



the Grace TEAM

to each a ministry

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Sunday Worship

10:30 a.m. - Rite II

Live-Streamed

Gospel Bible Study

Mondays, 10:30 a.m.

Live-Streamed

Compline

Monday-Saturday, 8:00 p.m.

Live-Streamed

Centering Prayer

Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m.

Live-Streamed

Healing Prayer

A Healing Prayer Service and

Eucharist is offered on

Wednesdays, 12:15 p.m.

Live-Streamed

For information about accessing live-streaming, see page 3.

A Message from Fr. Gary

Greetings Dear People of God @ Grace,

What's that old saying... "Give things a month and they'll look different" or "Make plans and make God laugh." Well, we can all agree that these two sayings are relevant today. We've been in this new normal now for somewhere between 2-3 weeks depending on when you started "social distancing." During that time, we have had three streamed church services, twelve Facebook Compline's, one healing service, two Monday Morning Bible Studies, a food truck distribution and numerous online meetings via Zoom. These are truly different times. And it is apparent the work of being Christ's hands and feet is ever more important and present now. I thank everyone for all you are doing.

As I said in my sermon on Lent 4, I'm scared, I have wept, and this is a difficult time. All true. Yet, in the midst of all this concern and anxiety, here is what I know: God is in the middle of this and loves each one of you, and I know that my Redeemer lives and that he will raise me up on the last day! And although I know it is not liturgically correct in Lent, I shout "Alleluia!" for that.

Remember that Christ tells us a hundred times, no less, "Do. Not. Be. Afraid." He wants us to be the light. So let's approach each day, each situation, each person we come across knowing we have the responsibility to radiate Christ to everyone we meet.

I offer you a reflection from our most recent bishop, The Rt. Rev. Porter Taylor, who reminds us during this very unique Lenten journey, that we are to focus on resurrection:

"The novelist Bernard Malamud writes, 'We have two lives: the life we learn with and the life we live after that. Suffering brings us towards happiness.'

"In this moment we are in both of those lives because we are learning what

it means to live a different life, but we can't hold our breath until it's over. We must live this life now because it's the only life we have.

"Those of us in affluent peaceful America may be bewildered that suffering brings us towards happiness, but of course the gospel has been teaching that for over 2000 years. Perhaps this virus is teaching us what the cross means—we are having to let go of any illusion that we can make the world behave. No gadget,

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no remote control, no button that we can push will take us back to where we were. Like the people following Moses in the wilderness, the only way is forward. "As I have been trying to come to some sense of what's going on, I think that suffering brings us towards happiness by opening our hearts. Remember that it's at the cross that Jesus shows us that to find

our way, we must reconstitute relationships: the disciple John becomes the son of Mary and Mary becomes the mother of John. Suffering shows us what matters and what doesn't. It reminds us that we are all mortal and that life is fragile and precious and that God in Christ is calling us to a different way of living and being together—a holy communion.

"So—maybe there's a lesson in this time. Maybe we are in the midst of the life we learn with, but we are invited into the life we live with after that. Our name for that life is resurrection."

Let us pray: Gracious God, open our eyes to witness all that is happening around us: the joy and the pain; the weeping and the laughing. Help us to learn the way of the Cross so that you might open our hearts to be resurrection and be agents of resurrection. In Christ name we pray. Amen!

Blessings & Peace in Jesus Christ our Lord,

Gary+

Events at a Glance

A Quick Review of the Month

The COVID-19 virus has impacted our world in many ways. In the effort to safeguard our own well-being and the well-being of others, we have been challenged to look creatively at how we gather as the Grace Church family. Although some things must be postponed for now, technology has opened up many avenues for continuing to “do church” at Grace. Shared here are the services, meetings and activities about which we currently have information. We will continue to keep you updated as we learn more.

Holy Week Schedule, April 5-12

All Holy Week Services below will be live-streamed.

