



the Grace **TEAM**
to each a ministry

January 2019

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Sunday Worship

7:45 a.m. - Rite I

9:00 a.m. - Family Eucharist

11:15 a.m. - Choral Eucharist

January 6 only

7:45 a.m. - Rite I

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.

A Message from Fr. Gary

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

Happy New Year to all, and best wishes for everyone in 2019. The last three months have been a blessing to me as I have entered into the life of Grace as your Interim rector. I thank you for your hospitality, acceptance, patience and love.

Christmas has come, but it is not over (that's one of the many things that are great about being an Episcopalian). As Episcopalians, Christmas comes and then continues for twelve days after Christmas until The Feast of the Epiphany. One parishioner sent me an e-mail the other day that listed the Christian significance to the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas." I had never heard this before, so I researched it and found that there does indeed appear to be a Christian connection. Here is what they shared:

- ✦ The partridge in a pear tree is Jesus Christ.
- ✦ The Turtle Doves are the Old and New Testaments.
- ✦ The Three French Hens equal Faith, Hope and Charity, the Theological Virtues.
- ✦ The Four Calling Birds are the Four Gospels and/or the Four Evangelists.
- ✦ The Five Golden Rings are the first Five Books of the Old Testament, the "Pentateuch", which gives the history of man's fall from grace.
- ✦ The Six Geese A-laying represent the six days of creation.
- ✦ The Seven Swans A-swimming are the seven sacraments.

"On the first day of Christmas..."



- ✦ The Eight Maids A-milking represent the eight beatitudes.
- ✦ The Nine Ladies Dancing are the nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit.
- ✦ The Ten Lords A-leaping represent the ten commandments.
- ✦ The Eleven Pipers Piping represent the eleven faithful apostles.
- ✦ The Twelve Drummers

Drumming are the twelve points of doctrine in the Apostle's Creed.

Now, no one can be sure that this was the intent of the author, but as in all things, there is no doubt a bit of truth wrapped around it and it never hurts to discover a new meaning to an old tradition.

Following the Twelve Days of Christmas, The Feast of the Epiphany arrives. The Epiphany (Greek for "to manifest" or "to show"), is a Christian feast day which celebrates the "shining forth" or revelation of God in human form in the person of Jesus Christ. The Feast of the Epiphany falls on January 6 and falls on the last day of the Twelve Days of Christmas. As Western Christians, we also commemorate the visitation of the Magi to the child Jesus on this day representing his manifestation to the Gentiles.

In closing, let me encourage all of us to embark on 2019 with Christ in mind; to view and treat each and every day as miniature incarnations, where we are constantly being made new through the love of God and the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Let us see the good in all people, help all people and love all people...especially one another.

Peace,

Fr. Gary+

Events at a Glance

A Quick Review of the Month

Monday Morning Gospel Bible Study

Mondays, 10:30 a.m., PH

Early Birds Men's Book Study

Tuesdays, 8:45 a.m., LI

Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing

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

Centering Prayer

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

Choir and Bell Rehearsals

Wednesdays: Bells, 6:00 p.m.; Choir, 7:15 p.m.

New Year's Day (church office closed)

Tuesday, January 1

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

Sunday, January 6, 10:00 a.m. (regular 7:45 schedule)

Youth Missioner Visit

Sunday, January 6, 10:00 a.m. combined service

Annual Parish Meeting and Brunch

Sunday, January 6, 11:30 a.m., PH

Men of the Church

Monday, January 7, 6:00 p.m., PH

TEAM Meeting

Wednesday, January 9, 10:00 a.m., OF

Order of St. Luke

Thursday, January 10, 6:30-8:30 p.m., PH

Steadfast House Meal

Friday, January 11, 6:00 p.m.

PubSing

Sunday, January 13, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Holy Conversations (details on p. 9)

Sunday, January 20, following the 11:15 service

Tuesday, January 22, 2:00 p.m.

Monday, January 28, 6:00 p.m.

Taizé Worship Service

Sunday, January 20, 7:00-8:00 p.m., CH

Vestry Meeting

Monday, January 21, 5:30 p.m., LI

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 meets in the library on Tuesdays, 8:45-10:00 a.m., to discuss a chosen book. All men of the church are welcome and are encouraged to bring friends who are not congregants. More people make for lively and thought-provoking discussions. We hope you will join us in January. 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 Monday, January 7, in the parish hall, hosted by Don Lewis. 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, January 10, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the parish hall to conclude our program series, *Partnering with Jesus in Healing*. We will view and discuss a DVD presentation, "Personalities and Pitfalls" by John Wimber, an important leader in the healing ministry in the late twentieth century who influenced many of our current healing ministry leaders. 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 January 13 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.

Check a new monthly **TEAM** feature, **Transition Corner** (p. 10), for the latest news regarding our search for a new rector.

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



Parish News, Updates & Reminders

Annual Parish Meeting

NEW DATE!

Due to snow and ice in December, our original **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AND BRUNCH** is rescheduled for **Sunday, January 6**.

Please make plans to come out for a 10:00 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!

ADVENT STUDY: A THRILL OF HOPE CONTINUES. The Advent/Epiphany Study meets for the last time on Tuesday, January 8, 5:30-7:00 p.m. We will study “The Presentation in the Temple” and “The Flight Into Egypt.” The study, titled “A Thrill of Hope: The Christmas Story in Word and Art” carries us through Advent, Christmas and The Epiphany utilizing the power of art and sacred text. We engage scripture through the masterful artwork of John August Swanson. A simple supper is provided.

OUR YOUTH MINISTRY KICKS OFF THE NEW YEAR with some exciting activities. To learn more or to let Jenna know you plan to participate, email her at jenna@wncyouth.org.



January 6, 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Camp Rockmont in Black Mountain; Diocesan Youth Epiphany Bonfire. We will be having a big bonfire as we burn Christmas trees and enter into a new season of the church, Epiphany. Contact Jenna if you would like a ride from Asheville to Black Mountain or if you will just be meeting her there.

January 13, 1:00-3:00 p.m. at St. James Black Mountain; Self Portraits Craft! We will be doing some really cool self portraits from fabric as we talk about what it means to be made in God’s image.

January 20, 1:00-4:00 p.m. at a location still to be decided, we’re teaming up with the All Souls youth group for a fun afternoon of games! More information to come!

January 21, Martin Luther King Jr. March in Asheville! Join Jenna for the MLK March in Asheville followed by lunch! Let Jenna know if you are planning to attend!



January 27, No Youth Group. Jenna will be out of town for a conference.

FANTASTIC TURN-OUT FOR CLEANING DAY! Grace Church is sparkling clean thanks to a wonderful group of hard-working parishioners that showed up on December 8, just ahead of the snow. Thank you to everyone who participated.



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 reduces greenhouse gases by avoiding emissions and/or by sequestering carbon dioxide already in the atmosphere.*

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Women and Girls: Educating Girls *January*

Education lays a foundation for vibrant lives for girls and women, their families, and their communities. It also is one of the most powerful levers available for avoiding emissions by curbing population growth. Women with more years of education have fewer and healthier children, and actively manage their reproductive health.

Educated girls realize higher wages and greater upward mobility, contributing to economic growth. Their rates of maternal mortality drop, as do mortality rates of their babies. They are less likely to marry as children or against their will. They have lower incidence of HIV/AIDS and malaria. Their agricultural plots are more productive and their families better nourished.

Education also shores up resilience and equips girls and women to face the impacts of climate change. They can be more effective stewards of food, soil, trees, and water, even as nature's cycles change. They have greater capacity to cope with shocks from natural disasters and extreme weather events.

Today, there are economic, cultural, and safety-related barriers that impede 62 million girls around the world from realizing their right to education. Key strategies to change that include:

- make school affordable;
- help girls overcome health barriers;
- reduce the time and distance to get to school; and
- make schools more girl-friendly.



Kenya has made significant gains in education, with more than 80 percent of all boys and girls currently enrolled in primary schools. In secondary schools, the rate of enrollment drops to 50 percent for both boys and girls. Poverty is the main cause of low overall enrollment, and given socioeconomic norms, boys receive priority for higher education when there are financial constraints.

BY THE NUMBERS

- ⇒ #6 Rank and Results by 2050
- ⇒ 59.6 gigatons reduced CO₂
- ⇒ Impact: Two solutions influence family size and global population: educating girls and family planning. Because the exact dynamic between these solutions is impossible to determine, our models allocate 50 percent of the total potential impact to each. We assume that these impacts result from thirteen years of schooling, including primary through secondary education. According to the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization, by closing an annual financing gap of \$39 billion, universal education in low- and lower-middle-income countries can be achieved. It could result in 59.6 gigatons of emissions reduced by 2050. The return on that investment is incalculable.

Grace Ministries in Action

“Grace Ministries in Action” spotlights reports from our ministry leaders, keeping us informed about their programs and ways in which each of us can get involved. If you have questions, ideas or comments about a ministry, please contact that ministry’s leader directly. They would love to hear from you.

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ADULT FORMATION. “God is in the Manger” by Dietrich Bonhoeffer is a collection of devotions, excerpts from sermons, letters, and reflections on Advent and the Christmas season. 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. Our final class is January 6.

ALTAR GUILD. Church Cleaning Day was held on December 8, as scheduled, even under threat of an impending snow storm. Twenty-three people participated in giving the church and the kitchen a thorough cleaning. Thanks to the ECW for taking on the kitchen. Others, under the direction of the altar guild, cleaned and oiled the wooden furniture in the church, including the altar, tables, altar rails, baptismal font, pulpit, lectern, etc. and vacuumed the perimeter of the rock walls, half of the choir chairs and window sills. We also removed wax, gum and stickers from the pews and cleaned the tops of the pews and the book racks. There is still more that needs to be done, but we are pleased to have made a good start. There will be another cleaning day in the spring and we hope that we will have an even better turn out for it, without the threat of snow. *(Photos on p. 3)*

Altar guild continues to be short-handed. We need people who can come one Saturday morning per month to help set up for Sunday services, and at least one person each who attends the 9:00 and 11:15 service to help with clean up after each service. Having a few more members would help lighten the burden on our current guild members. Please prayerfully consider volunteering for this vital church function.

FELLOWSHIP. Please make plans to attend our rescheduled Annual Parish Meeting and Brunch on Epiphany Sunday, January 6, following a 10:00 a.m. Eucharist combining the 9:00 and 11:15a.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)*

OUTREACH. The holiday giving season is behind us, but there are still people in our community and beyond who will struggle during the coming winter months. Your generous gifts to Outreach have and will continue to provide much-needed assistance. Thank you for your caring and generous hearts.

Response to the matching gift to **Episcopal Relief and Development** for disaster relief following recent hurricanes and wildfires was so generous! We were able to send a check for \$2,000 to their U.S. Disaster Relief fund.

ABCCM Food Drive. Due to the snow storm, collection for our final food drive of 2018 was moved forward to December 16, when thirty-eight bags surrounded the altar and were blessed before being delivered to the ABCCM pantry. Thank you for your generosity—in spite of the snow!



Angel Tree. A mountain of gifts for sixty-five area foster children appeared under our Angel Tree in the foyer on Sunday, December 16. Thank you to everyone who took a tag for a child or donated money for our shoppers. A special thank you to Jenna Sharrits and our young people for helping us with that shopping and to Courtney, Hannah and Pete Booth for coordinating another successful Angel Tree project.

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

Our Prayer List

January

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**; **Gavin Knapp**; **David Knisley**; **Shari Lane**; **Maria Mason**; **Joyce Noble**; **Pat Parker**; **Gael Paschall**, **Nancy Porter**; **Sonny Rawls**; **Ray Robertson**; **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 will stay on the list for six weeks; call the office to keep names on the list for a longer time): **Ed Anderson** (friend of Don Wills); **Nels Arnold** (friend of Kathleen Griffin); **Susan Austin** (sister of Ned Tipton); **Jeff Boggs** (nephew of Walt and Joyce Noble); **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 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 the church office at 828-254-1086 or at grace.church.asheville@gmail.com.

January 2019 Ministry Schedule

Service Time	Vergers	Acolyte C	Acolyte G	Acolyte E	Lector, Intercessor & Presenters	Chalicians	Ushers	Healing Team	Coffee Hour	Scripture	Lesson
January 6											
7:45	James Cannon					James Cannon	Ed Duncan			Isaiah 60: 1-6	1st Lesson
10:00	Chip Coon	Laura Ellington	Nola Ellington	Liesl Ellington	L. Bonnie Kistler, I. Jenny Thomas, P. Vest Family	1. Ann Robinson 2. Greg Townsend	Tricia & Mickey Trinite	Louise Wernicke Patricia Hargrove	Micki Newton	Ephesians 3:1-12	2nd Lesson
January 13											
7:45	James Cannon					Susan Robinson	Johnny Robinson				
9:00	Daphne Urquhart	Carsten Path	Tessa Path	Maira Stewart	L. Greg Townsend, I. Jenny Knapp, P. Larry & Neil Bowen	1. John Wootson 2. Zoe Davis	Will Israel Tom Barr	Allyn and Joan Aldrich	Elaine Dephouse	Isaiah 43:1-7	1st Lesson
11:15	Chip Coon	Cheryl Aull	(alternate)	Sally Withers	L. Don Willis, I. Nancy Remmers	1. Charles Carter 2. Kimberly Kneier	Larry & LuAnn Harris	Mary Israel Corinne Spencer	Pat Stafford	Acts : 8:14-17	2nd Lesson
January 20											
7:45	James Cannon					Margaret Dahm	Steve Jones				
9:00	Lorie Tola	Daphne Urquhart	Lauren Kuykendall	Maya Bell	L. Hugh Vaughn, I. Louise Wernicke, P. Hugh & Chal Vaughn	1. Carol Booth 2. Debbie Jones	Paul and Vicky Vest	Pat Davis Jane Whitman	Cuyler Dupree	Isaiah 62:1-5	1st Lesson
11:15	Chip Coon	Sally Withers	(alternate)	Eric Howell	L. Rusty McCredie, I. Bill Smith	1. Eric Howell 2. Bill Warren	Rusty Herman Elaine Potter	Sonny Rawls Karen Compton	Georgi Bruce	1 Corinthians 12:1-11	2nd Lesson
Taizé 8:00 PM	James Cannon				L. Monty Wooten, I. James Cannon			Fr Bob Reese (or alternate)			
January 27											
7:45	James Cannon					Jack Frue	Ed Duncan				
9:00	Daphne Urquhart	Gavin Knapp	Aleena Bennett	Louise Wernicke	L. Carol Booth, I. Cuyler Dupree, P. Booth Family	1. Greg Townsend 2. Lorie Tola	Derick & Wade Edwards	Jeanne Robertson Shari Lane	Paul Vest	Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10	1st Lesson
11:15	Chip Coon	Cheryl Aull	(alternate)	Grace Miller	L. Jenny Thomas, I. Kristen Dusenbery	1. Don Lewis 2. Sally Withers	Ed Woeckner Bob Turner	Mary Israel Sonny Rawls	Mary Ann Warren	1 Corinthians 12:12-31a	2nd Lesson
January 27											
Date	Counters	Depositors	Date	Flower Arrangers	Altar Guild						
6-Jan	Steve Birkhofer	James Cannon	6-Jan	Newton - Crownover - supervise sanctuary windows/foyer	Group 1: January 5 - January 11						
13-Jan	Martha Boyette	Judy Bohan	13-Jan	Newton - Bowen	Group 2: January 12 - January 18						
20-Jan	Sally Withers	Chal & Hugh Vaughn	20-Jan	Israel	Group 3: January 19- January 25						
27-Jan	Georgi Bruce	Anne Simmons	27-Jan	Israel - Don Willis	Group 4: January 26 - February 1						

Congratulations

January Anniversaries

Andrew and Margaret Dahm	5
Robert and Maggie Green	10
Walter and Joyce Noble	14
Daniel Trant and Katie Chimenti	18
Patricia and Keith Hargrove	20
Valerie and Joseph Heavens	22
Ron and Jeanne Sims	27
Ben and Peggy Grimes	31
Ed and Marla Woekener	31

January Birthdays

1 Mike Bohan	19 Bonnie Burhans
1 Rick Hayes	20 Brady Blackburn
1 Robert Kistler	20 Betty Johnson
2 Lockie Hunter	20 Alexander Sanderson
4 Matthew George	22 Gavin Knapp
4 Sarah Wilkey	23 Judy Bohan
5 Annie Dephouse	23 Pete Kuehne
5 Wade Edwards	23 Wayne Parton
5 Lily Elder	23 Cade Wooten
10 Buddy Greenwood	25 Cheryl Deyton
10 Adam Southwell	25 Ray Kuykendall
10 Moira Stewart	26 James Hopkins
10 Kate Wrenn	27 Laura Ellington
11 Greg Plank	27 Emma Hall
13 Arlo Elder	27 Kim Hayes
13 Tsz-yan Snyder	28 Georgina Johnson
14 Doug McClellan	28 James Rains
15 Jennifer Thomas	29 Kathleen Griffin
15 Blakely Whitner	29 Donald Lewis
17 Elly Withers	29 Susan Robinson
18 Gary Butterworth	31 Billy Gray
18 Eric Wood	

Special Gifts

The Aumbry candle is given to the Glory of God by Georgie Bruce and David and Sally Withers in memory of Mary and George Royer and Stella and William Bruce.

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by:
Paul Melson in loving memory of his mother Charlotte Melson;

Randy and Martha Carson in honor of their parents;

the Herman Family in memory of Oz and Jo Herman;

Deb Pegal in memory of her husband Louis.



The list of Christmas greenery and flowers donors who contributed to the beauty of our church this past Christmas will be posted in the February issue of the *Grace TEAM*. We are grateful to all who made gifts.

Post-Holiday Recycling

Americans generate 25% more waste between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day. Remarkably, about 80% of what is thrown away during the holidays could actually be recycled or repurposed.

Here are a few recycling reminders:

ALWAYS RECYCLE

Paper & Flattened Cardboard
Metal Cans
Plastic Jugs & Bottles
Plain Wrapping Paper

TRASH OR REUSE

Padded Envelopes
Ribbons & Bows
Bubble Wrap
Packing Peanuts
Foil or Glittery Wrapping Paper

Negative Variance Offset By Lower Expenses

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

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Income:			
Pledges	346,342	324,143	22,199
Prior Year Pledges	50	-	50
Non-pledged Offerings	-	11,116	(11,116)
Open Offering	10,966	31,041	(20,075)
Interest	58	57	1
Misc.	11,559	12,217	(658)
Total Income:	368,976	378,573	(9,598)
Expenses:			
Outreach/Mission	46,681	45,837	843
Parish Programs	13,089	11,364	1,726
Operations	61,962	61,807	155
Personnel	233,759	259,565	(25,807)
Total Expenses:	355,491	378,574	(23,083)
Income Less Expenses:	13,485	(0)	13,485

Pledge receipts through the end of November totaled \$346,342 compared to projected pledges of \$324,143. Considering all income sources, income received for the year totaled \$368,976, while we projected income to be \$378,573. We ended the month with a negative income variance of \$9,598.

The negative variance in income was offset by expenses which were less than budgeted amounts by \$23,083. When these savings were applied to the negative income variance of \$9,598, our income less expenses resulted in a surplus of \$13,485 at the end of November.

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 season 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.

Starting this month we will be gathering as The Community of God at Grace in listening sessions called **Holy Conversations**. During these conversations we will be talking, exploring, visioning and dreaming the future of Grace. We will be listening for the still, small voice that lives in each one of us...God's dreams that reside in our hearts.

Fr. Gary is offering weekend, daytime and evening time slots. He will also offer some training about the **Gather, Transform, Send Vitality Model** that shapes our lives as a church. The results of these conversations will guide the interim time as well as inform the search process for our new rector. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend at least one session (1.5 hours in length) to share your hopes and dreams, insights and vision.

HOLY CONVERSATIONS

January Schedule

Sunday, January 20

immediately following the 11:15 service

Tuesday, January 22

2:00 p.m.

Monday, January 28

6:00 p.m.