



## Grace Episcopal Church

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### The Grace TEAM

is published monthly.

Deadline for articles is the 15th.

### Sunday Worship

10:30 a.m. - Rite II

In-person with masks and

Virtual on YouTube

### Gospel Bible Study

Mondays, 10:30 a.m.

In-Person & Zoom

### Centering Prayer

Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m.

In-Person & Zoom

### Spiritual Direction Sessions

Wednesdays, 1-3:00 p.m.

Appointment required

### On-Line Access. Go to

[www.graceavl.com](http://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.

# the Grace TEAM

to each a ministry

July 2021

## A Message from Rev. Milly

Greetings Good People of Grace,

Here we are in the midst of summer and in what the church calls Ordinary Time. This time is called ordinary because it does not include any major Feast Days. And, yet the simple regathering of our church body feels to me to be the highest of feast days! The return of our choir, a major feast day! Hearing children in our church, hearing laughter and hugging you all and meeting many for the first time, MAJOR feast day. Welcoming new and rooted members, and looking you all in the eyes and offering you communion—for me, it has been the greatest of feasts. So thank you for joining me in the Feast Days of Re-Gathering at Grace.

And while we may be in ordinary times for the church calendar, we as a people, are in anything but ordinary times together. As the world watches closely the cases of Covid, and as we discuss the ways we will regather, we are all keenly aware of this precious and delicate moment in our common lives. I want to thank you for your patience and your support over these difficult months as we have been making decisions and listening to the council of our Bishop in moving back to full in-person church.

And I want to thank you for the way you have moved so graciously and faithfully back into our sacred space at Grace. Our services have been beautiful and full of love and energy. The Holy Spirit has been so fully present and felt. The liturgical ministries have been active and reforming. If you have interest in reading on Sundays, joining

our choir, being an Acolyte or serving on Altar Guild or Flower Guild, please do be in touch with me! We would love to add you to the team!

So, yes, this feels like Extra-Ordinary Times indeed! Grace's Outreach team and Pastoral Care team have been full on during these times and continue to grow in the Spirit and to produce such good fruit.

This month, we will also add another member to our Grace staff with a new Associate Priest (look for that announcement by mid-July)! I am looking forward to even greater capacity to serve you and with you, our church and our larger community, with this additional support and care at Grace.

So, thank you for living into our work together and for making these times anything but Ordinary. Now I am even more sure that God gifted me generously with this call to Grace Episcopal Church! And as we build the kingdom of heaven together with God, I give great thanks and my heart is indeed full.

Peace,

Rev. Milly



*Extra-Ordinary Time*

# Price Tag for Progress

*Doug McClellan*



## SUMMER MAKING US SWEAT AS CONTRIBUTIONS SLOW!

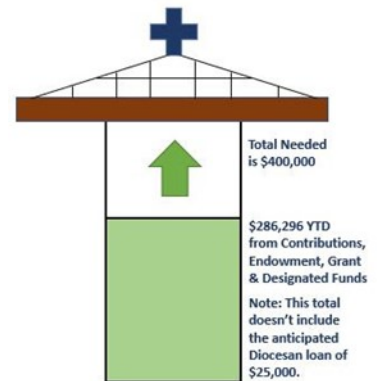
Construction is continuing at a steady pace for our new roof. Right now, shingles are being removed from the Sanctuary so that all necessary repairs and upgrades can be addressed and new shingles and materials can be installed.

Meanwhile, contributions from our parishioners are starting to take a vacation at a time when the invoices from the construction company are coming due.

The good news is that the Diocese favorably received a presentation from members of the Vestry for a \$25,000 loan, which is scheduled for review and approval at the end of this month. However,

the heat is still on for us to raise the rest of the funding for our new roof.

If you've already made your contribution for the new roof, bless you! Also, please know, if you cannot make all of your contribution right now, consider a weekly pledge. Can you see yourself pledging to contribute \$50-100/week for the rest of the year? Give online now at <https://www.graceavl.com/parish-life/giving/>. For special gifts of stock, bonds, etc., please consult your financial advisor first, so that you can increase your contribution plus realize all the tax advantages available to you.



