



the Grace TEAM

to each a ministry

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Deadline for articles is the 15th.

Sunday Worship

8:00 a.m. - Rite I

10:30 a.m. - Rite II Family &

Choral Service

Healing Prayer

Every Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

there is a prayer station available
with Lay Healing Prayer Ministers.

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

Taizé

On the third Sunday of each
month at 8:00 p.m., a Taizé service
is attended by an ecumenical
congregation who enjoy the
reflective form of worship using
candles, incense, chants, meditative
readings and prayers. Healing
Prayer is also offered
at this service.

A Message from Fr. Gary

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

If you recall, when I first arrived
last year I held four Holy Listening
Conversations so I could get to know
you better—your past, your present,
your hopes and your dreams. One of
the things that I heard about in every
conversation was the importance of
and desire to have “Small Groups.”
Groups where parishioners could gath-
er together to explore their faith and
their spirituality.

We discover-
ed that there
was a desire to
start an Educa-
tion for Ministry
(EfM) small
group here at
Grace. EfM
groups are small
groups of people
exploring Christi-
anity, their own
faith and how
they live their
spirituality out in
a secular world.

EfM is a ro-
bust four-year
program for lay
people. You are
guided by a men-
tor. It is im-
portant to re-
member that
mentors do not
lead—they guide. EfM is an adult
learning model.

So, might you be interested but
want to know more? Here are some
words from the EfM Program Office at
The University of the South at Se-
wanee:

We all face the difficult and often
subtle task of interpreting the richness
of the church's faith in a complex and
confusing world. We need a theologi-
cal education which supports our faith

and also teaches us how to express our
faith in our everyday lives.

Many people think that one must
be ordained in order to be “a minister.”
Our Prayer Book tells us that all bap-
tized Christians are called to be active
participants in the church's total minist-
ry. Jesus reconciled the world to God.
We are called to incarnate that reconcil-
iation in our own time and in our own
place through worship, service to oth-
ers, and by proclamation of God's
Word to all people.

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The EfM pro-
gram is preparation
for the ministry to
which we all are
called. It is that vo-
cation for which we
pray at the end of
the Eucharist: “And
now, Father, send us
out to do the work
you have given us to
do, to love and serve
you as faithful wit-
nesses of Christ our
Lord.”

The EfM Semi-
nar Group. The
seminar group is the
nucleus of the Edu-
cation for Ministry
program. A group
consists of six to
twelve participants
and a trained men-
tor who meet weekly

over the course of a nine-month period.

Through study, prayer, and reflec-
tion, EfM groups move toward a new
understanding of the fullness of God's
kingdom. This process can be illustrated
by a two-rail fence. One rail is the
Christian tradition. The other is the
collective experience of the group's
members. The rails are linked by fence
posts which represent the seminar ses-

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Events at a Glance

A Quick Review of the Month

Sunday Fellowship

Breakfast, 8:45-10:00 a.m., PH
Coffee in the Courtyard, 11:40 a.m., Courtyard

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sundays, 9:30 a.m., Choir Room
Wednesday, August 28, 7:15 p.m. (with Jim Cassarino)

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

Friday Night Lights on the Lawn

Fridays at sundown, front lawn (details on p. 6)

Outreach Retreat

Sunday, August 4, 12:00 noon-4:00 p.m., LI

Summer Lunch Bunch

Tuesday, August 6, 11:30 a.m., CH

Order of St. Luke

Thursdays, August 8, 6:30 p.m., PH

Steadfast House Meal

Friday, August 9, 6:00 p.m.

PubSing

Sunday, August 11, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Worship Committee Meeting

Monday, August 12, 6:00-8:00 p.m., LI

Discernment Committee Meeting

Tuesday, August 13, 6:30 p.m., LI

Men of the Church

Tuesday, August 13, 6:00 p.m.

