



the Grace TEAM

to each a ministry

February 2021

A Message from Rev. Milly

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The Grace TEAM

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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 3.



Christ Has No Body

Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
Compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.

Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
compassion on this world.

Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)

Dear Good People of Grace,

We as the Body of Christ now, are entering into a season of our Lenten Journey with God and each other. Lent is a season of penitence, deep discernment and fasting. And yet, now it seems we have been fasting from so much we love, how do we enter this season of Lent with fresh eyes and open hearts?

Lent has never been a season of fasting from what we love but has always been for us as Christians a season to empty ourselves of all that threatens to divide us from Love.

As we move into this season, it is my intent to walk with you, through care and connection, through prayer and worship, to discern what it is you and we together need to empty ourselves of in order to be filled with the hope of Resurrection and new life. We have so much to look forward to here

at Grace and yet, for a time we will find ourselves still in the midst of national turmoil, a widening pandemic and uncertainty about our economy, our safety and health, and when we may once again be free to gather together in common worship in our sacred space.

In this addition of our "TEAM" you will find two Lenten offerings and a new Pastoral Care offering, "Tabernacle Ministries," to assist in our journey through the remaining wilderness, on the way to the Promised Land and Resurrection that awaits us all.

Journey with us, explore that which might divide you from Love and that which inspires you to Love more.

Let us journey into this season of Lent together. Because, together...WE will be the Body of Christ in our world.

Peace and Blessings,

Rev. Milly



From Our Senior Warden

Ben Scales

Greetings from your new Senior Warden!

“Get used to different.”

Those words come from a New York Times article by Peter Wehner that came out this past Christmas Eve entitled “The Forgotten Radicalism of Jesus Christ.” I’ve been sitting with this piece for the past few weeks, imagining what is in store for Grace Church over the upcoming year.

The article examines what 1st Century Christians were facing as they set out on their journey following Jesus. They had mostly been indoctrinated in conventional religious and cultural teaching. Then, along comes Jesus, with his radically inclusive ways of teaching and dealing with the people he encounters. Those early followers were caught off-guard by Jesus’ embrace of the Samaritan woman at the well, as described in the Gospel of John, who had had five husbands and was now with a man who was not her husband. Rather than judge her or cast her out, Jesus showed her dignity and respect, transforming her into a powerful messenger of Christ’s teachings.

The theme of this story permeates Jesus’ story. He touched lepers, healed the paralytics and the blind, people thought to be unclean and unworthy. Even to his dying breath, he sought to spread God’s love by telling the thief on the cross next to him that, “Today you will be with me in paradise.”

Jesus connected with outcasts not only to relieve the pain and lift their shame, but also to benefit society as a whole. He modeled the behavior that he wants us to follow, and so that we can see God ourselves as our redeemer and our source of comfort and grace.

I believe that God sent Rev. Milly to us to help guide us on our journey to change the lives of those in our community who need God’s Love the most. Her life experience and ministerial focus has always been on making a difference for the less fortunate, the broken, the forgotten. God has truly blessed us here at Grace Church. Now is the time for us to align our sensibilities with those of the radical and radically inclusive Jesus, about whom Rev. Milly preaches, and who we find in our hearts when we look for him.

I’m so excited to be called upon to serve in this role as your Senior Warden, and I can hardly wait to see what lies ahead!

Events at a Glance

A Quick Review of the Month

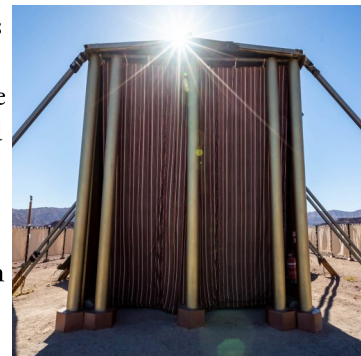
Date and Time	Service, Meeting or Activity	Location
Nightly Except Sunday, 8:00 PM	Compline *	Facebook Videos
Sundays, Feb. 21-Mar. 21, 9:00 AM	Fasting from All that Divides Us from Love (see p. 4)	Zoom Meeting
Sundays, 10:30 AM	Sunday Holy Eucharist Service *	YouTube Channel
Sundays Following Worship	Virtual Coffee Hour	Zoom Meeting
Mondays, 10:30 AM	Monday Morning Bible Study	Zoom Meeting
Mondays, 7:30 PM, Feb. 22-Mar. 29	Create + Connect Circle (see p. 4)	Zoom Meeting
Tuesdays, 5:00 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 (begins Feb. 15)	EfM	Zoom Meeting
Monday, February 1, 4:30 PM	Outreach Meeting	Zoom Meeting
Wednesday, February 3, 5:00 PM	YMCA Mobile Market (all welcome)	Parking Lot / Foyer
Wednesday, February 10, 10:00 AM	TEAM Meeting	Zoom Meeting
Monday, February 15, 5:30 PM	Vestry Meeting	Zoom Meeting
	* BULLETIN AVAILABLE	Grace Website

Parish News, Updates & Reminders

How to Access Online. For online or 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. 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.

TABERNACLE MINISTRY GROUPS HAVE BEEN FORMED. Each parishioner has been placed in a Tabernacle Group made up of 10-12 couples or individuals. The purpose of these groups is to care for and connect members of Grace to each other as we travel toward the "promised land" of regathering in our sacred space for worship together. If you have not heard from a Tabernacle Group Host, please email Rev. Milly at rev.milly4grace@gmail.com and she will make sure you are connected. Your group host will further explain this ministry and work with you and your group members regarding how the Tabernacle Group will begin to form and function. Thank you to all who offered themselves to be hosts and thank you to each of you for your presence in this, our Body of Christ. Watch a video at <https://youtu.be/ML3muh6Cy9s> for more information.



PASTORAL CARE TEAM REACHES OUT TO PARISHIONERS. Weekly tasks for members of our Pastoral Care TEAM are to pray for all people on the prayer list, make regular phone calls to those on the prayer list, visit when possible those who are homebound or in need of care, connect through cards of celebration or sympathy, bring the Eucharist (when safe and possible) to those who request the sacrament, be aware of and provide for the basic needs of those among us who are struggling with transportation, food, clothing or assistance.



We invite you to reach out to us with any pastoral care needs you or your family may have. We also invite any among you to join us in this work if God is calling you to extend yourself in care of your neighbor. The Pastoral Care Team at Grace meets via Zoom on Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. To contact the Pastoral Care Team, please either call Rev. Milly at 828.772.1429 or email the Pastoral Care team at Pastoralcare4grace@gmail.com.

PRAYING TOGETHER. Weekly on Wednesdays, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Rev. Milly holds 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 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.



ORDER OF ST. LUKE CONTINUES VIA ZOOM! The OSL Mountain Chapter will meet via Zoom on Thursday, February 11. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m., end no later than 8:30 p.m., and will continue their new program series, "Fundamentals for Receiving and Praying for Physical Healing." The focus will be on the first fundamental: "Healing is the Will of God for Everyone, Everywhere, Every Time." A DVD about the healing journey of a woman who suffered the effects of traumatic brain injury for thirteen years will be reviewed and discussed.



Your participation is welcome. One does not have to be an OSL member to take part. If are not on the Mountain Chapter email list, please send an email to mtn_osl@yahoo.com. A link for the Zoom meeting will be sent to you.

Ash Wednesday & Lenten Programs

TWO EXCITING LENTEN OFFERINGS! Ash Wednesday is February 17, and marks the beginning of our Lenten journey to Holy Week and Easter. Ashes will be made available to pick up at the church during the week prior to Ash Wednesday, and a service will be aired at 12:00 noon on Ash Wednesday, February 17. Then, in the weeks that follow, in addition to Lenten worship services each Sunday at 10:30 a.m., the following programs will be offered:

Fasting From All That Divides Us From Love. In a time when "fasting" from so much we love seems to be the norm, how do we enter into this season of Lent with fresh eyes and an open heart? Lent has never truly been a time to fast from what we love, but is a time to empty ourselves of all that divides us from the Love of God and neighbor. Join Rev. Milly as we explore together the Temptations of Christ as a practice of discernment for understanding what threatens to divide us, as God's people, from true Love. Register to attend by February 14 at <https://graceepiscopalashville.simplechurchcrm.com/external/form/16ea722c-b080-4e49-9ac8-e24010e72af0>

Mark your calendars for every Sunday of Lent at 9:00 a.m., February 21 and 28, March 7, 14 and 21, by Zoom at:

♦ Meeting ID: 863 5824 3136



♦ Passcode: 282737

♦ [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86358243136?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86358243136?pwd=VEV2dkUzclJLOXdUOFJBb3hEamVmdz09)
[pwd=VEV2dkUzclJLOXdUOFJBb3hEamVmdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86358243136?pwd=VEV2dkUzclJLOXdUOFJBb3hEamVmdz09)



Create + Connect Circle. Join Katie Warren and Ginger Huebner for a Create + Connect Circle each week during Lent. We will gather (virtually) on Mondays, February 22 and March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 7-8:30 p.m. to share, reflect and connect in response to that week's sermon and readings through Ginger's "Create + Connect" process. This process guides participants by using simple tools of collage and color to interpret ideas and emotions that are often beyond words.

There is no artistic experience necessary. To learn more, watch a short video at <https://youtu.be/jnOqLVuXHZU>. You may also call Katie Warren with any questions at 828-275-3871. Register to attend by February 14 at <https://graceepiscopalashville.simplechurchcrm.com/external/form/80e42777-5f24-405b-bbc6-6a657bde953c>

Our Holy Week Worship Schedule



Palm Sunday. The service will be aired March 28, 10:30 a.m. on YouTube.

Holy Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Since the 16th Century, the Seven Last Words of Christ have been a central focus of Good Friday and Holy Week Liturgies. This Holy Week at Grace, we will explore the Seven Last Words of Christ on Holy Monday, Holy Tuesday and Holy Wednesday, March 29, 30 & 31. These reflections will be aired on YouTube at 5:00 p.m. each of these evenings.

Maundy Thursday Liturgy. The April 1 liturgy will be aired on YouTube at 5:00 p.m.

Good Friday. A 12:00 noon service will be aired on YouTube; a 5:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross service will also be aired on YouTube.

Holy Saturday Liturgy. This service will air on YouTube at 8:00 p.m. Each congregant will be given a basket for this service that includes bells, a candle and a bulletin. Information on pick-up at the church will be announced at the end of March.

Educate Yourself for Ministry Through EfM

Grace Episcopal Church attendees, members, and member friends are invited to join the Grace Church Education for Ministry (EfM) class.

Last year's class managed (4 of the 6 participants) to finish off the first year of EfM. Now, this was quite a challenge due to the pandemic, but it happened! We became a close-knit group and were able to help each other through thick and thin and learned a lot. So, we want to keep on going and welcome others to join the class.

Here are some details about EfM (Adult Formation):



The program is sponsored by:

- ♦ Grace Episcopal Church, Asheville, and the Diocese of Western North Carolina
- ♦ Aided with funds that have been donated to the Rector's Discretionary Fund

About the Education For Ministry Program:

- ♦ 4 Year Program (year=36 classes/weeks) of Adult Christian Formation
- ♦ Developed & administered by the School of Theology, University of the South (Sewanee)
- ♦ See: <https://efm.sewanee.edu/> – It explains the program, the curriculum, books, study/classroom discussion, etc.
- ♦ Year 1 of the program is about the Old Testament and Year 2 studies the New Testament. Year 3 focuses on Christianity and Church History. Year 4 is an integrative year that covers Anglican ethics, living in today's World as a Christian. *NOTE: EfM is not a straight Bible Study.*
- ♦ Cost - \$ 375 per student per year for sponsored classes (our class is WNC Diocese sponsored). The Grace Rector's Discretionary Fund for this coming class will be able to subsidize up to 10 students with \$ 200 per student.

The EfM Class will be held: Face2Face and Virtual

- ♦ F2F will be in the Parish Hall at Grace Church. This can be done safely with up to 8 people if we sit at tables at least 6 feet apart, wear masks, bring our own snacks, and help clear up the tables & chairs/sanitize them/put them away after class. Bring your own snacks/beverages, mask, and clean-up wipes.
- ♦ Virtual meetings will be on ZOOM and will happen at the same time.
- ♦ Day of Week – Thursday or Friday evenings (or Saturday or Sunday?) We cannot hold EfM Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday evenings because the Grace ZOOM account is in use for other groups/programs.

In 2021, the EfM Year is 36 weeks long.

We propose to run EfM from the Week of February 15 through the fourth week of June, then off some for the summer, and then run from the last week of August through December 16.

