



the Grace TEAM

to each a ministry

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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.

Dear People of Grace,

Happy Easter! I am so thankful that we celebrate Easter for fifty days in The Episcopal Church, from April 1 this year to May 20, which is The Day of Pentecost. It would be a shame to celebrate our Lord's resurrection for just one day.

As it is, we will have seven Sundays to ponder the significance of Jesus' resurrection from the dead. One of the best explanations I have ever heard of why Jesus died on the Cross and was raised on the third day is from someone who said, "Jesus died for us and rose again to live in us!" This is very consistent with our Celebration of Easter which leads up to the Day of Pentecost, where God poured out the Holy Spirit on all the baptized forever.

Jesus lives in us through the indwelling presence of God, the Holy Spirit, which is given to us at our baptisms. Since God is One, and we experience God in the three persons of the Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, then the Holy Spirit can also be called the Spirit of God or the Spirit of Jesus or even the Spirit of the Father.

This is why Jesus told His disciples that it would be better for them when He went away into heaven because God would then send the Holy Spirit, who does not have the limitation of a human body as Jesus did. Therefore, the Blessed Holy Spirit can indwell Christians all over the world at once. It's easy to see why He said it would be better when He went away, for then God would send the Holy Spirit who is not limited to a human body but whose presence is limitless.

It's also the Holy Spirit that gifts us for ministry, empowering us to be Christ's presence in the world today. In I Corinthians 12 and Romans 12, St. Paul lists some of the spiritual gifts. One is prophecy which means not so much fore-telling the future, but the *forth* telling of God's Word into a particular context. Consider how the Old Testament prophets spoke into Israel's various situations in the Old Testament.

Another gift St. Paul lists is teaching. Some Christians have the spiritual gift of teaching, empowering them to naturally and easily explain complex theological and spiritual things. Another gift is exhortation. People who have the spiritual gift of exhortation find themselves naturally and easily encouraging those around them,

saying things that build people up.

I used the phrase "naturally and easily" regarding spiritual giftedness. That which you can do naturally and easily in Christ's service, and that which you enjoy doing, probably points to the spiritual gift or gifts imparted to you.

Christ rose again to live in us and to gift us to be His loving and able presence in the world today. In this time of chaos and violence, it's time for us to speak up for His peace and to work for His peace in the world. Don't be afraid to step forth and be Christ's presence in the world. It will be a blessing to you and to all with whom you come in contact. Remember to be who you are, a spirit-filled blessing in this world! You are blessed to be a blessing!

With much love in Christ Jesus,

Fr. Gary Coffey

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Events at a Glance

A Quick Review of the Month

Sunday, April 1, Easter Day

THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

The Holy Eucharist at 7:45, 9:00 & 11:15 a.m.

The Children's Easter Egg Hunt follows the 9:00 service.



Monday Morning Gospel Bible Study

Mondays, 10:30 a.m., PH

Early Birds Men's Book Study

Tuesdays, 8:45 a.m., LI

Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing

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

Centering Prayer

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

Choir and Bell Rehearsal

Wednesdays: Bells, 6:00 p.m., Choir Rm.

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

Church Office Closed

Easter Monday, April 1

Generational Healing Eucharist

Tuesday, April 3, 6:30 p.m., CH

Pub Sing

Sunday, April 8, snacks at 5:30 p.m.; singing at 6:00 p.m.

Healing Prayer Services

Tuesdays, April 10, 17 & 24, 6:30-7:30 p.m., LI

Men of the Church

Tuesday, April 10, 6:00 p.m.,

TEAM Meeting

Wednesday, April 11, 10:00 a.m., OF

Order of St. Luke

Thursday, April 12, 6:30 p.m., PH

Steadfast House Meal

Friday, April 13, 6:00 p.m.

Acolyte Appreciation Sunday

*Sunday, April 15, 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. Services, CH
(lunch and training following 11:15)*

Taizé Worship Service

Sunday, April 15, 8:00-9:00 p.m., CH

Vestry Meeting

Monday, April 16, 5:30 p.m., LI

Purls of Grace

Thursday, April 19, 5:30 p.m., LI

Good Shepherd Sunday: Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, April 22, 9:00 a.m. service, CH (details on p. 3)

5th Sunday Brunch

Sunday, April 29, 10:00 a.m., PH (details on p. 3)

Acolyte Appreciation Sunday. Acolyte Appreciation and Training will be Sunday, April 15. We will recognize our acolytes for their dedicated service at the altar during worship at 9:00 and 11:15. Following the 11:15 service, we will have lunch and training for new acolytes or for those wishing to move up a level. Please join us to become part of this very important ministry. Everyone is welcome. See Sally Withers (sallybwithers@gmail.com) for more info.

