

#### Grace Episcopal Church

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#### The Grace TEAM

is published monthly. Deadline for articles is the 15th.

#### 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.

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June 2019

A Message from Fr. Gary
Greetings in the name of our Lord
During our to

Jesus Christ,

Easter Season is almost over. Pentecost is fast approaching—the day when the mighty wind bearing God's breath and Advocate came upon the disciples AND US. That is the joy of Pentecost.

So what have we experienced dur-

ing this Easter Season? We have heard about the starting of the Church in the Book of Acts and Jesus entering a locked room and offering "Peace." We have experienced Thomas and his need for physical touch with his Lord. We have seen the disciples going fishing and

not catching anything, then casting their net in a different place and catching more than they ever could have imagined. We have heard about sheep and how to love them and how they only follow their master's voice. We have received Jesus' new commandment, "That we love one another." We have heard Jesus ask the man on the mat, AND US, if we want to be made well. And this Sunday we will hear that we may become completely one.

The Season of Easter causes us to look at what Jesus' Resurrection means, who Jesus is, how his actions proclaim God's reconciling love to the world, placing a mirror in front of our faces and asking us where we are helping to reconcile that world. It is a tough question, one in which we are usually found guilty of not doing what we are called to do. We often put blinders on; then, when we are faced with a situation where we cannot see the solution, the Christ-like solution, it is often because it is just out of range of our view.

During our three year lectionary cycles we always focus on the Gospel of John during the Easter season. In Year A, which we will be in next Easter, we will hear the passage from John 14, "No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14) This passage has been used to justify slaughter, enslavement, and wars... all in the name of Christi-

anity. It is always our responsibility to do the hard work of reading the Bible and understanding its context and history. It is very important to remember that John's Gospel was written for John's followers, who were experiencing persecution. So what John is saying (in my view) is that for *his community*, there is only one way to

relationship with the Father and that is through God's Son, Jesus Christ. In short, John is writing about what is particularly Christian; it has nothing to do with God's relationship with others. It is unfair, unwise, and, I believe, unchristian to import our 21st Century questions of other world religions into John's Gospel. This does not mean we do not evangelize, it simply means we respect, we listen, we are tolerant of others and we listen again.

So what are we to do? I believe we are to love, we are to radiate Christ through our love of others, no matter their tradition, their social status, their intelligence. We are to follow the early Church's understanding of following Christ as written by the 2nd Century Church historian, Tertullian, who wrote, "it is our care for the helpless, our practice of loving kindness, that brands us in the eyes of our opponents. Look how they love one another." Blessings,

Gary+

# **Events at a Glance**

Adult Formation and Breakfast

Sundays, around 9:20 a.m., PH (beginning June 16)

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, June 2 & 9, Bells, 6:00 p.m.; Choir, 7:15 p.m. No Wednesday rehearsals June 12—August 28; resume Sept. 4

Altar Guild Quarterly Meeting

Sunday, June 2, 12:10 p.m., LI

Pentecost

Sunday, June 9, both services

Pentecost Picnic (details on p. 3)

Sunday, June 9, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

PubSing

Sunday, June 9, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Worship Committee Meeting

Monday, June 10, 6:00 p.m., LI

Men of the Church

Tuesday, June 11, 6:00 p.m.

TEAM Meeting

Wednesday, June 12, 10:00 a.m., OF

Steadfast House Meal

Friday, June 14, 6:00 p.m.

Fathers' Day

Sunday, June 16

Taizé Worship Service

Sunday, June 16, 8:00-9:00 p.m., CH

Vestry Meeting

Monday, June 17, 5:30 p.m., LI

Discernment Committee Meeting

Tuesday, June 18, 6:30 p.m., LI

ECW Rummage Sale Drop-Off Day

Saturday, June 29, 9:00 a.m.-noon, upper parking lot

5th Sunday Brunch (details on p. 3) Sunday, June 30, 9:30 a.m., PH

#### A Quick Review of the Month

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

Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir schedules will change during the summer months. Handbell Choir will take a summer break following the Pentecost performance, June 9. No handbell rehearsals from June 12 until September 4. Grace Chancel Choir will have no Wednesday rehearsals after June 9 until September 4. The choir will rehearse on Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the choir room June 16-September 1. Beginning September 4, Wednesday evening rehearsals will resume.

