



# the Grace TEAM

to each a ministry

November 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.*

Dear Good People of Grace!

Happy November to you all! It is hard to believe we are deep into the autumn season, that the Pumpkin Patch has ended already (*Best year yet!*), and that our worship team is planning our Advent and Christmas season. In the ambiguousness of the pandemic and the unknowing of what is to come, life it seems, continues on.

Life out there and life at Grace is in full motion! Even in the unknowable mystery, our work here is gaining clarity and purpose of mission about how God is calling us to love God, Love ourselves and Love neighbor well.

To that end, your Vestry met in retreat Saturday, October 18, all day at Kanuga Retreat Center. It was a beautiful and chilly day...but we enjoyed the outdoors and the company of one another. We began with words from the Presiding Bishop as he addressed our call to become the Episcopal Branch of the Jesus Movement (<https://vimeo.com/144415761>).

The vestry also read this article (<https://www.ecfvp.org/vestry-papers/article/774/stretching-our-strategic-imagination-part-1>) to help us consider how we can use our Sacramental Imag-

ination to become that which we have received, which is the Love of God. It also addressed how, as a church, we are being called to build a movement that invites all to Walk the Way of Love; and how, as a church, we can Love our neighbors as Jesus has called us to do, and as we have committed to in our Baptismal Covenant.

Your Vestry spent time considering how our values of community, love, patience, generosity, honesty, transparency, resilience and tradition are lived out at Grace. Here, we are seeking clarity about vision, mission and purpose in the direction God is calling us to grow and move.

Joe Aull took time with us to answer all our budget questions and to begin our conversation about what a 2021 Budget looks like at Grace. Does the budget reflect what we say we value? Are we stewarding well that which God has given us?

We looked at the needs of staffing, and considered if and when we should call an Associate Rector and what that person might add to our growing community.

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# Rev. Milly's Message

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Yes, we did the business of the Church, but we also took time to be the church in prayer and reflection on the most fundamental aspects of building a sustainable and worshipful community.

Thank you to all Vestry members! Your work is tremendous and the openness and courage that you live out in this role is deeply appreciated. Along with our value of transparency, we want to highlight that all vestry meetings are open meetings and even now, while we meet in Zoom, if you, the congregation, have a desire to sit in on our Zoom calls, you

are invited and welcome to do so. Simply ask Valerie for the Zoom link ahead of time and you can join us. In addition, we will be recording all vestry meetings and making those available to anyone who wishes to view our meetings after they occur. If you, the congregation, have any questions about our work as a vestry please feel free to call upon any of us – we are more than happy to discuss our work with you, because our work is for you and to the Glory of God.

Peace and Love,  
Rev. Milly Morrow

## Events at a Glance

### *A Quick Review of the Month*

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
Sundays, 1:00 PM (beginning Nov. 29)	Advent Study: Love Is the Way (details on p. 4)	Zoom Meeting
Mondays, 10:30 AM	Monday Morning Bible Study	Zoom Meeting
Wednesdays, 12-1:00 PM	Pastoral Care Meeting	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, November 1, 10:30 AM	2 Baptisms (during worship in the sanctuary)	YouTube Channel
Sunday, November 1, 5:00 PM	Faithful Departed Vigil	Church Lawn
Tuesday, November 3, 4:30 PM	Outreach Meeting	Zoom Meeting
Wednesday, November 4, 5:00 PM	YMCA Mobile Market (all welcome)	Church Parking Lot
Saturday, November 7, 10:00 AM	ECW Fall Gathering	Courtyard
Wednesday, November 11, 10:00 AM	TEAM Meeting	Zoom Meeting
Monday, November 16, 5:30 PM	Vestry Meeting	Zoom Meeting
Thursday/Friday, November 26-27	Office closed for Thanksgiving holiday weekend	Church office
Sunday, November 29, 1:00 PM	Advent Study: The Way of Love (details on p. 5)	Zoom Meeting
Sunday, November 29, 3-4:00 PM	Advent Wreath-Making Pick-up (details on p. 6)	Church Parking Lot
	* 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.

# The Pumpkin Patch Page - It's a Wrap!

**BEST PUMPKIN PATCH EVER!** Thank you to everyone – volunteer unloaders, sellers, depositors, technicians, shoppers, our front loader operator, even our truck driver, whose timely delivery allowed us to unload in record time! You all contributed to an absolutely amazing Pumpkin Patch. Even though we lost some of our pumpkins due to an after dark “hoodlum adventure,” and in spite of a couple of rainy weekends, sales this year were off the charts, and by Sunday, October 18, we had completely sold out! Repeatedly, shoppers told us how glad they were to see us up on the hill this year. It was a little bit of normalcy, they told us, in an otherwise very abnormal year.

And we now have a final count. **Consider Haiti will net a whopping \$12,681.00** in proceeds from this annual event, passing last year's total by over \$2,500!



**A THANK YOU FROM CONSIDER HAITI!** On behalf of the Board of Consider Haiti, I would like to express profound gratitude to Kim Hayes and the Outreach Committee, to Anne Simmons who handled the finances, and to Reverend Milly for all their work and support in making this year's Pumpkin Patch the best ever. We sold out in 21 days and the donation to our work was more than \$12,000 - biggest ever. Consider Haiti, like many nonprofits, is struggling in this difficult time, so this donation will go far in allowing our work to continue.

Our thanks to the greater Grace community also for help and support in unloading all those pumpkins, in tending the patch, and buying pumpkins! We hope that our work together will continue as it has for many years.

With gratitude,  
Shearon Roberts

## What You Might Not Know about Our Pumpkins



**FROM FARM TO TRUCK TO CHURCH!** Have you ever wondered where all those pumpkins come from? We did. So, after doing a little research, here's what we found out:

- The pumpkins (44,000 pounds of them this year!) are grown, harvested and shipped by a family-owned, 75-year-old organization called “Pumpkin Patch Fundraisers.” Originally, they were grown right here in North Carolina, but after suffering damages during Hurricane Hugo, the farming operation was relocated to the Navajo Indian Reservation in Farmington, New Mexico. In cooperation with the Navajo Nation, the organization grows 1,200 acres or approximately 2 square miles of pumpkins and employs over 700 Native Americans during the harvest months of September and October. They also have a full-time off-season New Mexico staff comprised entirely of Native Americans. Pumpkin Patch Fundraisers offices are still located in Greensboro, North Carolina.
- There is no financial risk to Grace Church and Consider Haiti. A profit is guaranteed! The pumpkins come to us on consignment, no upfront costs, no product to pay for. We are not responsible for any unsold pumpkins. Pumpkin Patch Fundraisers absorbs any loss due to spoilage, breakage or theft and in return, they receive a percentage of what we sell. As they put it: “It's a wonderful partnership of trust!”
- Pumpkin pricing is pre-set by Pumpkin Patch Fundraisers. The more pumpkins we sell, the bigger our percentage of sales becomes. This year, we sold a total of \$31,702.50 worth of pumpkins. Consider Haiti netted 40% of that amount—a record-setting \$12,681!
- Grace Church receives no part of the proceeds from the Pumpkin Patch. The entire amount supports the work being done by Consider Haiti, a local organization that Grace has proudly partnered with for approximately fifteen years. The Pumpkin Patch is Consider Haiti's biggest fundraiser of the year.
- Learn more about Pumpkin Patch Fundraisers at [pumpkinsusa.com](http://pumpkinsusa.com)
- Learn more about Consider Haiti at [considerhaiti.org](http://considerhaiti.org)





# WELCOME! to Grace Church!

**DODIE KING** is excited about being a member at Grace. Dodie knows many members at Grace and looks forward to getting to know others soon. Dodie is a caregiver at heart, as a nurse and mother and wife and dog-lover! She looks forward to joining our Bible study and offering her gifts to our community. Welcome to Grace, Dodie!



**KATHERINE AND TODD KADERABEK** are longtime Grace members and have returned home. Welcome back Todd and Katherine! Here they are pictured with their children, at their daughter's wedding. Their son, Miller is a junior mechanical engineering major at Ole Miss and their daughter (Thames) and son-in-law (Ty) live in Jackson, MS where Ty is in medical school and Thames teaches 4th grade. Katherine and Todd live in Fairview with their much loved labradoodle, Charlie.

**DAVID WATTS**, a cradle Episcopalian from northern Ohio, has lived around the Grace church neighborhood in north Asheville for the past four and a half years. While in Asheville he previously attended St. Mark's Lutheran, and St. Matthias Episcopal churches. At St. Mark's, he was on the Christian Education Committee, and taught a couple of adult Sunday School classes. He also was a member of the Outreach Committee. Dave plays the flute and has joined Monty Wooten's PubSing band the past couple of years. His secular work, as a retiree, is to fabricate art in the media of glass, mosaic, wood and metal. He teaches stained glass classes at Pink Dog Creative Studios in the River Arts District. Having heard a few of Rev. Milly's sermons on YouTube, Dave is inspired to become a member of Grace's congregation. He is also delighted to know that Rev. Milly and he both share a profession in social work. A special interest for Dave is to be able to join with the Grace Adult Formation Committee, as he has a penchant for reading Scripture and theology. Sundays are traditionally the time for adults to meet, and share perspectives on their faith journeys. "Neighborhood Dave" wants to become a part of that sharing experience at Grace.



**KIM WINTERS** is Senior Loan Officer at Movement Mortgage and **MATHES MENNELL** is Head Coach for Men's Soccer/Director of Athletic Facilities at Warren Wilson College. Lilly Winters, twenty years old, is a senior at App State; Emma Winters, seventeen, is a Junior at Asheville Christian Academy; Jonny Mennell, also 17, is a Junior at K12 Private Academy; James Mennell, 14, is a Freshman at Christ School; and Megan Mennell, 14, is a Freshman at Asheville Christian Academy. The family stated: "We are so excited about the next chapter of our family's spiritual journey. Grace Episcopal Church is a unique place. We are excited to be here, a place where we feel strongly that we are able to grow in our relationship with God and connect with a community of faith that is passionate, diverse and welcoming. These attributes and the ability to be able to be ministered to by Rev. Milly Morrow made it a simple decision to join the Grace Episcopal family." Welcome to the Winters Mennell family!



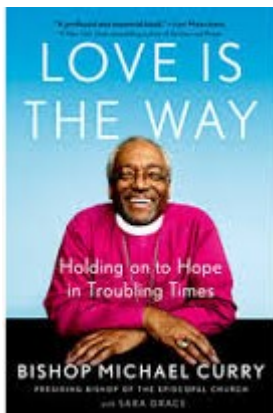
# Parish News, Updates & Reminders

**VIGIL FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED, NOVEMBER 1.** In just over six months the world has lost over a million lives due to COVID 19. As humans, we cannot ignore or minimize the impact of that kind of loss and grief on our souls and bodies.

Grace invites our congregation to gather in vigil to acknowledge our collective lament on November 1, 2020, in celebration of The Faithful Departed. The service, held outdoors on our lawn, will be prayer and Taizé, with a time to light candles in honor of those faithful departed. We will begin with music at 5:00 p.m. on the lawn and will end by sunset around 6:00 p.m. All are welcome. Masks are required. We will have candles or you may bring your own. No need to register; just come as you are able.