To access them, go to the Grace Church Asheville YouTube Channel at tinyurl.com/GraceUT or go to the Grace Church web site, graceavl.com and follow the prompts in the red banner at the top of the home page.



Palm Sunday: April 5

10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist Rite II



Maundy Thursday: April 9

7:00 p.m. - Maundy Thursday Liturgy: Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar

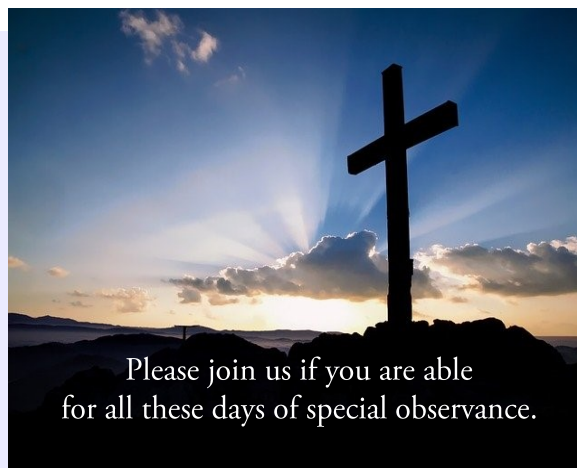


Good Friday: April 10

6:00 p.m. - Good Friday Liturgy with Stations of the Cross

Easter Sunday: April 12

10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist Rite II



Please join us if you are able
for all these days of special observance.

Currently Scheduled

[The following activities will be live-streamed; see page 3 for access instructions:](#)

- Sunday worship, 10:30 a.m.
- Compline, Monday-Saturday, 8:00 p.m.
- Holy Eucharist with prayers for healing, Wednesdays, 12:15 p.m.

[The following activities will be conducted on-line using ZOOM; see page 3 for access instructions:](#)

- Gospel Bible Study, Mondays, 10:30 a.m.

- Centering Prayer, Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m.
- Outreach meeting, Tuesday, April 7, 5:30 p.m.
- TEAM meeting, Wednesday, April 8, 10:00 a.m.
- Endowment meeting, Thursday, April 16, 5:30 p.m. (Edwards Library if possible; online if necessary)
- Vestry meeting, Monday, April 20, 5:30 p.m.

[The following activities will continue as scheduled:](#)

- YMCA Produce Truck, Wednesday, April 1, 5:00 p.m. (no volunteers needed)

Cancelations and Postponements

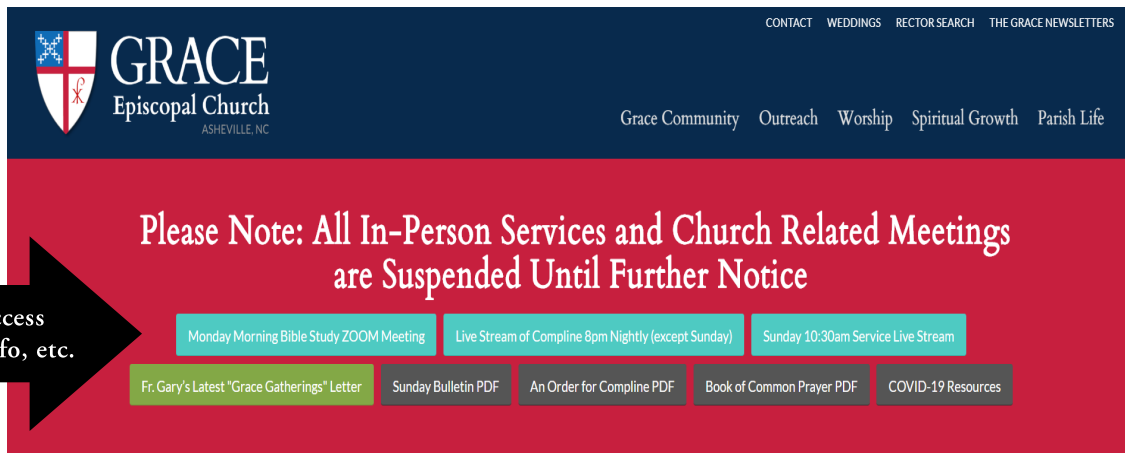
In compliance with CDC guidelines and in consideration of everyone's continued good health, the following events, meetings and activities will not happen this month. We will keep you updated as things change.

