



the Grace TEAM

to each a ministry

MAY 2017

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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 Service every first
Tuesday.
Wednesdays, 1:00PM
- 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.

Parson to Person

Dear People of Grace,

As some of you know, I am a movie buff. Good movies, like good books, take us to other worlds, don't they? I can't remember for sure, but I don't think I have ever actually recommended a movie to you. That's pretty amazing in itself, as I see a lot of movies and some are worth recommending.

But now, I would like to recommend the movie called *The Shack* to all of you who are thirteen years or older (as the PG-13 rating suggests). I know I mentioned this in a homily on April 23 and recommended it to those present at that service. But, as I thought about what to write for this month's "Parson to Person," that movie came to mind again.

It is based on the book of the same name that you may have read sometime in the last few years. It is about a man who is stuck in grief and anger after his child is abducted and killed. What I like about the movie is how honestly this family's and, especially, this man's grief is portrayed. It is probably hard for us to imagine anything worse than losing a child in this way.

This man is particularly angry with God. He cannot imagine how or why God let such a terrible thing happen. The man is sent an invitation to come to the shack where his daughter was murdered and the invitation was signed "Papa," which is his family's familiar name for God. The man goes to the shack and is led into what appears to be another dimension where he meets the three members of the Trinity – Father, Son and

Holy Spirit.

As a priest in the Church, what I liked about the three members of the Trinity is how they listened to and responded to this man with love. The filmmakers, in my opinion, did a great job in casting the actors who played the members of the Trinity. I saw the movie by myself and remember thinking that I wish I had seen it *with* someone because

I would really enjoy discussing it with others.

That said, when it comes out in video, my plan is to have a movie evening where we can watch it together and talk about it. I would love to hear what others

think about some of the things said and done in the film. It will be a great springboard into numerous topics like why God allows evil to exist and why bad things sometimes happen to the innocent and how we are sometimes quick to pass judgement on others, including passing judgment on God.

So, if you would like to and get a chance to see it, I would recommend it to you. If you don't see it now, perhaps we can see it together and have a discussion about it in the parish hall sometime this fall. In the meantime, it would be hard to see this film and not come away with this thought, "God is good. All the time. All the time. God is good."

Blessings and Peace,

Fr. Gary Coffey

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Events at a Glance

A Quick Review of the Month

Weekly Gospel Bible Study
Mondays, 10:30 a.m., PH

Early Birds Men's Book Study
Tuesdays, 8:30 a.m., LI

Holy Eucharist with Prayer for Healing
Wednesdays, 1:00 p.m., CH

Centering Prayer
Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m., CR

Bells and Choir Practice
Wednesdays, Bells: 6:00 p.m.; Choir: 7:30 p.m.

Generational Healing Eucharist
Tuesday, May 2, 7:00 p.m., CH

ECW Derby Day Salad Luncheon
Saturday, May 6, 11:30 a.m., PH

Blessing of the Animals
Sunday, May 7, 9:00 a.m. service, CH

Healing Prayer Services
Tuesdays, May 9, 16, 23, & 30, 7:00 p.m., CH

Men of the Church
Tuesday, May 9, 6:00 p.m.

TEAM Meeting
Wednesday, May 10, 10:00 a.m., OF

Order of St. Luke
Thursday, May 11, 6:30-8:30 p.m., PH

Steadfast House Meal
Friday, May 12, 6:00 p.m.

Lector Training
Saturday, May 13, 10:00 a.m., CH

PubSing
Sunday, May 14: snacks 5:30 p.m.; singing 6:00 p.m.

Vestry Meeting
Monday, May 15, 5:30 p.m., LI

Purls of Grace
Thursday, May 18, 5:00 p.m., LI

Taizé Worship Service
Sunday, May 21, 8:00 p.m., CH

Room In the Inn
May 21-28, PH (details under "Outreach" on p. 7)

Good Shepherd Sunday, May 7

Don't forget our annual Blessing of the Animals Sunday, May 7, at the 9:00 a.m. service. 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.

Centering Prayer meets Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in the downstairs conference room. All are welcome.

