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The Grace TEAM

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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 first Tuesday monthly.

Wednesdays at 12:15PM

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.



On the first

Sunday of June,

June 5, you

are invited to

a gathering in

the parish hall

at 10:00 a.m. to

discuss our four

candidates for

bishop."

Parson to Person

Gary Coffey

Dear People of Grace,

I am writing this month to ask for your prayers for the election of the next Bishop of Western North Carolina. The electing convention will be held at Trinity Church in Asheville on Saturday, June 25. Four excellent candidates have been nominated. They are: The Rev. Hannah Atkins; The Rev. Cynthia Banks; The Rev.

Thomas Brown; and The Rev. Canon José McLoughlin. I would ask your prayers for these candidates who have graciously allowed their names to be submitted and who have entered into our election process.

Our delegates from Grace will be the clergy plus Joyce and Walt Noble. Joyce and Walt were our delegates to the Diocesan Convention last fall and as such are also our delegates to the electing convention this month. Thank you Joyce and Walt and Bob and Jeanette for serving, along with me,

as delegates to the electing convention.

I heard someone once say that everything either stands or falls due to leadership, and there is a lot of truth to that. We have been blessed with faithful bishops over the years. The Rt. Rev. Porter Taylor, who is retiring as our bishop, will be missed. Please join with me in praying that the Holy Spirit's choice for our next bishop will be elected.

On the first Sunday of June, June 5, you are invited to a gathering in the parish hall at 10:00 a.m., to discuss our four candidates for bishop. In preparation, you

will find brief bios on page 11 of this issue of the *TEAM*, or go to www. bishopsearchwnc.org for more complete details. Please read the information and join us on June 5; let us know what you think so we can represent you at the electing convention with our votes. It is an important decision for the life of the

Church in Western North Carolina, and we value your input.

We will be praying for God's will to be done in the election at all of our worship services between now and June 25, and we would ask that you include these candidates and prayers for discernment in your daily prayers between now and then.

Once we have elected our new bishop, he or she will be consecrated on October 1, at a worship service which will be held at the Kimmel Arena at UNC-A. Of course, everyone will

be welcome and encouraged to be present as we give God thanks for our new bishop and as the consecrating bishops lay hands on him or her asking for the Holy Spirit's empowerment.

It is a very exciting time in the life of our diocese. Please join me in lifting the whole process up in your prayers and give thanks for the person whom, with God's guidance, we will elect to be our next bishop.

Grace and Peace,

Fr. Gary Coffey

Events at a Glance

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

Early Birds Men's Book Study Tuesdays, 8:15 a.m., LI

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

Bells and Choir Practice No practice for the summer

Gathering to Discuss Candidates for Bishop Sunday, June 5, 10:00 a.m., PH

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

Steadfast House Meal Friday, June 10, 6:00 p.m.

PubSingSunday, June 12: snacks 5:30 p.m.; singing 6:00 p.m.

Lunch BunchBellagio Bistro, 11:30 a.m.

Men of the Church Tuesday, June 14, 6:00 p.m.

Healing Prayer Services
Tuesday, June 14, 21, and 28, 7:00 p.m., CH

TEAM MeetingWednesday, June 15, 11:00 a.m., OF

Order of St. Luke Program Meeting No meetings in June or July

Father's Day
Sunday, June 19

Taizé Worship Service Sunday, June 19, 8:00 p.m., CH

Vestry Monday, June 20, 5:30 p.m., LI

Parish News

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

The Tuesday morning **Early Birds** meet at 8:15 a.m. in the library to study the Word through book studies. All are welcome.

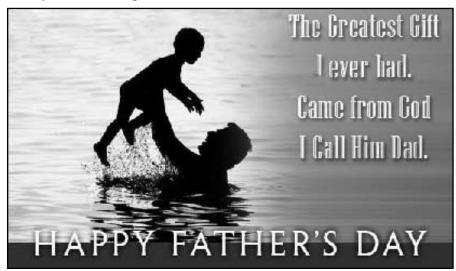
Men of the Church meets Tuesday, June 14, at the home of Ron Sims, 2 Kimberly Knoll, Asheville. Ron will be our host and cook. Sign up on the blue sheet on the kiosk in the foyer; cost is \$15; all are welcome.

Monday Morning Bible Study meets on Mondays 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.

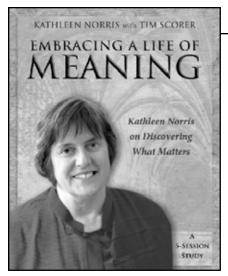
The Mountain Chapter of the Order of St. Luke will not meet in June or July. Information about the August meeting will be in the July *TEAM*.

PubSing, an informal gathering on the second Sunday of each month to sing hymns, old-time Gospel, and Americana inspirational music, meets this month on June 12 at the French Broad Brewery, 101 Fairview Road, Asheville. Bring a snack at 5:30 p.m.; singing will begin at 6:00 p.m. For more information, contact Monty Wooten at info@forestguide.com or 828-254-1114. For direrctions, go to http://frenchbroadbrewery.

Deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Sallie Hunter. Sallie was a lovely lady and she will be greatly missed.



Remember to say
"Thanks, Dad." Do
something special
for him on June 19!



Adult Summer Sunday School

Belief Matters: Why does belief matter? To what do we give our hearts? What is the core message of what we believe—creeds or commitment? To what extent is to believe also "to belove"? The Bible Matters: The Bible is our collective story. How is that story reflected in our daily lives? What is it about the Bible that always seems to address our present moment? Community Matters: In community, individualism and imperfection meet grace and acceptance. What is our part in the Body of Christ? Place Matters: In what ways is faith set within the physical space of home, church, land and people? We Matter: What it means to remain in God's image and to counter our selfishness by embracing the world and its needs?

In June, we will continue our discussion of this thought-provoking video series featuring the award-winning poet and writer, Kathleen Norris, entitled **Embracing a Life of Meaning.** All are welcome to join in!

Broughton Lunch on Thursday, July 21

We're inviting some folks from Broughton for lunch again this year on Thursday, July 21. If you would like to donate prizes for bingo, that would be great. There are a couple of restrictions: nothing sharp (pens, pins, glass jewelry, glass frames) and no shampoos or soaps. We welcome anything fun, fairly simple and/or pretty that might brighten their rooms or entertain them for a while. If you'd like to help cook, we'll be in the kitchen at church from 8:30 or 9 a.m. and will be happy to see you. Making and eating lunch with this group is one of the sweetest things. Thanks for your support.

Margaret Dahm & friends

Congratulations to Our Grads

Congratulations, graduates! We're all so proud of the achievement of these young people so special to our Grace family:

<u>Maggie Bruce</u>, the youngest grandchild of Georgi Bruce and the niece of Sally and Daniel Withers, will graduate from high school in Charlotte, NC. She plans to attend Appalachian State University.

Annie Dephouse, daughter of Derek and Elaine, is a graduating senior on her way to Furman University in Greenville, SC, the alma mater of both her parents. They're happy to see Annie continuing the family tradition!



St. Matthias Celebrates 150th Anniversary



Save the date! On Saturday, July 23, at 3:00 p.m., join with our friends at St. Matthias Episcopal Church as they celebrate their 150th anniversary. Festivities include a special worship service. St. Matthias is located just off Charlotte Street opposite the Asheville Public Works Building. From the Charlotte Street exit on I-240, travel 0.5 miles south on Charlotte Street. Turn left onto Max Street. Take the first right onto Grail Street; then continue straight ahead onto Dundee Street. The church is immediately on your right at 1 Dundee Street.

A God Story From the AT

Our own John Woodson is hiking the Appalachian Trail. Thank you, John, for sharing this update. Our prayers are with you as you work toward the completion of this wonderful adventure.

Please keep us updated on your progress.

HI! John Woodson checking in here from the Appalachian Trail. Just wanted you to know how I am doing. As of today, May 10, I have been on the trail for six weeks and have covered over 400 miles. I have experienced some great weather so far, and also a few worse days as far as cold and rain. Through it all, I have enjoyed the trip and found out that it is a very difficult task indeed to undertake this kind of endeavor. My pack, of course, turned out to be far too heavy and I had to swap out or send home several items early on. I had to learn how to best prepare the food I dried and packed for my meals. It wasn't as easy as I first thought it would be, but I have come up with a cooking method that works and my meals are good. I may take longer to prepare and cook than most of the people on the trail, but many of them envy the variety and quality of my meals.

God has also been with me throughout the trip and given me many signs of his guidance in subtle ways, and causing unexpected but fortunate circumstances that give me fortunate options and choices that enhance my ability to increase my distance covered or reach a desired destination at the end of the day, or even just to lift my spirits when I am over-

whelmed by fatigue or despair. Sometimes it has been as simple as finding a penny in the trail when I am struggling to get up a steep climb, or having a grouse pose for me to get a picture of it instead of suddenly taking off in a startling flurry of flight. Other times, such as this week, it has been providing a newly opened hostel right at the point where I needed a rest for an overworked and swollen knee. I am currently writing from this hostel, which is being run as a Christian ministry by a former AT hiker, and have taken a "zero" miles day here today to rest and hopefully be back on the trail tomorrow. I am currently about halfway between Bland, VA, and Atkins, VA, on my way south from Harpers Ferry, WV. I hope to make it to church one Sunday near the end of May when I get to the NC/TN state line. See you then!



John's May 21 post on Facebook: Heading back to Virginia now to pick up where I left off last week. Wish me and my knee good luck! I'll be hiking with only a day pack tomorrow to test it out.



Lunch Bunch Returns!

Save the date! Bring a Grace friend to join the Lunch Bunch at Bellagio Bistro, 133 Weaverville Road, on Tuesday, June 14. We'll meet other Grace parishioners and friends at the church at 11:30 a.m. to carpool. Call Kathleen Griffin at 258-2105 or 337-8241 or Georgi Bruce at 669-0993 with questions.

Grace Outreach

In Support of Asheville-Buncombe Christian Ministry (ABCCM). As you may already know, Grace Church supports ABCCM in numerous ways, from quarterly food drives and winter coat drives to financial support from Grace Outreach and individuals to monthly meals at Steadfast House. But do you know what ABCCM is? Or why it exists? Here is information that may explain our commitment to this agency.

ABCCM's Mission. The Christian Ministry is a family of Christian congregations organized to provide individuals an opportunity to grow, mature and express their faith through fellowship and service for the joy set before us in Christ.

The Christian Ministry will stimulate doing together what individual congregations cannot do separately, in an ecumenical spirit.

We are committed to Christ to translate our faith into cooperative action which ministers to the spiritual, social, physical, economic and emotional needs of our neighbors in Buncombe County.

The Crisis Ministry. Many of our neighbors live paycheck to paycheck, making difficult choices on a daily basis between rent, utilities,

food, health care, day care and so much more. An unexpected expense can throw these families into financial crisis. When that happens, people turn to the ABCCM Crisis Ministry for help. The ministry provides them with food boxes, gently used clothing, utility and rental assistance; and a hot meal in our soup kitchen.

Homeless Services. This ministry is made up of both the Veterans Restoration Quarters for men and the Steadfast House for women and children. Both of these programs provide housing, food, case management, education and connection to both mental and physical health providers for their residents. All residents are supplied three meals per day and have access to a nurse, computer lab, gym and laundry room privileges. They also receive transportation services to the VA Medical Center and downtown Asheville. The goal of these programs is to move the resident from a state of homelessness to a position of self-sustainability.

Veterans Services of the Carolinas. The Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program (HVRP) serves homeless veterans who need assistance in order to enter, re-enter, remain, or advance in the workforce. Through short-term training programs, focusing on industry-recognized certifications and licenses, HVRP is committed to ensuring

veterans receive the training and support needed to secure career level jobs that pay living wages.

Medical Ministry. The ABCCM Medical Ministry provides primary care, medication assistance, and crisis dental care to nearly 6,000 Buncombe County adults a year. The volunteers who give countless hours to help those in need are grateful for the opportunity to serve and give back. These hard-working people include physicians, nurses, pharmacists, dentists, hygienists, receptionists, intake workers, data entry, medical records and other non-medical volunteers. Medical students from MAHEC, Western Carolina University,

and A-B Tech also volunteer as part of their clinical rotations.

The ABCCM Jail Ministry serves the Buncombe County Detention Center (BCDC) where prisoners need hope and direction in order to re-enter the community responsibly. The volunteers are the heart of the Jail Ministry and they strive to provide that hope and direction through compassion, listening, and spiritual guidance. They lead small groups to encourage and motivate the inmates in meeting and rising above the chal-

and a new direction for their lives. Volunteers lead recovery groups and distribute reading material.

lenges facing them. The volunteer-led Bible studies help the men and women discover hope

Creating mission opportunities for churches to serve and care for their neighbors has been ABCCM's purpose since 1969. Consider sharing your gifts and time (from 2 hours once a month to 4 hours once a week) in one of our Ministries. ABCCM offers training for everyone in a safe, clean and well equipped environment. Please consider fulfilling God's call to servant-leadership, as described in Matthew 25:35-40 by helping the "hungry or naked" through Crisis Ministry; "visiting those in prison" through our Jail Ministry; "caring for the sick" through our Medical Ministry; "welcoming the stranger" through our Homeless Ministry at the Steadfast House (women and children); the Veterans' Restoration Quarters (men); or our Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing program. We also have employment training services as part of our Transformational Ministry with Circles and Veteran Employment and Training Services (VETS). Share Your "Giftedness" With ABCCM.

TAKE OUR HANDS.

WORK THROUGH THEM.

TAKE OUR LIPS,

SPEAK THROUGH THEM.

TAKE OUR MINDS,

THINK THROUGH THEM.

TAKE OUR HEARTS,

SET THEM ON FIRE.

Continued Healthy Surplus

Pledge receipts through the end of April totaled \$127,102, compared to projected pledges of \$109,667. Considering all income sources, income received to date totaled \$163,766, while we projected income to be \$134,151. We ended the month with another positive variance in overall projected income of \$29,615.

The positive income variance thus far was reduced somewhat by expenses which were greater than budgeted amounts by \$12,277. When subtracted from the positive income variance of \$29,615, our income less expenses resulted in a still healthy surplus over \$17,000 for the year.

While we have begun the year in a very positive manner, we continue to encourage prayer and attention to our stewardship efforts.

Your Vestry

Statement of Activities - Grace Church Year to Date - April 2016

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Income:			
Pledges	127,102	109,667	17,435
Prior Year Pledges	5,190	1,497	3,693
Non-pledged Offerings	17,665	13,732	3,933
Open Offering	7,491	3,481	4,010
Interest	5	23	(18)
Misc.	6,314	5,752	562
Total Income:	163,766	134,151	29,615
Expenses:			
Outreach/Mission	14,756	17,138	(2,382)
Parish Programs	5,336	4,020	1,316
Operations	25,949	23,154	2,795
Personnel	100,386	89,838	10,548
Total Expenses:	146,428	134,151	12,277
Income Less Expenses:	17,339	0	17,339

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"Yes, the disciples followed Jesus... but not on Twitter."

A Thank You Note from Becky

Dear Grace Family, Volunteers, and Friends,

I miss all of you terribly, but I am loving retirement. The first month, I think I stayed up late and slept until noon almost every day. I am going through files, clothes, cabinets, and simplifying and organizing my life at home. I never felt up to these big projects while working these last few years; I plan to become a blue jean gal.

Please know that working at Grace has been very special for me and such a blessing these ten years; you will always be family to me. I loved the Goodbye Brunch Reception and seeing so many of you that day. My sister and her husband and my daughter also enjoyed visiting with many of you.

