



# the Grace TEAM

to each a ministry

August 2021

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### Sunday Worship

10:30 a.m. - Rite II  
In-person 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.

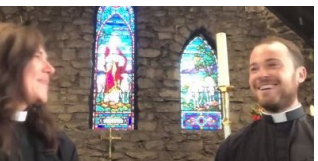
Greetings Good People of Grace!

This August 8 will be my one year anniversary of being your Rector! I can't even begin to express my gratitude for the journey we have taken together this past year. I am even more sure today than I was the day I began that this is exactly the right place for me and exactly the right time for me to be among you.

Even though this year has been a journey none of us could have predicted, we have also accomplished many things, experienced many joys and shared many beautiful moments together that we also could never have predicted!

The Holy Spirit has been active in my spiritual life and in the spiritual life of Grace! I am grateful for the support that each of you has offered me and the support you have given in offering your gifts to the ministries here in our community. I am also deeply grateful that we had such success with our roof campaign and that we have found the capacity to hire an associate Rector. Father Mike is a blessing to us and I know that as you get to know him he will bless you individually and us as a community. Welcome, Father Mike, and thank you for saying "Yes!" to this call.

Happy one year anniversary, Grace. God is so present with us! I can't wait to see how the Holy Spirit moves us, leads us, inspires us and guides us into this next new chapter together.



Peace, Reverend Milly

## Greetings from Rev. Mike

To the people of Grace,

Wow! I am so grateful and filled with excitement to be writing you all as Associate Rector here at Grace. In so many ways, I have felt the Holy Spirit at work in the process that has brought me here. As I met with Rev. Milly, discerned, and listened to the stirrings of my spirit, it became increasingly clear that God was calling me to come and join with you at Grace. Each time I joined in for church, preached, or presided with you all, I was struck with the sense that something truly exciting is happening here. Through the passion of the congregation and the leadership of Rev. Milly, this felt like an ideal environment to learn and grow in my identity as an Episcopal priest.

I hope that we may evolve together in my role here at Grace. Though I will have many functions, I will place particular focus on our work in pastoral care and outreach. I pray that we may recognize the holy in these ministries, while also imagining new ways of engaging more deeply and intentionally in each of these areas. My time in urban ministry in Ashe-

ville will intimately inform my understanding of outreach. My hope is that we may grow in understanding the connection between internal, soul-work and our work out in the world. With intention and diligence, we can curate a ministry where contemplation and boots-on-the-ground justice work inform one another at every step.

In our baptismal liturgy, after the blessed waters are poured over the newly initiated, the celebrant asks of God, "Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage and will to persevere, a spirit to know and love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works (BCP, 308)." It is my greatest hope that in our time together God will do just this. In ways both grand and ordinary, with discernment and hard work, may we beckon the kingdom of God a bit closer in our own hearts and in our world. I look forward to beginning this work together come August 15. Until then, you are all in my prayers, and I hope that I am in yours.

In service, Reverend Mike Reardon

# Over the Finish Line!



**WE CROSSED THE FINISH LINE** in the Funding for Our New Roof!

What a great day this is for the Grace family!

Thanks to your contributions and pledges received for the Roof Campaign, we've exceeded the projected funding for our new roof by \$3,486.

Now, we're able to pay off the final \$27K the first of this month, the date of our final payment to the construction company, and avoid any interest from any loan.

Let's all rejoice that our church home can continue being God's house where we can worship, fellowship, celebrate, grow, and serve each other both inside and outside the church.

