



the Grace TEAM

to each a ministry

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Sunday Worship

8:00 a.m. - Rite I

10:30 a.m. - Rite II Family &
Choral Service

Healing Prayer

Every Sunday at 10:30 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

On the third Sunday of each
month at 8:00 p.m., a Taizé service
is 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

Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

I hope, as you read this greeting, you smiled and said, shouted, whispered or thought the response, "The Lord is Risen indeed!" This is the time in which we are living. Having just celebrated The Second Sunday of Easter when we read the story of Jesus coming into the locked Upper Room and giving "peace" to the scared and lonely disciples, we are reminded that Jesus comes to us where we are, as we are. No criticism or anger was uttered by our Risen Lord, only the "Peace" that passeth all understanding.

Theologian Karl Barth once remarked that to say the line from the creed, "I believe in the Holy Catholic Church" does not mean that we believe in the church. It means, rather, to believe that God is present and at work in the church, that "in this assembly, the work of the Holy Spirit takes place ... We do not believe in the Church: but we do believe that, in this congregation, the work of the Holy Spirit becomes an event."

Barth's words rang true for me some years ago. A preacher was invited to be the worship leader at a special evening communion service. The church staff had planned the service to be educational as well as worshipful. The idea was that, first, the congregation would gather in the sanctuary, and the pastor would give a brief talk about the meanings of the Lord's Supper. Then, we would go into the fellowship hall and be seated around tables for the service itself.

At each table there would be flour and other ingredients to form the dough for the communion loaves. The plan called for each table to prepare a loaf and, while the loaves baked in the church kitchen, the people at each table were to engage in various exercises

designed to get them talking about their experiences in the faith.

It was a good idea, but like many well-planned events, things looked better on the drawing board than they turned out in reality. There were problems. Children at many tables began to play in the baking ingredients and white clouds of flour floated around the room. There were delays and the communion bread baked with agonizing slowness. The planners had dreamed of an event of excitement, innovation, peak learning and moving worship.

What happened was noise, exhaustion, and people making the best of a difficult situation. In other words, despite the rosy plans, it was the *real* church worshipping down there in the basement.

Finally, the service ended, and with a little relief, the pastor was able to pronounce the benediction, "The peace of the Lord be with you." And just as he did, a child's voice from somewhere in the room called out strong and true, "It already is."

"It already is." With those words the service was transformed into an event of joy and holy mystery. That small voice captured what the Gospel of John is trying to say about that new 1st Century Church in the locked Upper Room. In the midst of a church that can claim nothing for itself, a church of noise, confusion, weariness, and even fear, the risen Christ comes to give peace. The risen Christ comes to inhabit our empty places, and then, as the child said, "It already is," and the church with nothing becomes the church with everything.

"It already is." Jesus' peace is already with us. For that we are thankful and we embrace the mystery of this Holy Season of Eastertide.

Peace,

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

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.

ECW Derby Day Luncheon

Saturday, May 4, 12:00 noon, PH (details on p. 3)

Outreach Meeting

Tuesday, May 7, 5:30 p.m., LI

Order of St. Luke

Thursday, May 9, 6:30-8:30 p.m., PH

Steadfast House Meal

Friday, May 10, 6:00 p.m.

PubSing

Sunday, May 12, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

TEAM Meeting

Monday, May 13, 10:00 noon, OF

Worship Committee Meeting

Monday, May 13, 6:00 p.m., LI

Men of the Church

Tuesday, May 14, 6:00 p.m.

Taizé Worship Service

Sunday, May 19, 8:00-9:00 p.m., CH

Vestry Meeting

Monday, May 20, 5:30 p.m., PH

Memorial Day Holiday

Monday, May 27, Office Closed

REMINDER! NEW SUNDAY SCHEDULE!

8:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist Rite I

8:45-9:20 a.m.

Breakfast

9:25-10:20 a.m.

Adult Christian Education and
Children's Sunday School

10:30-11:40 a.m.

Holy Eucharist Rite II Family
and Choral Service

11:40 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Coffee in the Courtyard

8:50 a.m.-12:10 p.m. The Nursery will be open

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 10:30 a.m. Sunday service and at the Taizé service every third Sunday.

Men of the Church will meet Tuesday, May 14, at the home of Jim Compton, 60 Salem Road, Weaverville. The social starts at 6:00 p.m., followed by supper and a short business meeting. 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. And don't forget—a light lunch will follow the class every first Monday. All are welcome.