TEAM Meeting

Wednesday, August 14, 10:00 a.m., OF

"Sunday School Blast Off!" & Intro to the Atria

Sunday, August 18, 9:00 a.m., PH (details on p. 5)

Diocesan SPLASH for Youth

Sunday, August 18, 2:00-5:00 p.m. (details on p. 3)

Taizé Worship Service

Sunday, August 18, 8:00-9:00 p.m., CH

Vestry Meeting

Monday, August 19, 5:30 p.m., LI

Holy Conversations

Saturday, August 24, 8:00-10:30 a.m., PH

Introduction to the Atria

Sunday, August 25, 9:30 a.m., downstairs classrooms

Holy Conversations

Sunday, August 25, 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m., PH

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Holy Conversations

Wednesday, August 28, 6:00-8:30 p.m., PH

Rummage Sale Drop-Off Day

Saturday, August 31, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Brunch, Ministry Fair, Thank You to Mary Ann

Sunday, September 1, 9:15 a.m., PH (details on p. 5)

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

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

In addition to regular Sunday morning rehearsals at 9:30 a.m., there will be a special **Chancel Choir** rehearsal with Jim Cassarino Wednesday, August 28, 7:15 p.m.

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

The **Early Birds Men's Group** is a small group of men that meets in the library on Tuesdays, 8:45-10:00 a.m., to discuss a chosen book. All men of the church are welcome and are encouraged to bring friends. Questions? Call Bill Spencer at 299-3566.

Grace Church offers a **Holy Eucharist and Healing Service** on Wednesdays at 12:15 p.m. Healing prayer stations are also available at the 10:30 a.m. Sunday service and at the Taizé service every third Sunday.

John Rigsby and Don Lewis will host **Men of the Church** Tuesday, August 13, at John's home, 103 Dogwood Drive, Weaverville. The social starts at 6:00 p.m., followed by supper and a short business meeting. The cost is \$15, and a sign-up sheet is posted in the foyer. All men of the church are welcome.

Monday Morning Gospel Bible Study is at 10:30 a.m. in the parish hall. Facilitated by Fr. Bob, it is a study of the Gospel for the following Sunday. All are welcome.

The Mountain Chapter of the **Order of St. Luke** meets Thursday, August 8, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the parish hall. All are welcome. One does not have to be an OSL member to attend. Please join us. You will bless us with your presence. (Program details on p. 3.)

Come join us for **PubSing**, an informal gathering on the second Sunday of each month to sing hymns, old-time Gospel, and Americana inspirational music. This month, we'll meet August 11 at Zillicoah Beer Company, 870 Riverside Drive, Woodfin, 4:00-6:00 p.m. For details, contact Monty Wooten, montywooten@bellsouth.net or 828-254-1114.

The **Summer Lunch Bunch** gathers again Tuesday, August 6, at the church at 11:30 a.m. and then goes to lunch.

Parish News, Updates & Reminders



THE MOUNTAIN CHAPTER OF THE ORDER OF ST. LUKE resumes meeting in the parish hall after a summer hiatus on Thursday, August 8, 6:30-8:30 p.m. They will continue their program series, "Growing in Jesus' Ministry of Healing" and will begin the curriculum, "Power to Heal," which contains eight sessions to help activate God's healing power in our lives. Each session includes a DVD presentation by Randy Clark, a leader in the Christian Healing Ministry. Session one is entitled "Activate: Receive and Release God's Power."

Participants at the meeting will also learn more about soul ties and how to break the unhealthy ones which hinder moving forward on God's path. All are welcome. One does not have to be an OSL member to attend.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM CAMP HENRY. The support from Grace Church makes a difference!



Grace Church!
 Thank you so much for your generous donation to Camp Henry! It is because of donors like you that hundreds of children are able to attend camp & experience the unconditional love of God. We are so grateful for your support!
 Thank you
 Jenna Sharrits



THE ASHEVILLE EPISCOPAL YOUTH MINISTRY.

After our first year of joint youth ministry with St. James Black Mountain, Grace, St. Mary's, St. John's and Holy Spirit Mars Hill, we are continuing to learn and grow! I'm looking forward to another school year with this youth ministry! Watch for more information later this month, but for now, mark your calendars:

Youth Missioner
 Jenna Sharrits

➔ August 18, 2:00-5:00 p.m. in Black Mountain is the Diocesan Splash!