Thank you for the generous cash love gift, messages on my card and the wooden prayer cross that fits in your hand when you pray. Money gifts are lots of fun and your love for me was very evident in the amount. Many of you gave me personal gifts or checks and I trust you received my thank you notes. I am using the money to purchase a sofa; this will replace a love seat which no one can sleep on when I occasionally have over-night company.

This weekend, my daughter and I are going to visit my sister and other family members and I will be having some fun instead of being lazy and sleeping so much since they live on a lake and my sister is a wonderful hostess and cook. It will be a mini-vacation to us. I pray you all have blessed summer vacations and special time off in the lovely warm days ahead.

I hope to see many of you when I visit Grace.

My Love and Thanks to All of You for being friends and not just parishioners,

Becky Barker

Welcomed through Baptism

We welcomed
Shawnann Marie Chase
into the church through the sacrament
of Holy Baptism.
Shawn was sealed by the Holy Spirit
in Baptism and
marked as Christ's own forever
during the
7:45 a.m. worship service,
Sunday, May 29.

We welcomed
Jackson Edwin Rouse,
son of Sarah and Jordan Rouse,
grandson of Pat Starnes,
into the church through the sacrament
of Holy Baptism.
Jackson was sealed by the Holy Spirit
in Baptism and marked as Christ's
own forever during the
9:00 a.m. worship service,
Sunday, May 29.

June 2016 Ministry Schedule

Date	Service Time	Acolyte C	Acolyte G	Acolyte E	Lector, Intercessor & Presenters	Healing Team	Ushers	Chalicists	Coffee Hour	Scripture	Lesson
Jun 5											
	7:45					Deb Gravatt	Ed Duncan	James Cannon			
	9:00	Gavin Knapp	Daphne Urguhart Louise Wernicke	Louise Wernicke	L.I.P - Jeanne Robertson, Vicki Vest, Jeanne and Ray Robertson	Louise Wernicke Patricia Hargrove	Paul and Vicki Vest	Cuyler Dupree Jenny Knapp	Paul Vest	l Kings 17:17-24	1st Lesson
	11:15	Mark Silvers	Ellie Silvers	Jonah Silvers	L, I, P - Rusty McCredie, Maria Mason	Pat Davis Karen Compton	Larry and LuAnn Harris	 Nancy Clark Cliff Albertson 	Sallie Hunter	Galatians 1:11-24	2nd Lesson
Jun 12											
	7:45					Deb Gravatt	Steve Jones	James Cannon			
	00:6	Faith Valelly	Cheryl Deyton	Zoe Davis	L.I.P - Robert Green, the Green family	Jeanne Robertson Kathy Oesterlin	Kaderabek Fmaily	Sarah Valelly Debbie Jones	Katherine Kaderabek	2 Samuel 11:26- 12:10, 13-15	1st Lesson
	11:15	Rusty McCredie	Olivia Nery	Grace Miller	L, I, P - Joel Rogers, Jenny Thomas	Mary Israel Corinne Spencer	Ron Sims Arnold Clark	 Elaine Potter Bill Spencer 	Volunteer	Galatians 2:15-21	2nd Lesson
Jun 19											
	7:45					Deb Gravatt	Andrew Dahm	Margaret Dahm			
	00:6	Zoe Davis	alternate	Daphne Urquhart	L.I.P - Anne Simmons, Hugh Vaughn, the Simmons family	Pat Davis Jane Whitman	Tricia and Mickey Trinity	Carol Booth Greg Townsend	Micki Newton	Isaiah 65:1-9	1st Lesson
	11:15	Cheryl Aull	Jonah Silvers	Ellie Silvers	L.I.P - Cal and Nancy Remmers	Sonny Rawls Karen Compton	Paul Stewart and Bob Turner	1. Sally coburn 2. Sally Withers	Georgi Bruce	Galatians 3:23-29	2nd Lesson
	Taizé 8:00 PM				I - James Cannon L - Monty Wooten	Deb Gravatt					
Jun 26											
	7:45					Deb Gravatt	Ed Duncan	Jack Frue			
	0:6	Lisle Ellington	Helena Cullen	Laura Ellington	L, I, P - Cuyler Dupree, Greg Townsend, the Townsend family	Jeanne Robertson Shari Lane	Ray and Wendy Kuykendall	1. Sarah Valelly 2. Cuyler Dupree	Elaine Dephouse	l Kings 19:15-16, 19- 21	1st Lesson
	11:15	Bob Grimes	Sally Withers	Eric Howell	L, I, P - Jenny Thomas, Mark Silvers	Mary Israel Sonny Rawls	Elaine Potter and John Rigsby	1. Charles Carter 2. Kimberly Kneier	Mary Ann Warren	Galatians 5:1, 13-25	2nd Lesson
Date	Counters	S	Depositors		Date	Flower Arrangers			Altar Guild		
2-Jun	Steve Birkhofer	hofer	James Cannon		3-Apr	Dawson/Buchanan			Group 1 - Jun 4 - Jun 10	un 10	
12-Jun	Martha Boyette	yette	Judy Bohan		10-Apr	Davis/Jones			Group 2 - Jun 11 - Jun 17	lun 17	
19-Jun	Sally Withers	ers	Chal & Hugh Vaughn	udbr	17-Apr	Davis/Jones			Group 3 - Jun 18 - Jun 24	lun 24	
26-Jun	Georgi Bruce	eor	Anne Simmons		24-Apr	Israel/Newton			Group 4 - Jun 25 - 7/1	7/1	

