



the Grace TEAM

to each a ministry

April 2021

A Message from Rev. Milly

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Sunday Worship

10:30 a.m. - Rite II

Virtual on YouTube

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.

Rejoice and be Glad - Now.

Do not fear, O Zion;

do not let your hands grow weak.

God will rejoice over you with gladness,

God will renew you in God's love;

At that time I will bring you home,

at the time when I gather you.

Rejoice and be glad now.

Alleluia, Christ is Risen, the Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

Dear Good People of Grace,

We have all been waiting for a long time to be brought home, to be gathered back in. It has been a long Lent and an even longer year.

As a community, nation and church, we have all been waiting in the dark tomb of the not-yet-time. But Easter is here and we are seeing the fruit of transformation, of Resurrection all around us. This Easter we began holding in-person gatherings in our church and we will continue to hold small gatherings in-person until we can be gathered all together again, soon.

We are seeing health return to the people, we are seeing spaces open and life return to some sort of new normal. Alleluia!

And yet, what have we learned from this time, from this long and painful year that will make us New People, that will make us Easter People moving forward?

Jesus at the Last Supper said, "They will know you are my disciples because you have love for one another."

If this time has taught us anything – it is that the most essential element to being an Easter People, even in a Good Friday world, is love.

And Easter is God's promise to us, that Love Wins. Even when evil tries to prevail, even when we find ourselves in total darkness, even at the grave, we make our song: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia...because Love is stronger than Death. Love Wins.

But for a minute, the disciples are hidden in the Upper Room. Even after the Resurrection, they hide out of fear. They hide because the world around them continues to be a scary place, where real threats loom. For 50 days they hide. And they pray and discuss and ponder the mystery of it all. And Jesus meets them there. Jesus meets them there.

So, if you find yourself still in a place of uncertainty, know you are in good company. And know that we have been promised: Love Wins. Even when we can't quite see it yet. Even when we are still afraid and unsure. God promises to be with us...wherever there is Love.

So, be glad, Rejoice. God will renew you with God's love and gather us in.

Peace and love,

Rev. Milly

Roof Construction Begins! Take a Look!

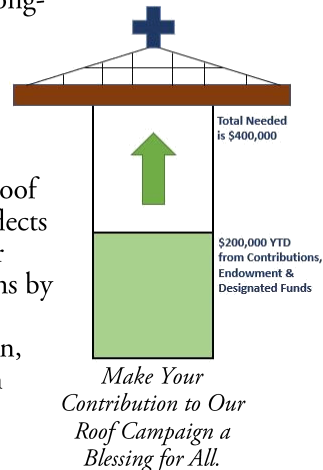
Grace's parking lot is now the scene of a work crew, a roof-high scaffold, and an aerial platform bringing the capstones on the roof back to the ground. Click <https://photos.app.goo.gl/bLbXD2rm2VGLA39dA> for a video update from Junior Warden Jim Compton.

On site is a stonemason removing the old mortar and repairing the stones, getting them ready to be placed back on the roof, this time with copper flashing for sealing out the rainwater, and with longer-lasting protection for our roof and structure. Click here to see the stonemason at work: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/ag6hDLtFkRYjqRQj8>

The roof shingles have been selected as well, thanks to Jackie Schauer and Jim Compton. The shingles will provide excellent, long-lasting protection from the elements and better complement the texture of the stone walls architecturally.

Contributions Going Up. Treasurer Anne Jarema reports that our contributions for the new roof now total \$238,000, getting us closer to reaching our funding goal of \$400,000. This new total reflects parishioners who are donating gifts with accumulated gain values, like appreciated stocks, bonds or shares of mutual funds, along with parishioners who are making direct, tax-deductible contributions by check or online.

Contribute to our Roof Campaign today! Please send your check to Grace c/o Roof Campaign, or give online by going to <https://www.graceavl.com/parish-life/giving/>. For special gifts, click on "Give to Grace," then click "Donate Now by Clicking Here." Under "Fund" click "Special Gift-Raise the Roof."