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, 8:45-10:00 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 April. Questions? Call Bill Spencer at 299-3566.

Sing with the **Grace Choir!** Singers are needed for all sections with some sight-reading skills, good intonation, as well as dedication and good humor. Contact Ned Tipton, ned.graceasheville@gmail.com for details.

Men of the Church will meet Tuesday, April 10, 6:00 p.m., at the home of host Oscar Starnes, 129 Stuyvesant Road in Biltmore Forest. The cost is \$15, and a sign-up sheet is posted 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, April 12, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Kay Covode will lead us in a discussion of our identity in Christ. Kay has been a active member of OSL for eleven years. She is an intercessor, prayer minister, and founder of the Shammah Prayer House in Hayesville, NC. She has been to India six times to bring the Healing Ministry of Jesus and OSL to the Diocese of Durgapur. 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, April 8, at the French Broad Brewery, 101 Fairview Road. You may bring a snack at 5:30 p.m.; singing is 6:00-8:00. For more information, contact Monty Wooten at montywooten@bellsouth.net or 828-254-1114. Get directions at frenchbroadbrewery.com/directions/.

Parish News, Updates and Reminders



A SPECIAL TAIZÉ SERVICE ON APRIL 15. This month's third-Sunday Taizé Easter service will include additional musicians. Judy Rhodes, our longtime keyboard player and vocalist, will be joined by violinist Crosby Cofod and guitarist Greg Michelsen. Both are trained classical musicians with influences from bluegrass, folk, jazz and rock. The evening will incorporate the more celebratory Taizé chants in keeping with our continuing Easter tide celebration of our Lord's resurrection. Both Crosby and Greg will bring a varied and rich contribution to the music of Taizé.

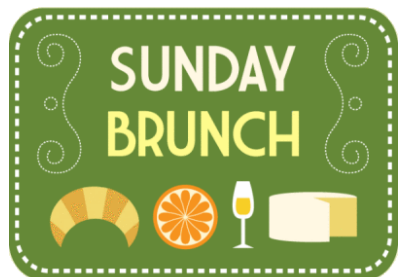
The Taizé service at Grace is attended by an ecumenical congregation who enjoy the reflective form of worship using candles, incense, chants, meditative readings, and prayers and including periods of silence. Prayers for healing are also offered at the service. The service of Taizé music and prayer begins at 8:00 PM on Sunday, April 15 in the sanctuary of Grace Episcopal Church.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS!

Sunday, April 22, is Good Shepherd Sunday. It is also the annual "Blessing of the Animals" during the 9:00 a.m. service at Grace. Although fun-filled, light-hearted and especially exciting for children, the Blessing of the Animals also witnesses to the love, care, and concern we share with God for creation.

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.



FIFTH SUNDAY BRUNCH TIME! Sunday, April 29, we will hold our spring Fifth Sunday brunch between services at 10:00 a.m. in the parish hall. This will be a chance to meet other parishioners from different services. Bring a dish to share and plan to have a great time! See Sally Withers (712-1955) for details.

DERBY DAY IS ON THE WAY! ECW will have the second annual Derby Day luncheon at noon on Saturday, May 5 in the parish hall. Bring a favorite side dish to enhance the meat and beverage furnished by ECW. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. Wear your favorite hat!! See you then.



WE'RE SEARCHING FOR 2018 GRADUATES! Attention all Grace parents, grandparents, godparents, aunts and uncles! Are there high school or college graduates in the family this year? If so, we'd like very much to recognize them and add our congratulations for their academic achievements. We're just as proud of them as you are, so please email us or call with the graduate's name, the school they're graduating from, the degree they'll receive (if applicable), where they plan to continue their education (if applicable), any noteworthy honors they've received, and what plans they have for the future. We'd also like to have your name and relationship to the graduate.

To submit information for an upcoming *Grace TEAM*, email grace.church.asheville@gmail.com or call the church office, 254-1086.

Congratulations to Those Confirmed & Received

On Palm Sunday, March 25, the Rt. Rev. José McLoughlin visited Grace Church, where during the 9:00 a.m. service, eighteen candidates were confirmed, received or reaffirmed. Throughout the history of the Episcopal Church, this has always been a joyful event not only for the candidates, but for the entire church family.

Congratulations

Wade Edwards
Laura Ellington
Bailey Frue
Cameron Frue
Sean Green
Natalie Nery
Olivia Nery
Charlie Scales
Jonah Silvers
Moir Stewart

*(These are all young people
who were confirmed by the
bishop.)*

Pete Kuehne
Shannon Ponce
Alfonso Ponce
Michael Racine
Jennifer Witt

*(The above are adults who were
confirmed.)*

Bob DuBrul
Valerie Heavens

*(These are adults who were
received into The Episcopal
Church.)*

Don Wills
*(Reaffirmed in The Episcopal
Church)*



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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Adult Formation

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL. Our study of the Gospel of John continues. Fr. Gary and Greg Townsend lead this class, which meets in the parish hall.

ALTAR GUILD. Thank you to our Altar Guild members for all they have done to make worship during the season of Lent, Holy Week and Easter a blessing for all of us. This ministry enhances our worship not only at Easter, but every week of the Church year. If you would like to join this special team, please contact the church office, 254-1086 or email grace.church.asheville@gmail.com.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS. Beautiful Celtic art now decorates our new fence. Thank you, Tricia Hargrove, for your artistry! Thank you, Pat Walters, John Woodson, Monty Wooten, David Withers and Cliff Albertson, for putting the finishing touches on a meaningful addition to our church grounds. And thank you, Bishop José for your blessing on Palm Sunday!



CHILD FORMATION. The creativity it takes to capture the imaginations of our young people often goes unrecognized. Thank you, Zoe Davis for once again providing the ingredients and expertise for making pretzels with our Sunday School students on the First Sunday of Lent! It was another joyful teaching moment for our children.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW). Be sure to put the upcoming Derby Day luncheon, Saturday, May 5, on your calendar! Details on p. 3. And thanks to all who dropped off Rummage Sale donations March 24. The next drop off day is June 30.

FELLOWSHIP. Our next Fifth Sunday Brunch is Sunday, April 29. Bring a dish to share following the 9:00 a.m. service, and join folks from all three Grace services for a special time of fellowship.

FLOWER GUILD. Our thanks to the members of the Flower Guild for their creativity and artistry. It is their gifted hands that make our church a place of exquisite beauty on Easter Sunday. If you would like more information about becoming a Flower Guild member, please contact Mary Israel, tobearranged@bellsouth.net.

OUTREACH. Thank you for your generous donations to our ABCCM food drive. We were able to deliver 35 bags of much-needed groceries to them for use in meals for the hungry and for their pantry.

PASTORAL CARE. Thank you to all who contributed to the preparation and delivery of Easter baskets to our homebound friends! It means so much to them to receive these small gifts.



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**; **Nancy Remmers**; **Ray Robertson**; **Laura & Tsz-yan Snyder**; **Rita Spragg**, **Don Wills**.

For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities: **Henny Caldwell**; **Mary Hayes** (mother of Rick Hayes); **Straudia & Mel Luedtke**; **Rita & Roger Lyda**; **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): **Kim Bailey**; **Chris Boehme** (son-in-law of Mary Alice Nard); **Deane Boggs** (sister of Joyce Noble); **Sullivan Bull** (friend of Ron & Jeanne Sims); **Bunni Cosimati** (sister of Bob DuBrul); **Rocky Cunningham**; **Keith Enloe** (friend of Mary Israel); **Kacie Epley** (cousin of Vicki & Paul Vest); **Al Fadel** (friend of Nancy & Arnold Clark); **Amy Freeman** (daughter of Rusty Herman); **Danny Hall** (brother-in-law of David Gentry); **Kathleen & Michael Johnson** (friends of Barbara Wilcox); **Jeff Johnston** (cousin of Eva Dupree); **Bob Kievit** (friend of Don Wills); **Fred & Jean Macon** (friends of Don Wills); **Lisa McDonald** (sister of Susan Robinson); **Olivia & Richard L. Metz** (friends of Don Wills); **Jim Monroe** (friend of Jeannette & Bob Reese); **Allie Pannell** (niece of Ron & Jeanne Sims); **Janice Ribet** (former parishioner); **Marcus Trinite** (son of Mickey & Tricia Trinite); **Janet Waters** (daughter of Cal & Nancy Remmers); **Wayne Wills** (brother of Don Wills); **Betty** (mother of Beth Stahl); **Elizabeth**; **George** (friend of Fr. Gary Coffey); **June** (friend of Barbara Wilcox); **Maria & Samuel** (friends of Kathleen Griffin); **Scott** (friend of Pete Kuehne); **Marshall** (friend of Corinne and Bill Spencer); **Steve**, **Sue**; **Susan**; **Susan** (friend of Shannon Ponce).