- Memorial services for Nancy Remmers, Maria Mason and Mary Hayes have been postponed and will be re-scheduled.
- Early Birds Men's Book Study
- PubSing
- Choir/Bell rehearsals
- Men of the Church
- Purls of Grace
- Seder Meal
- Steadfast House Meal
- Taizé
- Newcomers Meeting
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Rummage Sale Drop-Off Day

Technology 101

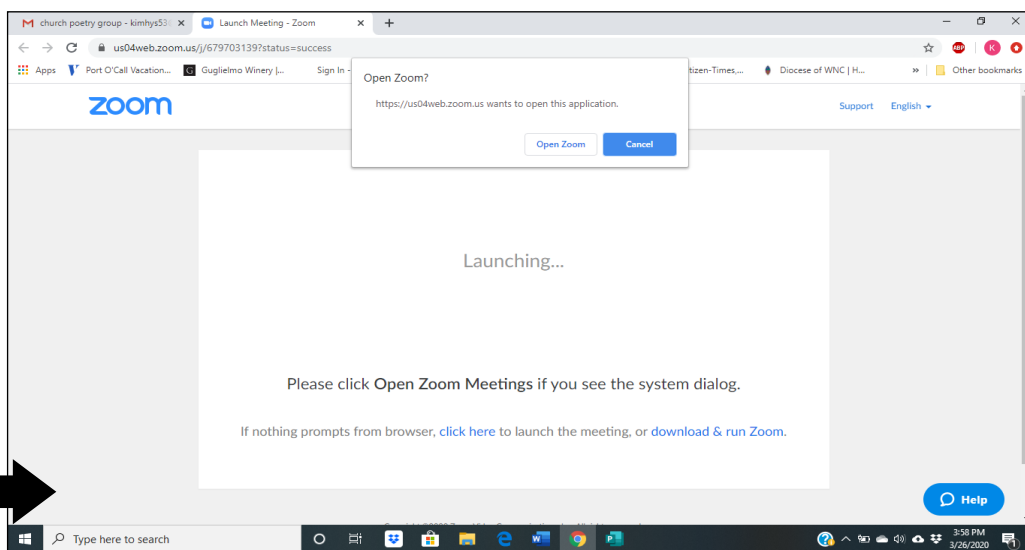
HOW TO ACCESS WORSHIP SERVICES BEING LIVE-STREAMED ON YOU-TUBE OR FACEBOOK. If you have a computer, tablet or smart phone with access to internet, it's easier than you think. To join Sunday worship services at 10:30 a.m. or Holy Week Services (schedule on p. 2), you have two options: (1) go online and type tinyurl.com/GraceUT into your web browser, or (2) go to the Grace web site, graceavl.com, and in the red banner at the top of the homepage, click on the appropriate box.

A Compline service is offered nightly, Monday-Saturday, at 8:00 p.m. on FaceBook. Again, the easiest way to get there is to go to the Grace web site and click on the "Compline" box in the banner at the top of the home page. It will take you to our Facebook page where you can click "Videos" on the left.



Click on these boxes to access online services, classes, info, etc.