**ADVENT STUDY: "LOVE IS THE WAY" BEGINS NOVEMBER 29.** This Advent season, join your community in a study of our Presiding Bishop's newest book; "Love is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times." Led by Rev. Milly, we will meet on Zoom at 1:00 p.m. on Sundays, beginning Sunday, November 29, and continuing through December 20. All are welcome to attend, but please register here: <https://tinyurl.com/GraceAdvent>. Book purchase and reading is required before the beginning of our group. What better way to prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ at Christmas than to prepare ourselves to walk the way of Love. (An online search will find the book easily: [www.penguinrandomhouse.com](http://www.penguinrandomhouse.com) or [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) are options.)



Walk the path of love with one of the warmest, most beloved spiritual leaders of our time, and learn how to put faith into action. As the descendant of slaves and the son of a civil rights activist, Bishop Michael Curry's life illustrates massive changes in our times. Much of the world met Bishop Curry when he delivered his sermon on the redemptive power of love at the royal wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle at Windsor Castle. Here, he expands on his message of hope in an inspirational road map for living the way of love, illuminated with moving lessons from his own life.

Through the prism of his faith, ancestry, and personal journey, "Love Is the Way" shows us how America came this far and, more important, how to go a whole lot further. The way of love is essential for addressing the seemingly insurmountable challenges facing the world today: poverty, racism, selfishness, deep ideological divisions, competing claims to speak for God. This book will lead readers to discover the gifts they need in order to live the way of love: deep reservoirs of hope and resilience, simple wisdom, the discipline of nonviolence, and unshakable regard for human dignity.

**ADVENT WREATH-MAKING.** One of our favorite holiday traditions at Grace is making Advent wreaths on Advent I. This year things need to be just a little bit different. We would like to provide you with what you need to build your own wreath at home. We'll have greenery, candles and wreath forms available for you to pre-order. Then, pick up your kit between 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m, Sunday afternoon, November 29 (the first Sunday of Advent). The cost is \$5 per kit; please bring cash or a check. You are also welcome to pay by Venmo. You can also "Give to Grace" from our website and choose "Altar Guild" from the drop down menu.

Place your order by Monday, November 23, so we can have things ready for you. So that we know what to put in your supplies packet, please go to this link to place your order: <https://tinyurl.com/GraceWreath>



**CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE.** Our method of worship may be different because of COVID-19, but our worship joyfully continues throughout Advent and Christmas! Coming soon, be watching for information about our worship schedule for Christmas and the exciting things being planned.

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**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS.** Sunday, October 4, all pets and their people were invited to the Pumpkin Patch for a Blessing of the Animals. We thought you would enjoy some of the photos.



**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 north.



**ECW FALL GATHERING.** The Episcopal Church Women will gather outdoors at Grace on Saturday, November 7, at 10:00 a.m. All women of Grace are automatically members of ECW and are cordially invited to attend. We will gather in the courtyard between the church and the parish hall. Masks are required and we will be socially distancing. This is primarily a social gathering, but we will also hold a short business meeting. If you are new to Grace, we would especially like to encourage you to attend. We can't wait to meet you! We plan to limit our gathering to no more than an hour, so please join us. If numbers attending require it, we will relocate from the courtyard to a larger outdoor area of the church to ensure everyone's safety. The long range weather forecast for November 7 calls for temperatures in the low 60's. If the forecast changes and isn't good for an outdoor event, we will cancel a day ahead by email. If you will be attending, please send a quick email to [ckaull@charter.net](mailto:ckaull@charter.net) so we can plan accordingly. Bring your lawn chair if you have one, wear your mask, and we look forward to seeing you on the 7th! Coffee and a snack will be provided, but if you prefer to bring your own, please feel free to do so.



**TREASURER POSITION STILL OPEN.** 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.



Happy  
Thanksgiving!



# 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.*

**EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN.** Women of Grace, mark your calendars for Saturday, November 7, 10:00 a.m., and plan to attend the ECW Fall Gathering in the courtyard at Grace! Details on page 6.