**Grace Church! Ready for the Next Generation! Thank you, people of Grace!**

## 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	Coffee Hour	Foyer/Courtyard
Mondays, 10:30 AM	Monday Morning Bible Study	Parish Hall *
Mondays, 4:30 PM	Pastoral Care Meeting	Zoom
Mondays, 6-7:00 PM	AA Meeting	Parish Hall
Wednesdays, 9:00 AM	Flower Guild	Church Kitchen
Wednesdays, 1-3:00 PM	Personal Spiritual Direction (by appointment)	Church Sanctuary
Wednesdays, 5:30 PM	Centering Prayer	Library *
Wednesdays, 7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal (beginning Aug. 25)	Church Sanctuary
Thursdays, 8:00 AM	Women Walking the Way	Beaver Lake
Thursdays (2nd & last), 1:00 PM	Rector & Lay Leadership Meeting	Zoom
Saturdays, 10-11:00 AM	Fireside Al-Anon Meeting	Downstairs Conf. Room
Monday, August 2, 4:30 PM	Outreach Meeting	Zoom
Wednesday, August 4, 5:00 PM	YMCA Mobile Market	Grace Parking Lot
Monday, August 9, 6:00 PM	Worship Committee Meeting	Zoom
Tuesday, August 10, 5:00 PM	Men of the Church	Parish Hall
Wednesday, August 11, 10:00 AM	TEAM Meeting	Zoom Meeting
Sunday, August 15, 4-6:00 PM	Wander Wide Church at Grace	Meet in Grace Parking Lot
Sunday, August 15, 8:00 PM	Taizé	Church Sanctuary
Monday, August 16, 5:30 PM	Vestry Meeting	Downstairs Conf. Room
Sunday, August 29, 10:30 AM	Celebrating New Ministry with Bishop José **	YouTube & In-Person
Sunday, August 29 following worship	Lunch & Celebration	Parish Hall
Monday, August 30, 4:30 PM	Outreach Discernment Committee Meeting	Zoom
	** BULLETIN AVAILABLE	* Zoom Access Available



# Parish News, Updates & Reminders

**BUY YOUR BUMPER STICKER!** These bumper stickers are available at Grace for you to pick up on Sundays. Five dollars or a donation of your choice will help cover the cost.



## WANDER WIDE CHURCH AT GRACE.

Sunday, 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 trail-head for a 2-4 mile hike that will be 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.

**PASTORAL CARE.** As the Pastoral Care Team, we seek to make the compassionate presence of Christ known through intentional connection and through the physical and spiritual care of those in need. To do this effectively, we need the help of our congregation. We are inviting you to assist us, when called upon, by volunteering your time and talents to help meet specific needs in our congregation as they may arise.

In particular, we are looking for individuals with the following skills who would be willing to help from time to time when called upon:

1. Driving skills: e.g., willing to help transport a member to a doctor's appointment.
2. Home care skills: e.g., willing to spend time with a homebound member in need.
3. Social Service skills: e.g., willing to link a member to needed business, financial and medical resources.
4. Legal skills: e.g., willing to help a member with insurance or legal issues.



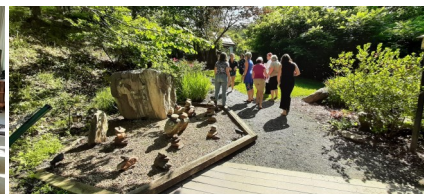
Please email us at [pastoralcare4grace@gmail.com](mailto:pastoralcare4grace@gmail.com) if you are willing to help in any of these areas. Thank you for joining us in our effort to love one another even as God has loved us in Jesus Christ!

**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 ON RETREAT!** "The power of women telling truth should not be minimized or forgotten. I am celebrating the truth-tellers and the wisdom of this amazing group of Grace women today. Thanks be to God." — Milly

Eleven Grace women gathered at beautiful Bend of Ivy Retreat Center for a 3-day retreat. In conversation, in prayer, in silence, in the peace of nature and in the company of one another, much was revealed and all were filled with the joy of the Spirit. Here are a few photos we hope you will enjoy.



Women of Grace and beyond, 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 equips 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 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.

**GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAINS**, a newsletter published by the Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Western North Carolina is back after a pandemic hiatus of over a year! Click [here](#) to learn more about the organization's history, check out upcoming events, find out more about the things ECW supports and subscribe to future editions.

If you are a woman in the Episcopal Church, you belong! Visit <https://www.ecwwnc.org/> to learn more.

