



# the Grace TEAM

to each a ministry

May 2018  
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### The Grace TEAM

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Deadline for articles is the 15th.

### 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,

I want to put an end to a vicious rumor that has been circulating through the Church for years. The rumor is that you are supposed to take the summer off from church. I am writing here in May to let you know that we will be holding to our regular schedule of services during the summer. You will be able to come to Grace on any Sunday morning during this summer, and we will await you with Word and Sacrament! What a blessing, right!?

All jokes aside, where did we ever get that idea? I think we send the wrong message by not continuing Sunday School for our children during the summer. Unfortunately, that has been the tradition in every Episcopal congregation I have ever served. In fact, I have never even heard of an Episcopal congregation who has Children's Sunday School during the summer. I say this as an observation and without judgment. But, as Arsenio Hall used to say on his comedy show, it is one of those things that makes you go, "HMMMMMMMM."

What I really want to talk with you about in this month's "Parson to Person" are our new nametags. If you have not seen them, they are lovely and are displayed in the oak cabinet to the right as you walk through the foyer where our old nametags were displayed. These nametags are brightly colored with your name and an Episcopal shield on them. They are

magnetic, and unlike nametags with pins or clips, they will not tear your clothing.

Some of our snowbirds who spend the winters in Florida told me about these magnetic nametags a couple of years ago. What they liked about them is that they wore them home and put them on the refrigerator during the week. On the refrigerator, they become a reminder to pray for their parish church and are a quiet, gentle witness to guests in their homes. I would commend this practice to you and hope that you, too, will store your nametags on your refrigerators.

I believe wearing our nametags at church is the kindest thing we can possibly do for our guests and newcomers to Grace. They assist them in connecting names with faces. I am hoping to get some equally attractive stick-on nametags

with our Episcopal shield in color so that our guests and newcomers will be known to us as well.

An added benefit, of course, is that it will assist us in getting to know other parishioners by name, too.

If you discover we do not have a nametag for you, please let us know, and we will order one right away. If you don't want to wear your nametag, I would ask you to make this little sacrifice for our Lord Jesus, who has welcomed us and expects us to welcome others in His Name.

Easter Peace and Joy,  
Fr. Gary Coffey

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# Events at a Glance

## *A Quick Review of the Month*

**Monday Morning Gospel Bible Study**  
*Mondays, 10:30 a.m., PH*

**Early Birds Men's Book Study**  
*Tuesdays, 8:45 a.m., LI (see p. 3)*

**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*

**Generational Healing Eucharist**  
*Tuesday, May 1, 6:30 p.m., CH*

**ECW Derby Day Luncheon**  
*Saturday, May 5, 12:00 noon, PH (see p. 3)*

**Men of the Church**  
*Tuesday, May 8, 6:00 p.m.*

**Healing Prayer Services**  
*Tuesdays, May 8, 15, 22 & 29, 6:30-7:30 p.m., LI*

**TEAM Meeting**  
*Wednesday, May 9, 10:00 a.m., OF*

**Order of St. Luke**  
*Thursday, May 10, 6:30 p.m., PH*

**Steadfast House Meal**  
*Friday, May 11, 6:00 p.m.*

**Mother's Day**  
*Sunday, May 13*

**Pub Sing**  
*Sunday, May 13, snacks at 5:30 p.m.; singing at 6:00 p.m.*

**Purls of Grace**  
*Thursday, May 17, 5:30 p.m., LI*

**Pentecost**  
*Sunday, May 20 (see p. 7)*

**Pentecost Picnic**  
*Sunday, May 20, 12:30-2:00 p.m., Church Lawn*

**Taizé Worship Service**  
*Sunday, May 20, 8:00-9:00 p.m., CH*

**Vestry Meeting**  
*Monday, May 21, 5:30 p.m., LI*

**Altar Guild Acknowledgment & Planning Meeting**  
*Saturday, May 26, 10:00 a.m., PH (see p. 5)*

**Memorial Day Holiday/Church Office Closed**  
*Monday, May 28*

**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 May. Questions? Call Bill Spencer at 299-3566.

**Men of the Church** will meet Tuesday, May 8, 6:00 p.m., at the home of host Bob Turner, 72 Windsor Road, Asheville. 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.