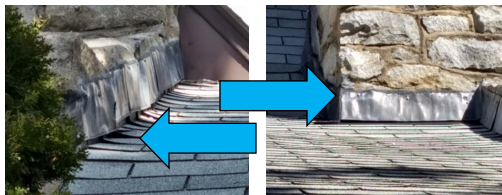


Photos documenting our buildings' present condition and the work that will be done.



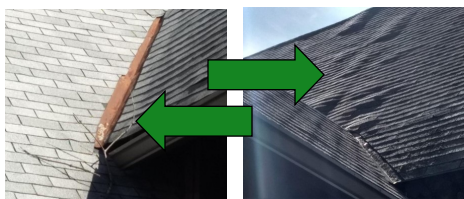
Sealing Water Out of the Parapet Stones

The dark seam of mortar between the stones running down to the window peak is evidence that water has penetrated the wall in several places. The water barrier installed under the parapet stones will seal the water out.



Preserving Roof & Structure with Proper Flashing & Sealant

Look at this patchwork of improper flashing, curling shingles, and exposed nail heads. You can also see the poor seal at the flashing's top edge to the stone as it goes upslope. Also, note the excessive use of sealant. Using the right flashing with the proper way of joining it with shingles will provide a superior way for preserving the roof and adjoining structures.



Applying a New Design for Longer-Lasting Protection

Using much wider "valley flashing" and waterproof barriers under the shingles will help us avoid problems like the one shown in the photo on the left. Also, see the swelling beneath the shingles on the roof of the Sanctuary and the pronounced sagging of the sheathing between the rafters on the right indicating the need for new and better roof sheathing.

Construction Phases for Our New Roof

Stonemasonry

(1) Structural Inspection & Repair

- Clean and inspect capstones and joints
- Remove three capstones at a time
- Install flashing along top of remaining wall
- Reinstall capstones to original position
- Dress new mortar joints

(est. time to complete #1: 2-3 months)

Roofing

(2) Roof Tear-off

- Remove gutters and downspouts
- Remove vents, shingles and all barrier layers

(est. time to complete #2 & #3:

1-2 months)

(3) Roof Replacement

- Inspect sheathing and replace as needed
- Install new barrier layers, fix counter flashing to stonework and install valley flashings
- Install new shingles, vents, gutters and downspouts

**Let's Get Grace Ready for the Next Generation.
Contribute to Our Roof Campaign Today.**

From Our Sr. Warden: Spring is Here Again!



Wow! It's really starting to feel like Spring around here! Birds chirping, flowers blooming, leaves starting to fill in on the trees. Oh, I know we may have another snow before the reliably warm weather returns, but I can't help feeling that this Spring is unlike anything we've seen in the past. Both in nature and metaphorically, there's so much new growth happening all around us, so much cause for optimism and excitement. Especially right here at Grace.

A year ago this time, we were full of trepidation and fear. Uncertainty gripped us like a vice. Tempers were short, and everyone was on edge. As hospitals filled up and the death toll began to rise from this disease, some of us felt forsaken, and many of us felt alone. Jobs were lost, schools were closed, games and prom and graduation canceled. We were forbidden from visiting with our loved ones. We couldn't even shake hands, much less hug the ones we love.

Perhaps most jarringly, we weren't allowed to gather to worship together as Christians have done for centuries. We had not yet called a new Rector at Grace, and the contract with our interim Rector was expiring. We were adrift, casting about in search of answers.

This year feels so much different, doesn't it? So many of us have now been vaccinated. More restrictions are lifting each and every week. Schools are reopening. Sporting events are once again offering their customary escape. Concerts and festivals are coming back. The fear is all but gone.

And finally, the moment we've all been waiting for has arrived. Our Bishop has allowed us to re-open the doors at Grace to welcome in parishioners once again. Maybe not everybody at once, but this Easter Sunday, our new Rector, Reverend Milly Morrow, will for the first time be able to look out and see actual live human faces looking back at her from the pews of Grace Church as she preaches the Holy Gospel. Praise be to God!

In the coming months, we will all be able to gather again in groups both large and small. We will again hear the choir sing and the organ play. Children will chatter and scamper around. We'll eat meals together in the parish hall and the parking lot. We'll sip (or chug) cold beverages while we belt out Gospel tunes with Monty at the PubSing.

We will meet in person once again as we study the Bible, as we teach and learn from each other, and as we dream and plan and strategize how best to leverage our plentiful assets to do God's work. We will grow in numbers and in spirit as we spread Christ's love all over the place.

I feel like we have all learned a lot about ourselves and our church during the past year. We've learned how resilient we are, both individually and collectively. We've learned how much we need each other. We have learned how to use Zoom, sort of. (Uh, Ben, you're muted.) We have learned that, despite our fears and doubts, God is always there for us, listening to our prayers and sending angels when we need them the most.

Yes, Spring is here again. The garden that is Grace Church is ready for planting. Amen!

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, 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
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, 1:00 PM	Rector & Lay Leadership Meeting	Zoom Meeting
Holy Saturday, April 3, 11:00 AM	Memorial Service in the Urban Garden	YouTube Channel
Holy Saturday, April 3, 8:00 PM	Easter Vigil	YouTube Channel
Sunday, April 4, 10:30 AM	Easter Day	YouTube Channel
Monday & Tuesday, April 5 & 6	Church Office Closed	
Monday, April 5, 4:30 PM	Outreach Meeting	Zoom Meeting
Tuesday, April 6-May 18, 5:30 PM	Easter Liberation Bible Study (details on p. 4)	Zoom Meeting
Wednesday, April 7, 5:00 PM	YMCA Mobile Market (all welcome)	Parking Lot / Foyer
Wednesday, April 14, 10:00 AM	TEAM Meeting	Zoom Meeting
Thursday, April 15, 5:30 PM	Endowment Committee Meeting	Zoom Meeting
Sunday, April 18-May 23, 9:00 AM	Adult Formation: Ever Doubted Your Faith?	Zoom Meeting
Monday, April 19, 5:30 PM	Vestry Meeting	Zoom Meeting
Monday, April 26, 4:30 PM	Outreach Discernment Committee Meeting	Zoom Meeting
	* BULLETIN AVAILABLE	Grace Website

Holy Week Preparation and Worship Continues



Services for Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday are accessible through the Grace Church Asheville YouTube Channel, found at tinyurl.com/GraceUTvideos. For this link and for bulletins, go to www.graceavl.com and click on the appropriate link near the top of the page.

Holy Saturday: April 3

- ♦ “Flowering the Cross” is a time-honored tradition at Grace. The flower guild invites everyone to bring flowers on April 3 to help decorate the floral cross, which will be outside the front doors all day. If you don’t have blooms of your own, flowers will be provided.
- ♦ Urban Garden Memorial Service: 11:00 a.m. in the Urban Garden for family and close friends of loved ones interred there. Face masks and social distancing will be required. The service will be aired later on YouTube.
- ♦ The Great Vigil: 8:00 p.m. The service will be aired on YouTube.

Easter Sunday: April 4, 10:30 a.m. The service will be aired on YouTube. A Tabernacle Group is also being invited to attend at the church.



Remember, the church office will be closed Monday and Tuesday, April 5-6.

Easter blessings to all!

The Season of Eastertide and Liberation Theology



EASTER LIBERATION BIBLE STUDY. Tuesdays, April 6-May 18, 5:30-7:00 p.m., you are invited to discover “Liberation Theology” with Rev. Milly and a host of community leaders.

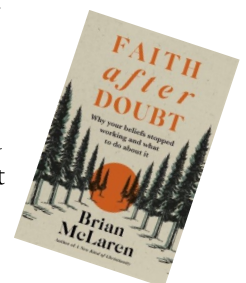
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Liberation Theology is a theology grounded in the insight that God sides with the poor and marginalized throughout scripture. Join the people of Grace Church to learn more.

With the guidance of community leaders like [Tami Forte Logan](#), [Amy Cantrell](#), [Bruce Waller Jr.](#), [Nontombi Tutu](#), [Amy Kim Kyremes-Parks](#) and others, we will break down the various voices of Liberation Theology during the season of Eastertide. Reading together, we can discover how Liberation Theology can inform us in preparation for Pentecost and the birth of the Church. Registration is required to attend any or all of these classes at <https://tinyurl.com/EasterBST>.

New Adult Spiritual Formation Class Beginning!

EVER DOUBTED YOUR FAITH? Believe it or not, that's a good sign! It means your faith is likely growing. Paul Tillich, the famous 20th century theologian, wrote, "Doubt isn't the opposite of faith; it is an element of faith....Sometimes I think it is my mission to bring faith to the faithless, and doubt to the faithful." Join the Rev. Dr. Sydnor Thompson on Sundays, April 18-May 23, 9:00 a.m. on Zoom to discuss Brian McLaren's latest book, *Faith After Doubt: Why your beliefs stopped working and what to do about it*. You'll get much more from the class if you order the book in advance (available on Amazon). We will be looking at the first three chapters on April 18: Doubt as Loss; Doubt as Loneliness; and Doubt as Crisis. Sydnor is husband to long time church member Kelly Thompson. He served 38 years as a minister in the United Methodist Church, attended Richard Rohr's Living School, and recently received the Certificate in Spiritual Direction from The Haden Institute in Hendersonville, NC.



Parish News, Updates & Reminders



SOUL STIRRING WITH REV. BILL AND REV. MILLY. The Bible is meant to inspire, convict, inform and direct. The Bible is personal and communal. Understanding Scripture is hard enough; sometimes living it out in this world can feel next to impossible.

When Bill and I began our living together as a married couple, our kids made fun of us for “arguing” about Scripture and theology while making dinner. But for us, as a couple, and a couple of pastors, at that, discussing the Bible while cooking and listening to music is what inspires our love and our living.

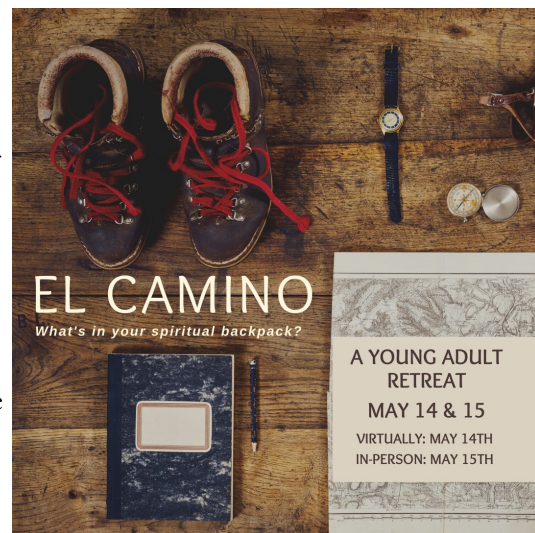
So, we are bringing our cooking, Bible discussions, and music choices to you in a series of “Soul-Stirring” videos. Every week or so, Bill and I will send out a short video offering our take on the upcoming lectionary Scripture readings while we make dinner in our kitchen. Along with Scripture, we will share with you the recipe for the meal we are making that evening, a soul-stirring song that has the power to lift us up, and a few questions that you can reflect on with those you love.

We hope, through these informal videos, you find inspiration for living better, loving well, knowing the Bible, and knowing those you love more deeply. Go to <http://tinyurl.com/GraceUTvideos> for past and future Soul Stirring episodes.

CHILDREN OF GRACE, ARE YOU READY FOR CAMP HENRY? As of now, Camp Henry will be in session this summer! Parents, ECW scholarships in the amount of \$235 per child are available (until funds are depleted) to help children of Grace attend. For details, please email Cheryl Aull at ckaul@charter.net. For more information about Camp Henry sessions and how they are addressing concerns related to COVID, please visit their web site <https://www.lakelogan.org/camphenry/>



EL CAMINO: THE ROAD TO EMMAUS / A YOUNG ADULT RETREAT, May 14 on Zoom, May 15 in person at Lake Logan. Young Adulthood (college age - late 20s) is often a time of trying on new experiences, recognizing inherited gifts & skills, and seeking out new tools to brave the wilderness of adulthood. Many questions emerge during this time of life: Who am I? How do I make sense of society? What am I called to do with my life? Where is God in all of this? In this spirit, our theme is “El Camino” to honor the journey of young adulthood. We are curious to ask: as you prepare for this journey, or are on the journey already, what is in your backpack? We will use the story of the Road to Emmaus as our framework as we explore these questions and the tools needed for the journey. The hope is that community will be built in dialogue & reflecting together, and participants will leave refreshed with a better sense of what is in their backpack & wellness practices for the journey. Learn more at <https://www.diocesewnc.org/events-1/el-camino-a-young-adult-retreat>



A THANK YOU NOTE FROM BELOVED ASHEVILLE. “Dear Grace Episcopal Family, Beloved Asheville believes that community is a key solution to some of the toughest challenges we face: racism, homelessness, housing and food insecurity, poverty and poor health. ... We could not be more grateful for your support and partnership in this work! Your kind support of our Winter Kit Program made a real difference! The love you’ve shown in this concrete manner helped us help community members to survive and thrive!”

(People of Grace, your pledges made it possible for Grace Outreach to make a donation of the money needed to purchase ten Winter Survival Kits for people in our community being served by Beloved Asheville. Thank you, from the Grace Outreach Ministry.)

ORDER OF ST. LUKE CONTINUES VIA ZOOM! The OSL Mountain Chapter will meet via Zoom on Thursday, April 8. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m., end no later than 8:30 p.m., and will continue their program series, “Fundamentals for Receiving and Praying for Physical Healing.” The focus will be on the second fundamental: “Believe You Are Loved.” A DVD about the healing journey of a man who suffered chronic pain from fibromyalgia will be viewed and discussed. Your participation is welcome. One does not have to be an OSL member to take part. If you 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.



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 call Rev. Milly at 828.772.1429 or email the Pastoral Care team at Pastoral-care4grace@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.



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If you have questions, ideas or comments about a ministry or if you would like to learn more and get involved, please contact that ministry's leader directly. They would love to hear from you.

Grace Outreach: What Can I Do?

Quarantined, what can I do to be the hands, feet and eyes of Christ in a suffering world? Too old, too busy, too burdened with my own problems, how can I advocate for those who struggle every day to find shelter, put food on the table, provide for their families? Just one individual in the midst of so many in crisis, what can I do to make a difference—right here, right now?

The Grace Church outreach committee is working for you right here, right now on projects and activities that will help and advocate for safe and affordable housing; for enough food for everyone; for affordable and adequate healthcare; for sanctuary for those living in fear; and for respect and equity for all.

Below, find some information and suggestions that might offer guidance.

You can do this!

LEARN MORE ABOUT LIBERATION THEOLOGY! Tuesdays, April 6-May 18, 5:30-7:00 p.m., Rev. Milly and an all-star cast of community leaders invite you to discover “Liberation Theology.”

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LITERACY TOGETHER SEEKS VOLUNTEER TUTORS. Literacy Together (formerly Literacy Council of Buncombe County) has a determined group of students waiting for volunteer tutors so they can move forward on their goals for a better future. Tutor training is via distance learning, and all tutoring sessions can be online. If you are vaccinated and would like to tutor in person, we are beginning to offer that option, too. We have programs teaching English to immigrants; adult literacy for folks working on a GED; and youth literacy for kids struggling to learn to read. We have two volunteer

orientation meetings coming up: Tuesday, April 6, 5:00 p.m. and Thursday, April 8, 10:00 a.m. Sign up to volunteer at <https://lit-together.org/volunteer-roles/become-a-volunteer/> or send an email to laura@lit-together.org.

