



the Grace TEAM

to each a ministry

July 2019

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The Grace TEAM

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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.

A Message from Fr. Gary

Greetings in the Name of our Lord
and Savior Jesus Christ,

Summer time in the Church can
be challenging: vacations, sports, sleep-
ing in and relaxation time are all reali-
ties. However, our Spirits and Souls
still need nourishing and Grace still
needs your presence as well.

Additionally, your Discernment

Committee is
hard at work and
needs your atten-
tion and prayers.
You have
(hopefully) re-
cently completed
your CAT
(Congregational
Assessment Tool)
questionnaire.
Your responses
will help the par-
ish leadership and
search committee
identify the
things that feed
the energy and
satisfaction of the
parishioners at

Grace. In turn, these results will guide
the development of your parish profile
and guide strategic visioning and plan-
ning at the Vestry level. These are ex-
citing times for Grace and yet, they can
be frustrating times as well.

These frustrating times are born
out of a desire to move on, to get your
new rector, who will guide Grace for
the years to come. Additionally, as we
have come to know and love one an-
other, a sense of comfort and maybe a
little bit of complacency have begun to
guide us. The reality of the interim
time is that we are to be exploring,
listening, trying new things, stepping
up to fill ministries that need attending
to and learning what it is to be The
CHURCH!

At Grace we have numerous op-
portunities to serve, to be involved, to

fulfill God's calling to each of us to
Love and Serve our Lord! Grace needs
you and if you have decided to be
here...you need Grace as well.

We have a need for an Altar Guild
Chair, a Shepherd Ministry Coordina-
tor, a Newcomers ministry chair, lec-
tors, acolytes, ushers, etc. There are
many ways to serve our Lord and

Grace.

Although at
times frustrating,
these are also excit-
ing times. We have
our new Director of
Music (*see p. 4*), who
comes to us with
many talents and
gifts. We are on
track to have an
EfM (Education for
Ministry) group this
fall. We have many
Outreach projects
including Habitat's
bi-annual Episcopal
House. We are gath-
ering as a communi-
ty and breaking

bread together at our Sunday breakfasts.
We are doing what we have been called
to do, yet God does not just call us to
do some things, but calls us to be His
hands, eyes and feet in the world.

As St. Teresa of Avila tells us in her
famous prayer, "Christ has no body
now on earth but yours. No hands but
yours. No feet but yours. Yours are the
eyes through which Christ's compassion
is to look out onto the world, yours are
the feet by which He is to go about do-
ing good and yours are the hands by
which he is to bless us now."

May we all be Jesus' hands, eyes
and feet as we continue our journey
here in this corner of God's Kingdom!

Blessings & Peace,

Fr. Gary+

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interim time is that
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Events at a Glance

A Quick Review of the Month

Breakfast

Sundays, 8:45-10:00 a.m., PH

Coffee in the Courtyard

Sundays, 11:40 a.m., following worship, Courtyard

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sundays, 9:30 a.m., Choir Room

Monday Morning Gospel Bible Study

Mondays, 10:30 a.m., PH

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

Summer Lunch Bunch

Tuesday, July 2, 11:30 a.m., CH (details on p. 3)

Outreach Committee Meeting

Tuesday, July 2, 5:30 p.m., LI

Independence Day Holiday

Thursday, July 4, Church office closed

Endowment Committee Meeting

Monday, July 8, 5:30 p.m., choir room

Men of the Church

Tuesday, July 9, 6:00 p.m.

Worship Committee Meeting

July meeting cancelled

TEAM Meeting

Wednesday, July 10, 10:00 a.m., OF

Steadfast House Meal

Friday, July 12, 6:00 p.m.