**Remember Mom on May 13!**



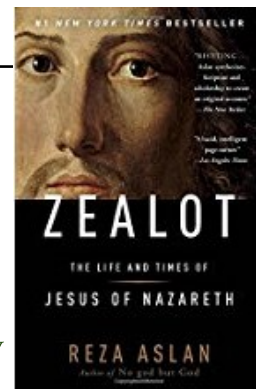
The Mountain Chapter of the **Order of St. Luke** will meet on Thursday, May 10, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the parish hall to continue their series, "Partnering with Jesus in Healing." The topic this month will be "Keeping Jesus as Revealed in Scripture as our Focus." Please join us May 10! One does not 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. This month's PubSing is Sunday, May 13, 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](mailto:montywooten@bellsouth.net) or 828-254-1114. Get directions at [frenchbroadbrewery.com/directions/](http://frenchbroadbrewery.com/directions/).

**Purls of Grace** will have its last meeting before summer break on Thursday, May 17, 5:30 p.m. in the library. We will share projects and discuss ideas to rejuvenate this ministry when it starts back up in September. Or you may contact Beth Woodson with your suggestions, (828) 645-4293 or [dryridge@aol.com](mailto:dryridge@aol.com). Remember to bring interesting ideas, yarn, patterns and needles/hooks back from your summer trips.

# Parish News, Updates and Reminders

**EARLY BIRDS MEN'S GROUP IS STUDYING A NEW BOOK.** Join the discussion as the Early Birds Men's Group studies *Zealot: The Life and Times of Jesus of Nazareth*. This #1 *New York Times* Best Seller is sure to generate lively conversations in the library on Tuesdays from 8:45-10:00 a.m. All men of the church are welcome and you are invited to bring friends. You may purchase the book on Amazon for \$12.42.



**DERBY DAY IS ON THE WAY!** The second annual Derby Day Luncheon, hosted by the ECW, is Saturday, May 5, at 12:00 noon in the parish hall. Bring a favorite side dish to enhance the meat and beverage furnished by ECW, and wear your favorite hat! A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the foyer.

All women of the church are cordially invited to come enjoy the luncheon and learn more about what the Episcopal Church Women at Grace are doing.

**RUMMAGE SALE NEWS.** On Saturday, March 24, the ECW collected and sorted contributions for its Fall Rummage Sale. Thank you, contributors! Special thanks to cheerful and efficient volunteers Mary Ann Warren, Lynda McCredie, Cheryl Aull, and Jackie Schauer who, in freezing weather, helped haul, sort, organize and place items in our drafty, unheated shed. Also, thanks to any others I'm omitting by mistake.

The next collection will be on Saturday, June 30. However, we MIGHT have a Spring Rummage Sale (late May?) as we have so much to sell already. We'll keep you posted!



Respectfully, Maria Mason, ECW President

**ATTENTION 2018 GRADUATES!** Our search continues for 2018 high school and college graduates in the Grace Church family. In the June issue of the *Grace TEAM*, we will 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 your graduate's name, the school they're graduating from, the degree they'll receive (if applicable), and where they plan to continue their education (if applicable). Let us know about 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.

Thanks for all who have contacted us so far. To submit information for the June *TEAM*, email [grace.church.asheville@gmail.com](mailto:grace.church.asheville@gmail.com) or call the church office, 254-1086 no later than May 15.



**PENTECOST PICNIC!** Join us Sunday, May 20 following the 11:15 service for a Pentecost Picnic on the lawn! We will celebrate Pentecost and the end of the Sunday School year with a parish-wide gathering, 12:30-2:00 p.m. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided; please bring a side dish to share. Don't miss the games for kids, corn hole, badminton and more! Contact Sally Withers (712-1955) for details.