The **Early Birds** meet in the library Tuesday mornings at 8:30 to learn more about the Word through book studies. All are welcome.

A **Lector Training session** will be held Saturday, May 13, at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. The session will last approximately an hour. If you have always been interested in being a lector, this is for you! If you have been a lector and want to get some tips, this is for you! Being a lector is a wonderful way to serve God. If you are interested or have any questions, please feel free to contact Joel P. Rogers at jrogers@mhu.edu. See you then!

The April meeting of **Men of the Church** is Tuesday, May 9, 6:00 p.m., hosted by Jim Compton, 60 Salem Road, Weaverville. The cost is \$15, and a sign-up sheet is posted on the kiosk in the foyer. All men of the church are welcome.

Monday Morning Bible Study meets 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.

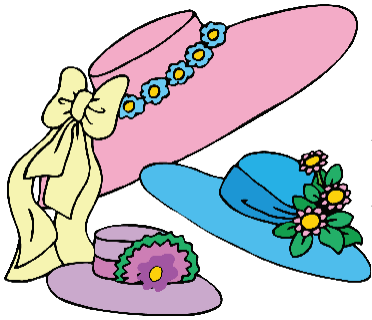
The Mountain Chapter of the **Order of St. Luke** will meet on Thursday, May 11, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the parish hall. We'll continue our series, *Deepening Our Friendship with the Holy Spirit*, with a focus on the Holy Spirit as our only Power Source. Having the *right message* isn't enough. We have to have power from heaven to fully partner with Jesus in bringing healing to those for whom we pray. Jesus told his disciples to wait in Jerusalem until the Holy Spirit came and filled them with power from heaven. The Holy Spirit did come on Pentecost and look at what the apostles accomplished! This is our goal – to be so open to the Holy Spirit that power from on high flows through us, just as it did through the apostles. Come learn more. *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 on May 11 or 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, May 14, at the French Broad Brewery, 101 Fairview Road. You may bring a snack at 5:30 p.m.; singing begins at 6:00. 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 CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR BOB PLYLER will be held Friday, May 5, beginning with the funeral service at 11:00 a.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church. A reception and light lunch at the church will follow. Find complete details on the kiosk in the Grace foyer.



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN DERBY DAY SALAD LUNCHEON is Saturday, May 6, at 11:30 a.m. in the parish hall. Mary Ann Warren and Nancy Remmers are planning this Derby Day Salad Luncheon, so bring your favorite salad, wear your Derby Day hat if you like, and let's have a delicious good time! In addition to bringing a salad, feel free to bring some friends! Sign up on the kiosk or email Mary Ann Warren at maandwrw@gmail.com.

ECW SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CAMP HENRY are still available. The ECW will give out \$100 scholarships to children who would like to go to Camp Henry this summer. The children of all Grace families are eligible, so if you know of a child who would like to apply for a scholarship, please send the child's name and camp attendance dates to Mary Ann Warren by email at maandwrw@gmail.com or via the church office. If there is more than one child from the same family seeking assistance, partial scholarships may be available.



COLD MOUNTAIN MUSIC AT LAKE LOGAN is a festival happening on Saturday, June 3, on the stunning grounds of Lake Logan Episcopal Center featuring grammy-award winning band the Steep Canyon Rangers and others. The event will raise awareness and funds for Lake Logan and Camp Henry. In addition to an evening of top-notch musical talent, the festival will also feature a kids' area, food vendors, and after-party at the Sit 'n Whittle lodge.

GATES OPEN AT NOON

2:00 PM BILLY STRINGS

3:15 PM TOWN MOUNTAIN

4:45 PM LOVE CANON

7:15 PM BALSAM RANGE

8:30 PM STEEP CANYON RANGERS

For more information, including the full band lineup, and to purchase tickets, visit www.coldmountainmusic.org.

