



the Grace TEAM

to each a ministry

September 2021

A Message from Rev. Milly

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Deadline for articles is the 15th.

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 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.

**"Thank you! Thank you!
Thank you!"**



That, says Anne Lamott, is the only prayer we ever really need to pray.

Thank you.

Our New Ministry Celebration and Confirmation Sunday was lovely,

powerful and inspiring. It was such a blessing to have our bishop with us to remind us we are all in this work of building the Kingdom of Heaven, here on earth, together. And together with our bishop, we welcomed almost 20 new members of this Body of Christ we call Grace! These new members — Tanya Lee (confirmed), Kathryn O. Wrinn (received), Timothy O. Wrinn (received), Earl Raymond Booze (reaffirmed), Judy Holmes Booze (reaffirmed), Lynn Michelle Melancon (reaffirmed), Scott E. Walters (reaffirmed), Laura S. Walters (reaffirmed), Gael Penland Paschall (confirmed), Jeff Russell (reaffirmed), Bea Russell (reaffirmed), Guy Sayles (confirmed), Anita Sayles (confirmed), Donald Paul Alford (confirmed), Rebecca Gross Alford (confirmed), Tara Lonne-

man (confirmed), Emily Borghere (confirmed), Kokayi Cobb (confirmed), and Ellie Katherine Silver (confirmed) — have big hearts, skills and talents and have been led to Grace to engage in our mission with us.

The day, preparing for and discerning membership and confirmation took a lot of effort, prayer and openness for each of the people we welcomed Sunday. So as you meet them, welcome them and hear their stories of how God brought them to Grace and learn what they bring to our work together. I certainly want to say "Thank you, Thank you, Thank you" to each of them for choosing to plant themselves at Grace.

And Thank you, Thank you, Thank you, to the team of people behind the hard work of putting together the liturgy for New Ministry and for the lovely gathering that followed; the music, the food, the flowers, the gifts, the prayers were all so thoughtful and generous. And the love was felt, deeply felt, and for that I am grateful.

So yes, "Thank you, Thank you, Thank you."

Now, let's continue in this good work to which God has led us ALL, "With God's help, to build the kingdom of heaven, here on Earth." Let us be as James says "not hearers of the word who forget, but be doers of the word. And in our doing, we will be Blessed." Amen & Thank You.

Rev. Milly



From Our Sr. Warden

OUR ASSETS—OUR LOAVES & FISHES. Dear Grace: As you may have heard, our roof campaign has been a tremendous success. We set a lofty goal for ourselves, and by the Holy Spirit and through the generosity of our community, we met it. That success has coincided with gospel teachings and homilies devoted to the Miracle of the Loaves and the Fishes, which led me to ponder that particular incident.

Even one account of a miracle is important, but Jesus feeding the 5,000 is the only miracle that is in all four gospels. It has been formational for the church. The earliest symbol for Christianity was not the cross. It was a fish. Most early Christian artwork depicted the loaves and the fishes. This story was vital to the early spread of the Gospel and has always been key to our understanding of Jesus.

There is a ready lesson here about Jesus providing great abundance out of very little. But it runs much deeper than Christ's capacity to provide for our needs. It extends to His equipping us to provide for the needs of others.

Five loaves are laughably insufficient to feed thousands. Yet broken, and broken again and again and again, they are not only sufficient, but there is an abundance. They actually had left-overs, filling 12 baskets – symbolic of the 12 disciples who will carry this bread of life to the whole world. The sacrifice was once, but the remembrance never runs out.

As a Vestry, we've been looking into the concepts of "Asset Based Community Development," attending a seminar taught by our own Eleanor Withers. ABCD focuses on identifying the assets already found in the community and mobilizing the community to come together to build on those assets, rather than concentrating on its own needs. The key is to start with what is already in the community.

Just as Jesus started with the five loaves he had on hand, we as Christians are called upon to start with what we have, and build upon it, leveraging our resources to amplify our impact. Outreach is in the process of doing that right now with a grant recently received from a generous anonymous donor. I have faith that the Holy Spirit will guide us as we work to nourish those in our communities who are in need. AMEN!