TINY HOME VILLAGE VISIT RESCHEDULED FOR APRIL 18. The idea for the Beloved Village was born as a new, innovative approach to creating deeply affordable housing where social connections and equity lead to better health, more opportunities and long-term stability. Beloved Asheville’s plan is to build a dozen 440-640 square foot micro homes on land in East Asheville as the first of many villages. They have completed their model home and members of Grace Church have a special opportunity to visit on Sunday, April 18. We will meet in the Grace parking lot at 1:00 p.m. and caravan to the site. Social distancing and masks are required. Make plans now to come see the “new face” of deeply affordable housing.



CONNECTED IN CRISIS. TAKE ACTION NOW. No North Carolinian deserves to have their power cut off during a crisis! Duke University has proven through grounded research that moratoriums on electricity shut-offs for people who cannot pay their utility bills, allowing people to remain in their homes with electricity and heat, slows the spread of illness, including COVID 19. Please pray that we continue to protect the most impacted by this pandemic economy and take a minute to ask our Governor to continue to slow the spread of COVID with a continued moratorium on shutting off people's electricity for inability to pay bills. You can take action now at Connected In Crisis, connectedincrisisnc.com.

SUPPORT GUN REFORM TO STRENGTHEN AND EXPAND BACKGROUND CHECKS. The Episcopal Church’s Office of Government Relations takes positions and offers opportunities for action on many current issues, including gun reform to strengthen and expand background checks. We have once again seen mass shootings take the lives of

Americans. Learn more about the stance of our Church and how you can make your voice heard on this and

other issues by visiting <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/office-government-relations/action-alerts/>



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.



Andrew, Sarah, Miles and Kendall Beasley

THE BEASLEY FAMILY steps in when help is needed. From the Christmas Paper Bag Pageant and Sunday School Open House to unloading pumpkins for the Pumpkin Patch, the Beasleys have been a special part of life at Grace. Andrew introduced Bishop Currie's "Love Is the Way" with an adult Sunday school class. Sarah, with her quiet warmth, has lent a hand many times in the Atria. And of course, the Beasley family isn't complete without lovely, inquisitive, humorous, and sometimes shy Miles and Kendall. As a family, they have made communion bread for Sunday worship and pretzels during Lent. We are so blessed to have the Beasleys as a part of our Grace family.

"The Beasleys are such a delightful family. ... Andrew, Sarah, Miles, and Kendall are reliable pillars of our Grace Community. ... Very heartwarming to see the whole family's interactions."

Mark Silvers



Scott, Catherine, Lucy and Alice McKenzie

THE MCKENZIE FAMILY has deep roots at Grace Church. Scott was baptized at Grace as an infant, confirmed in his youth and always enjoyed participating in EYC and Camp Henty. The family moved back to north Asheville and reconnected with Grace after nearly twenty years, and Scott currently serves on the Vestry. Scott, a realtor, and Catherine, an educator, were married at St. James in Black Mountain and are the parents of two beautiful daughters, Lucy and Alice. The McKenzies love hiking, snow skiing, camping, rock-climbing and are vintage Land Rover enthusiasts (just ask Lucy and Alice about "Landy" and "Fender").

"Always great spending time with the McKenzies. Just great friends who leave you with an infectious warm feeling. They are the kind of family you want to invite over for a bar-b-que or go on an adventure with!"

Barrett McFatter and Anna Grace



Laura, Tsz-Yan and Roger (not pictured) Snyder

THE SNYDER FAMILY has long been a part of Grace Church. Laura has a medical background and Roger is a wheelchair technician providing special equipment and mobility devices throughout WNC. They are the parents to three, Corey, Hannah, and Tsz-yan. Corey, who unfortunately passed away unexpectedly at the age of 27, was on the verge of becoming a licensed electrician and had grown into a man his parents were extremely proud of. Hannah was precious, mischievous, and had a smile that could light up a room. She was born with complex medical conditions and lived a courageous life until she entered her eternal home at three.