YOUR LETTERS AND PRAYERS FOR MATT are appreciated. Here are a few email excerpts shared by his mom, Zoe Ann Davis: "...I got a few letters today from church! It was awesome! Jeanne sent me a prayer square, which is stitched. You are supposed to put it in your helmet! Went ahead and did that, and I think it added a nice touch! ...It was awesome to get mail!" "Tell everyone that I really appreciate their prayers!" Here is Matt's address again if you'd like to send a note:

1st Lt George, Matthew D
24th MEU DET 1 (GCE/Lima Co. 1st PLT)
Unit 80177
FPO AE 09508-7712

ARE THERE GRADUATES IN YOUR FAMILY? You still have time to email information to the church office at grace.church.asheville@gmail.com or call the church at 254-1086. Let us know your high school or college graduate's name, school, major and future plans. Then, in next month's *TEAM*, we'll let all our grads know how proud we are of them. Help us make sure no one gets left out!

The Presiding Bishop's 2017 Easter Message

“God came among us in the person of Jesus to start a movement. A movement to change the face of the earth. A movement to change us who dwell upon the earth. A movement to change the creation from the nightmare that is often made of it into the dream that God intends for it.”

It's taken me some years to realize it, but Jesus didn't just happen to be in Jerusalem on that first Palm Sunday. He wasn't on vacation. He wasn't just hanging out in town. Jesus was in Jerusalem on purpose. He arrived in Jerusalem about the time of the Passover when pilgrims were in the city. When people's hopes and expectations for the dawn of freedom that Moses had promised in the first Passover might suddenly be realized for them in their time.

Jesus arranged his entrance into Jerusalem to send a message. He entered the city, having come in on one side of the city, the scholars tell us, at just about the same time that Pontius Pilate made his entrance on the exact opposite side of the city. Pilate, coming forth on a warhorse. Pilate, with soldiers around him. Pilate, with the insignias of Rome's Empire. Pilate, representing the Caesars who claimed to be son of god. Pilate, who had conquered through Rome the people of Jerusalem. Pilate, representing the Empire that had taken away their freedom. Pilate, who represented the Empire that would maintain the colonial status of the Jewish people by brute force and violence.

Jesus entered the city on the other side, not on a warhorse, but on a donkey, recalling the words of Zechariah:

*Behold your King comes to you
Triumphant and victorious is He
Humble and riding on a donkey*

Jesus entered the city at the same time as Pilate to show them, and to show us, that God has another way. That violence is not the way. That hatred is not the way. That brute force and brutality are not the way.

Jesus came to show us there is another way. The way of unselfish, sacrificial love. That's why he entered Jerusalem. That's why he went to the cross. It was the power of that love poured out from the throne of God, that even after the horror of the crucifixion would raise him from death to life.

God came among us in the person of Jesus to start a movement. A movement to change the face of the earth. A movement to change us who dwell upon the earth. A movement to change the creation from the nightmare that is often made of it into the dream that God intends for it.

He didn't just happen to be in Jerusalem on that Palm Sunday. He went to Jerusalem for a reason. To send a message. That not even the titanic powers of death can stop the love of God. On that Easter morning, he rose from the dead, and proclaimed love wins.

So you have a blessed Easter. Go forth to be people of the Resurrection. Follow in the way of Jesus. Don't be ashamed to love. Don't be ashamed to follow Jesus.

Have a blessed Easter. And bless the world. Amen.

The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry

Presiding Bishop and Primate

The Episcopal Church



Bishop McLoughlin's Message on Immigration

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the past five months as your bishop, I have traveled extensively throughout Western North Carolina, visiting parishes and exploring the various communities that encompass our diocese. I am continually blessed by the opportunity to learn and know your congregation's story as well as the unique, personal narratives from many of our lay leaders. These stories have deepened my appreciation for the grace that flows through this wonderful diocese.

I also hope that through our conversations and prayers, you have heard my story and witnessed the grace of God that flows through my life. I hope you have come to know that it is not my custom to officially address every issue discussed in the public square. As your bishop, I value "the middle way," recognizing that our church is a community that welcomes all people, in the diversity of their convictions, to join together at the Lord's Table and share in the one bread and the one cup.

Nevertheless, I must speak out and stand firm in solidarity with the immigrants among us and the refugees seeking a safe harbor for their families.