**SAVE THESE IMPORTANT ECW DATES!**  
**October 16**, all Episcopal Church Women are invited to attend the Fall Potluck Luncheon Meeting at 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.  
**November 6**, the return of the ECW Rummage Sale, and all proceeds will be used to help pay for our new roof! Volunteer opportunities and dates for receiving your donations will be announced soon.

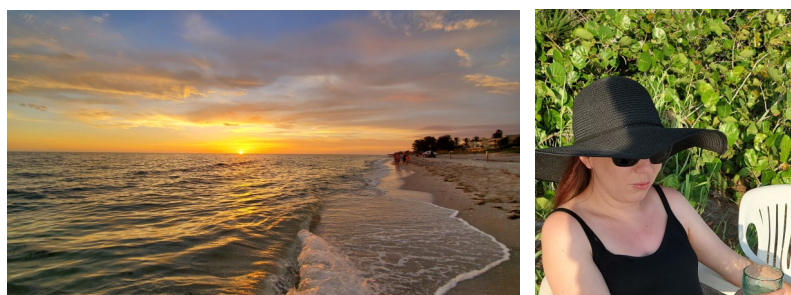
**ORDER OF ST. LUKE** meetings will resume via Zoom on Thursday, August 12, 6:30-8:30 p.m. They will continue their program series, “Fundamentals for Receiving and Praying for Physical Healing” with a focus on the fourth fundamental: “Exercise Your Authority.” A DVD on the healing journey of a woman who suffered with fibromyalgia will also be viewed.

The OSL Mountain Chapter welcomes your participation; you do not have to be an OSL member. If you would like to participate and are not on the Mountain Chapter email list, please send an email to [mtn\\_osl@yahoo.com](mailto:mtn_osl@yahoo.com). We will send you a link for the Zoom meeting.

**SHARE YOUR VACATION PHOTOS!** As we venture back out into the world again following the lifting of pandemic restrictions, we invite you to share photos of your travels with us. Here are a few from our Sr. Warden Ben Scales from his recent getaway with Cate to beautiful St. Maartens.



Kim Hayes has also just returned from a quick escape to the Florida Gulf coast for a “girls’ retreat” with her daughter, Rachael. So beautiful. And so wonderful to spend time together after over a year and a half.



**Hugs from grandkids.**  
**Family reunions.**  
**Postponed**  
**anniversaries, birthdays, holidays.**  
Share your special post-pandemic moments with us! We're so glad you were able to get away for a while.



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

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**AN UPDATE FROM CONSIDER HAITI.** You're no doubt aware of the recent assassination of the Haitian President, Jovenel Moïse. Haiti tends to make the news cycle when the situation is tumultuous. Consider Haiti is shocked and concerned by these events, but our work in Haiti continues nonetheless.



Many years ago, we determined that our ultimate goal was to put ourselves out of business. To position Haitians so that they no longer needed our collaboration. This focus on empowering Haitians has been a cornerstone of our work ever since that time.

This approach benefits us and our Haitian counterparts during times of strife. We're positioned to be beneficial from afar and our Haitian contractors are firmly aligned to operate independently.

Consider Haiti is in it for the long haul. We've seen many other organizations come and go over the years but we remain laser focused on our goals and how to best achieve them in a manner safe for all. We are ever grateful that Grace Church (and others) have also been committed to a long term relationship.

We can't predict the future for Haiti. What we can envision is our commitment to our work in Haiti and your faithful support of that work. As the Haitian proverb asserts, "Dèyè mòn gen mòn." Beyond mountains there are mountains.

**CHOIR REHEARSALS RESUME.** Weekly choir rehearsals will formally begin on Wednesday evening, August 25 at 7:00 p.m. The choir is open to all parishioners who love to sing. In addition to rehearsing music for Sundays, the choir will also be preparing an evensong and a festive congregational hymn sing this fall. Please contact Jim Cassarino at [jamescassarino@gmail.com](mailto:jamescassarino@gmail.com) or 802-558-6583 if you wish to join or have questions.

**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 bring 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. 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.

## Grace Ministry Leadership

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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 help build the kingdom of Heaven on earth? 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*



**FOSTER KIDS NEED SCHOOL SUPPLIES.** Will 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 is once again collaborating 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 in the foyer at church now through August 8.

