



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.

Zoom

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 2.

A Message from Fr. Gary

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

Well, the time is finally here: my last "TEAM" communique with The People of God @ Grace. I want to say what a wonderful joy and honor it has been to spend this interim time with you during these last twenty-one months. These times have been THE bright spot in my ministry. From that very first Sunday when I let you know I was called to be a "Pastoral Disrupter," you have been gracious, fun, loving and supportive. I am sad to leave you, but I am so grateful for your friendship and the opportunities to explore this wonderful and unique calling of Interim Ministry.

You have called a wonderful priest. Milly will serve you with passion, love and care. I can think of no one better to lead Grace through the "new normal" that will be the church after this pandemic and racial strife and the reconciliation and growth that comes with it. It will be a very exciting and Christ-filled time. Deacon Martha, one of the deacons who served with me at my former parish of All Saints used to say, "It's God's math." We don't know *how* it works; we just know that when we are faithful...it works!

I believe that when one priest leaves and another is called, it is filled with opportunity: one fraught with joy, sadness, growth, dying, and rebirth. We always see through a mirror dimly, even when we are face to face. On top of that, let us not forget that there is plenty of evidence that God's idea of an adventure is almost always found between a rock and a hard place. Yes, there is the parting of the Red Sea . . . which opens into a wilderness. There is the opening of the heavens, a

descending dove and a voice from above, which is closely followed by a showdown with the devil. There is the Damascus road, resulting in blindness and desert dwelling. The list goes on. Perhaps it is best to remember that we are always being called to "sing the Lord's song in a foreign land." Wherever we land, there we must learn to sing.

I am often asked what I hope people remember from my time at Grace. I always go to the Baptismal Font. We are

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adopted and loved and embraced by our God through Baptism. The Baptismal Font should always have water in it and it should always be prominent. Without it, our relationship has not taken root. We need the water, we need to remember the peace brought out of the chaos of our lives through Baptism, and be thankful...each and every Sunday. I hope we all remember the good times we have

had, but if it is to be only one memory... it is the Font.

Baptism empowers us. You have now become empowered and are able to look at the world, outside the doors of Grace. Remember to celebrate who you are (although imperfect), who your neighbors and parishioners are, who your priest is. Always embrace, celebrate, inhabit, welcome and practice improvisation...it leads to wonderful surprises. We're not perfect...you're not perfect, I'm not perfect. Only God is perfect...thank God. Always remember that you have permission to fail and fail boldly!

The story is told of Wynton Marsalis playing one of his signature trumpet solos in a jazz club in New York City. The audience was transfixed and transported as he brought the solo toward its conclusion.

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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.

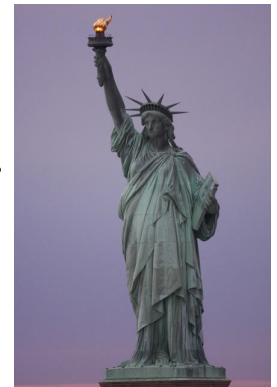
Currently Scheduled in July

Date and Time	Service, Meeting or Activity	Online Location
Nightly Except Sunday, 8 PM	Compline *	Facebook Videos
Sundays, 10:30 AM	Sunday Holy Eucharist Service *	YouTube Channel
Sundays Following Worship	Virtual Coffee Hour	Zoom Meeting
Mondays, 10:30 AM	Monday Morning Bible Study	Zoom Meeting
Wednesdays, 12:15 PM	Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing *	YouTube Channel
Wednesdays, 5:30 PM	Centering Prayer	Zoom Meeting
Thursdays, 10:30 AM	Rector & Lay Leadership Meeting	Zoom Meeting
Wednesday, July 1, 2:30 PM	Mary Hayes’ Celebration of Life (see p. 5)	Church/YouTube Channel
Tuesday, July 7, 5:30 PM	Outreach Meeting	Zoom Meeting
Wednesday, July 8, 10:00 AM	TEAM Meeting	Zoom Meeting
Saturday, July 18, 11:00 AM	Nancy Remmers’ Celebration of Life (see p. 5)	Church/YouTube Channel
Monday, July 20, 5:30 PM	Vestry Meeting	Zoom Meeting
	* BULLETIN AVAILABLE	Grace Website

OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY. The church office will be closed Friday, July 3, for the July 4th holiday weekend. Have a safe and happy holiday. *“Lady Liberty”*, photo by Hugh Vaughn. See more *“Creativity at Grace”* on pages 11-12.