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, June 11, at the home of Ron Sims, 2 Kimberley Knoll Road. 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.

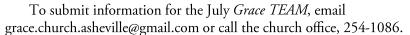
The Mountain Chapter of the **Order of St. Luke** will not meet in June and July. Wishing everyone a great summer!

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. We'll meet on June 9 at Zillicoah Beer Company, 870 Riverside Drive in Woodfin, 4:00-6:00 p.m. For details, contact Monty Wooten, montywooten@bellsouth.net or 828-254-1114.



Parish News, Updates & Reminders
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WE'RE SEARCHING FOR 2019 GRADUATES! Attention all Grace parents, grandparents, godparents, aunts and uncles! Are there high school or college graduates in the family this year? If so, we'd like very much to recognize them and add our congratulations for their academic achievements. We're just as proud of them as you are, so if you haven't already, please email us or call with the graduate's name, the school they're graduating from, the degree they'll receive (if applicable), where they plan to continue their education (if applicable), 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.







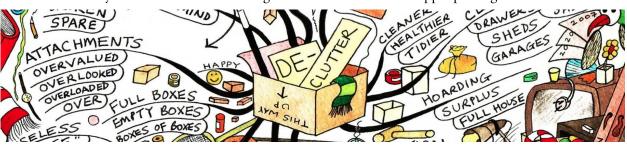
Do you speak a second language? If so, even if you're not fluent, we could use your help on Pentecost Sunday, June 9. Please contact Fr. Gary to learn more.

HAMBURGERS AND HORSESHOES ON THE LAWN! Join us Sunday, June 9, following the 10:30 service, for a Pentecost Picnic on the front lawn. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided, so please bring a side dish to share. Come for the fellowship, good food, and fun with horseshoes, corn hole and badminton. Help us celebrate Pentecost and the end of the Sunday School year with a parish-wide gathering, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Contact Sally Withers for details.



RUMMAGE SALE DROP-OFF DAY! Another ECW Rummage Sale drop-off day is coming up this month! Saturday, June 29, 9:00 a.m. until noon, the ECW will gratefully accept donations of clean, gently used clothes, books (no text books), sports equipment and household items for their annual rummage sale on Saturday, November 2. In preparation for this sale, members of the ECW will receive your donations at the "storage house" to the left of the upper parking lot. In addition to

the June 29 drop-off day, donations will also be accepted August 31 and September 28.







FIFTH SUNDAY BRUNCH SET FOR JUNE 30. Sunday, June 30, is another Fifth Sunday and we will hold our first Fifth Sunday Brunch since combining our worship services. The pot-luck brunch will take the place of our usual breakfast hour and will be held before the 10:30 a.m. service at 9:30 a.m. Please bring your brunch items: breakfast casseroles, fruit, sweet rolls, etc. and join us in shared fellowship.

# Parish News, Updates & Reminders

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OUR YOUTH MINISTRY. The Asheville Episcopal Youth, a joint youth program with five churches in the Asheville area, wrapped up for the summer in May, and it was a great year for this new ministry! And don't worry, exciting things are still to come! We plan to continue growing, learning and trying new things. I, Jenna Sharrits, have really enjoyed being part of this loving and

fun community of young people and have a vision to continue involving more youth and sharing God's love.

The youth program will pick back up in August with a similar schedule, so keep checking

future issues of *The TEAM* for updates and youth news.

Over the summer, youth can still be involved by joining me at Camp Henry, where we seek 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, ranging in length from 1-3 weeks. In addition, check out a variety of specialty sessions, including: Family Camp (for ALL ages), LAMP (a 2week leadership program for 10th-12th graders), CHOS (an outdoor program for 6th-12th graders in which they learn skills for authentic wilderness travel experience). Spots are filling fast, so sign up soon! We have scholarships available so please don't let money stop you from sending someone! We believe in the power of summer camp!









