



# the Grace TEAM

to each a ministry

September 2019

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### The Grace TEAM

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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.

As our children are returning to school and beginning to learn new things, we parents and adults will be grateful for some of those things and not so grateful for others—you know... those lessons learned on the playground, in the locker room, on the football field, at dances... things that tend to bring about that irrational behavior in our beloved little ones. I ran across an article recently by Missy Morain, Program Manager for Christian Formation at the National Cathedral, and it speaks directly to this topic. Here are a few excerpts.

“Being a young person in the world

today is a mixture of opportunities and expectations. Each person encountered has a different series of expectations and desires, which range from useful to downright ludicrous. At the start of a new school year we as members of the Body of Christ

have an opportunity to make new commitments to the young people in our worlds.

“Manhood and Womanhood are free gifts from God. Adulthood is earned. The gift of manhood and womanhood like most free gifts comes with some strings attached; much like a “free gift with purchase” offer. That purchase is adulthood. Adulthood is only learned through relational community. One learns to be an adult through others and with the help of others. Our Judeo-Christian tradition provides some of the best models within which to become an adult.

“This model of becoming an adult begins in one of the first biblical stories, the story of Adam and Eve. Adam and Eve were the first to get this free gift of manhood and womanhood from God but they too had to learn their adulthood. Their time of learning occurred in Eden and their rather

harsh introduction to adulthood occurred just prior to leaving. The world of introduction to adulthood is perhaps only slightly less difficult now and yet our young people are still filled with the fire and energy of creation in the same way that Adam and Eve were. It is no wonder that God chose a young woman, Mary, to be the vessel by which God came into our world. Who else but a young person would have had the fire, determination, and sheer gumption to say “yes” to God? Who else but a young person would have been able to say “This is totally going to flip my parents out... sounds like a great idea!”?

“As adults on the journey with our young people we have a special charge when it comes to our youth. We have to guide with intelligence the young people of our world. We have an obligation not to use this gumption to our advantage, to not manipulate the young people in our midst. We must assist in the learning process,

model the behavior of adults and walk with our youth in their formation pilgrimage as we continue in our own formation. Maybe through this mentorship we can earn back a little bit of that fire and gumption, earn back that energy to continue to change the world and to continue the creation of God's world which began back in Eden.”

As we begin this new formation year with our youth remember that we need them as much as they need us and that we are making this journey together. We have many opportunities to journey with our young people. If you feel called to lead classes, work with the youth group, or mentor, let us know. Your reward will be rich.

Peace,

Gary+

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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*

### Choir and Bell Rehearsals

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

### Monday Morning Gospel Bible Study

*Mondays, 10:30 a.m., PH (no class Labor Day, Sept. 2)*

### 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, sundown, front lawn*

### Men of the Church

*No meeting in September*

### Sunday Brunch/Ministry Fair/Choir Celebration

*Sunday, September 1, 9:15 a.m., PH (details on p. 3)*

### Labor Day Holiday

*Monday, September 2, Church office closed*

### Outreach Committee Meeting

*Tuesday, September 3, 5:30 p.m., LI*

### Sunday School Begins

*Sunday, September 8, 9:30 a.m. (details on p. 3)*

### PubSing

*Sunday, September 8, 4:00-6:00 p.m.*

### Worship Committee Meeting

*Monday, September 9, 6:00-8:00 p.m., LI*

### TEAM Meeting

*Wednesday, September 11, 10:00 a.m., OF*

### Order of St. Luke

*Thursday, September 12, 6:30 p.m., PH*

### Steadfast House Meal

*Friday, September 13, 6:00 p.m.*

### Taizé Worship Service

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

### Vestry Meeting

*Monday, September 16, 5:30 p.m., LI*

### Pig Pickin'

*Saturday, September 21, 5:30 p.m., (details on p. 4)*

### Pumpkin Unloading

*Sunday, September 29, 12:30 p.m.*

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.

Stay for **Coffee and Conversation** in the courtyard following the 10:30 service. In order to make this as welcoming as possible, families are encouraged to sign up as "hosts."

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.

Let your light shine every Friday night as you join others for **Friday Night Lights on the Lawn**. Bring a candle, a lawn chair, and be a sign of Christ's love in a troubled world.

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.

