

Grace Episcopal
Church

The Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

July 18, 2021

WELCOME BACK TO GRACE, 100% FULL IN PERSON WORSHIP! Everyone is welcome here at Grace! If you are our guest this morning, see Rev. Milly after worship. If you are tuning in online, please email or call us and tell us a bit about yourself. You may reach us through the church office at 828-254-1086 or at grace.church.asheville@gmail.com. Also feel free to email our Rector Rev. Milly Morrow at Rev.Milly4Grace@gmail.com or call her between 7 am and 7 pm at 828.772.1429.

# 10:30 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST RITE!

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presiding This Sunday: The Reverend Robert Lundquist Preaching This Sunday: The Reverend Katherine Johnson

At the tolling of the tower bell, the congregation is asked to stand.



Celebrant Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

**OPENING HYMN**: 518 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

THE HYMN OF PRAISE: S 277 Gloria in excelsis

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

**THE EPISTLE**: Ephesians 2:11-22

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision" —a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and

ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.** 

THE PSALM: 23 (said in unison)

The Lord is my shepherd; \*

I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures \* and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul \*

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil; \*

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \* you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \* and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

THE GOSPEL HYMN: 664 My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

THE GOSPEL: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOMILY

Rev. Katherine Johnson

THE NICENE CREED (standing)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,

and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Form 3

BCP 387

The Leader and People pray responsively.

*Lector:* God of all Mercy, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

*People:* That we all may be one.

Lector: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Lector: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Lector: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Lector: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: That our works may find favor in your sight.

*Lector:* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People: That they may be delivered from their distress.

*Lector:* Give to the departed eternal rest.

People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Lector: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

*Lector:* Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

We ask your prayers for ....

Are there others? ...

Let us pray for all who have birthdays this week ... and for all who are celebrating anniversaries ....

Let us pray for those who have recently departed: ... and for these on the anniversaries of their deaths: ...

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to

the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God, have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our

Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the

Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen

# THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

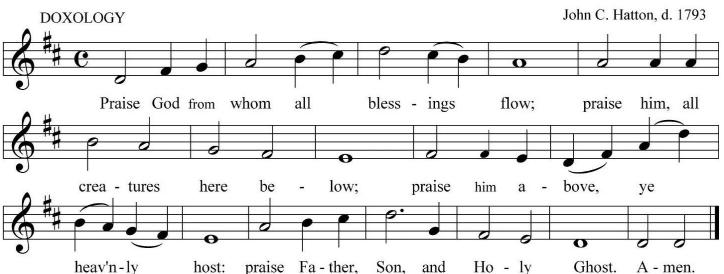
All are welcome to receive Communion here at Grace. There are many ways to participate in Communion. You may remain in your pew in prayer. You may come forward when invited by the usher and kneel or stand at the Altar Rail to receive Communion from the priest. You may come forward and kneel or stand, and cross your arms over your chest, to receive only a blessing from the priest. Currently, we are receiving the sacraments in one kind, we are not receiving the wine, either by drinking or by intinction, rather the chalicist will greet you with the cup and the words "The Blood of Christ, The Cup of Salvation" and you are invited to simply respond "Amen."

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY HYMN: 693 Just as I Am

DOXOLOGY:

TUNE: DUKE STREET



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer B (standing)

BCP 367

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give

thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sings this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

## **SANCTUS** S 124 (Celebrant and People)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional Version)

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,All Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

#### **FRACTION ANTHEM:** S 154

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

#### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**COMMUNION HYMN:** 325 Let Us Break Bread Together on Our Knees

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER (standing)

Celebrant Let us pray.

All God of abundance,

you have fed us with the bread of life

and cup of salvation;

you have united us

with Christ and one another;

and you have made us one

with all your people in heaven and on earth.

Now send us forth

in the power of your Spirit,

that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world

and continue for ever

in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

When a Eucharistic Minister is to be sent forth, the following is said:

*Celebrant* In the name of God and this congregation, we send you forth bearing these

holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the

Communion of Christ's body and blood.

People We who are many are one body because we all share the Word, one

bread, one cup.

#### THE BLESSING

Celebrant Friends, life is short, and we don't have much time to gladden the hearts of

those who walk the way with us.

So, be swift to love and make haste to show mercy and may the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with us and remain with us forever.

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION: 493 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

#### THE DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Friends, our liturgy has ended and so now our service begins.

Let us go out to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia.



The flowers are given to the Glory of God by Linda Crawford in memory of Albert Walker Hargrove.

# LAY MINISTERS

Verger: Lorie Tola; Acolyte and Chalicist: Susan Robinson.

Lector: Carol Booth; Intercessor: Elaine Potter.

<u>Ushers:</u> William and Nate Potter.

Healing Lay Ministers: Pat Davis & Sonny Rawls.

Vestry Member of the Day: Steve Birkhofer.





# **ELECTRONIC GIVING MADE EASY:** Grace Church

receives electronic giving via our website at <a href="www.graceavl.com">www.graceavl.com</a>. There is a "Give to Grace" button on the top blue

banner of our home page, in the right-hand corner. Additional ways to give to our "virtual collection plate" are through the Simple Church app and the Venmo app @GraceEpiscopal-Church.



# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

CONNECT WITH US IN-PERSON AND ONLINE! Sunday Services are open to all in the Sanctuary and by Live Stream on our YouTube Channel. Access links at the top of our webpage at <a href="www.graceavl.com">www.graceavl.com</a>. Our physical Church building is now open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., with all in-person meetings by appointment only; the building is locked during out of office meetings.