Ben Scales, Sr. Warden

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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 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, 3:00 PM	Pastoral Care Meeting	Zoom
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	Church Sanctuary
Thursdays, 8:00 AM	Women Walking the Way	Beaver Lake
Thursdays (2nd & last), 1:00 PM	Rector & Lay Leadership Meeting	Zoom
Thursdays, 6:00 PM	EfM Class (beginning September 15)	Parish Hall & Zoom
Tuesday, September 7, 5:00 PM	Outreach Meeting	Zoom
Wednesday, September 8, 10:00 AM	TEAM Meeting	Zoom Meeting
Monday, September 13, 6:00 PM	Worship Committee Meeting	Zoom
Tuesday, September 14, 5:00 PM	Men of the Church	Parish Hall
Thursday, September 16, 5:00 PM	Purls of Grace	Library
Sunday, September 19, 8:00 PM	Taizé	Church Sanctuary
Monday, September 20, 5:30 PM	Vestry Meeting	Downstairs Conf. Room
Saturday, September 25, 9:00 AM	Rummage Sale Donation Day	Storage House (upper lot)
Sunday, September 26, 1:00 PM	PUMPKIN UNLOADING!	Church Lawn
Sunday, September 26, 5:00 PM	PubSing	Zillicoah Brewery
Monday, September 27, 4:30 PM	Outreach Discernment Committee Meeting	Zoom
	** BULLETIN AVAILABLE	* Zoom Access Available

Parish News, Updates & Reminders



WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO "RECOVER" FROM ALCOHOLISM? What happens in an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting?

Anyone is welcome to attend the open AA Meeting held Mondays at Grace, 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. In the meeting, members discuss the illness and despair they suffered while in the throes of active alcoholism; tell about the turning point and/or spiritual experience which led to the recognition of their powerlessness over alcohol; and happily describe the progress, healing, insights, gifts, accomplishments, blessings and joys which have come with sobriety. A

meeting newcomer will be warmly welcomed and will immediately notice the joviality, love and friendliness among the group's members.

A desire to stop drinking is all that is required to join AA, whose members believe that the advent of Alcoholics Anonymous in 1935 was one of the century's miracles. Special bonds are formed among members, who sponsor each other, "work" the Twelve Steps, practice the Twelve Traditions, and utilize the "Big Book" (Alcoholics Anonymous), as well as meditation books and other AA literature. Alcoholism, like any addiction, is a disease of denial and isolation. Recovery from guilt, resentments, fears, anger, and destructive lifestyles and habits comes through prayer to the God of one's understanding, working the Twelve Steps, and getting help from others in the fellowship. Alcohol kills drinkers and devastates families. Sobriety in AA saves lives. Family relationships can heal as recovering persons take responsibility and make genuine amends for harms done. Many recovering alcoholics are able to develop a relationship with God, which may have seemed unattainable before sobriety.

AA members are powerfully grateful to Grace Church for providing in-house outreach to the Monday Open AA meeting. For more information about AA, please call the Asheville Alcoholics Anonymous office at 254-8539, where the staff will facilitate access to a recovering person. Or visit <https://ashevilleaa.org/> to be connected to the District 70 website for AA meeting info. All are welcome to the Monday Open AA Meeting.

(Submitted by a Grace Parish/AA Member)

THE ORIGINAL TWELVE STEPS:

1. We admitted we were powerless over alcohol--that our lives had become unmanageable.
2. Came to believe that a power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.
3. Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.
4. Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.
5. Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.
6. Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.
7. Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.
8. Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.
9. Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.
10. Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong, promptly admitted it.
11. Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.
12. Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

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.

Please email us at 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!

In particular, we need people with:

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.



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PURLS OF GRACE invites all knitters and crocheters to a meeting on Thursday, September 16, in the church library at 5:00 p.m. We make shawls, lap robes, scarves and hats for people who need a hug. Any level of skill is welcome. We can even get beginners started on a simple and quick shawl. We will discuss if this is a good meeting time or if there might be a better one. We also need a person to identify recipients and arrange deliveries. This person need not be a maker. Please call Beth Woodson at 828-645-4293 for more information.

PUBSING IS BACK! Announcing our monthly PubSing, an informal gathering to sing hymns, old time gospel and Americana inspirational music. We will congregate on Sunday evening, September 26, from 5:00-7:00, at the Zillicoah Brewery, located at 870 Riverside Drive, Woodfin, NC. Come join us as we celebrate in song. For directions go to www.zillicoahbeer.com. For more information contact Monty Wooten at montywooten@bellsouth.net or 828-254-1114. The next PubSing is October 24.



ORDER OF ST. LUKE will meet via Zoom on Thursday, September 9, 6:30-8:30 p.m. They will continue to consider the fourth fundamental, "Exercise Your Authority," in the series, "Fundamentals for Receiving and Praying for Physical Healing." A DVD on the healing journey of a woman who was legally blind will also be viewed with a prayer experience related to the topic. 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. We will send you a link for the Zoom meeting.

