



the Grace TEAM

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Sunday Worship

8:00 a.m. - Rite II

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,

During the last week in February, we will begin our annual pilgrimage through Lent. We will gather together for Shrove Tuesday, the "pancake day," as we prepare for these wonderful forty days. On Ash Wednesday, we will receive ashes at one of three opportunities. May each of you decide that this Lent will be different and that you will find Jesus in unique and special ways and people.

Have you ever wondered why Jesus singled out prayer, fasting, and almsgiving for his disciples? The Jews considered these three the cardinal works of the religious life. They

were seen as the key signs of a pious person, the three great pillars on which the good life was based. Jesus pointed to the heart of the matter. Why do you pray, fast, and give alms? To draw attention to yourself so that others may notice and think highly of you? Or, to give glory to God? The Lord warns his disciples of self-seeking glory – the preoccupation with looking good and seeking praise from others. True piety is something more than feeling good or looking holy. True piety is loving devotion to God. It is an attitude of awe, reverence, worship and obedience. It is a gift and working of the Holy Spirit that enables us to devote our lives to God with a holy desire to please him in all things.

What is the sure reward which Jesus points out to his disciples? It is communion with God our Father. In him alone we find the fullness of life, happiness, and truth. May Augustine's prayer, recorded in his Confessions, be

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our prayer this Lent: "When I am completely united to you, there will be no more sorrows or trials; entirely full of you, my life will be complete. The Lord wants to renew us each day and give us new hearts of love and compassion. Do you want to grow in your love for God and for your neighbor? Then seek God expectantly in prayer, with fasting, and in generous giving to those in need."

The forty days of Lent is the annual retreat of the people of God in imita-

tion of Jesus' forty days in the wilderness. Forty is a significant number in the scriptures. Moses went to the mountain to seek the face of God for forty days in prayer and fasting. The people of Israel were in the wilderness for

forty years in preparation for their entry into the promised land. Elijah fasted for forty days as he journeyed in the wilderness to the mountain of God. We are called to journey with the Lord in a special season of prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and penitence as we prepare to celebrate the feast of Easter, the Christian Passover. The Lord gives us spiritual food and supernatural strength to seek his face and to prepare ourselves for spiritual combat and testing. We, too, must follow in the way of the cross in order to share in the victory of Christ's death and resurrection. As we begin this holy season of preparation, let us ask the Lord for a fresh outpouring of his Holy Spirit that we may grow in faith, hope, and love and embrace his will more fully in our lives.

May this Lent be a time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving as you journey the wilderness in your lives.

Blessings,

Fr. Gary+

Events at a Glance

A Quick Review of the Month

Sunday Fellowship
Breakfast, 8:45 a.m., PH ; Coffee, 11:40 a.m., PH

Monday Morning Gospel Bible Study
Mondays, 10:30 a.m., PH

Early Birds Men's Book Study
Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m., LI

Episcopal 101 Classes
Tuesdays, 6:00-7:30 p.m., PH

Men of the Church
Suspended until spring

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.

EfM Gathering
Thursdays, 6:00 p.m., LI or PH

Purls of Grace
Saturday, February 1, 10:00 a.m., PH (details on p. 5)

Outreach Meeting
Tuesday, February 4, 5:30-7:00 p.m., LI

Discernment Committee Meetings
Tuesday, February 4, 7:30 p.m., off-site
Thursday, February 6, 5:30 p.m., location TBD
Tuesday, February 11, 5:30 p.m., location TBD

YMCA Mobile Market
Wednesday, February 5, 5-6:00 p.m., parking lot

ECW Meeting
Thursday, February 6, 10:00 a.m., LI (details on p. 4)

PubSing
Sunday, February 9, 3:00 p.m., off-site

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

Order of St. Luke
Thursday, February 13, 6:30 p.m., PH

Steadfast House Meal
Friday, February 14, 6:30 p.m.