PubSing

Sunday, July 14, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Vestry Meeting

Monday, July 15, 5:30 p.m., LI

Taizé Worship Service

Sunday, July 21, 8:00-9:00 p.m., CH

Discernment Committee Meeting

Tuesday, July 23, 6:30 p.m., LI

Combined Discernment Committee/Vestry Meeting

Tuesday, July 30, 6:30 p.m., Claxton Elementary

Come to **Breakfast** every Sunday, 8:45-10:00 a.m. in the parish hall. During breakfast, around 9:20, join Fr. Gary for an informal chat about current events, theology, liturgy, or anything else that's on your mind.

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

Chancel Choir rehearsals will be on Sunday mornings, 9:30 a.m., in the choir room, through September 1.

Stay for **Coffee and Conversation** in the courtyard following the 10:30 service. In order to make this as welcoming as possible, we would love to have different families sign up in the foyer to "host" the coffee each Sunday.

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, July 9, at the home of John Woodson, 1178 New Stock 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. All are welcome. **First Monday lunch is on hiatus for the 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. This month, we'll meet on July 14 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



CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU, FR. BOB REESE! This is a special anniversary for our Priest Associate! On June 23, 1974, forty-five years ago, Fr. Bob Reese was ordained by Bishop Henry as a deacon at St. John's Episcopal Church in Asheville. For the next year, he served as a deacon at St. John's in Sylva, and on June 21, 1975, he was ordained into the priesthood by Bishop Weinhauer. For the next six years, Fr. Bob served as the rector in Sylva after which

he spent nine years as an Army chaplain. The rest of his full-time ministry was spent in the Diocese of Georgia and he retired in 2004.

Retirement brought Fr. Bob home to Asheville, where he has continued to be active in ministry. From 2004 to 2010, he served as Interim Rector in two parishes, one in Sylva and one in Burnsville. He became the Priest Associate at Grace in 2010. We're so glad your journey of ministry brought you to us here at Grace, Fr. Bob! Congratulations on your 45th anniversary and thank you for all you do—not only for Grace parish, but for our entire community. Please read on...

Bob Reese & Jane Smith, Team Member Support Volunteers

"I was recently contacted to activate our BDAT (Better Day Action Team) on behalf of the Regional Transport Team who had had a team member death.

About 2 ½ years ago, the Manager of this team contacted Volunteer Engagement to ask about recruiting some volunteers to embed in their team to offer support for what can be a very stressful job. Bob Reese and Jane Smith answered that call and began building relationships with team members at RTS, MedCom and the Behavioral Health Transport Team.

When I got the BDAT request for the death, I gave Bob Reese a call to be sure he was aware of the situation. I was amazed to hear that not only was he on top of this situation and had been since the team member's diagnosis, he had been at his home earlier in the week and earlier in the day had offered last rights. Bob got the call about the death about midnight and he was at the home by 1:30 a.m. and stayed with the family until the body was removed. He also contacted Jane Smith, the other Team Member Support Volunteer and she was at the RTS base at 6 a.m. to support team members.

I'm not sure what was envisioned by the management team who wanted to explore the option of embedding volunteers with a chaplaincy background into these teams to support staff as they provide care to patients, but I think this is a testament of the success of that effort. Bob and Jane, thank you so much for investing your time and heart into caring for these Mission team members and for going above and beyond to be there in their time of need."

Judy Haney, Manager, Volunteer Engagement

This great shout-out appeared in Mission Hospital's "Volunteers in the Know," June 2, 2019.

DO YOU KNOW HOW TO SELL ON EBAY? We do get some items in for the rummage sale that would better serve the programs at Grace Church by going on eBay. If you can help us in that regard, please email Mary Ann Warren or Anne Jarema. A commission is available for items sold.



THE SUMMER LUNCH IS BACK! Summer Lunch Bunch will meet on Tuesday, July 2, and Tuesday, August 6. We will meet at the church at 11:30 and then go to lunch (locations TBD). This is not an official group—all are invited and welcome to join in a casual meal together.

Parish News, Updates & Reminders

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CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES! You did it! And all of us at Grace are so proud of you.