➔ August 25, 1:00-3:00 p.m., will be our first Asheville Youth Ministry gathering from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

I hope to see all our youth! Looking forward to another great school year! For more up-to-date information, sign up for the Asheville Episcopal Youth Ministry Newsletter, which is out every two weeks! Go to <https://tinyurl.com/AAEyouth> to sign up.

SPLASH!

Our first event as a whole youth group will be the Diocesan Splash for youth, grades 6-12, on Sunday, August 18! Join us for all the fun, 2:00-5:00 p.m. at Ridgecrest Lake. Find more information at <https://www.diocesewnc.org/upcoming-events>. Hope to see you there!



THE 2019 PIG PICKIN' IS COMING! Mark your calendar now for Saturday, September 21. Hosted by the Men of the Church, the annual Pig Pickin' Barbeque Dinner will be in the church parking lot at 5:30 p.m. with music and lots of really great food. The meal begins at 6:15 p.m.

Tickets will be available from Men of the Church and at the door. Ya'll make plans now to drop on by!

Parish News, Updates & Reminders

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BELL RINGERS NEEDED! With the advent of a new music director at the end of August, it would be wonderful if we were able to locate **four new bell ringers** for the 2019-2020 season. Please let Valerie know if you are willing and able to participate in the bell choir at Grace. Also, let her know if you know of anyone who is not a member at Grace who might be interested in playing handbells. Two of the recent bell choir retirees were not members of Grace but had no handbell choirs at their church.

HOLY CONVERSATIONS. Saturday, August 24 at 8:00 a.m. starting with a catered breakfast; Sunday, August 25 at 11:30 a.m. (following church) starting with a catered lunch; and Wednesday, August 28 at 6:00 p.m. starting with a catered dinner, we as a parish begin our Holy Conversations. Designed to be fun for all, these gatherings will nurture relationships, foster creative ideas and enthusiasm and cultivate space for the Holy Spirit to work among us as we seek our new rector. In the weeks to come, you'll hear a lot more about Holy Conversations, but for now, please know—every voice is needed, every opinion is important and every member of Grace Church is a holy, beloved and vital part of this journey.



What does this have to do with Holy Conversations? Find out soon!

A NEW EPISCOPAL HOUSE IS COMING! LOTS OF HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OPPORTUNITIES! Every other year, Grace Church joins with other Episcopal churches in Asheville to sponsor and provide volunteer labor for another Episcopal House. The 2019 Episcopal House is our thirteenth build!



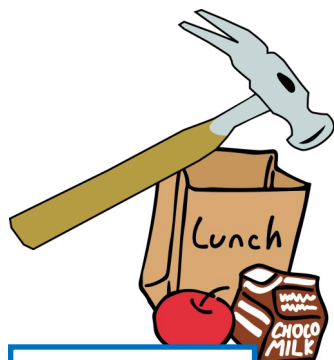
Volunteer opportunities for this project will be available August 26 through November 2. And unlike previous builds, this year, we will be working on townhouses in the Candler area. Several different types of jobs will be available each day, and volunteers will be allocated across several different units that are in various stages of completion. That way, everyone's work skills or preferences can most likely be met on any given day.

It is most satisfying to contribute a day of work that you know has helped someone be able to gain ownership of their own house in these days of high property values and costs. And it is also very satisfying to know that they have contributed their own sweat equity to the house they will receive. In doing so, the house will mean a lot to them, and they will appreciate even more what all the volunteers have helped them accomplish.

We have already blocked out some volunteer slots as a pledge to the project, but it is also possible to choose other dates if these are not convenient for your schedule. The dates we have pledged three volunteers per day for are listed below. A sign-up list and other information about the location of the build and what to expect as a volunteer is posted on the easel in the foyer. John Woodson will be coordinating the volunteers and operate as a liaison with Habitat for Humanity, so if you have any questions or want to volunteer, contact him at jlwoodson@aol.com or at 828-645-4293.

PICK YOUR WORK DAY!

Saturday, September 14
Thursday, September 19
Monday, September 30
Saturday, October 5
Friday, October 18



Also, don't forget to take home one of the little Habitat House donation boxes and the accompanying guide for using it.

This is a great way to involve the whole family in not only supporting the Episcopal House project, but in realizing and appreciating the many blessings of having a safe, dry, comfortable home.

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.

MINISTRY LEADERS

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ADULT FORMATION. Andrew Beasley will be offering an adult Sunday School option beginning Sunday, September 8, 9:25 a.m. in the downstairs conference room. Although it is primarily aimed at parents of children preK-18 (just drop the kids off in the Atrium and come on in!), the class is open to all. The program will be based

More than a program or curriculum, this is an intentional commitment to a set of practices. It's a commitment to follow Jesus: Turn, Learn, Pray, Worship, Bless, Go, Rest. Learn more at episcopalchurch.org/way-of-love.

CHILD FORMATION. Greetings, Grace families! I hope you are excited to begin the new Sunday school year, which starts very soon! We have a few dates for you to remember. First, we are having a "Sunday School Blast Off!" Sunday, August 18. Join us for breakfast in the parish hall at 9:00 a.m.; afterwards, we will make our way to the atria where we will have a craft, followed by activities for the children on the front lawn. Second, there will be an "Introduction to the Atria" on August 18 and 25, at 9:30 a.m. This is optional but a great idea if your child is new to The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, our Montessori-based Christian education program here at Grace. Third, our regular Sunday school classes will start on September 8, at 9:30 a.m. We are looking forward to seeing you all!

Grace Catechists



CHOIRS. Welcome, Jim! Thank you, Mary Ann! September 1, during brunch at 9:15 a.m., we will take time to welcome our new music director, Jim Cassarino, and offer a huge thank you to the multi-talented Mary Ann Warren, who has done such a wonderful job as our interim Director of Music the past several months.

Mary Ann stepped out of the alto section and up to the plate following the departure of Ned Tipton early this year. Since then she has brought the full range of her considerable musical talents to bear on the multi-layered task of rehearsing and directing two musical groups—the chancel and handbell choirs—week in and week out. Because of her efforts Grace Church has been able to maintain its long tradition of excellence in liturgical and choral music without interruption or decline.

Please join us at brunch on September 1 to thank Mary Ann for her talent, skill, and dedication and to welcome Jim.

FELLOWSHIP. Join us for our annual Ministry Fair and Brunch on Sunday, September 1, at 9:15 a.m. Please bring your pot-luck brunch items (egg casseroles, fruit, baked goods, etc.). During brunch, we will thank Mary Ann Warren for serving as our interim music director and welcome our new music director, Jim Ceasarino. Then stay to learn more about the many opportunities to get involved at Grace! All Grace ministries are invited to set up a display on tables in the Parish Hall and foyer. The Fellowship Ministry will provide sign-up sheets and labels for each table. This is a chance to meet our fellow parishioners and learn more about the wonderful ways Grace Church is making a difference! Contact Sally Withers (712-1955) for details.



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Grace Ministries in Action

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OUTREACH. Thanks to all who contributed to our drive to buy pregnant goats for **Consider Haiti!** We'll have totals in next month's issue. In addition to this project, other exciting things are either happening right now or coming soon!

Back-to-School Supplies for Foster Families. Please bring supplies and backpacks to church by **Sunday, August 11.** You'll find a shopping list in the foyer at church or check the July *TEAM*. There will be a "Blessing of the Backpacks" Sunday, August 18. As always, you are not expected to buy everything. The items on the list are suggestions. Every gift is a blessing!

The Habitat for Humanity Episcopal House. Please read more on page 4 and pick a day for volunteering. All skill levels welcome!

The YMCA Mobile Market. Grace Church has been given an opportunity to partner with the YMCA of Western North Carolina as a sponsor for their Mobile Market! Beginning Wednesday, October 2, and continuing every first Wednesday, the Mobile Market, which offers fresh produce to all, free of charge, will set up in our parking lot from 5:00-6:00 p.m. Larry and Lucy Bowen will be seeking volunteers to assist with the market.

Room in the Inn. We are exploring the possibility of re-entering this ministry next year in partnership with another Episcopal church in the area. As many of you may remember, Grace has participated in the past, and although we have not been a host recently, we continue to contribute financially every year. The Room in the Inn program, which provides food and shelter at night for up to twelve women for a week at a time, is supported by many churches in Asheville, Swannanoa and Black Mountain. As hosts, volunteers would be needed to stay overnight, provide pick-up and drop-off services, provide meals and offer Christian fellowship to the women in the program. Please be watching for more information and considering how you might be called to participate. The Outreach Committee welcomes your input as we consider this ministry.

