



the Grace TEAM

to each a ministry

June 2021

A Message from Rev. Milly

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Sunday Worship

10:30 a.m. - Rite II

In-person with masks and

Virtual on YouTube

Gospel Bible Study

Mondays, 10:30 a.m.

Live-Streamed

Centering Prayer

Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m.

Zoom

Spiritual Direction Sessions

Wednesdays, 1-3:00 p.m.

Appointment required

On-Line Access. Go to

www.graceavl.com and look for links near the top of the page to most of our online services and bulletins and access to parish-wide Zoom meetings. For some Zoom meetings, reference the email invitation you may have received from the meeting Host.

100% Yes!

Dear Good People of Grace,

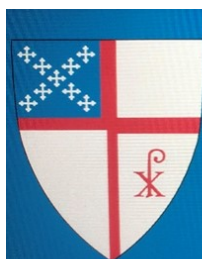
100% Yes! This is what I felt when the outreach discernment committee (Kim Hayes, Mathes Mennell, Katherine Kaderabek and Larry and Lucy Bowen) first spoke the new [mission statement for outreach](#) at Grace.

what we call the Lord's Prayer: "on Earth, as in Heaven."

100% Yes! - for this mission statement. 100% Yes! - because it will take 100% of us to make this mission statement a reality at Grace, on earth.

100% of us have gifts of the Spirit

to share with Grace in our goal to build the kingdom of heaven here on earth. Not one of us is void of gifts to offer this com-



Together, with God's help, Grace Church is building the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.

100% Yes! This is what we are called to do. Together with God's help, Grace Church is building the kingdom of heaven here on earth:

Together because no one can do it alone.

With God because that is who we are called to collaborate with in all we do.

Help because, I mean, who doesn't need help when you want to love your neighbor well?

Building because being a Christian is work, and our Lord began as a carpenter.

The Kingdom of Heaven because this is what Jesus came to bring us, in abundance.

On Earth because this is what Jesus taught his disciples when he prayed

community in the service of God and each other. And now that we are in this season of Pentecost, when the mighty winds ushered in the Spirit and when the Church was born, 100% Yes! this is our time to receive the gifts you have to offer.

And 100% Yes! - because Bishop José has given us the green light to open our doors wide once again and come back to Grace at 100% capacity beginning June 6! Starting June 6, we will meet in-person, in the church, and all are welcome. 100%, Yes!

We will continue to wear masks and be mindful of social cues and people's personal space. (Frankly, always a good idea). We will not bring back the common cup yet and the Peace can be shared with your neighbors thoughtfully

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and respectfully. We will continue to have live-streamed services each Sunday for those not quite ready, or at least not 100% ready, to come back together.

Each of us will respond differently to this news. Some will be thrilled, others anxious, a few may be worried that it's too soon, others have been biting at the bit for months. No matter where you find yourself now, it is ok to feel what you feel and to come back to church as you see fit and as you are able. If you want to discuss the Bishop's decision or our Vestry's support of 100% opening up, please call me any weekday, 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m., 828-772-1429. The Bishop's statement is below.

Whether you choose to come back to church June 6 or wait until you feel 100% ready, know that you are a part of this particular body of Christ we call Grace - 100% Yes! And you are needed to make this mission a reality in Asheville, in Western North Carolina and in the world.

So, 100% Yes! I can't wait to be with you all, in liturgy and in service.

Peace,
Rev. Milly

*Click the image to view a Memorial Day
Prayer & some exciting news from Rev. Milly.*

100% Yes!



From Our Bishop

May 23, 2021



Dear Friends in Christ,

Two weeks ago, the CDC set out updated guidelines, based on significant scientific study, that lessened the safety restrictions for those who are vaccinated against the Covid-19 virus. Governor Cooper followed suit and provided similar guidelines for the State of North Carolina. With few exceptions, fully vaccinated people no longer need to wear masks or maintain physical distance outdoors or indoors. Those few exceptions do not include churches.

I am encouraged by the good news that fully vaccinated adults are protected from severe disease or hospitalization as well as from current Covid-19 variants. Under certain situations, I look forward to being outdoors and in public settings without my mask and the opportunity to greet other vaccinated individuals with an embrace.

However, there are several other factors that I am cognizant of:

- ◆ many of our young people have only recently been given access to the vaccine.
- ◆ there are still many in our region who are isolated because they have a compromised immune system or respiratory concerns.
- ◆ the metrics in North Carolina (NCDHHS) show that as of May 21, 2021, 52.2% of the adult population has received at least one dose and we have a daily percent positive rate of 4.3%.
- ◆ The Episcopal Church motto is "All are Welcome." We are called to welcome the stranger among us, especially those on the margins. I will not create a two-tier system of how people participate at worship based on vaccination status. Therefore, masks will be required during indoor worship.

As such, I am providing updated guidelines that take all of this into account. These guidelines go into effect June 6, 2021. Clergy and Vestries are welcome to implement more conservative policies and practices that fit their local parish and county context. My hope is that when more of the general population is vaccinated and there are even lower overall transmission and hospitalization rates, we can lift the remaining restrictions, always barring unforeseen setbacks. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wRt2who_y8g&authuser=0

Overall, I encourage the following:

1. Please consider hosting as many church-related gatherings outside as often as possible as we work our way toward greater immunity.
2. Please continue to provide masks and hand sanitizer at all gatherings.
3. Please encourage everyone in your communities to get vaccinated so that we can ease the remaining public health mandates.

Finally, I remain grateful for all that you are doing to further the mission and ministry of Jesus in Western North Carolina.

Faithfully,
The Rt. Rev. José A. McLoughlin

Work Progressing! Take a Look!

Doug McClellan



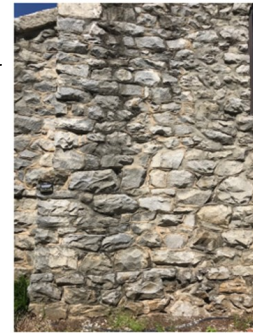
WORK STARTED ON THE WEST GABLE; CROSS SUCCESSFULLY REMOVED. The stone caps on the west gable have been removed and set aside. Also, the cross on the peak was found to be originally carved into two pieces; it too was successfully removed and set aside. An access “path” is being built as well on the west side of the church to avoid the unstable soils present, and to safely facilitate the completion of capstone replacement in that area. The lawn will be reestablished at the completion of the work.

PROPER SEALANT SELECTED FOR STONEWORK. The sealant in the right illustration is shown

in context in the left photo. It’s a darker-colored sealant that was approved for all areas in contact with stone. The sealant will be used where flashings meet stone and in stone-to-stone joints. Also, the sealant appears lighter in direct sunlight, but is practically invisible in large elevations, and in corners and shadows.

GUTTERS BEING REPLACED AND RAFTER TAILS BEING

PAINTED. Existing gutters are being removed and the ends of the supportive rafter tails are getting a fresh coat of paint. New gutters will be installed where roof replacement is complete. Also, copper fasteners will be used where there is contact with the copper flashings, and shingle nails that penetrate copper below will be also be copper or stainless steel.



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 of stocks, bonds, etc., please consult your financial advisor first, so that you can increase your contribution plus realize all the tax advantages available to you.

PENTECOST SUNDAY LAWN PARTY AND ROOF TOUR. Take a look at this wonderful, long-awaited gathering of the Grace Church family following worship on Pentecost Sunday. Lunch was courtesy of the Men of the Church, entertainment was provided by the PubSing Band, we received a report on our new roof from Jr. Warden Jim Compton and indeed, the Holy Spirit was a part of it all!



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

From Our Sr. Warden

Happy Pentecost from your Senior Warden!

As we start seeing the light at the end of the COVID tunnel, we start to think about how we will regather as a congregation at Grace. The Bishop is in the process of determining how and when we will be allowed to regather, and we look forward to receiving his direction.

In the meantime, we as individuals need to consider how we will approach the issue. Many of us are fully vaccinated, but some of us are not. Some of us feel comfortable not wearing a mask, while others of us do not. Some of us are at high risk of severe illness from COVID, but all of us, even those of us who are vaccinated could still catch the disease and maybe spread it to others.

In other words, we're still living in a world of risk, and we probably will be for quite some time. But risk itself is nothing new. And throughout it all, our church's mission remains the same, even though the execution of that mission has looked different during the pandemic, and it will likely continue to be different after the pandemic has subsided.