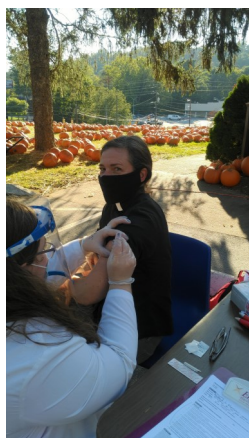
**FELLOWSHIP.** Are you missing your Grace family? There's an easy way to connect. Next Sunday following worship, just go to the Grace web site, [graceavl.com](http://graceavl.com), and click on "Sunday Virtual Coffee Hour Zoom." It's a fun way to catch up with everyone.

**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.** Homeward Bound Gift Registries! We remind you to take a look at the Homeward Bound gift registries. They're easy to use, and you can purchase much-needed items that can be delivered directly to 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). What a great way to give thanks for our own blessings during this season of thanksgiving.

**A REQUEST FOR AID.** Ukrainian, Moldavan and Belarus people are being settled in Asheville. There are about 40 families coming in the next three months. When they arrive, they live with their sponsor as they search for affordable housing. Right now, three families need basic, gently used beds, dressers, tables and chairs. Donations are received through Catholic Charities, the agency used by the government to connect with the families and help them get a social security number, physicals, register the kids in school, etc. Carol Duin is searching for furniture donations for these families and the ones on their way, and she needs our help. If you have pieces she can use, please call Carol at 828-337-5228.



**Flu Shots at Grace.** Rev. Milly rolled up her sleeve and put on a brave face when free flu shots were offered in our parking lot Wednesday, October 7, by the YMCA Mobile Market. Thanks, YMCA.

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# Grace Ministries in Action

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**PASTORAL CARE.** At Grace, pastoral care has always been a core value and lived expression of the Love of God. How we care for each other is a crucial discernment now at Grace. With people experiencing loss and sickness, with more people feeling isolated and perhaps more fearful, how we extend the loving care of community is something we want to continue to do well. Rev. Milly is committed to being available and deeply engaged in the care of this community. And yet, as a solo priest with no assistant or deacon, she needs a strong team of lay ministers to assist in this essential work.

And that team is becoming a reality! For the last two weeks, a growing pastoral care team has been meeting via Zoom on Wednesdays at noon. This group is made up of members of Grace who have been deeply involved in pastoral care for years. Their experience and relationships are invaluable now, as Rev. Milly grows to know the Grace community. This last week, the Pastoral Care Team met and established a central mission and regular weekly tasks.

The mission of the Pastoral Care Team at Grace Episcopal Church is **making the compassionate presence of Christ known through intentional connection and through the physical and spiritual care of those in need.**

Their weekly tasks are to pray for all people on the prayer list, to make regular phone calls to those on the prayer list, to visit when possible those who are homebound or in need of care, to connect through cards of celebration or sympathy, to bring the Eucharist (when safe and possible) to those who request the sacrament, to be aware of and provide for the basic needs of those among us who are struggling with transportation, food, clothing or assistance.



We have all been given the work of caring for and loving one another. This Pastoral Care Team is the body that will help to organize this care at Grace. **We invite any among you to join us in this work if God is calling you to extend yourself in care of your neighbor.** We meet every Wednesday at noon via Zoom. To get involved, or if you have pastoral care needs, please call Rev. Milly at 828.772.1429 or email the team at [Pastoralcare4grace@gmail.com](mailto:Pastoralcare4grace@gmail.com).

## Sr. Warden Calls for Vestry Nominations

**NOW'S THE TIME TO NOMINATE PARISHIONERS TO SERVE ON THE VESTRY.** As you're reading about the great, new ways the Spirit is stirring us and leading us at Grace, also be thinking about whom you believe can do the work of the vestry in 2021. We will need to elect five parishioners to "take up the mantle of the vestry" passing to us from vestrypersons Jackie Schauer, Lorie Tola, Greg Townsend, Pat Walters and Larry Bowen. These five parishioners will be joining the other vestrypersons who are continuing their service: Anne Jarema, Ben Scales, Jim Compton, Doug McClellan, Ron Sims and Scott McKenzie.