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: **Anne Adkins** (mother of Cathy Adkins); **Andy Bell** (former parishioner).

For Those in Service to Our Country: **Tommy & Danny Brown** (grandsons of Ed & Marla Woeckener); **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**.

For our President Donald Trump, his Cabinet, Congress & 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 337-8241 or gkcgiffin7@gmail.com or the church office at grace.church.asheville@gmail.com.

April 2018 Ministry Schedule											
Date	Service Time	Acolyte C	Acolyte G	Acolyte E	Lector, Intercessor & Presenters	Healing Team	Ushers	Chalcists	Coffee Hour	Scripture	Lesson
April 1											
	7:45						Ed Duncan	James Cannon			
	9:00	Maya Bell	Aleena Bennett	Zoe Davis	L,I,P - Vicki Vest, Greg Townsend, Townsend Family	Louise Wernicke Patricia Hargrove	Will Israel Tom Barr Ray Kuykendall	1. Nancy Walters 2. John Woodson	Elaine Dephousse	Acts 10:34-43	1st Lesson
	11:15	Jonah Silvers	Sally Withers	Mark Silvers	L,I,P - Rusty McCredie, Kimberly Kneier	Pat Davis Karen Compton	George Davis Ed Woekener Rusty Herman	1. Charles Carter 2. Kimberly Kneier	Volunteer	I Corinthians 15:1-11	2nd Lesson
April 8											
	7:45						Johnny Robinson	Susan Robinson			
	9:00	Carsten Path	Tessa Path	Maira Stewart	L,I,P - Larry Bowen, Jenny Knapp, Larry & Neil Bowen	Allyn and Joan Aldrich	Paul and Vicki Vest	1. Lorie Tola 2. Greg Townsend	Cuyler Dupree	Acts 4:32-35	1st Lesson 9 AM
	11:15	Rusty McCredie	Olivia Nery	Ellie Silvers	L,I,P - Jenny Thomas, Nancy Remmers	Mary Israel Corinne Spencer	Larry and LuAnn Harris	1. Steve Parker 2. Elaine Potter	Pat Stafford	I John 1:1-2:2	2nd Lesson
April 15											
	7:45						Steve Jones	Margaret Dahm			
	9:00	Laura Ellington	Nola Ellington	Lisle Ellington	L,I,P - Hugh Vaughn, Lorie Tola	Pat Davis Jane Whitman	Ray and Lauren Kuykendall	1. Cuyler Dupree 2. Ann Robinson	Paul Vest	Acts 3:12-19	1st Lesson 9 AM
	11:15	Mark Silvers	Sally Withers	Eric Howell	L,I,P - Mark Silvers, Kimberly Kneier	Karen Compton Sonny Rawls	Elaine Potter Rusty Herman	1. Cliff Albertson 2. Sally Coburn	Georgi Bruce	I John 3:1-7	2nd Lesson
	Taizé 8:00 PM				L - James Cannon I - Monty Wooten	Fr. Bob Reese					
April 22											
	7:45						Ed Duncan	Jack Frue			
	9:00	Zoe Davis	Lauren Kuykendall	Daphne Urquhart	L, I, P - Beth and John Woodson, Knapp Family	Jeanne Robertson, Shari Lane	Derek and Wade Edwards	1. Nancy Walters 2. Debbie Jones	Micki Newton	Acts 4:5-12	1st Lesson 9 AM
	11:15	Cheryl Aull	Olivia Nery	Grace Miller	L, I, P - Elaine Potter, Kristen Dusenbery	Mary Israel Sonny Rawls	Bob Turner Elaine Potter	1. Sally Withers 2. Sally Coburn	Mary Ann Warren	I John 3:16-24	2nd Lesson
April 29											
	7:45						Steve Jones	James Cannon			
	9:00	Gavin Knapp	(alternate)	Louise Wernicke	L, I, P - Daphne and Paul Urquhart	Brenda Haller Ann Robinson	Mickey and Tricia Trinite	1. Lorie Tola 2. Jenny Knapp	Elaine Dephousse	Acts 8:26-40	1st Lesson 9 AM
	11:15	Jonah Silvers	Sally Withers	Eric Howell	L, I, P - Nancy Remmers, Jenny Thomas	(alternates)	Bob Turner Ed Woekener	1. Elaine Potter 2. Steve Parker	Volunteer	I John 4:7-21	2nd Lesson
Altar Guild											
Date	Counters	Depositors	Date	Flower Arrangers	Altar Guild						
1-Apr	Steve Birkhofer	James Cannon	1-Apr	Easter - all	Group 1: March 31 - April 6						
8-Apr	Martha Boyette	Judy Bohan	8-Apr	Israel, Wills	Group 2: April 7 - April 13						
15-Apr	Sally Withers	Chal & Hugh Vaughn	15-Apr	Jones	Group 3: April 14 - April 20						
22-Apr	Georgi Bruce	Anne Simmons	22-Apr	Jones	Group 4: April 21 - April 27						
29-Apr	Georgi Bruce	Steve Birkhofer	29-Apr	Dawson	Group 5: April 28 - May 4						