The Mountain Chapter of the **Order of St. Luke** will meet on Thursday, May 9, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the parish hall to continue the series, "Growing in Jesus' Ministry of Healing." Our focus will again be Words of Knowledge—information we would not know that the Holy Spirit reveals to help us pray effectively for a certain person. We will view a DVD presentation on this topic by Randy Clark, a leader in the Christian healing ministry.

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.

Come join us for **PubSing**, an informal gathering on the second Sunday of each month to sing hymns, old-time Gospel, and Americana inspirational music. This month, we'll meet on May 12 at Zillicoah Beer Company, 870 Riverside Drive in Woodfin, 4:00-6:00 p.m. For more information, contact Monty Wooten at montywooten@bellsouth.net or 828-254-1114.

With the lengthening days, it's time to go back to the 8:00 p.m. gathering time for our **Taizé Worship Service**. This month's service is Sunday, May 19. All are welcome.

REMEMBER MOM SUNDAY MAY 12!

HAPPY
MOTHER'S
DAY!

Parish News, Updates & Reminders

YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE

FROM JENNA. The youth program is wrapping up for the summer this month. It's been a great year for the new ministry of the Asheville Episcopal Youth, the joint youth program with five different churches in the Asheville area! We are continuing to grow, learn and try new things with this ministry, and exciting things are still to come! I, Jenna Sharrits, have really enjoyed creating this loving and fun community together with the youth and have a vision to continue to involve more youth and share God's love. The youth program will pick back up in August with a similar schedule, but meanwhile, check your newsletters from the church and get even more up-to-date information through the youth newsletter. Let me know if you haven't signed up yet.

Over the summer youth can still be involved! They are asked to join Jenna at Camp Henry! 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. Camp Henry offers overnight sessions, available for youth grades 3-12, and range in length from 1-3 weeks. In addition, check out many other specialty sessions, including: Family Camp (for ALL ages), LAMP (a leadership program for 10th-12th graders, which is a 2 week session), CHOS (an outdoor program for 6th-12th graders which they learn many skills for authentic wilderness travel experience).

Check out Camp Henry, a great way for your youth to continue to grow in their faith along with having a ton of fun! Go sign up today! Spots are filling fast!

May 4th-5th Diocesan Middle School Service Overnight. This is an overnight mini mission trip type event for 6th-8th grade.

May 12th Mother's Day; No Youth gathering; Celebrate and spend time with your loved ones!

May 19th 1:00-4:00 at Standard Pizza on Haywood Street; Last Meeting Celebration! All are welcome! Parents and youth please join us as we celebrate a year together before the busy summer time activities start.

GRACE LADIES!

Come to the

DERBY DAY

ECW LUNCHEON

Saturday, May 4

12 noon to 2 p.m. in the Parish Hall.



Please come and wear a hat! Enjoy lunch prepared by Mary Ann Warren and Cheryl Aull.
RSVP Signup in Lobby.



Coffee in the Courtyard!

With the weather warming up, we will be moving our coffee hour following the combined 10:30 service to the courtyard between the foyer and the breezeway. In order to make this as welcoming as possible, we would love to have different families "host" the coffee each Sunday, bringing a treat like sweet rolls or bagels to share and staying to welcome guests and parishioners alike. If this is a ministry you would be interested in, please sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer. Let's turn our coffee hour into a real chance to socialize and connect with one another following our shared worship. Please see Sally Withers for details.





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AT LAKE LOGAN
MAY 31 - JUNE 1ST

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RUBY VELLE AND THE SOULPHONICS
KAT WRIGHT | THE TRAVELIN KINE
JOE LASHER | LOGAN LEDGER**

TICKETS AND MORE INFO AVAILABLE AT
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GET TICKETS NOW FOR THE 2019 COLD MOUNTAIN MUSIC FESTIVAL! The Third Annual Cold Mountain Music Festival is May 31-June 1 on the shores of beautiful Lake Logan, home of Camp Henry.

Cold Mountain Music Festival features top-notch musical talent, amazing local food & drink vendors, family friendly activities and more, all in one of the most pristine settings imaginable. The centerpiece of the almost 300-acre property is a mile-long lake surrounded by the Shining Rock Wilderness Area of Pisgah National Forest.

To learn more about the performance line-up (and listen to a little bit of their music), visit coldmountainmusic.org. At the site, you'll also find important details on the festival schedule, vendors, tickets, accommodations, sponsors and more.

Start planning your visit today! Funds raised from Cold Mountain Music Festival support the ministries of Lake Logan Conference Center and Camp Henry in the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina.