Building and Grounds Committee Meeting
Saturday, February 15, 9:00 a.m., LI

Newcomers/Welcoming Committee Meeting
Sunday, February 16, 9:15-10:15 a.m., LI

Taizé Worship Service
Sunday, February 16, 8:00-9:00 p.m., CH

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

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Mardi Gras Potluck and Party
Saturday, February 22, 5:30-7:30 p.m., PH (more on p.4)

Evensong
Sunday, February 23, 5:00 p.m., CH

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
Tuesday, February 25, 6:00-8:00 p.m., PH

Ash Wednesday
Wednesday, February 26, 7-8:00 a.m. for individuals, CH
12:00 noon, 6:00 p.m., CH

Come to **Breakfast** every Sunday, 8:45-10:00 a.m. in the parish hall. During breakfast, around 9:20, join Fr. Gary and Fr. Bob for an informal adult forum on 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 parish hall following the 10:30 service. Families are encouraged to host.

The **Early Birds Men's Group** meets in the library on Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m., to discuss a chosen book. They are currently studying *Slaying Your Goliaths*, by John Ohmer. Contact Walt Nobles at wnoble44@gmail.com or 727-542-5959 for more information. All men of the church are welcome.

Episcopal 101 classes continue on Tuesdays through February 25, 6-7:30 p.m. in the parish hall in preparation for the Bishop's visit Sunday, March 22. All are welcome to sit in on these interesting classes and give support to the candidates being confirmed, received or reaffirmed.

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.

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.

The **Order of St. Luke** Mountain Chapter meets Thursday, February 13, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the parish hall to continue their focus on *Being Transformed by the Renewing of Our Minds* (Romans 12:2). We'll view a DVD about a woman with multiple sclerosis and how, over time as she appropriated God's power and authority, she was restored to full health and functioning. We'll discuss God's power in us and have a prayer experience focused on using this power.

All are welcome and one does not have to be an OSL member to attend. OSL will not meet if the Asheville city schools are closed that day or will close early due to inclement weather. Please join us! You will bless us with your presence.

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. We'll meet on February 9 at the Cork & Keg Bar at the Weinhaus, 86 Patton Avenue, Asheville, 3-5:00 p.m. For details, contact Monty Wooten, montywooten@bellsouth.net or 828-254-1114.

Parish News, Updates & Reminders

FEBRUARY YOUTH EVENTS. Some “sweet” events coming up for our youth!

- **February 2, 1:00-3:00 p.m.** at St. James for some Super Bowl Sunday fun! Kick off the month with Super Bowl themed games that test your church knowledge!
- **February 9, 1:20-5:30 p.m.**, meet at St. Mary’s to ride the van! We’re traveling to the Diocesan Youth 80’s themed Skate Party! [Click here](#) to sign up and pay, or contact Jenna at jenna@wncyouth.org. Cost is \$20 which includes skates and pizza!
- **February 16, 1:00-3:00 p.m.**, we’ll be helping set up for Room in the Inn at St. Mary’s. Once the work is over, we’ll play some games as a reward for sharing a helping hand!
- **February 23, 1-3:00 p.m.** (location TBD), we’ll be wrapping up Epiphany and looking ahead at the season of Lent.

FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 1 IS THE DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOL SPRING CONFERENCE FOR 8TH-12TH GRADE!

This fun overnight retreat is the perfect opportunity for high school students to really connect with other youth through faith. This year, the retreat location has changed to Lake Logan Conference Center. Cost is \$150. For details regarding registration, contact Jenna at jenna@wncyouth.org.



MARDI GRAS RETURNS FEBRUARY 22!

Dust off your beads and your dancing shoes, cook up a pot full of jambalaya or any Cajun favorite, and join us for Mardi Gras at Grace! The Pub Sing Band will be on hand for a night of music, fellowship and delicious food Saturday, February 22, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Bring a dish to share and be prepared to have a wonderful time jamming to cajun-influenced music and celebrating the end of Epiphany with your Grace family!

CHORAL EVENSONG FEBRUARY 23. The Grace Church Choir will offer a traditional sung service on Sunday, February 23 at 5:00 p.m. to celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration. This prayerful service will offer scripture readings, congregational hymns, canticles, and anthems by Ralph Vaughan Williams and Henry Ruthven.

