



the Grace TEAM

to each a ministry

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A Reflection from Fr. Mike

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In-Person & Zoom

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Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m.
In-Person & Zoom

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I've spent a lot of time recently reflecting on beginnings. Just five weeks into my tenure as your Associate Rector here at Grace, perhaps this is unsurprising. But I have found myself in the midst of so many sacred beginnings—not just the beginning of my own call, but Rev. Milly's installation, Arthur Johnson's baptism, and my first ever wedding at Grace! What an abundance of beautiful beginnings. And so it felt fitting to fetch my mail yesterday morning and receive a quarterly newsletter from the Hartford Catholic Worker—the place where my faith journey began. Scrawled across the top of the newsletter was a quote from the Catholic Worker Movement's founder, Dorothy Day. It reads, "Those who cannot see Christ in the poor are atheists indeed."

It is a bold statement from an exceptionally bold woman. At the heart of Day's audacious spirit was the notion that care for and solidarity with the materially poor could not be achieved through any government program, no matter how ambitious, but instead only through the dedicated works of everyday people derived from a sense of *love*. In other words, the Kingdom of Heaven is not programmatic, but lives in the spirit that guides our actions. It is found in actions small, but consistent. As a journalist wrote memorializing Day, "If

small is not always beautiful, at least it is human." Though our acts may seem small, we must seek companionship and solidarity with those who have been made to feel small by a disordered world.

I pray that this spirit may guide us as we end Ordinary Season and move toward All Saints Day on November 1. It may be predictable that efforts have begun to canonize Dorothy Day as a saint. Her advocates have often reminded others that she is already a

saint. The church does not make saints, but merely recognizes them. This year, let us reflect on those who have been made saints by God, and yet are unknown to the church. There are countless saints, unnamed and anonymous, whose lives appear

insignificant through the lens of the world, but who are cherished in God's holy communion. As St. Paul reminds us in Hebrews, "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it (Hebrews 13:2)." I suspect there are angels unknown—saints unknown—cast aside in poverty, sitting in detention at the border, grappling with the trauma of racism. How will we commit to receiving them?

In Christ,
Rev. Mike



From Our Sr. Warden

THE GOOD INFECTION. Dear Grace, it's a colossal understatement to say that our lives are different from 18 months ago. We are more guarded than ever of our personal space and equally conscious of our fellow travelers' space. We are hyper-vigilant to neither catch nor spread the infection that has proved so devastating to our way of life.

But for us as Christians, we are also called to spread our faith and God's love throughout the world. Getting to know God is, in the words of C.S. Lewis, "the Good Infection." It takes on life because of who Jesus is. It infects every aspect of our being, and it is rather contagious. It spreads by contact, sometimes physical acts of charity, sometimes as an idea and often through relationships.

The most organic way for that to occur is by being in proximity with our neighbors and others in our communities and beyond. Hence, tension can arise between what we know is required of us from a public health standpoint and what God commands of us from a spiritual health standpoint. But through thought and prayer, I believe we can square these two calls.

Paul instructs us that in the face of all the challenges that life brings, this Good Infection of Christ in us becomes armor against the forces that seek to rob us of peace, hope and faith. Through our prayers, communion, and other spiritual practices, we are taking Jesus in to become part of us so that we can become who he has meant us to be.

There are ample opportunities for us to spread God's love in these challenging times. The pumpkins are here for our annual fundraiser benefiting Consider Haiti. And once again, that impoverished island nation is in desperate need of help. Refugees from Afghanistan will soon be coming to our area, and I hope we'll be able to extend support to them as well. The eviction moratorium has been lifted, and many will find themselves houseless. And right here at Grace, our stewardship season is upon us, where we seek commitments from parishioners to fund our operations for another year.

The Lewis metaphor of the Good Infection reminds me of one of my favorite songs of worship: *"It only takes a spark to get a fire going / And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing / That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it / You spread His love to everyone / You want to pass it on."*

Let us join together to spread the Good Infection of Christ's Love far and wide. Amen!



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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 Postponed	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	Zoom
Mondays, 3:00 PM	Pastoral Care Meeting	Zoom
Tuesdays, 10:00 AM	Stewardship Meeting	Zoom
Wednesdays, 1-3:00 PM	Personal Spiritual Direction (<i>by appointment</i>)	Church Sanctuary
Wednesdays, 5:30 PM	Centering Prayer	Zoom
Wednesdays, 5:30 PM	Grace Family Reunions (<i>in October; see p. 3</i>)	Parish Hall
Wednesdays, 7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal Postponed	Church Sanctuary
Thursdays, 8:00 AM	Women Walking the Way	Beaver Lake
Thursdays (2nd & last), 1:00 PM	Rector & Lay Leadership Meeting	Zoom
Sunday, October 3, 12:00 PM	Blessing of the Animals (<i>see p. 3</i>)	Pumpkin Patch
Tuesday, October 5, 5:00 PM	Outreach Meeting	Zoom
Saturday, October 16, 12:00 Noon	ECW Fall Potluck Luncheon (<i>see p. 4</i>)	Parish Hall
Saturday, October 9, 5:30 PM	Pig Pickin' Family Barbeque (<i>see p. 5</i>)	Church Parking Lot
Monday, October 11, 5:00 PM	Endowment Committee Meeting (<i>see p. 11</i>)	Zoom
Monday, October 11, 6:00 PM	Worship Committee Meeting	Zoom
Tuesday, October 12, 5:00 PM	Men of the Church	Parish Hall
Wednesday, October 13, 10:00 AM	TEAM Meeting	Zoom
Sunday, October 17, 8:00 PM	Taizé	Church Sanctuary
Monday, October 18, 5:30 PM	Vestry Meeting	Downstairs Conf. Room
Thursday, October 21, 5:00 PM	Purls of Grace (<i>see p. 4</i>)	Library
Sunday, October 24, 4:00 PM	PubSing (<i>see p. 4</i>)	Zillicoah Brewery
	** BULLETIN AVAILABLE	* Zoom Access Available

Parish News, Updates & Reminders

DECISIONS ABOUT IN-PERSON WORSHIP. We continue to offer in-person Sunday worship, but we are also making decisions about where we feel safe traveling and gathering, so please know that, if you do not feel comfortable being at church at this time, we understand and will be here to welcome you when you come back. In the meantime, take good care of yourself. If you decide to attend in-person church, masks are required and we will practice social distancing. Thank you so much for your patience and understanding.

CHILDREN'S TRANSITION ROOM. Since children under the age of 12 have not yet been offered an option of vaccination, 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. This is an offering and of course you and your children are welcome to get the activity backpack and come on into the sanctuary as well!

STEWARDSHIP SEASON IS HERE! GIVING 'TIL IT FEELS GOOD! Fall always marks a time at Grace when we pause our busy lives and give thanks for all that God has given us, and in turn, help our body of Christ at Grace do the work God is calling us to, individually and collectively.

The theme for this stewardship season is "Giving 'til It Feels Good!" It's based on your personal situation and invites you to reflect on the gifts God has given you, and in return, to show your thanks by making a whole-hearted pledge of time, talent, and treasure to the church.

Our 2022 stewardship goal is **100% participation for pledged income of \$500,000.**

In the weeks ahead, you'll be hearing the stories of our leaders and parishioners whose lives have been changed by their giving relationships to God. And you'll also be getting a letter with a pledge card you can complete and return to Grace. If you're ready to pledge today, please use Grace's website, or give via your smartphone with the Simple Church app and the Venmo app @GraceEpiscopal-church.

Giving 'til
it feels
GOOD!



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS NEXT SUNDAY, Oct 3!

Next Sunday, October 3, we celebrate the Feast of St Francis!

Join us following the worship service for a Blessing of the Animals in the Pumpkin Patch! From 12-1, clergy will be available for blessings and prayers (and maybe a few treats)!

FAMILY REUNIONS AT GRACE. This is your invitation to **Family Reunion at Grace!** Every Wednesday beginning October 6, Fr. Mike and Rev. Milly will host Grace Family Reunion Gatherings in the Parish hall from 5:30-7:00 p.m., and here's your reunion schedule:

- October 6: All members who have been at Grace 20-40+ years.
- October 13: All members who have been at Grace 10-19 years.
- October 20: All members who have been at Grace 5-9 years.
- October 27: All members who have been at Grace 1-4 years.

This time with clergy offers us an opportunity to hear from each group's experiences at Grace throughout time, and to learn what have been some of the most powerful times throughout Grace's history and what are the hopes for Grace's future! We hope you can make every effort to attend your Family Reunion Gathering.

No need to register. Just come as you are. We will have snacks and drinks available. We look forward to this time of fellowship and learning!

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PURLS OF GRACE UPDATE. Due to mounting breakthrough COVID infections, it's been decided to delay the start Purls of Grace until October 21. If anyone wants to see patterns, raid the yarn stash or get some instruction, feel free to call Beth Woodson, 828-645-4293 to schedule a one-on-one meeting.

PUBSING OCTOBER 24. Announcing our monthly PubSing, an informal gathering to sing hymns, old time gospel and Americana inspirational music. We will congregate on Sunday evening, October 24, from 4:00-6:00, 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.



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 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.

ECW FALL POTLUCK LUNCHEON. BRING A DISH TO SHARE! The Episcopal Church Women of Grace will be holding its fall potluck luncheon on Saturday, October 16, at noon in the parish hall (or courtyard depending on COVID restrictions.) We will have a short business meeting to elect new officers. All women of Grace are members of ECW and we would love to see you attend and become active with this wonderful organization. We especially welcome newcomers to Grace—it's a great time to meet new friends! Bring your favorite dish and if you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Aull at ckauull@charter.net.

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.



ORDER OF ST. LUKE will meet via Zoom on Thursday, October 14. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. and end no later than 8:30 p.m. We'll continue to consider the fourth fundamental in our series, **Fundamentals of Receiving and Praying for Physical Healing: Exercise Your Authority**. We'll also view and discuss the DVD Healing Journey of a child who needed to be on dialysis the first three years of his life. We'll have a prayer experience related to the topic.

We welcome your participation; one does 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.

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PIG PICKIN' FAMILY BBQ is Saturday, October 9, 5:30 p.m. 'til... with music, food and fun, outside, weather permitting. This year's event is a collaboration between the Episcopal Church Women and Men of the Church. Plates at the Pig Pickin' will be \$10.00 per person or \$25.00 for a family. Also included—rolls, coleslaw, baked beans, various desserts (thanks to the ECW), and several choices of drinks (water, cola, or tea). Ribs are also available this year for \$15.00 a plate with the same sides. Left over pork can be purchased for \$10.00/quart-1 lb., or \$35.00/gallon - 4 lbs. Please contact Ron Sims, Jim Compton, or Steve Birkhofer for any questions or more details. Proceeds will support local Outreach.



Members of the congregation are asked to volunteer where possible. We particularly need help setting up tables and arrangements in the morning, and also 'breaking down' everything in the evening. Please reach out to Ron Sims, Jim Compton, or Steve Birkhofer to confirm your availability to help.

TWO IMPORTANT CANCELATIONS. **Rummage Sale.** ECW is canceling this year's rummage sale scheduled for November 6 in an abundance of caution related to COVID. They hope to reschedule in the spring. Donation days are also canceled. Hopefully, you can keep your donations until the spring but if not, please donate them to another suitable agency! We really appreciate your understanding, patience and prayers!

EfM Classes. Thank you to all who have expressed an interest in the EfM Course through Sewanee and Grace Episcopal Church. The Grace Church EfM initiative was unable to enroll enough participants at this time and has, therefore, been put on hold. We will reconsider again next year when, hopefully, the health of our members, our church and our economy will encourage people to start new projects and activities. For those still interested in pursuing EfM at this time, please contact The Rev. Deacon Peggy Buchanan at Trinity Parish, Asheville, 828-253-9361. She is able to provide you with information about other groups in the area. Questions or comments: contact Grace EfM Leaders, Nancy Walters @ 706-833-02334 or Chris Jacquette @ 828-713-2519.

Grace Ministry Leadership

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.

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The Pumpkin Patch Page!

THE PUMPKINS ARE HERE! First, a huge thank you to everyone who showed up (especially the folks from Christ School) and pitched in to help unload the pumpkins Sunday, September 26! It was hard work. Great job done by all!

So now through the end of the month, it's time to **sell some pumpkins!** Steps have been taken to make sure the Patch is safe for both buyers and volunteers. Although cash payment will be accepted, an easy no-touch electronic payment process is also in place. Volunteering for a Pumpkin Patch shift is easy and **so important.** Please...



[click here to select your shift and sign up](#)



HOW MANY EPISCOPALIANS DOES IT TAKE TO PUT UP THE PUMPKIN PATCH TENT? Six, plus one dog and an Angel. Many thanks to Katherine and Todd Kaderabek, Kim and Rick Hayes, Lorie Tola, Allison Bowen, Charlie the dog, and Angel, our wonderful and oh-so-helpful sexton. Also, thanks to Lorie for photographing the hard work.



The Pumpkin Patch is Consider Haiti's biggest fundraiser of the year! Last year, we netted over \$12,000, the best Pumpkin Patch ever! So let's do it again! Remember, there are still slots available for volunteer pumpkin sellers throughout the month, so please sign up early and often! All you need to do is...

[click here to select your shift and sign up](#)

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!

STILL TIME TO HELP BUILD. Join local Episcopalians and experts from Habitat for Humanity to work hard and have fun contributing to the “Episcopal House” home being built for Glenn Childes, a church sexton at Trinity Episcopal Church in Asheville. A variety of jobs are available, and your volunteer efforts count toward the Episcopal House no matter where you work. **Remember, no experience necessary!** A signup list and details are available in the Grace foyer, or contact John Woodson at 828-645-4293 or jwoodson@aol.com. You may also sign up online at <https://tinyurl.com/EpisH2021>

COOK TEAMS NEEDED FOR TRANSFORMATION VILLAGE. The pandemic has wreaked havoc on many aspects of our lives including our outreach opportunities, but at least one of them is back and exponentially better than before!

ABCCM’s Steadfast House, the shelter for women and children, is now Transformation Village, and it is aptly named. To learn more about Transformation Village, click <https://www.abccm.org/transformation-village/>. A few of us at Grace have toured the facility and are awed by its size, beauty, safety, and the hope and love that are abundantly apparent throughout the building. That hope is also reflected in the faces and carriage of the women and children living in Transformation Village. The women have access to beautiful clothes and delicious food for them and their children, daily living supplies, and in-house classes to help them learn skills and eventually transition to independent life where they can provide for themselves and their children

The new facility has a state-of-the-art kitchen, but still needs cook teams. For the past several months, a skeleton crew from Grace has been providing a fabulous taco bar on the second Friday of each month. We need your help to build back up to a crew of four (4), four- to six-person cook teams so that each team can cook and serve once a quarter instead of once a month. Don’t cook? No worries, the nice thing about a taco bar (or whatever your team decides to provide) is that there are plenty of items like sour cream, grated cheese, guacamole, and chips that you can just buy and bring. The cafeteria has a rolling salad bar stocked by area restaurants and the facility, so we don’t need to supply salad, and they usually have plenty of sweets as well. Grace just supplies the main course, servers, and smiles.

To learn how you and your family or friends can join this soul-feeding ministry, contact Cheryl Deyton at (828) 337-9065.



\$25,000 GRANT AWARDED! We are delighted to report that the Human Hurt and Hope Fund of the Diocese of WNC has awarded a \$25,000 grant to [BeLoved Asheville](#). The Cathedral of All Souls serves as Sponsoring Parish for this project in collaboration with four parishes in the Asheville Deanery: St. George, St. James Black Mountain, St. Mary’s, and our own Grace Church.

Recognizing that faith communities are uniquely positioned to understand the physical/emotional/spiritual and social needs of Villagers, these five parishes collaborated this spring on a proposal to the Diocesan Human Hurt and Hope Fund to build communal infrastructure on-site at [BeLoved Village](#). Our collaboration brought additional matching funds to build walking paths among the houses, gathering spaces and structures that eventually may include a community building, pavilion, and a community garden. BeLoved residents will also be doing hands-on work to build the commons. Funds will be used primarily for materials.

We here at Grace are inspired by the Village residents as they live and work together to build infrastructure for long-lasting community. And we are grateful to the Human Hurt and Hope Fund of the Episcopal Diocese of WNC for this extraordinary opportunity.

Be watching for more information about ways in which members of the Grace Family can participate in this exciting collaboration.



HAYWOOD COMMUNITY CHURCH WORKDAY. You are invited to join other members of the Grace Church family on Thursday, October 21, 9:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., for a day of service with Haywood Street Congregation. We will all meet at Haywood Street's parking lot.

All levels of physical ability are welcome and celebrated. The day will include work in the garden and grounds, and will end with a tour of Haywood Street's famous fresco painting.

Contact Fr. Mike at revmike4grace@gmail.com to RSVP or if you have any questions.

WORLD HOMELESS DAY 2021. World Homeless Day is an annual event on the 10th of October. The concept emerged from online discussions between people working to respond to homelessness from various parts of the world. The Inaugural World Homeless Day was marked on the 10th of October, 2010. Since its founding, World Homeless Day has been observed on every continent except Antarctica, in several dozen countries.

The purpose of World Homeless Day is to draw attention to people who experience homelessness needs locally and provide opportunities for the community to get involved in responding to homelessness, while taking advantage of the stage an "international day" provides.

Here at Grace, as our outreach focus turns more and more toward homelessness and the many critical issues it creates, we invite you to join us in wor-

ship Sunday, September 10, as we honor World Homeless Day during our 10:30 service. We will include special intercessory

prayers and a sermon focused on how housing insecurity relates to the message of Jesus. A portion of proceeds from the offering will be donated to Pisgah Legal Services, who are the region's foremost source of legal support for those at risk of losing housing.



**PISGAH
LEGAL SERVICES**

THE HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION PROGRAM AT PISGAH LEGAL SERVICES provides free civil legal aid to people struggling to make ends meet in WNC. With early legal intervention, PLS can keep difficult housing situations from spiraling out of control and trapping families, seniors, children and other vulnerable people in poverty.

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.

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

For Parishioners: Cliff Albertson; Pat Anderson; Sally Coburn; Jim Compton; Dorothy Engel; Eunice Ferguson; Marzy Israel; Shari Lane; Don & Ann Lewis; Nancy Porter; Sonny Rawls; Laura & Tsz-yan Snyder; Pat & Nancy Walters; 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); Jeff Baker (friend of Anne Jarema); Becky Blaylock (friend of Kathleen Griffin); Ed C (friend of Jim Compton); Nancy Dusenbery (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); Matthew, Courtney, Naomi (son and family of Hannah Pennell); Ian "Mac" McBride (friend of Rusty Herman); Nancy Miller; Sally Morrow (mother of Milly Morrow); Susannah Perry (friend of Sonny Rawls); Sharon Prater (friend of Lorie Tola); Sheila (sister of Ginny Moser); 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); Marilyn White (friend of Elaine Potter); Augustus Williford & family (friends of Sonny Rawls); Suzanne Woodhouse (friend of Nancy Clark).

For Those Who Have Died and their Families: Leah Craig (great niece of Pat & George Davis); Frances Hannah (mother of Becky Hannah); Dennis Kwiatkowski (friend of Jeff & Bea Russell); Veronica Litun (mother of Valerie Heavens); Beverly McRee (wife of Fr. Tim McRee); Horace Townsend (father of Greg Townsend); Suzanne Woodhouse (friend of Nancy Clark).

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.



Our condolences and prayers go to the friends, family and loved ones of Leah Craig (great niece of Pat & George Davis); Frances Hannah (mother of Becky Hannah); Dennis Kwiatkowski (friend of Jeff & Bea Russell); Veronica Litun (mother of Valerie Heavens); Beverly McRee (wife of Fr. Tim McRee); Horace Townsend (father of Greg Townsend); Suzanne Woodhouse (friend of Nancy Clark).

October Anniversaries

Guy and Kate Wrenn	4
Travers and Charlotte Chiott	5
Michael and Nicole Racine	6
Steve and Lisa Birkhofer	12
Annika Brock and Elaine Potter	12
Laura and Wayne Parton	14
Steve and Nora Jones	16
Win and Jessica Webster	20
Bill and Mary Ann Warren	25
Watson and Meghan Jordan	26
Jack and Nancy Britts	26

October Birthdays

Lelia Cort	1	Peg O'Hagan	17
Roger Snyder	2	Greg Townsend	19
Sadie Smith-Morrow	2	Bobbie Eblen	19
Steve Jones	5	Becky Hannah	20
Mitchell Davidson	6	Caroline Jordan	21
Shannon Townsend	8	Anne Jarema	22
Grace Green	8	Cecelia Cassarino	22
Bonnie Kistler	8	Angela Hall	23
Martha Boyette	9	Miles Beasley	23
Georgi Bruce	9	Anna Hamrick	24
Ann Robinson	9	Peggy Grimes	24
Laura Snyder	9	Jeremy Cress	25
Jonah Silvers	10	Liz Krueger	25
Amy Lyda	13	Rob Potter	26
Caleb Cain 1	13	Earl Leininger	27
Maggie Green	14	Kim Winters	28
Robert Oxford	15	Cleo Doran	29
Robert Porter	16	Jacob Haller	30

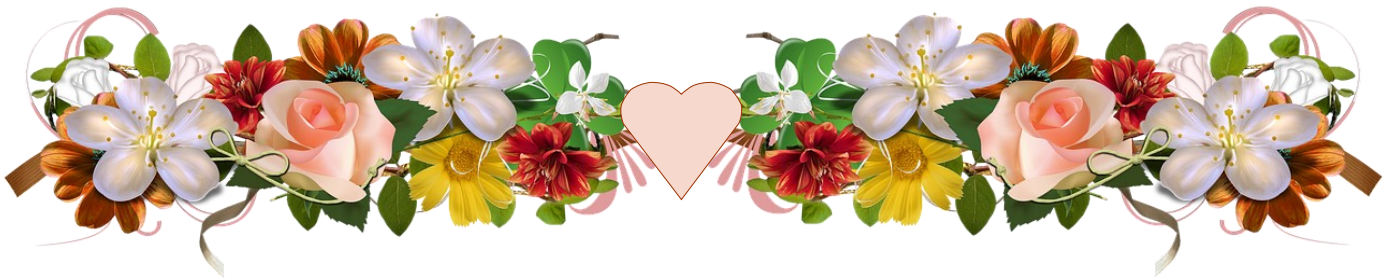
Special Gifts

The Aumbry Candle is given to the Glory of God by Charlotte Chiott in thanksgiving for the wedding anniversary of Charlotte and Travers.

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by:

- ♦ Sarah Burnham in memory of her mother Susan Barnes Burnham;
- ♦ Bobbie Eblen in memory of her daughter Margie and her husband Joe;
- ♦ Ed Duncan in memory of Dick L. Drake;
- ♦ Mary Ann and Bill Warren in thanksgiving for their wedding anniversary and in loving memory of their parents, Felcie and Junius Warren, and Andrew Marion and Abbie Jean Jowers Lynn;
- ♦ Beth and Pat McKinsey in memory of Beth's brother Bill Murtiashaw, Beth's parents Eva Gary and Charlie Murtiashaw, and Pat's father Patrick McKinsey, also Kathy, Rock, and Morgan Thomas;
- ♦ Dodie King in memory of her brother Tom Sparacino.

Flower Arrangers Needed! If you enjoy working with flowers, this could be your dream ministry -- no experience necessary! Get all the on-the-job training you need from a group of wonderful and gifted flower artists. To learn more, contact Pat Davis, 253-9008, or call the church office.



On September 12, 2021 we welcomed
Arthur Clyde Johnson
 son of Katherine DeBruhl Johnson & Garrett David Johnson
 into the church through the sacrament of Holy Baptism.
 Arthur was sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism
 and marked as Christ's own forever.

Budget Report for August 2021

After eight months of 2021, we have received Pledged Income of \$211,300, including prepayments for the year. Income from all sources totaled \$256,433, largely as a result of retained earnings from the prior year. If we did not have retained earnings from the prior year, we would currently be in a deficit position.

Mission, Operational, