



the Grace TEAM

to each a ministry

JUNE 2017

Gary Coffey

Parson to Person

Dear People of Grace,

As I think about it, the three major feasts of the Church Year that are most significant are Christmas, Easter and Pentecost. And despite the fact that Christmas and Easter are emphasized and celebrated so much more than Pentecost, you could really make the case that Pentecost is just as awesome and wonderful as Christmas and Easter.

Let's think about that. The Savior of the world came into the world on Christmas, which is actually The Feast of the Incarnation. As crazy as it sounds, Almighty God chose to become flesh in the person of Jesus! He came into the world to show us who God really is and to save the whole world.

Easter is The Feast of the Resurrection. It is the celebration of those saving acts, Jesus' death and resurrection, by which Jesus destroyed death and made the whole creation new again. Through these saving acts, Jesus made available to us the new life of the Spirit.

However, it wasn't until the Day or The Feast of Pentecost that the new life of the Spirit was officially gifted to us. Right before Jesus' Ascension, ten days before Pentecost, Jesus told his disciples to wait there in Jerusalem "for the promise of the Father." "This," he said, "is what you heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." (Acts 1:4-5) So they waited for ten days and then, on the Jewish Feast of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came upon them with tongues of fire and the sound of rushing winds and the ability given to them to proclaim the wonderful works of God in the languages of the people who had come to the Feast there in Jerusalem.

We have called this the birthday of the Church. For until the Spirit was given on that first Day of Pentecost, the church

was powerless to do the ministry that God called it to do. But Jesus told them they would receive power when the Holy Spirit came upon them and they would be His witnesses first there in Jerusalem, then in all Judea and Samaria, and finally to the ends of the earth.

So, if we think of the Church in terms of a modern day ship, before the day of Pentecost, it was sitting there in the water, but had never been fueled up.

The ship existed, but it was powerless to

do what it was created to do without its fuel. Likewise, the Church existed before The Feast of Pentecost, but it had never been fueled up. That's why Jesus told His disciples to wait there in Jerusalem, to wait for the gift of the Holy Spirit, which would fuel the Church and empower it to

bear witness to the Savior of the world. The Church is still empowered by the Holy Spirit to bear witness to Christ today. Thank you, Lord!

On June 4, as we celebrate the Day of Pentecost, we will have our dove kite flying during the procession signifying the Holy Spirit that descended in the form of a dove upon our Lord at His baptism and the same Holy Spirit that descended upon each of us at our baptisms. We will all wear red ribbons or stoles on that day signifying that all baptized Christians are a part of the priesthood of all believers, empowered by the Holy Spirit, to bear witness to God's Christ. We will celebrate our oneness in Christ at an all-parish picnic later on at 4:00 p.m. as our Pentecost celebration continues. Our Easter acclamation continues through the Day of Pentecost. Alleluia, Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Blessings from Fr. Gary Coffey

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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

- Healing Prayer Service, Tuesdays
(except 1st Tuesday), 7:00 p.m.;
- Eucharist with Generational
Healing Service every first Tuesday,
6:30 p.m.
- Healing Prayer Service and
Eucharist; laying on of hands for
God's Healing,
Wednesdays, 1:00 p.m.

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.

Events at a Glance

A Quick Review of the Month

Weekly Gospel Bible Study
No meetings in June and July

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

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

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

Order of St. Luke
No meetings in June and July

Pentecost
Sunday, June 4, CH (all services)

JuneFest
Sunday, June 4, 4:00 p.m., church lawn (details on p. 3)

Generational Healing Eucharist
Tuesday, June 6, 6:30 p.m., CH

Choir and Bell Rehearsal
Wednesday, June 7, 6:00 p.m.
(choir only; bells already on summer break)

Steadfast House Meal
Friday, June 9, 6:00 p.m.

PubSing
Sunday, June 11: snacks 5:30 p.m.; singing 6:00 p.m.

ABCCM Food Drive
Sunday, June 4 (bag & shopping list pickup); June 11
(bring food to church)

Men of the Church
Tuesday, June 13, 6:00 p.m.