# Our Ongoing Legacy

*Jr. Warden Jim Compton*

**STILL A LOT OF GOOD WORKS TO BE DONE.** Thinking about our "Raise the Roof" campaign put me in mind of something I read in "Windows of Grace," the story of our stained glass windows. The story goes that children collected pennies to help pay for the windows. This was when a few pennies could put substantial food on the family table. The Good Shepherd windows were installed in 1940, and the church was soon to be consecrated, as it had taken the congregation over thirty years to pay for its construction. The war years would soon follow; more lean times when mountain life was already mighty lean compared to the rest of North Carolina. So lean, in fact, that a friend of mine, born and raised in Madison County, told me mountain folk never really felt the Great Depression. The local markets and communities were meager but self sustaining. They all had jobs — helping each other stay fed and clothed and warm in the winter. These are the folks on whose shoulders we stand today.

The work we are having done today is another chapter in the ongoing legacy of Grace Memorial Episcopal Church. The word "Memorial" is often omitted from the church's name. But step into the sanctuary and look around at the pews, tables, alter pieces; so many are dedicated in memorial. Donations by those with means who were able to honor their dear departed ones. It gives me pause to think of all the folks whose names are not engraved on a polished plate. Folks coming and going through our sanctuary for over a hundred years, whose names we will never know. Generations of humble folks who would spare a few coins regularly for the offering plate. The entire sanctuary is a memorial to them.

So now it is our turn. We were blessed to have funding to contribute, and we have received generous donations and grants, but we still have a good sum of debt. And with any debt it is always better to get out from under that burden as soon as one can, as it weighs one down, keeping one from moving on to other good works. And at Grace Memorial Church, there are still a lot of good works to be done.

Your gift will preserve the legacy and honor those whose good works have brought us this far, ensuring that our descendants, and many others we will never know, will have this beautiful church to gather in for another hundred years. Thank you for your contributions.



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

# From Our Sr. Warden *(in St. Maarten)*

Dear Good People of Grace,

Cate and I were fortunate to spend a week with her parents at their timeshare on this lovely Caribbean island. On Sunday morning, before we headed out for a rum-soaked afternoon on the pool deck, we were treated to a double dose of "YouTube Episcopalia," watching Cate's brother preach at his church in Lake Wales, Florida, followed by the live stream of our service in Asheville. The scripture for both services was the same, with the Gospel reading from Mark that references the mustard seed, which got me to thinking about where Grace is in our spiritual journey.

Though the specific reading from Mark refers to a mustard seed, I like to think of an acorn as I meditate on this passage. The acorn, planted in the ground, is out of sight, out of mind. Then, all of a sudden it pokes its head up through the soil as a sapling. At that point, it has all of the DNA and biology of an oak tree, but it's not yet in the form that we consider to be a tree. We could pull it out by its roots or run it over with the lawnmower like a weed.

Or instead, we could nurture it. Water it. Feed it. Mulch around it. If we put in that labor and provide that care, through God's love, that sapling will grow into a mighty oak.

Grace Church is like that little sapling. Maybe a little more mature and sturdy than one that has only recently broken the surface of the soil, but surely not as strong or as tall or with roots as deep or branches as broad as we know God wants us to be.

Our church needs our efforts and our attention to grow a stout trunk, strong branches and deep roots. We will soon have an Associate Priest to help Rev. Milly, as Paul writes in Ephesians, "to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith in the knowledge of the son of God and become mature."

We as a Vestry have made strategic plans to budget for that Associate Priest position in a sustainable way, so that Christ's light will continue to burn even brighter at our little church on the hill, and so that we can extend our outreach even further into the community in which we live and serve. We hope that you will prayerfully consider how you can support the mission and ministry of Grace Church through your time, talent and treasure.