Choral Evensong is a service of sung evening prayer. As day settles into night, the choir settles worshippers into a peaceful place of rest and contemplation. Choral Evensong offers an opportunity to gather and spend time in prayer while listening and participating in music that is especially selected to bring us into deeper understanding of the mysteries of our faith. The text of the service is drawn almost entirely from the Bible. Its main purpose is to proclaim the wonderful works of God in human history.

In Choral Evensong the choir sings on “behalf of” the congregation. The settings of the Canticles of Mary (Magnificat) and Simeon (Nunc dimittis) are sung by the choir alone. The Suffrages (Preces) and the Responses between the Officiant and People are also sung between the Officiant and Choir on behalf of the congregation. This allows the assembly time to meditate and enter into deeper prayer through words and music. The congregation participates in the singing of the hymns and the Lord’s Prayer. Evensong remains a sacred tradition practiced in cathedrals and religious communities around the world.



PANCAKE TUESDAY (ALSO SHROVE TUESDAY)! Pancakes? For dinner? Really? Yes, really. While New Orleans gets Mardi Gras, we Anglicans get pancakes. The tradition in England was to eat pancakes Tuesday night to consume all of the fats before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of penitential season of Lent when we are shaven of our sins. So come join us on Shrove Tuesday, February 25, from 6-8 PM in the Parish Hall. \$5 per person or \$10 per family.



ASH WEDNESDAY FOR INDIVIDUALS. On Ash Wednesday, February 26, in addition to our regular noon and 6:00 p.m. services, Fr. Gary will once again offer individuals an opportunity to receive ashes between 7:00 and 8:00 a.m. Fr. Gary will administer the ashes accompanied by a short, simple liturgy and prayers, and it will take place in the Nave at the Sunday morning healing station.

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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Thank you! Two small words that can mean so much. And for so many here at Grace they are words that aren't spoken often enough. To the teachers of us and our children; the servers every Sunday at the altar; the flower and altar guilds who bring art and beauty to our worship; our choirs, our organist, all who enhance our worship with their gift of music; the gardeners; the technicians who keep our lines of communication open; the administrators working quietly behind the scenes to manage our office and our finances; those who pray for our healing; those who help us feel like family and those who welcome visitors into that family; those who help us share Christ's love with the world beyond Grace; those who care for us when we are in need; banjo pickers, fiddlers, mandolin strummers, cooks and dishwashers—to all who give so generously to the life of this parish: **THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH!**

ADULT FORMATION. Join the conversation. Our breakfast forum with the clergy—informal conversations about the church, the world, whatever is on your mind—continues during breakfast in the parish hall.

CHOIRS. You are invited to celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration with a Choral Evensong, Sunday, February 22, 5:00 p.m. Details on page 3.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN. A meeting is set for Thursday, February 6, 10:00 a.m. in the library to discuss the rummage sale. What worked well? What changes, if any, need to be made for our upcoming sale? We hope all people interested will come! In addition, here are some dates to put on your calendars. **The annual Derby Day Luncheon will be held Saturday, May 2, 12 noon!** It usually lasts from noon until two with clean up completed by three. **ECW's Fall Luncheon is scheduled for Saturday, October 17, at noon.** And we have requested that the parish hall be available the week of November 2-6 for rummage sale set up. Hopefully we can take turns being available on the Saturday drop off days so we can share the workload. The actual sale will be November 7.

Also, be thinking about who we can recruit to serve as our new ECW officers. We should elect new ones at our Derby Day Luncheon!

FELLOWSHIP. Mardi Gras is back! Join the fun Saturday, February 22, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Bring your beads, a dish to share and lots of energy for some lively Cajun two-steppin' with The PubSing Band. It's Grace's very own *fais do-do* (Cajun dance party). Hope to see you there!



NEWCOMERS The Newcomers/Welcoming Committee will meet again Sunday, February 16, 9:15-10:15 a.m. in the library. Several initiatives geared toward welcoming newcomers to Grace are under way, but as is often the case, we still need "people power." Please join us! For more information, contact Pat Walters, (706) 231-3644.

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OUTREACH. Our “Heart & Soles” project is in full swing! New work boots and sneakers are coming in and filling up our “shoe box” in the foyer, but we can always use more. All the shoes we collect by Sunday, February 16, will go to Church of the Advocate to be distributed to area homeless people at a time of the year when sturdy shoes are a must. You’ll find information in the foyer about sizes and suggested stores to shop. Or, if you would prefer, just write a check with “Soles” on the memo line, put it in the collection plate and someone from the Outreach Committee will be glad to shop on your behalf. And don’t forget, for every pair of shoes donated, Outreach will donate a pair of warm socks!

Remember—our deadline is Sunday, February 16.

Special thanks to Thrivent Financial for Christians for their seed grant in support of this project.

PASTORAL CARE. Attention, all knitters and crocheters! Purls of Grace, our prayer shawl ministry, will meet on Saturday, February 1, 10:00 a.m. in the parish hall. We welcome all levels of knitting and crocheting experience. Even if you don’t have time to make a big shawl, we are now also making “prayer squares”. These are pocket sized tokens of comfort that will be given to those who can keep the square with them at times. If you have any questions please contact Beth Woodson at 645-4293.



Outrageous Grace Outreach!

Often, we don’t get involved because we don’t have enough information. The Grace Outreach Committee is spotlighting parish outreach programs that we hope will be of interest to you.

When Mission Hospital withdrew from its partnership with ABCCM as an underwriter for Buncombe County’s only free clinic providing access to the uninsured, it put the whole community health system in a precarious position. For 28 years, the hospital, Health Department, Medical Society, urgent care and community clinics recognized the importance of having a free clinic that served people who fall through the health care coverage cracks. Hundreds of volunteers including retired physicians, nurses, dentists and pharmacists valued having a place where they could invest their skills in healing those in need. But without Mission Hospital’s support, the future of ABCCM’s clinic is now in jeopardy.

As word has gotten out that the clinic needs new partners to replace Mission, churches, volunteers, healthcare providers and foundations have stepped up to secure and strengthen the safety net provided by ABCCM’s medical ministry and clinic. ABCCM is thankful for the 500 volunteers, the community leaders and the churches that continue to bring hope through this service.

If you’d like to volunteer at the clinic, contact ABCCM’s Medical Ministry Director, Beth Reeves, 828-398-6690.



During Lent, please pick up a Grace “Gifts to GO Box” and fill it with your loose change. Try making it a project for the whole family! And when you return your “Gifts to GO” on Palm Sunday, April 5, all proceeds will go to the ABCCM Medical Ministry in support of the clinic. Details to come.

SPOTLIGHT ON OUTREACH!

Room in the Inn. We will partner with St. Luke’s to host women from this program the weeks of May 3 and September 27. Please be thinking now about participating as a cook, dinner host or overnight host.

The YMCA Produce Truck. On the first Wednesday of every month, a truck from the YMCA parks at Grace and gives away free fresh produce to all who stop by. Grace volunteers assist.

Interested? Please contact Kim Hayes, kimbys53@gmail.com for more info.

Our New Vestry

Thank you to all who have rotated off the Vestry for your faithful service: **Andrew Beasley, Cheryl Deyton, Susan Robinson and John Woodson.** We also want to thank **Neil Bowen and Sarah Wood**, who resigned during the year due to work related priorities, for their service. Please join in welcoming our new members:



Larry Bowen was born in Houston, Texas, and spent his formative years in Macon, Georgia. He received a BA from the University of Georgia and met and married Lucy while they were both undergraduates at UGA. They came to the Episcopal Church in Thomasville, Georgia in the early eighties, and over the years at St. Thomas, Larry served as Senior and Junior Warden, Church Treasurer, Diocesan Council Representative and Licensed Eucharistic Minister. Larry and Lucy have been visiting Asheville and Grace for several years to see their son, Neil, and established residence in March of 2018, joined Grace Episcopal Church and are continually reminded of what a good decision that was. Both Lucy and Larry enjoy Grace's involvement in Outreach missions and are devoting energy in that area.



