



the Grace TEAM

to each a ministry

November 2017
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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), 6:30 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,

November is always a very busy month. Our fall worship and Sunday School continue in full swing. We are in the middle of our Grace Impact 2018: Making Ministries Move stewardship effort with two remaining Covenant or ingathering Sundays on November 5 and 12. We have a Rummage Sale on November 4. Our Diocesan Convention will be held November 11-12. The Pub-Sing will be held on November 12 and our monthly Taizé service will be held on November 19. Our Annual Parish Meeting and Celebration of Ministries is also scheduled for November 19. And finally, add to that all the celebration and travel of Thanksgiving!

It's interesting that every single one of those November events above is done to the glory of God by you, the people of Grace. So many of you will give of yourselves to accomplish and to be a part of all of these important events this very month.

I think what I want to say to you, Beloved, is to add all of these upcoming events to your prayers. I have asked people to sign up for a prayer vigil before each of our three Covenant Sundays, praying for each and every member of Grace as we pray about what God would have us return to Him as a financial offering through Grace Church in 2018. We are looking forward to seeing what God does through you!

One of my former bishops in Iowa, Bishop Chris Epting, led a workshop on prayer for the diocese. He

talked about the importance of offering the day to God in prayer as we rise from sleep and thanking God for the day as we go to bed at night. He called this "bracketing your day with prayer." He said that bracketing our day with prayer helps keep it from being "just one darned thing after another!"

That is what I am saying to you about this busy month of November.

Let's help one another celebrate God and seek God's face through each and every one of these events. Let's pray for patience for all of us who are leading these efforts. Find out who is leading each of these efforts and pray for them by name. Let's cover one another with our prayers and ask for the anointing of God's Holy Spirit upon each event, its leaders and

every single person involved in it. Let's covenant together to bracket all of these events this month with prayer so that they will be "one joyous thing after another" as we worship and pray and study and serve God together.

The great news, after such a busy month, is that "Advent is coming!" During Advent, we don't have so many things planned. During Advent, we slow down, and watch and pray. As the days get shorter and the physical darkness of night encroaches upon each day, we light our candles and pray our Advent prayers. We wait with great anticipation for the Feast of the Incarnation, the celebration of that wonderful event when God became human as an infant in a stable in Bethlehem. They named him Jesus, which means "savior" for He was to save the people from their sins.

Blessings to you,

Fr. Gary

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Events at a Glance

A Quick Review of the Month

Centering Prayer

Sundays, 5:00-5:30 p.m., OF; 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.

ECW Rummage Sale

Saturday, November 4, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Grace Impact 2018 24-Hour Prayer Vigils

Friday-Saturday, November 3-4 and 10-11 (see p. 4)

Grace Impact 2018 In-Gathering Sundays

November 5 and 12, all services

Generational Healing Eucharist

Tuesday, November 7, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

TEAM Meeting

Wednesday, November 8, 10:00 a.m., OF

Order of St. Luke

Thursday, November 9, 6:30-8:30 p.m., PH

Steadfast House Meal

Friday, November 10, 6:00 p.m.

Room in the Inn

Sunday-Sunday, November 12-19

Pub Sing

Sunday, November 12: snacks at 5:30 p.m.; singing at 6:00 p.m.

Directory Update Photo Session

Monday, November 13, 2:00-8:00 p.m. (details on p. 3)

Healing Prayer Services

Tuesdays, November 14, 21, & 28, 6:30-7:30 p.m., CH

Men of the Church

Tuesday, November 14, 6:00 p.m.

Purls of Grace

Thursday, November 16, 5:00 p.m., LI

Celebration of Ministries & Annual Meeting

Sunday, November 19, 5:30 p.m., PH

Taizé Worship Service

Sunday, November 19, 8:00-9:00 p.m., CH

Vestry Meeting

Monday, November 20, 5:30 p.m., LI

Thanksgiving Holiday (church office closed)

Thursday-Friday, November 23-24

A Celebration of Ministries & Annual Meeting potluck will be held Sunday, November 19, 5:30-7:30, in the parish hall. Find details on page 5.

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

Directory Update Time! On November 13, 2:00-8:00 p.m., we will be taking photographs and updating information for the 2017 Grace directory update! You must have an appointment, so hurry and get on the schedule at <http://tinyurl.com/gracedir>. Read more on page 3.

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

The November meeting of Men of the Church is Tuesday, November 14, 6:00 p.m., hosted by George Davis, 6 Creekside Way, Asheville. 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.

The Mountain Chapter of the Order of St. Luke will meet on Thursday, November 9, 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, November 12, 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/.



**REMEMBER TO SET
YOUR CLOCKS BACK
ONE HOUR SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 5!**

Parish News, Updates and Reminders

ECW RUMMAGE SALE IS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 8:00-3:00. If you haven't done it already, now is definitely the time to start cleaning out attics, closets, garages and basements. The annual Grace Rummage Sale can still use your gently used clothes, books, small appliances, jewelry and more. Drop donations off now through Thursday, November 2, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and Friday, November 3, 8:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. You may also bring in donations during any church event between now and November 3. 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 or Mary Ann Warren, 252-5783.



Rummage Sale proceeds are used by the ECW to provide Camp Henry scholarships as well as assistance for other Grace projects, so please help out by donating, volunteering, and then—SHOP, SHOP, SHOP on Saturday, November 4. Your support is a blessing!

GRACE DIRECTORY UPDATE PHOTO SESSION. Are you new to Grace Church? Do you want to give loved ones the latest family photos as Christmas gifts this year? Is there a new baby in the family? Were you simply not able to get to the church last fall to have your portrait made? No problem! **On Monday, November 13**, we will be taking photographs and updating information to use in a 2017 update insert for your Grace directory.

You need an appointment for this special session, but signing up is easy. Just go to <http://tinyurl.com/gracedir> online. No login or password is needed and appointments will be available between 2:00 and 8:00 p.m. You may also call the church office.



Having an up-dated directory is so important, especially for newcomers because it helps us all put names with faces, so make your appointment today. Please call Kathleen Griffin at 828-337-8241 if you have any questions.

PURLS OF GRACE. Fall is a great time to get back to those knitting and crocheting projects. Purls of Grace is a very special group of folks who will continue their third Thursday monthly meetings on Thursday, November 16 at 5:00 p.m. in the library. You are cordially invited to join in as they knit and crochet prayer shawls that are given to people, mostly parishioners, who are sick, homebound, grieving or in some other situation where a warm hug may be needed. Shawls, lap robes and hats from Purls of Grace, along with the prayers that accompany them, provide a special and meaningful kind of comfort and healing.

In addition to the monthly Thursday meetings, coordinator Beth Woodson is going to try something new this year. On first Saturdays at 10:00 a.m., she will also offer a drop-in session for those who can't make Thursday evenings, who need help with a project, or who want to dig into her stash of yarn and patterns. For more information about Purls of Grace, please contact Beth, 645-4293 or dryridge@aol.com.

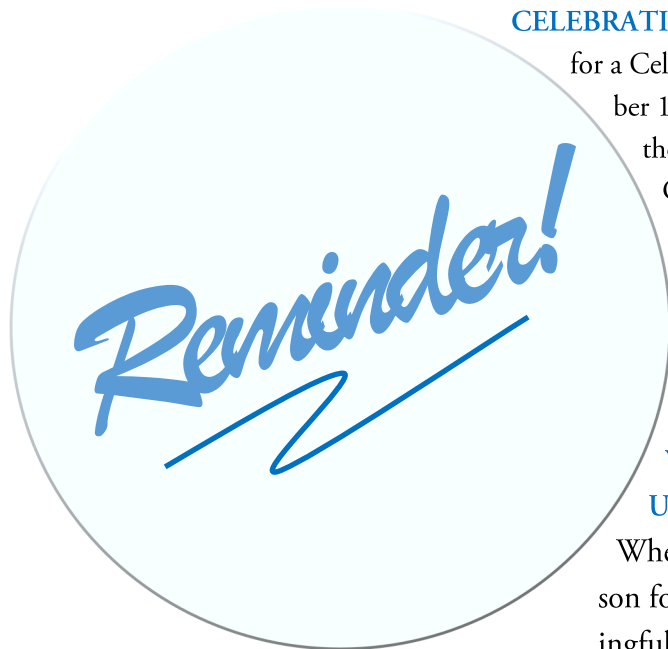
One of the things that we looked at together on Stewardship Education Sunday is God's promises to bless our financial giving. From Malachi 3:6-12, 2 Corinthians 9:5-15, and the Gospel according to Luke 6:32-38, all three passages promise that God will multiply and bless our financial gifts to Him. I was reminded of 2 Chronicles 7:14, **"If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and forgive their sin and heal their land."**

One way in which we can humble ourselves before God in prayer is by praying for one another by name and asking for God's provision for our parish through our people in 2018. 24-hour prayer vigils are scheduled prior to the remaining Covenant Sundays, November 5 and 12. Please join with those who are praying in the vigils and pray for God's blessing on **Grace Impact 2018**. Sign-ups for these next two Prayer Vigils will be available in the church. **If you cannot make it to church and would like to sign up to pray for an hour time slot in one of the vigils, just give us a call at the church office, 254-1086, and Valerie will get you signed up.** It will be exciting to see what God does in response to our prayers! Thank you in advance for your prayerful participation as we pray for God's provision for our parish in 2018.

(If you come to church for a vigil and the church, library, parish hall, and/or conference room are in use by a wedding group or others, please feel free to use my office.)



More Than Just an Annual Meeting



CELEBRATION OF MINISTRIES AND ANNUAL MEETING. Join us for a Celebration of Ministries and Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 19, 5:30-7:30 p.m., in the parish hall. Bring a dish to share for the potluck supper and stay to learn about all the wonderful ways Grace Church is making a difference in our Parish and in our community. In addition to our meeting, we are also taking this opportunity to thank the volunteers at Grace. You give so much, and sometimes we forget to tell you how very much it is appreciated. Everyone is welcome to attend.

WHEN IS A VOLUNTEER MORE THAN JUST A VOLUNTEER?

When the work is a freely, joyfully given gift. When the time spent is genuine and heartfelt. When the reason for doing it is bigger than a single individual, more meaningful than personal gratification.

Reading the lessons or ushering on Sunday morning involve such a little bit of time, but are such important ministries in the life of our church family. Delivering bags full of food to kids at Jones once a week or cooking up a batch of chili for home-bound members of our own parish both have an impact on other lives, but require such a small piece of our own lives. Helping with Sunday school, arranging flowers for the altar, assisting in the church office, minding the Pumpkin Patch, gardening, acolyting or serving as a lay Eucharistic minister, helping coordinate weddings, using your computer savvy to improve communications—these are just *some* of the many ways in which volunteers invest themselves in the Grace Church family.

Thank you to each of you. Without your gifts, your skills, your financial support, and your caring, generous consideration of what God calls us all to do and be, Grace Church just wouldn't be the same.

- Adult Formation
- Altar Guild
- Buildings and Grounds
- Child Formation
- Choir
- Communications
- Endowment
- Episcopal Church Women (ECW)
- Fellowship
- Finance
- Flower Guild
- Healing Ministry
- Men of the Church
- Newcomers
- Outreach
- Pastoral Care
- PubSing
- Stewardship
- Taizé
- Youth Formation
- Wedding Ministry
- Worship



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.

MINISTRY LEADERS

ADULT FORMATION: Greg Townsend, gwtownsend@outlook.com

ALTAR GUILD:

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Bill Crownover, billcrownover@gmail.com

CHILD FORMATION: Mark Silvers, mhswjak@hotmail.com

CHOIR: Rusty McCredie, rebscape@att.net

COMMUNICATIONS: Eric Howell, eric_howell@att.net

ENDOWMENT: Mike Nery, mnery.nam@att.net

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW): Mary Ann Warren, maandwrw@gmail.com; Nancy Remmers, 298-9789

FELLOWSHIP: Sally Withers, sallywithers@gmail.com

FINANCE: Oscar Starnes, oscar.starnes@wellsfargo.com; Joe Aull, jaull@charter.net

FLOWER GUILD: Mary Israel, tobarranged@bellsouth.net

HEALING MINISTRY: Jeanne Robertson, jrobertson38@me.com

MEN OF THE CHURCH: Jim Compton, j.t.compton@gmail.com

NEWCOMERS: Ray Kuykendall, brk1442@gmail.com

OUTREACH: Cheryl Deyton, cheryldeyton@bellsouth.net

PASTORAL CARE: Kathleen Griffin, gkcggriffin7@att.net

PUBSING: Monty Wooten, montywooten@bellsouth.net

STEWARDSHIP: Kimberly Kneier, kkneier@yahoo.com

TAIZÉ: James Cannon, imjcannon@frontier.com

YOUTH FORMATION: Elaine Potter, elaine@graylineasheville.com

WEDDING MINISTRY: Elaine Potter, elaine@graylineasheville.com; Cheri Potter, Cheripotter82@gmail.com

WORSHIP: Gary Coffey, garycoffey77@gmail.com

Adult Formation

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTINUES a lively study of *America's Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege, and the Bridge to a New America* by Jim Wallis (the author of *God's Politics: Why the Right Gets It Wrong and the Left Doesn't Get It*) in the parish hall.

In the downstairs conference room, the *Alpha* program, taught on DVD by the Anglican priest Nicky Gumbel, continues with discussion following.

Buildings & Grounds



A NEW FENCE. PARKING LOT PAVING. Our new fence facing the lower parking lot is up, and it looks great! Some exciting finishing

touches will be added when the treated wood has cured for a few weeks.

In addition, the paving and painting in our lower parking lot is completed! This much-needed project was underwritten by a gift from Helen Powers and interest income from our endowment fund.



Episcopal Church Women

PROJECTS AND PLANS FROM A RE-ENERGIZED ECW. The ECW lunch bunch met on October 21. Valerie Heavens led a brainstorming session toward helping ECW determine ways to assist parishioners, assist established ministries, and encourage an increase in church membership.



Officers were elected: Maria Mason, President; Jeanne Sims, Vice President; Mary Ann Warren, Secretary/Treasurer.

ECW has paid to have new flooring put down in the storage building so it can be used for the Rummage Sale in addition to the parish hall.

Work for the Rummage Sale will start October 30 at 9 a.m. and continue daily until November 4, the day of the sale. Many volunteers will make preparation easier and more fun! Volunteer for any days or any hours that work for your own schedule. Help is needed in all sections.

The next lunch bunch will be on Derby Day, the first Saturday in May, at noon.

Grace Ministries continued on the next page >>>

Fellowship

FOYER GROUPS COMING TOGETHER. Two Foyer Groups have already been created and a third is being formed—a chance to meet other members of our parish outside of the church setting for food and fellowship. Meet in homes or restaurants, during the week or on weekends; singles, couples and families are welcome! Sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer, or contact Sally Withers (sallybwithers@gmail.com) for more information.

Outreach

ABCCM FOOD DRIVES PAST AND FUTURE. Thank you to all who contributed peanut butter and jelly and tuna to help stock the ABCCM food pantry last month. We were able to deliver approximately thirty-eight bags.

And now, we hope you'll start preparing for our final ABCCM food drive of the year. You'll find grocery bags in the pews Sunday, November 26, and we'll collect donations Sunday, December 3. For shopping ahead, they have requested canned beef stew, canned chicken and cornbread mix. As always, your generosity makes a difference for many.

A NOTE FROM ROOM IN THE INN. Once again, overnight guests from the Room In The Inn program will be joining us November 12-19, as Grace Covenant Presbyterian church continues renovations. It has been such a pleasure being able to serve as “backup hosts” over the past few months, and we wanted to share a heartwarming excerpt from a recent thank you note:

“Dear Father Gary, We thank you again for your most kind hospitality. “Room in the Inn” was certainly a pleasure in your beautiful church! The ladies in the “RITI” program appreciated the safe shelter you, your staff and warm congregation provided...”

“You Guys Are My Angels!”

Often, in the day-to-day life of the church office, people in need call or come by seeking assistance. The decision to say “yes” or “no” to these requests is never easy and it is never made lightly. Fr. Gary, through a discretionary fund budgeted for his use, tries to help wherever and whenever he can. This excerpt from a handwritten note brought to the church recently reminds us how much our gifts mean to those who receive them in desperate times:

“I just wanted to say Hi!!! And tell you guys you are greatly appreciated for all you have done for me and my family. I will never be able to repay you so I thought the least I could do is try to show you that I thank you very much from the bottom of my heart. You guys are the most warm hearted and sweet people I have ever met. God bless you. All you guys are my angels! There's a special place in heaven for each and every one of you guys. God bless you all!!! I'll keep you all in my prayers if you guys will do the same for me and my family...”

November 2017 Ministry Schedule

Date	Service Time	Acolyte C	Acolyte G	Acolyte E	Lector, Intercessor & Presenters	Healing Team	Ushers	Chalicians	Coffee Hour	Scripture	Lesson
November 5											
	7:45						Ed Duncan	James Cannon			
	9:00	Maya Bell	Aleena Bennett	Moira Stewart	Jeanne Robertson Ray Kuykendall Kuykendall Family	Louise Wernicke Patricia Hargrove	Tricia and Mickey Trinite	1. John Woodson 2. Greg Townsend	Elaine Dephouse	Revelation 7:9-17	1st Lesson
	11:15	Mark Silvers	Sally Withers	Ellie Silvers	Rusty McCredie Nancy Remmers	Pat Davis Karen Compton	Larry Harris George Davis	1. Steve Parker 2. Elaine Potter	Volunteer	I John 3:1-3	2nd Lesson
November 12											
	7:45						Steve Jones	Susan Robinson			
	9:00	Gavin Knapp	Lauren Kuykendall	Debbie Jones	Bill Crownover Vicki Vest Crownover Family	Allyn and Joan Aldrich	Bill Crownover Tom Barr	1. Jenny Knapp 2. Debbie Jones	Cuyler Dupree	Amos 5:18-24	1st Lesson
	11:15	Rusty McCredie	Sally Withers	Eric Howell	Maria Mason Mark Silvers	Marzy Israel Corinne Spencer	Bob Turner Ed Woeckener	1. Cliff Albertson 2. Eric Howell	Pat Stafford	I Thessalonians 4:13-18	2nd Lesson 9:00 Lesson
November 19											
	7:45						Ed Duncan	Margaret Dahm			
	9:00	Carsten Path	Tessa Path	Zoe Davis	Cuyler Dupree Louise Wernicke	Pat Davis Jane Whitman	Ray Kuykendall Will Israel	1. Greg Townsend 2. Daphne Urquhart	Paul Vest	Deuteronomy 8:7-18	1st Lesson
	11:15	Cheryl Aull	Olivia Nery	Grace Miller	Kristen Dusenbery Jenny Thomas	Sonny Rawls Karen Compton	George Davis Elaine Potter	1. Carol McMichael 2. Sally Coburn	Georgi Bruce	II Corinthians 9:6-15	2nd Lesson 9:00 Lesson
	Taizé 8:00 PM				I - James Cannon L - Monty Wooten						
November 26											
	7:45						Steve Jones	Jack Frue			
	9:00	Laura Ellington	alternate	Liesi Ellington	Daphne Urquhart Paul Urquhart	Jeanne Robertson Shari Lane	Derek and Wade Edwards	1. Cuyler Dupree 2. Ann Robinson	Micki Newton	Ezekiel 34:1-16, 20-24	1st Lesson
	11:15	Jonah Silvers	Sally Withers	Mark Silvers	Steve Parker Nancy Remmers	Marzy Israel Sonny Rawls	Rusty Herman Larry Harris	1. Bill Warren 2. Mark Silvers	Mary Ann Warren	Ephesians 1:15-23	2nd Lesson 9:00 Lesson
Altar Guild											
Date	Counters	Depositors	Date	Flower Arrangers	Altar Guild						
5-Nov	Steve Birkhofer	James Cannon	5-Nov	Newton	Group 1 - November 4 - November 10						
12-Nov	Martha Boyette	Judy Bohan	12-Nov	Newton - Wedding - existing flowers	Group 2 - November 11 - November 17						
19-Nov	Sally Withers	Chal & Hugh Vaughn	19-Nov	Davis	Group 3 - November 18 - November 24						
26-Nov	Georgi Bruce	Anne Simmons	26-Nov	Davis	Group 4 - November 25 - December 1						

Our Prayer List

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: **Peg Carey; 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; 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 and Michael Johnson** (friends of Barbara Wilcox); **Jeff Johnston** (cousin of Eva Dupree); **Fred & Jean Macon** (friends of Don Wills); **Jim Monroe** (friend of Jeannette & Bob Reese); **Allie Pannell** (niece of Ron & Jeanne Sims); **Janice Ribet** (former parishioner); **Marcus Trinite** (son of Mickey & Tricia Trinite); **Lauren Ward** (daughter of Cheri & Robert Potter); **Janet Waters** (daughter of Cal & Nancy Remmers); **Lara Weaver** (daughter of Jackie Schauer); **Wayne Wills** (brother of Don Wills); **Elizabeth; Hendrik** (friend of Barbara Wilcox); **June** (friend of Barbara Wilcox); **Meg; Pam** (friend of Cheryl Aull); **Steve, Sue; Susan.**

Prayers of Thanksgiving: **Barbara Crownover; Joanne Giezentanner Greene; Elaine Potter.**

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 gkcggriffin7@gmail.com or the church office, grace.church.asheville@gmail.com.

November Anniversaries

John and Lelia Cort	14
Peter and Mary Ida Sprague	24
Jim and Beth Stahl	24
Sam Snead and Anna Hamrick	26

November Birthdays

2 Thorsten Path	18 Travis Hall
4 Jo Brokenshire	18 Carole Hudson
4 John Lyda	18 William Potter
4 Paul Taylor	19 Walt Noble
5 Aeron Scales	20 Grazia Starnes
6 Meghan Dephouse	20 Mary Ann Warren
6 Vicki Vest	21 Jim Stahl
6 Mary Jane Westall	22 Bill Warren
9 Alfonso Ponce	23 Paul Vest
9 Jackie Schauer	24 Astrid Coffey
10 Olivia Haller	24 Sue Thompkins
11 Peggy Sutton	25 Shirley Turner
13 Pascale Hunter	25 Hans Van Vonno
14 Doug Haldane	26 Lauren Carlin
14 Margee Moncure	26 Grace Wallace
14 William Townsend	28 Earlyn Hart
15 Carol-Ann Carlin	28 Bryan Milling
16 Susannah Wall	28 Forrest Taylor
17 Betsy Buchanan	30 Nancy Baker
17 Henny Caldwell	

Special Gifts

The Aumbry Candle is given to the Glory of God in memory of John L. Simmons and Virginia L. Simmons, parents of Anne Simmons.

The flowers are given to the Glory of God

by Katie and Mike Nery in thanksgiving for their family;

by Sally and David Withers in honor of their daughters Mary and Elly and Sally's mother Georgie Bruce;

in memory of Phil, Grace and Pete Walker by their family;

by Cheri Potter in thanksgiving for her husband Robert and their children Lindsay, Zane, Lauren, Casey, Michael, and Grayson and their granddaughters Bryn and Blakely and their grandson Remi;

by Bobbi Eblen in loving memory of her mother Jerry Simmons;

by Greg and Shannon Townsend in loving memory of his mother Ruth Ann Fair;

by Anna Hamrick and Sam Snead and their daughters Georgia Grace and Caroline in thanksgiving for the Grace Church family.



Our thoughts and prayers are with the families, loved ones and friends of
Joyce Reaume (friend of Don Wills).

Small Surplus Due to Expense Savings

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

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Income:			
Pledges	252,903	257,282	(4,380)
Prior Year Pledges	550	5,947	(5,397)
Non-pledged Offerings	31,441	34,611	(3,170)
Open Offering	6,444	9,620	(3,176)
Interest	52	30	22
Misc.	10,261	11,214	(953)
Total Income:	301,650	318,705	(17,054)
Expenses:			
Outreach/Mission	32,779	36,774	(3,995)
Parish Programs	9,381	10,364	(983)
Operations	47,779	52,302	(4,523)
Personnel	218,110	219,264	(1,154)
Total Expenses:	308,049	318,705	(10,655)
Income Less Expenses:	(6,399)	(0)	(6,399)

Pledge receipts through the end of September totaled \$252,903, compared to projected pledges of \$257,282. Considering all income sources, income received for the year totaled \$301,650, while we projected income to be \$318,705. We ended the month with a negative income variance of \$17,054.

The negative income variance was reduced by expenses less than budgeted amounts by \$10,655. When these savings were applied to the negative income variance of \$17,054, our income less expenses resulted in a surplus of \$6,399 at the end of September.

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



96th Annual Convention of The Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina

Hosted by the Mountain Deanery

November 10-11, 2017

at Kanuga Conference Center, Hendersonville, NC
featuring guest speaker, Ms. Mary M. MacGregor

Our delegates to the Diocesan Convention this year are Daphne Urquhart and John Woodson. Our thanks to both of you for your willingness to serve our parish in this special way. We look forward to hearing about your convention experiences.



Mary M. MacGregor recently retired as Canon for Congregational Vitality and Mission Amplification for the Episcopal Diocese of Texas. She worked for twenty years with bishops, clergy and lay leaders to assist churches with developmental challenges, rector searches and other training and formation opportunities. She considers the creation and directing of the Iona School for Ministry one of her greatest achievements. This school has graduated over 65 persons for the diaconate and priesthood and spawned the Iona Initiative, a three-

year formation program underway in 18 dioceses. Mary is known for being an engaging and popular speaker having been invited to address conferences, retreats and conventions in over 35 Episcopal dioceses. She is currently serving on the Board of Directors of The Episcopal Network for Stewardship, the Gathering of Leaders, and the Advisory Board for Invite Welcome Connect. Mary is a proud graduate of Louisiana State University and holds a master's degree in education. This past May she was awarded an honorary doctorate by the Seminary of the Southwest in recognition of her contribution to the Episcopal Church.

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