As you might know, I am the son of a refugee. In 1961, my mother fled Cuba and the oppressive, communist regime of Fidel Castro. Along with other members of her family, my mother lost all she had and risked her life in pursuit of freedom and the possibility to realize her potential. My family made their way to Puerto Rico, where they were welcomed and given an opportunity to become citizens of the United States and contribute to the common good. And all along the journey, the Church demonstrated the radical welcome of Jesus, which profoundly shaped their new lives.

From the very first time I introduced myself to you, I shared my belief that I am called to be a bishop who not only proclaims the Gospel in words, but also in actions. This principle was set out in my ordination, when I was asked, "Will you boldly proclaim and interpret the Gospel of Christ, enlightening the minds and stirring up the conscience of your people?" Ever since, I have taken seriously how we nurture our lives as disciples of Jesus, as well as explore innovative ways to stand alongside and serve those in need.

Our Lord Jesus served within an ancient tradition that firmly welcomed immigrants and refugees. "The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God" (Leviticus 19). Jesus himself was clear when he said, "I was a stranger, and you welcomed me" and "that which you did to the least of these, you did to me" (Matthew 25). We put our faith into action when we demonstrate radical hospitality and solidarity for all people, including the immigrant and refugee. We put our faith into action when we speak out against both hateful language and acts of bigotry.

Likewise, as Americans, one of our core values is echoed by the poem etched in the base of the Statue of Liberty: "give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free." My earlier years in law enforcement as well as serving at the Department of Justice emphasize that I will always honor the work necessary to ensure that proper safeguards are in place to help secure our nation. However, we also need to take every precaution not to impose restrictions or preferences based on religion, and we must always keep in mind that refugees and other immigrants have been a consistent source of creativity, ingenuity, and productivity - a true blessing to this nation and those who love it.

Finally, while there may be some in our communities who cheer the anti-immigrant sentiments and actions being unleashed, as your bishop, I entreat each of you to remember the grace of Christ that brought each of us into the safe harbor of God's love, and then I invite you to join me in proclaiming a Gospel message of peace and solidarity for the stranger and foreigner in our midst.



Faithfully,
The Rt. Rev. José A. McLoughlin
VII Bishop of Western North Carolina

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

ON MAY 7: The writings and teachings of Franciscan Richard Rohr have led many to a deeper and more profound spirituality. We'll listen to and discuss his interview with Krista Tippett from *On Being* that originally aired on Easter Sunday.

STARTING MAY 14, we'll begin a book study on Thomas Moore's *Care of the Soul*.

We'll examine the condition of the soul in various aspects of life and look for ways to care for the soul instead of cure it. We have twelve copies in the church office on sale for \$17 each. Come join us for this enriching examination of the sacred in our everyday lives.



Quote from CARE OF THE SOUL...Thomas Moore...to the soul, the most minute details and the most ordinary activities, carried out with mindfulness and art, have an effect far beyond their apparent insignificance.

— Thomas Moore —

Buildings & Grounds

THE NEW PLAYGROUND FENCE is completed except for a final coat of paint. Thank you, Pat Walter and crew, for making Grace's outdoor play area safe and attractive for our children.

Communications

OUR NEW EMAIL ADDRESS is:

grace.church.asheville@gmail.com

Fellowship



JUNEFEST ON THE GREEN, an old-fashioned cookout/potluck on the Grace Church lawn, is Sunday, June 4 at 4:00 p.m. Join us as we celebrate Pentecost and the end of the children's Sunday school year with this parish-wide gathering! Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided, and everyone is asked to bring a side dish to share. Don't miss the music,

horseshoes, corn hole, badminton and more! Contact Sally Withers (712-1955) or the Fellowship Ministry for details.

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Outreach



WE WILL BE HAVING OUR NEXT ABCCM FOOD DRIVE SUNDAY, JUNE 11. Bags and a list will be available at church June 4, or for those who want to shop early, ABCCM has requested canned vegetables, cornbread and beef stew. Just drop your donations off in the church foyer by June 11. And as always, thank you for your support.