**Men of the Church** will not meet this month as they prepare for the Pig Pickin' on September 21.

**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. No class on Labor Day Monday, September 2.

The Mountain Chapter of the **Order of St. Luke** meets Thursday, September 12, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the parish hall to continue the series, "Growing in Jesus' Ministry of Healing." A DVD healing story about a woman diagnosed with a brain aneurysm and the active faith-filled involvement of her husband and daughter will teach an important perspective needed when dealing with illness. All are welcome. One does not have to be an OSL member to attend.

Please join us! You will bless us with your presence. We will not meet if the Asheville city schools are closed that day or will close early because of inclement weather.

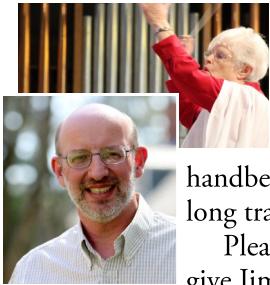
Come join us for our **PubSing**, an informal gathering on the second Sunday of each month to sing hymns, old-time gospel, and Americana inspirational music. We meet this month on September 8 at Zillicoah Beer Co., 870 Riverside Drive, Woodfin, 4:00-6:00 p.m. For details, contact Monty Wooten at montywooten@bellsouth.net or 828-254-1114.

# Parish News, Updates & Reminders

**SUNDAY BRUNCH AND MINISTRY FAIR.** Join us for our annual Ministry Fair and Brunch on Sunday, September 1, at 9:15 a.m. Please come and share your pot-luck brunch items (egg casseroles, fruit, baked goods, etc.). During brunch, we will take time to thank Mary Ann Warren for serving as our interim music director and welcome our new music director, Jim Cassarino. Then stay to learn more about the many ways 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!



**WELCOME, JIM CASSARINO! THANK YOU, MARY ANN WARREN!** 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 give Jim a warm welcome.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS, NO CHARGE!** Children! Parents! Adults of all ages! It's time once again for Sunday school at Grace. Beginning September 8 at 9:30 a.m., everyone will find opportunities to learn more about the Church, discuss Scripture and grow in faith.

Children ages 3-12 are invited downstairs to the Atria for Montessori-based curricula that lead students into discovery of a deeper understanding of God, our church and our beliefs.

Parents are encouraged to drop their little ones off and come across the hall to the downstairs conference room where Andrew Beasley is offering an adult Sunday School option aimed primarily at parents of children pre-K through age 18 but open to all. Based on the *The Way of Love*, a study being promoted by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, participants are invited to enter into reflection, discernment and commitment around the practices of “Turn-Learn-Pray-Worship-Bless-Go-Rest.”

Upstairs in the library, Doug McClellan is facilitating our Adult Lectionary Bible Studies Class (LBS). Following an opening prayer, the overall theme for the assigned lessons is introduced. Then, you'll hear the context for each of the three lessons, read them aloud and have the chance to share your thoughts, insights and inspirations. Feel free to drop by early for breakfast in the parish hall and bring your plate to class.

Due to popular demand, we are also continuing our informal discussions with the rector in the parish hall during breakfast. Bring your questions about the world, the Church, scripture—whatever is on your mind—and try to “stump the rector” in this lively, thought-provoking breakfast table chat.

**SEPTEMBER DATES FOR THE ASHEVILLE EPISCOPAL YOUTH MINISTRY.** There's plenty happening for Episcopal youth in September. Youth, be sure to mark your calendars and join in:

**September 1**— no youth group meeting. Enjoy Labor Day Weekend!

**September 8**— Meet at St. Mary's, 12:30-3:30 p.m. for a ride down to Black Mountain where we will join St. James at their parish picnic. Bring your swimsuits and come enjoy the last days of summer! Please RSVP for this event.

**September 15**— We'll be at St. Mary's, 1:30-3:00 p.m., to talk about loving kindness and what that means in this day and age filled with so much hate.

**September 22**— We will meet up with the All Souls youth group at Haw Creek Park to play Capture the Flag in the Park! Bring closed toe shoes, maybe a water bottle and things you can run around in.

**September 27-29**—the “Beginning in the Middle” diocesan retreat for youth in grades 6th-8th. Youth have the chance to grow in their faith through games, small groups, and topics that pertain to their daily lives. Cost: \$145 includes lodging, meals and programming. Scholarships are available. Please go onto CampDoc to register. Once registered, contact Jenna and she'll save you a seat on the bus!



# Parish News, Updates & Reminders

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**LIGHTS ON THE LAWN.** 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 has been happening on the front lawn of Grace Church on Friday nights. 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. They're literally "letting their light shine!"