HOW TO ATTEND AN ON-LINE MEETING USING "ZOOM." Some of our meetings will continue via ZOOM. A meeting host will email you an invitation to attend a meeting using ZOOM. In the email, you'll see the subject, date and time of the meeting. A few minutes prior to the meeting's start, click on the "Join Zoom Meeting" link. That will take you to ZOOM and a series of prompts that will get you to the meeting. Here is what the Zoom page looks like:



DOING IT THE OLD-FASHIONED WAY. Email, telephone and the US Postal Service are still options for communicating when you can't do it in person. We may be self-quarantining and adhering to social distancing mandates, but we are NOT alone. We are still part of the Grace family, and staying in touch is so important right now. Email your loved ones, friends and especially, those who are alone. Make sure they're ok. Let them know you're ok. Or give someone a call. Or write a note, pop it in the mailbox and put up the flag. Your hard-working mail carrier can do the rest! And this leads us to a wonderful and timely opportunity:



THE NEW SHEPHERDS' MINISTRY, our ministry for staying connected with each other, is a great way to make sure no one at Grace feels left out, alone or in need. In light of the virus keeping us home, you are urged to join in helping us all stay connected. If you are willing to connect with 4-5 other members of Grace and just check in with them, and if necessary, relay any needs, concerns, or happy notes to Fr. Gary, please contact Shannon Townsend at gstownsend@att.net or 828-713-5081 and she will be happy to help you connect!

Other Parish News, Updates & Reminders

THANK YOU FOR THE COOKIES! Following our last worship service at Grace, Brownie Troop 42504 hosted Coffee Hour with their famous Girl Scout Cookies. Yum!



YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE: OUR NEW NORMAL. With the threat of COVID-19 still high and the request from the national and state governments for social isolation for the next several weeks, plus guidance from the Diocese, we will not be meeting in person again until at least May 10.

My plan for now is that each week I will send out a **Saturday Check-In**, with some words, a prayer and an activity I encourage you to do with your family. I am also offering "office hours" Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. in which I will be available to talk on the phone or via video with the youth. Also a reminder that the Diocese is holding a **virtual youth gathering** throughout the week and on Sunday evenings. For more information, email jenna@wncyouth.org and I will forward your interest.

Meanwhile, if you have any thoughts about how our youth ministry should look during this time, please let me know.

NEWS FROM JENNA ABOUT THE FUTURE. It is with great sadness I am writing to inform you that after two wonderful years, the Asheville Episcopal Youth Ministry will be no longer. We will be finishing out the school year (as best we can); however, in August, we will no longer be having the joint youth group.

I want to be clear this is not due to the Coronavirus. I have been in communication with clergy for about a month and a half about how the Asheville Episcopal Youth Ministry will not be picking back up in the fall. We were waiting to inform you all until it got a little closer, and I was hoping to talk with the youth in person about it, but sadly, Coronavirus happened.

I have had a wonderful time getting to know your churches and have especially enjoyed working with your youth! I will truly miss being with the youth. Fingers crossed we will be able to have an end of year celebration on May 17, my last Sunday. In the meantime, we will continue to take one day at a time and see where everything is in May. I hope that many of the youth will join me at Camp Henry this summer, as I will be the Assistant Director!

May blessings be in your path,
Jenna Sharrits



**THANK
YOU SO
MUCH!**

We'll miss you, dear Jenna. Camp Henry is blessed to have you.

Grace Ministries in Action

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"Grace Ministries in Action" continues to spotlight reports from our ministry leaders. Now, during this time of "social distancing," your involvement may be needed more than ever before. If you are interested in a ministry, please contact that ministry's leader directly.

ADULT FORMATION. Although our adult formation classes are currently on hiatus, you are encouraged to take part in the on-line version of our Monday Morning Gospel Bible Study, a study of the Gospel for the following Sunday facilitated by Fr. Bob. Please know that the MMBS is open to everyone and that all one needs to do to join in is go to your web browser and direct it to: <https://zoom.us/j/951655448>.

CHILD FORMATION. Make Space for a Prayer Table at Home! This simple project is something that will hopefully fill a need for the whole family to have a sacred place while we are away from church.

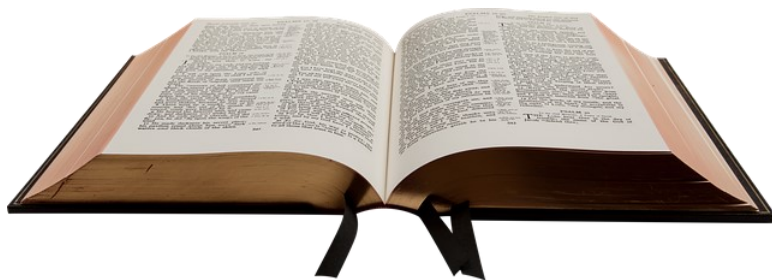
Items needed; lovely rug, low table, a cloth that corresponds to the color of the liturgical season, ornate or beautifully bound Bible, candle, a sacred image (photo or statue of Jesus), some type of flower or greenery, and a cushion.

I know what you are probably thinking, "Why would I put a prayer table in my home?" Well, in this strange world we now live in, our families are facing many new challenges that can take a toll on our physical and spiritual well being. But this time of self-isolation can also be a perfect time to sit and reflect. Reflecting on scripture, circumstances and relationships could give us time to attend to some much needed spiritual refreshment.

Also, as our children grow and develop, we want to assist them with one of the most crucial parts of their religious lives. Prayer. We, however, must understand what that is. Prayer is not offering God our grocery list of wants, wishes, needs and concerns. Prayer is taking time to stop and listen to God, to create a silent place where we can meet and reflect on God. Certainly all of those items are appropriate for prayer. However, for the young child, silence and wonder will be the most profound prayer they can offer. Why not create a place where they can be invited to do so?

Begin by placing your lovely rug in the area where your prayer table will live. Then add your low table to make it accessible for the child. Next, set the table. First, place a cloth that corresponds to the liturgical seasonal color. The color for the season of Lent is purple. Your cloth can be as simple or elaborate as you like. Then add the ornate or beautifully bound Bible. The Bible should be placed in the middle of the table (there it will be inviting to read). Also add your candle and sacred image (to help pause and reflect). Last, place your flowers or greenery. Now your table has been set! The very last item on your list will be a cushion on which the child or you may sit or kneel to create that much needed silence for prayer.

This is a great family project that can be done with all ages of children. Allowing the child to be involved in the selection of the items will create a sense of ownership. I am reminded by this table, as stated so eloquently in the book *Listening to God with Children*, that "Our prayer is both preparation and a vehicle for arriving at the greatest prayer of thanksgiving: the Eucharist."



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Grace Ministries in Action

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ENDOWMENT. Hello, Fellow Parishioners, and happy Easter. Your Endowment Committee has scheduled a quarterly meeting for Thursday, April 16, tentatively in the Church library or virtually using Zoom or Google Hangouts. Your committee members — Anne Jarema, Larry Harris, Steve Jones, John Chastain and Steve Birkhofer — welcome any interested parishioners who would like to be in attendance; if interested please notify Steve in advance of your interest to attend.

The Committee's agenda will likely include:

- Market and investment performance discussion and review of new contributions. Added discussion to include future committee response measures with regard to impending negative market change.
- Review of the minutes from the January meeting.
- Substantive review of the roof replacement project and determination of how your endowment will help complete this project.
- Abbreviated review of the By-Laws regarding the allowable and required uses of the endowment funds.
- Continued discussion regarding a re-energized Planned Giving program. Planning has been 'on hold' given defined community resources needed for roof replacement.
- Still Pending.

OUTREACH. A month ago, we couldn't have imagined the world as it exists today. The needs are so great. Resources are stretched to their limits. Yet, restricted as we are, there are still ways to help:

"Gifts to GO" Boxes: We hope you will continue to fill your "GO" boxes at home in support of the ABCCM Medical Ministry.

ABCCM Food Drive:

Although we are currently unable to collect food items at the church, the Outreach Committee is en-

couraging you to write a check to ABCCM for their now urgent food needs. This special food drive will last through April and is especially needed for those who will be hardest hit in the COVID crisis: the poor, the homeless and the homebound. You can make your checks to ABCCM and write "Grace Spring Food Drive" on the "For" line. Then mail your checks to: ABCCM, 24 Cumberland Ave., Asheville, NC 28801 ATTN: Rev. Mary Messara. You may also go to the ABCCM web site, abccm.org, to make a donation directed to the Crisis Ministry and "Food."