Recycle Your Prescription Bottles. Many times, the pills people receive in developing countries are wrapped in paper scraps. They have no protection from moisture or the elements. And they certainly are not safely out of the reach of small children. We can help by donating our used prescription and over-the-counter pill bottles (with or without childproof caps). Just remove the labels; wash, rinse and dry; replace caps; and place the bottles in a zip lock bag. A box has been put in the foyer for your donations.

Friday Night Lights on the Lawn!

BRING A CANDLE. BRING A LAWN CHAIR. LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE! Jesus went on: "Does anyone bring a lamp home and put it under a washtub or beneath the bed? Don't you put it up on a table or on the mantel? We're not keeping secrets, we're telling them; we're not hiding things, we're bringing them out into the open. Are you listening to this? Really listening? Listen carefully to what I am saying—and be wary of the shrewd advice that tells you how to get ahead in the world on your own. Giving, not getting, is the way." *Mark 4: 21-24 (The Message – The Bible in Contemporary Language. Paraphrased by Eugene Peterson)*

As followers of Jesus, are we hiding our light? In the midst of all the craziness in our country and the world, are we experiencing a crisis of faith, feeling helpless, tired and frustrated by the divisiveness that plagues and hampers our wonderful country right now? Is it time to let our light shine again?

Well, something is happening on the front lawn of Grace Church on Friday nights. Look! Around sunset, you'll see people sitting on the hillside with candles. They aren't protesting. They aren't carrying signs. They *are* the sign—a small, visible sign of Christ in a troubled world. Looking out on a busy Merrimon Avenue on Friday night, they're taking a couple of hours of their time to openly let their light shine.

And you are invited to join them. People begin arriving about 30-45 minutes before sunset. They bring their lawn chairs or blankets and a candle (we have some extra candles if you forget). And if you can't make it, please say a short prayer of thanksgiving at sunset for the "Lights on the Lawn".



From Our Discernment Committee Chair



Paul Vest, Chair
Discernment Committee

Dear Grace Family,
In August we will host "Holy Conversations" with all parishioners to put the final touches on our parish profile. Please look for signup sheets in the foyer for the following dates:

Saturday, August 24 – 8:00 a.m. starting with a catered breakfast

Sunday, August 25 – 11:30 a.m. (following church) starting with a catered lunch

Wednesday, August 28 – 6:00 p.m. starting with a catered dinner

We hope this exercise/experience will be fun, build community, allow parishioners' ideas and enthusiasm to build upon one another and will leave open the potential for the Holy Spirit to surprise us.

Besides your ongoing thoughts and prayers, this will be the final opportunity for the parish to provide important support as we build our parish profile.

That profile will then be used to present Grace Church to potential candidates for our next rector. The search process will likely reach the point of posting the job opening by November 1st.

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

In Christ,
Your Discernment Committee

A Message from Fr. Gary

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sions where life and study meet. The fence is grounded in the soil of regular worship which is vital to the life of the group.

Participants are given weekly assignments to study with the help of resource guides. Participants are responsible for setting their own learning goals. In the seminars, members have an opportunity to share their insights and discoveries, to discuss questions which the study materials raise for them and, most importantly... build community.

An important goal of EfM is to learn to think theologically. By examining our own beliefs and our relationship with our culture and the tradition of our Christian faith, we learn what it means to be effective ministers in the world. In coming to terms with the notion that everything we do has potential for manifesting the love of Christ, we discover that our ministry is at hand wherever we turn. The seminar is supported by a life of prayer and regular worship.

The Role of the EfM Mentor. Seminar groups work under the leadership of mentors who contract to serve as guides and administrators. They are not teachers in the traditional sense who are expected to impart information about the Christian tradition. Mentors work as enablers rather than as an informer of people.

The structure of the course is set forth in the EfM curriculum but we all come to it in our own learning style and with our own emotional and intellectual needs.