HOW TO ACCESS WORSHIP SERVICES AND MEETINGS. For live-streamed Services and Offerings, bulletins, booklets and links to Bible Study, Christian Formation classes and other meetings, you will find buttons near the top of our homepage at graceavl.com. To join a Zoom meeting, just click the appropriate box on the Grace homepage.

Some of our other meetings will also continue via ZOOM. Your host will email an invitation and instructions, or check your bulletin or Friday's email for a Meeting ID and password to log in.



Then go to <https://zoom.us/> and click "Join a Meeting," put in the Meeting ID number, click "Join" and add the password you have been given. If you don't have a camera, you can still join with just audio.

Farewell, Bob and Jeannette!

Bob and Jeannette, thank you for everything you did for all of us at Grace.

You were and still are much more than clergy to us—you are our friends.

We appreciate your time with us and the words you spoke in the hallways, in the Parish Hall and from the pulpit. Your words guided us, nourished us, and encouraged us to press on, both in the good times and bad.

We especially appreciate when you sat with us in the waiting rooms of hospitals and at the bedsides of nursing homes, giving us hope and comfort by your very presence. So many times, you were the first ones there, God's arms around us as we prayed for loved ones who were injured, suffering and at death's door.

On Sundays, your taking the lead with breakfast was the gift we needed to come together as one community again. In the afternoons, your picking and fiddling kept our feet tapping and our hands clapping down by the river and on the hardwood floors at church and venues around town.

On Mondays, you gave us the great gifts of learning, humor and fellowship as you brought us together in the Word at our Monday Morning Bible Study Class.

And although you had to leave in a hurry, we respect and support you as you remain faithful servants to the Lord in your call to Georgia.

You've returned to those familiar marshes and ocean where you preached, taught and healed for so many years. And you're back by the side of Bishop Frank Logue who reached out to you, asking for your help as the new Bishop of the Diocese of Georgia. You are where God wants you now, loved by Grace and with our blessings.

Doug McClellan
Senior Warden



A Message from Our Senior Warden



On behalf of your Vestry and the Discernment Committee, we are pleased to announce that The Rev. Milly Morrow has accepted our call to be our new Rector at Grace!

Her first day with us will be July 31. She will be in the office on August 3 and lead our worship on August 9.

LET'S WRITE THE NEXT CHAPTER OF GRACE! I wish you all could have been in the parish hall on June 5 when the Vestry voted unanimously to call the Rev. Milly Morrow to be our next Rector.

The day itself had been a full one for the Vestry and Rev. Milly, starting with breakfast at Pat and Nancy Walters' house, followed by a lunch in the Parish Hall, and finally a dinner that Friday night with Rev. Milly and her husband, Bill.

At each gathering, our appreciation for her leadership, energy and heart grew more and more as did our thanks for the year of commitment and hard work the Discernment Committee had spent helping to get the Vestry to this moment.

Then following dinner on Friday night and after she and Bill had left for home, it was time for the Vestry to vote on calling Rev. Milly to be our next Rector.

As I put the motion forward, the Vestry voted "Yes!" unanimously and enthusiastically! The room was electric with the Holy Spirit present!

Then the moment came. It was time to call Rev. Milly. At first the room was silent. But when I called her and told her we had voted and wanted her to be our new Rector, the room erupted in cheering, applause and celebration!

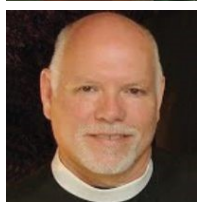
It was as if your favorite team had scored the winning touchdown for the national championship with three seconds left on the clock.

I hope you're feeling the Holy Spirit stirring you up right now, just as it did the Vestry, especially if you read the email introducing Rev. Milly that you received on June 9, or listened to some of her sermons available on our website.

Let's grasp this moment together! Let's write the next chapter of Grace guided by the Holy Spirit, and move forward in faith and love, serving each person in God's name.

Faithfully yours,
Doug McClellan

Disrupter Extraordinaire!



THANK YOU, GARY BUTTERWORTH. Over the last twenty-one months, as promised, you have challenged us, you have asked the hard questions, you have aggravated us, you have made us laugh, and you have encouraged us. Before we even knew how much we would need it, you were also instrumental in equipping Grace with the technology we would need to continue being church today. You have truly been a "disrupter extraordinaire" as you have helped us prepare for the arrival of a new rector. You have done your job well.

You were ready to leave us this past spring. Your work was done. Who could have anticipated the unexpected and frightening arrival of a disrupter far greater than anything we had dealt with before? A global pandemic swept across our country and the world, and in a matter of weeks, everything—our way of doing church, our way of communicating, our way of living our lives—changed.

We're so grateful you were willing to stay with us, Fr. Gary, helping us find our way in this new and disturbing landscape. Since then, your role as disrupter has morphed into the role of guide. You, too, were disrupted, but you stayed on, walking with us, sharing your insights and wisdom, and revealing your own struggles.

Today, as streets already decimated by the impact of COVID-19 erupt in violence and protest, and as the nation grieves, your message of hope and "Eastering" resonates deep within us. You have proclaimed a hard message of love, forgiveness, peace and compassion. You have reminded us that we are all family, no matter what color we are, and that we are all called to respect and care for one another. We will do our best to hold that message in our hearts and minds.

So now, after many unexpected bends in our road together, we are about to send you off into a well-deserved retirement. Go with our thanks, our blessings and our love, Fr. Gary.

In your own words, we give you this benediction: "Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us, so be swift to love and make haste to be kind. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord."

(From Kim Hayes on behalf of Grace Church.)

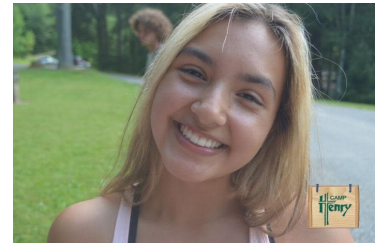
Parish News, Updates & Reminders

CELEBRATING THE LIVES OF MARY HAYES AND NANCY REMMERS. A Celebration of Life for our sister Mary Hayes will be held at Grace Church on Wednesday, July 1st at 2:30 p.m. Interment will follow. A Celebration of Life for our sister Nancy Remmers will be held at the church on Saturday, July 18 at 11:00 a.m. with interment to follow.

We have waited a long time to come to church and say our final goodbyes to these two beloved women of Grace. Extreme care is being taken to do it safely during the current situation.

We are allowed ten people in the worship space. We can also have ten people in the Parish Hall. If you would like to attend either or both of these services in person, please call Valerie and she will put you on a reservation list. Once we reach twenty people we will stop taking reservations. Both Mary's and Nancy's services will also be streamed live on our YouTube channel.

CONGRATULATIONS TO A SPECIAL 2020 GRADUATE! Moira Stewart, granddaughter of Anne Simmons, is a 2020 graduate from T.C. Roberson High School and hopes to be headed for the University of South Carolina this fall. Moira, it's been a strange year with a lot of challenges, but all of us at Grace are so proud of you. You've accomplished so much already, and we're confident you'll achieve so much more in the future. Great job, and many blessings!



A GOODBYE MESSAGE FROM JENNA SHARRITS. Jenna shared this email with our youth recently and we thought you would want to see it, too. Jenna, it's been such a joy working with you as our Diocesan Youth Missioner, and we wish you all the best as your future unfolds.

With love

I can't believe it. This is the last Asheville Episcopal Youth Ministry email you will receive. It is with great sadness this day is here and we are still not able to be with each other. These past few weeks have been hard on me as I was getting ready for this day, knowing that we are not able to meet one last time in person as a community. I am at a loss for words for how to close this chapter of our lives together. So here I go as best I can to share and give some closure.

These past two years have been a blessing. I did not expect the amount of love and joy I have gained from having this job. The best part of my week was always Sunday afternoon with the youth. Whether it was a loving hug as they walked into the room or even a sleepy eye roll, they brought a smile to my face. I will miss the time we spent together growing and learning from each other. It has been so much fun watching the youth grow over the past two years as people of faith but also as a community together. What a true blessing that has been to be a part of! I will miss each and every one of the youth, as they have impacted my life in so many ways.

I would like to thank each of you for the love, laughter and joy you have brought into my life. I will truly miss being a part of all the different faith communities and especially miss working with the youth! I hope that tomorrow (Sunday June 31st) many of the youth will join me via zoom for our last time together. And if any youth are unable to attend please let them know I love them and hopefully one day our paths will cross again.

May blessings be in your path,
Jenna Sharrits



Parish News, Updates & Reminders

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PUBSING. 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. It's likely the June PubSing will be canceled. There's a slight chance the event could take place. Check the Grace Church calendar closer to the date at www.graceavl.com/parish-life/calendar/ to determine whether the event will be held. Coronavirus permitting, we'll meet on July 12 at Zillicoah Beer Company, 870 Riverside Dr., Woodfin from 4:00-6:00 p.m. For more information contact Monty Wooten at montywooten@bellsouth.net or 828-254-1114.

ORDER OF ST. LUKE. Hopefully, the Coronavirus will soon be sufficiently contained so that restrictions will be minimized. If Grace Church is again open for meetings on Thursday, July 9, the Mountain Chapter of the Order of St. Luke will meet from 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 the DVD Healing Journey of a young woman battling severe and mysterious ailments which were ultimately diagnosed as late stage Lyme Disease. She went in a wheelchair to a Charis Bible College session of Healing School and began walking after hearing that God wanted her well.

All are welcome. One does not have to be an OSL member to attend. Please join us! You will bless us with your presence.

A MESSAGE FROM CAMP HENRY. STILL LOTS OF OPTIONS!



Traditional sessions have been cancelled due to concerns over the transmission of COVID-19, but there are lots of options for Camp Henry lovers this summer, including CHOS (Camp Henry Outdoor School), new CHOS Lite sessions, Family Camp (including an additional session!), a modified LAMP (Leadership, Adventure, Mission Program), family retreats with a la carte Camp Henry activities, and new Day Camp sessions held at area churches.

COMING UP: Volunteer Weekend, July

11-12; drive-in movie at Lake Logan, July 18.

Visit our website to learn more and register, or contact Camp Henry Director Jessi LeFiles to talk about all the options.

FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS ON THE LAWN RESUMES. As followers of Jesus, there is no better time than now, in the midst of a global pandemic, killings, riots, and so much anger, fear and grief to let our light shine!

Again this summer, weather permitting, something is happening on the front lawn of Grace Church on Friday nights. Around sunset, you'll see people once more sitting on the hillside, their lights shining. And although they aren't protesting or carrying signs, they *are* making *themselves* the sign—a visible sign of Christ in a troubled world. And you are encouraged to join them for the return of "Friday Night Lights."

For everyone's safety, social distancing will be practiced, masks will be required and the group will be limited to 25 participants. Bring your own chairs or blankets and a candle, flashlight, cellphone light, etc. Hand sanitizer and masks will be available if you need them. If you arrive at 8:30 p.m., the sun will be about to set.

This is just one simple way of being the light of Christ in the world. Please come if you are able.



Grace Ministries in Action

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"Grace Ministries in Action" continues to spotlight 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.

ADULT FORMATION. Monday Morning Bible Study meets at 10:30 a.m. on Mondays via Zoom to discuss the Gospel reading for the coming Sunday.

The Early Bird's Men's Group that usually meets on Tuesday mornings is not meeting at this time, but feel free to contact Walt Noble at walt_noble@icloud.com for more information.

ECW. Difficult decisions made to cancel upcoming events. There will be no rummage sale this fall due to COVID-19. The storage house is currently full and ECW will not be accepting any donations until further notice. We don't want to risk our members' health or the health of community members who attend our sale.

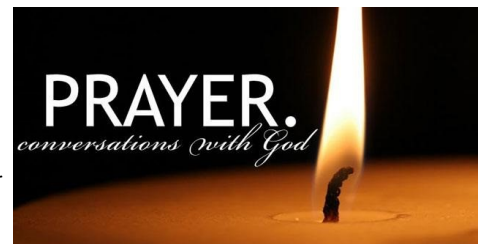
We also will not have our annual fall luncheon.

Once a vaccine is found, we can make decisions related to ECW events! Thank you for your support and understanding!

FELLOWSHIP. Zoom in! Every Sunday, following the live-streamed worship service at 10:30 a.m., you are invited to join our "Virtual Coffee Hour." Simply click the "Sunday Morning Coffee Hour Zoom" box on the Grace homepage, graceavl.com, and follow the prompts to join a Zoom gathering of the Grace family.

HEALING MINISTRY. The Grace Prayer Ministry is available to you. If you or someone you love needs prayer, especially now in such unsettling times, you can reach out to a Grace prayer minister. Just go to our website, graceavl.com and click on the purple "Personal Prayer Available" box at the top of the page to link with all the many ways we at Grace can connect with prayer. Go to the list of Healing Prayer Ministers for contact information and prayers over the phone. These people want to hear from you. Also available, the Parish Prayer List, the Parish Immediate Prayer Circle and the Order of St. Luke Intercessory Prayer Team. You may also connect with the Centering Prayer group that is meeting regularly on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom.

We are not alone. God hears our prayers. If you need help, please seek out a prayer minister today!



OUTREACH. Match-a-Month. The generosity of this parish, both financial and in-kind, has enabled the Outreach Committee to continue offering much-needed support to many helping agencies in this community. Now, we invite you to join us again. "Match-A-Month" will match your total donations up to \$300 at the ends of June and July, and those funds will be donated to an agency you can help Grace Outreach select. To give, use the online giving option on the Grace website (go to graceavl.com, click on "Give to Grace," choose the "Outreach" fund, put "Match" in the "Note" box, and enter the amount you wish to give). You may also send a check to the church with "Match" on the memo line. A recipient agency will be selected at the end of the month, and we'll be glad to consider suggestions you might have (email kimhys53@gmail.com).

Donations have been coming in, so again – thank you, Grace Parish! We'll publish recipient names soon.

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Grace Ministries in Action

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PASTORAL CARE. Among many of the ministries Bob and Jeannette Reese did for us at Grace, one of their most visible and important was visiting and praying with those about to undergo surgery or who were hospitalized or homebound. Their departure means that we will need more help in these areas. While this is not an immediate issue, it will be necessary when there is another lessening of COVID restrictions. If this is something you feel called to take on, please let me know so we can start planning.

And, in this time of social distancing and people staying home to avoid possible infection, we would also like to remind you that we have a “Cards and Calls” ministry that can help those who are in need of a friendly call or a chance to talk with someone. If you know of anyone who would be cheered by such a call or card, please email me and I or one of our volunteers will be happy to follow up with that person.

My email is: Clifford.albertson@verizon.net

SHEPHERDS' MINISTRY. We may be self-quarantining and adhering to social distancing mandates, but we are NOT alone. Let's make sure no one in our Grace family feels left out, alone or in need. Do your part to help us all stay connected. If you are willing to get in touch with 4-5 other members of Grace — just check in with them and, if necessary, relay needs, concerns or happy notes to Fr. Gary—please contact Shannon Townsend, gstownsend@att.net or 828-713-5081.

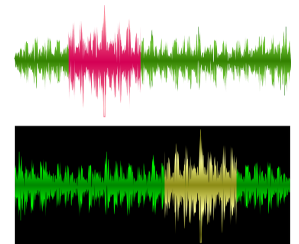


Ministry Opportunities



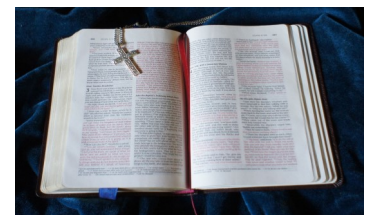
TREASURER POSITION OPENING. Your skills with numbers can be put to good use at Grace Church! Joe Aull, our treasurer, is stepping down after many years of excellent service, and the important ministry he vacates will need to be filled. If you have an interest in being the next treasurer at Grace Church, please contact Joe, jaull@charter.net, for a job description and details.

MULTI-GENERATIONAL STREAMING TECHNICIAN OPPORTUNITIES. A critical need now exists for "streaming technicians" to operate the cameras for our church-based services. Grace is blessed with a state-of-the-art audio video streaming system that is more vital now than anyone imagined. It is a technology that has become our "new normal" and the sole way many folks are able to experience church in these social distancing times. Please prayerfully consider making an appointment to get a first-hand look into what makes the Sunday "live" service happen and possibly discover if you might be called to this special ministry. This is a multi-generational ministry open to youth with a gaming skill set and adults who are now bored after having wired-out their smart phones. Please contact James Cannon or the church office to explore this exciting new ministry opportunity.



COMPLINE OFFICIANTS NEEDED. Fr. Gary will soon be departing and with his departure we must fill four evenings of Compline. You may not know that Compline is written for and has historically been led by lay persons. It is a short, straight-forward service and can be found on page 127 of the BCP. Fr. Gary will make himself available to anyone who wants to learn how to lead the service. The only technical requirement is that you must have a Facebook account. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Fr. Gary or Valerie.

CALLING ALL READERS AND INTERCESSORS. According to our Bishop's direction, we are now able to have up to ten people in our indoor worship space. Therefore, Fr. Gary is inviting everyone (no requirement to have been a reader or intercessor before) to let us know if you would like to come to church on Sunday to read a scripture selection or the Prayers of the People during our live-streamed services. It is our hope that this will further enrich our worship. Please contact Valerie if you are interested.



SEEKING A FLOWER DONOR SCHEDULER. This special volunteer requests donations and organizes the monthly Flower Donors list. What a nice way to stay in touch with the Grace family while making sure our flower arrangers have the resources they need to do their beautiful work every week. You can contact Valerie for details.

Our Prayer List

July

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; Cheryl Deyton; Cuyler Dupree; Eva Dupree; Dorothy Engel; Eunice Ferguson; Doug Haldane; Marzy Israel; Don and Ann Lewis; Gael Paschall; Nancy Porter; Sonny Rawls; Laura & Tsz-yan Snyder; Corinne Spencer; Rita Spragg; Sydnor and Kelly Thompson; Greg Townsend; Mickey Trinite; Pat Walters; Judy Warner; Katie Warren; Jane Whitman; Don Wills; Pat; Chrissy.

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): Jayne Bowersox; Carolyn Brown (friend of Ray & Jeanne Robertson); Deane Brown (brother of Barbara Wilcox); 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); John Schnedl (nephew of Walt & Joyce Noble); Alice Smith (friend of Don Wills); Allison Waigand (daughter of Jennifer Witt); David Wills and his EMT colleagues (nephew of Don Wills); Patricia (friend of Kathleen Griffin);

For Those Who Have Died and their Families: Irene Carson (mother of Randy Carson); Nan Barnes Montegue (friend of Chris Jaquette).

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 & 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.

For protection from COVID-19: Protect all who have been or are being affected by this virus spreading around the world. Be with those who are sick and those who are caring for them. Be with those who have died. Be with those people who we often have ignored in the past, who are now proving to be our heroes: grocery store workers, baggers, cashiers, those who stock the shelves; pharmacy workers and pharmacists, truck drivers who ensure the goods and supplies we need are delivered. Be with our Healthcare workers, nurses, doctors, those who cook, clean and do the laundry. Be with the scientists and researchers who are working on a cure so that this virus may be eradicated.

This is one of many prayer lists. Please go to www.graceavl.com/spiritual-growth/prayer-ministries/ for more opportunities to request prayer. This list is published in the bulletin and in the Grace TEAM Newsletter. Please get permission from anyone you would like to add to the list and contact Kathleen Griffin at 337-8241 or gkcgiffin7@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
Irene Carson (mother of Randy Carson) and
Nan Barnes Montegue (friend of Chris Jaquette).

July Anniversaries

Bob and Barb Bell	4
Johnny and Susan Robinson	5
Douglas and Jean Haldane	9
Mark and Shannon Wall	9
George and Pat Davis	13
Wade and Lily Elder	13
Lani Anderson and Peg O'Hagan	16
Larry and LuAnn Harris	24
Jack and Terri Frue	26

Special Gifts

The Aumbry Candle is given to the Glory of God by Nora and Steve Jones in thanksgiving for their parents.