Backpackers: We are currently packing and delivering 50 bags of food a week to Isaac Dickson Elementary, a community hub for food collection and distribution. If you are in good health, under the age of 60 and able to help with packing and delivering, your help is needed. Please contact Stephanie Cochran, stephaniebrae@gmail.com.

Room in the Inn: During this crisis, the RITI women are being safely housed at the AHOPE offices. A need for meals the week of April 5 was recently posted and Grace Outreach is responding with dinner on Monday of that week plus breakfast and lunch the following day. In weeks to come, churches who have signed up to host are being asked to help by providing meals at AHOPE during their weeks. That will probably include the May 3 week we're sharing with St. Luke's. A call for dinners, breakfast supplies and bag lunches will be going out soon and we hope you will volunteer to help.

The YMCA Produce Truck: We are continuing this mobile market every first Wednesday, but instead of client choice, the YMCA is pre-packing food boxes for our neighbors to come pick up. At present, there is no need for Grace volunteers.



GRACE GIFTS TO GO! When every cent counts...

At the ABCCM Medical Clinic, no gift is too small. From a 28-cent syringe to Band-Aids at 6-cents a piece to a pair of clean, warm socks for a dollar, the change you and your family use to fill up your "Gifts to GO" box during Lent will be gratefully used to provide much-needed supplies.

"Gifts to GO" boxes (or checks made out to Grace with "GO Box" on the memo line) will be received and blessed when we return to church for worship.

Thank you so much for your support.



Some good news! 60+ pairs of shoes and sixty pairs of socks have been donated to Church of the Advocate to be distributed to the homeless. Blessings to all who supported this project.

Our Prayer List

April

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; Cuyler Dupree; Eva Dupree; Vicki Enox; Eunice Ferguson; Doug Haldane; Mary Israel; Don Lewis; Gael Paschall; Nancy Porter; The Reverend Jim Rains and Sharon Rains; Sonny Rawls; Beth Stahl; Laura & Tsz-yan Snyder; Corinne Spencer; Rita Spragg; Sydnor Thompson; Mickey Trinite; Paul Vest; Pat Walters; Judy Warner; Katie Warren; Jane Whitman; Don Wills.

For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities: Henny Caldwell; Bobbie Eblen; Ed Denison; Straudia Luedtke; Rita Lyda; Marion Mayfield-Johnson; Tom Paine; Deb Pegel; Cal Remmers; 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): Joe Adams (friend of Lynda McCredie); Carolyn Brown (friend of Ray & Jeanne Robertson); Deane Brown (brother of Barbara Wilcox); Heath Davis (son of Chuck Davis); Jerry Drum (brother of Nancy Clark); 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); Laura Julian (daughter of Rusty Herman); 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); Kathy Thomas (friend of Doug & Carole McClellan); Allison Waigand (daughter of Jennifer Witt); Franci Wolfson (friend of Nancy Clark); Angela (sister of Steve Booth); Isaiah (friend of Shannon); Patricia (friend of Kathleen Griffin); Tammy (mother of Chance Wyatt).

For Those Who Have Died and their Families: Evelyn Oberg Fields (mother-in-law of Don Lewis), Mary Hayes, Maria Moessen (Mason); Mary Ida Sprague.

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 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 Evelyn Oberg Fields (mother-in-law of Don Lewis), Mary Hayes, Maria Moessen (Mason) and Mary Ida Sprague.