**EPISCOPAL HOUSE XIV BUILD BEGINS THIS MONTH!** For the past 20+ years, several churches in our diocese, including Grace, have combined their money and volunteer efforts to build a Habitat for Humanity house every other year. 2021 marks the beginning of our 14th house in this succession. Join other members of our Grace family and other churches in the Asheville area in volunteering your time and effort to build homes and change lives on a local Asheville Area Habitat jobsite. During this build volunteers will frame floors and walls, set trusses, raise roof ladders, install doors and windows, paint, stucco and landscape. A variety of jobs will be available every day, as several townhomes are in various stages of construction, but your volunteer efforts will count toward the Episcopal House no matter where you choose to volunteer on a given day. No experience is necessary, just come prepared to work hard and have fun!

This year the recipient of the house will be Glenn Childes, who is a church sexton at Trinity Episcopal Church in Asheville. Volunteer workdays will begin on August 17 and continue through October 8. The worksite is in the New Heights development at 1793 Old Haywood Road in West Asheville.

A signup list and more information is available in the foyer, or contact John Woodson at 828-645-4293 or [jlwoodson@aol.com](mailto:jlwoodson@aol.com). The online signup sheet is already up and running. The link is <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/12GocdfzNjKQpGLvsLPbPCQgDTEDQmivS4zpv4pwO6Qw/edit?usp=sharing>

**NO HOME. NO HOPE.** Imagine not knowing where you will live tomorrow. Sadly, that’s the reality facing more than 32,000 families in Buncombe County right now as the moratorium on housing assistance is ending and renters, landlords, and homeowners will soon be required to be current on their payments.

Already this year, ABCCM has seen a 500% increase in rental assistance requests, despite the moratorium.

And with this, ABCCM is expecting “a crisis of tsunami-scale proportions of rent requests to inundate its crisis ministries” and predicts “this crisis will be the greatest to hit Buncombe County since the Great Recession.”

Now’s the time for us to step up and help our neighbors. Please visit ABCCM’s webpage today: <https://www.abccm.org/stopevictions> and donate by using the secure form or by mailing your check to: ABCCM 20 20th Street, Asheville, NC 28806.

**SAVE SEPTEMBER 26 FOR CROP WALK 2021.** Gather with others in our community to fight hunger both here and around the world. This year, Asheville’s CROP Walk 2021 will have both in-person and virtual options for teams. The walk begins at 2:00 p.m. at St. Mark’s Lutheran Church, 10 N. Liberty Street. For details, visit [www.crophungerwalk.org/ashevillenc](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/ashevillenc)



**Pumpkin Patch 2021 Treasurers Needed!** A 3-person team to share counting, reporting and depositing during the month of October would take the load off a single individual. *Please* consider helping in this way.

Contact Kim Hayes, [kimhys53@gmail.com](mailto:kimhys53@gmail.com) for details.



# THE GRACE FAMILY ALBUM

*“The Grace Family Album” features people you’ve known for years and people you’re meeting for the very first time. Enjoy getting to know your family, and if you have suggestions for future issues, please let us know.*

Welcome to Grace Church, Rev. Milly! It’s been a crazy year since you became our rector, and now it’s time to give you the proper, in-person welcome to the family you deserve.

Everyone, mark your calendars! Sunday, August 29, Bishop José will be joining us for confirmations and, yes, the official installation of the Rev. Milly Morrow as our rector! A reception will follow in the parish hall to welcome our bishop, congratulate our confirmands and celebrate our new rector. Please make plans to attend. Details coming.

And now, allow us to introduce the Rev. Milly Morrow!

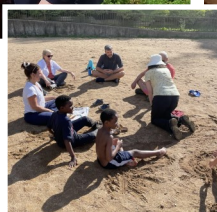


*Milly Morrow*

**THE REV. MILLY MORROW** is a life-long Episcopalian and was raised in East Tennessee where her mother was a member of the Altar Guild and her father was an EFM mentor and a lay reader in a church her grandparents helped to establish. She graduated from the Episcopal Divinity School in 2010, was ordained in 2013 and, before coming to Grace, was with the Cathedral of All Souls.

