



the Grace TEAM

to each a ministry

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Sunday Worship through April 21

7:45 a.m. - Rite I

9:00 a.m. - Family Eucharist

11:15 a.m. - Choral Eucharist

Beginning April 28

8:00 a.m. - Rite I

10:30 a.m. - Rite II

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.

A Healing Prayer Service and
Eucharist with laying on of hands
for God's healing is offered on
Wednesdays, 12:15 p.m.

Taizé

Third Sunday of each month at 7:00
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 this service.

A Message from Fr. Gary

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

As I write this article, March Madness (aka NCAA Basketball tournament) is in full swing. Often, these weeks in Lent before Easter seem stress-filled to clergy and church professionals because of all the Holy Week arrangements, services, homilies, meditations, and sermons to write. Living in this liminal time of the "almost, but not yet" brings about some anxiety for us. It requires us to do a lot, but it also gives us the opportunity to lead people through the events of Jesus' life and then proclaim "Alleluia!" at Jesus' resurrection.

I once saw a video on "America's Funniest Videos." It was shot from the back of the church looking up the aisle toward the Bride and Groom. Because of the camera angle, you could see several members of the congregation. Suddenly, during the vows, a man jumped up from his pew and yelled, "Yes, Yes, Yes!" as he pumped his fist vigorously in the air. He then froze, slid down into his seat and—very sheepishly—took off his tiny set of headphones. It turned out he had been listening to an "Elite Eight" basketball game, and his team had just scored. Easter is a day for Christians to pump their fists in the air and shout, "Yes, Yes, Yes!"

"Yes!" is what Easter is all about. God's "Yes!" to humanity, as God grants to us the gift of immortality. God's "Yes!" to Jesus and all Jesus taught us. God's "Yes!" to the victory of life over death, love over hate, faith over fear, hope over despair. Everything about Easter says, "Yes, Yes, Yes!" With this in mind, remember to join us at The Great Vigil of Easter and

Easter Sunday to hear that story again—hopefully, as if for the first time.

Maybe a short synopsis is in order. First of all, Easter is an act of God. God raised Jesus from the dead, says the Apostle Peter. Easter is an act of God. We benefit from Easter, but we did nothing to bring it about. Earthquakes are an act of nature, not an act of God. But when people who have the love of Jesus in their hearts go to far off lands suffering from devastation, that is an act of God. Easter is also a summons to grateful living. We have God's favor.

Easter is a day for Christians to pump their fists in the air and shout, "Yes, Yes, Yes!"

God has rolled away the stones of fear and death. Now it is our turn to live as Easter people, to let our lives say, "Yes!" to the new day that is before us and the people we will meet each day.

Soon, Grace Parish takes a step forward, out of safety and long tradition, into the expectation of excitement and new life. We combine our 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. services into one service at 10:30 a.m. beginning the week after Easter. We will have growing challenges; we will meet new people who have been here for years; some of us will experience children at services, maybe for the first time in years. Our role is to accept and live into this new opportunity with an enthusiastic Easter "YES!"

Like the excited basketball fan yelling "Yes, Yes, Yes!" this is how life is in the light of Easter. Easter is an act of God, an act of grace, and a summons for all of us to continue to live grateful lives. The strife is over, the fog is lifted, the Victory is won! Now let us live in Christ's radiant light.

Peace & Blessings,

Fr. Gary+

Events at a Glance

A Quick Review of the Month

Monday Morning Gospel Bible Study

Mondays, 10:30 a.m., PH

Lunch to follow every first Monday

Early Birds Men's Book Study

Tuesdays, 8:45 a.m., LI

Men of the Church

No Tuesday meeting in April

Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing

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

Centering Prayer

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

Choir and Bell Rehearsals

Wednesdays: Bells, 6:00 p.m.; Choir, 7:15 p.m.

Lenten Study

Tuesdays, April 2, 9 & 16, 6:30 p.m., PH

Diocesan High School Dismantling Racism Retreat

Friday-Sunday, April 5-7 (details on p. 5)

Indoor Church Cleaning Day

Saturday, April 6, 9:00 a.m.-noon, CH

Rummage Sale Drop-Off Day

Saturday, April 6, 9:00 a.m.-noon, upper parking lot

Worship Committee Meeting

Monday, April 8, 6:00 p.m., LI

Endowment Meeting

Monday, April 8, 5:30 p.m., Choir Rm.