The flowers are given to the Glory of God

- ♦ by the Duncan and Drake families in memory of Heber and June Peacock;
- ♦ in memory of Virginia and John L. Simmons by their daughters;
- ♦ by Linda Crawford in memory of Albert Walker Hargrove;
- ♦ by Kathleen Griffin in Thanksgiving for Noa Claire Bachmann and her parents;
- ♦ by the Altar and Flower Guilds in thanksgiving for Fr Gary and his service to our parish.

July Birthdays

1 Debbie Jones	17 Fred Newton
3 Stuart Bell	19 Ingrid Adelsbach
3 LuAnn Harris	19 John Sanderson
3 Giovanna Hopkins	21 Noah Clary
4 Eva Dupree	21 Zachary Hunter
4 Sonny Rawls	21 Judy Warner
5 Cassidy Bell	22 Emi Starnes
5 Emmie Lou Elder	24 Boyce Davidson
6 Lani Anderson	24 Kristen Dusenbery
8 Brenda Haller	25 Cate Scales
8 Ann Lewis	25 Diane Wilkey
9 Louise Wernicke	26 Jim Compton
10 Chal Vaughn	26 Ashley Israel
12 Nathaniel Potter	27 Pat Walters
12 Nate Potter	28 Martha Carson
13 Bobbie Blackburn	29 Paul Jordan
13 Tess Carter	30 Jim Black
13 Shari Lane	30 Kippy Comfort
13 John Woodson	30 Keegan Lyda
15 Glenda Sanderson	30 Patrick Young
16 Barron Burhans	31 Ed Denison
17 Elaine Dephouse	31 Anna Johnson



Guidance for Grace

WORSHIP, GATHERING, BEING THE GRACE FAMILY THIS SUMMER. The Grace Re-gathering Task Force has presented us with guidelines for worship, gathering and uses of the church facility over the summer months. COVID-19 has made us all more mindful of the risks of gathering, especially in the confined space of a church where 83% of the parish is over 55 years of age and 60% is over 65. The health and safety of this age group remain a top priority as we continue seeking ways to meet the needs of our entire church family. Here are a few key guideline highlights:

- Sunday worship, Compline, the Wednesday healing service and Monday Morning Bible Study will continue online as scheduled.
- On Mondays and Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., the sanctuary will be open for prayer. Contact Valerie to make an appointment.
- All persons, including children, must wear a mask, maintain social distancing inside and outside and sanitize their hands upon entry into the building.
- Those with COVID-19 symptoms should stay home.
- Although clergy and staff will continue to primarily work from home, all are available by email.

Exercising restraint in re-gathering is how we best love one another at this moment in history. Your patience and understanding are a blessing.

Creativity at Grace!

As we have been sheltering in place all these weeks, many of us have been passing the time in creative ways—painting, taking photos, writing, sculpting, making music and more. This month, we continue celebrating “Grace Creativity” by spotlighting some of our artists and their work.

If you have creations you would like to share in future issues of the “TEAM,” please send them to grace.church.asheville@gmail.com. While a paper copy of the newsletter may not be able to contain a musical or dramatic piece, we can always include a link to an MP3 or video.

This month, we’re featuring a beautiful tribute in verse by Carol Booth and the stunning nature photography of Valerie Heavens and Hugh Vaughn.

Remembering Mary

*Into your hands, O merciful Savior,
we commend your servant Mary.*

It was late winter when she died.
The celebration of her life was planned.
Then came the plague, all services on hold,
just for a while, we thought.
But now it’s summer. Her ashes, uninterred,
lie hidden in the altar. Words of committal
not yet said, no last communion, tea and cake.

Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our sister;

We, the church, were family. All others gone.
She told us tales of childhood
in her grandmother’s big house
in Montford, with the sweeping staircase.
One of us would have mounted photographs,
faded, sepia perhaps, of pretty child,
young woman in her uniform,
nurse missionary heading to Alaska.
Never tall, but straight then, before age
and illness bowed her back.

Our sister was washed in Baptism...

I would have served communion wine, as she once
loved to do. You would have read the prayers.
Franciscans of her Order would read
the Scriptures that she knew so well.
We’d sing her favorite hymns,
then carry her ashes reverently to the garden.