Our Prayer List

June

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: Jo Brokenshire; Chris Carson (son of Martha & Randy); Barbara Crownover; Carol; Ed Denison; Eunice Ferguson; Rebecca Harris; Mary Hayes; Wendy Kuykendall; Nancy Porter; Doris Rigsby; Corey & Tsz-yan Snyder; Corinne Spencer; Kevin Vest; Barbara & Chuck Wilcox.

For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities: Henny Caldwell; David & Peggie Carey; Rusk Henry; June Kelley; Neill Mason; Joan Sanderson; 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): Ashley (daughter of Henry Watts); Nancy Bailey (friend of Barbara & Chuck Wilcox); Carolyn & Winn Baker (friends of Bob & Jeannette Reese); Jeanne; Stephanie Blackwell (sister of Jeanne Sims); Jenn Chenowith (friend of Joyce & Walt Noble); Ryan Conrad (friend of Julia Anne Dawson); Debbie D. (friend of Lynda McCredie); Kelli Davis (daughter of George & Pat Davis); Amanda Donnelly (friend of Tricia Hargrove); Austin Drum (brother of Nancy Clark); Kacie Epley (cousin of Vicki & Paul Vest); Steve Graves (brother-in-law of Barbara & Chuck Wilcox); Danny Hall (brother-in-law of David Gentry); Bill & Mary Hayes (parents of Rick Hayes); Priscilla Hickey (sister-in-law of Barbara & Chuck Wilcox); Donald Israel (brother-in-law of Mary Israel); Donna Johnson (friend of Suzanne & Doug Bowie); Kathleen Johnson (friend of Barbara & Chuck Wilcox); Chad Lovett (friend of Tom & Liz Barr); Jim Monroe (friend of Jeanette & Bob Reese); Jennifer Svenstrup (friend of Paul & Vicki Vest); Nancy Temple (friend of Billy Gray); Calvin Underwood (friend of Jim & Karen Compton); Vincent (friend of Jeannette & Bob Reese); Alicia; Cathy; Colby; Dennis; Elizabeth; Joni; Judy (friend of Kim Hayes); Lou (mother of Kim Hayes); Pam (friend of Cheryl Aull); Retta; Sue; Susan.

For Those Who Have Died & their Families: Sallie Horton Hunter.