Peace, Love,  
Ben



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## Events at a Glance

## *A Quick Review of the Month*

| Date and Time                       | Service, Meeting or Activity              | Location                  |
|-------------------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| Sundays, 9:30-10:30 AM              | Choir Rehearsal                           | Church Sanctuary          |
| Sundays, 10:30 AM                   | Sunday Holy Eucharist Service **          | YouTube & In-Person       |
| Sundays Following Worship           | Coffee Hour                               | Foyer/Courtyard           |
| Mondays, 10:30 AM                   | Monday Morning Bible Study                | Parish Hall *             |
| 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                          | Library *                 |
| Thursdays, 8:00 AM                  | Women Walking the Way                     | Beaver Lake               |
| Thursdays (2nd & last), 1:00 PM     | Rector & Lay Leadership Meeting           | Zoom Meeting              |
| Sunday, July 4, 12:00 noon          | Holy Conversations                        | Zoom Meeting              |
| Monday, July 5                      | Church Office Closed for July 4th Holiday |                           |
| Wednesday, July 7, 5:00 PM          | YMCA Mobile Market                        | Grace Parking Lot         |
| Sunday, July 11, 4-6:00 PM          | Wander Wide Church at Grace               | Meet in Grace Parking Lot |
| Monday-Wednesday, July 12-14        | Women Walking the Way Retreat             | Retreat Center            |
| Monday, July 12, 6:00 PM            | Worship Committee Meeting                 | Zoom                      |
| Tuesday, July 13, 5:30 PM           | Endowment Committee Meeting               | Edwards Library           |
| Wednesday, July 14, 10:00 AM        | TEAM Meeting                              | Zoom Meeting              |
| Saturday, July 17, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM | Confirmation and New Member Class         | Church                    |
| Sunday, July 18, 8:00 PM            | Taizé                                     | Church Sanctuary          |
| Monday, July 19, 5:30 PM            | Vestry Meeting                            | Conference Room           |
| Monday, July 26, 4:30 PM            | Outreach Discernment Committee Meeting    | Zoom Meeting              |
|                                     | ** BULLETIN AVAILABLE                     | * Zoom Access Available   |

**MEN OF THE CHURCH IS BACK!** Monthly Tuesday meetings resume with the next MOC meeting on Tuesday, August 10, 5-9:00 p.m. in the parish hall. All men at Grace Church are welcome. And here's more great news! You can put October 9 on your calendar for the return of the **PIG PICKIN'**. Details coming.





# Parish News, Updates & Reminders

**BUY YOUR BUMPER STICKER!** These bumper stickers will be available at Grace for you to pick up on Sundays. We request \$5 or a donation of your choice to help cover the cost.



**HOLY CONVERSATION.** Sunday, July 4 at 12 Noon, please take advantage of one final opportunity to share time with Rev. Milly in Holy Conversation, where we'll look at asking the right questions and having the right conversations, together. All are welcome. The July 4th gathering will be at 12:00 noon on Zoom,



## WANDER WIDE CHURCH AT

**GRACE.** July 11 and August 15 at 4:00 p.m., Rev. Milly invites everyone to wander wide and let the wonder of God take us on a journey together. We'll meet in the Grace parking lot and caravan together to a different trailhead each month. The hike will be 2-4 miles, easy for children and adults with varying abilities. It is not about the distance we go, but the way we wander and wonder and share the Eucharist together in God's beautiful creation.



**CONFIRMATION AND NEW MEMBER CLASS.** Join Rev. Milly for a day-long confirmation retreat on Saturday July 17, 10:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m. at Grace Church. Together, we will explore the history of the Anglican tradition and the Episcopal Church, the essential qualities of our theology and the basic tenants of living as the Body of Christ that we call Grace Church. If you are new to Grace and/or wish to be confirmed or received at the Bishop's visitation on August 29, then please join us to prepare for that new adventure. If you are already confirmed and have been a member at Grace for years, please join us to explore how your gifts and wisdom will offer guidance and support to the new members among us. Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/GraceConfirmation>.

## Taizé Returns to Grace, Asheville!

Our time honored (two decades and counting) Taizé styled service is once again happening! Join us Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 8 p.m. for a 100% open service following the pandemic.

Grace's Taizé service is attended by an ecumenical congregation. Worshipers enjoy the reflective, communal, contemplative form of worship amongst candlelight, incense, chants, meditative readings and prayers, and in these days, perhaps rarest of all – peaceful silence. Healing prayers for yourself or on behalf of others are also offered at the service.

We look forward to having you join us.

Grace Church, Asheville, located at  
871 Merrimon Avenue.



**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 are required. Please email Rev. Milly to schedule your time, [rev.milly4grace@gmail.com](mailto:rev.milly4grace@gmail.com).

## 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.





# Parish News, Updates & Reminders *(continued)*

**CHILDREN'S TRANSITION ROOM.** As we resume in-person worship at Grace, we are thoughtful about your needs, your children's needs and our desire to be together again. We realize that children under the age of 12 have not yet been offered an option of vaccination; therefore, being in a large group may not be an option for your family.