ROOM IN THE INN IS COMING MAY 21-28. Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, our neighboring congregation just up the street, in partnership with the Unitarian Universalist Congregation on Charlotte Street, has committed to providing space for “Room in the Inn” guests the week of May 21 through May 28. Unfortunately, renovations currently underway at

Grace Covenant, where the program would normally have been housed, will not be completed by then, so they have asked if we would share our space with them. Grace Covenant and the UU church volunteers will provide meals and overnight supervision. They have, however, asked if one or two past volunteers from our parish would be available during set-up (probably the afternoon of Sunday, May 21) to provide guidance on mattress placement, how to best utilize the space, and use of our kitchen. If you could help in this way, or if you would like to join the Grace Covenant and Unitarian Universalist volunteers in other ways during the week, please contact Valerie in the church office. Call 254-1086 or email her at grace.church.asheville@gmail.com.

THE GRACE BACKPACKERS would like to take this opportunity, as the school year quickly draws to a close, to thank each of you who have contributed to this project at Jones Elementary and Asheville High School. Without your kind gifts of apples, tuna, cash and more, we would have been limited in what we were able to accomplish. Your support allowed us to be generous!

Over the summer months, we will be taking a look at the coming school year and ways in which we might build the Backpackers program and make it better. It’s important in this process for us to be assured of your continued interest. We also welcome any suggestions or ideas you might have. And as always, we welcome new Backpackers!

Again, thank you. For more information or to make suggestions, contact Cheryl Deyton at cheryldeyton@bellsouth.net.

Pastoral Care



EASTER BASKETS FILLED, DELIVERED, ENJOYED BY MANY of our homebound parishioners and friends. Seventeen Easter baskets were filled and delivered to Friends in Christ and others during the Easter season. Thank you for your contributions.

THANK YOU ALSO TO JAROD COFFEY for his excellent presentation Sunday, March 26, designed to build our communication skills and especially to improve our listening habits.

May 2017 Ministry Schedule

Date	Service Time	Acolyte C	Acolyte G	Acolyte E	Lector, Intercessor & Presenters	Healing Team	Ushers	Chalicists	Coffee Hour	Scripture	Lesson
May 7											
	7:45						Ed Duncan	James Cannon			
	9:00	Gavin Knapp	Lauren Kuykendall	Daphne Urquhart	L, I, P - Vicki Vest, Ray Kuykendall, Kuykendall Family	Louise Wernicke Patricia Hargrove	Jarod and Molley Coffey	1. Jenny Knapp 2. Debbie Jones	Paul Vest	Acts 2:42-47	1st Lesson 9:00 Lesson
	11:15	Mark Silvers	Ellie Silvers	Jonah Silvers	L, I, P - Rusty McCredie, Elaine Potter	Pat Davis Karen Compton	Larry and LuAnn Harris	1. Mark Silvers 2. Sally Withers	Volunteer	I Peter 2:19-25	2nd Lesson
May 14											
	7:45						Steve Jones	Susan Macdonald			
	9:00	Carsten Path	Aleena Bennett	Cuyler Dupree	L, I, P - Jeanne Robertson, Bill Crowmover, Crowmover Family	Jeanne Robertson Kathy Oesterlin	Paul and Vicki Vest	1. Carol Booth 2. Greg Townsend	Micki Newton	Acts 7:55-60	1st Lesson 9:00 Lesson
	11:15	Bob Grimes	Sally Withers	Grace Miller	L, I, P - Jenny Thomas Nancy Remmers	Marzy Israel Corinne Spencer	Bob Turner Rusty Herman	1. Bill Warren 2. Bill Spencer	Volunteer	I Peter 2:2-10	2nd Lesson
May 21											
	7:45						Ed Duncan	Margaret Dahm			
	9:00	Liesl Ellington	Cuyler Dupree	Laura Ellington	L, I, P - Paul and Daphne Urquhart	Pat Davis Jane Whitman	Ray Kuykendall Will Israel	1. Cuyler Dupree 2. Ann Robinson	Elaine Dephousse	Acts 17:22-31	1st Lesson 9:00 Lesson
	11:15	Rusty McCredie	Ellie Silvers	Mark Silvers	L, I, P - Elaine Potter Kristen Dusenbery	Sonny Rawls Karen Compton	Ed Woockener Bob Turner	1. Carol McMichael 2. Sally Coburn	Georgi Bruce	I Peter 3:13-22	2nd Lesson
	Taizé 8:00 PM				I - Monty Wooten L - James Cannon						
May 28											
	7:45						Steve Jones	Jack Frue			
	9:00	Maya Bell	Cheryl Deyton	Louise Wernicke	L, I, P - Cuyler Dupree Louise Wernicke	Jeanne Robertson Shari Lane	Derek and Wade Edwards	1. John Woodson 2. Cuyler Dupree	Cuyler Dupree	Acts 1:6-14	1st Lesson 9:00 Lesson
	11:15	Cheryl Aull	Olivia Nery	Eric Howell	L, I, P - Joel P. Rogers Cliff Albertson	Marzy Israel Sonny Rawls	Elaine Potter Ed Woockener	1. Charles Carter 2. Kimberly Kneier	Mary Ann Warren	I Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11	2nd Lesson
Altar Guild											
Date	Counters	Depositors	Date	Flower Arrangers	Altar Guild						
7-May	Steve Birkhofer	James Cannon	7-May	Mary Israel	Group 1 - May 6 - May 12						
14-May	Martha Boyette	Judy Bohan	14-May	Mary Israel	Group 2 - May 13 - May 19						
21-May	Sally Withers	Chal & Hugh Vaughn	21-May	Julia Anne Dawson	Group 3 - May 20 - May 26						
28-May	Georgi Bruce	Anne Simmons	28-May	Julia Anne Dawson	Group 4 - May 27 - June 2						