For Those in the Episcopal Church: Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Porter & Robert, our Bishops; the clergy; the vestry; the staff; the ministries of this Parish; Church of the Advocate; ABCCM; Consider Haiti; Episcopal Relief & Development; Food for the Poor; Manna Food Bank; Meals On Wheels.

For Those in Service to Our Country: Tommy & Danny Brown (grandsons of Ed & Marla Woeckener); Matthew George (son of Zoe Davis); Austin Harrison (grandson of Joan Sanderson); Jon Holland (parishioner); Spencer & Erica High; Gregory Melson (grandson of Charlotte Melson); Jason Marino (son of Lynda McCredie); Daniel Schultz (son of Judy Rhodes); Karl Tenney (nephew of Chuck & Barbara Wilcox); Caitlin Vest (niece of Vicki & Paul Vest).

For our President Barack Obama, his Cabinet, 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 the crises throughout our world.

The Bulletin and TEAM prayer list is one of many prayer lists at Grace. For these lists, please get permission from anyone you would like to add and then contact Kathleen Griffin at gkcgriffin7@gmail.com or the church office at grace. parish@att.net. Thank you, God, for answered prayer; for Kathleen who manages the list, and for all those who faithfully pray.

June Anniversaries

Bill and Sue Dismukes	3
Robert and Cheri Potter	5
Scott and Joanna Best	7
Jane and Hobart Whitman	7
Todd and Katherine Kaderabek	11
Deb and Ben Gravatt	12
John and Vicki Sanderson	15
Alex and Kippy Comfort	20
Greg and Shannon Townsend	22
Joe and Cheryl Aull	25

<u>June Birthdays</u>

14 Georgia Hamrick Snead

2	Miller Kaderabek	14	Robert Townsend
2	Emma Plank	16	Helen (Betsy) Dreger
2	Sophia Siemens	16	Sam Lyda
3	Steve Booth	16	Hugh Vaughn
3	Heather Path	16	Tony Wilkey
4	Bailey Rachel Gregory	18	Eleanore Brown
4	Makayla Anne Gregory	18	Randy Smith
4	Straudia Luedtke	18	Elizabeth Turner
7	Ben Grimes	19	Joyce Milling
7	Jay Wallace	20	Andrew Dahm
8	Tom Cobb	21	Hayden Israel
8	Zoe Davis	24	Nicholas Sanderson
8	Matthew Engelbrecht	25	Cathy Adkins
8	Sally Withers	25	Aubrey Southwell
9	Ben Cochran	26	Steve Parker
9	Wade Elder	26	Jeanne Robertson
9	Sean Green	27	David Withers
9	Robert C. Hall	28	Terry Ellington
10	Courtney Booth	28	Jenny Knapp
11	June Thorne	28	Joel Rogers
12	Chloe Lyda	28	Anne Simmons
12	Kiril Nikolov	29	Deb Pegel
13	Nancy Smith	29	Mickey Trinite

Gifts to Appreciate

The Aumbry candle is given to the Glory of God by Corinne and Bill Spencer in thanksgiving for their children, Clark, David and Jennifer, and for Grace Church.

The flowers are given to the glory of God by:
Pat and George Davis in loving memory of their son, Mike.;

Joanna and Scott Best in celebration of their wedding anniversary;

Bobbie Eblen in memory of her husband Joe and her daughter Margie;

the family in loving memory of Grace Walker and Phillip Alfred Walker;

Louise Cate Wernicke in memory of her parents, Louise Manget and Thomas M. Cate and her brother, Thomas M. Cate, Jr.;

the Israel family in thanksgiving for fathers, grandfathers and sons;

Dr. William B. Dismukes, Jr. in loving memory of his father, Dr. William B. Dismukes, Sr.

Thank You From Mary Israel

Periodically, I feel the need to extend my heartfelt thanks to those who make our altar flowers not only possible, but truly flowers to the Glory of God. This has been especially true doing the last two months, including the Easter Season.

Planned Giving & Endowment Report

Thanks to God – and many generous parishioners – the endowment fund has grown to roughly \$399,000. Contributions so far this year were \$10,260 and earnings from investments have been about \$9,100. We supported \$15,000 of needed capital projects at the church last year and intend to continue doing so on a sustainable basis. This is a wonderful result after only sixteen years in existence!

Should you wish to donate to the church's endowment fund, please contact the church or anyone on the endowment committee. Current members are: Mike Bohan, Charlotte Chiott (Secretary), Rusty Herman (Vice Chair), Carol McMichael, Mike Nery (Chair), and Steve Jones. We are actively looking for new committee members – with or without finance backgrounds. Please consider joining us if you have an interest.

Mike Nery, Chair

More About Our Candidates for Bishop



The Rev. Hannah E. Atkins

Rector, Trinity, Houston, Diocese of Texas

The Rev. Hannah E. Atkins became the fifteenth Rector of Trinity, Houston in September of 2007. Highlights of her ministry include

deepening partnerships with homeless and immigrant populations, developing quality programming for children and youth, welcoming new Christians to the faith, heightening the connection between the church and the arts, and community building across opinions and through conflict while sharing Christ's life-changing love. Before joining Trinity, Hannah served as Senior Assistant Rector at St. John's Church, Lafayette Square, Washington, D.C.; Director of Theological and Christian Education in the Diocese of the Episcopal/Anglican Church of El Salvador; Associate Priest at St. John the Evangelist San Salvador; Priest-in-Charge at Holy Trinity Church Santa Teresa in San Martin; and as Interim Priest-in-Charge at St. Andrew's Church in Soyapango, El Salvador.



The Rev. Cynthia Banks

Rector, St. Luke's, Boone, Diocese of Western North Carolina The Rev. Cynthia Banks has served as Rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Boone, NC since 2004. In

this capacity, Cyndi demonstrates a passion for leading communities of faith to cultivate courage and creativity. She has a special interest in innovative liturgy, civil civic discourse, and helping congregations engage social justice as they live within the prophetic-pastoral tension of their baptismal vows. From 2008 to 2011, Cyndi was Chair to the Fiscal Ministries Committee in the Diocese of Western North Carolina. Previously, she served as Clergy Associate at Christ Church Cathedral, Louisville, KY; Mission Developer, Campbellsville, KY; Assistant Rector/Episcopal Chaplain at Western Kentucky University at Christ Episcopal Church, Bowling Green, KY.



The Rev. Thomas Brown

Rector, Parish of the Epiphany, Winchester, Diocese of Massachusetts
The Rev. Thomas Brown has served as Rector at the Parish of the Epiphany in Winchester, Massachusetts since 2009. In this role,

he has a special emphasis on liturgy and preaching and

has developed innovative practices in the area of lay ministries, congregational development, and stewardship. Faithful as a pastor and dedicated to growing the Episcopal Church, Thomas readily shares the Good News of Christ as a servant leader who strives for justice among all people. Previously Thomas served as Rector at St. Michael Church in Brattleboro, Vermont; and Director of Alumni/ae & Church Relations at Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley, California, while serving concurrently at the Church of St. John the Evangelist in San Francisco.



The Rev. Canon José A. McLoughlin

Canon to the Ordinary, Diocese of Oklahoma

The Rev. Canon José A. McLoughlin has served as the Canon to the Ordinary and Chief-of-Staff for

the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma since 2008. In this capacity, José assumes responsibilities for the day-to-day operations of the diocese; works with congregations in transition and those in conflict; assists vestries in strategic planning; oversees the diocesan Holy Orders Process, the diocesan IONA School of Formation and the Fresh Start program; and assists the Bishop in providing pastoral support. José is committed to youth ministry. Previously, José served congregations in the Dioceses of Southeast Florida and Virginia.

To learn more about the process of selecting the seventh Bishop of Western North Carolina, visit http://www. diocesewnc.org/ and click on "Bishop Search and Transition."

And plan to join the discussion June 5 at 10:00 a.m. in the parish hall.

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