#### REV. MILLY VACATION SCHEDULE

Beginning July 18th Rev. Milly will be out of the office and resting until July 31st. If you need anything, please contact Valerie at the church office or Senior Warden Ben Scales. *Bible Study is cancelled on July* 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.





#### MASKS IN CHURCH:

Our bishop has lifted the mask mandate and we are now free to choose to wear masks. While many are ready for this change, we are sure there are some that are not.

Therefore, please be aware that wearing a mask in church, if you have any reason or desire to, is welcomed and acceptable. While the risks of infection of Covid are decreasing, no public space is without risk for infections in general. Thus, we ask that you each take good care of yourselves and do not attend church if you are feeling ill or have any symptoms of illness. And we support you in caring for yourself and make choices that benefit your wellness.

#### A MESSAGE FROM YOUR VESTRY ABOUT OUR NEW ROOF

Dear Parishioner,

By now, you know our new roof at Grace is almost finished.

It's a great day for all of us knowing we can now worship, gather, and grow with the peace of mind that comes from having a sound and secure sanctuary, church office and workroom, fellowship hall, and rooms for youth ministry and education.

If you've already contributed to the campaign, bless you, and thank you!

And if you're close to making either your first or second contribution, please be assured your contribution, whatever amount it is, will help us pay off the remaining \$52K by August 1, the date of our final payment to the construction company.

Thanks and Blessings, ~ Your Vestry

# 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.







#### WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP WITH 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.

We are looking for individuals with the following skills who are 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 <u>pastoralcare4grace@gmail.com</u> 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!

## WELCOME TO WANDER WIDE CHURCH AT GRACE. (Mark Your Calendars)



August 15<sup>th</sup> at 4pm parking lot Rev. Milly invites you to wander wide and let the wonder of God take us on a journey, together. We'll caravan together to a different trailhead every month. The hike will be between 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.

# **OUR NEW MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY:**

Did you get an email with the subject line: [Grace Episcopal Church] An account has been created for you. Emails were sent out on Tuesday, June 29<sup>th</sup> and on May 21st to all of those who are currently listed as Grace Members if we have an email address for you. Please check to get your sign-in username and password, and update your information at https://graceopiecopelesberille.circlesbergle



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**information at** <a href="https://graceepiscopalasheville.simplechurchcrm.com">https://graceepiscopalasheville.simplechurchcrm.com</a>. You can also upload a current photo. This will serve as your online directory. When you go to put in the User.Name, notice the dot. It can difficult to see . Once you are in, you can change your password under "Account." Click on Directory to access other members contact information.

If you are a member of Grace and didn't get the email, deleted the email, or need help, contact the church to let us know. We'll send you another email and help you with this. We want you to be able to easily reach out and connect with other members.



**TRANSITION ROOM FOR CHILDREN**: The parish hall is available on Sundays as a "Transition Room." There you can watch the service live streamed and socially distance. Each child will be given an activity

backpack that can be found in the foyer as you enter the parish hall. You and your children are also welcome to get their activity backpack and come into the sanctuary.

**PRAYING TOGETHER:** Rev. Milly holds open spiritual direction sessions for individuals or couples weekly by appointment Wednesdays 1-3 pm in the sanctuary. *Please email Rev. Milly in August to schedule your time with her. She will not be available July* 21<sup>st</sup> and July 28<sup>th</sup> due to her vacation. Rev.Milly4Grace@gmail.com

# MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY IN THE PARISH HALL AND ON ZOOM:

Mondays at 10:30 AM, we will study the scriptures for the upcoming Sunday service. Please join us in the parish hall or by clicking on the button at <a href="mailto:graceavl.com/">graceavl.com/</a>.

**WOMEN WALKING THE WAY: Thursday at 8:00 a.m.** meet at the Bird Sanctuary parking lot. Join Rev. Milly for a weekly walk at Beaver Lake, for deep listening to how we as women walk the way of Jesus, in the world and in our community of Grace.

#### SERVICES AND MEETINGS

Date and Time	Service or Meeting	Location
	Rev. Milly is on Vacation	
Sunday, July 18 - Sat. July 31	~ contact the Office, Valerie Heavens or Ben Scales instead	
Sundays, 9:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sundays, 10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist Service*	Sanctuary & YouTube**
Sundays, 10:30 AM	Transition Room for Children and Families	Parish Hall
Sundays after Service	Coffee Time	Foyer, Courtyard
Sunday, July 18	Taizé Service	Church
Mondays, 10:30 AM	Monday Morning Bible Study ~ cancelled July 19 & 26	Parish Hall & Zoom **
Mondays, 3 PM	Pastoral Care Team Meeting	Zoom
Monday, July 19, 5:30 PM	Vestry Meeting	Conference Room
Tues July 20 or 22 5:30 PM	Endowment Committee Meeting	Zoom
Wednesdays, 1 PM	Tabernacle Meeting Group 1	Zoom
Wednesdays, 5:30 PM	Centering Prayer	Library & Zoom**
Thursdays, 8 AM	Women Walking the Way	Beaver Lake
	* BULLETIN AVAILABLE **LINK AT TOP OF HOME PAGE	graceavl.com

# **OUR PRAYER LIST**

<u>For Parishioners</u>: Cliff Albertson; Pat Anderson; Sally Coburn; Dorothy Engel; Eunice Ferguson; 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); Jenna Keener (friend of Sonny Rawls); Angela & Jenya Khrichtchatyi (daughter & son-in-law of Sydnor and Kelly Thompson); Tony Lewis (brother-in-law 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 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 <u>www.graceavl.com/spiritual-growth/prayer-ministries/</u> 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 <u>pastoralcare4grace@gmail.com</u> or contact the church.



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