If you haven't been to "Friday Night Lights" at Grace yet, please come. People begin arriving about thirty minutes before sunset. They bring their lawn chairs or blankets and a candle (we have extras). And if you can't make it, please say a short prayer of thanksgiving at sunset for the "Lights on the Lawn".

**EPISCOPAL HOUSE CONSTRUCTION HAS BEGUN!** By the time this monthly newsletter comes out, we will be in full swing on the Episcopal House build with Habitat for Humanity. There are still lots of opportunities to sign up for a work day with the Habitat crew, so check the activity board in the church foyer to find a date you can work. Or if you can't make it on the suggested dates and another day would be more convenient, contact John Woodson at 828-645-4293. He can help you find a date that fits your schedule.



**PIG PICKIN' TIME SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21!** Don't miss one of the best-loved Grace social events of the year! 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 foot-stompin' music followed by plates full of mouthwatering vittles. The meal begins at 6:15 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door, so ya'll make plans now to drop on by!



**ATTENTION ALL KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS!** Grace Church's prayer shawl ministry, **Purls of Grace**, is starting back up soon. We make simple shawls and lap robes for people in various situations who need to know someone is thinking about them. It's like giving them a big hug that they can keep.

We welcome all ages and skill levels, even newbies. If you want to learn how to knit or crochet we can help you get started. If you used to knit or crochet and are a little rusty we can help you get back into it.

We will meet Saturday morning, October 5, at 10 a.m. in the library. Bring any ideas or patterns you have. Bring that project you worked on during your summer road trip or any project you'd like to show off, even if it's not quite complete, even if it's not a shawl. For more information, please call Beth Woodson at 828-645-4293.

**APPRECIATING OUR ACOLYTES!** Sunday, August 25, we took time during the 10:30 worship service to recognize and thank the people who serve Grace as acolytes, both present and past. As new acolyte coordinator Daphne Urquhart pointed out during the "Children's Moment" as she led the children on a "field trip" around the altar area, these servers will always be a very important part of our worship.



*Thank You!*

# 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.** “The Way of Love” in the downstairs conference room; the Lectionary Bible Study (LBS) in the library; and the continuation of conversation with the rector during breakfast in the parish hall—all begin (or continue) September 8, at 9:30 a.m.

**ALTAR GUILD.** Thanks to our incredible Altar Guild, we worship every Sunday in a beautiful space. The care and love they put into making Grace beautiful is evident and much appreciated. But as leadership changes, new volunteers are being sought. Are you called to be part of this essential Grace ministry?

**CHILD FORMATION.** Sunday school officially begins September 8, and all children, ages 3-12, are invited to be a part of our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in the downstairs Atria. Parents, please bring your children. And feel free to stay and observe as they play and learn under the guidance of trained teachers in this highly-respected Montessori-based program.

**CHOIRS.** On September 1, during brunch at 9:15 a.m., please share with the choir in thanking Mary Ann Warren for serving as our interim music director. At the same time, we will welcome our new music director, Jim Cassarino. It’s a special opportunity to celebrate our music program at Grace.

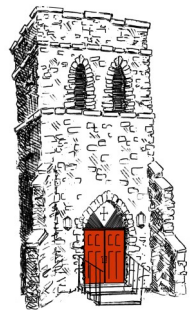
**ECW.** The ECW Rummage Sale is Saturday, November 2, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Due to a full storehouse (what a wonderful problem to have!), the September drop-off day has been canceled and everyone is asked to bring the last of their unneeded or unwanted items—gently used clothing, books, household items, furnishings, sports equipment, etc.—to church the week prior to the sale when it can be placed directly into the parish hall. Every donation is appreciated.

**FELLOWSHIP.** Don’t miss our annual Ministry Fair and Brunch on Sunday, September 1, at 9:15 a.m. Find details on page 3.

**OUTREACH.** Be sure to visit the Outreach display table at the September 1 Brunch and Ministry Fair. You’ll find sign-up sheets and project details for The YMCA Mobile Market, Room in the Inn, Backpackers, Steadfast House and the Habitat Episcopal House.

You’ll also have an opportunity at the Ministry Fair to put your order in for a Grace t-shirt. What better way to let the world know who you are and where you come from when you’re out volunteering for these exciting outreach projects?