This crisis has been an opportunity to revitalize our mission for a post-COVID world. God is inviting us into something new. We need to make sure we do not carry over from the pre-COVID world anything that would hinder us from our mission, or else the disruption for the church will be longer lasting than the pandemic itself.

For that reason, I think our challenge will be to not just hope for a return to the way things were before the pandemic, but to put into practice lessons learned during the pandemic. For example, how do we maintain connection with each other outside of the ways we traditionally gather? How do we include others into our community? How do we use our imagination and innovation to oil the hinge, so we do not become rusty and lose our usefulness for the mission?

As if it needed further validation, this pandemic has confirmed that worship is essential to our lives, identities and well-being as followers of Jesus Christ. It is every bit as important to our survival as managing our health, getting vaccinated or wearing a mask. Now that we'll soon be worshipping together again, let us seize the opportunity to increase our capacity to listen, imagine and lead. Amen.



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Events at a Glance

A Quick Review of the Month

Date and Time	Service, Meeting or Activity	Location
Sundays, 10:30 AM	Sunday Holy Eucharist Service *	YouTube & In-Person
Sundays Following Worship	Virtual Coffee Hour	Zoom Meeting
Mondays, 10:30 AM	Monday Morning Bible Study	Zoom Meeting
Mondays, 4:30 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 (2nd & last), 10:30 AM	Rector & Lay Leadership Meeting	Zoom Meeting
Monday, June 7, 4:30 PM	Outreach Committee Meeting	Zoom Meeting
Wednesday, June 9, 10:00 AM	TEAM Meeting	Zoom Meeting
Monday, June 21, 5:30 PM	Vestry Meeting	Zoom Meeting
Monday, June 28, 4:30 PM	Outreach Discernment Committee Meeting	Zoom Meeting
	* BULLETIN AVAILABLE	Grace Website



OUR HEALING TEAM IS BACK. Joyfully, our healing team will join our worshippers as we gather on June 6 in the presence of our whole congregation. Rev. Milly has sanctioned the reorganization of our healing group now that we have been approved by our bishop for total attendance. We look forward to being channels of healing for you as we pray together.

COMPLINE IS TAKING A SUMMER BREAK. Thank you to Bill and Becky Smith, Cliff Albertson and Anne Jarema, Pat and Nancy Walters, Sydnor and Kelly Thompson, Jim and Elise Cassarino, Elaine, William and Nate Potter, and James Cannon for providing a comfortable, peaceful way to connect and prepare for the night with prayer. As this wonderful team takes a little time off this summer, please remember there is a whole summer's worth of Complines already on Facebook that you can go back to and enjoy at your leisure.



Parish News, Updates & Reminders

PENTECOST WORSHIP. Wonderful worship! We thought you would enjoy some photos:



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. Often, the best discussions take place in the kitchen!

Bill and Milly are bringing their cooking, Bible discussions, and music choices to you in a series of “Soul-Stirring” videos offering their take on the upcoming lectionary Scripture readings while they make dinner in their kitchen. Along with Scripture, they will share with you the recipe for the meal they are making that evening, a soul-stirring song that has the power to lift everyone up, and a few questions that you can reflect on with those you love.

Hopefully, through these informal videos, you will 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/>



THE ORDER OF ST. LUKE TAKES A SUMMER HIATUS. The OSL Mountain Chapter will resume meetings in August. Have a wonderful summer and be watching for details.

Parish News, Updates & Reminders *(continued)*



WELCOME TO GRACE'S PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY TEAM! The Pastoral Care Team at Grace has taken shape under Rev Milly's guidance. Our Mission Statement sets the stage for our ministry: "To make the compassionate presence of Christ known through intentional connection and through the physical and spiritual care of those in need," and we accomplish this mission by meeting weekly to pray for the needs of our community and by reaching out to connect and care for our church members and their loved ones in need. We are a small but powerful prayer team and welcome you to connect with our parish family through prayer and calls. You can reach the Pastoral Care Team by calling the church office or emailing pastoralcare4grace@gmail.com. We appreciate information that helps us understand the specific nature of your needs, and know that any information you share with us privately will be held in strictest confidence.

Team members include: Lorie Tola, Pat Davis, James Cannon, Cliff Albertson and Sydnor Thompson. Complimenting our team is Chal Vaughn who mails anniversary cards, Kathleen Griffin who mails get well and sympathy cards and Nancy Porter who makes all of our birthday phone calls.