Laura and Roger, knowing they had more love to give, adopted Tsz-yan from Korea at the age of 3 ½. Tsz-yan, now 20 years old, loves to attend church with her mom. In spite of complex medical conditions, she is a determined young woman who, prior to the quarantine, was on an award-winning cheer team.

"Laura, Roger and their children, both in memory and present, are part of the fabric that unites us as people of Grace."

Cheryl Deyton

Our Prayer List

April

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

For Parishioners: Pat Anderson; Georgi Bruce; Chris Carson; Nancy Clark; Sally Coburn; Dorothy Engel; Eunice Ferguson; Marzy Israel; Don & Ann Lewis; Sonny Rawls; Laura & Tsz-yan Snyder; Rita Spragg; Sydnor Thompson; Mickey Trinite; Don Wills.

For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities: Henny Caldwell; Bobbie Eblen; Ed Denison, Straudia Luedtke; 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) Wesley Auret (godson of Elaine Potter); Becky Blaylock (friend of Kathleen Griffin); Cathy C. (friend of Don Wills); Kari & Dave Chadwell (niece & nephew of Pat & George Davis); The Champion Family; José Corral (friend of Lorie Tola); Wendy Davis (friend of Eunice Ferguson); Austin Drum (brother of Nancy Clark); Melinda Franks (sister of Becky Smith); Robin Fulk (niece of Charlotte & Travers Chiott); Walt Justis (friend of Don Wills); Jenna Keener (friend of Sonny Rawls); Angela and Tony Lewis (friends of Dodie King); Veronica Litun (mother of Valerie Heavens); Gary Mills (friend of Pat Davis); Jim Rainey (friend of Cliff Albertson); Dan & Debbie Thomas (friends of James Cannon); Dr. Gloria Trujillo (friend of Don Wills); Marilyn White (friend of Elaine Potter); Fred and Wilma Wilson (parents of Debbie Jones); Kate (friend of Kathleen Griffin); Shango (friend of Kathleen Griffin); Teachers and Parents trying to maintain an educational environment; Pauline Smith Wills & family (family of Don Wills); Ron Wills (nephew of Don Wills); Cathy Winks (friend of Don Wills).

For Those Who Have Died and their Families: Penelope Louise Reese Carscaddon (sister of Rev. Bob Reese & Rev. Dn. Jeannette Reese); Walt Deyton (father of Cheryl Deyton); Bob Lewis (friend of Sonny Rawls); Bobby Lovin (father of Vicki Vest); Rita Lyda; Judith Rice Rothschild, Clay Davidson, Heinz Freese and Pat Dusoier (friends of Don Wills).

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 Louise Reese Carscaddon (sister of Rev. Bob Reese & Rev. Dn. Jeannette Reese); Walt Deyton (father of Cheryl Deyton); Bob Lewis (friend of Sonny Rawls); Bobby Lovin (father of Vicki Vest); Rita Lyda; Judith Rice Rothschild, Clay Davidson, Heinz Freese and Pat Dusoier (friends of Don Wills).

April Anniversaries

Doug and Carole McClellan	16
Robert and Molly Oxford	21
Anna Grace and Barrett McFatter	22
Louise Cate and Tom Wernicke	25
Kelly and Sydnor Thompson III	25
Mike and Judy Bohan	26
Milly Morrow and Bill Buchanan	28

April Birthdays

Hobart Whitman	2	Shannon Ponce	16
Tessa Path	2	Nancy Porter	17
Mathes Mennell	2	Barbara Wilcox	18
Lorraine Chambers	4	Hans Van Vonno	19
Nancy Clark	4	Matthew Carlin	20
Ben Scales	5	Caroline Hamrick Snead	22
Larry Hall	7	Laura Dover	24
Cliff Albertson	7	Amanda Edwards	24
Jade Cress	7	Phil Carlin	25
Chris Thompson	9	Tom Bell	26
Travers Chiott	11	Nicole Racine	26
Watson Jordan	11	Sharon Rains	27
Kathie Engelbrecht	12	Julie Cooley	28
Rusty Herman	13	Alison Schaefer	29
Guy Wrenn	15	The Rev. Gary Coffey	30

Special Gifts

The hot cross buns were given to the Glory of God by the Rev. Jane Smith in memory of Marguerite Alexander.