**September Makes ABCCM Sweat for Food.** ABCCM staffers are sweating it, hoping they’ll have plenty of food in the pantry this fall. In response, we’re holding a food drive from September 8-22 to help ABCCM’s Crisis Ministry serve hot meals and food bags to our neighbors and friends who are struggling with hunger. Foods needed include: canned meats (spam, stew, ham); canned fish (tuna, salmon); canned goods (chicken, beans, soups, vegetables), and fresh & canned seasonal fruits. Also needed are cooking oil, hot & cold cereal, jellies & juices, pasta and sauce, saltine crackers, self-rising flour and sugar. As always, the needs are huge and we urge you to shop early and often for these vital supplies. Bags and a list will be available in your church pew by September 8. Thank you in advance for your on-going generosity in the project.



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# Grace Ministries in Action

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And one last big thank you to everyone who contributed to our matching project to buy pregnant goats for Consider Haiti! Through your generosity, we bought seventeen goats!

**PASTORAL CARE.** The Pastoral Care Ministry provides a number of traditional services:

- **Feed My Sheep**, which arranges for food to be available in the freezer at Grace Church for those who are, for one reason or another, unable to cook for themselves;
- **Cards and Calls**, an important contact ministry that recognizes parishioners on important days in their lives with a card or a personal phone call;
- **Friends in Christ**, the ministry that provides home or hospital visits, takes the Eucharist to those who request it, and sends cookies at Christmas and Easter baskets during Lent;
- **Purls of Grace**, the ministry that gives hand-knitted shawls that have been blessed by the rector to those in need of comfort for any number of reasons in addition to health concerns.

We have also added two new ministries in the past year: A **Daily Prayer Request** form that is available on the back table in the Church to add special requests for that day that can also be used to add a name to the prayer request list; and **Recycling prescription pill bottles** to be sent to developing countries where containers for prescription medications are scarce.

*If you feel called to assist in one (or more) of these ministries, please contact Cliff Albertson at 828-515-3818 or 914-806-6831 or by email [Clifford.albertson@verizon.net](mailto:Clifford.albertson@verizon.net)*



**THE PUMPKINS ARE COMING SEPTEMBER 29!** Many thanks again to the Grace Episcopal community for hosting the Pumpkin Patch with all proceeds going to Consider Haiti, a local, grass-roots non-profit. As most of you know, the Patch is our single biggest fund-raiser of the year and all proceeds go to our programs in Haiti – medical clinics, community health agents, clean water, and sustainable nutrition (think pregnant goats!) So how can you help?

**The pumpkins will arrive Sunday, September 29, at 12:30 p.m. Volunteer to help unload them – the more folks we have, the faster and more fun it will be!!**

Sign up to tend the Pumpkin Patch for one or more shifts during the month of October. There will be two ways to sign up: (1) The sign-up board in the church foyer coming in mid-September; and (2) on-line sign up through Volunteer Spot, link also coming in mid-September.

Again – thank you for your continued support. We know we are making a difference in the lives of children and families in Montrouis, Fond Baptist, and Ivoire, Haiti. Please Consider Haiti and consider volunteering a small amount of your time.

Shearon Roberts and the Consider Haiti Board

**ANTI-RACISM AND SANCTUARY TRAINING.** We are living in a time when the work of protective hospitality requires us to learn new skills and engage in new collaborations. This intersectional work calls upon people of privilege to leverage that power to create openings for greater equity and access. Sometimes our work is action, but before and after the action, comes listening, learning, and reflection. As we desire to create sanctuary everywhere, let us ground ourselves in anti-racist training to prepare for whatever the future calls us toward. This training will be done in solidarity with WNC's immigrant communities, but it's reach is inclusive of all vulnerable and marginalized people everywhere.

Presented by CIMA (Compañeros Inmigrantes de las Montañas en Accion) and Faith Communities Organizing for Sanctuary, Friday, September 13, 9:30-4:00 at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 1 Edwin Place, Asheville. Sliding scale fee: \$35-65, includes lunch. Facilitated by the Rev. Tammi Forte Logan and others TBA. For more info and to register go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/anti-racism-sanctuary-training-tickets-69031736783>

# From Our Discernment Committee Chair

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*Paul Vest, Chair  
Discernment Committee*

Dear Grace Family,

Thank you for your prayers, interest and participation in our Church Assessment Tool (CAT) and Holy Conversations. We received a response rate of about 54% on the CAT and had over 100 people involved in Holy Conversations. These were important opportunities for feedback which provided critical data and insight for the Discernment Committee and for the vestry.