Jim Compton is a native Carolinian who settled in Weaverville with his new bride Karen back in 1992. His working career was with the U.S. Forest Service where he served 26 years, retiring in 2011. He also served four years in the U.S. Navy after graduating high school in 1973. Jim holds a BS in Natural Resource Management from Western Carolina University, 1992, and an AAS in Fish and Wildlife Management from Haywood Community College, 1984. Since 1999, he has been a certified Motorcycle Safety Foundation Instructor, presently teaching at AB Tech. Jim and Karen were confirmed at Grace on April 10, 2005. He has served as Senior Warden, is a member of the choir and has been an active member for many years in the Men of the Church.



Scott McKenzie has moved back to North Asheville, where he has been warmly reconnected after nearly 20 years with the Grace community. Scott was baptized at Grace as an infant, confirmed in his youth, and always enjoyed participating in EYC and Camp Henry. He served on the youth council and was a youth member on the Camp Henry board in the 1990's. Scott and Catherine were married in 2013 at Saint James in Black Mountain and now have two daughters, Lucy (3 years) and Alice (4 months). He works in Real Estate and Catherine in Education. Scott has not served on Vestry before but will enjoy the opportunity to contribute in a new way to the church.



Ron Sims and his wife, Jeanne, moved to Asheville in 1994 to start a business. They had vacationed in the area for many years but never dreamed they would wind up living here. Initially, they did not attend Church but soon realized the need to find a new church home. They discovered Grace and realized they had found it. Over the years, Ron has been on the vestry once before, as well as participating in the Annual Pig Pickin' sponsored by the Men of the Church and helping with the ECW Annual Rummage sale. Jeanne, when available, has been active with the Altar Guild and very involved with ECW. They sold their business a few years ago and retired, deciding to stay in Asheville partly because of Grace Episcopal.



Pat Walters was lost when he came home from Vietnam in August 1969. He was introduced to the Episcopal Church by a Hospital Chaplain, Fr. Grant, who told him one day in March 1971, "Pat, you need to come to Church with me." When Pat asked why, he responded, "Because you need to." And as Pat says, "I guess I became an Episcopalian at that point." Received and confirmed in 1981, Pat attended Our Savior Episcopal Church, Martinez, GA, for nearly 30 years, where, in addition to numerous other ministries, he served on the Vestry three times, as Junior Warden for eight years and as chair of a successful Capital Campaign. At Grace, Pat has been active with Outreach, Buildings and Grounds, and has recently reinitiated the Newcomers/Welcoming Committee. He and his wife Nancy transferred to Grace in January 2016 and hope to be here for many years.

OUR NEW SENIOR AND JUNIOR WARDENS. At our last Vestry meeting, we elected new wardens. Doug McClellan will serve as Senior Warden and Pat Walters will serve as Junior Warden. We thank them for their willingness to serve and also take this opportunity to thank Greg Townsend who served as Senior Warden for the past 3+ years and John Woodsen who served as Junior Warden for the past two years. All of your service is appreciated by the People of God at Grace.

Learn more about our new Vestry members in the Annual Report, available in the church office.

Our New Operation & Maintenance Coordinator



We are so pleased to welcome our new operation and maintenance coordinator, Christopher Jaquette. With the retirement of David Gentry, Grace Church embarked on a new maintenance structure to include a part-time operation and maintenance coordinator, a contract cleaning service and a contracted lawn and landscaping service. These efforts resulted in significant financial savings and a cleaner and neater building and grounds.

Chris transferred his membership to Grace from Calvary Church, Fletcher about one year ago. He relocated so he could better take care of his mother. Chris and his spouse, Simon, are avid bird lovers, take a few bird watching trips each year and recently owned and operated a Wild Birds Unlimited franchise. Currently they own and operate Ventures Birding and Natural History Tours. Chris has become very involved in Grace Church, He is a key person in the Sunday breakfast ministry, and he also serves as mentor for Grace's newly formed Education for Ministry (EfM) class.