April Anniversaries

Arnold and Nancy Clark	10
Robert Dubrul and Judit Hoy	12
Louise and Tom Wernicke	25
Mike and Judy Boham	26

April Birthdays

2 Tessa Path	16 Shannon Ponce
2 Hobart Whitman	17 Randy Carson
4 Lorraine Chambers	17 Nancy Porter
4 Nancy Clark	18 Barbara Wilcox
5 Ben Scales	19 Hans Van Vonno
7 Clifford Albertson	20 Matthew Carlin
7 Jade Cress	22 Caroline Hamrick Snead
7 Larry Hall	23 Lauren Kuykendall
10 John Chastain	24 Laura Dover
11 Travers Chiott	24 Amanda Edwards
11 Margaret Dahm	25 Phil Carlin
11 David Gentry	26 Tom Bell, Jr.
11 Watson Jordan	26 Ray Robertson
12 Rhian Chastain	27 Sharon Rains
12 Kathie Engelbrecht	28 Julie Cooley
13 Rusty Herman	30 The Rev. Gary Coffey
15 Guy Wrenn	

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family, loved ones and friends of Anne Adkins (mother of Cathy Adkins) and Andy Bell (former parishioner and husband of Nyla Bell).

Special Gifts

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

The flowers are given to the Glory of God

- by the Drake and Duncan family in memory of Ruth Bryce and Mary E. Pritchard;
- by Randy and Martha Carson in honor of their grandchildren Alex and Sophia Carson and Jackson Miller;
- by Teresa Cantrell in loving memory of her husband Cecil Cantrell;
- by Teresa Cantrell in loving memory of her parents Nyra and Bill Caton.

Flower Arranging 101



Everyone had fun at the recent Flower Arranging Workshop hosted by the Grace Flower Guild.

Marzy Israel and Nora Jones came home from their flower conference at Grace Cathedral in Charleston with some great, practical ideas to share.



Marzy Israel (above) and Nora Jones (l) at work, creating beautiful arrangements.

Our Easter Flowers

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

We will have a list of all the Easter donors in next month's *Grace TEAM* newsletter.

Strong Gains Through February

Statement of Activities - Grace Church Year to Date - February 2018

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Income:			
Pledges	70,839	58,935	11,904
Prior Year Pledges	50	-	50
Non-pledged Offerings	-	2,021	(2,021)
Open Offering	1,831	5,644	(3,813)
Interest	10	11	(1)
Misc.	2,272	2,221	51
Total Income:	75,003	68,832	6,171
Expenses:			
Outreach/Mission	7,168	8,334	(1,167)
Parish Programs	2,106	1,494	612
Operations	9,681	11,238	(1,557)
Personnel	47,980	47,766	214
Total Expenses:	66,934	68,832	(1,898)
Income Less Expenses:	8,068	(0)	8,068

Pledge receipts through the end of February totaled \$70,839 compared to projected pledges of \$58,935. Considering all income sources, income received for the year totaled \$75,003 while we projected income to be \$68,832. We ended the month with a positive income variance of \$6171.

The positive income variance was increased by expenses less than budgeted amounts by \$1898. When these savings were added to the positive income variance of \$6171 our income less expenses resulted in a surplus of \$8068 at the end of February.

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

Your Vestry



JOIN THE "TEAM" TEAM! Do you have desktop publishing skills using Microsoft Publisher? Would you be interested in learning more about the ministry of producing, editing and publishing the *Grace TEAM* monthly newsletter? If this is a "ministry fit" for you, please contact Kim Hayes, kimhys53@gmail.com, to learn more.