The Aumbry Candle is given to the Glory of God by Pat and Nancy Walters in memory of all 1/.27 Wolfhounds KIA in RVN; and by Richard Jacobs and Hannah Pennel in loving memory of Janice Ribet.

On Maundy Thursday, the flowers are given to the Glory of God by Ed Duncan in memory of Helen Powers.

The Altar Guild and Flower Guild appreciate the memorials and thanksgiving donations made by parishioners for Eastertide. Thank you for your part in making our church more beautiful for the Holy Season.

April flowers are also given to the Glory of God by:

- ♦ Rick and Kim Hayes in thanksgiving for their daughter and son-in-law, Rachael and Greg, and their grandchildren, Kael and Lydia;
- ♦ Kristen Dusenbery in memory of her mother and father, the Rev. Donald and Rhoda Larsen;
- ♦ Teresa Cantrell in loving memory of her husband Cecil Cantrell.



Join us in a prayer of gratitude to our Altar and Flower Guild members, working behind the scenes to ensure we have all we need for our altar and to embellish and beautify our services and sanctuary.



*Happy 100th Birthday
Henny Caldwell*

Pledged Income To-Date Less than Last Year

Statement of Activities - Grace Church				
Year to Date - February 2021				
		Actual	Budget	Variance
Income:				
	Pledges	64,132	53,148	10,984
	Open Offering	2,761	3,333	(572)
	Building Income	1,316	1,816	(500)
	Administrative and Other Income	29,914	5,130	24,784
	Total Income:	98,123	63,427	34,696
Expenses:				
	Administrative	709	4,333	(3,624)
	Outreach/Mission	7,208	9,208	(2,000)
	Parish Programs	554	1,612	(1,058)
	Operations	7,901	13,932	(6,031)
	Personnel	38,261	38,612	(351)
	Total Expenses:	54,633	67,697	(13,064)
Income Less Expenses:		43,490	(4,270)	47,760
	some variance due to rounding			

After two months of 2021, we have received Pledged Income of \$64,132. Income from all sources totaled \$98,122, largely as a result of carryover of end of year 2020 operating surplus. Pledged income tends to be higher at the beginning of the year due to prepaid pledges. The amount is somewhat less than last year's Pledged Income at this time.

Mission, Operational, Program, and Personnel expenses at the end of February 2021 totaled \$54,633 and were \$13,064 less than those forecast in the budget adopted by the Vestry. This difference is due to expenses less than the amount budgeted in all but Personnel, as the lock-down continues.

The approved budget includes a deficit of \$25,619, and the vestry is hopeful that this will be reduced as the year progresses. As programs and offerings expand, we anticipate greater participation and involvement in both the spiritual and financial life of the Parish. In the event that our optimism isn't rewarded, we do have sufficient reserves to adequately cover this possible shortfall.

Upcoming Endowment Committee Meeting

Hello, Fellow Parishioners and Happy Spring Season. Your Endowment Committee has scheduled a quarterly ZOOM 'virtual' meeting for Tuesday, April 15, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. Committee members Anne Jarema, Larry Harris, John Chastain, Gael Paschall and Steve Birkhofer welcome any interested parishioners who would like to be in attendance. If interested, please notify me in advance of your interest to attend. The Committee's agenda will likely include:

- ♦ Market and investment performance discussion and review of new contributions.
- ♦ Review of the minutes from the January 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 the allowable and required uses of the endowment funds.
- ♦ Continued discussion regarding a re-energized Planned Giving program. Planning has been on hold due to COVID 19 restrictions.

Peace to All,

Steve Birkhofer & Fellow Endowment Committee Members