Please let Rev Milly or Lorie Tola know if you have any questions or an interest in joining this rewarding ministry.

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 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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Seeking new organizer; contact Rev. Milly with interest

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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?

What can I do to be the hands, feet, eyes and voice 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 team is working right here, right now to share with you 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. As you can see in the reports below, whenever you respond, your help and involvement touches lives.

You can do this!

THANK YOU, PEOPLE OF GRACE! As you have probably already read or heard, unsheltered people in the Asheville area have been temporarily moved from campsites into local hotels.

Every effort is being made to meet the needs of these brothers and sisters including calls to local faith communities for assistance. When Grace Church was contacted, word went out to parishioners about a need for hygiene products, paper dinnerware and plastic eating utensils. Response was immediate and so very generous. Load after load has been delivered.

Thank you once again, people of Grace! Your generosity and loving hearts reflect God's call for us to love and care for one another. You are our mission and vision in action!

In addition to these gifts, a Grace cook team is planning to provide two weekend meals for residents, one on June 13 and one on June 27. This is a great opportunity to build relationships and interact with a part of our community often overlooked. If you are interested in participating, please contact Katherine Kaderabek, katherine@beverlyhanks.com.

THANK YOU, ECW! Grace Episcopal Church was able to help several people get established in a home with donations from our storage house. Since the annual ECW Rummage Sale was cancelled last year due to COVID, a lot of items were being stored. ECW, at their Fall meeting, decided to offer Homeward Bound anything we have that could be used to help people set up housekeeping.



On May 6, Cheryl Aull and Lucy Bowen met the Homeward Bound truck, with two of their staff, to see what might be useful for them. We learned that people are mainly settling in studio/efficiency type settings, so their needs are for smaller furniture items. We were able to provide them with several small chests of drawers, bedside tables, small tables (some with chairs), lamps, and kitchen items such as small appliances, linens, bowls, glasses, vases, and baskets. They were very pleased with what we had, and said it would all be put to good use.

COOK TEAMS FOR TRANSFORMATION VILLAGE. Ministries evolve. It's time to look at the role Grace cook teams (that once provided monthly meals for residents at ABCCM's Steadfast House) can take on now that everyone is relocated in the wonderful new Transformation Village facility. There are a number of options for continuing this ministry in a new setting.

If you have an interest in joining this process of adapting and re-envisioning, contact Cheryl Deyton for details at cherylpersonaldeyton@gmail.com. Also, be watching for the upcoming date and time of a planning meeting. This is an opportunity to serve, to build relationships and to engage entire families in doing a good thing. Details coming!

A NEW MISSION STATEMENT AND VISION STATEMENT FOR GRACE OUTREACH. As the Outreach team at Grace continues to prayerfully discern the direction God wants our Grace Church family to take in caring for the needs of our sisters and brothers in this community and around the world, we sought to put into new words our mission and our vision:

Our Mission Statement

Together, with God's help, outreach at Grace Church is building the kingdom of heaven on earth.

Our Vision Statement

We at Grace Church collaborate in realizing the kingdom of heaven on earth through seeking and serving Christ in all persons, respecting the dignity of every human, and striving for social justice and peace.

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.

In early American life, Roof Raisings on barn structures or homes was a common occurrence because it took many hands and differing skills to get the job done. At Grace, we have been so fortunate to have such skilled members of our community helping to raise our roof! We all know we have a gift to bring to this community and these members have brought their gifts to us with great results. We thank you all for your contributions, and we thank this group for the skills they have each brought to our collective Roof Raising here at Grace!



JIM COMPTON, as our Junior Warden, has been serving as a liaison between our architect, our contractor and the congregation. He, in collaboration with Doug McClellan, keeps us all up-to-date.



ANNE JAREMA, our Treasurer, stays focused on identifying and accessing available funding for the roof project. Her information sheet, "How and What to Give" is now in the hands of the parish and has simplified giving.



DOUG MCCLELLAN has put his marketing skills to work communicating all things "Raise the Roof." The articles, videos and photos are all part of the communications plan Doug designed.



BEN SCALES, our Senior Warden, is perhaps best known as the guy who got all wet in the roof campaign kick-off video he and Rev. Milly co-created. Ben is also credited with securing a generous grant from the Preservation Society.



JACKIE SHAUER has brought her architectural skills into play by contracting with our architect for project management. She continues to consult with Jim and the team as construction progresses.



GREG TOWNSEND planted the seeds for our roof campaign during his tenure as Senior Warden and has watched it grow. Most recently, he word-smithed an application for an interest-free diocesan loan.

Our Prayer List

June

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: Cliff Albertson; Pat Anderson; Sally Coburn; Dorothy Engel; Eunice Ferguson; Rusty Herman; Marzy Israel; Don & Ann Lewis; Sonny Rawls; Laura & Tsz-yan Snyder; Rita Spragg; Sydnor Thompson; 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) Clemmie Ackermann (sister-in-law of Nancy Ackermann Cole); Wesley Auret (Godson of Elaine Potter); Becky Blaylock (friend of Kathleen Griffin); Susan Barbour and family (friend of Elaine Potter); Cathy C. (friend of Don Wills); Martha & Randy Carson; Kari & Dave Chadwell (niece & nephew of Pat & George Davis); Patricia D. (relative of Don Wills); Wendy Davis (friend of Eunice Ferguson); Melinda Franks (sister of Becky Smith); Robin Fulk (niece of Charlotte & Travers Chiott); Justis (friend of Don Wills); Tony Lewis (brother of Dodie King); Veronica Litun (mother of Valerie Heavens); Janie McDonald (friend of Elaine Potter); Gary Mills (friend of Pat Davis); Jerry Nelson (friend of Sonny Rawls); Janice Orson (friend of Rusty Herman); Susannah Perry (friend of Sonny Rawls); Ray & Nancy Sink (brother-in-law and sister of Jennifer Witt); Jayne Traylor (mother of John Chastain); Dr. Gloria Trujillo (friend of Don Wills); Marilyn White (friend of Elaine Potter); Dr. Terry Wilkey (brother-in-law of Diane Wilkey); Pauline Smith Wills & family (family of Don Wills); Ron Wills (nephew of Don Wills); Cathy Winks (friend of Don Wills); Carol (friend of Marzy Israel); Janis and George (sister and brother in law of Larry Bowen); Keith (friend of Marzy Israel); Lisa; Shango (friend of Kathleen Griffin); Teachers and Parents trying to maintain an educational environment.

For Those Who Have Died and their Families: Chris Carson (son of Randy and Martha Carson); Bill Frue (father of Jack Frue); Dan Thomas (husband of Debbie Thomas, a Taizé healing prayer minister).

For Those in Service to Our Country: Tommy & Danny Brown (grandsons of Ed & Marla Woeckener); Matthew George (son of Zoe Davis); Jason Marino (son of Lynda McCredie); Daniel Schultz (son of Judy Rhodes); Nancy Smith; Sarah Jane Wilkey (daughter of Diane & Tony Wilkey).

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 Chris Carson (son of Randy and Martha Carson); Bill Frue (father of Jack Frue); and Dan Thomas (husband of Debbie Thomas, a Taizé healing prayer minister)

June Anniversaries

Bill and Sue Dismukes	3
Robert and Cheri Potter	5
Garrett and Darragh Greene	6
Jane and Hobart Whitman	7
Mike and Katie Nery	8
Todd and Katherine Kaderabek	11
The Rev. Alex and Kippy Comfort	20
The Rev. Jim and Sharon Rains	21
Greg and Shannon Townsend	22
Bill and Becky Smith	23
Joe and Cheryl Aull	25
Sarah and Eric Wood	27
Charlie and Joyce Milling	28
Scott and Marcella Carter	28



Special Gifts

The Aumbry Candle is given to the Glory of God by the Grace Church Flower Guild in Thanksgiving for our loyal donors.

The flowers are given to the Glory of God:

- ♦ by Pat and George Davis in loving memory of their son Mike and daughter Kelli;
- ♦ by Bobbie Eblen in memory of her husband Joe and her daughter Margie;
- ♦ by the Israel Family in thanksgiving for fathers, grandfathers, and sons;
- ♦ by Louise Cate Wernicke in memory of her parents Louise Manget and Thomas M. Cate, and of her brother Thomas M. Cate, Jr.;
- ♦ in loving memory of Grace Walker, Phillip Alfred Walker, Sr. and Pete Walker, Jr. by their family.