The CAT provided valuable data, and the Holy Conversations identified hopes and dreams you have for our parish. We will now use that information to develop our Parish Profile which will be presented to the vestry in October. It is our goal to provide the bishop's office with information for the job posting by November 1st.

It is clear we are a church with great hopes and dreams. Please keep the work of our committee and vestry in your prayers. Pray for the clear discernment of our work and that the result will be a new rector who will take us beyond our hopes and dreams and aligned with what God is calling Grace Church to be and do in our beautiful community.

I want to thank our Discernment Committee members who have been fully committed and invested in this work, Cliff Albertson, Derek Edwards, Elaine Potter, Kim Hayes, Lorie Tola, Mark Silvers and Sally Withers. I also want to thank Canon Augusta Anderson for her support from the Diocesan Offices and Valerie Heavens in our church office for her support throughout this process.

In Christ,

Paul Vest, Discernment Committee Chair

## Still Time to Register for EfM

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EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY (EfM for short) is starting at Grace Episcopal Church. It is being started because there has been a strong interest expressed by some of our parish members and friends of Grace Church to sponsor an EfM Study Group.

**What is EfM?** It is a student driven four year course based on an adult learning model. It is more than just a Bible, Christian History, and Theology class. It is an education program that encourages group discussions on important theological and Christian issues such as: Living Faithfully in Your World – working with the contexts of a person's life; Living Faithfully with Plurality – living faithfully in the global village; Christian Maturity – where our Christian values come from and how did they develop over the centuries; Engaging the Journey to God - personal journey and Christian life.

**What is so special about EfM?** The EfM classes are small (6-12 people) with 1-2 Mentors. The group becomes close and delves into deep discussions about our personal lives and Christian experiences as well as what is happening in the world around us. We also discuss how we as individuals can improve our Christian life and experiences as well as contribute to the well-being of those around us.

Participants sign up for one year at a time. **Reading & Reflections** include: Year 1 – Old Testament – Hebrew Bible; Year 2 – New Testament; Year 3 – Christian History (3,000 Years); and Year 4 - Theology for a Troubled Believer/My Neighbor's Faith.

So, **what are the plans for EfM at Grace?** The structure of the course is set forth in the curriculum, but we all come to it in our own learning style and with our own emotional and intellectual needs. We will meet one evening per week in the library at Grace from September/October through to mid-June each year. Class will probably be from 5:30 or 6:00 p.m. through 8:30 p.m. on Thursday evenings.

**Cost:** Since Grace Church will be sponsoring this EfM Group, the cost will be \$375 per person per year (includes Registration/Books). An Incentive Program from Fr. Gary for this first year offers a \$ 200 scholarship to each student.

### For More Information:

- Check out the EfM Website at: <http://efm.sewanee.edu/>
- Contact one of the EfM Mentors for Grace:
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- OR Contact:
  - Rev. Gary Butterworth, 828-254-1086, [gary.butterworth@gmail.com](mailto:gary.butterworth@gmail.com)

# Our Prayer List

September

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; Maria Mason; Gael Paschall; Nancy Porter; Sonny Rawls; Cal Remmers; Beth Stahl; Laura & Tsz-yan Snyder; Rita Spragg; Kelly Thompson; Pat Walters; Katie Warren; Don Wills.

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): Becky Brosman (friend of Terry and Douglas Ellington, former parishioner); Carolyn Brown (friend of Ray & Jeanne Robertson); Dawn Carlton (friend of Terry and Douglas Ellington); Melinda Franks (sister of Becky Smith); David & Suana Gentry; Dick Graham (friend of Don Wills); Walt Justice (friend of Don Wills); Joanne Poston (sister-in-law of Bill & Corinne Spencer); Priscilla Popper and family (friends of Don Wills); LeighAnne (friend of Elaine Potter).

For Those Who Have Died and Their Families: Joan Cieslik (friend of Fr. Gary Butterworth); Beverly Roberts (cousin of Barbara Wilcox); David Warren (husband of Katie Warren).

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 [gkcgiffin7@gmail.com](mailto:gkcgiffin7@gmail.com) or the church office at [grace.church.asheville@gmail.com](mailto:grace.church.asheville@gmail.com).*



Our condolences and prayers go to the friends, family and loved ones of Joan Cieslik (friend of Fr. Gary Butterworth); Beverly Roberts (cousin of Barbara Wilcox); and David Warren (husband of Katie Warren).