# Easter Gifts

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The palms and wonderful flower arrangements that make Grace Church so beautiful at Easter are gifts from the talented members of our Flower Guild. The resources they work with are made possible by monetary gifts from our parish in memory of loved ones, in celebration of special events and in thanksgiving. Thank you to all who contributed!



The palms and flowers are given to the *Glory of God*:

by Ed Duncan in memory of Dick Drake;

by Hugh and Chal Vaughn in thanksgiving for family;

in thanksgiving for Sam and Eleanor Trinite;

by Rick and Kim Hayes in memory of Rick's father, Bill Hayes, and Kim's mother, Lou Anslow;

by Jennifer Witt in memory of Louise, Levi & Kenneth Matthews and in thanksgiving for family;

by Bill and Barbara Crownover in memory of James and Margaret Crownover;

by Bill Coward in memory of Sherry Coward and their parents;

by Louise Cate Wernicke in thanksgiving for family;

by Joe and Cheryl Aull in thanksgiving for the birth of Joel Aull to Michael and Da-ae Aull in Seoul, South Korea, and their other grandchildren Harrison, Mallory and Chelsea;

by Mary Israel in memory of Sonny Enloe;

by Joyce Noble in memory of David William Noble, son of Walter and Joyce Noble;

by the Thomas Family in memory of Jennifer Thomas;

by George and Pat Davis in memory of Mike and Kelli and in thanksgiving for family and friends;

by Don Wills in memory of Will and in honor of The Right Rev. José McLoughlin, clergy and staff of Grace, Flower Guild, Rev. Ed Hillman, and beloved Bradlee;

by James Cannon in thanksgiving for the Flower Guild of Grace and their countless hours of service.  
Thank you!

by Katie Warren in thanksgiving for Grace Episcopal's Centering Prayer Group;

by William Pettigrew in memory of son David;

by the Cullen Family in memory of Lt. H. Jay Cullen;

by anonymous.



# 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 led by Fr. Gary and Greg Townsend in the parish hall continues Sundays through May 20.

### ALTAR GUILD ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND PLANNING MEETING.

Saturday, May 26 at 10:00 a.m. in the parish hall, we will hold a meeting to express our appreciation to current and past members of the Grace Altar Guild. We'll enjoy some refreshments together and discuss the future. All Altar Guild members past and present are encouraged to attend; your input is so important. Discussion will include plans for the year to come, leadership, altar guild responsibilities and training.

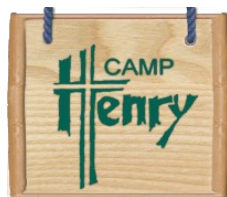


**COMMUNICATIONS.** Photographers needed! Help us capture those special moments of Grace to share in the *TEAM* and on Facebook! Potlucks, confirmations, baptisms, special worship services...there are so many opportunities to put your cameras to work, and we welcome your contributions.

*Note: Sometimes, photography during worship can be distracting. If you're uncertain about taking photos during a service or event, just ask one of our clergy members for guidance.*

**ENDOWMENT.** Thanks to God and many generous parishioners, the endowment fund has grown to over \$600,000. At this size, the endowment is large enough to help fund necessary church capital projects and has been doing so for the past three years. A meaningful portion of this growth has come from donations, both large and small. If you've made a donation in the past, thank you tremendously. The endowment would not be where it is now without you. If you wish to make a donation, please contact the church office.

**EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW).** Don't forget! The Derby Day luncheon is Saturday, May 5. Details on p. 3.



In addition, the ECW will give out scholarships to children who would like to go to Camp Henry this summer and are in need of assistance. 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 ECW treasurer Mary Ann Warren via the church office. If there is more than one child from the same family seeking assistance, partial scholarships may be available. Find applications in the church office or the ECW mailbox, or one will be mailed or emailed to you upon request.

Camp Henry is committed to offering a special camp experience to any child or youth who wants to come to camp, and we believe that financial burdens shouldn't keep people from experiencing the miracle of camp.