To be eligible for election to Vestry, there are requirements that must be met by the nominee. In the next few days, look for an email and send Rev. Milly your nominations at [rev.milly4grace@gmail.com](mailto:rev.milly4grace@gmail.com).

Please prayerfully consider qualified candidates and respond to this call for Vestry nominations.

Thank you,

Doug McClellan, Sr. Warden

## 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. Well, this month, creativity takes on a whole new meaning! The companionship we share with our beloved pets means so much, and we often show our love in creative ways. Parishioner Don Wills and his fashion-forward pup, Bradlee, are adorable proof!*

*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).*





# Our Prayer List

## November

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; Jack Frue; Doug Haldane; Marzy Israel; 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; Sydnor and Kelly Thompson; Mickey Trinite; Judy Warner; Katie Warren; 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; Bob Turner.

For Others (names will stay on the list for six weeks; call the office to keep names on the list for a longer time): Bruce Appeldoorn (friend of Kathleen Griffin); Carolyn Brown (friend of Ray & Jeanne Robertson); Deane Brown (brother of Barbara Wilcox); Melinda Franks (sister of Becky Smith); Robin Fulk (niece of Charlotte & Travers Chiott); Laura Julian (daughter of Rusty Herman); Chuck Morrow (brother of Rev. Milly Morrow); Sally Morrow (mother of Rev. Milly Morrow); Janice Orson (friend of Rusty Herman); Joanne Poston (sister-in-law of Corinne Spencer); Jenean (niece of Kathleen Griffin) Mary, Rebecca, Michael and Turtle (great nieces and great nephews of Kathleen Griffin); Patricia (friend of Kathleen Griffin).

For Those Who Have Died and their Families: Eloise "Weezie" Frue (mother of Jack Frue); Audrey Lee Magner (mother of Chris Jaquette); Billy Price (friend of Elaine Potter); Cal Remmers; Laura Stephens.

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.

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 the office.



*Our condolences and prayers go to the friends, family and loved ones of  
Eloise "Weezie" Frue (mother of Jack Frue);  
Audrey Lee Magner (mother of Chris Jaquette);  
Billy Price (friend of Elaine Potter);  
Cal Remmers; Laura Stephens.*

## November Anniversaries

Courtney and Peter Booth	6
John and Lelia Cort	14
Don and Ann Lewis	25
Sam Sneed and Anna Hamrick	26

## November Birthdays

2 Thorsten Path	17 Henny Caldwell
4 Jo Brokenshire	17 Betsy Buchanan
4 John Lyda	18 Travis Hall
5 Aeron Scales	18 William Potter
6 Mary Jane Westall	19 Walter Noble
6 Vicki Vest	20 Mary Ann Warren
6 Meghan Dephouse	20 Sarah Beasley
7 Catherine McKenzie	20 Grazia Starnes
9 Jackie Schauer	21 Jim Stahl
9 Alfonso Ponce	22 Bill Warren
10 Olivia Haller	22 Marianna Kennedy
10 Grace Allendorf	23 Paul Vest
13 Marcella Carter	24 Astrid Coffey
14 Doug Haldane	25 Shirley Turner
14 Tim Wrinn	25 Hans Van Vonno
14 William Townsend	26 Lauren Carlin
15 Carol-Ann Carlin	28 Earlyn Hart
16 Jessica Webster	28 Bryan Milling
16 Susannah Wall	29 Chip Coon Jr.



## Special Gifts

The Aumbry Candle is given to the Glory of God by

- ♦ Paul and Vicki Vest in celebration of Reverend Milly Morrow joining Grace Church;
- ♦ Nancy and Pat Walters in remembrance and honor of those brave men of the Wolfhound Regiment (1/27 Infantry Battalion and 2/27 Infantry Battalion, 25th Infantry Division, US Army) who gave their lives in November 1968 in the Republic of Vietnam.



