



# the Grace TEAM

to each a ministry

October 2020

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### The Grace TEAM

is published monthly.

Deadline for articles is the 15th.

### 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

### Spiritual Direction Sessions

Wednesdays, 1-3:00 p.m.  
Appointment required

*For information about accessing live-streaming, see page 2.*

A budget can be defined as an estimate of income and expenditure for a set period of time. And that is, of course, accurate. But for us as a community, a budget is also a map of our hearts. "Wherever your treasure is, there also will be your heart."

As Christians, we are called to love. Therefore our budget is much more than a set of numbers; our budget is the foundational guiding map of where we intend to set our hearts—the path that we as a community intend to take, in order to love.

The work that goes into setting our hearts on this path of love is part business and part theology. Setting a budget is a work of discernment, prayer and action. As your vestry goes into retreat (October 17, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at Kanuga) please pray for us. Pray that we are so moved by our calling to love our neighbor as ourselves that we build a map our congregation's heart will be eager to follow.

And we thank you, for the prayers and for the pledges – it is because you pledge to Grace, to steward our community, that we have the resources to create this map of our hearts. For over 115 years, Grace has been upheld and stewarded well by the people who call this place their Spiritual Home.

We have goals this year at Grace, to empower generations to come—goals that will help us build a map that gets us to where our hearts long to go.

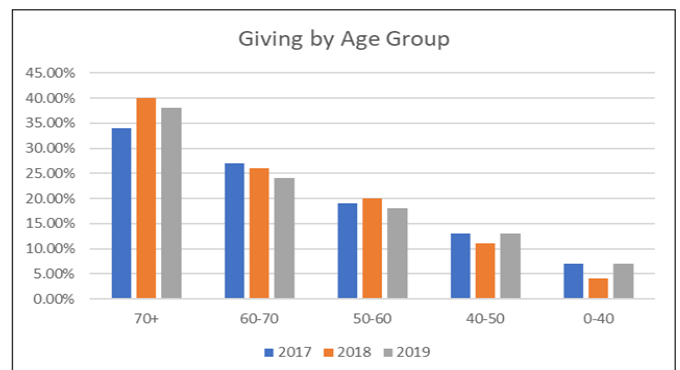
One of our goals is to increase our annual pledges from families and individuals from 105 to 125. Just 20 additional pledges can make the difference for our journey together toward that place of love. We also have the goal of increasing our pledge total by 10%. This means an increase of about \$35,000. Additionally, we have the goal of increasing pledges from our younger congregants. Currently only 5.5% of our giving comes from congregants under 40, and only 13% from folks 40 - 50. And while these numbers correlate with average ages of membership, we are growing with new members under the age of 60 and thus we hope our pledges reflect that growth!

If we are to be sustainable and manage our resources well, the more we can share the responsibility, the healthier and more effective we can be. Thank you, Grace. Thank you for being about Stewardship, not only in this season, but in every season of the life of Grace and the life of Church. Our hearts are set on this path toward love—let's journey in joy together.

Rev. Milly

Wherever your treasure is there also will be your heart.

(Matthew 6:21)



# Events at a Glance

## A Quick Review of the Month

*The COVID-19 virus continues to impact our world. In the effort to safeguard our own well-being and the well-being of others, we are finding new ways to gather as the Grace Church family. Technology has opened up many avenues. 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 October

Date and Time	Service, Meeting or Activity	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, 1-3:00 PM	Personal Spiritual Direction	Church Sanctuary
Wednesdays, 5:30 PM	Centering Prayer	Zoom Meeting
Thursdays, 8:00 AM	Women Walking the Way	Beaver Lake
Thursdays, 10:30 AM	Rector & Lay Leadership Meeting	Zoom Meeting
Thursdays, 6:00 PM	EfM	Zoom Meeting
Sunday, October 4, 1:00-2:00 PM	Blessing of the Animals (details on p. 5)	Pumpkin Patch
Tuesday, October 6, 4:30 PM	Outreach Meeting	Zoom Meeting
Wednesday, October 7, 5:00 PM	YMCA Mobile Market (all welcome)	Church Parking Lot
Tuesday, October 13, 5:30 PM	Endowment Committee Meeting	Zoom Meeting
Wednesday, October 14, 10:00 AM	TEAM Meeting	Zoom Meeting
Thursday, October 15, 4:00-7:00 PM	Family Photo Sessions (details on p. 4)	Pumpkin Patch
Monday, October 17, 8:00 AM-4:00 PM	Vestry Retreat	Kanuga
Sunday, October 25, 3:00 PM	Baptism	Facebook Live
	* BULLETIN AVAILABLE	Grace Website

