



the Grace TEAM

to each a ministry

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Deadline for articles is the 15th.

Sunday Worship

7:45 a.m. - Rite I

9:00 a.m. - Family Eucharist

11:15 a.m. - Festival Eucharist

Healing Prayer

Every Sunday at

9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

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 first Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.;

- Healing Prayer Service and
Eucharist; laying on of hands for
God's healing, Wednesdays, 12:15 p.m.

Taizé

Third Sunday of each month at 8:00
p.m. 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.

Dear People of Grace,

We are entering what may be
the most beautiful time of year here
in the mountains. The colors of the
leaves and the changing of the sea-
sons are seasonal post cards from our
wonderful God.

The fall of the year is when we
ask each of you to consider your
financial commitment to Grace for
the coming year. Again this year, we
would ask you to
think and pray
about the impact
that you can make
for the Kingdom of
God by giving fi-
nancially to Grace
in 2018.

I want to com-
mend the Vestry
this year for step-
ping forward to lead
our stewardship fo-
cus for 2018. We
have read and stud-
ied together and are
excited about the
opportunities for our church to con-
tinue to change lives inside the
church, throughout our community,
and beyond. The Vestry entered into
its own financial commitment cove-
nant based on the studying we have
done together and the belief that
Grace is worthy of that financial
commitment. (*see p. 5*)

We need your help to move the
ministries of Grace from their places
today into a vibrant new year in
2018. Jesus founded the Church,
and assured us that the gates of hell
would not prevail against it. He

spoke of the Kingdom of God, not
as a heavenly reward, but as some-
thing that is among us now to bear
witness to the living God. When
Jesus began his teaching mission,
one of the first things that he said
was, "The time is fulfilled. The
Kingdom of God is at hand
(meaning here and now). Repent,
and believe the good news." Sharing
this good news of God's love and

forgiveness is the
work of the
Church and the
most important
work on earth.
For, unless peo-
ple come to
know the love of
God, their lives
are only empty
shells of what
God desires for
each one of us.
In the days and
weeks ahead
you'll see more
information

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about our focus on the financial
stewardship of God's gifts. We're
calling it Grace Impact: Making
Ministries Move and would ask that
you add Grace Impact 2018 to your
daily prayers. Ponder the impact
God's grace and Grace Church have
had on your life and the impact
God's grace through Grace Church
can have on our community, the
nation, and the world. Watch your
email, mail, and the Sunday bulle-
tins for more details on this exciting
time in the life of Grace.

God's Peace and Blessing,
Fr. Gary Coffey

Events at a Glance

A Quick Review of the Month

Centering Prayer

Sundays, 5:00-5:30 p.m., Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m., CR

Monday Morning Gospel Bible Study

Mondays, 10:30 a.m., PH

Early Birds Men's Book Study

Tuesdays, 8:30 a.m., LI

Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing

Wednesdays, 12:15-1:15 p.m., CH

Choir and Bell Rehearsal

Wednesdays: Bells, 6:00 p.m.; Choir, 7:30 p.m.

Pumpkin Patch (unloading)

Sunday, October 1, 12:00 noon

Pumpkin Patch (sales)

October 1-31

Generational Healing Eucharist

Tuesday, October 3, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Buildings and Grounds Meeting

Thursday, October 5, 4:30 p.m., LI

Pub Sing

Sunday, October 8, snacks 5:30 p.m.; singing 6:00 p.m.

Foyer Group Potluck

Sunday, October 8, 6:00 p.m., PH

Parking Lot Paving Project (weather permitting)

Monday-Wednesday, October 9-11, all activities cancelled

Healing Prayer Services

Tuesdays, October 10, 17, 24 & 31, 7:00-8:00 p.m., CH

TEAM Meeting

Wednesday, October 11, 10:00 a.m., OF

Order of St. Luke

Thursday, October 12, 6:30-8:30 p.m., PH

Steadfast House Meal

Friday, October 13, 6:00 p.m.

Taizé Worship Service

Sunday, October 15, 8:00-9:00 p.m., CH

Master Gardeners "Clean Up" Day

Monday, October 16, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Vestry Meeting

Monday, October 16, 5:30 p.m., LI

Men of the Church

Tuesday, October 17, 6:00 p.m., PH

Buildings and Grounds Workday

Saturday, October 21, 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

ECW Luncheon & Brainstorming Session

Saturday, October 21, 12:00 noon, PH

Children's Sabbath

Sunday, October 22, 9:00 a.m. service, CH

Oktoberfest

Friday, October 27, 5:30-7:30 p.m., PH

Centering Prayer meets Sundays at 5:00 p.m. and Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in the downstairs conference room. All are welcome.

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



Our friends from the **Master Gardeners**, under the guidance of Kathleen Griffin, will be tidying up around the church grounds Monday, October 16, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. If you see them busy getting our flower beds ready for the winter season, please let them know how much they are appreciated.

The October meeting of **Men of the Church** is Tuesday, October 17, 6:00 p.m., hosted by O.E. Starnes in the parish hall. The cost is \$15, and a sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. All men of the church are welcome.

Monday Morning Gospel Bible Study meets 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. **No meetings October 9 or 16.**

The Mountain Chapter of the **Order of St. Luke** will meet on Thursday, October 12, 6:30-8:30 p.m., in the parish hall, for a continuation of the series *Deepening Our Friendship with the Holy Spirit*. Our DVD and discussion will focus on "Who's in Control?" as we explore the tension between our desire to run our own lives and our desire to be filled by the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. All are welcome. One does not have to be an OSL member to attend. We will not meet if the Asheville city schools are closed that day or close early because of inclement weather. We hope you will bless us and be blessed by attending the 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, October 8, at the French Broad Brewery, 101 Fairview Road. You may bring a snack at 5:30 p.m.; singing is 6:00-8:00. For more information, contact Monty Wooten at montywooten@bellsouth.net or 828-254-1114. Get directions at frenchbroadbrewery.com/directions/.

Parish News, Updates and Reminders

TIME FOR THE PUMPKIN PATCH! Great news!

The pumpkins arrive Sunday October 1, and we'll need lots of energetic volunteers at 12:30 p.m. to get them off the truck and out onto our front lawn. We'll have lunch first, so remember, the more folks we have, the faster it will go and the more fun we'll have! We're also scheduling volunteers to sell pumpkins throughout the month of October. Sign up is easy this year. Just go to the Grace web site, graceepiscopalchurch.us and click "Sign Up" under the picture of the big orange pumpkin. You may also sign up in the church foyer.

As in years past, Grace Church hosts the Consider Haiti Pumpkin Patch, and it is the organization's single biggest fund-raiser of the year. All proceeds go to programs in Haiti – medical clinics, community health agents, clean water, and sustainable nutrition.



FOYER GROUP POTLUCK. Foyer Groups are a chance to meet other members of Grace Church outside of the church setting. A Foyer Group Potluck supper will meet on Sunday evening, October 8th, at 6:00 in the Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend. This will be a chance for everyone to get acquainted and to see how many Foyer groups we will need to form. We would love to have at least one group that includes children! Please let Sally Withers know if you have any questions 712-1955.

ECW LUNCHEON & BRAINSTORMING SESSION OCTOBER 21. The Episcopal Church Women will host a luncheon and brainstorming session Saturday, October 21 at 12 noon. We'll be getting together for a soup and salad luncheon in the parish hall, and after the meal and some time to catch up, Valerie Heavens will facilitate the group to brainstorm the needs and interests of the women of the church. As women, we are often the caregivers and supporters of others. How do we as the ECW support each other? All women of the church are encouraged to attend, and bring friends. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the church foyer.

OKTOBERFEST IS BACK! Don't miss Oktoberfest at Grace! Join the fun Friday, October 27, 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Brats will be sizzling on the grill and everyone is invited to bring a German dish and a beverage to share. Our own PubSing band will be on hand to provide your favorite oompah and polka music. It's a fun parish-wide celebration of the fall season and a great opportunity to meet folks from other services. *Prost!* (German for "Cheers!")



WHY YOU SHOULD CONSIDER HAITI...

Our Mission. Our mission is simple. We are a 100% donation based non-profit with one objective – to promote the health and welfare of the children of Haiti. We do this by concentrating our efforts in four core programs:

- Medical Care Program
- Community Health Agent Program
- Sustainable Nutrition Program
- Clean Water Program

These programs allow us to provide sustainable, long-term support to the children of Haiti, their families and ultimately, their communities.

Our Vision. Haiti is the poorest country both economically and medically in the Western Hemisphere and one of the poorest in the world. Of every one thousand children born in Haiti, 139 will die before reaching the age of five. Our vision is to help as many children as possible. Every child counts!

And when you support Consider Haiti or volunteer your time with us:

95% of all contributions are utilized directly in Haiti!

Consider Haiti is a 501C3 organization and all donations are tax deductible.

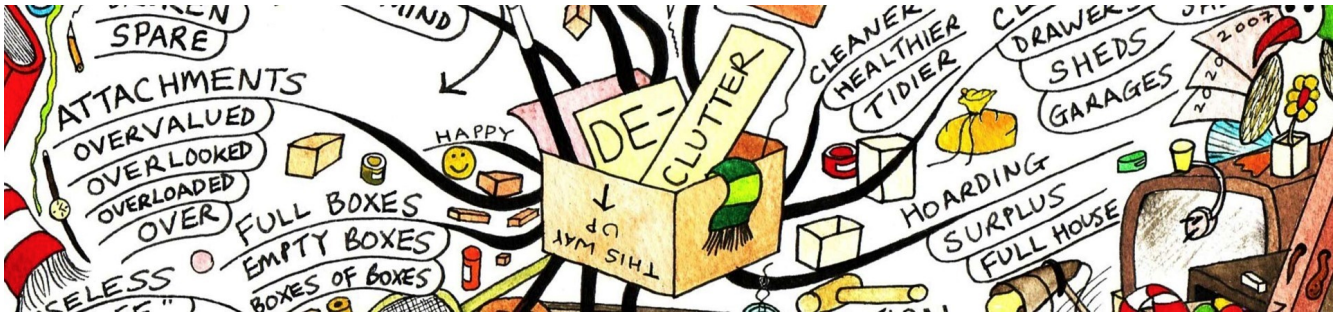
All Consider Haiti staff are volunteers.

We focus on sustainable solutions for malnourished children under the age of five.

We are a local charity with local support!

To learn more about Consider Haiti, visit
<http://considerhaiti.org/>.

ECW RUMMAGE SALE IS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4. So now is definitely the time to start cleaning out attics, closets, garages and basements. The annual Grace Rummage Sale, presented by the Episcopal Church Women, needs gently used clothes, books, small appliances, jewelry and more. Call the church office to arrange to bring your donations in early, or drop them off Tuesday through Friday, the week prior to the sale. As always, volunteers are needed to sort and sell and clean up afterwards, so please join in. To help out, call Nancy Remmers, 298-9789.



No matter how much “stuff” we donated the year before, we always seem to accumulate more for next year. Now’s the time to declutter for a great cause. Rummage Sale proceeds are used by the ECW to provide Camp Henry scholarships as well as help for other Grace projects. Your support is a blessing!

THE PIG PICKIN’ WAS SO MUCH FUN. Thank you to our hosts, the Men of the Church, and all who pitched in to make it such a great evening. Below are a few photos we thought everyone would enjoy. See more on the Grace Facebook page, www.Facebook.com/graceasheville.



Notes From the Margins

Catherine Godfrey

Catherine Godfrey now goes by her maiden name of Catherine Stratton. She would even answer to her childhood name of Kitsy! Catherine, formerly a member of Grace, currently lives in South Carolina with her daughter, Sarah. She can be reached at CatherineStratton@charter.net. Her blog is called TodaysTeachableMoment.wordpress.com.

Here I am, 62 years old and I have finally learned how to retain what I read; I was wisely advised to 1) define my intention when starting a book, writing on the front page what my intention is; 2) underline and circle all passages that are important to me; 3) make detailed notes in the margins as to how and why the underlined and circled passages are significant; and 4) write the margin notes as if someone were listening...as if in conversation. I have also learned that there is much wisdom and insight in the margins of society. I have wanted to smack people who say that people who live in poverty...or the homeless...are that way because they want to be. But, I must be honest: I live in poverty, now, and if someone were to offer to lift me out of it, I would have serious reservations. I have not always appreciated the value and merit of my hard life. But with 20/20 hindsight, I can see that God has been answering my prayers...all along the way. I find myself now in a place of honor. The beauty is that I can stand toe-to-toe with scientists, professionals, bureaucrats, and managers; I have been all those things. I can stand shoulder-to-shoulder with single mothers, divorced women, abusive / neglectful parents, persecuted Christians, even the promiscuous because I have been them. Now, I can look in the eyes of customers who are missing teeth, wear worn-out clothing, and are buying cheap food with EBT cards and show them 'knowing love' and compassion; my smile is genuine. I can sit with patience as the crippled man and the one with slow speech get to the parts of their stories where the true deep wisdom of life comes out. I am one with them because I am truly one of them. The 'crazy' woman in the doctor's office is no different from me except that she is at a bad place in her illness and is unmedicated. To be no better off than anyone around me is a truly privileged place to be. I am never embarrassed by their poverty or uncomfortable with their conditions. I sit easy in the DSS or Social Security offices because I belong there. Jesus was able to break bread with the tax collectors and prostitutes because He was one with God. For me, though, it took a lifetime of abuse, neglect, mistreatment, and illness. But I had prayed for that...sort of. When I was a teenager, I prayed for the wisdom that scripture said was so valuable. I also prayed to have a mastery of words so that I might be able to heal and to help people understand life and to get along. Then I forgot that I had prayed for all of this. Thank God, God did not forget. So, here I am. God has been answering my prayers for the past 61.8 years. And God is not done with me yet. These days I'm learning how to obey that small voice that says, "Let her talk."

Vestry Stewardship Commitment

2017 Vestry Stewardship Statement

We, the Vestry of Grace Church, embrace the following principles of stewardship for our parish:

The Clergy tithes (gives at least 10% of their incomes back to God) as an offering of thanksgiving and as an act of obedience to God OR they are committed to a personal program of increased giving, the minimum goal of which is tithing.

Each member of the Vestry tithes (gives at least 10% of his/her income back to God) as an offering of thanksgiving and as an act of obedience to God OR he/ she is committed to a personal program of increased giving, the minimum goal of which is tithing.

Our Vestry and The Episcopal Church affirm the tithe (10%) as the minimum goal and the Biblical standard of Christian giving.

The parish budget is formulated and approved after our parishioners' commitment cards are turned in. The Vestry is officially committed to proportionate giving as the pattern for Christian Stewardship and demonstrates that commitment by waiting until after the stewardship effort to formulate and approve the budget for the coming year.

Our parish offers a tithe (10%) of our parish income to the Diocese. The Vestry is committed to proportionate giving, and demonstrates that commitment by giving a tithe of our income as an offering to our diocese each year.

This statement was approved by the Vestry of Grace Episcopal Church, Asheville, N.C., on September 18, 2017 with the intention of renewing this commitment each year in the future.

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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Adult Formation

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTINUES a study of *America's Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege, and the Bridge to a New America*. Jim Wallis (the author of *God's Politics: Why the Right Gets It Wrong and the Left Doesn't Get It*) addresses the challenges of living out Jesus' commandment to us in our loud, fractious, and increasingly tribal society. Our adult Sunday school study continues in the parish hall as we explore what it means to love one another in today's America.

Additionally, the Alpha Course DVD series taught by Anglican priest Nicky Gumbel will continue during the Sunday school hour in the downstairs conference room. After the DVD, there will be discussion on topics such as:

- Who is Jesus?
- Why did Jesus have to die? and
- Why and how should I tell others the Good News?

Buildings & Grounds



PARKING LOT PAVING, WORK DAY, TREE REMOVAL. Thank you to everyone who pitches in and helps keep our church and grounds looking beautiful! October is another busy month.

Weather permitting, **paving of the main parking lot** will begin Monday, October 9 and continue through Wednesday. All activities will be canceled. If you have questions, please contact the church office.

A **workday** is scheduled for Saturday, October 21, 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Come one,

come all, to help us build a retaining wall for a new garden off of the upper parking lot! Bring a shovel and rake if you have them. See you there!

Good job done on tree removal! You may have noticed recently some additional trees being trimmed and/or removed in order to create a safe environment for everyone here at the church. This work was done, in addition to removing the old rusted chain link fence along the lower parking lot, by Randy Hensley. He did a splendid job and we recommend him to you. When you have a need, call Randy to look after you and to give you a fair price for whatever work he does. Call him at 828-275-0059. He is honest, reasonable, friendly and strives to do the best job possible! Thank you, Randy!

Episcopal Church Women

A COUPLE OF ECW DATES TO REMEMBER. The Episcopal Church Women Luncheon and Brainstorming Session is Saturday, October 21 at 12 noon. Please sign up on the bulletin board and join us.