We will negotiate the time off at Easter, summer, federal holidays, & Thanksgiving as the group desires.

Mentors:

- ♦ Chris Jaquette – cjaquette@gmail.com, 828-713-2519
- ♦ Nancy Walters – ngwaltrddl@aol.com, 706-833-0233

Minimum class number is 6, including the two mentors if they are registered; maximum is 12.)

Please call Chris or Nancy if you have any questions.
We are working hard to keep this class going.

Grace Ministries in Action

MINISTRY LEADERS

ADULT FORMATION: The Rev. Milly Morrow, ev.milly4grace@gmail.com

ALTAR GUILD: Interim: Shannon Townsend, gstownsend@att.net

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Jim Compton, j.t.compton@gmail.com

CHILD FORMATION: Mark Silvers, mhswjak@hotmail.com

CHOIRS: Rusty McCredie, rebscape@att.net

COMMUNICATIONS: Eric Howell, howell.eric.r@gmail.com

ENDOWMENT: Steve Birkhofer, sbirkhof@unca.edu

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW): Cheryl Aull, ckauill@charter.net

FELLOWSHIP: Seeking new organizer; contact Rev. Milly with interest

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GARDEN GUILD: Kathleen Griffin (828-337-8241), Jackie Schauer 828-337-9441)

HEALING MINISTRY: Jeanne Robertson, jrobertson38@me.com

MEN OF THE CHURCH: Jim Compton, j.t.compton@gmail.com

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TAIZÉ: James Cannon, imjcannon@frontier.com

WEDDING MINISTRY: Elaine Potter, elaine@graylineasheville.com; Cheri Potter, Cheripotter82@gmail.com

WORSHIP: The Rev. Milly Morrow, rev.milly4grace@gmail.com

"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. Be sure to put our Sunday morning Lenten class, "Fasting From All That Divides Us From Love," on your calendars for 9:00 a.m., February 21 and 28, March 7, 14 and 21. Find details on page 4 of this issue. Registration deadline is February 14, so don't delay!

FELLOWSHIP. After years of unforgettable brunches, receptions, potlucks, picnics, parties and more, Sally Withers, our coordinator for the fellowship ministry at Grace, has decided to take a well-earned break. Thank you so much, Sally, for everything you have done to keep the Grace family together.

And if you have an interest in becoming the new fellowship organizer, please let Rev. Milly know.

FINANCE. Important information about your pledge envelopes. We are phasing out our use of pledge envelopes. We will provide envelopes in 2021 for those who request them, but the envelope numbers will not be used for tracking giving. We will, instead, use the name provided on the check. Please notify Valerie if you wish to receive pledge envelopes for 2021 and they will be provided.

OUTREACH. Steadfast House Update. The Ministry of providing meals to the ABCCM Steadfast House is in transition. Meal Teams from Grace have been providing a monthly meal to residents and their children for many years. As Steadfast House prepares to move to Transformation Village (located in West Asheville) it is anticipated that our role may change as residents become settled in their new location. However, volunteers will still be needed to assist in providing meals, or in aspects of meal preparation. The new location may also provide other opportunities that are not yet known at this time. Historically, the Steadfast House ministry has consisted of teams that take turns providing the monthly meal. Recently, with the delayed transition to Transformation Village and COVID precautions, meal teams, church members, and the Outreach Committee have been providing donations to cover the cost of catered food for that monthly meal. As the new direction of this ministry becomes clearer, please stay tuned for how to participate. This is a face-to-face and family friendly ministry, which we hope will continue in the new location.



Asheville Strong is a local agency that has been on the Grace Outreach radar for many months now. Its "Feed Our City" program not only partners with local chefs to provide up to 1500 meals a week to those in need; it also sustains independent restaurants and farmers by keeping them at work. As their founder Catherine Campbell said, "We follow the need."

Recently, Asheville Strong reached a major milestone: they have injected over \$100,000 back into the local economy through "Feed Our City!" Grace Outreach was able to donate \$300 to a matching grant in support of that work. If you want to learn more about Asheville Strong or if you would like to make your own contribution, please visit their website at <https://www.ashevillestrong.com/>

EPPN Action Alerts. Over the next several months, in the *TEAM* and in "This Week at Grace," watch for regular updates and "Action Alerts" from the EPPN—ways for Episcopalians like us to get involved and live out our vision as the people of Grace. (See more on the following page.)

A Note from Consider Haiti

Pumpkin Patch. Some good news. For the majority of 2020, Consider Haiti was not able to fully fund their programs. It's easy to dehumanize with terms like "not fully fund" but the reality is stark. We don't distribute as many goats or water filters. We don't treat as many malnourished kids or provide the same educational opportunities for families. Children in our communities suffer when we can't make the budget. That said, we just sent our 2021 first quarter transfer to our colleagues in Haiti and funded at 100%. **Grace Church and the Pumpkin Patch rockstars are a key reason we were able to achieve this goal.** Pumpkin by pumpkin, we do make a very positive impact in Haiti. Thank you so much. *Mesi anpil! Bon bagay!*



SAVE THE DATE! September 26, 2021 is pumpkin delivery day!

Update from the Episcopal Public Policy Network



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ACTION ALERTS

A grassroots effort of The Episcopal Church's Office of Government Relations (OGR) to educate, equip and engage individual Episcopalians in federal public policy advocacy from a faith-based perspective using trustworthy information.

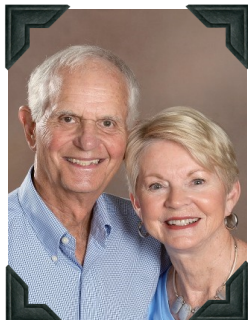
The first 100 days of a presidency do matter. A new Congress and new Administration present The Episcopal Church with the opportunity to highlight our values and speak up for the way we think our country should be governed. We will continue to engage on areas where the Church has spoken, including:

- ♦ **Creation Care:** In recognition that loving God and our neighbor includes caring for God's creation and the environment where our neighbor lives, OGR advocates for policies that protect the natural world and promote a healthy, clean, and safe environment for all. Advocacy includes greenhouse gas emission reduction, a just transition away from fossil fuel energy, and safeguards to protect clean water and air.
- ♦ **Racial Reconciliation:** OGR challenges policies that perpetuate systemic racism and injustice and strives to change legislation that continues to harm Black and Indigenous communities and other communities of color.
- ♦ **Ending Poverty:** OGR advocates for policies that will eliminate poverty and help people live with dignity, both in the U.S. and internationally.
- ♦ **Immigration and Refugees:** We advocate for comprehensive immigration reform through policies that respect the dignity and worth of every human being. OGR works to protect the human rights and safety of refugees by supporting the refugee resettlement work of Episcopal Migration Ministries and advocating for robust refugee resettlement policies.
- ♦ **Human Rights and Peacebuilding:** The Church supports legislation and policies that protect human rights and prevent atrocities, promote gender justice, and build peace. OGR partners with non-U.S. Episcopal dioceses and provinces throughout the Anglican Communion to work towards justice.
- ♦ **We will also push for an ambitious response to the COVID-19 pandemic,** including accelerating vaccination for the most vulnerable and helping to encourage the general public to take the vaccine following guidance from public health experts.

More information to come monthly. Or to sign up for EPPN Action Alerts that will come directly to your personal email, visit the [EPPN registration page](#).

THE GRACE FAMILY ALBUM

"The Grace Family Album" features people you've known for years and people you'll be meeting for the very first time. Enjoy getting to know your family, and if you have suggestions for future issues, please let us know.



George and Pat Davis

GEORGE DAVIS, a proud Clemson grad, is always happy to talk football and golf with you. Before relocating to Asheville, he lived in Morganton for 25 years pursuing a career in furniture manufacturing that spanned over four decades. Always active in his church, George has served in many capacities: Adult Sunday School teacher (Morganton), Junior and Senior Warden (Morganton) and Senior Warden and Treasurer (Asheville). George has been a frequent host for Men of the Church; he has put his furniture manufacturing skills to work repairing our church pews; he and Pat regularly attend the Monday Morning Bible Study, and did we mention how much he loves golf?