**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 links near the top of the Grace homepage, [graceavl.com](http://graceavl.com). To join a Zoom meeting, just click the appropriate link.

Some of our other meetings will also continue via ZOOM. Your host will email an invitation and instructions, a link will

be posted on the web site, 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.

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Home Grace Community Outreach Worship Spiritual Growth Parish Life Give To Grace

**Click here and join us this Sunday, September 27, at 10:30 a.m. for Grace's Live Stream Service on YouTube.**

<p><b>Sunday Links</b></p> <p><a href="#">Sunday 10:30 a.m., YouTube Services</a></p> <p><a href="#">Sunday Morning, September 27, 2020 Service Bulletin PDF</a></p> <p><a href="#">Sunday Virtual Coffee Hour ZOOM</a></p>	<p><b>Weekday Links</b></p> <p><a href="#">Compline, 8 p.m. Nightly (except Sunday)</a></p> <p><a href="#">Monday Morning 10:30 a.m. Bible Study ZOOM</a></p> <p><a href="#">Wednesday 5:30 p.m. Centering Prayer ZOOM</a></p> <p><a href="#">Rev. Milly's Pastoral Message, Aug. 27, 2020</a></p>	<p><b>Resources</b></p> <p><a href="#">Personal Prayer</a></p> <p><a href="#">An Order for Compline PDF</a></p> <p><a href="#">The Book of Common Prayer PDF</a></p> <p><a href="#">Diocesan COVID-19 Resources</a></p>
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# Welcome to Grace Church!

*We are so blessed to have three wonderful new families in the Grace Community. Please read about them below, and take every opportunity to meet them, greet them, get to know them and make them feel at home!*



**WIN, JESSICA AND EVANS.** Win Webster and Jessica Hardin met in Asheville and were married in 2018. They have a son named Evans who was born on the snowy morning of February 20, 2020. They have a 12-year-old dog named Lady. They enjoy going to see live music, traveling, camping, and hiking. Jessica is originally from Georgia and Win is originally from Virginia. They are big fans of the Braves and like going to Asheville Tourist games.

*We celebrated Evans' baptism Saturday, September 19, in the Urban Memorial Garden!*



**ANNA, BARRETT AND CAROLINE.** Anna Grace and Barrett McFatter reside in North Asheville and have been married for three years. They recently welcomed their first daughter, Caroline Parker, February 25, 2020. Barrett is a partner at Stone and Christy in Black Mountain, practicing primarily real estate law. Anna is a realtor at Beverly-Hanks in North Asheville, and owns Traveling Chic Boutique which she has franchised. Barrett and Anna enjoy hiking, traveling, and walking their two rescue dogs. They are looking forward to meeting the members at Grace. *Caroline will be baptized in our garden on October 25.*



**ALEX AND BRIAR.** Originally from East Tennessee, Alex Thwaites chose to make Asheville his permanent home in 2012, after traveling throughout the country in a bluegrass band. He now serves as kitchen manager at the Childcare Center of First Presbyterian Church. Briar is an Asheville native, and a kindergartner at Weaverville Primary. She loves to sing, dance, and paint. They are both excited to join the community of Grace, to grow in faith and fellowship, and share their gifts in service to Christ.

*Alex and Briar will both be receiving the sacrament of Baptism on All Saints Sunday, November 1.*



# The Pumpkin Patch Page!

**THE PUMPKINS ARE HERE!** First, a huge thank you to everyone who showed up with their wheelbarrows and pitched in to help unload the pumpkins Sunday, September 27! It was hard work. Lots of social distancing and mask wearing. Great job done by all!

So now through the end of the month, it's time to **sell some pumpkins!** Steps have been taken to make sure the Patch is safe for both buyers and volunteers. Although cash payment will be accepted, an easy no-touch electronic payment process is also in place. Masks and social distancing will be required. **Volunteering for a Pumpkin Patch shift is easy and so important.** Please go to <https://signup.com/go/UbxUQPU> and follow the prompts to sign up!

The Pumpkin Patch is Consider Haiti's biggest fundraiser of the year! Last year, we netted \$10,000, and we hope to do it again this year! Let's help Consider Haiti help the Haitian children and families they serve.



**PHOTOS IN THE PATCH!** The scene is so beautiful at Grace when the pumpkins are surrounding our historical church. This year we have a new offering to help you and your family (and maybe even your pets) capture that beauty in a forever family photo. A family photo package can be purchased and a twenty minute time slot for you and your crew scheduled with local and brilliant photographer Carrie Turner. She'll be with us Thursday evening, October 15, 4:00-7:00 p.m.



*Carrie and kids*

Details about pricing and scheduling will come out soon. But get ready now for some fantastic fall family photos!

**PUTTING UP THE TENT.** You may remember that, last year, a windstorm sent our poor tent flying into the MOD Pizza parking lot. We thought it was a goner, but thanks to John Woodson, we got replacement pieces, and here it is again. This time, we've taken some extra measures to make sure it stays put. Thank you to John Woodson, Doug McClellan, Lorie Tola, and Kim and Rick Hayes for getting it up and ready for the Pumpkin Patch.



# Parish News, Updates & Reminders

## Blessing of the Animals



**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS!** Sunday, October 4, 1-2:00 p.m., Rev. Milly will celebrate "Blessing of the Animals" in the Pumpkin Patch. Bring your llama or your chicken (no snakes please) or your dogs and cats, and she'll offer prayers and maybe a few treats for them and communion for the humans! Masks required and we'll form a line - so if your animal is not particularly social wait in your car, and she'll come to you!

**PRAYING TOGETHER.** Weekly on Wednesdays, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Rev. Milly will be holding open spiritual direction sessions in the Grace sanctuary for individuals or couples. This is a time to receive pastoral care and to let yourself rest in the comfort of our sacred sanctuary space. Masks and social distancing are required. Please email Rev. Milly at [Rev.Milly4Grace@gmail.com](mailto:Rev.Milly4Grace@gmail.com) to schedule your time with her.

**WOMEN WALKING THE WAY.** Women of Grace, please consider joining Rev. Milly for a weekly walk at Beaver Lake. This time together (while socially distancing and wearing masks) will be devoted to deep listening to how we as women walk the way of Jesus in the world and in our community of Grace. No need to register or even email Rev. Milly, just show up Thursday at 8:00 a.m. in the Bird Sanctuary parking lot just past the North Asheville Library at 1030 Merrimon Avenue, going



**PURLS OF GRACE.** *(a note from Beth)* I hope this finds all our Knitters and Crocheters well. Purls of Grace is a ministry that gives handmade shawls, lap robes and hats to people who need a hug. I find handwork helpful in fighting boredom and have made several shawls during the last few months. Please consider filling some of this downtime with a shawl project. A simple 20" by 60" rectangle shawl can be a great comfort to a lonely, sick or troubled person. This could be a project for your child or grandchild just learning to knit or crochet. Imagine three 20" by 20" granny squares made by three different family members and sewn together. We have a lot of yarn and patterns, so please call me if you need yarn, ideas or instruction. YouTube is also a great source for instruction. Google "prayer shawls" and you will find lots of free downloadable patterns,



For the past few years, I have led the effort to get shawls made, and Jeanne Robertson has been identifying people who are in situations where a shawl would be a comfort. She writes sweet notes to go with the shawls and gets them delivered. Now, Jeanne is stepping down to prepare for a move to Florida, and I need someone to take over that side of the ministry. Please consider helping in this way even if you can't help make the shawls. Stay safe. *Contact Beth Woodson at 828-645-4293. You may e-mail her at [dryridge@aol.com](mailto:dryridge@aol.com), but she doesn't check e-mail regularly, so calling is best.*

**A FRESH NEW LOOK IN OUR GARDEN!** As you may know, the memorial garden was established in 1955 by Leigh Roy Urban, priest, and Elizabeth Luchars Urban of this parish. Its purpose is to provide a place for burial of ashes. It is also a place for rest, meditation and prayer.