**FINANCE.** We are beginning the transition to electronic delivery of quarterly statements. This will help us save money on postage and supplies. For details, see p. 11.

**OUTREACH.** The next ABCCM food drive is Sunday, June 10. Look for bags with shopping lists in the pews on June 3. If you want to shop early, requested food items for this quarter are vegetable oil, canned vegetables and canned chicken.

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**WEDDING MINISTRY.** The following is a letter to our Wedding Ministry team:

Dear Wedding Ministry,

Thank you for your work on behalf of our church. I love seeing the names of the couples being married printed in the bulletin. That reminds me to hold them (and you) up in prayer. I cherish knowing that we, Grace Church, show hospitality to these couples and their families, whether they are members or not.

Our son and daughter-in-law were married in a city where they didn't have church connections. As practicing Episcopalians, Brian and Jessica wanted a church wedding. Unfortunately, the process at that local church didn't feel welcoming and family members in that community noticed that attitude.

Your ministry's hospitality is another example of how we (Grace Church) are being Christ's hands in the world, including welcoming non-members into our beautiful holy space. We never know where that hospitality might lead. A couple who seeks a church wedding is obviously drawn to Christ. We Christians should nurture that. Thank you all for the time and commitment you have in this sweet ministry!

With Love in Christ,

Vicki Vest

**WORSHIP.** Last month during worship, we let our acolytes know how much they were appreciated. The following, “*10 Hidden Benefits of Acolyting*,” by Lisa Brown, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Pittsburgh, PA, is an excerpt from that service.

**1. Acolyting is essential.** Think of services where no acolytes are present. Much of the beauty and the glorious pageantry is missing. Processions without torches and crosses, and a Gospel reading without anyone to hold the book? Not as impactful. Furthermore, services without acolytes mean clergy have less support when preparing Communion and facilitating worship.

**2. Acolyting allows young people to be active participants in worship.** Everyone I spoke with echoed the same refrain. They felt much more engaged in the worship service by playing an active role rather than sitting in the pews. Even young people who reported that their parents had at first “forced” them to acolyte, expressed a newfound connection to worship and an enthusiasm for being at church.

**3. Acolyting is intergenerational.** A young person who acolytes is more likely to feel a connection to adults serving in other worship-related ministries: clergy, altar guild members, greeters, ushers, lectors, lay eucharistic ministers, and choir members.

This is truly important! Young people who connect to generations of adults in the congregation – rather than only forming relationships with youth peers – are more likely to feel a deep connection to their church community. Faith formation is strengthened by these intergenerational relationships.

**4. Acolyting is relational.** Acolyting helps young people form bonds with their peers, and with older and younger teens at church. Faith is meant to be practiced in community, and when a young person finds community for themselves, they are more likely to grow in faith. Young acolytes spoke proudly of having older teen friends who they knew through acolyting; older teens spoke proudly of acting as role models to the younger teens on their acolyte teams.

**5. Acolyting is a family affair.** Many young people recalled that they began to acolyte as a way of emulating older siblings. Families are more likely to attend and be connected to a church community when their children serve at the altar.

**6. Acolyting allows kids to play with fire.** Admit it, everybody likes to play with fire. But more importantly, when we trust young people with significant and potentially dangerous tasks, we show them that we see them as capable and competent. Inevitably they then live up to our expectations.

**7. Acolyting makes a young person the center of attention.** This surprised me. Many young people commented on how they enjoyed the feeling of having all eyes on them as they walked down the aisle with the cross. But isn't it supposed to be about God? Yes. So are we raising a generation of egomaniacs? I don't think so. Everyone's deepest desire is to be known, accepted, and loved. We want to have value in the eyes of others. Consider scripture and the many instances where Jesus paused to truly see and engage people who were otherwise invisible in society.

Often our young people feel unseen and unimportant in our faith communities. Acolyting allows them to be seen, to be important, and to make a difference in our communal worship.