Joseph Baggett, grandson of Ann Robinson, graduated from Washington and Lee University with a degree in economics. He is an analyst for an investment bank in Charlotte, NC.

Patrick Bohan, son of Judy and Mike Bohan, received his PhD in Chemistry from UC-Berkeley in June. He will be staying on the west coast working in the petrochemical industry.

Grace Lynn Miller, daughter of Martin J. Miller and the late Kimberley Reed McFarland, and granddaughter of Mary Ann and Bill Warren, graduated June 8 from Asheville High School. Grace will enter Louisiana State University in the fall and plans to become a veterinarian.

Emeline Scales, daughter of Cate and Ben Scales, graduated from Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter, New Hampshire on June 2, 2019. She plans to spend a year volunteering, working, studying, learning and traveling before continuing her formal education.

Robert Townsend, son of Greg and Shannon Townsend, graduated from Warren Wilson College with degrees in Biology and Forestry. This summer, he will be a counselor at Camp Henry.

Tucker Whitman, grandson of Jane and Hobart Whitman, graduated from Linden High School, Linden, MI.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW DIRECTOR OF MUSIC! We are excited to announce that James Cassarino, M.Phil. has accepted the Director of Music position at Grace. James recently accepted the full time Director of Music position at Christ School, Asheville.

Since 2003, James (Jim) Cassarino has served as the Music Director for Trinity Episcopal Church in Rutland, VT, where he established and maintained a thriving music ministry. At the diocesan level he served on the Commission on Ministry and for the Committee on Christian Formation. He has taught both liturgy and music for the Vermont Diocesan Study Program and for the National Leadership Program for Musicians Serving Small Congregations. He has directed music for various diocesan events and for several diocesan conventions. In addition to Vermont, he has served churches in Indiana, Minnesota, and Newport, RI. Since 1998, Jim served as Professor and Music Department Chair at Green Mountain College in Poultney, VT. He has published papers and presented lectures on hymnody and congregational singing.

He holds degrees in music and in theology from Castleton University, Ball State University, St. John's University, and the University of Wales (U.K.).

Jim and his wife Elise have two children, Hannah and Peter. Hannah, an artist, will join Jim and Elise in Asheville. Peter will begin studies in criminal justice at Norwich University in the fall.

RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION FOR OUR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TEACHERS. In our recent Sunday services, we've been blessed to recognize and thank laypersons and clergy who are involved in Christian Education for our children and adults: Shannon Townsend, Greg Townsend, Mark Silvers, Matt Engelbrecht, Bill Spencer, Andrew Beasley, Doug McClellan, Rev. Gary, Rev. Bob, Rev. Jeannette, and Jenna Sharrits. Also, we want to express our appreciation to all of those who support our Christian Education with their attendance in classes, preparation of food and donation of supplies.

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. Everyone is invited to Sunday breakfast, 8:45-10:00 a.m., during which time, you get a chance to "Stump the Rector." Come with your questions about the Church, the world or anything else you'd like to discuss.

ENDOWMENT. The Endowment Committee will be meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, July 8, upstairs in the choir room. Parsec Financial is the investment manager for the Church and a representative will be present to provide an update on the endowment's performance in the past year. Please contact Steve Birkhofer, sbirkhof@unca.edu or goldenlane@charter.net) if you have questions or interest.

FELLOWSHIP. Pictures are worth thousands of words! Our Pentecost celebration was wonderful! Great music! A thank you to Sunday school teachers! Goodbyes to retiring bell choir members! Powerful worship! And, as the rain clouds cleared away, a great Pentecost picnic!



OUTREACH. Thank You for Helping Us Close the Gap on Food Needs! On Monday, June 17, our outreach volunteers delivered 233 items to ABCCM. We appreciate your continuing generosity to help serve the less fortunate in our community.