We are also very aware that, for children, a year of not being at Grace is a long time. Therefore, the habit and comfort of being in church has perhaps lessened. We want that habit and comfort to be built back in a sustainable and fun way that engages your children to gather again at Grace for worship and fellowship with confidence.

Therefore we are offering something new for your unvaccinated kids on Sundays — a special "Transition Room" in the parish hall. There, you can watch the service live-streamed and still remain socially distanced. Each child will be given an activity backpack that can be found in the foyer as you enter the parish hall. In the pack, your child will find age-appropriate books, crayons, clip board and coloring sheets. In the "Transition Room," your child can be active, engaged with worship and their activity pack, enjoy snacks and move about as you are comfortable.

Our hope is that this will build their resiliency, capacity and joy for church again, slowly and intentionally. And yours too.

Again, this is an offering, and of course you and your children are welcome to get activity packs and come on into the sanctuary as well! It is your choice how you regather. We simply want you to have options in this process because we know...it is a process, and we want it to be successful. Feel free to call or email Rev. Milly if you have any questions.



**OUR CHOIR IS BACK!** The Grace choir just held its first rehearsal since February 2020. It was a joy to sing again! The choir will be present at worship on Sunday mornings throughout summer, and we invite parishioners to consider joining us. Singers will meet every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. to prepare the music for our 10:30 service.

Wednesday evening rehearsals will resume in mid-August. Parishioners are invited to join the choir at that time as well. In addition to rehearsing music for Sundays, the choir will also be preparing for a fall Evensong and an old fashioned congregational hymn sing. Please contact Jim Cassarino at [jamescassarino@gmail.com](mailto:jamescassarino@gmail.com) or 802-558-6583 if you have any questions.

**SAVE THESE IMPORTANT ECW DATES!** On **October 16**, all Episcopal Church Women are invited to attend the Fall Potluck Luncheon Meeting. 12:00 noon in the parish hall. Bring your favorite dish and help us make plans for the rummage sale and the future of ECW.

On **November 6**, it's the return of the ECW Rummage Sale, and this year, it's a special "Rummage Sale for the Roof!" All proceeds from the rummage sale will be used to help pay for the church's new roof!

During July, members of ECW will be organizing what is currently in the storage house before we accept new donations. We will let you know the new donation days in upcoming issues of "This Week at Grace" and "The Grace TEAM" emails. We appreciate your holding on to your donations until those designated drop-off days. We are hoping many people (men and women) will be willing to help us with this year's sale! We need workers, some trucks to help move items, and donated items you would be happy purchasing. Remember, the more money we raise with this year's Rummage Sale, the more we can help cancel the roof debt! Stay tuned for more details!



**ENDOWMENT MEETING JULY 13.** Hello Fellow Parishioners and Happy Summer Season! Your Endowment Committee has scheduled a quarterly meeting for Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in the Edwards library. Your 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 Steve in advance of your interest to attend.

The Committee's agenda will likely include:

- Mr. Charles Thompson of Parsec Financial will lead a market and investment performance discussion and review.
- Review of the minutes from the April meeting.
- Abbreviated discussion of the roof replacement project and review. Planning for other funding needs in the coming year.
- Abbreviated review of the By-Laws regarding the allowable and required uses of the endowment funds. Spending rate analysis discussion.
- Continued discussion regarding a re-energized Planned Giving program.
- Other business pending.

Peace to All,

Steve Birkhofer & Fellow Endowment Committee Members.

# Parish News, Updates & Reminders *(continued)*

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**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 with 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](mailto: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.

**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.

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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?

Actually, so much! All together, as the Grace Church family, we really can “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.” Let’s make it a vision we all share.

*we can do this!*

**THANK YOU AGAIN, PEOPLE OF GRACE!** Your generous gifts of hygiene supplies for people without houses being sheltered right now in two local hotels have already been a big help. And since then, the outreach team has used a portion of a recent financial gift to make those donations go even further.

Meanwhile, our first “cookout” with these hotel residents resulted not only in great meals for all, but also in the beginnings of new friendships. By the time this issue of the “TEAM” is published, we will have hosted our second meal with our new friends. We’re looking forward to it.