Around the tables, gathered over cake
and punch, or tea, we’d share our memories.
Career immortalized in towering piles
of *Nursing Times*, enormous cats,
the Hummel figurines, her faithful presence
at church, at Bible Study, healing prayers.

But in this year of plague, we celebrate apart.
I’ll light a brand new candle,
spread her damask tablecloth,
bring out her Wedgewood plates, the green ones,
to serve tea and cake, remembering.

*In the blessed rest of everlasting peace,
and the glorious company of the saints in light...
let light perpetual shine on her.*

Carol Booth

June 2020

*Remembering Mary Orr Hayes (1929-2020) and others
whose loss we must celebrate apart.*

*At the beginning of the year the Grace family
lost three women, Mary, Nancy and Maria. We
planned their celebration services, but with arrival
of the virus, those were put on hold.*

*I have known Mary for 35 years, so this poem
centers on my memories of her, but as I wrote, I
also remembered knitting with Nancy and
Maria’s incredible enthusiasm.*

Carol

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"Horses in the Fog"
Valerie Heavens



*"Egret on Shem Creek,
Charleston"*
Hugh Vaughn



"Waterlily"
Valerie Heavens



*"Monarch Cluster,
Blue Ridge Parkway"*
Hugh Vaughn



"On the Beach"
Valerie Heavens



*"Roan Mountain
Flame Azaleas"*
Hugh Vaughn

Please share your works of art with Grace at grace.church.asheville@gmail.com

Parish Generosity, PPP Loan Help Bottom Line

After five months of 2020, we have received pledged income of \$157,273; and income from all sources totaled \$222,585. Mission, Operational, Program, and Personnel expenses at the end of May 2020 totaled \$144,246 and were \$21,336 less than those forecast in the draft budget provided for the Vestry's consideration.

The 2019/2020 stewardship effort has provided 90 pledges totaling \$292,533 of the \$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 through 2020 and complete our journey through the discernment process, our leadership will be focusing on our parish life and health.

The vestry has not yet approved a 2020 budget and a budget comparison is not provided. A draft based on our budget history was provided to the vestry as a starting point for their consideration. The draft budget that was provided includes a projected deficit of approximately \$17,000.

The current health crisis has not yet affected our financial situation adversely. Parishioners have been generous through May and our expenses have been restricted with our confinement. Additionally, thanks to the receipt of an unexpected gift and receipt of a loan through the

Statement of Activities - Grace Church				
Year to Date - May 2020				
		Actual	Budget	Variance
Income:				
	Pledges	157,273	121,889	35,384
	Open Offering	12,668	8,615	4,053
	Interest	37	31	6
	Misc.	52,606	30,365	22,241
	Total Income:	222,585	160,900	61,685
Expenses:				
	Outreach/Mission	10,264	17,729	(7,465)
	Parish Programs	5,238	8,271	(3,033)
	Operations	27,574	35,646	(8,072)
	Personnel	101,170	103,936	(2,767)
	Total Expenses:	144,246	165,582	(21,336)
Income Less Expenses:		78,339	(4,682)	83,021

Some errors may occur due to rounding.

Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) authorized under the recent CARES Act, we are in a much better position than anticipated. We prayerfully hope that this positive trend will continue as we all adapt to a new normal'

Your Vestry

A Message from Fr. Gary

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Then someone's cell phone went off. The cell phone violator ran for the door -- whether to take the call or to save his life is not known. About the time the crowd recovered their composure, they noticed that Marsalis, without a pause, had incorporated the cell phone jingle into his solo. And he was going with it. Then, somehow, he found the way from there to where he left off, again without missing a note. The piece was redeemed, and the performance the better for it. The art of improvisation is the footing and the fruit of contentment.

To live a life of improvisation and contentment while radiating the love of Jesus Christ is an awesome task and responsibility, especially during these times. I have often shared about our need to be counter-cultural and this need is more prevalent now than ever. This will not be easy, but it is what God calls us to do. Grace is a bright light on a hill radiating to the world. Thank you for letting me be part of your journey. I will be watching and praying with you.

With Love & Blessings,
Fr. Gary+ & Chris

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