Thank you for the words of encouragement, for the prayers and for welcoming me into the community at Grace. Can't wait to see where the youth program will go! Thank you, everyone, and have a great summer! -Jenna Sharrits, Youth Missioner

WELCOME TO OUR NEW NURSERY ATTENDANTS! We're pleased to introduce our new nursery caretakers, Jayne Bowersox and Tess Carter. Jayne recently retired as a school psychologist with over thirty years of experience. When she isn't playing with children, she enjoys knitting, swimming and being in nature. One little-known fact: Jayne is a Registered Yoga Teacher.





Tess

Joining her is Tess Carter, a student at Carolina Day School. Tess works with children during the summer as a counselor at Hickory Nut Gap Farm Camp. She loves art in any medium, but especially illustration and painting. She also enjoys theatre, history, and English. What Tess hopes: that the kids in her care at Grace will leave the church feeling a little brighter and happier than when their day began!

Please stop by the nursery on Sunday and bring your children. Meet Jayne and Tess and let them tell you more about the playful environment and fun activities they're planning.

"Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory."

**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 so much for sharing!

### **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.

#### MINISTRY LEADERS

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gary.butterworth@gmail.com

**ADULT FORMATION.** Our Adult Lectionary Bible Studies Class (LBS) will continue June 2 and 9, 9:25-10:15 a.m. in the parish hall. Beginning June 16, everyone is invited to Sunday breakfast, 8:45-10:00 a.m., during which time, you get a chance to "Stump the Rector." See details on page 7 of this issue.



ALTAR GUILD. Reminder—the Altar Guild will have its quarterly meeting Sunday, June 2, at 12:10 p.m.

If you have questions about this ministry at Grace Church, please contact Altar Guild chair, Jackie Schauer. Might God be calling you to serve the church in this holy work?

**EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN.** Our next rummage sale drop-off day is Saturday, June 29, 9:00 a.m. until noon. We'll be waiting to help you unload your donations at the storage house in the upper parking lot.

**FELLOWSHIP.** All are invited to join us for two upcoming events—our **Pentecost Picnic** following the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, June 9, and a **Fifth Sunday Brunch**, Sunday, June 30. Find all the details on page 3.

And as always, we invite you to come for coffee and conversation in the courtyard Sundays following the 10:30 service. If you would like to host a coffee time, 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.

**OUTREACH.** It's In the Bag(s). ABCCM sends us its thanks for the handbags we collected and delivered for the Mother's Day "Handbags for Hope" project. Asheville-wide, more than 220 handbags were collected and distributed to women who are getting a fresh start in their lives at home and at work.

Time to Close the Gap on Food Needs. ABCCM has been steadily closing the gap caused by the irregular distribution of food stamps brought about by the federal government shutdown. Now with food stamp distribution normalizing,

ABCCM needs a big push to normalize its food supply as well. Pantry items especially needed include cooking oil and vegetable oil, canned chicken and tuna, canned hearty soups, grits and cornmeal, margarine, dry milk, and butter. We will be collecting the food June 2-16.



Let Kids Be Kids Instead of Being Hungry This

Summer. The Grace Backpacker program winds down as school ends for the summer. And for many children, some of whom we've been assisting throughout the school year, summer is a time of anxiety and uncertainty. Instead of thinking about going to the pool and playing outside, they worry that this summer

will be a time with no food in the fridge.

A gift to MANNA Food Bank of just \$10 can help fill a family's pantry with enough food for 35 meals this summer. So please give as generously as possible. Let's do everything we can to help kids just be kids, free of grown-up worries, all summer long.



SHOPPING LIST

Grits

Soup

Dry milk

Cooking oil

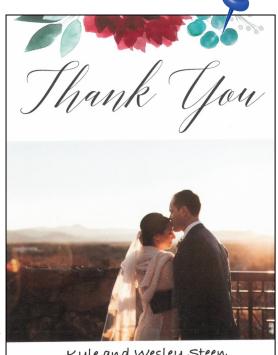
Canned tuna

WEDDING MINISTRY. June is often referred to as "the Wedding Month," and all you need to do is look at our list of June wedding anniversaries on page 10 of this issue to see how many of our own parishioners were June brides and grooms! It's a happy season and a great time to recognize the work being done by the members of the Grace Wedding Ministry.