Thank you to all who grilled burgers and hotdogs; whipped up potato salad; made baked beans; provided drinks, paper products and condiments; and prepared all those delicious desserts. Thanks, too, to those who helped set up, serve, take down and spent time visiting. It was a blessing for everyone.

**SUMMER HEATS UP DEMAND FOR ABCCM’S HEATING AND COOLING ASSISTANCE.** When I was a graduate student on a tight budget, writes Doug McClellan, I lived in a rental mobile home. Living conditions were fine in the winter, spring, and fall, but the summer was brutal because the air conditioner didn’t work. Every day was like living in a beatdown from hell. The one window fan gave little relief, and the blower in the central heater stayed on all the time. I called the landlord often, but my calls went unanswered.

Sadly, many of our friends, neighbors, and families here in Asheville are living in similar, life-stifling conditions today. Single moms especially, who are the wage earners and care givers, are facing the the hard reality of both paying the rent every month and living in the heat. ABCCM’s Crisis Ministry is helping as many folks as possible with rental and cooling assistance (window air-conditioning units and fans) and rental/mortgage relief, but they need our help in taking the heat off a growing number of underserved families. Every contribution makes a big difference, and you can help today by making a monetary donation for cooling assistance at: [www.abccm.org/givecrisisministry](http://www.abccm.org/givecrisisministry). Let’s love our neighbors like God loves us and give them the relief they need.



**FOSTER KIDS NEED SCHOOL SUPPLIES.** Could you donate a box of crayons or a notebook or pencils for youngsters headed back to school this fall? Or what about a gift card to assist a teenager headed off to college? This year, Grace Church will once again collaborate with the Buncombe County Foster Care Foundation to provide supplies for approximately twenty young people in foster care settings, kinship settings (where there is no financial support) or post adoption. This year, that number includes three young adults who are starting college. Thank you, as always, for your generous gifts to these kids. Donations will be accepted at the church from July 25 to August 8. More details to come.

**A NEW LOOK AT REPARATIONS .** “For more than a century, the Virginia Theological Seminary relied on the forced labor of Black Americans. Now the seminary is sending annual cash payments of \$2,100 to the descendants of those people. It’s one of the first cash reparations programs in the country, and it’s meant to recognize the Black people who worked on campus for little or no money during the time of slavery, reconstruction and Jim Crow...”

This opens an interview on NPR’s “All Things Considered” with Ari Shapiro. The conversation that follows takes a look at Virginia Theological Seminary’s forward-thinking decision regarding the often-confusing issue of reparations. [Click here](#) to continue reading the transcript or to listen to more.

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## The Grace Outreach Mission Statement

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

# 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.*

Introducing two new members of our Grace Family! As we begin transitioning back to 100% gathering and meeting and celebrating, Katherine Johnson, our new wedding coordinator, and Archie Clarkson, our new tech director, will be bringing their special skills and gifts to us. Welcome to Grace, Katherine and Archie!



*Katherine Johnson & Arthur*

**KATHERINE JOHNSON** is originally from Asheville and was baptized at Grace Episcopal Church before being raised and confirmed at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church up the road. She received her Bachelors from Appalachian State University and her Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Practical Theology from Columbia Theological Seminary in 2014. Katherine is an ordained minister in the PC(USA) but has opted to serve in the nonprofit world rather than traditional parish ministry for the last few years, most recently working as a program manager with Homeward Bound WNC. In April of 2021 Katherine and her husband Garrett welcomed their first child, Arthur, into the world. As a family, along with their dog Penny, they enjoy hiking in the woods, urban hikes around town, reading, and cooking together. Katherine is thrilled to "return home" to Grace Episcopal as a wedding coordinator and looks forward to their family becoming a part of the Grace Episcopal Church community.



*Archie Clarkson*

**ARCHIE CLARKSON** is an Asheville native currently living in Arden, and he is a life-long Episcopalian. He recently graduated from St. Andrew's Sewanne School in Sewanne, TN, where he was a core member of the technical theater group as well as an actor in multiple productions. Archie is looking forward to attending Warren Wilson College starting in August and is glad to be closer to family. Previously, Archie was an intern at the office of the Diocese of WNC. In addition to tech work and acting, Archie enjoys hiking, biking, and working with animals.