TEAM Meeting

Tuesday, April 9, 12:00 noon, OF

Outdoor Clean-Up & Work Day

Tuesday, April 9, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., CH

Easter Baskets for the Homebound

Thursday, April 11, 10:30 a.m., PH

Order of St. Luke

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

Steadfast House Meal

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

Vestry Meeting

Monday, April 15, 5:30 p.m., PH

Seder Meal

Maundy Thursday, April 18, 5:30 p.m., PH

Taizé Worship Service

Sunday, April 21, 7:00-8:00 p.m., CH

Two Service Trial Period Begins

Sunday, April 28: 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

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 meets in the library on Tuesdays, 8:45-10:00 a.m., to discuss a chosen book. All men of the church are welcome and are encouraged to bring friends. Questions? Call Bill Spencer at 299-3566.

Grace Church offers a **Holy Eucharist and Healing Service** on Wednesdays at 12:15 p.m. Healing prayer stations are also available at the 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday services and at the Taizé service every third Sunday.

Men of the Church will not meet in April in observance of Lent. The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 14. Details to come.

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.



Beginning April 1 and on the first Monday of every month, the Monday morning Bible Study group will gather for lunch immediately following the Bible Study in the Parish Hall. The meal will be prepared by members of the group and a small fee will be charged to cover expenses. We will survey members of the Bible Study the Monday previous to the First Monday to get an approximate number attending.

The Mountain Chapter of the **Order of St. Luke** will meet Thursday, April 11, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the parish hall to continue the series, "Growing in Jesus' Ministry of Healing." Our focus on April 11 will again be "The Relational Five-Step Prayer Model," a valuable tool in praying for the sick in a way that relates both to the person for whom we are praying and to God and what He is doing. *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 because of inclement weather. Please join us! You will bless us with your presence.*



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Please join us of any or all of our Holy Week services, April 14-21.

Find a complete schedule on the following page.

Holy Week Schedule, April 14-21

Holy Week is the week leading up to the Feast of the Resurrection, or Easter Day. The first record of Holy Week services comes to us from a pilgrim named Egeria who traveled to Jerusalem in the 4th century. The Triduum, or “three holy days” of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday help us prepare for Easter Day! Please join us for all of these days of special observance.



April 14 — Palm Sunday: THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” So begins this day of celebration commemorating Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem. We will gather outside the church at 9:00 and 11:15 to process into the services joyfully. The tone soon turns, however, as we hear of Jesus’ betrayal and crucifixion. Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday.

April 15, 16 and 17— Holy Eucharist

Holy Week is a time of more intense preparation for the celebration of Easter. The Holy Eucharist is offered April 15, 16 and 17, at 12:15 p.m. during Holy Week to assist people in their observance and preparation.



April 18 — Maundy Thursday: THE LITURGY OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

As a sign of servanthood, we include the washing of feet. As the liturgy concludes, the altar is stripped, and the night watch with the Blessed Sacrament begins. We ask parishioners to keep watch during the night hours, remembering Jesus and the disciples at Gethsemane...“So, could you not stay awake with me one hour?” A sign-up sheet will be in foyer for the night watch. We will begin Maundy Thursday with a Seder meal at 5:30 p.m. (tickets sold in advance) and the liturgy will begin at 7:00 p.m.



April 19 — GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY

This day marks the crucifixion of our Lord. We do not celebrate the Eucharist on this day, but rather at 12:00 noon, we share communion from the reserved Sacrament using the Liturgy for Good Friday. The church will be open from 1:00-3:00 p.m. for those who wish to meditate on the death of Jesus during that time. At 6:00 p.m., we offer the Liturgy for Good Friday with the Stations of the Cross.



April 20 — HOLY SATURDAY WORSHIP

Holy Saturday is a day of rest and quiet...creation waits for Christ’s resurrection. A liturgy recalling those who have died takes place in the Urban Garden at 10:00 a.m.

April 20 — THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

The Great Vigil is the first celebration of Easter. Traditionally, the service begins in darkness and consists of four parts: The Service of Light, The Service of Lessons, the Renewal of Baptismal Vows and the Eucharist. The Great Vigil of Easter at Grace begins at 8:15 p.m.



April 21 — EASTER DAY: THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

The celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord is the focus of this day at all three services, 7:45, 9:00 and 11:15 a.m., as we join with hundreds of thousands of Christians throughout the world. Bring bells to ring and flowers (at 9:00) with which to “flower the cross”. Church school classes will not meet and there will be an Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00 a.m.