Under the leadership of Cheri Potter and Elaine Potter, in any month of the year, our wedding team continues to be vibrant, joy-filled and a gracious, loving reflection of our beautiful church and God's welcoming love.



"It's a great way to expose the church to all of the guests that come. We have a beautiful, historical church and the money we get from hosting weddings helps tremendously with its upkeep. In my opinion, it's a win-win situation." Elaine Potter



Kyle and Wesley Steen

# From Our Discernment Committee

#### We want to know your story...

As you know, we recently agreed to move forward with HolyCow! Consulting to help us select a new rector and plan our future. You have been selected to participate in the first step of that process, which is to conduct a congregational assessment. This assessment will provide a clear picture of who we are as a church and what directions are most important for our future. The tool we'll use is the Congregation Assessment Tool (CAT), which will provide key indicators of our congregational health along with areas of challenge and potential growth. It will help us to collect and understand the range of views that exist at Grace and the possibilities, willingness, capacity and energy for moving our ministry into the future.

If you have provided us with a current email address, you will receive a unique web link to complete the assessment online on June 3. If we don't have a current email address for you (if you have not been receiving the weekly Friday email, we don't have it), we are collecting email addresses on a list in the foyer. If you would prefer to take the assessment using a paper copy, please stop by the office beginning June 6, and we will provide one for you along with a self-addressed stamped envelope.

NOTE: If there is only one email address for all members of your household, it may be tempting to have one person take the survey on behalf of the family. However, please be sure your spouse and all young adults living in your home have an opportunity to complete the survey. INDIVIDUAL INPUT is key to our gaining insight into overall perceptions and experiences.

Please set aside enough time to answer all the questions. This will take about 15 to 30 minutes. All survey responses are strictly anonymous.

Thank you for your willingness to be a part of this congregational assessment and for helping to build our future.

If you have questions, please contact Paul Vest at 768-3106 (cell) or 210-9652 (office).

# Got Questions? Ask Gary.

CAN YOU "STUMP THE RECTOR?" Beginning Sunday, June 16, (around 9:20-9:25 a.m.), during breakfast in the parish hall, Fr. Gary will lead and guide informal discussions on:

- ⇒ current events in the world and the Church's part in that;
- ⇒ The Episcopal Church;
- ⇒ your theological and liturgical questions; or
- $\Rightarrow$  anything else that pops up.

NOTE FROM FR. GARY: This time together is sometimes referred to as "Stump the Rector," which I might add is easily done. So come have some breakfast and then join in the conversation. Bring anything you want to discuss. Fr. Gary will be at one of the tables in the parish hall. Let's gather together as Sisters and Brothers in Christ and have a conversation.



Our Prayer List

June

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; 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): Patty Brandt(sister of Kathleen Griffin); Carolyn Brown (friend of Ray & Jeanne Robertson); Cody Deso; Melinda Franks (sister of Becky Smith); David & Suana Gentry; Phyl Mathias (friend of Don Wills); Joanne Poston (sister-in-law to Bill and Corinne Spencer); Beverly Roberts (cousin of Barbara Wilcox); Jim Spray (Stepfather of Cheri Potter); Fred Wilson (father to Debbie Jones).

For Those Who Have Died and Their Families: Jeff Wynne (nephew of John Rigsby).

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).

<u>For Those in the Episcopal Church:</u> Michael (our presiding Bishop); José, Porter and Robert (our Bishops); the clergy vestry, staff, ministries and people of this parish; Church of the Advocate.

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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 <a href="mailto:gkcgriffin7@gmail.com">gkcgriffin7@gmail.com</a> or the church office at <a href="mailto:grace.church.asheville@gmail.com">grace.church.asheville@gmail.com</a>.



Our condolences and prayers go to the friends, family and loved ones of Jeff Wynne (nephew of John Rigsby).