Donations are Down. Let's Help by Buying Some Pregnant Goats! We partner every October with Consider Haiti to do the Pumpkin Patch and the proceeds are significant. But this year, the needs in Haiti are greater, while the gifts are less. We can help. The Grace Outreach Committee will match every donation to Consider Haiti up to \$500 between now and the end of July. The money we raise will be used to purchase **PREGNANT GOATS!** A single pregnant goat costs \$75 and can provide **NUTRITION, ECONOMIC STABILITY,** and funds for children's **EDUCATION.**



Learn more at www.considerhaiti.org



A sweet thank you note from the after school students at Jones Elementary School. Your support helps us provide them with much-needed after school snacks. Thank you!

Grace Ministries in Action

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Back-to-School Supplies Needed by August 11.

This summer, Grace Church will continue the annual drive to collect back-to-school supplies for local foster children and youth. We will be collecting school related items July 28-August 11. All types of school supplies are requested, as students range in age from rising kindergarteners to high schoolers. This year, three students will be starting at Buncombe County Early College! Here is a list of ideas: Backpacks (including heavy duty for older students with computers), composition books, 3-ring binders, notebook paper, pocket folders,

Post It notes, pens, pencils (mechanical and regular), colored pencils, pouches, etc. Younger students are often asked for ear buds, hand sanitizer, Kleenex, Clorox wipes (or baby wipes), and zip lock bags. Older students may need flash drives, copy paper, graphing calculators, geometry sets, and a pocket dictionary/ thesaurus. You may contribute individual items, a backpack with supplies, or any thing that works for you. Check the display in the foyer for details or refer to the list here. As always, thank you for your kindness and generosity!



Your Back-to-School Shopping List (please bring purchases to church by August 11)

Earbuds
Composition Books
Graph Paper Composition Books
Pencils (Mechanical and Regular)
3 Ring Binders (all sizes)
Dividers
Folders
Notebook Paper
Wide Ruled
College Ruled
Pocket Folders
Colored Pencils
Crayons
Markers

Pens (red, blue, black)
Highlighters
Scissors
Pencil Sharpeners
Rulers
Erasers
Post it notes
Index Cards
Pencil Pouches/boxes
Spirals- 3 subject, 5 subject, 1 subject
Kleenex
Paper Towels
Clorox Wipes
Hand Sanitizer

Kindergartners need:
Baby Wipes
Band aids
Ziploc bags (gallon, sandwich, snack)

Things Our Teenagers Could Use:
USB Flash Drives
Geometry Sets
Pocket Thesaurus
Pocket Dictionary
Copy Paper

Thank you so much!



Time to put the **Habitat for Humanity Episcopal House** on your calendars! The plan is to start building on August 27, and as in the past, we'll join with volunteers from throughout our deanery to help another deserving family have a home of their own. John Woodson, our coordinator, will be looking for volunteers soon, and there will be plenty of tasks for every skill level. Please start thinking now about what part you can play. And watch for more information in the August issue of *The TEAM*.

But What Does It Mean? Church Abbreviations

Confused by all the church acronyms and abbreviations? We've defined a few here and invite you to ask us about any others you might be wondering about.

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| VPOD | Vestry Person of the Day |
| BCP | Book of Common Prayer |
| SOG | Songs of Grace |
| DC | Discernment Committee |
| OSL | Order of St. Luke |
| CE | Christian Education |
| ABCCM | Asheville-Buncombe Community Christian Ministry |
| LEM | Lay Eucharistic Minister |
| RITI | Room in the Inn |
| ECW | Episcopal Church Women |
| MOC | Men of the Church |



In our church building: LI (library), PH (parish hall), CH (church), CR (downstairs conference room).

In our Ministry Schedule: G (Gospel acolyte), E (Epistle acolyte), C (Crucifer).

From Our Discernment Committee Chair



Dear Grace Family,

Thank you to all who participated in the Church Assessment Tool (CAT). The discernment committee and the vestry will receive the compiled data in late July along with interpretation from Holy Cow Consulting. That information will then be used by the discernment committee to continue building our parish profile.