June Birthdays

Bill Edwards	1	Georgia Hamrick Snead	14
Kendall Beasley	1	Hugh Vaughn	16
Harriette Oxford	1	Tony Wilkey	16
Emma Plank	2	Helen Dreger	16
Sophia Siemens	2	Sam Lyda	16
Miller Kaderabek	2	Elizabeth Turner	18
Steve Booth	3	Scott Brigman Carter	18
Heather Path	3	Joyce Milling	19
Levi Godfrey	3	Hayden Israel	21
Howard Dusenbery	4	Joan Aldrich	23
Zoe Davis	8	Christy Bennett	24
Matt Engelbrecht	8	Cathy Adkins	25
Sally Withers	8	Winnifred Greene	25
Sean Green	9	Allie Bowen	26
Courtney Booth	10	Darragh Greene	26
June Thorne	11	David Withers	27
Allyn Aldrich	11	Jenny Knapp	28
Chloe Lyda	12	Deb Pegel	29
Adaire Thompson	12	Mickey Trinite	29
Robert Townsend	14	Rebecca Alford	30



Thanks to Pat Davis and Jennifer Witt, our beautiful Sunday flowers keep on giving happiness throughout the week. Pat and Jennifer rearrange them into smaller vases and deliver them to area assisted living facilities and nursing homes. What a creative, caring way to reuse what we have!

Congratulations!



AERON SCALES, SON OF BEN AND CATE SCALES has graduated with honors from UNC Chapel Hill in three years. He'll be in Asheville this year and plans to apply for an internship with Pisgah Legal Services. He'll be taking the LSAT and applying to law schools with a focus on social justice reform. Ben and Cate are happy to have him home!

Here at Grace, we'd like to celebrate all our graduates. If you're the proud parent or grandparent of a 2021 graduate from high school, college, or seminary, send in the graduate's name, their relationship to you, where they're graduating from, future plans, and a photo. We'll give them a shout-out in the next issue of the "TEAM." We're proud of them, too!

Budget Report for April 2021

After four months of 2021, we have received Pledged Income of \$124,425, including prepayments for the year. Income from all sources totaled \$161,366, largely as a result of retained earnings from the prior year. The amount is somewhat less than last year's \$164,461 Income at this time.

Mission, Operational, Program, and Personnel expenses at the end of April 2021 totaled \$119,877, and was \$15,518 less than those forecasted in the budget adopted by the Vestry. This difference is due to expenses less than the amount budgeted in all but Personnel, as social distancing remains. Expenses are expected to increase as the church reopens.

The approved budget included 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, at present we do have sufficient reserves to adequately cover this possible shortfall.

The 2021 stewardship effort has provided \$315,540 of the \$385,000 goal. This amount is more pledged monies than had been received at this time last year. We anticipate this trend to continue as Grace attracts new members and we all look forward to reopening the church. We are prayerfully hopeful that this year will be a bountiful one as Grace grows.

Statement of Activities - Grace Church				
Year to Date - April 30, 2021				
		Actual	Budget	Variance
Income:				
	Pledges	124,085	106,297	17,788
	Open Offering	4,340	6,666	(2,326)
	Building Income	2,632	3,899	(1,267)
	Misc.	30,309	9,993	20,316
	Total Income:	161,367	126,855	34,512
Expenses:				
	Outreach/Mission	19,616	18,416	1,200
	Parish Programs	2,350	3,225	(875)
	Operations	17,698	27,865	(10,167)
	Personnel	79,461	85,891	(6,430)
	Total Expenses:	119,849	135,395	(15,546)
Income Less Expenses:		41,490	(8,540)	50,030
	* some rounding variances			



INTERESTED IN GOING SOLAR? At a recent meeting to learn more about the advantages of solarizing, our treasurer, Anne Jarema, learned a great deal and wanted to share her findings with parishioners. Solarize Asheville-Buncombe is a community-based group-purchasing program for solar energy, battery storage, and other clean energy technologies that helps homeowners, businesses and nonprofits become more resilient, reduce energy expenses, and save on the cost of renewable energy systems by obtaining volume discounts on materials and installation services — the more that participate, the greater the savings! Click here to learn more: <https://www.solarcrowdsource.com/campaign/asheville-buncombe-nc/>.