



the Grace TEAM

to each a ministry

December 2018

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Sunday Worship

7:45 a.m. - Rite I

9:00 a.m. - Family Eucharist

11:15 a.m. - Choral Eucharist

December 9 & 23

10:00 a.m. Eucharist

(combined 9 & 11:15 services)

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.

A Healing Prayer Service and
Eucharist with laying on of hands
for God's healing is offered on
Wednesdays, 12:15 p.m.

Taizé

Third Sunday of each month at 7:00
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 this service.

Greetings in the name of our
Lord Jesus Christ,

For many of us, the weeks of December are filled — usually over-filled! — with activities and family traditions. Our days are packed with festive preparations: buying presents, baking cookies and breads, preparing for guests, decorating trees and perhaps even attending parties. So it can be disconcerting to find that, when we arrive at church on Sundays in Advent, we encounter not only hopeful signs of the birth of the baby Jesus, but also sober warnings about judgment at the end of time and a call to "forsake our sins" in preparation for Jesus' second coming. We celebrate the light of Christ coming into the world — but it comes to a world that is often broken and dark.

Advent is a time of expectation and waiting. While we wait with joyful anticipation for the coming of Jesus as a baby at Bethlehem, our readings have us in tension with Jesus' return in glory at his second coming. Our readings leading up to Advent remind us of this tension as we experience Jesus' eschatological discourse through His stories and parables telling us of the Son of Man's return and his judgment.

In our current Advent study titled "A Thrill of Hope," we are studying and participating in artist John August Swanson's interpretation of the Advent, Christmas and Epiphany seasons. With the beauty and power of art and sacred text, we will view and discuss The Visitation (Luke 1:26-38), The Nativity (Luke 2:1-7), The Shepherds (Luke 2:8-20), The Epiph-

any (Matthew 2:1-12), The Presentation in the Temple (Luke 2:21-40) and The Flight into Egypt (Matthew 2:13-15). Each piece of artwork will ask us to find the story, the event, the image, the ministry that elicits God's presence in our lives.

God's coming to us at Christmas should send shivers of fear through us, for in God's incarnation in our Savior Jesus, God has turned the world upside down; we are to love the unloveable, serve the poor, and be a servant to those in need.

It is important to remember that Advent is not just a season in which we recall an event of the past—Jesus' birth—but also a time in which we look to the present and the future in the way in which God calls us. When will Jesus come again? When will we see the kingdom of God on earth, as it is in heaven? We do not know. So the more im-

portant questions are: what can we do as the church, Christ's body here on earth, to bring about God's reign of justice and peace today? What can we do as individuals to reorder our lives, in the light of God's love? What would it mean to live as a people who believe in Jesus as the Savior of all the earth and to expect him to come again at the fulfillment of time? What would it truly mean to shiver in fear because God has turned the world upside down and we keep trying to turn it right side up?

I invite each of you this Advent to return to these questions anew.

Blessings,

Fr. Gary+

"What would it truly mean to shiver in fear because God has turned the world upside down...?"

Events at a Glance

A Quick Review of the Month

Monday Morning Gospel Bible Study
Mondays, 10:30 a.m., PH (no meeting December 24 or 31)

Early Birds Men's Book Study
Tuesdays, 8:45 a.m., LI (no meeting December 25)

Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing
Wednesdays, 12:15-1:15 p.m., CH (no service December 26)

Centering Prayer
Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m., CR

Choir and Bell Rehearsals
Wednesdays: Bells, 6:00 p.m.; Choir, 7:15 p.m. (off December 26)

Altar Guild Meeting
Saturday, December 1, 10:30 a.m., LI

Youth Missioner Visit
*Sunday, December 2, 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. services
Christmas Party, 2:00-4:00 p.m., PH (see p. 3)*

Advent Wreath Making Workshop
Sunday, December 2, 10:00 a.m. (details on p. 4)

Church Cleaning Day
Saturday, December 8, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Combined 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. service
Sunday December 9, 10:00 a.m.

Annual Parish Meeting and Brunch
Sunday, December 9, 11:30 a.m., PH

PubSing
Sunday, December 9, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Men of the Church
Tuesday, December 11, 6:00 p.m.

TEAM Meeting
Wednesday, December 12, 10:00 a.m., OF

Order of St. Luke
Thursday, December 13, 6:30-8:30 p.m., PH

Steadfast House Meal
Friday, December 14, 6:00 p.m.

Taizé Worship Service
Sunday, December 16, 7:00-8:00 p.m., CH

Vestry Meeting
Monday, December 17, 5:30 p.m., LI

Combined 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. service
Sunday December 23, 10:00 a.m.

Hanging of the Greens
Sunday, December 23, 11:30 a.m.

Holiday Office Closings
December 24-26, December 31-January 1

Service of Lessons and Carols
Sunday, December 30, 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m., CH

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

The **Early Birds Men's Group** is a small group of men that has met in the library on Tuesdays for the past seven years, 8:45-10:00 a.m., to discuss a chosen book. All men of the church are welcome and are encouraged to bring friends who are not congregants. More people make for lively and thought-provoking discussions. We hope you will join us in December. Questions? Call Bill Spencer at 299-3566.

Grace Church offers a **Holy Eucharist and Healing Service** on Wednesdays at 12:15 p.m. We encourage you to attend. Healing prayer stations are also available at the 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday services and at the Taizé service every third Sunday.

Men of the Church will meet Tuesday, December 11, at the home of Larry Harris, 330 Stratford Road, Asheville. 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.

The Mountain Chapter of the **Order of St. Luke** will meet Thursday, December 13, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Please join us. 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 will close early because of inclement weather.

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 meet on December 9 at Habitat Brewing Company, 174 Broadway Street, Asheville, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Please use the gravel parking lot in the back. For more information contact Monty Wooten, 828-254-1114 or montywooten@bellsouth.net.

Our **Youth Missioner**, Jenna Sharrits visits Grace the first Sunday of every month with information about upcoming youth gatherings.

Our Holiday Worship Schedule

Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24
4:00 p.m., Family Christmas Worship
with the Paper Bag Pageant
9:00 p.m., Choral Prelude
10:00 p.m., Christmas Holy Eucharist

Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25
10:00 a.m., Christmas Holy Eucharist



Parish News, Updates & Reminders

2018 PUMPKIN PATCH TOTALS. We are pleased to announce that this year's Pumpkin Patch netted over \$7,000 for the good work being done by Consider Haiti! From Shearon Roberts and the Consider Haiti Board:

On behalf of Consider Haiti, I want to thank the staff and many volunteers of the Grace community for another successful pumpkin patch year. Your continued support of our biggest fundraiser is greatly appreciated. Thanks for help in unloading, tending patch shifts, and looking after the finances year after year. Our programs in Haiti are growing and it's possible because of your support. Again, many thanks and looking forward to next year.



GRACE CLEAN-UP DAY. Come help clean our church in time for the Christmas Season! Saturday, December 8, 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Drop in for an hour (or more!) and help make our church shine! We'll have checklists, so you can pick which tasks suit your skills best. We'll have breakfast nibbles in the morning and lunch will be a potluck of soups and chili. Bring a salad, a bread, chips or chili toppings to share with others. Zoe Davis will be bringing her famous homemade cookies for dessert.

Annual Parish Meeting

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AND BRUNCH: Sunday, December 9, plan to come out for a 10 a.m. Eucharist (combining the 9 and 11:15 a.m. services), followed by an 11:30 a.m. brunch and our Annual Parish Meeting. You will have an opportunity to enjoy fellowship and hear reports from the various Ministries at Grace Church. We will also acknowledge the Vestry members who are leaving as well those who are coming on-board and those who are continuing to serve. This is a wonderful way to show support and appreciation to our members who provide leadership as well as all who are involved in creating an engaged and vibrant church community. And if you are interested in getting more involved in any of the areas at Grace, please be sure to let us know!

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DECEMBER YOUTH EVENTS. Don't miss these fun events for all middle and high school youth! And remember, you are always welcome to bring a friend.

Christmas Party! December 2, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Join the party at Grace Episcopal. We're planning an afternoon of crafts, baking and "Minute to Win" Christmas-style games!

Pizza and Movie Night! December 9, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

It's an evening of pizza and a Christmas movie at St. James Black Mountain. A \$5 donation will be greatly appreciated for the pizza.

Christmas Magic! December 16, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Come help with buying items for the Angel Trees at each of our churches. We will meet at St. Mary's and go shopping to help with getting presents for kids who might not be getting any gifts this year.

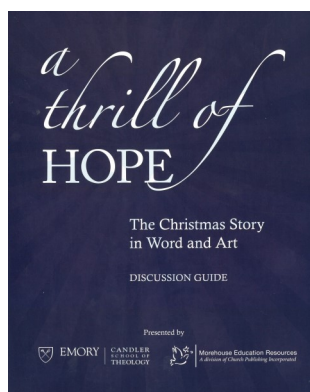
No Youth Group the last two weekends in December. Enjoy the Holidays and stay safe!

CHRISTMAS EVE PAPER BAG PAGEANT. Stars, shepherds, animals and angels! Come participate in the Grace Christmas Pageant on December 24 at 4:00 p.m. If you are new to Grace, come join a long tradition. Bring your little ones to the parish hall at 3:15 to participate. Simple costumes are in paper bags, and parishioners help the children with selections and getting dressed. Children sit with family during the service and go to the back of the church when instructed. At the end of the service, the costumes are returned to the paper bags in the parish hall. No rehearsal necessary. Create a lasting memory for your children and grandchildren. Also, anyone interested in helping with the Pageant, please call the church office. Jobs include narrators, costume organizers, reception helpers, and cleanup.



YOUNG ADULTS. Following a fun-filled and well-attended Oktoberfest for the 25 to 40-ish young adults at Grace, a Christmas party is now in the works. Stay tuned for details! Or contact Neil Bowen, bowen.neila@gmail.com.

Advent 2018



ADVENT STUDY: A THRILL OF HOPE. Fr. Gary is leading a six week Advent Study on Tuesday evenings (5:30-7:00 p.m.) now through January 15 (no Christmas or New Year's gatherings). The study, titled "A Thrill of Hope: The Christmas Story in Word and Art," takes us through Advent, Christmas and The Epiphany utilizing the power of art and sacred text. We will engage scripture through the powerful artwork of John August Swanson. Volunteers will prepare a simple supper to be shared each night of the study.

THE ANGEL TREE IS UP IN THE FOYER! This year Grace Church will once again partner with Caring For Children and area foster parents to provide Christmas presents for children who are in foster and kinship care. Our generosity helps these families care for children in need. Simply take an angel from the tree, and

buy as many of the items listed on the Angel as you wish. Remember, these are wishes, and as you would do for your own child, you are not expected to purchase all items requested.

Please return the items to church by December 16, and make sure the angel you took from the tree is returned with the presents, so we can make sure all gifts go to the correct child. You may choose to wrap the items, or not, as there are volunteers available to do so. Please enclose a list or post-it notes, so that the parents can know what has been purchased for the child. If you would rather donate money, checks should be made out to Grace with "Angel Tree" on the memo line. Our youth will help with shopping on December 16.



ADVENT WREATH-MAKING. Sunday, December 2, we will be making Advent wreaths in the parish hall beginning at 10:00 a.m. This is a wonderful family event and an opportunity to participate in a centuries-old Christian tradition. You will be guided to make your own personal Advent wreaths. All supplies including candles are available for a donation of \$5.00. Candles only may be purchased for \$3.00.

HELPERS NEEDED! Come get a jump on Advent! We need help prepping for our wreath-building. Come join us on Saturday morning, December 1, at 11:00 a.m. to cut greenery for Sunday morning. Bring clippers and gloves. If you have any questions, please email gwtownsend@outlook.com. Thanks!

Grace Episcopal Church Asheville NC Winter 2015 by Clare Thompson Tager

Something about her body as she slid into one of the front pews
Gliding softly as though returning to the comfort of a dark womb.
The weathered gray stones of the old sanctuary echoed spirited silences before the first few notes
of Bach's Mass in B Minor
Something about the way the early morning sun filtered in through the stained glass windows
And caressed her face....her eyes closed to receive the embrace
With ribbons of light in soft hues moving in shadows across her face,
While her hands found each other and held on tight

Walking toward the pine draped communion rail, I passed her deep in thought or prayer
Me walking the path, she kneeling.
What ancient pilgrims we are, she and I
Seeking redemption in
Stones and sunlight.

From the poet, an occasional visitor to Grace:

"Please convey to your congregation that Grace Church Asheville will remain a place of solace and strength to me as I was received not only by stones and sunlight, but by people who practiced the compassionate art of Welcoming the Stranger."

PROJECT DRAWDOWN CONTINUES: Each month, the TEAM is featuring a “Drawdown solution” from “Drawdown – The Most Comprehensive Plan Ever Proposed to Reverse Global Warming.” Each solution is ranked by its effectiveness in reducing greenhouse gases by avoiding emissions and/or by sequestering carbon dioxide already in the atmosphere. In the book Drawdown, each solution is measured and modeled to determine its carbon impact through the year 2050, the total and net cost to society, and the total lifetime savings (or cost). The exception to this are the “Coming Attraction” solutions, which are a window into what is still emerging. For these solutions, cost, savings, or atmospheric impact were not measured, but illuminate technologies and concepts whose growth continue to be watched.

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Electricity Generation: Nuclear

December

Nuclear plants use fission to split atomic nuclei and release the energy that binds protons and neutrons together. It is the most complex process ever invented to boil water, which powers steam turbines that generate electricity. Greenhouse gas emissions are calculated to be ten to a hundred times higher for coal-fired plants than for nuclear. Currently, 29 countries have operative nuclear plants; they produce about 11 percent of the world's electricity. Nuclear is expensive, and the highly regulated industry is often over-budget and slow. While the cost of virtually every other form of energy has gone down over



time, nuclear is four to eight times higher than it was four decades ago. With nuclear power, there is a climate dilemma: Is an increase in the number of nuclear power plants, with all their flaws and inherent risks, worth the gamble? Or, as some proponents insist, will there be a total melt-down of climate by limiting their use? At Project Drawdown, we consider nuclear a regrets solution. It has potential to avoid emissions, but there are many reasons for concern: deadly melt-downs, tritium releases, abandoned uranium mines, mine-tailings pollution, radioactive waste, illicit plutonium trafficking, and thefts of missile material, among them.

BY THE NUMBERS

- ⇒ #20 Rank and Results by 2050
- ⇒ 16.09 gigatons reduced CO₂
- ⇒ \$0.88 Billion net implementation cost
- ⇒ \$1.71 Trillion net operational savings
- ⇒ Nuclear's complicated dynamics around safety and public acceptance will influence its future direction of expansion or contraction. We assume its share of global electricity generation will grow to 13.6 percent by 2030, but slowly decline to 12 percent by 2050. With a longer lifetime than fossil fuel plants resulting in fewer facilities overall, installation of nuclear power plants could cost an additional \$900 million, despite the high implementation cost of \$4,457 per kilowatt. Net operating savings over thirty years could reach \$1.7 trillion. This scenario could result in 16.1 gigatons of carbon dioxide emissions avoided.

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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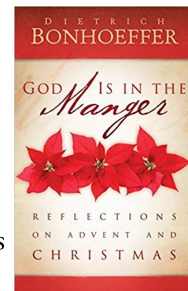
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ADULT FORMATION. "God is in the Manger" by Dietrich Bonhoeffer (available on Amazon for \$10.74) is a collection of devotions, excerpts from sermons, letters, and reflections on Advent and the Christmas season. Taken from Bonhoeffer's *I Want to Live These Days with You*, "God is in the Manger" is divided into five sections: "Waiting," "Mystery," "Redemption," "Incarnation" and "The Twelve Days of Christmas to Epiphany." Viewed in the context of Bonhoeffer's incarceration and ultimate execution at the hands of the Nazis, "God is in the Manger" provides us comfort in the Christ who came and who is coming again. Join us between the 9:00 and 11:15 services December 16, 30 and January 6.



CHOIRS. The Grace Handbell Choir has an opening for one "ringer." Some music-reading experience is helpful, as well as the ability to have fun while making music. Weekly rehearsals are Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 p.m. Also needed, singers for all sections with some sight-reading skills, good intonation, as well as dedication and good humor. Contact our Director of Music, Ned Tipton, ned.graceasheville@gmail.com.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN. Twenty-four attendees enjoyed lunch on October 20 in the parish hall at the semi-annual meeting of ECW. After a resignation speech by Maria Mason, a new slate of officers was proposed and adopted by the group: Cheryl Aull, President; Jeanne Sims, Vice-President; Anne Jarema, Secretary; Mary Ann Warren, Treasurer. Discussion followed, resulting in the following outcomes: a \$1,500 donation to the Outreach Committee; \$175 per camper for Camp Henry camperships (amount might be increased depending on number of applicants). Some discussions were tabled to be continued at the Derby Day meeting in May, which would be affected by income from the annual rummage sale on November 3. Total income from that sale came to approximately \$3,700 after expenses. A successful sale was made possible by hands-on help from many.

ENDOWMENT. The Endowment Committee welcomes two new members. At its November meeting, the Vestry appointed Steve Birkhofer and John Chastain to the Endowment Committee, replacing Charlotte Chiott and Mike Nery, whose terms have expired. Many thanks to Charlotte and Mike for their service, and many thanks to Steve, John, Anne Jarema, Larry Harris, and Steve Jones for their continued work for Grace Church.

FELLOWSHIP. Please make plans to attend our Annual Parish Meeting and Brunch Sunday, December 9, following a 10:00 a.m. Eucharist combining the 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. services (the 7:45 a.m. service will be held at its regular time), followed by an 11:30 a.m. brunch and our Annual Parish Meeting. (details on p. 3)



We also thought you would enjoy a few photos from the surprise "Thank You" reception for Bob and Jeannette Reese on Sunday, November 18.



OUTREACH. This is a busy season for Outreach. Needs and requests for assistance are great. Blessed as we are, we are called to reach out generously to those who need our help. We urge you to contribute wherever you can.

ABCCM Food Drive. For the final food drive of this year, look for bags and shopping lists in pews on December 2. This quarter, the ABCCM pantry needs canned beef stew, canned tuna and canned vegetables. Your donations are needed back at the church by December 9.

Angel Tree. Our annual Angel Tree is now up in the foyer, decorated with the names and needs of area foster children. Please take time to choose a child and return gifts by December 16. (*details on p. 4*)

Broughton Hospital "Cheer Fund." Almost half the people admitted to Broughton Hospital are indigent and have no income or family contact. The Cheer Fund provides clothing, personal and recreational items and, most importantly, gifts at Christmas. If you can support this fund with a donation, please send it to : Broughton Hospital Volunteer Services, 1000 South Sterling Street, Morganton, NC 28655. If you would prefer to give a gift in-kind, a list has been posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Coat Barrel. Please remember our "coat barrel" in the foyer. The gently used coats, sweaters, scarves, gloves, socks, etc., are available to anyone who needs them during these cold months.

2018 Outreach Allocations. This year, Outreach has assisted the following agencies in the good work they do: Asheville Area Habitat for Humanity (for the next Episcopal House): \$1,500. ABCCM: \$2,000. Manna Food Bank/Backpackers: \$6,000. Episcopal Relief and Development: \$3,000 (includes \$2,000 from the recent Outreach match for disaster relief). Homeward Bound/Room in the Inn: \$1,200. Consider Haiti/Pumpkin Patch: \$100.

Thank you to everyone who, through your pledges to Grace and your individual donations to Outreach, helped us help others. **A Special Thank You** to the ECW for their generous gift of \$1,500 to the Backpacker Project.

STEWARDSHIP. Our stewardship campaign is off to a great start with (as of November 19) 96 pledges totaling over 85% of our goal! If you've submitted your pledge, we thank you. If you haven't yet, we invite you to share in our vision for Grace Church.

YOUTH MINISTRY. The Asheville Episcopal Youth Program had a fun and exciting month of November! We ended October with a Halloween Party at St. Matthias and had nine youth.

As we made our way into November, we learned about the three creeds in the Episcopal church, but focused on the two main creeds (The Apostles and The Nicene) once again having nine young people in attendance. We then had a Thanksgiving meal, provided by the parents of St. James. It was an evening of goofiness, laughter and being thankful. In total, sixteen youth came and enjoyed the meal. I must say, I am very thankful to the parents who brought food, and I am very thankful for all the youth taking part in this youth ministry. It has been a true blessing to be a part of the lives of all these amazing, silly and talented youth. Rounding out the month of November was a Diocesan High School Retreat at Valle Crucis Conference Center. We had seven high school students join in on the fun as we talked about the light that shines through the darkness. It was great timing and I think the youth really took in the message of hope, love and grace that the Lord brings us.



We have a few more events in December and hope to keep the fun and excitement going into 2019! (*see p. 3*)

CONVENTION REPORT FROM GREG TOWNSEND. Elaine Potter and I had the honor of representing Grace as lay delegates at the 2018 Convention of the Diocese of Western North Carolina. While the Convention did not address any issues of significance, it was still a wonderful experience for both of us. The best description I can make is a family reunion, without the drama of a family reunion — the opportunity to catch up with old friends from across the diocese, including Bishop Johnson, Father Tim McRee, and our first Father Gary (Coffey, whom we are glad to report is happy in his interim position at St. Francis/Rutherfordton and who wants his Grace family to know he is well). One election touches Grace Church: Christina Butterworth (Father Gary's wife) was elected the lay representative from our diocese to the Board of Trustees of Sewanee: The University of the South. Perhaps the highlight of the Convention was simply experiencing the energy and optimism of the diocese, especially embodied in the leadership of Bishop José. He reminded us in his address to the diocese that love is a verb and that we have work to do to make God's love known in our world.

Our Prayer List

December

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**; **Nathan Crownover** (son of Bill & Barbara Crownover); **Ed Denison**; **Eva Dupree**; **Eunice Ferguson**; **Mary Hayes**; **Mary Israel**; **David Knisley**; **Shari Lane**; **Maria Mason**; **Joyce Noble**; **Pat Parker**; **Gael Paschall**, **Nancy Porter**; **Sonny Rawls**; **Beth Stahl**; **Laura & Tsz-yan Snyder**; **Rita Spragg**; **Don Wills**.

For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities: **Henny Caldwell**; **Mary Hayes** (mother of Rick Hayes); **Straudia & Mel Luedtke**; **Rita Lyda**; **Marion Mayfield-Johnson**; **Tom Paine**; **Mary Ida Sprague**; **Laura Stephens**.

For Others (names to stay on the list for four weeks; call Kathleen Griffin (337-8241) to keep names on the list for a longer time): **Ed Anderson** (friend of Don Wills); **Nels Arnold** (friend of Kathleen Griffin); **Sullivan Bull** (friend of Ron & Jeanne Sims); **Paige Croll** (friend of Charlotte Chiott); **Bill & Sherri Davidson** (brother and sister-in-law of Greg Townsend); **Keith Enloe** (friend of Mary Israel); **Al Fadel** (friend of Nancy Clark); **Tom Fischer** (brother-in-law of Paul and Vicki Vest); **Bob Foster** (friend of Don Wills); **David & Suana Gentry**; **David Jr., Maria, Victoria & Jessica Gentry** (son and family of David Gentry); **Debbie Gentry & Danny Hall** (sister & brother-in-law of David Gentry); **Priscilla Hickey** (sister-in-law of Barbara Wilcox); **Kathleen & Michael Johnson** (friends of Barbara Wilcox); **Jeff Johnston** (cousin of Eva Dupree); **Donald Larsen** (brother of Kristen Dusenbery); **Bob Lathrop** (step-brother of Jeanne Robertson); **Phyl Mathias** (friend of Don Wills); **Jim Monroe** (friend of Jeannette & Bob Reese); **Don Rencz** (father of Fr. Bob's daughter-in-law); **Shirley Rhodes** (friend of Ron & Jeanne Sims); **Igor Silka** (friend of Don Wills); **Fr. Dennis Lee Smith** (friend of Shannon Townsend); **Marcus Trinite** (son of Mickey & Tricia Trinite); **Wayne Wills** (brother of Don Wills); **Alicia** (daughter of Judy Warner); **Betty** (mother of Beth Stahl); **Elizabeth**; **Geraldine**; **Isis**; **Janet & Jeff** (friends of Kathleen Griffin); **John** (friend of Jane Whitman); **Susan**.

For Those Who Have Died and Their Families: **Kim Warren** (friend of Straudia Luedtke).

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); **Austin Harrison** (nephew of Bill & Glenda Sanderson); **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 kgcgriffin7@gmail.com or the church office at grace.church.asheville@gmail.com.

December 2018 Ministry Schedule

Attention, Servers! Please check the schedule for positions listed as "alternate" and let the church office know if you will be available to serve at any of those times. Thank you!

Service Time	Vergers	Acolyte C	Acolyte G	Acolyte E	Lector, Intercessor & Presenters	Healing Team	Ushers	Chalicians	Coffee Hour	Scripture	Lesson
December 2											
7:45	James Cannon						Ed Duncan	James Cannon			
9:00	Lorie Tola	Zoe Davis	Aleena Bennett	Maya Bell	L, I, P - Anne Simmons, Cuyler Dupree, Simmons Family	Louise Wernicke, Patricia Hargrove	Ray & Lauren Kuykendall	1. Nancy Walters 2. Daphne Urquhart	Micki Newton	Jeremiah 33:14-16	1st Lesson
11:15	Chip Coon	Sally Withers	(alternate)	Eric Howell	L, I, P - Bonnie Kistler, Jenny Thomas	Pat Davis, Karen Compton	George Davis Ed Woockener	1. Charles Carter 2. Kimberly Kneier	Volunteer	1 Thessalonians 3:9-13	2nd Lesson
December 9											
7:45	James Cannon						Johnny Robinson	Susan Robinson		Malachi 3:1-4	1st Lesson
10:00	Chip Coon	Carsten Path	Tessa Path	Moir Stewart	L, I, P - Bill Smith, Kristen Dusenbery	Allyn and Joan Aldrich	Will Israel Tom Barr	1. Eric Howell 2. Carol Booth		Philippians 1:3-11	2nd Lesson
December 16											
7:45	James Cannon						Steve Jones	Margaret Dahm			
9:00	Lorie Tola	Laura Ellington	Nola Ellington	Liesl Ellington	L, I, P - Hugh Vaughn, Greg Townsend & Family	Pat Davis, Jane Whitman	Paul & Vicki Vest	1. Daphne Urquhart 2. Ann Robinson	Elaine Dephouse	Zephaniah 3:14-20	1st Lesson
11:15	Chip Coon	Cheryl Aull	(alternate)	Sally Withers	L, I, P - Rusty McCredie, Nancy Remmers	Sonny Rawls, Karen Compton	Rusty Herman Elaine Potter	1. Cliff Albertson 2. Sally Withers	Georgi Bruce	Philippians 4:4-7	2nd Lesson
Taizé 8:00 PM	James Cannon				I. Monty Wooten L. James Cannon	Fr. Bob Reese (or alternate)					
December 23											
7:45	James Cannon						Ed Duncan	Jack Frue		Micah 5:2-5a	1st Lesson
10:00	Chip Coon	Sally Withers	Lauren Kuykendall	Grace Miller	L, I, P - Don Lewis, Elaine Potter	Jeanne Robertson, Shari Lane	Ed Woechoener Bob Turner	1. Bill Spencer 2. Don Wills	Cuyler Dupree	Hebrews 10:5-10	2nd Lesson
December 24											
4:00 PM Pageant	Daphne Urquhart	Daphne Urquhart	Aleena Bennett	Moir Stewart	L, I, P - Carol Booth and Booth Family		Derick & Wade Edwards	1. Carol Booth 2. Nancy Walters		Isaiah 9:2-7	1st Lesson 4 & 10pm
9:30 Carols 10 Eucharist	Chip Coon	Rusty McCredie	(alternate)	Grace Miller	L, I, P - Kristen Dusenbery, Rusty McCredie, (alternates)		(alternates)	1. Bill Warren 2. Sally Coburn		Titus 2:11-14	2nd Lesson 10pm Only
December 25											
10:00	Daphne Urquhart	Elly Withers	(alternate)	Sally Withers	L, I, P - Withers Family		Tom Barr	1. Sally Withers 2. Daphne Urquhart		Isaiah 52:7-10 Hebrews 1:1-4	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson
December 30											
7:45	James Cannon						Steve Jones	James Cannon			
9:00	Daphne Urquhart	Zoe Davis	(alternate)	Louise Wernicke	L, I, P - Beth Woodson, John Woodson	Brenda Haller, Anne Robinson	Ray & Lauren Kuykendall	1. Greg Townsend 2. John Woodson	Paul Vest	Isaiah 6:1-10-62:3	1st Lesson
11:15	Chip Coon	Cheryl Aull	(alternate)	Sally Withers	L, I, P - Charles Carter, Kimberly Kneier	Marzy Israel, Sonny Rawls	Rusty Herman Elaine Potter	1. Elaine Potter 2. Cliff Albertson	Mary Ann Warren	Galatians 3:23-25	2nd Lesson
Altar Guild											
Flower Arrangers											
Date	Counters	Depositors	Date	Altar Guild							
2-Dec	Steve Birkhoffer	James Cannon	2-Dec	Group 1: December 1 - December 7							
9-Dec	Martha Boyette	Judy Bohan	9-Dec	Group 2: December 8 - December 14							
16-Dec	Sally Withers	Chal & Hugh Vaughn	16-Dec	Group 3: December 15 - December 21							
23-Dec	Georgi Bruce	Anne Simmons	23-Dec	Group 4: December 22 - December 28							
30-Dec	Georgi Bruce	Steve Birkhoffer	30-Dec	Group 3: December 29-January 4							

December Anniversaries

Randy and Susan Smith	8
Rusty and Lynda McCredie	19
Paul and Daphne Urquhart	19
David and Sally Withers	20
Hugh and Chal Vaughn	21
Mickey and Tricia Trinite	23
Rick and Kim Hayes	27
Fred and Micki Newton	29
Steve and Carol Booth	30

December Birthdays

3 Beth McKinsey	19 Carsten Path
3 Bob Turner	20 Elizabeth Barr
4 Edward Ellington	20 Larry Bowen
4 Joyce Noble	20 Derek Edwards
4 Walker Webb	22 Robert Green
5 Suzy Young	22 Ed Woeckener
6 Nancy Moss	23 Nora Jones
7 Sylvia Greenwood	23 Jane Smith
10 Ed Duncan	24 Natalie Nery
11 Donald Hawkins	24 Olivia Nery
13 Scott Carter	24 Fiorenza Starnes
14 Teresa Cantrell	26 Bill Smith
15 Katie Nery	27 Tom Barr
15 Emily Oxford	27 Courtney Bell
15 Stearns Oxford	27 Alison Phillips
17 Kate Young	29 Helena Cullen
19 Steven Birkhofer	30 Winn Oxford

Special Gifts

The Aumbry Candle is given to the Glory of God by Nora and Steve Jones in celebration of the birthday of their grandson, Walker Webb.

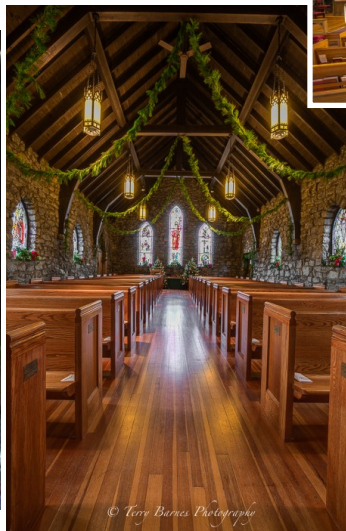
The Advent Wreath is given to the Glory of God by Sylvia and Buddy Greenwood in memory of Roy Wilson Rhodes, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Greenwood, and Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Morrow.

The Sundays of December 9, 16 and 23, the beautiful Christmas greens and flowers are given to the Glory of God by the generous donors of Grace Parish.

Sunday, December 30, the flowers are given to the Glory of God by Jennifer Witt in loving memory of her parents, Louise and Levi Matthews.



Christmas Greenery and Flower Donations for memorials and thanksgivings are being accepted by the Flower/Altar Guild. Envelopes are in the pews. Memorials and Thanksgivings will be published in the *TEAM* after Christmas. Thank you for your generous contributions which pay for the Hanging of the Greens and all of the beautiful décor which make our church so beautiful at Christmas.



Surplus at End of October

Statement of Activities - Grace Church Year to Date - October 2018

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Income:			
Pledges	315,331	294,675	20,656
Prior Year Pledges	50	-	50
Non-pledged Offerings	-	10,105	(10,105)
Open Offering	10,254	28,219	(17,965)
Interest	53	53	1
Misc.	10,490	11,107	(617)
Total Income:	336,178	344,158	(7,980)
Expenses:			
Outreach/ Mission	39,097	41,671	(2,574)
Parish Programs	11,198	10,331	868
Operations	58,066	56,188	1,877
Personnel	213,908	235,968	(22,060)
Total Expenses:	322,270	344,158	(21,889)
Income Less Expenses:	13,908	(0)	13,908

Pledge receipts through the end of October totaled \$315,331 compared to projected pledges of \$294,675. Considering all income sources, income received for the year totaled \$336,178, while we projected income to be \$344,158. We ended the month with a negative income variance of \$7,980.

The negative variance in income was offset by expenses which were less than budgeted amounts by \$21,889. When these savings were applied to the negative income variance of \$7,980 our income less expenses resulted in a surplus of \$13,908 at the end of October.

We continue to encourage prayer and attention to our stewardship efforts as we enter this transition period for our ministries at Grace.

Your Vestry

Transition Corner

Throughout this period of transition at Grace Church, it is important for you to know what is happening. The "Transition Corner" will help keep you updated about the latest activities over the coming months.

On Sunday, November 11, Fr. Gary, Fr. Reese and Senior Warden Greg Townsend held the third installment of a transition update. Fr. Gary, who happens to be a Bishop and Parish Search Consultant shared with the group some of the more unique things that go on over the course of a transition. Specifically, he wanted to make sure everyone knows that, in January and February, we will have numerous group gatherings to hear about the visions, hopes and dreams parishioners have for Grace.

Additionally, he let us know that during the process, we will participate in a survey called the Congregational Assessment Tool. This tool helps the parish identify strengths, growing edges and expectations, as well as demographic data.

Fr. Gary also pointed out that, because of the two back-to-back long pastorates Grace has enjoyed, it is wise to take some time before jumping into the "process." Because of this, the most likely scenario is that a Search/Discernment Committee will be identified late first quarter or early second quarter of 2019.

Meanwhile, there will be ongoing updates, and Fr. Gary is open, willing and excited to discuss anything on your mind and hear anything you would like to share.