# June 2019 Ministry Schedule

Service Time	Vergers	Acolyte C	Acolyte G	Acolyte E	Readers & Intercessor	Presenters	Chalicists	Ushers	Healing Team	Scripture	Lesson
June 2											
8:00	James Cannon						James Cannon	Tom Barr		Acts 16:16-34	1st Lesson
10:30	Daphne Urquhart	Zoe Davis	Grace Miller	Maya Bell	R1. Jeanne Robertson R2. Nancy Walters I. Vicki Vest	Jeanne Robertson Nancy Walters	1. Sally Withers 2. Sally Coburn	Will Israel George Davis	Louise Wernicke Tricia Hargrove	Revelation 22:12-14,16-17, 20-21	2nd Lesson
June 9											
8:00	James Cannon						Susan Robinon	Johnny Robinson		Acts 2:1-21	1st Lesson
10:30	Chip Coon	Daphne Urquhart	Aleena Bennett	Moira Stewart	R1. John Woodson R2. Beth Woodson I. Barbara Wilcox	Woodson Family	1. Jonah Silvers 2. Mark Silvers	Paul & Vicki Vest	Allyn Aldrich Joan Aldriich	Romans 8:14-17	2nd Lesson
June 16											
8:00	James Cannon						Margaret Dahm	Ed Duncan		Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31	1st Lesson
10:30	Daphne Urquhart Carsten Path	Carsten Path	Tessa Path	Zoe Davis	R1. Anne Simmons R2. Don Lewis I. Cliff Albertson	Anne Simmons Moira Stewart	1. Nancy Walters 2. Kimberly Kneier	George Davis Ed Woeckener	Pat Davis Jane Whitman	Romans 5:1-5	2nd Lesson
Taizé 7:00 PM	James Cannon				R. Monty Wooten I. James Cannon		Monty Wooten				
June 23											
8:00	James Cannon						Jack Frue	Steve Jones		Isaiah 65:1-9	1st Lesson
10:30	Chip Coon	Laura Ellington	Nola Ellington	Lisle Ellington	R1. Robert Green R2. Charles Carter I. Kimberly Kneier	Charles Carter Kimberly Kneier	1. Greg Townsend 2. Ann Robinson	Larry & LuAnn Harris	Jeanne Robertson Shari Lane	Galatians 3:23-29	1st Lesson
June 30											
8:00	James Cannon						James Cannon	Ed Duncan		1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21	1st Lesson
10:30	Lorie Tola	Cheryl Aull	Eric Howell	Chip Coon	R1. Paul Urquhart R2. Daphne Urquhart I. Don Wills	Urquhart Family	1. Bill Spencer 2.Don Lewis	Elaine Potter Will Potter	Ann Robinson Brenda Haller	Galatians 5:1, 13-25	2nd Lesson
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0-Jun	Martha Boyette	oyette	Judy Bohan	han	9-Jun	Israel -	Israel - Bowen - PENTECOST		Group 2:	Group 2: June 8 - June 14	4
16-Jun	Sally Withers	thers	Chal & Hugh Vaughn	Vaughn	16-Jun	Wyat	Wyatt - TRINITY SUNDAY		Group 3:	June 15 - June 21	11
23-Jun	Georgi Bruce	3ruce	Anne Simmons	mons	23-Jun	۸	Wyatt - WEDDING		Group 4:	Group 4: June 22 - June 28	8:
30-Jun	Georgi Bruce	3ruce	Steve Birkhofer	hofer	30-Jun		Davis - Witt		Group 1	Group 1: June 29 - July 5	

**June Anniversaries** 

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Bill and Sue Dismukes	3
Steve and Pat Parker	4
Robert and Cheri Potter	5
Garrett and Darragh Greene	6
Jane and Hobart Whitman	7
Randy and Martha Carson	10
John and Vicki Sanderson	15
Alex and Kippy Comfort	20
James and Sharon Rains	21
Greg and Shannon Townsend	22
Grace Allendorf & Godfrey Levi	23
Bill and Becky Smith	23
Joe and Cheryl Aull	25
Eric and Sarah Wood	27
Scott and Marcella Carter	28