"Getting to know George since his arrival in the late 80's has been a joy... Speaking from experience, [George] is a master of convincing others to become more deeply involved. Grace has been fortunate to have him and Pat as members for several decades!" *Joe Aull*

PAT DAVIS has graced Grace Church with her faith and talent for many years. When the Davises moved to Asheville in the eighties, Pat continued her vocation as a reading specialist in the Buncombe County schools where she was awarded the distinction of "Teacher of the Year." After her retirement, Pat became an avid, tournament winning golfer! At Grace, Pat has been a dedicated, wonderfully artistic member of the Flower Guild, always willing to scrub up the mess that gets made in the kitchen. She and George were also our "interior decorators" for recent improvements in the foyer and office area. In addition, Pat is a woman of prayer and is an active part of the healing team at Grace.

"Pat is the one person that I know that has a heart that is larger than her body. She always puts others first and is the first to accept each person where they are. Grace Church is blessed to have her in the family." *Jeanne Robertson*

"Thank you, Pat, for being you!" *Marzy Israel*



Marzy Israel

MARZY ISRAEL is an Asheville native, long married to her high school sweetheart, the late Tom Israel. Her two sons, Tom, Jr. and Will, are both Asheville residents, with Will and his sons being active Grace members. For Marzy, her family comes first. Marzy is also an accomplished artist and taught art in Asheville schools for many years. She has traveled extensively and is active in many organizations, including Friends of the Earth Garden Club, Junior Service League, Art Council and on the board for Buncombe County Nursing Homes.

"Marzy is a long-time member of Grace Church and has actively participated in many areas through the years. Currently, she leads the Altar Guild, Flower Guild, and is engaged in numerous behind-the-scenes endeavors." *Charlotte Chiott*

"[Marzy] loves to play dominos. Also...Marzy enjoys a good white wine!" *Pat Davis*



Bill Warren

BILL WARREN, who just celebrated his 92nd birthday in November, has been a member of Grace since 1961, excluding four years when he lived in Charlotte and then in Raleigh. Bill bought Luther Appliance Mart in 1970, which closed in 1996 when he retired. In the 60-year span of his membership at Grace, he has served five terms on the vestry, four of which were as the Junior Warden. Bill has enjoyed and frequently hosted Men of the Church. Bill's first wife, Loretta, was also active at Grace. After her death in 1980, Bill married Mary Ann Reed in 1981, blending four teen-aged children into a family. Following the death of Mary Ann's daughter Kimberley in 2002, Bill and Mary Ann became guardians for their fifth grandchild, Grace Miller, currently a student at Louisiana State University.

"Whenever I need to know something [about Grace Church], I go to Bill. He's my walking, talking archives." *Jim Compton*

"Until the pandemic, Bill hosted Men of the Church at his house every September (for as long as can I remember)." *Larry Harris*

Our Prayer List

February

We publish the Parish Prayer List each month so you may include those listed in your daily prayers. To help you identify and/or contact the people for whom you are praying, we have included the last names of people with their permission.

For Parishioners: Chris Carson; Sally Coburn; Cuyler Dupree; Dorothy Engel; Eunice Ferguson; Kathleen Griffin; Doug Haldane; Dodie King; Don and Ann Lewis; Sonny Rawls; Laura & Tsz-yan Snyder; Rita Spragg; Alex and Briar Thwaites; Sydnor Thompson; Mickey Trinite; Pat Walters; Don Wills.

For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities: Henny Caldwell; Bobbie Eblen; Ed Denison, Straudia Luedtke; Rita Lyda; Marion Mayfield-Johnson; 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); **Becky Blaylock** (friend of Kathleen Griffin); **Wendy Davis** (friend of Eunice Ferguson); **Walt Deyton** (father of Cheryl Deyton); **Melinda Franks** (sister of Becky Smith); **Robin Fulk** (niece of Charlotte & Travers Chiott); **Riley Hood and church family** (father of Karen Compton); **Don & Tamela Jones** (friends of Jim & Karen Compton); **Jenna Kenner** (friend of Sonny Rawls); **Veronica Litun** (mother of Valerie Heavens); **Sally Morrow** (mother of Rev. Milly Morrow); **Jim Rainey** (friend of Cliff Albertson); **John Smiley** (friend of Sonny Rawls); **Fred Wilson** (father of Debbie Jones); **Elizabeth** (friend of Carol Booth); **Patricia** (friend of Kathleen Griffin); **Teachers and Parents trying to maintain an educational environment.**

For Those Who Have Died and their Families: Rev. David Brighton (pastor of Karen Compton's father).

For Those in Service to Our Country: **Tommy & Danny Brown** (grandsons of Ed & Marla Woeckener); **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 Joe Biden, 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/ 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
Rev. David Brighton (pastor of Karen Compton's father).*

February Anniversaries

Cliff Albertson and Anne Jarema	7
Glenn and Brenda Haller	11
Greg and Emma Plank	12
Bob and Shirley Turner	15
Jim and Deborah Siemens	19

February Birthdays

Bob Grimes	1	Vicki Sanderson	15
Marella Buncick	4	Rusty McCredie	16
Mike Nery	4	Cooper Green	18
Wyatt Deyoung	6	Bob Bell	19
Eunice Ferguson	8	Larry Harris	20
Pat Stafford	9	Evans Webster	20
Hannah Pennell	10	Sam Snead	23
Cheri Potter	10	Pat Starnes	24
Andrew Beasley	10	Tricia Trinite	24
Margaret Crum	11	Marion Mayfield-Johnson	25
Julian Nemethy	13	Bill Dismukes	25
Al Dawson	14	Liesl Ellington	25
Gary Roper	14	Caroline Parker McFatter	25

Special Gifts

The Aumbry candle is given to the Glory of God by Charlotte and Travers Chiott in thanksgiving for all of God's blessings.

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by:

- ♦ the Drake and Duncan families in memory of Marguerite Alexander;
- ♦ Lucy and Larry Bowen in thanksgiving for all the many ministries at Grace and in our community.



Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17, and traditionally, throughout the Lenten season, Grace Church does not decorate the altar with flowers.



Congratulations!

*Mark Silvers & Chance Wyatt were married January 6, 2021.
Love and best wishes from all of us to both of you!*

Our 2021 Vestry



Steve Birkhofer



Mathes Mennell



Elaine Potter



Vicki Vest



Anne Jarema



Doug McClellan



Ben Scales, St. Warden



Jim Compton, Jr. Warden



Scott McKenzie



Ron Sims

THANK YOU!

Thank you to those rotating off the Vestry: Larry Bowen, Jackie Schauer, Lorie Tola and Greg Townsend. Also, thank you, Doug McClellan, for your work as Senior Warden.

We are now pleased to welcome our newly elected Vestry members: Steve Birkhofer, Mathes Mennell, Elaine Potter and Vicki Vest. You can learn more about them in the 2021 Annual Report on our website, <https://www.graceavl.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Grace-2020-Annual-Report.pdf>.

Jim Compton will continue to serve as our Junior Warden, and we are delighted to have Ben Scales as our new Senior Warden.

Thank you to each of you, past and present, for your willingness to serve your Grace family in this way.

2020 Closes on a Positive Note

After twelve months of 2020, we have received pledged income of \$346,329; and income from all sources totaled \$418,189. Administrative, Mission, Operational, Program, and Personnel expenses at the end of December 2020 totaled \$417,885 and were \$29,760 more than those forecast in the budget approved by the Vestry earlier in the year.

The approved budget included a small deficit, \$4,849, but we have successfully closed the year with a surplus. The surplus is largely attributable to the receipt of: additional pledges received late in the year; our Paycheck Protection Program loan of \$34,900; several one-time gifts received early in the year; and transfer of funds from savings from our prior year operations. Forgiveness of the PPP loan was approved by the Small Business Administration and subsequently by First Citizens Bank in late November, and we will not be required to reimburse any part of it, providing a substantial cushion this year.

We have closed the year on a very positive note given the turmoil we have seen this year. Parishioners have been generous and our expenses have been restricted with our confinement. We prayerfully hope that this positive trend will continue in 2021.

Statement of Activities - Grace Church				
Year to Date - December 2020				
		Actual	Budget	Variance
Income:				
	Pledges	346,329	295,233	51,096
	Open Offering	14,596	20,676	(6,080)
	Interest	87	75	12
	Misc., Building and Other Income	57,177	67,292	(10,115)
	Total Income:	418,189	383,276	34,913
Expenses:				
	Administrative	923	1,500	(577)
	Outreach/Mission	53,453	42,500	10,953
	Parish Programs	9,782	14,829	(5,047)
	Operations	114,008	85,489	28,519
	Personnel	239,719	243,807	(4,088)
	Total Expenses:	417,885	388,125	29,760
Income Less Expenses:		304	(4,849)	5,153
some variance due to rounding				