Contents of the Four Years. Participants in the EfM program study the entire sweep of the Christian tradition from the earliest period to the present. Participants learn the disciplines of biblical exegesis and interpretation, systematic theology, church history, ethics, liturgics, and ascetical theology.

The traditional content is not studied in a vacuum. Participants belong to small "communities of learning" in which the events of each person's life are examined in the light of the materials being studied. EfM provides Christians with that basic skill which is the foundation of all Christian ministry—theological reflection.

Nancy Giles Walters and Christopher Jaquette will be co-mentors for this year's program which will begin in early October. I am offering a \$200 scholarship to assist with the \$375 fee for any person who feels drawn to this program. I recommend EfM for everyone. From the first session all the way to the last, you will begin to think more theologically and see God at work in the world around you in new and exciting ways.

In Christ's Love,

Fr. Gary+

So, what are the plans for EfM at Grace?

- We plan to meet one evening per week in the library at Grace from September/October through mid-June each year. Class will probably be from 5:30 or 6:00 p.m. through 8:30 p.m. on Thursday evenings.
- We will have an organization/planning meeting in September to finalize these plans and send registration information for each participant to Sewanee.

For More Information about EfM:

Check out the EfM Website at:

<http://efm.sewanee.edu/>

Contact: Nancy Walters (706-833-0233. ngwaltrdld@aol.com); Christopher (Chris) Jaquette (828-713-2519. cjaquette@gmail.com or Fr. Gary Butterworth 828-254-1086, gary.butterworth@gmail.com)

Our Prayer List

August

We publish the Parish Prayer List each month so you may include those listed in your daily prayers. To help you identify and/or contact the people for whom you are praying, we have included the last names of people with their permission.

For Parishioners: Chris Carson (son of Martha & Randy); Nancy Clark; Ed Denison; Eva Dupree; Eunice Ferguson; Mary Hayes; Mary Israel; Claire Jones; Maria Mason; Gael Paschall; Nancy Porter; Sonny Rawls; Cal Remmers; Beth Stahl; Laura & Tsz-yan Snyder; Rita Spragg; Mickey Trinite (son-in-law to Pat Anderson); Pat Walters; Don Wills; Ed and Marla Woeckener.

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

For Others (names will stay on the list for six weeks; call Kathleen Griffin or the office to keep names on the list for a longer time): Carolyn Brown (friend of Ray & Jeanne Robertson); Melinda Franks (sister of Becky Smith); David & Suana Gentry; Patricia Howard (former mother-in-law of Chip Coon); Joanne Poston (sister-in-law of Bill & Corinne Spencer); Beverly Roberts (cousin of Barbara Wilcox); Fred Wilson (father to Debbie Jones); LeighAnne (friend of Elaine Potter).

For Those Who Have Died and Their Families: Steve Coward (son of Bill Coward); Alex Popper (friend of Don Wills)

For Those in Service to Our Country: Tommy & Danny Brown (grandsons of Ed & Marla Woeckener); David Ely (son of Dave Ely); Matthew George (son of Zoe Davis); Spencer & Erica High; Jason Marino (son of Lynda McCredie); Daniel Schultz (son of Judy Rhodes); Nancy Smith, Sarah Jane Wilkey (daughter of Diane and Tony Wilkey).

For Those in the Episcopal Church: Michael (our presiding Bishop); José, Porter and Robert (our Bishops); the clergy vestry, staff, ministries and people of this parish; Church of the Advocate.

For our President Donald Trump, his Cabinet, Congress & our country; for victims of violence across the world; for local agencies & those who work for relief of the poor; for better stewardship of the environment; for resolution of crises throughout our world.

The Bulletin and TEAM prayer list is one of many prayer lists at Grace. Please get permission from anyone you would like to add to the list and contact Kathleen Griffin at 337-8241 or gkcgriffin7@gmail.com or the church office at grace.church.asheville@gmail.com.



Our condolences and prayers go to the friends, family and loved ones of Steve Coward (son of Bill Coward) and Alex Popper (friend of Don Wills).

August 2019 Ministry Schedule

If you are unable to serve, please find a replacement and contact the Verger for that service.