Healing Prayer Services
Tuesdays, June 13, 20 & 27, 7:00 p.m., CH

Prep for Painting/Carpeting Week!
(see p. 6 for details)
June 13-14 (clearing offices and choir room);
June 24 (re-furnishing newly painted & carpeted rooms)

TEAM Meeting
Wednesday, June 14, 10:00 a.m., OF

Purls of Grace
Thursday, June 15, 5:00 p.m., LI

Buildings and Grounds Work Day
Saturday, June 17 (details on p. 6)

Fathers' Day,
Sunday, June 18

Taizé Worship Service
Sunday, June 18, 8:00 p.m., CH

Vestry Meeting
Monday, June 19, 5:30 p.m., LI

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

The final **Choir rehearsal** before summer break is Wednesday, June 7. Following that rehearsal, both the choir and bells will be on summer break. Rehearsals will resume August 30.

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

The June meeting of **Men of the Church** is Tuesday, June 13, 6:00 p.m., hosted by Ron Sims, 2 Kimberly Knoll Road, Asheville. The cost is \$15, and a sign-up sheet is posted on the kiosk in the foyer. All men of the church are welcome.

Monday Morning Bible Study is taking a summer break. The 10:30 a.m. group that meets in the parish hall break for June and July and will resume on August 7.

The Mountain Chapter of the **Order of St. Luke** will not meet in June or July. Be watching for information on the August meeting.

PubSing is an informal gathering on the second Sunday evening of each month to sing hymns, old-time gospel, and Americana inspirational music. We will meet this month on Sunday, June 11, at the French Broad Brewery, 101 Fairview Road. You may bring a snack at 5:30 p.m.; singing begins at 6:00. For more information, contact Monty Wooten at montywooten@bellsouth.net or 828-254-1114. Get directions at frenchbroadbrewery.com/directions/.

Fun at Lake Logan!



GATES OPEN AT NOON. For details, including the full band lineup, and to purchase tickets, visit www.coldmountainmusic.org.

Parish News, Updates and Reminders



JUNEFEST ON THE GREEN, an old-fashioned cookout/potluck on the Grace Church lawn, is Sunday, June 4 at 4:00 p.m. Join us as we celebrate Pentecost and the end of the children's Sunday school year with this parish-wide gathering! Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided, and everyone is asked to bring a side dish to share. Don't miss the music, horseshoes, corn hole, badminton and more! Contact Sally Withers (712-1955) or the Fellowship Ministry for details.

A PLEA FROM THE FLOWER GUILD.

Unfortunately, we have lost some of our altar flower donors due to relocation and other factors. We strive to keep the costs to our faithful donors at a minimum, which is possible with enough annual donors. Please know that special donations are always more than welcome.

Thank you for your continuing generosity. Please contact Mary Anne Westall at 254-6221 or winstonwestall@mindspring.com if you would like to add your name to our list of donors.

Blessings,

Marzy Israel



GREAT JOB, GRADS!

Congratulations to **Sam Ellington**, son of Douglas and Terry Ellington and grandson of Ann Robinson. He is graduating from Carolina Day School and will attend the University of Alabama in the fall to pursue a business major. Congratulations to **Madison Plank**, daughter of Greg and Emma Plank. Madison has earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Entrepreneurship with an emphasis in Event Planning from Western Carolina University. Congratulations to **William Townsend**, son of Greg and Shannon Townsend, who graduated on Mother's Day from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a BA in History. He is enrolled in the School of Education, pursuing a Master of Arts in Teaching in History. Congratulations

to **Valerie Sapora Rains**, daughter of Valerie Rains and a recent graduate of UNCA with a B.A. in Religious Studies and a Latin American Studies Minor. She plans on continuing her studies in Office Administration and Medical Coding at A-B Tech. And congratulations to **Andrew Wall**, son of Mark and Shannon Wall, a graduate from Reynolds High School.

Well done, grads! Your Grace Church family is so very proud of each of you. Best wishes for wonderful futures!

Caregiving Service Available

Usually, we do not include advertisements for businesses in the Grace Team. However, because Pat's business may be able to help parishioners or others in some specific and needed ways, it seemed good to me to include it in this issue. By the way, we also welcome Pat as a fairly recent new member to Grace Church.