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Easter Flower Donors 2019*

Eric and Sandy Wood

Rev. Jane Smith to the Glory of God and in memory of Marguerite Alexander

Elizabeth Krueger in memory of Richard Kreuger

*Rick & Kim Hayes in memory of their parents Mary and Bill Hayes
and Lou and Bob Anslow*

Jennifer Thomas in memory of The Rev. John Thomas

The Townsend Family in memory of Ruth Ann Fair and Brice and Zilla Kinyon

*Hugh and Chal Vaughn in memory of their parents and in thanksgiving
for their family*

Lorie Tola in honor of John M. Tola

Jeannette Reese in thanksgiving for Bob Reese

Bill Coward in memory of Sherry Coward and their Parents

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

Bill and Corinne Spencer in thanksgiving for family and Grace Church

*Don Wills in honor of Cal Remmers, Bradlee, his boys, Phyl Mathias,
the Altar Guild and the Flower Guild and in memory of
Nancy Remmers and Samuel L. Byrn III*

*Their children and grandchildren in thanksgiving for Jack and Mary Jane
Westall's 50th wedding anniversary*

Cuylar Dupree in memory of Corey Snyder and Theda Rudd

Jennifer Witt in memory of Kenneth Matthew and in thanksgiving for her family

*Ben and Cate Scales in thanksgiving for their children
Aeron, Emeline and Charlie*

*The Shaw Family in memory of Martin and Mary Leigh Shaw and in
thanksgiving for their lives*

Janice Orson in honor of Rusty Herman

Sylvia and Buddy Greenwood in memory of Lou Morrow

*Ron and Jeanne Sims in memory of all who have passed
and in thanksgiving for family and friends*

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, 9:25-10:15 a.m. in the parish hall, facilitated by Fr. Bob and Doug McClellan. You're welcome to join in.

COMMUNICATIONS. Grace Memories. What are your fondest memories of Grace Church? In 100 words or less, would you be willing to share something about worship? A fellowship experience? An unexpected kindness? As we journey together in this time of transition, we can look back to gain perspective for looking forward.

God Stories. We have also been blessed now and then with what we have called "God Stories" - little essays of 500 words or less about how God has affected our lives. Your "God Story" could be a very special gift from you to your church family.

"Grace Memories" and "God Stories" can be submitted by email to kimhys53@gmail.com or you may drop off a printed copy in the church office.

Thank you for sharing!

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN. The annual ECW Derby Day Luncheon and meeting is Saturday, May 4, 12:00 noon in the parish hall. Come join us and be sure to wear your favorite Derby Day hat!



Remember, 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. The next drop-off date is June 29.

FELLOWSHIP. We learned, we laughed and we enjoyed a wonderful meal. Our Seder dinner on Maundy Thursday was an opportunity to better understand a Jewish celebration that has been kept for thousands of years and upon which much of our own Christian tradition is based. Thank you to Sarah Wood and family for their guidance.

FLOWER GUILD. Thank you to all who made Easter flower donations in memory of loved ones or in thanksgiving. Our church was beautiful! Your gifts have been acknowledged on page 5 of this issue of *The TEAM*.

OUTREACH. Thank you to everyone who participated in "Gifts to GO" during Lent! Your gifts totaled almost \$800 and will be divided between an after-school snack fund for Jones Elementary and ERD's "Nurture and Nourish the Earliest Learners" project.

UP FOR A FUN MOTHER'S DAY PROJECT?

ABCCM has launched "Handbags for Hope", a new initiative for collecting new and gently-used handbags, along with supplemental items in time for Mother's Day. It's for the residents living at Steadfast House, women soon to be released from jail, and women receiving help from ABCCM's medical and crisis ministries and other supportive services. The collection box will be in the Narthex soon and all items will be delivered to ABCCM on May 2. Meanwhile, you can get the details at ABCCM's website: <https://www.abccm.org/>.



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.



What a month April was at Grace Church! On April 11, the Vestry and the Discernment Committee shared a meal together and heard Canon Augusta Anderson lay out the road ahead as the Discernment Committee starts its work. I ask that we as Grace Church keep the members of the Discernment Committee and their families and support networks in our prayers as they start their journey. Also, on Palm Sunday, we collected the GO Boxes for the Outreach Committee. What a wonderful outpouring from our congregation: we collected \$782.00, mostly in pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters! Thank you!

Any English major can tell you that liturgy and theater are intricately linked. Coming out of one of the most meaningful Holy Week commemorations I have experienced, I can only say that this connection once again became very clear to me.

Anamnesis is the recreation of the events of the history of salvation. We share in this every time we celebrate the Eucharist. Holy Week raises this experience to another level. Father Gary used a term I hadn't heard before—the Triduum—to describe the three services allowing us to experience anamnesis through Jesus' last meal with his followers, his betrayal and crucifixion, and His triumphant resurrection. This year, Holy Week gave us a wonderful experience of anamnesis. From the wonderful Seder led by Sarah Wood (and planned and executed by Mark Silver and Shannon Townsend, with help from many others) through the liturgies for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday to the baptism of two catechumens and the first Alleluia of Easter at the Easter Vigil, we had the opportunity to participate in the story of our salvation.

So, back to that English-major thing... The goal of theater is to elicit catharsis—the emotional roller-coaster and outpouring of emotions that we experience when we allow ourselves to get caught up in something. I can think of no better catharsis than the joy of Easter Sunday. From the packed sanctuary to the number of children lined up to flower the cross from Father Gary using an empty egg to tell the children about the Empty Tomb—"He ain't in there!"—to the laughter of Father Bob and Father Gary as they asperged the congregation following the Renewal of our Baptismal Vows, the sheer joy in the liturgy made this Easter one of the most memorable ones I've experienced.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

The Lord is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

Our Discernment Committee has had an excellent first meeting. Moving forward, please be watching early next month for a *very* important survey that needs a response from *all* of us!

Your feedback is vital and will guide our search.

Grace's New Season!

Grace is embarking on a new season that will bring forth new life. Your Vestry is reorganizing to make themselves more responsive to you, the congregation, and more importantly to God and what Jesus is calling Grace to do at this time and place. Your Search Committee has begun its work. They will need your support and prayers.

During this time of tilling the Easter soil, so that new life can sprout, remember that your answer is "Yes!" In my Easter sermon, I recalled the words of Gerard Hopkins, who encourages us to use Easter as a verb, not a noun... "Let Him Easter in Us!" Every single One of Us!

"Let Him Easter in Us!"

Our Prayer List

May

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: Lisa Birkhofer; Chris Carson (son of Martha & Randy); Nancy Clark; Ed Denison; Eva Dupree; Eunice Ferguson; Mary Hayes; Rusty Herman; Mary Israel; Maria Mason; Joyce Noble; Gael Paschall, Nancy Porter; Sonny Rawls; Cal 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); David & Suana Gentry; J.B. Jones (neighbor of Barbara Wilcox); Phyl Mathias (friend of Don Wills); Gary Merrill (friend of Kathleen Griffin); Joanne Poston (sister-in-law to Bill and Corinne Spencer); Beverly Roberts (cousin of Barbara Wilcox); Ann (sister of Jeanette Reese); John (friend of Jim Compton); James (friend of Jim Compton);

For Those Who Have Died and Their Families: David Knisley; Nancy Remmers.

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); 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 (our 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.



Our condolences and prayers go to the friends, family and loved ones of Janet Burdette (friend of Marzy Israel); David Knisley; Nikki Knapp (niece of Jeanne Robertson); and Nancy Remmers.

May 2019 Ministry Schedule

Service Time	Vergers	Acolyte C	Acolyte G	Acolyte E	Readers	Intercessors & Presenters	Chalicians	Ushers	Healing Team	Scripture	Lesson
May 5											
8:00	James Cannon						James Cannon	Steve Jones		Acts 9:1-6, 7-20	1st Lesson
10:30	Chip Coon	Zoe Davis	Aleena Bennett	Maya Bell	1st. Vicki Vest 2nd. Charles Carter	Kimberly Kneier Charles Carter & Kimberly Kneier	1. Nancy Walters 2. Lorie Tola	Will Israel George Davis	Pat Davis Jane Whitman	Revelation 5:11-14	2nd Lesson
May 12											
8:00	Daphne Urquhart						Susan Robinson	Johnny Robinson		Acts 9:36-43	1st Lesson
10:30	Lorie Tola	Moir Stewart	Lauren Kuykendall	Chip Coon	1st. Rusty McCredie 2nd. Bill Smith	Kristen Dusenbery Townsend Family	1. Sally Withers 2. Eric Howell	Paul & Vicki Vest	Jeanne Robinson Shari Lane	Revelation 7:9-17	2nd Lesson
May 19											
8:00	James Cannon						Margaret Dahm	Ed Duncan		Acts 11:1-18	1st Lesson
10:30	Chip Coon	Carsten Path	Tessa Path	Lorie Tola	1st. Barbara Wilcox 2nd. Jenny Thomas	Bonnie Kistler Jenny Thomas and Bonnie Kistler	1. John Woodson 2. Daphne Urquhart	Derick & Wade Edwards	Marzy Israel Corinne Spencer	Revelation 21:1-6	2nd Lesson
Taizé 7:00 PM	James Cannon				James Cannon	Monty Wooten			OSL Ministers		
May 26											
8:00	Lorie Tola						Jack Frue	Steve Jones		Acts 16:9-15	1st Lesson
10:30	Daphne Urquhart	Laura Ellington	Nola Ellington	Laura Ellington	1st. Carol Booth 2nd. Hugh Vaughn	Jenny Knapp Carol Booth and Family	1. Don Lewis 2. Ann Robinson	Larry & Lu-Ann Harris	Sonny Rawls Karen Compton	Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5	2nd Lesson
Altar Guild											
Date	Counters	Depositors	Date	Flower Arrangers	Altar Guild						
5-May	Steve Birkhofer	James Cannon	5-May	Dawson	Group 1: May 4 - 10						
12-May	Martha Boyette	Judy Bohan	12-May	Dawson	Group 2: May 11 - 17						
19-May	Sally Withers	Chal & Hugh Vaughn	19-May	Newton	Group 3: May 18 - 24						
26-May	Georgi Bruce	Anne Simmons	26-May	Newton	Group 4: May 25 - 31						