**8. Acolyting makes young people nervous.** When asked what they wished other people knew about being an acolyte, many young people said they wished others knew how seriously they take their role. They try very hard not to make mistakes, and when they do, it weighs heavily on them. Yet in talking about lessons learned as an acolyte, one young person told me the following: “Whatever I do, even if I'm not sure of what I'm doing, as long as I do it with confidence, it will be ok.” Or as Julian of Norwich wrote, “All shall be well.”

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**9. Acolyting is formational, and teaches liturgy.** In conversations replete with teenage slang, I also heard vocabulary that reflected a deep knowledge of liturgy and church tradition. In fact, one of the many reasons youth enjoyed being acolytes is that they learned more about the shape, structure, and flow of liturgy and worship traditions. Young people even mentioned some of their favorite services: Maundy Thursday and Good Friday – services often under-attended, especially by young people.

**10. Acolyting is leadership.** A component of good church leadership is being able to grow more fully into a ministerial role. The young people I spoke with reflected on their evolving acolyte responsibilities, and how moving from torch to Eucharistic server was “...a big leap.” One young person explained how managing her acolyte team was an opportunity for her to demonstrate maturity and responsibility. Some young people spoke proudly of how acolyting encouraged them to seek out other roles in the church – as vergers, altar guild members, lay eucharistic ministers, and as members of the church’s worship commission.

**So Let There Be Acolytes!** Acolyting is an essential ministry, and one that imbues our worship with beauty, solemnity, and pageantry. Acolytes support both clergy and laity, ensuring that the behind-the-scenes tasks and logistics of worship flow smoothly.

Most importantly, our acolytes, whether they are 9 or 19 years old, are leaders in our communities, worthy of appreciation and respect. Next time you see a young person who is an acolyte, make sure to compliment them and thank them for their ministry!

## The Pentecost Experience!

Following the celebration of Easter, Christians look forward to Pentecost. Pentecost is a Christian festival celebrating the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to his disciples to help them in their faith, and in continuing their work of establishing the church and spreading the Gospel.

The date of Pentecost varies every year as it takes place fifty days after Easter. The word “Pentecost” comes from the Greek word “pentekoste,” which means “fiftieth.” This year, Pentecost is Sunday, May 20.

The significance of Pentecost lies in the baptism of the disciples with the Holy Spirit. Jesus made the promise in John 14:26 saying, “But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.” After dying on the cross and being resurrected, Jesus reappeared in front of the disciples to prove He was alive and well. He told them to wait in Jerusalem.

On the day of Pentecost, the disciples were waiting in an upper room in Jerusalem, bonded in prayer together,

when they heard the sound of a strong wind inside the house. This was the Holy Spirit and they were filled with it. They were given the gift of tongues. Immediately, Peter began his ministry, while the other disciples also spread the word, giving way to the birth of the church.

Today, Pentecost Sunday is a celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit. This holiday unites Christians everywhere, reminding us that we, too, can receive the gift of the Holy Spirit and be witnesses to the ends of the Earth.

### The Pentecost Experience at Grace

On May 20, Pentecost Sunday at Grace, many of us will be wearing crimson or deep red. This is the color of Pentecost. At the 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. services, listen for the wind! Through readings and participation from within the congregation, we will remember and rejoice in that powerful moment when, with coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples, Christianity was born.

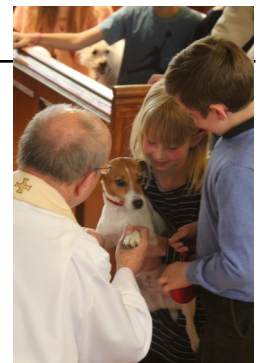


## And the Animals Were Blessed!

### Cookie's Psalm

*(An adaptation of Psalm 23 by Lyn Burkett, for her dog Cookie. Lyn and Bryan attended Grace before relocating for work.)*

The humans take care of me;  
I lack nothing.  
They let me take naps in the front yard  
and walk with me back to the frog pond.  
They come home in the afternoon  
and take me for walks in the park.  
Even when we walk down a busy street with cars everywhere,  
I'm not afraid;  
This leash and collar keep me safe.  
They fill my bowl with kibble when the cat is right outside the window;  
They brush me and wipe my eyes every day,  
And my water bowl is always full.  
I know they'll keep taking care of me even after I'm too old to run and play,  
And I'll sleep at the foot of their bed forever.



*Photos from the  
Blessing of the  
Animals. Find  
more on our Face-  
book page.*

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:* **Paul Camfield; Chris Carson** (son of Martha & Randy); **Arnold & Nancy Clark; Nathan Crownover** (son of Bill & Barbara Crownover); **Ed Denison; Eva Dupree; Eunice Ferguson; Arnold Gnilka; Mary Hayes; Mary Israel; Wendy Kuykendall; Joyce Noble; Nancy Porter; Sonny Rawls; Ray Robertson; Laura & Tsz-yan Snyder; Rita Spragg.**

*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; Tom Paine; 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); **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); **Priscilla Hickey** (sister-in-law of Barbara Wilcox); **the Rev. Ed Hillman and family** (friends of Don Wills); **Kathleen & Michael Johnson** (friends of Barbara Wilcox); **Jeff Johnston** (cousin of Eva Dupree); **Bob Kievit** (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); **Barbara Schnautz** (friend of Don Wills); **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); **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 Who have Died and Their Families:* **Jim Crownover** (brother of Bill Crownover); **Jill Lockhart** (mother of Shannon Ponce); **Dan Mitchell** (friend of Don Wills); **Janice Ribet** (former parishioner); **Charles Rice** (friend of Don Wills).

*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 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](mailto:gkcgiffin7@gmail.com) or the church office at [grace.church.asheville@gmail.com](mailto:grace.church.asheville@gmail.com).*



# May 2018 Ministry Schedule

Date	Service Time	Acolyte C	Acolyte G	Acolyte E	Lector, Intercessor & Presenters	Healing Team	Ushers	Chalicians	Coffee Hour	Scripture	Lesson
<b>May 6</b>											
	7:45						Jim Black	Margaret Dahm			
	9:00	Zoe Davis	Lauren Kuykendall	Maya Bell	<b>L, I, P</b> - Jeanne Robertson Barbara Wilcox	Louise Wernicke Patricia Hargrove	Will Israel Tom Barr	1. Debbie Jones 2. Daphne Urquhart	Cuyler Dupree	Acts 10:44-48	1st Lesson 9 AM
	11:15	Cheryl Aull	Olivia Nery	Ellie Silvers	<b>L, I, P</b> - Kristen Dusenbery Nancy Remmers	Pat Davis Karen Compton	George Davis Ed Wocekenner	1. Mark Silvers 2. Steve Parker	Volunteer	I John 5:1-6	2nd Lesson
<b>May 13</b>											
	7:45						Johnny Robinson	Susan Robinson			
	9:00	Carsten Path	Tessa Path	Maira Stewart	<b>L, I, P</b> -Ray Kuykendall Vicki Vest, Kuykendall family	Allyn & Joan Aldrich	Ray & Lauren Kuykendall	1. Cuyler Dupree 2. Lorie Tola	Paul Vest	Acts 1:15-17	1st Lesson 9 AM
	11:15	Jonah Silvers	Sally Withers	Eric Howell	<b>L, I, P</b> - Rusty McCredie Kimberly Kneier	Marzy Israel Corinne Spencer	Larry & LuAnn Harris	1. Charles Carter 2. Kimberly Kneier	Pat Stafford	I John 5:9-13	2nd Lesson
<b>May 20</b>											
	7:45						Ed Duncan	James Cannon			
	9:00	Laura Ellington	Nola Ellington	Liesl Ellington	<b>L, I, P</b> - Louise Wernicke, Nancy Walters, Louise Wernicke & Cuyler Dupree	Pat Davis Jane Whitman	Paul & Vickie Vest	1. Greg Townsend 2. Ann Robinson	Micki Newton	Acts 2:1-21	1st Lesson 9 AM
	11:15	Mark Silvers	Sally Withers	Ellie Silvers	<b>L, I, P</b> - Jenny Thomas Nancy Remmers	Sonny Rawls Karen Compton	Elaine Potter Rusty Herman	1. Eric Howell 2. Sally Coburn	Georgi Bruce	Romans 8:22-27	2nd Lesson
	Taizé 8:00 PM				<b>I</b> - James Cannon <b>L</b> - Monty Wooten	Fr. Bob Reese					
<b>May 27</b>											
	7:45						Steve Jones	Jack Frue			
	9:00	Gavin Knapp	Aleena Bennett	Louise Wernicke	<b>L, I, P</b> - Daphne Urquhart Paul Urquhart	Jeanne Robertson	Derek & Wade Edwards	1. Jenny Knapp 2. Nancy Walters	Elaine Dephouse	Isaiah 6:1-8	1st Lesson
	11:15	Rusty McCredie	Sally Withers	Grace Miller	<b>L, I, P</b> - Elaine Potter Steve Parker	Marzy Israel Sonny Rawls	Bob Turner Elaine Potter	1. Sally Withers 2. Elaine Potter	Mary Ann Warren	Romans 8:12-17	2nd Lesson
<b>Date</b>	<b>Counters</b>	<b>Depositors</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Flower Arrangers</b>	<b>Altar Guild</b>						
6-May	Steve Birkhofer	James Cannon	6-May	Dawson	Group 1 - May 5 - May 11						
13-May	Martha Boyette	Judy Bohan	13-May	Davis	Group 2 - May 12 - May 18						
20-May	Sally Withers	Chal & Hugh Vaughn	20-May	Davis - Pentecost	Group 3 - May 19 - May 25						
27-May	Georgi Bruce	Anne Simmons	27-May	Israel, Wills - Trinity Sunday	Group 4 - May 26 - June 1						