Early on in his time here he fell in love with Grace. When David retired and the need arose, Chris saw himself as a "good fit" and offered himself to the church to fill the need we had. Chris has been a very welcome addition to the staff and the church. He works 10-12 hours per week and more, if needed. Chris loves Grace and taking care of Grace's needs. We are blessed by his presence and efforts.

Christmas Eve at Grace

Grace is breathtakingly beautiful during the Christmas season. Thank you to all who contributed to that beauty with their gifts of money for the greenery and flowers, their time and their many talents. Thanks, too, to Joe Aull for these photos taken on Christmas Eve. As always, we enjoy sharing your pictures capturing special events and services at Grace.



Our Prayer List

February

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: Steve Birkhofer; Chris Carson (son of Martha & Randy); Nancy Clark; Cuyler Dupree; Eva Dupree; Vicki Enox (spouse of Lorie Tola); Eunice Ferguson; Doug Haldane; Mary Israel; Don Lewis; Maria Mason; Gael Paschall; Nancy Porter; The Reverend Jim Rains and Sharon Rains, Sonny Rawls; Becky and Bill Smith; Beth Stahl; Laura & Tsz-yan Snyder; Corinne Spencer; Rita Spragg; Sydnor Thompson; Chal Vaughn; Paul Vest; Pat Walters; Katie Warren; Jane Whitman; Don Wills.

For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities: Henny Caldwell; Bobbie Eblen; Ed Denison; Mary Hayes; Straudia Luedtke; Rita Lyda; Marion Mayfield-Johnson; Tom Paine; Deb Pegel; Cal Remmers; 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); Blythe Colby (sister of Sally Bierhaus); Melinda Franks (sister of Becky Smith); William Fredericksen (brother of Barbara Wilcox); Robin Fulk (niece of Charlotte & Travers Chiott); Judy Hinman (sister of Barbara Wilcox); Bob Noble (brother of Walt Noble); Janice Orson (friend of Rusty Herman); Joanne Poston (sister-in-law of Corinne Spencer); Sandra (Setzer) Rau (friend of Nancy Clark); Allison Waigand (daughter of Jennifer Witt); Franci Wolfson (friend of Nancy Clark); Patricia (friend of Kathleen Griffin); Tammy (mother of Chance Wyatt).

For Those Who Have Died and their Families: Dr. Harvey James Hamrick (father of Anna Hamrick), Betty Hintz (mother of Beth Stahl) and Joyce Larsen (aunt of Kristen Dusenbery).

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); Gus Whitman (grandson of Jane Whitman).

For Those in the Episcopal Church: Michael (our presiding Bishop); José (our Bishop); 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 gkcggriffin7@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
Dr. Harvey James Hamrick (father of Anna Hamrick),
Betty Hintz (mother of Beth Stahl) and
Joyce Larsen (aunt of Kristen Dusenbery).

January 2020 Ministry Schedule

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

8:00	February 02	February 09	February 16	February 23
Verger	James Cannon	James Cannon	James Cannon	James Cannon
Chalici	James Cannon	Jack Frue	Susan Robinson	Jack Frue
Usher	Steve Jones	Ed Duncan	Johnny Robinson	Steve Jones

10:30

Verger	Chip Coon	Chip Coon	Lorie Tola	Chip Coon
Acolyte C	Cheryl Aull	Jonah Silvers	Liesl Ellington	Carsten Path
Acolyte G	Zoe Davis	Aleena Bennett	Nola Ellington	Tessa Path
Acolyte E	(alternate)	Ellie Silvers	Laura Ellington	Charlie Scales
Lector 1	Rusty McCredie	Nancy Walter	Cliff Albertson	Vicki Vest
Lector 2	Beth Woodson	Barbara Wilcox	Greg Townsend	Elise Cassarino
Intercessor	John Woodson	Jeanne Robertson	Anne Simmons	Rusty McCredie
Presenters	Beth & John Woodson	Barbara Wilcox Jeanne Robertson	Greg Townsend Anne Simmons	Vicki Vest Elise Cassarino
Chalici	Greg Townsend	Elaine Potter	Ann Robinson	Lorie Tola
Chalici	Kimberly Kneier	Mark Silvers	Nancy Walters	Nancy Walters
Ushers	Larry & LuAnn Harris	Ben Scales Nate Potter	Larry Bowen Ed Woeckener	Rusty Herman Ron Sims
Healing Team	Pat Davis Jane Whitman	Jeanne Robertson Shari Lane	Marzy Israel Corinne Spencer	Sonny Rawls Karen Compton

Scripture - Lesson 1	Malachi 3:1-4	Isaiah 58:1-12	Sirach 15:15-20	Exodus 24:12-18
Scripture - Lesson 2	Hebrews 2:14-18	1 Corinthians 2:1-16	1 Corinthians 3:1-9	2 Peter 1:16-21
Counters	Steve Birkhofer	Martha Boyette	Sally Withers	Georgi Bruce
Depositors	James Cannon	Judy Bohan	Chal & Hugh Vaughn	Anne Simmons
Flower Arrangers	Israel - Bowen	Wyatt	Wyatt	Israel - Witt 26: Lent Greenery
Altar Guild	Group 1: Feb 1 - 7	Group 2: Feb 8 - 14	Group 3: Feb 15 - 21	Group 4: Feb 22 - 28

7:00 PM Taizé

Verger			James Cannon	
Lector			James Cannon	
Intercessor			Monty Wooten	
Healing Prayer			Amy Trees Debbie Thomas	

February Anniversaries

Cliff Albertson and Anne Jarema	7
Glenn and Brenda Haller	11
Greg and Emma Plank	12
Bob and Shirley Turner	15
Jim and Karen Compton	29

February Birthdays

1 Bob Grimes	16 Rusty McCredie
4 Marella Buncick	18 Cooper Green
4 Mike Nery	19 Bob Bell
8 Eunice Ferguson	19 Maria Mason
9 Patricia Stafford	20 Larry Harris
10 Andrew Beasley	22 Sean Johnson
10 Hannah Pennell	23 Sam Snead
10 Cheri Potter	24 Teesha Johnson
11 Margaret Crum	24 Pat Starnes
13 Julian Nemethy	24 Tricia Trinite
14 Al Dawson	25 Bill Dismukes
14 Gary Roper	25 Liesl Ellington
15 Vicki Sanderson	25 Marion Mayfield-Johnson
15 Evelyn Wrenn	

Special Gifts

The Aumbry Candle is given to the Glory of God by Charlotte and Travers Chiott in thanksgiving for Grace Church and our parish family.

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by:

- ♦ the Drake and Duncan families in memory of Marguerite Alexander;
- ♦ Lucy and Larry Bowen in thanksgiving for all the many ministries at Grace and in our community;
- ♦ the Altar and Flower Guild in appreciation for the clergy and staff;
- ♦ Cheryl Aull in thanksgiving for Joe's birthday



2019 CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AND GREENS DONORS

Mickey & Tricia Trinite in memory of their son,
Marcus Trinite

Sylvia & Buddy Greenwood in thanksgiving for
Grace Church

Louise Wernicke in thanksgiving for their grandson,
James Dunbar Wernicke

James Cannon in thanksgiving for AnnaLee and
Michael Peters

Kim & Rick Hayes in memory of their parents and in
thanksgiving for Rachael, Greg, Kael and Lydia

Robert & Bonnie Kistler in thanksgiving for Felicity, Ivy
and Adelaide

The Scales Family in thanksgiving for their Grace Community

Nancy Clark in memory of Scott, Arnold and Josh

Bill Coward in memory of Sherry Coward and their parents

The Shaw Family in memory of Martin and Mary Leigh Shaw

Lynda & Rusty McCredie in thanksgiving for family

Jennifer Thomas in memory of The Rev. John Thomas

Katie Warren in memory of David Warren

Rev. Jane G. Smith in thanksgiving for Fr. Gary and Fr. Bob
and the Grace Family for helping her celebrate the anniversary
of her ordination, a day that was warmth, memories and new
friends. Thank you.