Other Holy Week Activities

THE SEDER EXPERIENCE. We would like to invite you to join us April 18 at 5:30 p.m. for the Seder Meal. This is a wonderful way to experience a piece of Jewish history that we otherwise do not get to engage in. It is also a part of our history as Christians! In the Seder, we will have several elements that remind us of the exile, wandering, the emotion, and the care God has always shown his people. We will use it as a mode of transporting us from the Old Testament traditions, which Jesus knew well, to his transformation of them into our Christian understanding of the Eucharist in the Maundy Thursday liturgy that will follow our meal.

The meal will be held at 5:30 p.m. and a limited number of tickets are available for purchase. Following the Seder, we will move into the Church, joining the congregation gathered to observe the Maundy Thursday service.

The Seder meal is a perfect addition to your Holy Week experience. Join us and deepen your walk with Christ to the Resurrection!

We have forty spaces available, and tickets will be on sale until Palm Sunday in the foyer. Ticket prices are \$10.00 per person or \$40.00 per family.



FLOWERS AND BELLS! On Easter Sunday, remember to bring bells to all three services. We'll ring our bells when we say "Alleluia!" during worship (and that's a lot of times!). Come prepared to make a joyful Easter noise!

Also, at the 9:00 service, be sure to bring flowers for your little ones. They'll be invited to bring them up to the front of the church to "flower" the cross. It's a sweet and pretty part of Easter worship at our family service.

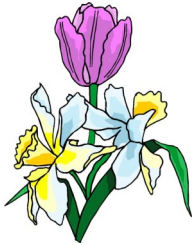


CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT. The Children's Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Easter morning following the 9:00 a.m. service. Children through fifth grade will gather in the parish hall, and the hunt will begin about 10:10 a.m. Please bring twelve empty plastic eggs and a basket for each child who will 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.



Parish News, Updates & Reminders

LENTEN STUDY. Our Lenten study of the *Book of Common Prayer* continues Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall. The study is guided by the book *Walk in Love: Episcopal Belief and Practices* and Fr. Gary recommends purchasing the book and bringing it with you to the class. You are also free to bring your meal with you.



PALMS AND FLOWERS AT EASTERTIDE. Please pick up an envelope in your church pew and make a memorial or thanksgiving donation to help us purchase flowers and palms for Eastertide. Thank you for your part in making our church even more beautiful in this wonderful Holy Season. Donors will be recognized in the May issue of *The Grace TEAM*.

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY LUNCHEONS. Beginning April 1 and on the first Monday of every month, the Monday morning Bible Study group will gather for lunch following their 10:30 a.m. class in the parish hall. A small fee will be charged to cover the expenses of the meal, which will be prepared by members of the group.

YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE FROM JENNA. The youth program has been running smoothly in recent weeks with an average of six youth each week. They have participated in Diocesan-wide events, including an overnight retreat where we talked about “Faith NOT Fear.” The youth have engaged in community service creating bags for the homeless and helping with garden clean-up, learning about how every little act of kindness can go a long way. We also have been talking about Bible stories through hands-on activities like creating self-portraits. I am continually amazed and surprised by these youth! They have so much knowledge and love to offer this world. Please mark your calendars with these upcoming dates:

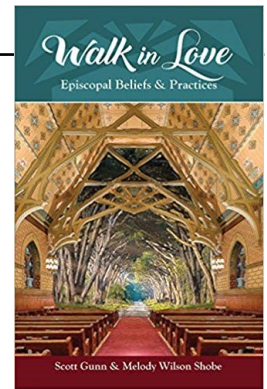
- **April 5-7, Diocesan High School Dismantling Racism Retreat.** This is an overnight retreat for grades 9-12! Throughout the weekend, our youth will have the opportunity to look at racism through the lens of faith, our nation's history, our privileges, and our internalized oppression.
- **April 14, No Youth Group.** Happy Palm Sunday and Spring Break!
- **April 21, No Youth Group.** Happy Easter!
- **April 28, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Faith out in the world!** Location details coming.
- **May 4-5, Diocesan Middle School Service Overnight.** This is an overnight mini-mission trip event for grades 6-8. Questions? Contact Jenna! jenna@wncyouth.org



INDOOR CHURCH CLEANING DAY. Saturday, April 6, 9:00 a.m. until noon, we're finishing up the work we began at our last church cleaning day in December. The turn-out for that day was fantastic, and we're hoping to have even more volunteers this time to make Grace sparkle for Easter. Please join us!

OUTDOOR CLEAN-UP AND WORK DAY. Tuesday, April 9, 9:00 a.m. until noon, the Buncombe County Extension Master Gardener Volunteers will be having their annual day of clean-up and gardening work at Grace, and they would love to have you join them! Come learn from the gardening experts as you help them get the Grace grounds spruced up for spring! Bring garden tools, gloves, water, snacks and sunscreen.

EASTER BASKETS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND FRIENDS. Thursday, April 11, 10:30 a.m. in the parish hall, the Friends in Christ group will meet to make Easter baskets for the homebound and go out for a nice lunch afterwards. Please help out by dropping off small gifts at the display in the foyer such as plastic eggs, baskets and grass, candy, lip gloss, notepads, pens, stamps, shampoo, tissues, cards or whatever you think might be appreciated. Help is also needed for delivery, so please sign up on the foyer bulletin board. The visit is as appreciated as the basket! It's a great activity for the whole family.



Parish News, Updates & Reminders *(continued)*



MAKE THIS YOUR CAMP HENRY SUMMER! The mission of Camp Henry is to offer every camper an experience of the living God in an environment of unconditional love, imagination, and engagement!

Established by the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina in 1959, Camp Henry seeks to provide both youth and adults with an affordable and memorable experience, a home away from home, and a place to play, sing, dance, explore, and learn about the unconditional love of God. Campers participate in traditional camp activities, including but not limited to: boating, fishing, hiking, arts & crafts, singing, storytelling, field games, and swimming. Additionally, campers engage in creative programs designed to aid their spiritual for-

mation through scripture, liturgy and environmental education. All ages and faith backgrounds welcome!

Camp Henry, an ACA accredited camp, is located at Lake Logan Conference Center, just forty minutes west of Asheville in Haywood County, this property includes a stunning, mile-long lake, surrounded by the Shining Rock Wilderness area of Pisgah National Forest.

Our "typical" sessions (if there is such a thing) are overnight, available for youth grades 3-12, and range in length from 1-3 weeks. In addition to these sessions, we also offer a variety of specialty sessions, including:

Family Camp: From grandparents to little ones, the entire family can experience the fun and formation of camp and of growing together in God's love.

Mini Camp: This half-week session is a great way to introduce younger children (grades 2-3) to overnight camp.

LAMP (Leadership, Adventure, Mission Program): 10th-12th Graders are invited to learn, grow and serve through combined leadership training, camping and a local mission experience.

Bridge It/Saturday Stay: Add \$75 to your regular camp tuition to stay the Saturday night in between session.

CHOS (Camp Henry Outdoor School): CHOS offers youth, grades, 6-12, a week-long, authentic wilderness travel experience, learning skills in route planning, food rationing, map reading, "leave no trace" ethics, and expeditional management. These campers explore the incredible Smoky Mountains that create the scenic backdrop for Camp Henry, and each CHOS session includes a day each of climbing Camp Henry's Alpine Tower, rock climbing, and whitewater rafting.



To check out our 2019 sessions and rates, please visit <https://campheny.net/dates-rates/>
To register visit, www.campheny.net and click "Register Now" at the top of the page, or contact Kathryn Florack, Camp Henry Director, at director.campheny@gmail.com or 828-475-9264.

We hope to see you this summer!

★ **CAMP HENRY PARTIAL SCHOLARSHIPS STILL AVAILABLE.** ECW has partial scholarships available for children of Grace Church who would like to attend Camp Henry this summer. The amount available is \$175 per child. If you are interested, please contact the ECW Treasurer, Mary Ann Warren, at 252-5783 or maandwrw@gmail.com. The deadline for making a request has been extended to April 30.

From Our Senior Warden

Greg Townsend

Our Senior Warden, Greg Townsend, continues to play an integral role in the transition journey we have embarked upon at Grace. His monthly reports will keep us updated and encouraged along the way.



The great thing about a late Easter is that Lent somehow seems more expectant. Growing up as a kid in Florida, Lent always seemed like a season to be endured. Of course, the austerity of the 1928 Prayer Book and an emphasis on giving up something I liked had everything to do with that. It wasn't until a sermon by our former curate, Father Derek Harbin, over thirty years ago, that I came to a more mature understanding of Lent. Derek told about spending Saturday afternoon that weekend planting flowers and pruning shrubs between rain showers. That simple juxtaposition clicked with me. Lent was not a season of punishment but a season of growth, one in which we learn what we value and who God created us to be.