## Grace Outreach: What Can I Do?

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**BEYOND HERE.** Clearly, our focus these days is mostly close to home — the needs of neighbors without housing and people with food insecurity — but all you have to do is watch the evening news to see that concerning things are happening everywhere, and worldwide, the Episcopal Church is speaking out. Are you curious to know what our Church is saying?

The **EPISCOPAL PUBLIC POLICY NETWORK (EPPN)** is a grassroots effort of The Episcopal Church's Office of Government Relations to educate, equip and engage individual Episcopalians in federal public policy advocacy, guided by the resolutions of the General Convention and the Executive Council. You can learn more. Just click the EPPN link above or contact Kim Hayes, kimhys53@gmail.com.

"As Bishop, I have long supported the Episcopal Public Policy Network (EPPN) and see it as an effective way to seek justice 'as Episcopalians' at the federal level.

Whether the concern is about saving lives in this pandemic, ending persistent poverty, promoting racial reconciliation, or caring for God's creation, the EPPN is dedicated to the active ministry of public policy advocacy by offering Episcopalians an opportunity to live into the Baptismal Covenant call to 'strive for justice and peace.'" *(from Bishop José McLoughlin)*

EPISCOPAL PUBLIC POLICY NETWORK





# Our Prayer List

# July

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; Jennifer Smith Martin; Sonny Rawls; Ann Robinson; Laura & Tsz-yan Snyder; Sydnor Thompson; Chal Vaughn; Don Wills.

For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities: Henny Caldwell; Bobbie Eblen; Ed Denison, Straudia Luedtke; Marion Mayfield-Johnson; Deb Pegel; Rita Spragg; Bob Turner.

For Others: Clemmie Ackermann (sister-in-law of Nancy Ackermann Cole); Angela (sister of Steve Booth); Ann (sister of Jeanne Sims); 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); Ed C (friend of Jim Compton); Villary Campbell (daughter of Villary LaRue); Martha & Randy Carson; Kari & Dave Chadwell (niece & nephew of Pat & George Davis); Melinda Franks (sister of Becky Smith); Robin Fulk (niece of Charlotte & Travers Chiott); Riley Hood (father of Karen Compton); Keith (friend of Marzy Israel); Jenna Keener (friend of Sonny Rawls); Angela and Jenya Khrichtchatyi (daughter of Sydnor and Kelly Thompson); Tony Lewis (brother of Dodie King); Lisa, Veronica Litun (mother of Valerie Heavens); Matthew, Courtney, Naomi (son and family of Hannah Pennell); Janie McDonald (friend of Elaine Potter); Gary Mills (friend of Pat Davis); Jerry Nelson (friend of Sonny Rawls); Susannah Perry (friend of Sonny Rawls); Shango (friend of Kathleen Griffin); Nancy Sink (sister of Jennifer Witt); Teachers and Parents of children; Debbie Thomas and Family (Taizé healing prayer minister); Jayne Traylor (mother of John Chastain); Dr. Terry Wilkey (brother-in-law of Diane Wilkey); Marilyn White (friend of Elaine Potter).

For Those Who Have Died and their Families: Alice Kinyon (mother of Shannon Townsend).

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.

Please go to [www.graceavl.com/spiritual-growth/prayer-ministries/](http://www.graceavl.com/spiritual-growth/prayer-ministries/) for more opportunities to request prayer. Get permission from anyone you would like to add to this list and contact our Pastoral Care Ministry at [pastoralcare4grace@gmail.com](mailto:pastoralcare4grace@gmail.com) or leave a message with the Church office.



Our condolences and prayers go to the friends, family and loved ones of  
Alice Kinyon (mother of Shannon Townsend).