Fr. Gary

Attention Grace Church Members:

I would like to offer specialized services by appointment at a modest fee for ambulatory individuals:

- Need assistance preparing a lunch/dinner, or going out for lunch/dinner?
- Maybe you want to see a movie or attend some live entertainment, music or a play?
- Need accompaniment in shopping, or just want "to get out" for a ride somewhere?
- Or perhaps you need a travel companion, or want to attend a special function?



As a retired neuromuscular therapist (27 years' experience), my specialty is one-on-one attentive care. I am easygoing, empathetic and trustworthy, and it is my goal to enhance your life. You must be ambulatory.

I would be happy to provide references and a resume. You can contact me at (828)577-5334, or via email: ncprofcare@gmail.com.

Cordially yours,
Pat Stafford

The greatest gift
I ever had
came from God
I call him **Dad**

*Sunday,
June 18, is
Father's Day.*

*Take time to celebrate
the special dads in
your life!*

Don't forget. Grace Church has a new email address:

grace.church.asheville@gmail.com

Come Holy Spirit! More About Pentecost...

Pentecost Sunday falls this year on June 4. But many people, including Christians, may not know why the day is special or what is celebrated. Unlike Easter and Christmas, when colorful eggs, Easter bunnies, Christmas trees and Santa Claus are harbingers of the upcoming Christian holidays, there are no such social markers by secular society ahead of Pentecost.

For those who need a quick and basic understanding of what Pentecost Sunday is, below are ten things you should know about the celebration.

1. Pentecost Sunday marks the day when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles.

2. Pentecost Sunday occurs 50 days after Easter.

3. The Bible records the Pentecost in Acts 2:1-13.

4. Pentecost comes 10 days after the Ascension of Jesus Christ.

5. Pentecost is also known as “the birthday of the Church”.

6. Pentecost fulfills Jesus’ promise to send the “Counselor” and “Spirit of Truth” in John 16:5-15.

7. Pentecost launches the large-scale spreading of the Gospel after Jesus’ ascension. Acts 2:41 records that after Peter spoke to the crowd after receiving the Holy Spirit, some 3,000 people were baptized.

8. The Pentecostal movement derives its name from the New Testament event in Acts 2.

9. Jews also celebrate Pentecost, but not for the same reason as Christians. The celebration by Jews of Pentecost is to observe God giving the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai 50 days after the Exodus. The Pentecost in Jewish tradition takes place 50 days after Passover.

10. In Western Churches, Pentecost is usually represented with the color red, which symbolizes the fire of the Holy Spirit.

REMEMBER TO WEAR RED ON PENTECOST SUNDAY, JUNE 4!

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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Buildings & Grounds

NEW PAINT AND CARPET COMING! HELP NEEDED! Please help us



June 13-14 as we get ready for professional painters (starting June 16) and carpeting pros (June 21). We need to clear out the offices, library and choir room, and then, once the job is completed, move everything back on Saturday, June 24. If you can help out on June 13, 14, or 24, please call or email Valerie at the office (grace.church.asheville@gmail.com or 254-1086).



UPCOMING WORK DAY - JUNE 17. Calling all the strong and willing! Please join us on June 17, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Strong folks are needed to help build a ramp to the storage house and a large timber retention wall for the upper parking lot gardens — this is going to be a long wall, but many hands make light work. Bring your work gloves and a friend and join us!

Communications

HAVING TROUBLE DOWNLOADING THE TEAM? Hopefully, this will help. When you receive your email from Grace telling you the new issue is available:



1. click on the newsletter link provided in the email;
2. when the pdf version of the newsletter comes up on your screen, move the cursor to the upper right hand corner and you will see three small icons pop up;
3. click on the middle icon - an arrow pointing downward;
4. the newsletter

should download and you will be able to save it to your computer and print.

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We want you to know what's happening at Grace, so let us know if you're having problems with emails, downloads, or our web site. We'll do our best to answer your questions and get things working for you.

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Fellowship

DON'T MISS JUNEFEST, SUNDAY, JUNE 4! What could be more fun than an old-fashioned country-style “dinner on the grounds”? It’s coming June 4. Get all the details in the article on p. 3.