Our Prayer List

May

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: **Betsy Buchanan; Chris Carson** (son of *Martha & Randy*); **Arnold Clark; Bill Crownover; Nathan Crownover** (son of *Bill and Barbara Crownover*); **Ed Denison; Eunice Ferguson; Mary Hayes; Mary Israel; Wendy Kuykendall; Straudia & Mel Luedtke; Joyce Noble; Nancy Porter; Elaine Potter; Sonny Rawls; Cal & Nancy Remmers; Doris Rigsby; Laura & Tsz-yan Snyder; Rita Spragg; Mike St. Clair; Paul, Angela, Harrison & Forrest Taylor; Mickey, Tricia & Marcus Trinite; Barbara Wilcox; Don Wills; John Woodson.**

For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities: **Jo Brokenshire; Henny Caldwell; Mary Hayes** (mother of *Rick Hayes*); **Lou** (mother of *Kim Hayes*); **Rusk Henry; Donald Israel** (brother-in-law of *Mary Israel*); **June DeHart; Neill Mason; Joan Sanderson; Mary Ida Sprague; 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): **Holli** (friend of *Cheryl Aull*); **Drew** (nephew of *Cheryl Aull*); **Deane Boggs** (sister of *Joyce Noble*); **Sullivan Bull** (friend of *Ron & Jeanne Sims*); **Paula Burnette** (friend of *Don Wills*); **Jenn Chenowith** (friend of *Joyce & Walt Noble*); **Ryan Conrad** (friend of *Julia Anne Dawson*); **Rocky Cunningham; Kelli Davis** (daughter of *George & Pat Davis*); **Kacie Epley** (cousin of *Vicki & Paul Vest*); **Al Fadel** (friend of *Nancy & Arnold Clark*); **Joanne Giezentanner Greene** (friend of *Nancy & Arnold Clark*); **Danny Hall** (brother-in-law of *David Gentry*); **Priscilla Hickey** (sister-in-law of *Barbara Wilcox*); **the Rev. Ed Hillman & family** (friends of *Don Wills*); **Kathleen Johnson** (friend of *Barbara Wilcox*); **Cranford Johnson** (friend of *Don Wills*); **Jeff Johnston** (cousin of *Eva Dupree*); **Phyl Mathias** (friend of *Don Wills*); **Jurona Mobley** (friend of *Ron & Jeanne Sims*); **Jim Monroe** (friend of *Jeannette & Bob Reese*); **Luke** (kindergarten student of *Vicki Vest*); **Anne, Jonathan, David & Andrew Plyler** (family of the late *Bob Plyler*); **Janice Ribet** (former parishioner); **Dick Senneff** (friend of *Don Wills*); **Sladky family** (friends of *Don Wills*); **Nancy Temple** (friend of *Billy Gray*); **Lara Weaver** (daughter of *Jackie Schauer*); **Tim Yehl** (son-in-law of *Jeanne & Ray Robertson*); **Janet Waters** (daughter of *Cal and Nancy Remmers*); **Elizabeth; Pam** (friend of *Cheryl Aull*); **Meg; Patricia; Sue; Susan.**