## May Anniversaries

Teresa and Cecil Cantrell	1
Alfonso and Shannon Ponce	21
Tom and Martha Bell	25
Allyn and Joan Aldrich	27
Adam and Aubrey Southwell	28

## May Birthdays

1 Doug Ellington	17 Catherine Cullen
2 Ann Burhans	17 Alyssa Jones
2 Derek Dephouse	19 Ashley Ellington
3 David Knisley	19 Shannon Wall
4 Brooke Plank	20 Jonathan Goldenberg
4 Madison Plank	20 Lorie Tola
5 Charlotte Chiott	20 Monty Wooten
7 Karen Howell	21 Jennifer Clary
7 Cal Remmers	21 Judy Rhodes
8 Lucy Bowen	22 Meghan Jordan
8 Jeannette Reese	24 Leeann Shearouse
9 Charles Carter	24 Nancy Walters
10 Sharon Stewart	25 Susan Smith
10 Jane Whitman	28 James Cannon
11 Molly Oxford	30 Barbara Crownover
12 Jennifer Witt	30 George Davis
13 Annabelle Milling	30 Sherry Siket
15 Patrick Bohan	30 Jeanne Sims
16 Ellie Silvers	31 Johnny Robinson



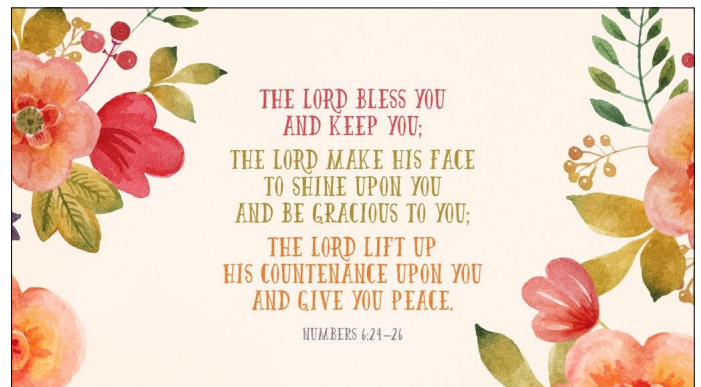
## Special Gifts

The Aumbry candle is given to the Glory of God by Rick and Kim Hayes in loving memory of their parents Bill Hayes and Lou Anslow.