This year, the ongoing maintenance of the garden included rebuilding the labyrinth. Parishioner Don Hawkins led the project and did the lion's share of the work, with some help from his friend Janice. We were gifted by Bruce Goforth, retired president of Goforth Builders, with the use of equipment and manpower to move tons of gravel needed to form a new base for the labyrinth. He was also instrumental in arranging a \$500 cash gift from Material Sales Company (locally Grove Stone and Sand Company of Black Mountain, which provided the material). *We feel blessed by Bruce's belief in and practice of "Giving Back" in honor of God's gifts in his life. Thanks to all.*



*Local youth group helping out with instruction from Don Hawkins.*



*The FINISHED PRODUCT! It's beautiful! Thanks to all who helped.*



# Parish News, Updates & Reminders

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**EfM CLASSES RESUME.** EfM Classes for the current class of six participants are on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. This class has survived through the challenges of starting a new class/program (recruiting, mentor training, registration, etc.) and the COVID-19 pandemic! Please read more about EfM and plans for new classes starting in January.



**Educate Yourself for Ministry Through EfM.** EfM is a comprehensive, four-year program sponsored by the School of Theology at the University of the South. It's geared for providing the participants a better understanding of the Christian Tradition, the Bible, our Church History, and being a Christian in today's world.

Year One of the program is about the Old Testament and Year Two covers the New Testament. Year Three focuses on Christianity/Church History. Year Four is an integrative year that covers Anglican ethics, living in today's world as a Christian, and continues the process of our personal and global theologies as Christians. EfM is not a straight Bible Study. You can find out more details about the program, curriculum, and readings for all four years at the

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

Nancy Walters and Chris Jaquette are the Co-Mentors for the Grace EfM group. Chris was trained on campus in Sewanee to be an EfM Mentor during Summer 2019, and Nancy just completed her Mentor training online via Zoom from a Sewanee trainer in July.

A new class will be starting in January 2021. Most or all of the current class will be continuing and moving on to the Year Two curriculum in January, so we would like to encourage new members to join and bring the group up to 10-12 members.

We urge you to learn more about EfM by looking at the information on the Sewanee website, and then talking with Nancy, Chris or current/former EfM class members or graduates of the program.

Also, to accommodate everyone's busy schedules and today's transitions, you don't need to attend the course for four straight years. You can take one year at a time and you can also take time off between the classes. We will decide in September and again in January 2021 how we will hold classes (in person or virtually) based on guidance from the Bishop, the CDC and participants' preferences.

Please consider joining this enriching fellowship and personal growth program at Grace!

**ROOTED.** Growing into who God created us and calls us to be begins by being Rooted: Rooted in faith, rooted in Jesus, rooted in family, rooted in community. This being "Rooted" is what allows human-beings to gain a sense of belonging and worthiness and it is from that place that we, as humans, have the ability to love and serve our neighbor and God.

Our "Rooted Ministries" will encompass our outreach to new families, our welcome of new families and pastoral programs for families, including the building again of the Youth Program.

If you have a heart for welcoming new families, for teaching Spiritual Parenting formation, for youth ministry, for hosting a virtual Grandparents 20/20 Zoom call, for creating materials to share with new families, or if you have an idea for what new member families might need, please contact Rev. Milly. More to come in the next few months!

*"As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving." (Colossians 2:6-7)*



## Ministry Opportunity



**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](mailto:jaull@charter.net), or Rev. Milly, [rev.milly4grace@gmail.com](mailto:rev.milly4grace@gmail.com), for a job description and details.

# 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.*

**ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE.** (From Steve Birkhofer) Hello Fellow Parishioners and Happy Fall Season! Your Endowment Committee has scheduled a quarterly ZOOM 'virtual' meeting for Tuesday, October 13, 2020, 5:30-7:00 p.m. Committee members Anne Jarema, Larry Harris, Steve Jones, John Chastain and Steve Birkhofer welcome any parishioners interested in attending. Just notify Steve Birkhofer in advance. The Committee's agenda will likely include:

- Market and investment performance discussion and review of new contributions.
- Review of minutes from the July meeting.
- Abbreviated discussion of the roof replacement project and review of how your endowment will contribute to this project.
- Abbreviated review of the By-Laws regarding allowable and required uses of the endowment funds.
- Continued discussion regarding a re-energized Planned Giving program (planning has been 'on hold' given the COVID 19 restrictions).

Other (still pending).

**HEALING MINISTRY.** 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](http://graceavl.com), and click the "Personal Prayer" link at the top of the page.



**OUTREACH. August Match-a-Month.** More good news, Grace! With your July and August donations and our Outreach match, we were able to spend approximately \$700 on school supplies for area foster children, which will meet their needs for now! Additional BTS funds will be held in reserve for needs later in the school year. Thank you to everyone who supported this fund drive.

**Homeward Bound Gift Registries!** You've done it with bridal registries and baby shower registries; now, you can do the same thing with three easy-to-use online gift registries to benefit Homeward Bound! Please visit their [Amazon Wish List](#), and from Target, the [AHOPE Day Center Registry](#) (to help the currently homeless, including women from Room in the Inn) and the [Welcome Home Donation Center Registry](#) (for clients now moving into their own housing). **Grace Outreach will also be clicking and shopping for these programs** using \$525 originally allocated to hosting Room in the Inn (on hiatus this year due to COVID). It's a no-touch, easy way to see exactly what is needed, make purchases and have them delivered. We hope you'll join us with your own personal "gifts" for Homeward Bound. You may also send a check or give online to Grace Outreach; please note "RIT" on your donation.



**Episcopal Relief and Development Responds to Fires, Storms.** This disaster season has already proven to be unlike any other. Hurricanes have ravaged the Gulf coast. ERD is helping communities prepare and recover. Unprecedented wildfires rage across three western states. ERD is helping dioceses ensure people's safety and provide evacuees with shelters that follow COVID-19 health guidelines. Disaster season is far from over, and they must be able to act on a moment's notice. Your gift to Episcopal Relief and Development's Disaster Fund makes it possible. Please help if you can.

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# Grace Ministries in Action

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**REACHING OUT TO THE PARISH FAMILY.** We may be self-quarantining, but we are NOT alone. Let's make sure no one in our Grace family feels left out, alone or in need.

**Shepherds' Ministry.** This is a great way to help us all stay connected. Would you be willing to stay in touch with a list of 4-5 Grace members? By checking in regularly, you could brighten a day, and, if necessary, relay needs or happy notes to Rev. Milly. Please contact Shannon Townsend, [gstownsend@att.net](mailto:gstownsend@att.net) or 828-713-5081 for more.

**Pastoral Care.** In this time of social distancing and staying home, we would like to remind you that we have a "Cards and Calls" ministry that helps those in need of a friendly contact. If you know of anyone who would be cheered by such a call, or if you would like to be a part of this ministry, please email Cliff Albertson, [Clifford.albertson@verizon.net](mailto:Clifford.albertson@verizon.net).



## 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...gardening! This month, Master Gardener and Grace parishioner Kathleen Griffin shares the living, blooming artistry of her garden!*



*If you have creations you would like to share in the "TEAM," please send them to [grace.church.asheville@gmail.com](mailto:grace.church.asheville@gmail.com).*

## Grace in Motion!

Sunday, September 20, 4:00 p.m., we gathered, we danced, we worshiped. Enjoy the photos here and see more on our web site. It was a glorious afternoon and it was so nice to spend a little time with Grace family members. Thank you to everyone who made it possible and to all who attended.