The flowers are given to the Glory of God

- ♦ by Sally and David Withers in thanksgiving for their granddaughter Katharine Bates;
- ♦ in memory of Phil, Grace, and Pete Walker by their family;
- ♦ by Bobbie Eblen in loving memory of her mother Jerry Simmons;
- ♦ by Cheri Potter in thanksgiving for her husband Robert and their children, Lindsay, Zane, Lauren, Casey, Michael, and Grayson, and their granddaughters Bryn and Blakey, and their grandson Remi;
- ♦ by Greg and Shannon Townsend in loving memory of his mother, Ruth Ann Fair;
- ♦ by Anna Hamrick and Sam Sneed, and their daughters Georgia Grace and Caroline, in thanksgiving for the Grace Church Family.

On Sunday, October 25, 2020

we welcomed

**Caroline Parker McFatter**

daughter of Anna Grace and Barrett  
McFatter

into the church through the sacrament  
of Holy Baptism.

Caroline was sealed by the Holy  
Spirit in Baptism

and marked as Christ's own forever.



# Parishioner Generosity Unaffected by Pandemic

After nine months of 2020, we have received pledged income of \$254,804; income from all sources totaled \$323,859. Mission, Operational, Program, and Personnel expenses at the end of September 2020 totaled \$276,613 and were \$14,518 less than those forecast in the budget approved by the vestry in their June meeting.

The approved budget includes a small deficit, \$4,758.25, 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. While we have filed for forgiveness of the PPP loan, we will not know until later this year or possibly early in 2021 if our obligation for repayment has been fully eliminated.

The current health crisis has not yet affected our financial situation adversely. Parishioners have been generous through September 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 - September 2020				
		Actual	Budget	Variance
<b>Income:</b>				
	Pledges	254,804	221,425	33,379
	Open Offering	13,687	15,507	(1,820)
	Interest	65	56	9
	Misc.	55,303	50,469	4,834
	<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>323,859</b>	<b>287,457</b>	<b>36,402</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>				
	Outreach/Mission	28,921	31,912	(2,992)
	Parish Programs	9,241	11,122	(1,880)
	Operations	57,230	64,117	(6,887)
	Personnel	181,221	183,980	(2,759)
	<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>276,613</b>	<b>291,131</b>	<b>(14,518)</b>
<b>Income Less Expenses:</b>		<b>47,246</b>	<b>(3,674)</b>	<b>50,920</b>
* some rounding variances				

## Thoughts on Tithing

*Jim Compton, Jr. Warden*

We are always giving in many ways, to family and friends within our immediate life circle; giving love offerings in the form of time, effort, and energy. Love is shown in time spent listening, showing compassion, giving council. Love is expressed in our physical efforts and in our prayers for others. So Love's energy flows through us, in our actions physical and spiritual, and it circles back to us. For in taking care of others, we are taken care of ourselves. The circle of Love is complete, for God is Love.

In our physical labors we can only do so much, as time and physical efforts have limitations. Our best tool to further the flow of Love to the larger world is in our monetary system. Thinking of money as Love energy, we can send that out to help those beyond our life's circle, steadfast in faith that our rewards are in our giving.

Tithing was first practiced by the ancient Jews; the practice of giving ten percent in thanks, with gratitude for that ninety percent we keep. Jesus called out the Scribes and

Pharisees on a lot of ancient laws they practiced in His time, but tithing was one principal he endorsed.

Many folks get a lump in their throat when they hear ten percent. Often the first retort is, "Is that gross or net?" Let's just refer to it as a guidepost; something to aspire towards. When one gives, one denies oneself for the benefit of others. For our family and friends we would do this in a heartbeat, so why not for those we have never met? Because in this giving we broaden the circle of Love, and can rest easy in knowing we have done so.

God's Peace.