Before her ordination, Rev. Milly served as a community educator and as an advocate and a counselor specializing in direct service in working with survivors of violent crime and in the areas of economic and racial justice and community capacity building.

Rev. Milly is also the mother of a 13-year-old daughter and the stepmother of two young adults. She is married to Bill Buchanan, founder of Youth Mission Co and a Presbyterian minister. Her family lives close to our church and you can often find her running the trail around Beaver Lake. She loves music, especially jazz, blues, gospel and folk from various areas of the world.



# Our Prayer List

# August

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; 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: Angela (sister of Steve Booth); Ann (sister of Jeanne Sims); Wesley Auret (Godson of Elaine Potter); Becky Blaylock (friend of Kathleen Griffin); Ed C (friend of Jim Compton); Villary Campbell (daughter of Villary LaRue); 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); Jenna Keener (friend of Sonny Rawls); Angela & Jenya Khrichtchatyi (daughter & son-in-law of Sydnor and Kelly Thompson); Tony Lewis (brother of Dodie King); Veronica Litun (mother of Valerie Heavens); Lisa; Matthew, Courtney, Naomi (son and family of Hannah Pennell); Janie McDonald (friend of Elaine Potter); Gary Mills (friend of Pat Davis); Susannah Perry (friend of Sonny Rawls); Nancy Sink (sister of Jennifer Witt); Debbie Thomas and Family (Taizé healing prayer minister); Glenn Thomas (brother-in-law of Ron Sims); Jayne Traylor (mother of John Chastain); Dr. Terry Wilkey (brother-in-law of Diane Wilkey); Mary Dee Wilson (friend of Walt & Joyce Noble); Marilyn White (friend of Elaine Potter).

For Those Who Have Died and their Families: Jeff Baker (friend of Anne Jarema); Joe Derwort (brother of Jeanne Sims); Keith Enloe (friend of Marzy Israel); Ray Sink (brother-in-law of Jennifer Witt).

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 contact the church.



Our condolences and prayers go to the friends, family and loved ones of Jeff Baker (friend of Anne Jarema); Joe Derwort (brother of Jeanne Sims); Keith Enloe (friend of Marzy Israel); and Ray Sink (brother-in law of Jennifer Witt).



## August Anniversaries

Scott and Catherine McKenzie	3
Paul and Vicki Vest	6
Derek and Elaine Dephouse	6
Robert and Nancy Porter	8
The Rev. Gary and Astrid Coffey	11
Glenn and Angie Cullen	16
Roger and Laura Snyder	16
Jeff and Bea Russell	16
Brady and Bobbie Blackburn	20
Peter and Debbie Williams	20
Buddy and Sylvia Greenwood	23
Huey and Judy Warner	24

## August Birthdays

Bill Coward	4	Sally Bierhaus	16
Peter Sprague	5	Villary LaRue	16
Elaine Potter	6	Cheryl Aull	17
Ella Doran	6	Dorothy Engel	18
Vicky Enox	6	Anna-Kate Hall	18
Beth Stahl	6	Jean Haldane	20
Clara Engelbrecht	8	Brad Thorne	21
Jim Coon	8	Hunter Israel	21
Cuyler Dupree	9	Will Israel	24
Don Wills	9	Sue Dismukes	26
Luca Hopkins	9	Anne Smith	26
Glenn Cullen	10	Henry Watts	26
Micki Newton	10	Jack Frue	27
Todd Kaderabek	10	Kathy Wrinn	27
Barb Bell	11	Milly Morrow	28
John Rigsby	12	Ron Sims	30
Bryn Whitner	13	Joe Bennett	30
Karen Compton	14	Louise Tillman	31
Martha Bell	15		

## Special Gifts

The Aumbry Candle is given to the Glory of God by Don Hawkins in memory of his wife Martie.