<u>June Birthdays</u>

16 Hugh Vaughn

Jl	ine Birthday	/S	
1	Kendall Beasley	16	Tony Wilkey
1	Bill Edwards	18	Randy Smith
1	Harriette Oxford	18	Elizabeth Turner
2	Emma Plank	19	Joyce Milling
3	Steve Booth	20	Andrew Dahm
3	Levi Godfrey	21	Hayden Israel
3	Heather Path	23	Joan Aldrich
4	Straudia Luedtke	24	Christy Bennett
7	Ben Grimes	24	Nicholas Sanderson
8	Zoe Davis	25	Cathy Adkins
8	Matt Engelbrecht	25	Winnifred Greene
8	Sally Withers	25	Aubrey Southwell
9	Wade Elder	26	Neil Bowen
9	Sean Green	26	Darragh Greene
10	Courtney Booth	26	Steve Parker
11	Allyn Aldrich	26	Jeanne Robertson
11	June Thorne	27	David Withers
12	Chloe Lyda	28	Terry Ellington
13	Nancy Smith	28	Jenny Knapp
14	Georgia Hamrick Snead	28	Anne Simmons
14	Robert Townsend	29	Deb Pegel
16	Sam Lyda	29	Mickey Trinite

**Special Gifts** 

The Aumbry Candle is given to the Glory of God by Bill and Corinne Spencer in thanksgiving for their children, Clark, David, and Jennifer, and in thanksgiving for Fr. Bob and the Monday Gospel Study.

The flowers are given to the Glory of God

- by Bobbie Eblen in memory of her husband Joe and her daughter Margie;
- by Pat and George Davis in loving memory of their son Mike and daughter Kelli;
- in thanksgiving for fathers, grandfathers, and sons by the Israel family;
- by Louise Cate Wernicke in memory of her parents Louise Manget and Thomas M. Cate, and of her brother Thomas M. Cate, Jr.;
  - in loving memory of Grace Walker and Phillip Alfred (Pete) Walker by their family;

by Charlotte and Travers Chiott in thanksgiving for their many blessings.

# **Photos Needed!**

As we compile our Parish Profile, the document that will be used to introduce Grace Church to potential applicants for the position of rector, we're eager to receive your photographs of the church, the church grounds, events, people—we're interested in everything. Please share with us.

# WE'RE ALSO LOOKING FOR EXPERIENCED VIDEOGRAPHERS!

If you can help out, please contact Kim Hayes, kimhys53@gmail.com. Many thanks!



# Pledge Receipts Exceed Projections

Pledge receipts through the end of April totaled \$125,271, compared to projected pledges of \$114,025. Considering all income sources, income received for the period totaled \$176,206, while we projected income to be \$142,169. We ended the month with a positive income variance of \$34,037. This positive variance is largely the result of a decision by the vestry to transfer a portion of a recently received bequest for the following: 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 April totaled \$128,348 while we projected expenses to be \$145,306. These savings totaled \$16,958 for the first four months this year.

As a reminder, the budget is \$9,410 in deficit to provide support for key programs even though projected income was unavailable. Thus far, with income exceeding projections combined with continued savings on expenses, it is possible that our deficit will be resolved. 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

	Statement of Activities - Grace Church Year to Date - April 2019					
		Actual	Actual Budget			
Inco	me:					
	Pledges	125,271	114,025	11,246		
	Non-pledged Offerings	50	-	50		
	Open Offering	2,835	4,369	(1,534)		
	Interest	28	23	5		
	Misc.	48,022	23,752	24,270		
	Total Income:	176,206	142,169	34,037		
Ехр	enses:					
_	Outreach/Mission	14,335	16,668	(2,333)		
	Parish Programs	1,337	8,373	(7,036)		
	Operations	21,258	22,408	(1,150)		
	Personnel	91,418	97,856	(6,438)		
	Total Expenses:	128,348	145,306	(16,958)		
Inco	me Less Expenses:	47,858	(3,137)	50,995		