# September 2019 Ministry Schedule

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

<b>8:00</b>	<b>September 01</b>	<b>September 08</b>	<b>September 15</b>	<b>September 22</b>	<b>September 29</b>
<b>Verger</b>	James Cannon	James Cannon	James Cannon	Lorie Tola	James Cannon
<b>Chalicer</b>	James Cannon	Susan Robinson	James Cannon	Jack Frue	James Cannon
<b>Usher</b>	Ed Duncan	Johnny Robinson	Tom Barr	Steve Jones	Ed Duncan
<b>10:30</b>					
<b>Verger</b>	Chip Coon	Lorie Tola	Chip Coon	Chip Coon	Chip Coon
<b>Acolyte C</b>	Cheryl Aull	Mark Silvers	Carsten Path	Laura Ellington	Zoe Davis
<b>Acolyte G</b>	Daphne Urquhart	Jonah Silvers	Daphne Urquhart	Nola Ellington	Patrick Young
<b>Acolyte E</b>	Aleena Bennett	Ellie Silvers	Tessa Path	Lisle Ellington	Daphne Urquhart
<b>Lector 1</b>	Cliff Albertson	Jenny Thomas	Jeanne Robertson	Charles Carter	Kristen Dusenbery
<b>Lector 2</b>	Carol Booth	Bonnie Kistler	Beth Woodson	Don Wills	Greg Townsend
<b>Intercessor</b>	Vicki Vest	Rusty McCredie	Anne Simmons	Kimberly Kneier	Barbara Wilcox
<b>Presenters</b>	Carol Booth Vicki Vest	Jenny Thomas Bonnie Kistler	Anne Simmons Moira Stewart	Charles Carter Kimberly Kneier	Greg Townsend Barbara Wilcox
<b>Chalicer 1</b>	Greg Townsend	Debbie Jones	Elaine Potter	Don Wills	Don Lewis
<b>Chalicer 2</b>	Cliff Albertson	Carol Booth	John Woodson	Ann Robinson	Sally Withers
<b>Ushers</b>	Elaine & William Potter	Larry & LuAnn Harris	Will Israel TBA	Ed Woeckener Ron Sims	Paul & Vicki Vest
<b>Healing Team</b>	Louise Wernicke Tricia Hargrove	Allyn Aldrich Joan Aldrich	Pat Davis Jane Whitman	Jeanne Robertson Shari Lane	Ann Robinson Brenda Haller
<b>Scripture Lesson 1</b>					
	Sirach 10:12-18	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	Exodus 32:7-14	Amos 8:4-7	Amos 6:1a, 4-7
<b>Scripture Lesson 2</b>					
	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16	Philemon 1-21	1 Timothy 1:12-17	1 Timothy 2:1-7	1 Timothy 6:6-19
<b>Counters</b>	Steve Birkhofer	Martha Boyette	Sally Withers	Georgi Bruce	Georgi Bruce
<b>Depositors</b>	James Cannon	Judy Bohan	Chal & Hugh Vaughn	Anne Simmons	Steve Birkhofer
<b>Flower Arrangers</b>	Wyatt	Davis - Witt	Davis - Witt Wedding - Candles	Dawson	Dawson
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Group 1: Aug 31 - Sept 6	Group 2: Sept 7 - 13	Group 3: Sept 14 - 20	Group 4: Sept 21 - 27	Group 2: Sept 28 - Oct 4
<b>8:00 PM Taizé</b>					
<b>Verger</b>			James Cannon		
<b>Lector</b>			Monty Wooten		
<b>Intercessor</b>					
<b>Healing Prayer</b>			OSL Ministers		

## September Anniversaries

Al and Julia Anne Dawson	2
Pat and Nancy Walters	2
John and Beth Woodson	7
Mel and Straudia Luedtke	14
Tom and Elizabeth Barr	15
Monty Wooten & Cheryl Deyton	20
Eric and Karen Howell	25