In August, we will host “holy conversations” with all parishioners to put the final touches on our parish profile. That profile will then be used to present Grace Church to potential candidates for our next rector. The search process will likely reach the point of posting the job opening by November 1.

We appreciate all the support, feedback, and prayers that all of you have shared during this first phase of our important work. We look forward to seeing you and hearing more from you during the “holy conversations” in late August. Those dates will be announced in early August.

In Christ,
Paul Vest

PERMISSION TO PHOTOGRAPH. As you may have noticed over the past couple of months, parish photographers have been taking pictures in worship and at various fellowship events. Some of these photographs will be used in our parish profile and on our web site. If you or your children do not want your images used, please let us know. We will do everything possible to honor your request.

Thanks.

From Our Senior Warden



HOW BIG IS GRACE CHURCH? If we go by the parish directory, it lists 231 households. Using an average of two persons per household—probably low, but maybe not—that’s 462 people.

If we go by our last parochial report, the answer is 506 people.

If we go by our average Sunday attendance, the answer is between 100 to 125 people.

See a problem here? Hold that thought.

Surely with all we’ve accomplished under Father Gary’s leadership—a renewed energy in the Liturgy, the combined 10:30 service, breakfast every Sunday, Coffee Hour—we’ve grown lately, right? Again, hold that thought.

Unfortunately, the answer to both of these questions is “we don’t know.”

For all of our changes, we’re missing two important ministries. **The Shepherd Ministry** is a pastoral ministry, allowing us to shepherd our flock, checking in with parishioners who may have been absent, or fallen out of touch, to see how we can minister to their needs. **The Newcomers Ministry** is an evangelism ministry. We work hard at Grace to be welcoming to visitors and to invite them to join us. But we have no system to track them, or to make that one more gesture of hospitality that may lead our visitors to return.

Clearly, for our future vitality, these two ministries are crucial. You’ll hear more about them in the days and weeks to come. If you’re interested in helping us develop these important ministries, please contact Father Gary or me, Greg Townsend.

Our Prayer List

July

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: Chris Carson (son of Martha & Randy); Nancy Clark; Ed Denison; Eva Dupree; Eunice Ferguson; Mary Hayes; Rusty Herman; Mary Israel; Claire Jones; Maria Mason; Gael Paschall; Nancy Porter; Sonny Rawls; Cal Remmers; Beth Stahl; Laura & Tsz-yan Snyder; Rita Spragg; Pat Walters; Katie Warren; Don Wills; Ed and 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); 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); Fred Wilson (father to Debbie Jones).

For Those Who Have Died and Their Families: Ed Bettencourt (uncle of Pat Walters); Patty Brandt (sister of Kathleen Griffin); Janet Burdette (friend of Marzy Israel); Jim Spray (stepfather to Cheri Potter).

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.

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 gkcgriffin7@gmail.com or the church office at grace.church.asheville@gmail.com



Our condolences and prayers go to the friends, family and loved ones of Ed Bettencourt (uncle of Pat Walters); Patty Brandt (sister of Kathleen Griffin); Janet Burdette (friend of Marzy Israel); and Jim Spray (stepfather to Cheri Potter).

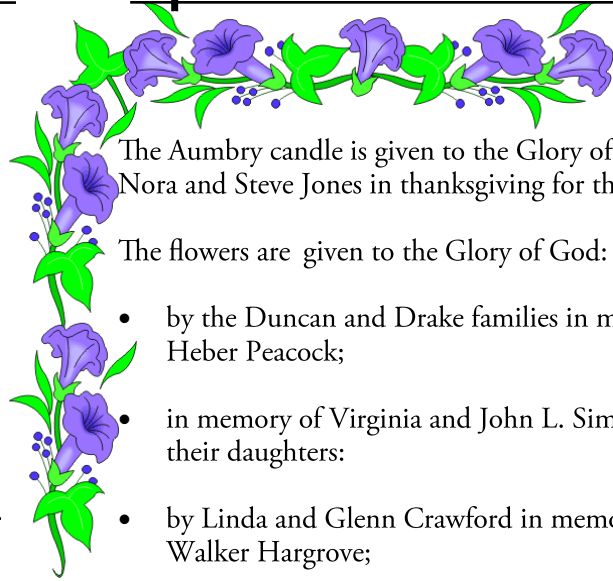
July 2019 Ministry Schedule

| 8:00 | July 07 | July 14 | July 21 | July 28 |
|---------------------------|--|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Verger | Daphne Urquhart | James Cannon | James Cannon | Lorie Tola |
| Chalicast | James Cannon | Susan Robinson | James Cannon | Jack Frue |
| Usher | Tom Barr | Johnny Robinson | Steve Jones | Ed Duncan |
| 10:30 | | | | |
| Verger | Chip Coon | Lorie Tola | Chip Coon | Daphne Urquhart |
| Acolyte C | Cheryl Aull | Jonah Silvers | Carsten Path | Laura Ellington |
| Acolyte G | Aleena Bennett | Ellie Silvers | Tessa Path | Nola Ellington |
| Acolyte E | Maya Bell | Grace Miller | Zoe Davis | Liesl Ellington |
| Lector 1 | Bonnie Kistler | Greg Townsend | Carol Booth | Jenny Knapp |
| Lector 2 | <i>Only one reader is needed in July and August. The bulletin will indicate which lesson below is to be used</i> | | | |
| Intercessor | Bill Smith | Kristen Dusenbery | Don Lewis | Nancy Walters |
| Presenters | Bonnie & Elaine | Townsend Family | Booth Family | Jenny & Vicki |
| Chalicast 1 | Sally Withers | Eric Howell | Charles Carter | Nancy Walters |
| Chalicast 2 | Carol Booth | Mark Silvers | Kimberly Kneier | Ann Robinson |
| Ushers | Will Israel George Davis | Elaine & William Potter | Ed Woeckener Ron Sims | Elaine & William Potter |
| Healing Team | Louise Wernicke | Allyn & Joan | Marzy Israel | Sonny Rawls |
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| Scripture | Isaiah 66:10-14 | Deuteronomy | Genesis 18:1-10a | Genesis 18:20-32 |
| Scripture Lesson 2 | Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16 | Colossians 1:1-14 | Colossians 1:15-28 | Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19) |
| Counters | Steve Birkhofer | Martha Boyette | Sally Withers | Georgi Bruce |
| Depositors | James Cannon | Judy Bohan | Chal & Hugh Vaughn | Anne Simmons |
| Flower Arrangers | Davis - Witt | Newton | Dawson | Dawson |
| Altar Guild | Group 1: July 6-12 | Group 2: July 13-19 | Group 3: July 20-26 | Group 4: July 27-Aug 2 |
| 7:00 PM Taizé | | | | |
| Verger | | | James Cannon | |
| Lector | | | James Cannon | |
| Intercessor | | | James Cannon | |
| Healing Prayer | | | OSL Ministers | |

July Anniversaries

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| Bob and Barb Bell | 4 |
| Johnny and Susan Robinson | 5 |
| Doug and Jean Haldane | 9 |
| Mark and Shannon Wall | 9 |
| George and Pat Davis | 13 |
| Wade and Lily Elder | 13 |
| Lani Anderson and Peg O'Hagan | 16 |
| Larry and LuAnn Harris | 24 |
| Jack and Terri Frue | 26 |

Special Gifts



The Aumbry candle is given to the Glory of God by Nora and Steve Jones in thanksgiving for their parents.

The flowers are given to the Glory of God:

- by the Duncan and Drake families in memory of Heber Peacock;
- in memory of Virginia and John L. Simmons by their daughters;
- by Linda and Glenn Crawford in memory of Albert Walker Hargrove;
- by the Altar and Flower Guild in appreciation for the clergy and staff.

July Birthdays

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| 1 Debbie Jones | 19 Ingrid Adelsbach |
| 3 Stuart Bell | 19 John Sanderson |
| 3 LuAnn Harris | 21 Noah Clary |
| 3 Giovanna Hopkins | 21 Zachary Hunter |
| 4 Eva Dupree | 21 Judy Warner |
| 4 Sonny Rawls | 22 Emi Starnes |
| 5 Cassidy Bell | 24 Kristen Dusenbery |
| 5 Emmie Lou Elder | 24 Mary Ida Sprague |
| 6 Lani Anderson | 25 Cate Scales |
| 8 Brenda Haller | 25 Diane Wilkey |
| 8 Ann Lewis | 26 Jim Compton |
| 9 Louise Wernicke | 26 Ashley Israel |
| 10 Chal Vaughn | 27 Patrick Walters |
| 12 Nathaniel Potter | 28 Martha Carson |
| 13 Bobbie Blackburn | 29 Paul Jordan |
| 13 Tess Carter | 30 Jim Black |
| 13 Shari Lane | 30 Kippy Comfort |
| 13 John Woodson | 30 Keegan Lyda |
| 15 Glenda Sanderson | 30 Patrick Young |
| 16 Barron Burhans | 31 Ed Denison |
| 17 Elaine Dephouse | 31 Anna Johnson |
| 17 Fred Newton | |

God Stories and Memories of Grace

Julia Anne and Al Dawson are long-time members of Grace Church. Julia Anne, an unofficial historian at Grace, reminds us of some of the special times that have made our parish like family for so many over the years.

REMEMBERING COUNTRY STORE. Fall of 1981 had an excitement in the air. Country Store, a two-day outreach fundraiser, was happening. Breakfasts, lunches and dinner would be served. Booths for a craft boutique, bakery, art, raffles (including a furnished doll house) were set up in the parish hall. Plants, garden produce, an antique cider press and children's activities were held outside.

Country Store required months of preparation as a parish-wide event to the glory of God. Our guests and many patrons were disappointed when this annual tradition ended.

A SPECIAL GOD STORY. Our first church visit in Asheville was at Grace, one of several parishes we planned to attend before joining. Upon leaving Coffee Hour, our family was invited to a parishioner's home later that day. A welcome call from Father Bill Edwards and another from Betty and Rusk Henry with a dinner invitation followed.

We never attended another parish. How could we after being so graciously adopted by the family of Grace!

GOD STORIES WELCOME!

Send us your memories and stories and let us help you share them in upcoming issues of *The TEAM*. Share how God has touched your life and it can make a difference in someone else's life.

Pledge Receipts Exceed Projections

Pledge receipts through the end of May totaled \$158,620, compared to projected pledges of \$142,531. Considering all income sources, income received for the period totaled \$211,374, while we projected income to be \$177,711. We ended the month with a positive income variance of \$33,663. 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 May totaled \$163,355, while we projected expenses to be \$181,632. These savings totaled \$18,277 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 - May 2019 | | | | |
| | | Actual | Budget | Variance |
| Income: | | | | |
| | Pledges | 158,620 | 142,531 | 16,089 |
| | Non-pledged Offerings | 50 | - | 50 |
| | Open Offering | 3,348 | 5,461 | (2,113) |
| | Interest | 35 | 29 | 6 |
| | Misc. | 49,321 | 29,690 | 19,631 |
| | Total Income: | 211,374 | 177,711 | 33,663 |
| Expenses: | | | | |
| | Outreach/Mission | 20,619 | 20,835 | (217) |
| | Parish Programs | 3,241 | 10,466 | (7,225) |
| | Operations | 24,804 | 28,011 | (3,207) |
| | Personnel | 114,692 | 122,320 | (7,629) |
| | Total Expenses: | 163,355 | 181,632 | (18,277) |
| Income Less Expenses: | | 48,019 | (3,921) | 51,940 |