The flowers are given to the Glory of God

- ◆ by Joe Aull in thanksgiving for Cheryl, Michael, Lael, Bill, Debbie, Harrison, Mallory, Chelsea, Joel and Daniel;
- ◆ by the Grace Church Flower and Alter Guilds in celebration of the arrival of Fr. Mike Reardon;
- ◆ by Georgi Bruce in memory of her husband Robert Bruce;
- ◆ by Carol and Steve Booth in loving memory of Theresa Sabo;
- ◆ by Grace Lynn Miller in loving memory of her mother Kimberley McFarland.
- ◆ in Celebration of the New Ministry of the Rev. Milly Morrow.



# Budget Report for June 2021

After six months of 2021, we have received Pledged Income of \$174,785, including prepayments for the year. Income from all sources totaled \$215,393, largely as a result of retained earnings from the prior year. The amount is less than last year's \$247,178 income at this time.

Mission, Operational, Program, and Personnel expenses at the end of June 2021 totaled \$183,152, and was \$19,939 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. Expenses are expected to increase as the church continues to reopens and due to the addition of the Tech Director and the Associate Priest.

The approved budget included a deficit of \$25,619, and the Vestry is hopeful that this will continue to 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 - June 2021

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
<b>Income:</b>			
Pledges	174,785	159,445	15,340
Open Offering	6,770	10,000	(3,230)
Building Income	4,048	5,448	(1,400)
Administrative and Other Income	29,790	15,390	14,400
Total Income:	<b>215,393</b>	<b>190,283</b>	<b>25,110</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Administrative	3,408	13,000	(9,592)
Outreach/Mission	28,323	27,623	700
Parish Programs	3,780	4,837	(1,057)
Operations	30,625	41,796	(11,171)
Personnel	117,016	115,835	1,181
Total Expenses:	<b>183,152</b>	<b>203,091</b>	<b>(19,939)</b>
<b>Income Less Expenses:</b>	<b>32,241</b>	<b>(12,808)</b>	<b>45,049</b>

some variance due  
to rounding



# August 2021 Ministry Schedule

Service Time	Verger	Acolyte(s)	Lector	Intercessor	Chalistic(s)	Usher(s)	Healing Team	Scriptures
<b>Aug 1</b>								
10:30	Lorie Tola	James Cannon	Louise Wernicke	Nancy Walters	James Cannon	William Potter Nate Potter	Louise Wernicke Pat Davis	Ephesians 4:1-16 Psalm 78:23-29
<b>Aug 8</b>								
10:30	Lorie Tola	Jack Frue	Sydnor Thompson	Carol Booth	Jack Frue	George Davis Pat Davis	Karen Compton	Ephesians 4:25-5:2 Psalm 34:1-8
<b>Aug 15</b>								
10:30	Lorie Tola	Susan Robinson	John Woodson	Elaine Potter	Susan Robinson	Ron Sims Jeanne Sims	Allyn Aldrich Joan Aldrich	Ephesians 5:15-20 Psalm 34:9-14
<b>Taizé 7:00 PM</b>								
<b>Aug 22</b>								
10:30	Lorie Tola	James Cannon	Sally Withers	Bonnie Kistler	Greg Townsend	Ben Scales Aeron Scales	Sonny Rawls	Ephesians 6:10-20 Psalm 34:15-22
<b>Aug 29: BISHOP - CELEBRATING NEW MINISTRY</b>								
10:30	Lorie Tola	Greg Townsend	Kristen Dusenbery	Jenny Thomas	James Cannon	Paul Vest Vicki Vest		James 1:17-27 Psalm 15
Date	Vestry Member of the Day		Flower Arrangers			Altar Guild		
1-Aug	Mathes Mennell		Wyatt			Group 1 - Beth Woodson		
8-Aug	Steve Birkhofer		Wyatt			Group 2 - Bonnie Kistler		
15-Aug	Ron Sims		Jones			Group 3 - Lorie Tola, Jeanne Sims		
22-Aug			Jones			Group 4 - Shannon Townsend		
29-Aug	Mathes Mennell		Israel & Bowen - BISHOP - CELEBRATING NEW MINIS-			Group 2 - Bonnie Kistler		