May Anniversaries

Teresa and Cecil Cantrel	1
Alfonso and Shannon Ponce	21
Tom and Martha Bell	25
Allyn and Joan Aldrich	27
Adam and Aubrey Southwell	28
Giovanna and James Hopkins	30

May Birthdays

1 Doug Ellington	17 Catherine Cullen
2 Ann Burhans	17 Alyssa Jones
2 Derek Dephouse	19 Ashley Ellington
4 Brooke Plank	19 Shannon Wall
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 Joseph Heavens	30 Barbara Crownover
11 Molly Oxford	30 George Davis
12 Jennifer Witt	30 Sherry Siket
13 Annabelle Milling	30 Jeanne Sims
15 Patrick Bohan	31 Johnny Robinson
16 Ellie Silvers	



In Our Nursery

Sunday, May 12, is Sarah's last day with us! Sarah Pantaleo has been working in our Nursery for the last year and we are sad to report that she is moving on. We are happy for her in that she will be continuing to work with young people in her new position with at risk teens in a wilderness therapy setting. Please be sure to drop by the Nursery over the next couple of Sundays to give Sarah your best. We know Sarah's sunny disposition and beautiful energy will be missed. Thank you, Sarah, for all you have done to look after our most precious children.

We are currently interviewing to fill two positions for our Nursery and have a great group of applicants. We will announce our new hires soon.

Special Gifts

The Aumbry Candle is given to the Glory of God by Kim and Rick Hayes in memory of their parents Lou and Bob Anslow, and Mary and Bill Hayes.

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by

- ◇ Carol and Steve Booth in memory of David and Barbara,
- ◇ Teresa Cantrell in loving memory of her parents Nyra and Bill Caton,
- ◇ the Altar and Flower Guilds in memory of Nancy Remmers, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and Grace Parishioner,
- ◇ Ed Duncan in loving memory of Dick Drake and Hazel Keller,
- ◇ Kathleen Griffin in loving memory of Bob Griffin and of their life together.



On April 18, during the Great Vigil,
we welcomed

Luca Hopkins

son of James and Giovanna Hopkins,
into the church through the sacrament
of Holy Baptism.

Luca was sealed by the Holy Spirit in
Baptism
and marked as Christ's own forever.

On April 18th we also welcomed

James Hopkins

into the church through the sacrament
of Holy Baptism.

James will be sealed by the Holy Spirit
in Baptism
and marked as Christ's own forever.

Generous Bequest Affects Positive Variance

Pledge receipts through the end of March totaled \$97,032, compared to projected pledges of \$85,518. Considering all income sources, income received for the period totaled \$145,994, while we projected income to be \$106,626. We ended the month with a positive income variance of \$39,368. This positive variance is largely 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.

Expenses through the end of March totaled \$98,410, while we projected expenses to be \$108,979. These savings totaled \$10,569 for the first 3 months.

As a reminder, the budget is \$9,410 in deficit to provide support for key programs even though projected income was unavailable. 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

Year to Date - March 2019

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Income:			
Pledges	97,032	85,518	11,514
Non-pledged Offerings	50	-	50
Open Offering	1,891	3,277	(1,386)
Interest	19	17	2
Misc.	47,002	17,814	29,188
Total Income:	145,994	106,626	39,368
Expenses:			
Outreach/Mission	10,751	12,501	(1,750)
Parish Programs	521	6,280	(5,759)
Operations	16,767	16,806	(39)
Personnel	70,371	73,392	(3,021)
Total Expenses:	98,410	108,979	(10,569)
Income Less Expenses:	47,584	(2,353)	49,937