And don't forget the upcoming ECW Rummage Sale, Saturday, November 4. Donations and volunteers are still needed.

Details on both these events can be found on pages 3 and 4.

Grace Ministries continued on the next page >>>

Outreach

BACKPACKERS REQUESTING TUNA AND CANNED FRUIT. When Manna Food Bank is short on certain staples for our Backpacker Program, we turn to you for help. Right now, we are in need of canned tuna (the 3-ounce size) and canned fruit (15-ounce size). Tuna is a great source of protein and can be added to macaroni and cheese. Fruit is a good dessert or snack that is easy for a child to open and serve. Please add these items to your weekly grocery list and bring them to the church.

Right now, the Backpackers are filling approximately 45 bags a week for children in need at Jones Elementary. With your help, we are able to include a variety of nutritious items. As always, many thanks for your generosity.



ABCCM Volunteer Opportunities

ABCCM'S VARIOUS MINISTRIES ARE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS as they feed the hungry, visit the imprisoned, take in the stranger, and care for the sick. No experience is necessary; volunteers will be trained. The Medical Ministry needs receptionists, clerical assistance, data entry assistance, intake assistance, providers, dentists, dental assistants, nursing staff, pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and pharmacy support. Volunteer shifts are Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 9am-12pm and Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 5-8pm. Contact Beth Reeves, FNP, at 259-5339 or Maia Price at maia.price@abccm.org or 398-6690. The Jail Ministry needs Bible study leaders and library assistants. Contact chaplains Dr. Norman Sanders at volunteer@abccm.org or Vanessa James at vanessa.james@buncombecounty.org.

The Crisis Ministry needs receptionists, data entry assistance, counselors, food pantry assistance/lunch servers, clothing room organizers, and furniture pick-up assistants and schedulers. Volunteer shifts are Monday-Friday from 8:30am-12:30pm and from 12:30-4:30pm. Contact Aaron Schnurbusch at 259-5300 or aaron.schnurbusch@abccm.org for the Main Crisis Ministry; Ian Williams at 259-5301 or ian.williams@abccm.org for the Hominy Valley Crisis Ministry; the volunteer coordinator at 259-5302 or volunteer@abccm.org for the South Crisis Ministry; Alan Sonner at 259-5303 or alan.sonner@abccm.org for the North Samaritan Crisis Ministry; and Reggie Glenn at 259-5322 or reggie.glenn@abccm.org for donation pick-up.

The Homeless Ministry consists of the Veterans' Restoration Quarters for men and Steadfast House for women and children. The Veterans' Restoration Quarters needs receptionists, chaplains, cook teams, teachers, and facilitators. Contact the volunteer coordinator at 398-6615 or volunteer@abccm.org. Steadfast House needs receptionists, chaplains, cook teams, teachers, and a structured-play leader. Contact the volunteer coordinator at 398-6985 or volunteer@abccm.org. Volunteer shifts at both locations are Monday-Friday from 9am-12pm, from 1-5pm, and from 7-9pm.

Wedding Ministry

TESTIMONIALS FROM MEMBERS OF THE WEDDING COMMITTEE. *We continue to share testimonials from volunteers who host and help the couples who choose Grace as their wedding venue. This month, we hear from co-chair of the Wedding Committee Elaine Potter.*

Being on the Wedding Committee has been a wonderful experience for me. As someone who was baptized, confirmed, married (the first time), and has family buried here, Grace is a very special place to me. It is great to be able to share that specialness with people from all over. As a committee member, you spend a lot of time communicating with the bride and groom. Once a couple has expressed interest and signed the contract, a wedding committee member starts communication that can last from six months to over a year. Usually it starts out with an email once or twice a month, and then gets a little more frequent as the wedding approaches. Because of this, by the time we meet the family they already feel like family. And then to be able to be there for the actual wedding is very special. As committee members we are very serious about keeping the sanctity of the church, so the people that use the church have to follow our specific guidelines, which they are happy to do. We encourage the new couple to come back and visit on their anniversary. Also, 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.

October 2017 Ministry Schedule

Date	Service Time	Acolyte C	Acolyte G	Acolyte E	Lector, Intercessor & Presenters	Healing Team	Ushers	Chalicians	Coffee Hour	Scripture	Lesson
October 1											
	7:45						Steve Jones	James Cannon			
	9:00	Maya Bell	Lauren Kuykendall	Louise Wernicke	L,I,P - Vicki Vest, Greg Townsend, Townsend Family	Louise Wernicke Patricia Hargrove	Tricia and Mickey Trinite	1. Daphne Urquhart 2. Debbie Jones	Micki Newton	Exodus 17:1-7	1st Lesson
	11:15	Jonah Silvers	Sally Withers	Mark Silvers	L, I, P - Jenny Thomas, Nancy Remmers	Pat Davis Karen Compton	Larry Harris George Davis	1. Steve Parker 2. Mark Silvers	Volunteer	Philippians 2:1-13	2nd Lesson 9 AM
October 8											
	7:45						Ed Duncan	Susan Robinson			
	9:00	Gavin Knapp	Cheryl Dayton	Zoe Davis	L,I,P - John and Beth Woodson	Allyn and Joan Aldrich	Will Israel Tom Barr	1. Carol Booth 2. Jenny Knapp	Elaine Dephouse	Isaiah 5:1-7	1st Lesson
	11:15	Rusty McCredie	Olivia Nery	Ellie Silvers	L, I, P - Rusty McCredie, Kimberly Kneier	Mary Israel Corinne Spencer	Bob Turner Ed Woockener	1. Charles Carter 2. Kimberly Kneier	Pat Stafford	Philippians 3:4b-14	2nd Lesson 9 AM
October 15											
	7:45						Steve Jones	Margaret Dahm			
	9:00	Carsten Path	Tessa Path	Daphne Urquhart	L,I,P - Hugh Vaughn, Barbara Wilcox	Pat Davis Jane Whitman	Ray and Lauren Kuykendall	1. Greg Townsend 2. Cuyler Dupree	Cuyler Dupree	Isaiah 25:1-9	1st Lesson
	11:15	Bob Grimes	Sally Withers	Grace Miller	L,I,P - Kristen Dusenbery, Jenny Thomas	Karen Compton Sonny Rawls	Dave Ely Elaine Potter	1. Carol McMichael 2. Bill Warren	Georgi Bruce	Philippians 4:1-9	2nd Lesson 9 AM
	Taizé 8:00 PM				I, L - Monty Woolen						
October 22											
	7:45						Ed Duncan	Jack Frue			
	9:00	Liesl Ellington	Lauren Kuykendall	Laura Ellington	L, I, P - Nancy Walters, Jenny Knapp, Knapp Family	Jeanne Robertson Shari Lane	Derek and Wade Edwards	1. Ann Robinson 2. Nancy Walters	Paul Vest	Isaiah 45:1-7	1st Lesson
	11:15	Cheryl Aull	Ellie Silvers	Eric Howell	L, I, P - Mark Silvers, Elaine Potter	Mary Israel Sonny Rawls	Ed Woockener Larry Harris	1. Cliff Albertson 2. Elaine Potter	Mary Ann Warren	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	2nd Lesson 9 AM
October 29											
	7:45						Steve Jones	Jack Frue			
	9:00	Zoe Davis	Aleena Bennett	Moir Stewart	L, I, P - Daphne and Paul Urquhart	Brenda Haller Ann Robinson	Paul and Vicki Vest	1. Cuyler Dupree 2. Greg Townsend	Micki Newton	Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18	1st Lesson
	11:15	Jonah Silvers	Sally Withers	Mark Silvers	L, I, P - Carol McMichael, Jenny Thomas	alternates	Rusty Herman Bob Turner	1. Eric Howell 2. Nancy Remmers	Volunteer	1 Thessalonians 2:1-8	2nd Lesson 9 AM
Altar Guild											
Date	Counters	Depositors	Date	Flower Arrangers	Altar Guild						
1-Oct	Steve Birkhofer	James Cannon	1-Oct	Israel	Group 1: September 30 - October 6						
8-Oct	Martha Boyette	Judy Bohan	8-Oct	Jones	Group 2: October 7 - October 13						
15-Oct	Sally Withers	Chal & Hugh Vaughn	15-Oct	Jones	Group 3: October 14 - October 20						
22-Oct	Georgi Bruce	Anne Simmons	22-Oct	Dawson and Wills	Group 4: October 21 - October 27						
29-Oct	Georgi Bruce	Steve Birkhofer	29-Oct	Dawson	Group 5: October 28 - November 3						

Our Prayer List

October

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*); **Arnold & Nancy Clark**; **Nathan Crownover** (*son of Bill & Barbara Crownover*); **Ed Denison**; **Eunice Ferguson**; **Mary Hayes**; **Wendy Kuykendall**; **Straudia & Mel Luedtke**; **Joyce Noble**; **Nancy Porter**; **Elaine Potter**; **Sonny Rawls**; **Betty** (*mother of Beth Stahl*); **Laura & Tsz-yan Snyder**; **Rita Spragg**; **Paul, Angela, Harrison & Forrest Taylor**.

For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities: **Jo Brokenshire**; **Henny Caldwell**; **Mary Hayes** (*mother of Rick Hayes*); **Lou** (*mother of Kim Hayes*); **Mary Ida Sprague**; **Laura Stephens**.

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): **Chris Boehme** (*son-in-law of Mary Alice Nard*); **Deane Boggs** (*sister of Joyce Noble*); **Sullivan Bull** (*friend of Ron & Jeanne Sims*); **Rocky Cunningham**; **Stephanie Dill** (*friend of Julia Anne Dawson*); **Kacie Epley** (*cousin of Vicki & Paul Vest*); **Al Fadel** (*friend of Nancy & Arnold Clark*); **Alex Freeman** (*son-in-law of Rusty Herman*); **Joanne Giezentanner Greene** (*friend of Nancy & Arnold Clark*); **Christine Gum** (*friend of Kathleen Griffin*); **Danny Hall** (*brother-in-law of David Gentry*); **Priscilla Hickey** (*sister-in-law of Barbara Wilcox*); **Kathleen Johnson** (*friend of Barbara Wilcox*); **Jeff Johnston** (*cousin of Eva Dupree*); **Kathleen Lucero** (*niece of Kathleen Griffin*); **Jim Monroe** (*friend of Jeannette & Bob Reese*); **Luke** (*kindergarten student of Vicki Vest*); **Allie Pannell** (*niece of Ron and Jeanne Sims*); **Janice Ribet** (*former parishioner*); **Marcus Trinite** (*son of Mickey and Tricia Trinite*); **Lara Weaver** (*daughter of Jackie Schauer*); **Janet Waters** (*daughter of Cal & Nancy Remmers*); **Wayne Wills** (*brother of Don Wills*); **Drew** (*nephew of Cheryl Aull*); **Elizabeth**; **Holli** (*friend of Cheryl Aull*); **June** (*friend of Barbara Wilcox*); **Meg**; **Pam** (*friend of Cheryl Aull*); **Steve, Sue; Susan**.

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

For Those Who Have Died and Their Families: **Pat Bohan** (*father of Mike Bohan*); **Kelli Davis** (*daughter of George & Pat Davis*); **Rusk Henry**; **Doris Rigsby**; **Mike St. Clair**.

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 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** (*nephew of Bill & Glenda 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; for those affected by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria and for all who are helping them.

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

October Anniversaries

Doug and Linda Mahin	2
Travers and Charlotte Chiott	5
Steven and Lisa Birkhofer	12
Elaine Potter and Annika Brock	12
Steve and Nora Jones	16
Bill and Mary Ann Warren	25
Watson and Meghan Jordan	26
Eva and Melissa Andres-Hsu	29

October Birthdays

1 Lelia Cort	14 Maggie Green
2 Roger Snyder	16 Robert Porter
4 Jack Westall	19 Bobbie Eblen
5 Steve Jones	19 Greg Townsend
6 Corinne Spencer	20 Becky Hannah
8 Grace Green	20 Paul Urquhart
8 Shannon Townsend	21 Caroline Jordan
9 Martha Boyette	22 Robert Carlton
9 Georgi Bruce	22 Anne Jarema
9 Ann Robinson	23 Angela Hall
9 Laura Snyder	23 Mary Orr Hayes
10 Jonah Silvers	24 Peggy Grimes
11 Camille Sluder	24 Anna Hamrick
11 Finn Southwell	25 Jeremy Cress
13 Caleb Cain	25 Liz Krueger
13 Graham Hunter	26 Robert Potter
13 Amy Lyda	29 Cleo Doran
13 Daphne Urquhart	30 Jacob Haller

Special Gifts

The Aumbry candle is given to the Glory of God by Deb Pegel in thanksgiving for Grace Parish and for her family.

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by: Charlotte and Travers Chiott in thanksgiving for Grace Church and for their many blessings;

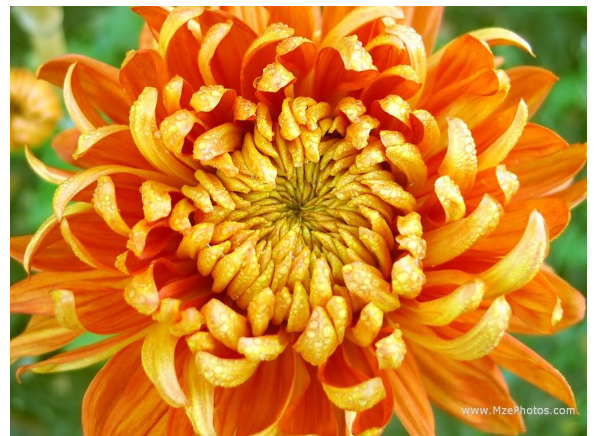
Sarah Burnham in memory of her mother Susan Barnes Burnham;

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

Ed Duncan in memory of Dick L. Drake;

Mary Ann and Bill Warren in thanksgiving for their wedding anniversary and in loving memory of their parents Felcie and Junius Warren and Andrew Marion and Abbie Jean Jowers Lynn;

Beth and Pat McKinsey in memory of Beth's brother Bill Murtiashaw, Beth's parents Eva Gary and Charlie Murtiashaw, and Pat's father Patrick McKinsey.



Our thoughts and prayers are with the families, loved ones and friends of
Pat Bohan (father of Mike Bohan), Kelli Davis (daughter of Pat and George Davis); Dawn
Hartness (cousin of Rusty Herman), Richard Senneff (friend of Don Wills), and Mike St. Clair.

Reduced Spending Eases Shortfall

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

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Income:			
Pledges	223,651	228,695	(5,045)
Prior Year Pledges	550	5,286	(4,736)
Non-pledged Offerings	31,441	30,765	675
Open Offering	5,796	8,551	(2,756)
Interest	41	27	14
Misc.	9,317	9,968	(651)
Total Income:	270,795	283,293	(12,498)
Expenses:			
Outreach/Mission	29,335	32,688	(3,353)
Parish Programs	8,496	9,513	(1,017)
Operations	43,414	46,491	(3,077)
Personnel	190,960	194,902	(3,942)
Total Expenses:	272,205	283,593	(11,388)
Income Less Expenses:	(1,410)	(300)	(1,110)

Pledge receipts through the end of August totaled \$223,651 compared to projected pledges of \$228,695. Considering all income sources, income received for the year totaled \$270,795, while we projected income to be \$283,293. We ended the month with a negative income variance of \$12,498.

The negative income variance was reduced by expenses less than budgeted amounts by \$11,388. When these savings were applied to the negative income variance of \$12,498 our income less expenses resulted in a surplus of \$1,110 at the end of August.

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

Your Vestry

Keeping God's Children Safe

Copies of the diocesan *Guidelines for Appropriate Affection and Code of Conduct* have been distributed to vestry members, ministry leaders, and leaders and members of committees and groups. Parish leadership has requested that as many people as possible read and sign the guidelines as a reflection of the Grace Church community's commitment to insuring that all children and youth are protected from abuse. The Grace community wants to insure that it continues to provide a safe place for children to grow, play, learn, and worship.

The diocese is also committed to providing a positive, nurturing environment that protects children and youth from abuse. The guidelines establish appropriate and inappropriate forms of affection in order to create safe boundaries for children and youth. Establishing appropriate and inappropriate behaviors makes it possible to show positive affection in appropriate ways. Establishing those behaviors also makes it possible to recognize behaviors that do not create safe boundaries for children and youth. The guidelines make it possible to avoid inappropriate behaviors.

The guidelines list appropriate ways to demonstrate affection that establish safe boundaries for children and youth. The guidelines also list inappropriate forms of affection for interacting with children and youth. Those who sign the guidelines agree to prevent abuse and neglect of children and youth and to report any inappropriate behaviors with or abuse of children or youth to appropriate authorities.



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