And in this spirit of growth and rediscovery, I am happy to share that we have a Discernment Committee!

Over the past three weeks, the Vestry has called a chair for the committee and then worked with that person to call the other members. Paul Vest has agreed to serve as chair, and we have called Cliff Albertson, Kim Hayes, Elaine Potter, Mark Silvers, Lorie Tola, and Sally Withers to join him in this important work. This was an exciting yet difficult process, one which reminded us how talented the Grace congregation is. We could have formed eight committees of eight with all the names generated. On Sunday, March 31, we as a parish will commission them, and they will begin their journey in April. I ask that we uphold them in our prayers as they set out over the next year to help us learn what we value as a parish and who God calls us to be. Somehow it makes sense that we have done this work in Lent.

In adult Sunday School a couple of weeks ago, Elaine Potter said that Lent was her favorite season. I get it now. It's a time of renewal, an opportunity to clean house, to make ready the ground for our own growth and regeneration.

So as we experience the beauty of another Appalachian spring, we tend to our gardens and prepare for the glory of Easter.



Grace Ministries in Action

"Grace Ministries in Action" spotlights reports from our ministry leaders, keeping us informed about their programs and ways in which each of us can get involved. If you have questions, ideas or comments about a ministry, please contact that ministry's leader directly. They would love to hear from you.

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ADULT FORMATION. Our Adult Lectionary Bible Studies Class (LBS) continues on Sunday, April 7, 10:15 to 11:00 a.m. in the parish hall, facilitated by Fr. Bob and Doug McClellan. You're welcome to join in. There will be no LBS on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday. Starting April 28, the new class time is 9:25-10:15 a.m.

ALTAR GUILD. Church spring cleaning day is Saturday, April 6, 9:00 a.m. to noon. We are inviting the entire Grace congregation to participate as we complete the cleaning of the church in time for Easter.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS. Please join the Buncombe County Extension Master Gardeners Volunteers Tuesday, April 9, 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. to help get our grounds and gardens in good shape for spring.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN. We're still collecting gently used, clean clothes, books (no text books), sports equipment, and household items for our rummage sale on Saturday, November 2. Drop-off dates are April 6, June 29, August 31 and September 28. On those days, ECW volunteers will be available to assist you in the upper parking lot from 9:00 a.m. until noon.

Additional dates to save. The annual ECW Derby Day Luncheon and meeting will be held on Saturday, May 4, at noon in the parish hall. Be sure to wear your favorite Derby Day hat! Also, save Saturday, October 19, 12:00 noon, for our fall luncheon and meeting! All women of Grace Church are members of ECW and are encouraged to join the fun and fellowship of these events!

FLOWER GUILD. Your donations in memory of loved ones or in thanksgiving will help our flower guild bring God's glorious creation into our worship space in celebration of Easter. Find envelopes in the church pews. Gifts will be acknowledged in the May *TEAM*.

HEALING MINISTRY. **About Healing Prayer:** Lately I have been having questions concerning what type of prayer is happening at the healing prayer station after communion and after church. At the 9:00 and 11:15 services, prayer is available for anyone who wishes to be prayed for by our experienced and trained prayer ministers. Physical, Spiritual and Emotional prayer is available. You may request prayer for yourself or for someone else. We also offer prayers of Thanksgiving for blessings you have received or perhaps a birthday or anniversary. We also offer blessing prayers, primarily for the person asking for prayer. We encourage parents to bring their children up either to be prayed for, or for the children to request prayer for themselves or others. So during this Lenten season, why not try something new and come up to the healing station for prayer. If you have to wait for prayer the first pew, next to the healing station, is reserved for those who are waiting for prayer. May each of you experience our Lord in a very special way in this very special church season.



OUTREACH. Almost time to bring your filled "Gifts to GO" boxes back to church! "GO" boxes are due back on Palm Sunday, April 14, so we urge you to finish filling yours up (loose change, cash and checks are all fine). Your "Gifts to GO" will then be divided between two programs that address the impact hunger can have on learning for young children. Locally, we will create an after-school snack fund for Jones Elementary School. Globally, we will contribute to ERD's "Nurture and Nourish the Earliest Learners" project, where gifts provide parent/caregiver support & learning groups that promote

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Grace Ministries in Action *(continued from p. 8)*

behaviors like healthy eating and family play to help kids develop cognitive, language, social, emotional and motor skills. With your help, we can help little ones here and around the world! We hope this has been a fun project for you and your family, and we thank you in advance for your thoughtful generosity. There are children worldwide the world who will benefit.