Outreach

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

Over the course of the summer, we would like to share more with you about the Outreach ministry at Grace Church — the various programs under the Outreach umbrella, how they function, who they serve and opportunities for involvement. This month, we’re taking a look at the Grace Backpacker Program.

BACKPACKERS - A MINISTRY MAKING A DIFFERENCE. You learn some interesting things when you’re a Grace Backpacker. Did you know...

- that plastic grocery bags are easier for the smaller grade schoolers to handle than paper bags that tear easily?
- that overloading bags with cans makes them too heavy for a kindergartner?
- that, as healthy as a garden-fresh spaghetti squash is, not many eight-year-olds know what to do with one when it’s supper time and mom and dad are still at work; an easy-to-prepare package of spaghetti and some sauce works much better?

In partnership with MANNA Foodbank and Jones Elementary School for almost a decade, the Backpacker program at Grace has identified hundreds of children at risk of being hungry, particularly over weekends during the school year, and provided them with extra food to take home on Fridays.

Initially, when the bags pre-packed for Grace by MANNA volunteers just didn’t seem like enough, the program quickly expanded to include what was in the MANNA bags *plus* additional groceries purchased and packed by a Grace Outreach team. Then, when it came to the packers’ attention that the extra food they were adding made the bags too heavy, the load was divided and a second bag delivery was added for Mondays.

Although it seems like a complicated and time-consuming process, a division of labor makes it surprisingly easy: it starts with the person who places an order at MANNA; volunteers pick up surplus grocery orders as well as the weekly MANNA bag deliveries and bring them to Grace; packers make sure the week’s bags are ready for delivery and put surplus food on the shelves in the Grace pantry; drivers then take the bags to Jones for Friday and Monday deliveries.



Last year, MANNA celebrated the distribution of their one-millionth “Manna Pack for Kids,” and Grace Backpackers are proud to have played a part in that success. Sadly, the need keeps growing. Parishioner Beth Stahl, who serves as the Youth Programs Manager at MANNA, reflected on both the success of and the need for the program after ten years: “It has also been ten years of knowing there are indeed hungry, innocent children so close [to home], and that the need has not diminished, but grown,” she said.

And so, the challenge remains before us. Volunteers are needed at every level to keep the Grace Backpackers program running smoothly. Fresh new ideas on how to make it better are important and welcomed. When school starts up again next fall, there will be children who need our help. To learn more or to get involved, contact Cheryl Deyton, cheryldeyton@bellsouth.net.

June 2017 Ministry Schedule

Date	Service Time	Acolyte C	Acolyte G	Acolyte E	Lector, Intercessor & Presenters	Healing Team	Ushers	Chalicians	Coffee Hour	Scripture	Lesson
June 4											
	7:45						Ed Duncan	James Cannon			
	9:00	Garvin Knapp	Lauren Kuykendall	Laura Ellington	L, I, P - Nancy Walters Anne Simmons	Louise Wernicke Patricia Hargrove	Jarod and Molly Coffey	1. Jenny Knapp 2. Greg Townsend	Paul Vest	Acts 2:1-21	1st Lesson
	11:15	Jonah Silvers	Mark Silvers	Ellie Silvers	L, I, P - Rusty McCredie Elaine Potter	Pat Davis Karen Compton	Larry and LuAnn Harris	1. Carol McMichael 2. Sally Coburn	Volunteer	I Corinthians 12:3b-13	2nd Lesson
June 11											
	7:45						Steve Jones	Susan Robinson			
	9:00	Daphne Urquhart	Aleena Bennett	Maira Stewart	L, I, P - Robert Green Green Family	Jeanne Robertson Kathy Oesterlin	Ray Kuykendall Will Israel	1. John Woodson 2. Nancy Walters	Micki Newton	Genesis 1:1-2, 4a	1st Lesson
	11:15	Rusty McCredie	Olivia Nery	Grace Miller	L, I, P - Mark Silvers Kimberly Kneier	Marzy Israel Corinne Spencer	Bob Turner Elaine Potter	1. Charles Carter 2. Kimberly Kneier	Pat Stafford	II Corinthians 13:11-13	2nd Lesson
June 18											
	7:45						Ed Duncan	Margaret Dahm			
	9:00	Carsten Path	Tessa Path	Liesl Ellington	L, I, P - Barbara Wilcox Jeanne Robertson	Pat Davis Jane Whitman	Tom Barr Bill Crowmover	1. Cuyler Dupree 2. Ann Robinson	Elaine Dephouse	Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7	1st Lesson
	11:15	Cheryl Aull	Sally Withers	Eric Howell	L, I, P - Stephen Parker Nancy Remmers	Sonny Rawls Karen Compton	Ed Woekener Bob Turner	1. Bill Warren 2. Eric Howell	Georgi Bruce	Romans 5:1-8	2nd Lesson
	Taizé 8:00 PM				I - James Cannon L - Monty Wooten						
June 25											
	7:45						Steve Jones	Jack Frue			
	9:00	Maya Bell	Cheryl Deyton	Zoe Davis	L, I, P - Greg Townsend Louise Wernicke Townsend Family	Jeanne Robertson Shari Lane	Derek and Wade Edwards	1. Carol Booth 2. Greg Townsend	Cuyler Dupree	Genesis 21:8-21	1st Lesson
	11:15	Bob Grimes	Olivia Nery	Sally Withers	L, I, P - Kristen Dusenbery Jenny Thomas	Marzy Israel Sonny Rawls	Larry and LuAnn Harris	1. Cliff Albertson 2. Carol McMichael	Mary Ann Warren	Romans 6:1b-11	2nd Lesson
Altar Guild											
Date	Counters	Depositors	Date	Flower Arrangers	Altar Guild						
4-Jun	Steve Birkhofer	James Cannon	4-Jun	Jones	Group 1 - June 3 - June 9						
11-Jun	Martha Boyette	Judy Bohan	11-Jun	Jones	Group 2 - June 10 - June 16						
18-Jun	Sally Withers	Chal & Hugh Vaughn	18-Jun	Newton	Group 3 - June 17 - June 23						
25-Jun	Georgi Bruce	Anne Simmons	25-Jun	Newton	Group 4 - June 24 - June 30						

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

For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities: **Jo Brokenshire; Henny Caldwell; Mary Hayes** (*mother of Rick Hayes*); **Lou** (*mother of Kim Hayes*); **Rusk Henry; June DeHart; Neill Mason; Joan Sanderson; Mary Ida Sprague; Laura Stephens; Pat Woodard.**

For Others (names to stay on the list for four weeks; call the church office to keep names on the list for a longer time): **Holli** (*friend of Cheryl Aull*); **Drew** (*nephew of Cheryl Aull*); **Deane Boggs** (*sister of Joyce Noble*); **Sullivan Bull** (*friend of Ron & Jeanne Sims*); **Paula Burnette** (*friend of Don Wills*); **Jenn Chenowith** (*friend of Joyce & Walt Noble*); **Ryan Conrad** (*friend of Julia Anne Dawson*); **Rocky Cunningham; Kelli Davis** (*daughter of George & Pat Davis*); **Kacie Epley** (*cousin of Vicki & Paul Vest*); **Al Fadel** (*friend of Nancy & Arnold Clark*); **Joanne Giezentanner Greene** (*friend of Nancy & Arnold Clark*); **Danny Hall** (*brother-in-law of David Gentry*); **Priscilla Hickey** (*sister-in-law of Barbara Wilcox*); **the Rev. Ed Hillman & family** (*friends of Don Wills*); **Kathleen Johnson** (*friend of Barbara Wilcox*); **Cranford Johnson** (*friend of Don Wills*); **Jeff Johnston** (*cousin of Eva Dupree*); **Phyl Mathias** (*friend of Don Wills*); **Jurona Mobley** (*friend of Ron & Jeanne Sims*); **Jim Monroe** (*friend of Jeannette & Bob Reese*); **Luke** (*kindergarten student of Vicki Vest*); **Janice Ribet** (*former parishioner*); **Dick Senneff** (*friend of Don Wills*); **Sladky family** (*friends of Don Wills*); **Nancy Temple** (*friend of Billy Gray*); **Marcus Trinite** (*son of Mickey and Tricia Trinite*); **Lara Weaver** (*daughter of Jackie Schauer*); **Tim Yehl** (*son-in-law of Jeanne & Ray Robertson*); **Janet Waters** (*daughter of Cal and Nancy Remmers*); **Elizabeth; Pam** (*friend of Cheryl Aull*); **Meg; Patricia; Sue; Susan.**