## July Anniversaries

|                              |    |
|------------------------------|----|
| Bob & Barb Bell              | 4  |
| Johnny & Susan Robinson      | 5  |
| Doug & Jean Haldane          | 9  |
| Mark & Shannon Wall          | 9  |
| George & Pat Davis           | 13 |
| Lani Anderson & Peg O'Hagan  | 16 |
| Larry & LuAnn Harris         | 24 |
| Derek & Amanda Edwards       | 24 |
| Phil & Lauren Carlin         | 24 |
| Jack & Terri Frue            | 26 |
| Mathes Mennell & Kim Winters | 30 |

## July Birthdays

|                  |    |                   |    |
|------------------|----|-------------------|----|
| Debbie Jones     | 1  | Ingrid Adelsbach  | 19 |
| Stuart Bell      | 3  | Judy Warner       | 21 |
| LuAnn Harris     | 3  | Noah Clary        | 21 |
| Sonny Rawls      | 4  | Rich Thompson     | 22 |
| Eva Dupree       | 4  | Kristen Dusenbery | 24 |
| Cassidy Bell     | 5  | Boyce Davidson    | 24 |
| Lani Anderson    | 6  | Bea Russell       | 24 |
| Brenda Haller    | 8  | Cate Scales       | 25 |
| Ann Lewis        | 8  | Diane Wilkey      | 25 |
| Louise Wernicke  | 9  | Jim Compton       | 26 |
| Chal Vaughn      | 10 | Ashley Israel     | 26 |
| Nathaniel Potter | 12 | Pat Walters       | 27 |
| Shari Lane       | 13 | Paul Jordan       | 29 |
| John Woodson     | 13 | Jim Black         | 30 |
| Bobbie Blackburn | 13 | Kippy Comfort     | 30 |
| Barron Burhans   | 16 | Patrick Young     | 30 |
| Fred Newton      | 17 | Keegan Lyda       | 30 |
| Elaine Dephouse  | 17 | Ed Denison        | 31 |

## Special Gifts

The Aumbry Candle is given to the Glory of God by Nora and Steve Jones in thanksgiving for their parents.

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by

- ♦ the Duncan and Drake families in memory of Heber Peacock;
- ♦ Ginny Moser in memory of their daughter Janette;
- ♦ Linda Crawford in memory of Albert Walker Hargrove;
- ♦ Dodie; King in memory of her father, Sebastian Sparacino.



## Good Job, Carsten!

**CARSTEN NICHOLAS PATH**, son of Thorsten and Heather Path, graduated June 5th from Martin Nesbitt Discovery Academy. He plans to attend AB-Tech in the fall and study automotive technology and then pursue a motor sport engineering degree from IUPUI Indianapolis. Well done, Carsten! All of us here at Grace Church are proud of you for your achievement.



## Congratulations, Anne!

**ANNE JAREMA** recently received a First Place in Watercolor at the opening of a new exhibit at Arrowhead Art Gallery in Old Fort for "The Shell Seekers." In addition, "Rain Reflections" has been accepted into the current online Member Show of the American Watercolor Society. Anne, your work is beautiful. Thank you so much for sharing it with your Grace family.



*"The Shell Seekers"*

*"Rain Reflections"*





# Budget Report for May 2021

After five months of 2021, we have received Pledged Income of \$151,997, including prepayments for the year. Income from all sources totaled \$190,539, largely as a result of retained earnings from the prior year. The amount is less than last year's \$222,585 Income at this time.

Mission, Operational, Program, and Personnel expenses at the end of May 2021 totaled \$146,702 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 remained. 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 - May 2021

|   | Actual         | Budget          | Variance        |
|---|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Income:</b>                          |                |                 |                 |
| Pledges                                 | 151,997        | 132,871         | 19,126          |
| Open Offering                           | 5,536          | 8,333           | (2,798)         |
| Building Income                         | 3,290          | 4,540           | (1,250)         |
| Administrative<br>and Other In-<br>come | 29,716         | 12,825          | 16,891          |
| <b>Total Income:</b>                    | <b>190,538</b> | <b>158,569</b>  | <b>31,969</b>   |
| <b>Expenses:</b>                        |                |                 |                 |
| Administrative<br>Outreach/<br>Mission  | 2,327          | 10,833          | (8,507)         |
|   | 23,220         | 23,020          | 200             |
| Parish Programs                         | 2,425          | 4,031           | (1,607)         |
| Operations                              | 21,840         | 34,830          | (12,991)        |
| Personnel                               | 96,892         | 96,530          | 362             |
| <b>Total Expenses:</b>                  | <b>146,702</b> | <b>169,244</b>  | <b>(22,542)</b> |
| <b>Income Less Expenses:</b>            | <b>43,836</b>  | <b>(10,675)</b> | <b>54,511</b>   |
| some variance<br>due to rounding        |                |                 |                 |