April Anniversaries

Robert Dubrul and Judith Hoy	12
Doug and Carole McClellan	16
Kelly Thompson and Sydnor Thompson III	25
Louise and Tom Wernicke	25
Mike and Judy Bohan	26

Congratulations

April Birthdays

2 Tessa Path	16 Shannon Ponce
2 Hobart Whitman	17 Randy Carson
4 Lorraine Chambers	17 Nancy Porter
4 Nancy Clark	18 Barbara Wilcox
5 Ben Scales	19 Hans Van Vonno
7 Cliff Albertson	20 Matthew Carlin
7 Jade Cress	22 Caroline Hamrick Snead
7 Larry Hall	23 Lauren Kuykendall
7 Simon Thompson	23 Beau Warner
10 John Chastain	24 Laura Dover
11 Travers Chiott	24 Amanda Edwards
11 Margaret Dahm	25 Phil Carlin
11 David Gentry	26 Tom Bell, Jr.
11 Watson Jordan	26 Nicole Racine
12 Rhian Chastain	26 Ray Robertson
12 Kathie Engelbrecht	27 Sharon Rains
13 Rusty Herman	28 Julie Cooley
15 Guy Wrenn	

Special Gifts

The Aumbry Candle is given to the Glory of God by Jack and Mary Jane Westall in thanksgiving for the marriage of their daughter Mary Camille and David Sargeant.



A REMINDER FROM THE FLOWER GUILD.

Your donations in memory of loved ones or in thanksgiving will help our flower guild bring God's glorious creation into our worship space in celebration of Easter and beyond.

While we will not be decorating as elaborately this year, the Flower Guild will still have flowers in the Sanctuary for our live-streamed services. Anyone who wishes to send in gifts for flowers can send checks payable to Grace Episcopal Church, 871 Merrimon Avenue, Asheville, NC 28804, with "for flowers" in the memo line.

Gifts will be acknowledged in the May *TEAM*.



Successful Stewardship Effort Key to 2020 Budget

After two months of 2020, we have received pledged income of \$68,908, and income from all sources totaled \$81,227. Mission, Operational, Program, and Personnel expenses at the end of February 2020 totaled \$61,648 and were \$6,861 less than those forecast in the draft budget provided for the Vestry's consideration.

The 2019/2020 stewardship effort has provided 77 pledges totaling \$258,694 of our \$350,000 goal. A significant portion of the deficit in pledges (\$27,000) is attributable to our aging parish, as a number of our parishioners have moved to assisted living facilities, moved to be nearer family, or have passed away. While these changes are a normal part of parish life, we must also be addressing growth to replace those we have lost. As we move into 2020 and complete our journey through the discernment process, our leadership will be focusing on our parish life and health.

Until the stewardship process has been completed and a firm estimate of 2020 income is established, the vestry is unable to approve a 2020 budget. A draft has been provided based on our budget history. Over the past several years our annual expenses have totaled just over \$400,000. Using the expenses estimated in the draft budget, we are currently facing a short fall of approximately \$124,000. Much of this shortfall will be resolved with a successful stewardship effort. Additionally, the Vestry is looking at other

potential revenue sources as well as reviewing areas where cost reductions may be made.

As the next month goes by, many of the current questions will be resolved. With that accomplished, a more definitive budget narrative can be provided.

Your Vestry

Statement of Activities - Grace Church Year to Date - February 2020

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Income:			
Pledges	68,908	43,116	25,792
Open Offering	1,035	1,779	(744)
Interest	16	13	3
Misc.	11,268	3,842	7,426
Total Income:	81,227	48,749	32,478
Expenses:			
Outreach/Mission	7,159	8,917	(1,758)
Parish Programs	3,818	3,758	60
Operations	10,292	14,259	(3,966)
Personnel	40,379	41,574	(1,196)
Total Expenses:	61,648	68,509	(6,861)
Income Less Expenses:	19,579	(19,760)	39,339



TO PUT A SMILE ON YOUR FACE. We thought you might enjoy a view of the corner of Merrimon Avenue and Ottari Road, looking south on Merrimon from Grace Episcopal Church (not in view). Circa 1930. *(Thank you, Sally Withers!)*