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.

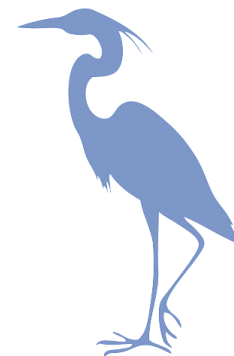
Again, this is an offering, and of course, you and your children are welcome to get activity packs and come on into the sanctuary as well! It is your choice how you regather. We simply want you to have options because we know...it is a process, and we want it to be successful. Feel free to call or email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

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.



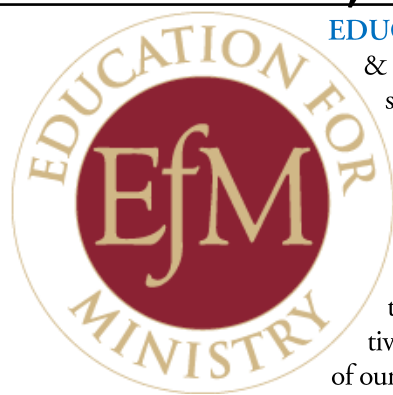
WOMEN WALKING THE WAY! Women of Grace and beyond, you're invited to join Rev. Milly for a weekly walk at Beaver Lake. This time together will be devoted to deep listening to how we as women walk the way of Jesus in the world and in our community of Grace.

No need to register or even email Rev. Milly; just show up Thursday at 8:00 a.m. in the Bird Sanctuary parking lot just past the North Asheville Library at 1030 Merrimon Avenue, going north.



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EDUCATE YOURSELF FOR MINISTRY THROUGH EfM. Grace's EfM Classes for new & returning students will restart Thursday, September 15, at 6 p.m. via Zoom and possibly in person. This first class survived through the challenges of starting a new class/program (recruiting, mentor training, registration, etc.) and the COVID-19 Pandemic.

EfM is a comprehensive, four-year program sponsored by the School of Theology at the University of the South. It's geared for providing the participants a better understanding of the Christian Tradition, the Bible, our Church History, and being a Christian in today's world.

EfM Program: Year One of the program is about the Old Testament and Year Two covers the New Testament. Year Three focuses on Christianity/Church History. Year Four is an integrative year that covers Anglican ethics, living in today's world as a Christian, and continues the process of our personal and global theologies as Christians. You can find out more details about the program, curriculum, and readings for all four years at the website: <http://efm.sewanee.edu/>.

EfM Mentors: Nancy Walters and Chris Jaquette are the Co-Mentors for the Grace EfM group. We encourage you to learn more about EfM by looking at the information on the Sewanee website (efm.sewanee.edu/), and then talking with Nancy, Chris or last year's EfM class members or other graduates of the program.

New Class: A new class will be starting in September 2021. Some of the last class group will be continuing and moving on to the Year Two curriculum, so we would like to encourage new members to join and bring the group up to 8-10 members.

There is still time to register. Throughout the month of September, contact Nancy Walters for registration assistance: ngwaltrld@aol.com or 706-833-0233. Cost - \$ 375 per student per year for sponsored classes (our class is WNC Diocese sponsored). The Grace Rector's Discretionary Fund for this coming class will be able to subsidize up to 10 students' Registration Fees with \$100- 200 per student (amount to be determined).

Also, to accommodate everyone's busy schedules and today's transitions, you don't need to attend the course for four straight years. You can take one year at a time and you can also take time off between the classes. We will decide in September and how we will hold classes (in person and/or virtually) based on guidance from the Bishop, the CDC and participants' preferences.

Please consider joining this enriching fellowship and personal growth program at Grace! Please call Nancy Walters at 706-833-0233. We would love to have you join us!



RUMMAGE SALE 2021! Save the date! The ECW Rummage Sale, is Saturday, November 6, 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon! Here are some important reminders:

Donation Times. We are so grateful for your donations to our sale. The storage house will be open to receive them on Saturday, September 25, 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon! We are requesting that you not bring items at other times. However, if you have an unusual circumstance and are unable to donate on this day, contact Mary Ann Warren at (828) 252-5783 or her cell number (828) 279-2260. She will be glad to discuss emergency drop-offs and can meet donors on short notice as necessary.

We will also be accepting donations the week prior to the sale: Nov. 1-5, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the parish hall and storage house. Clothing should be on hangers and delivered to the parish hall. Household items should be delivered to the storage house!

Please save larger furniture items until the week of the rummage sale! We don't have room for it prior to that week.

If these times or requirements do not work for you please take your items to another suitable agency for your donations.

ECW is hopeful that we will be able to hold our rummage sale this year and keep the dates provided above. As always during this era of Covid, everything is subject to change! Thanks so much for your help and understanding!

What to Bring. Clothing (on hangers; clean, something you would want to purchase! No underwear please)

Books (No textbooks, encyclopedias, dictionaries, condensed books, books that are written in or heavily highlighted, or magazines)

Office Supplies, arts/crafts kits or supplies

Children's and baby items (toys, games, puzzles, sports equipment if in good repair)

Jewelry

Small household and kitchen items (working and with all parts!)

Linens (labeled with sizes of sheets/bedspreads/tablecloths)

Christmas Items

Garden supplies (no hazardous materials) and small garden tools

We cannot accept any electronics or medical equipment!

Coming Oct. 16, Fall ECW Luncheon, Parish Hall (or courtyard), 12 Noon!

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THE PUMPKINS ARE COMING SEPTEMBER 26! Many thanks again to the Grace Episcopal community for hosting the Pumpkin Patch with all proceeds going to Consider Haiti, a local, grass-roots non-profit. As most of you know, the Patch is our single biggest fund-raiser of the year and all proceeds go to our programs in Haiti: medical clinics, community health agents, clean water, and sustainable nutrition (think goats!) So how can you help?

The pumpkins will arrive Sunday, September 26, at 1:00 p.m. Volunteer to help unload them. Bring a friend or family member, a wheelbarrow or a wagon, and plan to work in teams of two. We will provide bottled water but no food. Please bring your own snacks if needed.

Sign up now to tend the Pumpkin Patch for one or more shifts during the month of October. Here is your sign up link: <https://signup.com/go/SjEOzvL>

Again – thank you for your continued support and your understanding as we work towards having a fun patch in a safe environment. We know we are making a difference in the lives of children and families in Montrouis, Fond Baptist, and Ivoire, Haiti. Please Consider Haiti and consider volunteering a small amount of your time.

For the Board,
Shearon Roberts



A huge “Thankyou!” to Todd and Katherine Kaderabek for volunteering to coordinate this year’s Pumpkin Patch at Grace! You’ll be hearing more from them in the weeks to come.

Also needed: a team to share receipt counting, reporting and depositing during the month of October. *Please* consider helping in this way. Contact Kim Hayes, kimhys53@gmail.com for details.



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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, a lot! 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!

GREAT JOB COLLECTING SCHOOL SUPPLIES! Thank you, Grace Family, for your donations of school supplies and money to make sure area foster children have what they need as they return to class this fall. Your support makes this annual project a success every year.

EPISCOPAL HOUSE XIV BUILD HAS BEGUN. Join with volunteers from local Episcopal churches to 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, and your volunteer efforts count toward the Episcopal House no matter where you work. **Remember, no experience necessary!** Experts from Habitat for Humanity will be on hand. Just come prepared to work hard and have fun contributing to the home being built for Glenn Childes, a church sexton at Trinity Episcopal Church in Asheville. A signup list and details are available in the Grace foyer, or contact John Woodson at 828-645-4293 or jlwoodson@aol.com. You may also sign up online at <https://tinyurl.com/EpisH2021>

DONATIONS STILL BEING ACCEPTED. Tropical Storm Fred left many of our neighbors – especially in Haywood County, but also in Candler, Swannanoa and Black Mountain – homeless and hurting. Here is a link to a short video with a Cruso resident in the aftermath of the devastating floods: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hG_AyOZoV5c

Our friends at Beloved Asheville have taken action to assist these folks, and they urgently need our help. Grace Outreach committed \$1000 to Beloved Asheville to support their efforts in the hope that the people of Grace would at least match that amount with individual gifts. And thanks be to God and you, at this point in time, we have already been able to give Beloved Asheville \$2000 to help with the immediate costs of hotel vouchers and housing deposits. There is still time to add to that gift and put us well over our goal!

Send a check with “Flood” on the memo line to the church office, put your check in the offering plate on Sunday, or donate on the Grace website, <https://www.graceavl.com>. Click “Give to Grace” at the top of the home page and follow the prompts. The fund is “Outreach,” and please put “Flood” in the memo box. Thank you so much, kind people of Grace.



RELIEF RESPONSE IN HAITI. Episcopal Relief & Development is partnering with Church World Service (CWS) to provide assistance in Pestel, Haiti, after the 7.2 magnitude earthquake earlier this month. The program will include medical care, shelter, clean water, hygiene kits and educational services. Thanks to the generous pledging of Grace parishioners, Grace Outreach was able to send \$1000 to ERD’s Haiti Fund to support their on-going work. If you would like to learn more about the work being done, [click this link](#).

LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW OUR CHURCH RESPONDS TO ISSUES

here and around the world related to Creation Care; Racial Reconciliation; Ending Poverty; Migration, Refugees and Immigration; and Human Rights and Peacebuilding. 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 from a faith-based perspective using trustworthy information.



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'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.

*This month, join us in **Singing the Praises** of our awesome choir! In particular, we want to recognize and thank our Director of Music, Jim Cassarino; our organist, Cathy Adkins; and our cantors from the choir during the pandemic: Elise Cassarino, Kristen Dusenberry, Hannah Pennell and Sydnor Thompson. If you haven't met them yet, introduce yourself. Or even better, join the choir!*



Jim Cassarino



Cathy Adkins

We benefit from Jim's expertise and background. He is always patient and encouraging.

We are blessed to have such a talented organist. We benefit from Cathy's flexibility and accommodation to our learning of the music.

Anne Jarema



Elise Cassarino



Kristen Dusenberry

We always look forward to Jim's and Cathy's leadership and to being enlivened by their musical knowledge. *Lynda McCredie*

We are fortunate to have the talents of Elise, especially during Covid. Elise is a very positive uplifting presence in the choir.

Thank you to Kristen and Hannah for being cantors during the Covid isolation, adding much needed music to service and singing so well through the masks.

Anne Jarema



Hannah Pennell



Sydnor Thompson

Kristen has been a long-time bulwark for the choir as a cantor and service in related music roles. She has further been a 'morale' officer who has hosted choir gatherings in her home for years. Kristen's history of arriving at Grace is salient. St Mark's Lutheran almost became home to Kristen and her mother but the Grace Community "lucked out."

Steve Birkhofer

Sydnor, you are a great preacher, a wonderful lector, and yes, you sing, too! Your willingness to step in and do what needed doing throughout the pandemic has made you a true blessing to the Grace Family.

Kim Hayes

Because of these wonderful leaders, it is such a pleasure to be in the choir loft every Sunday singing with the members of the choir who also bring their many talents which makes us a wonderful choir to not only sing in, but for the members of the congregation to listen to.

Marla Woeckener

Our Prayer List

September

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; Marzy Israel; Shari Lane; Don & Ann Lewis; Nancy Porter; Sonny Rawls; Laura & Tsz-yan Snyder; Sydnor Thompson; Chal Vaughn; Barbara Wilcox; 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; Shirley Turner.

For Others: Angela (sister of Steve Booth); Ann (sister of Jeanne Sims); Wesley Auret (Godson of Elaine Potter); Jeff Baker (friend of Anne Jarema); Becky Blaylock (friend of Kathleen Griffin); Ed C (friend of Jim Compton); Villary Campbell (daughter of Villary LaRue); Kynlee Craig (niece of Ginny Moser); Ann Derwort (sister of Jeanne Sims); Nancy Dusenberry (friend of Lorie Tola); 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); “Mac” Macbride (friend of Rusty Herman); Janie McDonald (friend of Elaine Potter); Laura & Wayne Parton & son Morgan; Susannah Perry (friend of Sonny Rawls); Nancy Sink (sister of Jennifer Witt); Glenn Thomas (brother-in-law of Ron Sims); Jayne Traylor (mother of John Chastain); Tammy Wyatt (mother of Chance Wyatt); Dr. Terry Wilkey (brother-in-law of Diane Wilkey); Mary Dee Wilson (friend of Walt & Joyce Noble); Marilyn White (friend of Elaine Potter); Suzanne Woodhouse (friend of Nancy Clark).

For Those Who Have Died and their Families: Jeff Baker (friend of Anne Jarema); Joe Derwort (brother-in-law of Jeanne Sims).

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/ 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 or contact the church.



September Anniversaries

Miryam and Fr. Mike Reardon	1
Al and Julia Anne Dawson	2
Pat and Nancy Walters	2
John and Beth Woodson	7
Larry and Lucy Bowen	13
Brett and Suzy Young	15
Monty Wooten and Cheryl Deyton	20
Robert and Bonnie Kistler	21
Eric and Karen Howell	25

September Birthdays

John Cort	1	Emeline Scales	16
Pat Anderson	1	Patricia Hargrove	17
Beth Woodson	3	Angie Cullen	17
Zane Whitner	3	Carole McClellan	17
Hannah Booth	3	Pat Davis	21
Michael Racine	3	Glenn Haller	23
Julia Anne Dawson	4	Alice McKenzie	23
Naomi Green	4	Richard Jacobs	23
Marla Woeckener	5	Bailey Frue	24
Garrett Greene	5	Cameron Frue	24
Lynda McCredie	7	Peggie Carey	25
Devin Engelbrecht	12	Maya Bell	25
James Engelbrecht	12	Rita Spragg	26
The Rev. Alex Comfort	14	Annika Brock	26
Mark Silvers	14	Don Martin	30
Charlie Scales	14	Holden Israel	30

Special Gifts

The Aumbry Candle is given to the Glory of God by Teresa Cantrell in loving memory of her husband Cecil Cantrell.

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by:

- ♦ Marion-Mayfield Johnson in loving memory of her husband Edward (Mack) Johnson;
- ♦ Bill Coward in loving memory of his wife Sherry;
- ♦ Larry and Lucy Bowen in celebration of their marriage;
- ♦ Mary Israel in loving memory of her father, William F. Krause;
- ♦ Rusty Herman in loving memory of Ann Atkins Herman;
- ♦ Mary Ann and Bill Warren in loving memory of Lucretia Rhodarmer Warren;
- ♦ Cheryl and Joe Aull in thanksgiving for their many blessings;
- ♦ Valerie Heavens in loving memory of her father John H. Litun and in thanksgiving for her mother, Veronica Litun.



FR. MIKE'S FIRST SUNDAY! We thought you would enjoy a few photos from this very special Sunday at Grace Church.



WELCOME TO GRACE, FR. MIKE!

Budget Report for July 2021

After seven months of 2021, we have received Pledged Income of \$191,281, including prepayments for the year. Income from all sources totaled \$234,152, largely as a result of retained earnings from the prior year. The amount is less than last year's \$272,969 Income at this time.

Mission, Operational, Program, and Personnel expenses at the end of July 2021 totaled \$212,740 and were \$24,201 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 reopen 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 provided \$315,540 of the \$385,000 goal. This amount is more pledged monies than had been received last year, although pledged receipts were more at this time in 2020. 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

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Income:			
Pledges	191,281	186,019	5,262
Open Offering	8,371	11,667	(3,296)
Building Income	4,856	6,823	(1,967)
Administrative and Other Income	29,644	17,488	12,156
Total Income:	234,152	221,997	12,155
Expenses:			
Administrative	4,616	15,167	(10,551)
Outreach/Mission	31,927	32,227	(300)
Parish Programs	4,395	5,644	(1,249)
Operations	35,087	48,762	(13,675)
Personnel	136,716	135,141	1,575
Total Expenses:	212,741	236,941	(24,200)
Income Less Expenses:	21,411	(14,944)	36,355

some variance
due to rounding



You can still pick up a Grace bumper sticker! Five dollars or a donation of your choice will help us cover the cost.

September 2021 Ministry Schedule

Service Time	Acolyte	Acolyte	Lector	Intercessor	Chalicer(s)	Usher(s)	Healing Team
Sept 5							
10:30	Susan Robinson	Sally Withers	Bill Smith	Sydnor Thompson	Sally Withers Susan Robinson	Elaine and William Potter	
Sept 12							
10:30	Lorie Tola	Susan Robinson	Elise Cassarino	Bonnie Kistler	Susan Robinson Lorie Tola	George & Pat Davis	Karen Compton
Sept 19							
10:30	Sally Withers	Jack Frue	Nancy Walters	Louise Cate	Jack Frue Sally Withers	Ron & Jeanne Sims	Joan & Allyn Aldrich
Taizé 7:00 PM			James Cannon	Monty Wooten			Amy Trees Debbie Thomas
Sept 26							
10:30	Lorie Tola	James Cannon	Hannah Pennell	Jenny Thomas	James Cannon Lorie Tola	Paul & Vicki Vest	Shari Lane Pat Davis
Date	Vestry Member of the Day		Flower Arrangers			Altar Guild	
5-Sep	Steve Birkhofer		Israel & Bowen			Group 1 - Beth Woodson	
12-Sep	Elaine Potter		Newton			Group 2 - Bonnie Kistler	
19-Sep	Doug McClellan		Newton			Group 3 - Lorie Tola, Jeanne Sims	
26-Sep			Davis & Witt			Group 4 - Shannon Townsend	