy; Dennis; Elizabeth; Joni; Lou** (*mother of Kim Hayes*); **Pam** (*friend of Cheryl Aull*); **Sue; Susan.**

For Those Who Have Died and Their Families: **Betty Henry** (*wife of Russ Henry*); **Martin Shaw.**

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.**

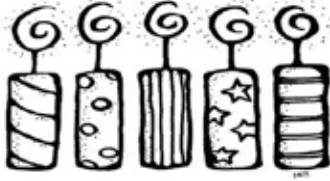
For Those in Service to Our Country: **Tommy & Danny Brown** (*grandsons of Ed & Marla Woekener*); **Matthew George** (*son of Zoe Davis*); **Austin Harrison** (*grandson of Joan Sanderson*); **Jon Holland** (*parishioner*); **Spencer & Erica High; Gregory Melson** (*grandson of Charlotte Melson*); **Jason 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 like to add and then contact Kathleen Griffin at gkcgiffin7@gmail.com or the church office at grace.parish@att.net. Thank you, God, for answered prayer; for Kathleen who manages the list, and for all those who faithfully pray.

April Anniversaries

John and Doris Rigsby	4
Arnold and Nancy Clark	10
Louise and Tom Wernicke	25
Mike and Judy Bohan	26



April Birthdays

2 Tessa Path	16 Libba McKinsey
2 Hobart Whitman	17 Randy Carson
3 Douglas Bowie	17 Nancy Porter
4 Lorraine Chambers	18 James Rice
4 Nancy Clark	18 Barbara Wilcox
4 Jim Dreger	20 Matthew Carlin
5 Ben Scales	22 Caroline Hamrick Snead
7 Jade Cress	23 Lauren Kuykendall
7 Larry Hall	24 Laura Dover
9 Jarod Coffey	24 Amanda Edwards
11 Travers Chiott	25 Phil Carlin
11 Margaret Dahm	26 Tom Bell, Jr.
11 David Gentry	26 Ray Robertson
11 Jon Holland	27 Becky Barker
11 Watson Jordan	27 Karen Leonard
12 Kathie Engelbrecht	30 Gary Coffey
13 Rusty Herman	

Gifts to Appreciate

The Aumbry candle is given to the Glory of God by Mary Jane and Jack Westall in thanksgiving for their children and grandchildren.

The flowers are given to the glory of God by:

Katie and Mike Nery in thanksgiving for their family;

Tricia and Keith Hargrove in thanksgiving for the blessing of family and friends;

Randy and Martha Carson in honor of their grandchildren, Alex and Sofia Carson and Jackson Miller;

The Drake and Duncan Family in memory of Ruth Bryce and Mary E. Prichard.



Endowment Gifts

Georgi Bruce in memory of Betty Henry;
Margaret Palmer in memory of Sherry Coward;
Jonathan Chiott.

Memorial Gifts

David and Sally Withers in memory of
Betty Henry
Tom and Ingrid Adelsbach in memory of
Betty Henry

*Our condolences and prayers
to the families of:*

Betty Henry

and

Martin Shaw

Marketplace 29 AD - A True Ecumenical Event

What do you get when you put a roomful of Episcopalians and Presbyterians representing eight different congregations together? Chaos, you think? Not at all! You get a fantastic Vacation Bible School!

This multi-church event has been growing since the early 1990's, with Trinity Episcopal Church coming on board nine years ago. These groups of coordinators represent:

First Presbyterian Church (downtown Asheville);

Trinity Episcopal Church (downtown Asheville);

Grace Episcopal Church (Asheville);

Cathedral of All Souls;

Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church;

Circle of Mercy;

St. Mary's Episcopal Church; and

St. James Episcopal Church (Black Mountain).

Pooling our talents, resources, volunteers and children, we can accommodate 175 children participating and well over 100 volunteers per day helping in some capacity! It is a BIG effort that pays off in a superbly crafted VBS! Our planning group of coordinators begins meeting in earnest every February to begin getting ready for the upcoming summer. There are countless hours of behind-the-scenes preparation that go on to ensure a smooth running event!

This summer, MarketPlace 29 AD (the name of our VBS) will take place from June 20-23. Registration for children and sign up for volunteers will begin this month.

Our elementary age children meet at First Presbyterian during that week, with preschoolers at Trinity. Both churches transform their spaces with tents and rugs and all kinds of décor to set the tone for a Judean village. Our Biblical themes change yearly, with this year's theme being "Room For All." This theme will be explored through both Old and New Testament stories.