# Our Prayer List

# October

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); Randy and Martha Carson; Nancy Clark; Cheryl Deyton; Cuyler Dupree; Eva Dupree; Dorothy Engel; Eunice Ferguson; Doug Haldane; Marzy Israel; Marion Mayfield-Johnson; Shari Lane; Don and Ann Lewis; Walt and Joyce Noble; Nancy Porter; Sonny Rawls; Jeanne & Ray Robertson; Laura & Tsz-yan Snyder; Corinne Spencer; Rita Spragg; Laura Stephens; Sydnor and Kelly Thompson; Mickey Trinite; Judy Warner; Katie Warren; Don Wills; Pat; Chrissy.

*For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities:* Henny Caldwell; Bobbie Eblen; Ed Denison, Straudia Luedtke; Rita Lyda; Tom Paine; Deb Pegel Cal Remmers.

*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):* Jacob Blake; Carolyn Brown (friend of Ray & Jeanne Robertson); Deane Brown (brother of Barbara Wilcox); Melinda Franks (sister of Becky Smith); William Frederickson (brother of Barbara Wilcox); Robin Fulk (niece of Charlotte & Travers Chiott); Judy Hinman (sister of Barbara Wilcox); Laura Julian (daughter of Rusty Herman); Suzanne LaCour (friend of Becky and Bill Smith); Jennifer Martin (friend of Diane Wilkey); Chuck Morrow (brother of Rev. Milly Morrow); Sally Morrow (mother of Rev. Milly Morrow); 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); Sherry Tenney (sister-in-law of Barbara Wilcox); Danny & Leslie Wagner (friends of Lorie Tola); Allison Waigand (daughter of Jennifer Witt); David Wills and his EMT colleagues (nephew of Don Wills); Lee Zak (president of Eva Dupree's alma mater Agnes Scott College); Charlotte (daughter of Pam Stein); Patricia (friend of Kathleen Griffin);

*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; Charlotte (daughter of Pam Stein); 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/](http://www.graceavl.com/spiritual-growth/prayer-ministries/) for more opportunities to request prayer. Please get permission from anyone you would like to add to this list and contact Kathleen Griffin at 337-8241 or [gkcgiffin7@gmail.com](mailto:gkcgiffin7@gmail.com) or the church office.*


## October Anniversaries

Travers and Charlotte Chiott	5
Michael and Nicole Racine	6
Steve and Lisa Birkhofer	12
Elaine Potter and Annika Brock	12
Wayne and Laura Parton	14
Rev. Gary and Christina Butterworth	14
Steve and Nora Jones	16
Doug and Terry Ellington	17
Win and Jessica Webster	20
Bill and Mary Ann Warren	25
Watson and Meghan Jordan	26


## October Birthdays


1 Lelia Cort	19 Bobbie Eblen
2 Roger Snyder	20 Becky Hannah
2 Sadie Smith-Morrow	21 Caroline Jordan
5 Steve Jones	22 Anne Jarema
6 Corinne Spencer	23 Angela Hall
6 Mitchell Davidson	23 Miles Beasley
8 Shannon Townsend	23 Christina Butterworth
8 Grace Green	24 Anna Hamrick
8 Bonnie Kistler	24 Peggy Grimes
8 George Stein	25 Jeremy Cress
9 Martha Boyette	25 Liz Krueger
9 Georgi Bruce	26 Robert Potter
9 Ann Robinson	27 Earl Leininger
9 Laura Snyder	28 Kim Winters
10 Jonah Silvers	29 Cleo Doran
11 Finn Southwell	30 Jacob Haller
13 Amy Lyda	
13 Caleb Cain	
14 Maggie Green	
15 Robert Oxford	
16 Robert Porter	
16 Will Schierborn	
18 Caleb Cochran	
19 Greg Townsend	


## Special Gifts


 The Aumbry Candle is given to the Glory of God by Charlotte and Travers Chiott in thanksgiving for their anniversary.


The flowers are given to the Glory of God by

 Sarah Burnham in memory of her mother Susan Barnes Burnham;

 Bobbie Eblen in memory of her daughter Margie and her husband Joe;

 Ed Duncan in memory of Dick L. Drake;

 Mary Ann and Bill Warren in thanksgiving for their wedding anniversary and in loving memory of their parents, Felcie and Junius Warren, and Andrew Marion and Abbie Jean Jowers Lynn;

 Beth and Pat McKinsey in memory of Beth's brother Bill Murtiashaw, Beth's parents Eva Gary and Charlie Murtiashaw, and Pat's father Patrick McKinsey, also Kathy, Rock, and Morgan Thomas.

  
On September 19, 2020

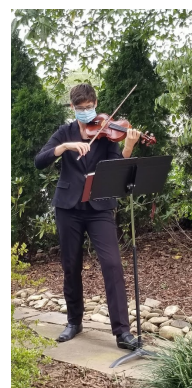
Evans Lee Webster

Son of Jessica Lee Webster and  
Thomas Windle Webster

was welcomed into the church through  
the sacrament of Holy Baptism.

Evans was sealed by the Holy Spirit  
in Baptism

and marked as Christ's own forever.



# Prayerful that a Positive Trend will Continue

After eight months of 2020, we have received pledged income of \$229,627, and income from all sources totaled \$297,758. Mission, Operational, Program, and Personnel expenses at the end of June 2020 totaled \$241,728 and were \$15,130 less than those forecast in the budget approved by the vestry in their June meeting.

The approved budget includes a small deficit, \$4758.25, but thus far in the year we are experiencing a surplus. The surplus is largely attributable to the receipt of our Paycheck Protection Program loan of \$34,900 and several one-time gifts received early in the year coupled with savings resulting from our limited operations.

The current health crisis has not yet affected our financial situation adversely. Parishioners have been generous through August and our expenses have been restricted with our confinement. We prayerfully hope that this positive trend will continue as we all adapt to a new normal.

Statement of Activities - Grace Church				
Year to Date - August 2020				
		Actual	Budget	Variance
<b>Income:</b>				
	Pledges	229,627	196,822	32,805
	Open Offering	13,427	13,784	(357)
	Interest	59	50	9
	Misc.	54,645	44,862	9,784
	<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>297,758</b>	<b>255,518</b>	<b>42,240</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>				
	Outreach/Mission	21,333	28,367	(7,033)
	Parish Programs	9,181	9,886	(705)
	Operations	48,890	56,993	(8,103)
	Personnel	162,321	163,538	(1,217)
	<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>241,726</b>	<b>258,783</b>	<b>(17,057)</b>
	<b>Income Less Expenses:</b>	<b>56,032</b>	<b>(3,265)</b>	<b>59,297</b>
	* some rounding variances			

## A Message from Our Senior Warden

**Pledge Your Best to Grace.** Let's do something special with our time, talent and treasure this year, especially as we live and worship in these extraordinary days. As we begin our Stewardship Campaign, please consider your ability to pledge and also to increasing your pledge by even a small amount. Pledges are the only way we know what we have to budget for our work of being the church.

Donations are wonderful, but by pledging you enable us to be good stewards of all the Lord has given us and especially our work together at Grace and in the Asheville community.

We have two ways now of pledging online, both of which start with the new pledge card on our website at <https://www.graceavl.com/pastoral-care/giving/pledge-commitment/>:

You can fill in the new pledge card on our website and return the completed pledge card electronically. This is a printable form that you can keep for your records. Or, you can download, print, and complete the new online pledge card and mail it to Grace.

And if you would prefer a printed pledge card, you can meet Rev. Milly and get your pledge card from her as you drive through the church parking on Monday, Sept. 28 from 1:00-3:00 p.m.! You can also call or email the church to request a pledge card.

Sunday, October 25 will be our in-gathering date for celebrating the pledges offered by the people of Grace.

The vestry of Grace invites you to prayerfully consider your pledge to Grace for 2021. If you would like to discuss your pledge with a vestry member, please email me at [dougkmcclellan@gmail.com](mailto:dougkmcclellan@gmail.com). I'll be happy to talk with you or connect you with another vestry member.



Doug McClellan, Senior Warden