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by:

- Steve and Carol Booth in memory of David and Barbara;
- Valerie Heavens in loving memory of her father John H. Litun and mother-in-law Norma Carter and in thanksgiving for her mother, Veronica Litun;
- Ed Duncan in loving memory of Dick Drake and Hazel Keller;
- Kathleen Griffin in loving memory of Bob Griffin.

*Our mothers have given us so many special gifts!*



*Remember them with love and thanksgiving on Mothers Day, Sunday, May 13.*

Our prayers are with the family and friends of Jim Crownover (brother of Bill Crownover); Jill Lockhart (mother of Shannon Ponce); Dan Mitchell (friend of Don Wills); Janice Ribet (former parishioner); and Charles Rice (friend of Don Wills).

# March Ends With Positive Variance

## Statement of Activities - Grace Church Year to Date - March 2018

	Actual	Budget	Variance
<b>Income:</b>			
Pledges	106,869	88,403	18,467
Prior Year Pledges	50	-	50
Non-pledged Offerings	-	3,032	(3,032)
Open Offering	2,504	8,466	(5,961)
Interest	16	16	(0)
Misc.	3,273	3,332	(59)
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>112,713</b>	<b>103,247</b>	<b>9,465</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Outreach/Mission	12,111	12,501	(390)
Parish Programs	4,134	2,241	1,894
Operations	17,518	16,857	662
Personnel	72,034	71,649	385
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>105,797</b>	<b>103,248</b>	<b>2,550</b>
<b>Income Less Expenses:</b>	<b>6,915</b>	<b>(0)</b>	<b>6,915</b>

Pledge receipts through the end of March totaled \$106,869 compared to projected pledges of \$88,403. Considering all income sources, income received for the year totaled \$112,713, while we projected income to be \$103,247. We ended the month with a positive income variance of \$9465.

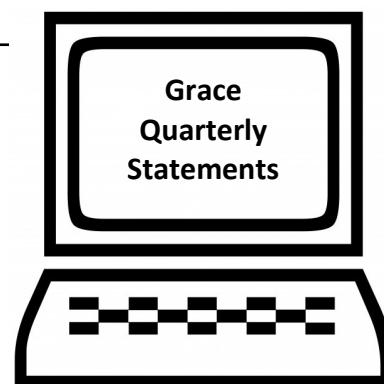
The positive variance in income was offset somewhat by expenses which were greater than budgeted amounts by \$2550. When these overages were applied to the positive income variance of \$9465 our income less expenses resulted in a surplus of \$6915 at the end of March.

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

Your Vestry

## Statement Delivery Changes Coming

To save on postage and supplies, the parish is looking at transitioning to the email delivery of the giving statements included in our new management system. The 1st quarter's giving statements have gone out in the mail as usual. For those who have email addresses listed with the parish in our management system, we'll also be sending next quarter's statements to the email address you have on file. Those with no listed email will only receive the copy in the mail. If there are problems receiving the email, please let us know. Our plan is to continue to mail and email for the remainder of the year and use the email only next year for those who have email addresses and have not experienced issues receiving the emails. We appreciate your support and please let us know if you experience any issues with the emails.



## Welcome, Sarah Pantaleo!

Please take a moment to stop by the nursery on Sunday to welcome our newest nursery attendant, Sarah Pantaleo. Currently enrolled in the sociology program at AB-Tech, Sarah has worked extensively as a farm hand on farms across the country. "Farming," she says, "has taught me hard work and determination, which I have brought with me to jobs away from the field." One of seven children, Sarah has a deep love for children and looks forward to embracing the values of Grace Church and bringing her full love and respect to the job of caring for our children. Welcome, Sarah!