Chal & Hugh Vaughn in thanksgiving

Lorie Tola in memory of John Tola

Joe & Cheryl Aull in memory of their parents Billy and
Carolyn Kitchens and Arthur and Betty Aull

Don Wills in memory of Nancy Remmers, his boys and in
honor of Grace's Flower & Altar Guild & Valerie Heavens

Jack & Mary Jane Westall in memory of Ann Huntington
Westall

The Townsend Family

Kristen Dusenbery in memory of Donald H. and Rhoda V.
Larsen and in thanksgiving for their ministry to the church
and the world

Robert Lamb in memory of Bill Lamb and in thanksgiving for
Family

Reml in memory of Mama Aileen

The Potter Family and Linda Spray in memory of Jim Spray
and in thanksgiving for their many blessings

Steve & Carol Booth in thanksgiving for 50 years of marriage
and for their family

Donald & Anna Lewis

Kathleen Griffin in memory of family and in
thanksgiving for family

2020 Pledging Needed for Continued Growth

Although we still haven't formally closed the books on 2019, we can offer the information that we have at this time. Please be aware that these numbers may change as additional charges and credits are applied as we close the fiscal year.

After twelve months of 2019, we have received pledged income of \$356,615, which was \$14,541 more than pledged; and income from all sources totaled \$435,420. This exceeded our income projections by \$8,913.

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

Operational expenses at the end of December 2019 totaled \$433,563 and were \$2,354 less than budgeted amounts, resulting in an overall budget surplus of \$11,267. Keep in mind that the budget was approved with a \$9,410 deficit. Factoring in the deficit, our projected surplus is approximately \$1,857. We will not know the actual amounts until the year is formally closed nearer the end of January.

Early in the year, the Parish approved changes in the Endowment Fund By-Laws to allow retention of a large bequest for possible uses within the Parish rather

than being allocated directly to the Endowment Fund. The Vestry subsequently approved use of \$50,000 for upgrades to the Parish's technology and its audio-visual capabilities. Changes have included redesign of our website, acquisition of computer and networking hardware, improvement of sound systems, networking and Wi-Fi enhancements, audio-visual streaming, and interactive video capabilities. It is likely that much of the remaining balance of approximately \$100,000 will be used for capital projects that are being considered by the Vestry.

Our overall pledge and plate income were insufficient this year to meet the projected needs associated with routine operations and the discernment process through which we are progressing. Our pledges this year totaled \$342,174 and we received almost \$357,000 in pledged giving. As you can see, this is far less than the \$433,563 which was spent in 2019.

Thus far in 2020 we have received only 70 pledges for 241,194. We are optimistic and hopeful that we will see additional pledges in 2020 to allow continued growth within the Parish as we meet the new year.

The handling of receipts and the oversight of pledges are critical and sensitive functions of church finances. Anne Simmons with her counters (Steve Birkhofer, Martha Boyette, Georgi Bruce, and Sally Withers) and her depositors (Steve Birkhofer, Judy Bohan, James Cannon, Chal Vaughn, and Hugh Vaughn) ensured all deposits were accounted for, deposited in a timely fashion and credited to the proper accounts. Their invaluable volunteer work and tireless efforts are deeply appreciated by the Parish.

Your Vestry

Statement of Activities - Grace Church Year to Date - December 2019

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Income:			
Pledges	356,615	342,074	14,541
Non-pledged Offerings	50	-	50
Open Offering	8,770	13,107	(4,337)
Interest	92	69	23
Misc.	69,893	71,257	(1,364)
Total Income:	435,420	426,507	8,913
Expenses:			
Outreach/Mission	50,005	50,005	-
Parish Programs	19,481	25,118	(5,637)
Operations	77,901	67,225	10,676
Personnel	286,176	293,569	(7,393)
Total Expenses:	433,563	435,917	(2,354)
Income Less Expenses:	1,857	(9,410)	11,267