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

For Those Who Have Died and Their Families: **Donald Israel** (*brother-in-law of Mary Israel*); **Lenore Ericson.**

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

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

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

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

June Anniversaries

Bill and Sue Dismukes	3
Robert and Cheri Potter	5
Scott and Joanna Best	7
Hobart and Jane Whitman	7
Randy and Martha Carson	10
Ben and Deb Gravatt	12
John and Vicki Sanderson	15
The Rev. Alex and Kipp Comfort	20
The Rev. James and Sharo Raines	21
Greg and Shannon Townsend	22
Joe and Cheryl Aull	25

June Birthdays

1 The Rev. Bill Edwards	16 Sam Lyda
2 Emma Plank	16 Hugh Vaughn
2 Sophia Siemens	16 Tony Wilkey
3 Steve Booth	18 Randy Smith
3 Heather Path	18 Elizabeth Turner
4 Straudia Luedtke	9 Joyce Milling
4 Virginia Wiltshire	20 Andrew Dahm
5 Victoria Gentry	21 Hayden Israel
7 Ben Grimes	24 Nicholas Sanderson
7 Jay Wallace	25 Cathy Adkins
8 Zoe Davis	25 Aubrey Southwell
8 Matt Engelbrecht	26 Steve Parker
8 Sally Withers	26 Jeanne Robertson
9 Wade Elder	27 David Withers
9 Sean Green	28 Terry Ellington
10 Courtney Booth	28 Jenny Knapp
11 June Thorne	28 Joel P. Rogers
12 Chloe Lyda	28 Anne Simmons
13 Nancy Smith	29 Deb Pegel
14 Georgia Hamrick Snead	29 Mickey Trinite
14 Robert Townsend	

Special Gifts

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

The flowers are given to the Glory of God;

by Pat and George Davis in loving memory of their son Mike;

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

by Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church in appreciation for the use of Grace Church space for Room in the Inn;

in loving memory of Grace Walker and Phillip Alfred (Pete) Walker by their family;

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

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

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



Easter Flowers

Thank you, Martha Oaklander, for your donation in thanksgiving for Pat Khalsa. Your gift helped make our sanctuary beautiful at Easter.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families, loved ones and friends of Donald Israel (brother-in-law of Mary Israel) and Lenore Ericson (daughter of Jo Brokenshire)

Negative Income Variance Continues

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

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Income:			
Pledges	110,539	114,348	(3,808)
Prior Year Pledges	110	2,643	(2,533)
Non-pledged Offerings	21,797	15,383	6,414
Open Offering	2,884	4,276	(1,392)
Interest	0	13	(13)
Misc.	4,141	4,984	(843)
Total Income:	139,471	141,646	(2,175)
Expenses:			
Outreach/Mission	15,561	16,344	(783)
Parish Programs	6,156	4,606	1,549
Operations	23,732	23,245	486
Personnel	97,415	97,451	(35)
Total Expenses:	142,864	141,647	1,218
Income Less Expenses:	(3,393)	(0)	(3,393)

Pledge receipts through the end of April totaled \$110,539 compared to projected pledges of \$114,348. Considering all income sources, income received for the year totaled \$139,471; while we projected income to be \$141,646. We ended the month with a negative income variance of \$2,175.

The negative variance thus far was increased by expenses greater than budgeted amounts by \$1,218. When these additional costs were applied to the negative income variance of \$2,175 our income less expenses resulted in a deficit of \$3,393 at the end of April.

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

Your Vestry

Our Pups at Church

OUR ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS was enjoyed by all, two-legged and four-legged critters alike. We thought you'd enjoy a few snapshots.