Grace answers the call for men's clothing donations. A big Thank You! to everyone who donated men's clothing to ABCCM. In all, we delivered a wide assortment of year-round clothing, totaling about 90 items.

Some Backpacker facts and figures. Jones Elementary School, with MANNA Food Bank and Grace Episcopal Church, identifies and reaches out to many young students living in food-insecure situations by sending extra food home with them every Friday and Monday during the school year. But sadly, after over a decade of "backpacking" at Grace, the need continues to be great and a delivery of supplies to the church pantry can be depleted in a matter of a few weeks. Consider these interesting statistics:

- In the first quarter of this year (January-March), Grace Outreach has spent \$1111 on food for children at Jones school through our partnership with Manna Food Bank.
- This translates to 24 shopping carts piled high with bags of groceries.
- In this 3-month period, Grace backpackers have sent 509 bags of groceries home to students; a comparable number of Manna bags has also been delivered.
- The cost to us per bag is about \$2.60.
- So far in this school year, we have served between 41 and 37 children each week.



Keeping the Backpackers pantry stocked is an on-going challenge.

Funding for the Grace Backpacker program comes from the Outreach budget and from individual donations. Most recently, one of our volunteer backpackers, Stephanie Cochran, contributed \$500 to the program, which was then matched by her employer Mike Figura of Mosiac Realty. Between Stephanie and this new corporate friend, we were able to purchase approximately 1900 pounds of food. And as the figures above show, this generous donation alone will almost totally fund the Backpacker program for the first quarter of 2019.



Our thanks to Stephanie, Mike and everyone who contributes to the Grace Backpacker program. Your gifts allow us to be more generous to children in need at Jones Elementary School.

PASTORAL CARE. Everyone is encouraged to drop off small gifts in the church foyer that members of the "Friends in Christ" team will use to create Easter baskets for our home-bound friends and parishioners on April 11. Find details and a list of suggested items is on page 5 of this issue. Also needed, volunteers to deliver the finished baskets. A sign-up sheet is posted in the foyer.

WORSHIP. Sunday, April 28, the second Sunday of Easter, we begin our two-service schedule trial period. From then until September 22, we will have two Sunday services: 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

In September, we'll ask you for your feedback and recommendations. Your patience and good humor as we work out the details of this experiment are appreciated.



Our Prayer List

April

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); Nancy Clark; Ed Denison; Eva Dupree; Eunice Ferguson; Mary Hayes; Mary Israel; Gavin Knapp; David Knisley; Shari Lane; Maria Mason; Joyce Noble; Gael Paschall, Nancy Porter; Sonny Rawls; Cal and Nancy Remmers; Beth Stahl; Laura & Tsz-yan Snyder; Rita Spragg; Don Wills; Katie Warren; Marla Woeckener.

For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities: Henny Caldwell; Straudia & Mel Luedtke; Rita Lyda; Marion Mayfield-Johnson; Tom Paine; Mary Ida Sprague; Laura Stephens.

For Others (names will stay on the list for six weeks; call Kathleen Griffin or the office to keep names on the list for a longer time): Carolyn Brown (friend of Ray & Jeanne Robertson); Melinda Franks (sister of Becky Smith); Cindy Golliher (friend of Gael Paschall); David & Suana Gentry; David Jr., Maria, Victoria & Jessica Gentry (son and family of David Gentry); Debbie Gentry & Danny Hall (sister & brother-in-law of David Gentry); Warren and Sheila Gillespie (friends of Barbara Wilcox); Laura Krueger (granddaughter of Liz Krueger); Joyce Malley (sister of Kathleen Griffin), Gary Merrill (friend of Kathleen Griffin); Aldina Reilly (friend of Gael Paschall); Stacey Stern (friend of Gael Paschall); Ann (sister of Jeanette Reese); Leah.

For Those Who Have Died and Their Families: Claudine Boggs (sister of Walt & Joyce Noble); Warren Gillespie Sr. (friend of Barbara Wilcox); Mary Hayes (mother of Rick Hayes).

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, Sarah Jane Wilkey (daughter of Diane and Tony Wilkey).

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

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 the environment; 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



Our condolences go out to the friends, family and loved ones of
Claudine Boggs (sister of Walt & Joyce Noble),
Warren Gillespie Sr. (friend of Barbara Wilcox) and
Mary Hayes (mother of Rick Hayes).

April 2019 Ministry Schedule

Service Day	Service Time	Vergers	Acolyte C	Acolyte G	Acolyte E	Lector, Intercessor & Presenters	Chalicians	Ushers	Healing Team	Coffee Hour	Scripture	Lesson
April 7												
	7:45	James Cannon					James Cannon	Ed Duncan			Isaiah 43:16-21	1st Lesson
	9:00	Daphne Urquhart	Moir Stewart	Aleena Bennett	Maya Bell	L, I, P - Anne Simmons, Nancy Walters, Anne & Moira	1. John Woodson 2. Daphne Urquhart	Will Israel Tom Barr	Patricia Hargrove (alternate)	Elaine Dephouse	Psalms 126	Psalms
	11:15	Chip Coon	Sally Withers		Eric Howell	L, I, P - Charles Carter, Kimberly Kneier	1. Sally Withers 2. Sally Coburn	Elaine & William Potter	Pat Davis Karen Compton	Volunteer	Philippians 3:4b-14	2nd Lesson
April 14 ~ April 20: Palm Sunday through Holy Saturday												
Palm Sun.	7:45	James Cannon					Susan Robinson	Johnny Robinson			Isaiah 50:4-9a	Luke 19:28-40
Palm Sunday	9:00	Lorie Tola	Zoe Davis	Lauren Kuykendall	Daphne Urquhart	L, I, P Greg Townsend, Jenny Knapp, Townsend Family	1. Nancy Waters 2. Debbie Jones	Paul & Vicky Vest	(alternates)	Cuyler Dupree	Psalms 31:9-16	Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29
Palm Sunday	11:15	Chip Coon	Sally Withers		Grace Miller	L, I, P - Becky Smith, Rusty McCredie	1. Bill Warren 2. Don Lewis	Ed Woekener Bob Turner	Marzy Israel Corinne Spencer	Volunteer	Philippians 2:5-11	2nd Lesson
Maundy Thursday	7:00 PM	Chip Coon Daphne	Cheryl Aull		Sally Withers	L, I, P - Jeanne Robertson, Mark Silvers	1. Mark Silvers 2. Lorie Tola	Larry & LuAnn Harris	Exodus 12:1-14	Psalms 116:1, 10-17	1 Corinthians 11:23-26	Maundy Thursday
Good Friday	12:00 PM	Lorie Tola	Eliante Potter			L, P - Elaine Potter, Jeanne Robertson	1. Ann Robinson	TBA			Isaiah 52:13-53:12	Good Friday 1st Lesson
Good Friday	6:00 PM	James Cannon	TBA			L, I, P - Rusty McCredie, Mark Silvers,	1. Mark Silvers	Larry & LuAnn Harris			Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9	Good Friday 2nd Lesson
Holy Saturday	10:00 AM	James Cannon	James Cannon			L - James Cannon		Elaine Potter			Job 14:1-14	Holy Saturday 1st Lesson
The Great Vigil	8:15 PM	Chip Coon	TBA			L, P - Carol Booth, I, P - Jeanne Robertson	TBA	Larry & LuAnn Harris			1 Peter 4:1-8	Holy Saturday 2nd Lesson
April 21: Easter Sunday												
Easter Sunday	7:45	James Cannon					Margaret Dahm	Steve Jones				
Easter Sunday	9:00	Daphne Urquhart	Carsten Path	Tessa Path	Moir Stewart	L, I, P Vicky Vest, Barbara Wilcox, Vest Family	1. Carol Booth 2. Daphne Urquhart	Paul & Vicky Vest	Pat Davis Jane Whitman	Paul Vest	Acts 10:34-43	1st Lesson
Easter Sunday	11:15	Lorie Tola	Cheryl Aull	Jonah Silvers	Ellie Silvers	L, I, P - Jenny Thomas, Elaine Potter	1. Eric Howell 2. Cliff Anderson	Ed Woekener (alternate)	Sonny Rawls Karen Compton	Georgi Bruce	1 Corinthians 13:19-26	2nd Lesson
Easter Sunday	Taizé 8:00 PM	James Cannon				L - Monty Woolen I - James Cannon						
April 28: New Service Times												
2nd Sunday of Easter	8:00	James Cannon					Jack Frue	Ed Duncan			Acts 5:27-32 Psalm 150	1st Lesson Psalm
2nd Sunday of Easter	10:30	Chip Coon	Laura Ellington	Nola Ellington	Lisel Ellington	L, P - Beth Woodson I, P - John Woodson	1. Zoe Davis 2. Ann Robinson	Mickey and Tricia Trinite	Ann Robinson Brenda Haller	Micki Newton	Revelation 1:4-8	2nd Lesson
Flower Arrangers												
Date	Counters		Depositors		Date		Alter Guild					
7-Apr	Steve Birkhofer		James Cannon		7-Apr		Group 1: April 6 - April 12					
14-Apr	Martha Boyette		Judy Bohan		14-Apr		Group 2: April 13 - April 19					
21-Apr	Sally Withers		Chal & Hugh Vaughn		21-Apr		Group 3: April 20 - April 26					
28-Apr	Georgi Bruce		Anne Simmons		28-Apr		Group 4: April 25 to May 3					

April Anniversaries

Robert Dubrul & Judith Hoy	12
Doug & Carole McClellan	16
Louise & Tom Wernicke	25
Mike & Judy Bohan	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	23 Beau Warner
11 Travers Chiott	24 Laura Dover
11 Margaret Dahm	24 Amanda Edwards
11 David Gentry	25 Phil Carlin
11 Watson Jordan	26 Tom Bell, Jr.
12 Rhian Chastain	26 Nicole Racine
12 Kathie Engelbrecht	26 Ray Robertson
13 Rusty Herman	27 Sharon Rains
15 Guy Wrenn	28 Julie Cooley

Special Gifts

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

The Palms for Palm Sunday are given to the Glory of God by:

the Drake and Duncan Family in memory of Ruth Bryce and Mary E. Pritchard;

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

Loved ones honoring long-time church member Rusty Herman as he celebrates his 80th birthday.



The hot cross buns for Palm Sunday are given to the Glory of God by the Rev. Jane Smith in memory of Marguerite Alexander.

The flowers for Maundy Thursday are given to the Glory of God by Ed Duncan in memory of Helen Powers.

The Altar Guild and Flower Guild appreciate the memorials and Thanksgiving donations made by parishioners for Eastertide. Thank you for the part you have played in making our church so beautiful during this holy season.

The flowers for the first Sunday after Easter are given to the Glory of God by Teresa Cantrell in loving memory of her husband Cecil Cantrell.



Deficit Budget Decision Not Taken Lightly

Pledge receipts through the end of February totaled \$53,575 compared to projected pledges of \$57,012. Considering all income sources, income received for the period totaled \$100,496, while we projected income to be \$71,084. We ended the month and the year with a positive income variance of \$29,412.

It should be understood that much of this variance is the result of a decision by the vestry to transfer a portion of a recently received bequest for funding the discernment process (\$10,000); using a one-time donation from a parishioner (\$10,000) received for operations; and transferring the savings from 2018 (\$23,144) to use for operations in 2019. These additions totaled \$43,144 and were included with income in February.

Expenses through the end of February total \$61,702, while we projected expenses to be \$72,653. These savings totaled \$10,951 for the first two months. These savings largely resulted from shortfalls in projected costs that are not expected to continue at this level.

The Vestry approved a budget that is \$9,410 in deficit. This decision was not taken lightly, but the Vestry felt that it was essential to provide support for key programs even though projected income was unavailable for financial support. As we proceed through the year, we will continue to monitor and adjust to eventually eliminate this shortfall. In the meantime, parish financial reports will reflect an unbalanced budget.

We continue to encourage prayer and attention to our stewardship efforts as we journey through this transition period for our ministries at Grace.

Your Vestry

Statement of Activities - Grace Church Year to Date - February 2019

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Income:			
Pledges	53,575	57,012	(3,438)
Prior Year Pledges	-	-	-
Non-pledged Offerings	-	-	-
Open Offering	1,242	2,185	(943)
Interest	8	12	(3)
Misc.	45,671	11,876	33,795
Total Income:	100,496	71,084	29,412
Expenses:			
Outreach/Mission	7,168	8,334	(1,167)
Parish Programs	726	4,186	(3,461)
Operations	10,279	11,204	(926)
Personnel	43,530	48,928	(5,398)
Total Expenses:	61,702	72,653	(10,951)
Income Less Expenses:	38,794	(1,569)	40,363