8:00	August 04	August 11	August 18	August 25
Verger	James Cannon	James Cannon	James Cannon	Lorie Tola
Chalicer	James Cannon	Susan Robinson	Jack Frue	Jack Frue
Usher	Tom Barr	Johnny Robinson	Steve Jones	Ed Duncan

10:30

Verger	Chip Coon	Daphne Urquhart	Lorie Tola	Chip Coon
Acolyte C	Maya Bell	Jonah Silvers	Carsten Path	Laura Ellington
Acolyte G	Daphne Urquhart	Ellie Silvers	Tessa Path	Nola Ellington
Acolyte E	Aleena Bennett	Lorie Tola	Zoe Davis	Lisle Ellington
Lector 1	Hugh Vaughn	Paul Urquhart	Elaine Potter	Bill Smith
Lector 2	<i>Only one reader is needed for August. The bulletin will indicate whether Lesson 1 or 2 below is chosen.</i>			
Intercessor	Larry Bowen	Jeanne Roberston	Robert Green	John Woodson
Presenters	Hugh Vaughn (substitute)	Daphne & Paul Urquhart	Elaine Potter Jenny Thomas	Beth & John Woodson
Chalicer 1	Sally Withers	Daphne Urquhart	Nancy Walters	Greg Townsend
Chalicer 2	Sally Coburn	Mark Silvers	Kimberly Kneier	Ann Robinson
Ushers	Will Israel George Davis	Elaine & William Potter	Ed Woeckener John Rigsby	Paul & Vicki Vest
Healing Team	Pat Davis Jane Whitman	Jeanne Roberston Shari Lane	Marzy Israel Corinne Spencer	Sonny Rawls Karen Compton

Scripture - Lesson 1	Hosea 11:1-11	Isaiah 1:1, 10-20	Isaiah 5:1-7	Jeremiah 1:4-10
Scripture - Lesson 2	Colossians 3:1-11	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	Hebrews 11:29-12:2	Hebrews 12:18-29
Counters	Steve Birkhofer	Martha Boyette	Sally Withers	Georgi Bruce
Depositors	James Cannon	Judy Bohan	Chal & Hugh Vaughn	Anne Simmons
Flower Arrangers	Newton	Israel - Bowman	Israel - Bowman	Wyatt
Altar Guild	Group 1: Aug 3 - 9	Group 2: Aug 10 - 16	Group 3: Aug 17 - 23	Group 4: Aug 24 - 30

7:00 PM Taizé

Verger			James Cannon	
Lector			James Cannon	
Intercessor			Monty Wooten	
Healing Prayer			OSL Ministers	

August Anniversaries

Ray and Jeanne Robertson	3
Bill and Corinne Spencer	3
Rita and Roger Lyda	5
Derek and Elaine Dephouse	6
Paul and Vicki Vest	6
Glenn and Angie Cullen	16
Brady and Bobbie Blackburn	20
Chris Jaquette and Simon Thompson	20
Buddy and Sylvia Greenwood	23
Judy and Huey Warner	24
Bill and Glenda Sanderson	25

August Birthdays

3 Robert Dubrul	13 Bryn Whitner
4 Bill Coward	14 Karen Compton
5 Roya Shahrokh	15 Martha Bell
5 Peter Sprague	16 Sally Bierhaus
6 Annika Brock	17 Cheryl Aull
6 Ella Doran	18 Dorothy Engel
6 Vicky Enox	18 Anna-Kate Hall
6 Elaine Potter	19 Bill Sanderson
6 Beth Stahl	20 Jean Haldane
8 Jim Coon	20 Hunter Israel
8 Clara Engelbrecht	20 Carl Loftin
9 Cuyler Dupree	21 Brad Thorne
9 Luca Hopkins	24 Will Israel
9 Don Wills	26 Sue Dismukes
10 Glenn Cullen	26 Henry Watts
10 Micki Newton	27 Jack Frue
11 Barb Bell	30 Joe Bennett
12 Rita Lyda	30 Ron Sims
12 John Rigsby	31 Chris Jaquette

Another God Story:

Bill and Becky Smith sing in our choir and are both gifted organists. They suspect God (and Grandmother Smith) had hands in bringing them together. Bill tells their "God Story."

We met, initially, through our mutual membership in the American Guild of Organists, where we saw each other at monthly meetings and greeted each other: "Hi, I'm Becky Smith," she'd say. "Hi, I'm Bill Smith," I'd answer. "Oh, another Smith!" she'd exclaim, and we'd hug.

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Special Gifts

The Aumbry Candle is given to the Glory of God by Don Hawkins in memory of his wife Martie.

The flowers are Given to the Glory of God by:

Jack and Mary Jane Westall in loving memory of Courtenay Jones Dillingham;

Grace Lynn Miller in loving memory of her mother Kimberley McFarland;

Joe Aull in thanksgiving for Cheryl, Michael, Da-ae, Bill, Debbie, Harrison, Mallory, Chelsea, and Joel;

Georgie Bruce in memory of her husband Robert Bruce;

Carol and Steve Booth in loving memory of Theresa Sabo.



God Story (continued)

That went on for about ten years. Then one month, as I was waiting in the church kitchen for the meeting to start, I heard someone playing the piano and was reminded of the way my own mother would play, so I had to enter the sanctuary to see who it was. It was Becky. I was smitten.

Later that same year, Becky bought a computer and emailed me her address to add to the roster of the Chapter of the Organist's Guild. When I wrote her back, I little thought about it, but I had set my email handler to include a tag-line in Irish after any email I sent. When I received her reply, her email had a different Irish tag-line, "Tá gach fear socraithe go dtí go dtagann bó ar a ghairdín," or "Every man is sociable until a cow invades his garden".

Our first date was at an Irish pub in Charleston, SC, where we discovered that we both have Irish, Scottish and Swiss ancestry and, more importantly, we both have the same sense of humor.

Then, shortly after we started dating, I had a visitation in a dream: The doorbell rang, and when I opened the door, a short woman with white hair and straight, black eyebrows shook her finger in my face and said, "You'd better take care of her!"

It was just that, a short visit. The next time I saw Becky, I told her about the dream, guessing that it was her mother who had visited me, until I saw a photograph on Becky's book shelf. I pointed to it and said, "That's the woman!"

It was her father's mother, one who had been abandoned by her husband. Becky said, "Oh, Grandmother Smith – yes she would be the one they'd send. It means she approves of you." I never questioned it.

Income Continues to Exceed Expenses in June

Pledge receipts through the end of June totaled \$175,438, compared to projected pledges of \$171,037. Considering all income sources, income received for the period totaled \$229,178, while we projected income to be \$213,253. We ended the month with a positive income variance of \$15,925. This positive variance is largely the result of a decision by the vestry to transfer a portion of a recently received bequest for funding the discernment process (\$10,000); using a one-time donation from a parishioner (\$10,000) received for operations; and transferring the savings from 2018 (\$23,144) to use for operations in 2019. These additions totaled \$43,144 and were included with income.

Expenses through the end of June totaled \$195,987, while we projected expenses to be \$217,959. These savings totaled \$21,972 for the first six months this year.

As a reminder, the budget is \$9,410 in deficit to provide support for key programs even though projected income was unavailable. Thus far, with income exceeding projections and with continued savings on expenses, it is likely that our deficit will be resolved. As we proceed through the year, we will continue to monitor and adjust to eventually eliminate this shortfall. In the meantime, parish financial reports will reflect an unbalanced budget.

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

Your Vestry

Statement of Activities - Grace Church				
Year to Date - June 2019				
		Actual	Budget	Variance
Income:				
	Pledges	175,438	171,037	4,401
	Non-pledged Offerings	50	-	50
	Open Offering	3,521	6,554	(3,033)
	Interest	46	35	11
	Misc.	50,124	35,628	14,496
	Total Income:	229,178	213,253	15,925
Expenses:				
	Outreach/Mission	24,203	25,003	(800)
	Parish Programs	4,068	12,559	(8,491)
	Operations	31,290	33,613	(2,323)
	Personnel	136,427	146,785	(10,358)
	Total Expenses:	195,987	217,959	(21,972)
Income Less Expenses:		33,192	(4,705)	37,897