Prayers of Thanksgiving: **Barbara Crownover; Elaine Potter.**

For Those Who Have Died and Their Families: **Bobby Woodson** (uncle of *John Woodson*); **Roger Martin** (father of *Wendy Kuykendall*).

For Those in the Episcopal Church: **Michael, our Presiding Bishop; José, Porter & Robert, our Bishops; the clergy; the vestry; the staff; the ministries and people of this parish; Church of the Advocate.**

For Those in Service to Our Country: **Tommy & Danny Brown** (grandsons of *Ed & Marla Woeckener*); **Dave Ely** (son of *David Ely*); **Matthew George** (son of *Zoe Davis*); **Austin Harrison** (grandson of *Joan Sanderson*); **Spencer & Erica High; Jason Marino** (son of *Lynda McCredie*); **Daniel Schultz** (son of *Judy Rhodes*); **Caitlin Vest** (niece of *Vicki & Paul Vest*).

For our President Donald Trump, Congress and our country; for victims of violence across the world; for local agencies & those who work for relief of the poor; for better stewardship of water; for resolution of crises throughout our world.

The Bulletin and TEAM prayer list is one of many prayer lists at Grace. Please get permission from anyone you would like to add to the list and contact Kathleen Griffin at gkcgiffin7@gmail.com or the church office, grace.church.asheville@gmail.com.

May Anniversaries

Cecil and Teresa Cantrell	1
Tom and Martha Bell	25
Alfonso and Shannon Ponce	21
Adam and Aubrey Southwell	28

May Birthdays

1 Doug Ellington	17 Catherine Cullen
2 Derek Dephouse	17 Alyssa Jones
3 David Knisley	19 Ashley Ellington
4 Brooke Plank	19 Shannon Wall
4 Madison Plank	20 Melissa Andres-Hsu
5 Charlotte Chiott	20 Jonathan Goldenberg
7 Karen Howell	20 Harrison Taylor
7 Calvin Remmers	20 Monty Wooten
8 Harrison Best	21 Jennifer Clary
8 Lucy Bowen	21 Judy Rhodes
8 Jeannette Reese	22 Meghan Jordan
9 Charles Carter	23 Pat Woodard
10 Sharon Stewart	24 Leeann Shearouse
10 Jane Whitman	24 Nancy Walters
13 Annabelle Milling	25 Susan Smith
13 Jacob Wiltshire	28 James Cannon
15 Patrick Bohan	30 Barbara Crownover
15 Linda Mahin	30 George Davis
15 Carol McMichael	30 Jeanne Sims
16 Ellie Silvers	

Special Gifts

The Aumbry candle is given by Rick and Kim Hayes in thanksgiving for their mothers, Mary Hayes and Lou Anslow.

The flowers are given to the Glory of God:

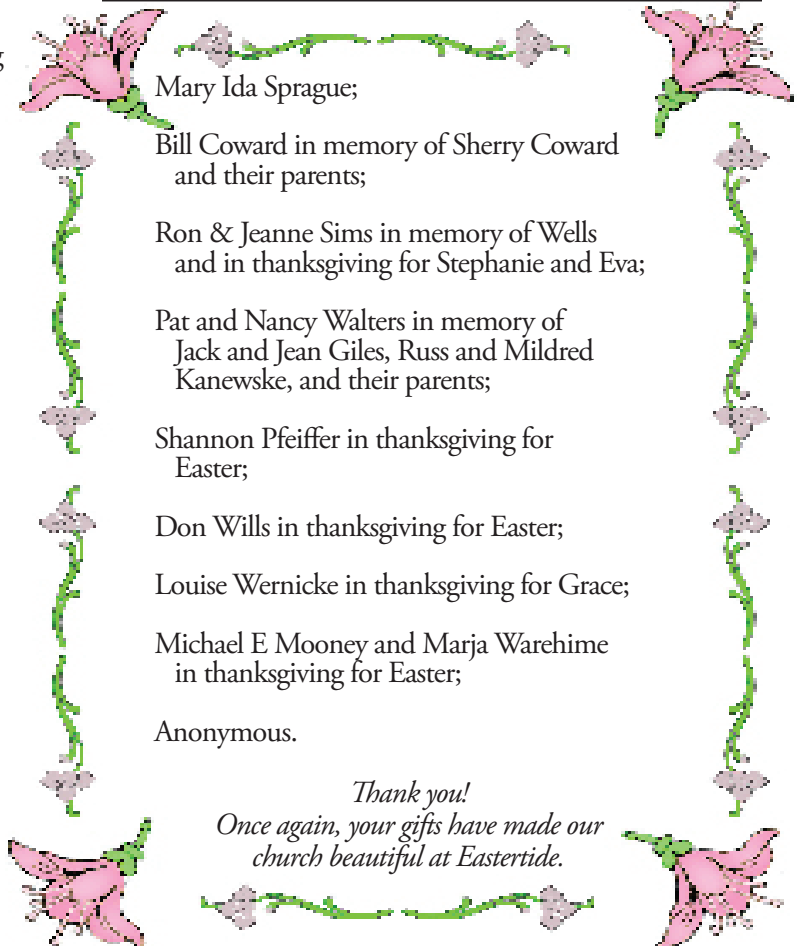
by Carol and Steve Booth in memory of David and Barbara;

by Valerie Heavens in memory of her father John H. Litun and in Thanksgiving for her mother, Veronica Litun;

by Ed Duncan in loving memory of Dick Drake and Hazel Keller;

by Kathleen Griffin in memory of Bob Griffin.

Easter Flowers



Mary Ida Sprague;

Bill Coward in memory of Sherry Coward and their parents;

Ron & Jeanne Sims in memory of Wells and in thanksgiving for Stephanie and Eva;

Pat and Nancy Walters in memory of Jack and Jean Giles, Russ and Mildred Kanewske, and their parents;

Shannon Pfeiffer in thanksgiving for Easter;

Don Wills in thanksgiving for Easter;

Louise Wernicke in thanksgiving for Grace;

Michael E Mooney and Marja Warehime in thanksgiving for Easter;

Anonymous.

Thank you!

Once again, your gifts have made our church beautiful at Eastertide.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families, loved ones and friends of Roger Martin (father of Wendy Kuykendall) and Bobby Woodson (uncle of John Woodson).

We also remember Bob Plyler. A celebration of his life and legacy will be held Friday, May 5, 11:00 a.m., at Trinity Episcopal Church.

Stewardship Prayer and Attention Needed

Statement of Activities - Grace Church Year to Date - March 2017

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Income:			
Pledges	81,749	85,761	(4,012)
Prior Year Pledges	-	1,982	(1,982)
Non-pledged Offerings	17,141	11,537	5,604
Open Offering	1,935	3,207	(1,272)
Interest	0	10	(10)
Misc.	2,967	3,738	(771)
Total Income:	103,792	106,235	(2,443)
Expenses:			
Outreach/Mission	12,118	12,258	(140)
Parish Programs	4,672	3,455	1,217
Operations	14,610	17,434	(2,824)
Personnel	68,807	73,088	(4,281)
Total Expenses:	100,208	106,235	(6,027)
Income Less Expenses:	3,584	(0)	3,584

Pledge receipts through the end of March totaled \$81,749, compared to projected pledges of \$85,761. Considering all income sources, income received for the year totaled \$103,792, while we projected income to be \$106,235. We ended the month with a negative income variance of \$2,443.

The negative variance thus far was offset by expenses which were less than budgeted amounts by \$6,027. When these savings were applied to the negative income variance of \$2,443, our income less expenses resulted in a surplus of \$3,584 at the end of March.

We continue to encourage prayer and attention to our stewardship efforts.

Your Vestry