## September Birthdays

1 Pat Anderson	14 Alex Comfort
1 John Cort	14 Charlie Scales
2 O. E. Starnes IV	14 Mark Silvers
3 Hannah Evelyn Booth	16 Emeline Scales
3 Michael Racine	17 Angie Cullen
3 Zane Whitner	17 Patricia Hargrove
3 Beth Woodson	17 Carole McClellan
4 Julia Anne Dawson	20 Bob Reese
4 Naomi Green	20 Beckett Southwell
4 Judith Hoy	21 Pat Davis
5 Justin Butterworth	23 Glenn Haller
5 Garrett Greene	24 Bailey Frue
5 Pat Parker	24 Cameron Frue
5 Marla Woeckener	25 Maya Bell
7 Lynda McCredie	26 Annika Brock
10 Meg Cook	26 Elaine Potter
10 Barbara Webster	26 Valerie Rains
12 Devin Engelbrecht	26 Rita Spragg
12 James Engelbrecht	30 Holden Israel
14 Rankin Bohan	30 Don Martin

## Special Gifts

The Aumbry Candle is given to the Glory of God by Teresa Cantrell in loving memory of her husband Cecil Cantrell.

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by:  
Marion-Mayfield Johnson in loving memory of her husband Edward (Mack) Johnson;

Bill Coward in loving memory of his wife Sherry;

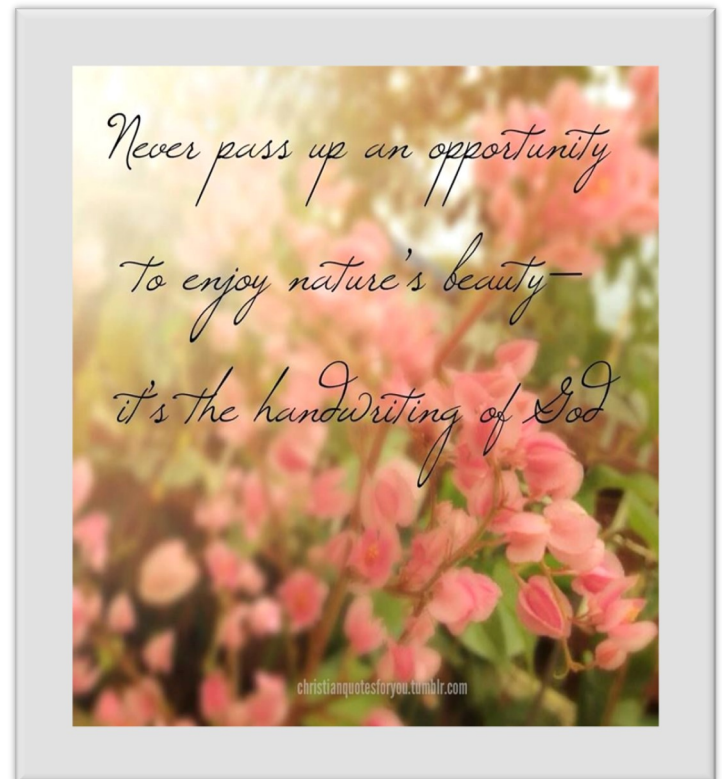
Mary Israel in loving memory of her father, William F. Krause;

Larry and Lucy Bowen in thanksgiving for their 50th wedding anniversary;

Mary Ann and Bill Warren in loving memory of Lucretia Rhodarmer Warren;

Cheryl and Joe Aull in thanksgiving for their many blessings;

Valerie Heavens in loving memory of her father John H. Litun.



*Thank you for the gifts you give!*

# Income Continues to Exceed Expenses in June

Pledge receipts through the end of July totaled \$204,795 compared to projected pledges of \$199,543. Considering all income sources, income received for the period totaled \$273,146 while we projected income to be \$248,796. We ended the month with a positive income variance of \$24,350.

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. In July, \$12,500 from the Endowment Fund in support of our shared youth missioner was added to miscellaneous income, further increasing our income surplus.

Expenses through the end of July totaled \$241,206 while we projected expenses to be \$254,285. These savings totaled \$13,079 for the first seven 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 - July 2019**

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
<b>Income:</b>			
Pledges	204,795	199,543	5,252
Non-pledged Offerings	50	-	50
Open Offering	4,179	7,646	(3,467)
Interest	55	40	14
Misc.	64,068	41,567	22,501
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>273,146</b>	<b>248,796</b>	<b>24,350</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Outreach/Mission	27,786	29,170	(1,383)
Parish Programs	5,445	14,652	(9,207)
Operations	40,858	39,215	1,643
Personnel	167,117	171,249	(4,132)
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>241,206</b>	<b>254,285</b>	<b>(13,079)</b>
<b>Income Less Expenses:</b>	<b>31,940</b>	<b>(5,489)</b>	<b>37,429</b>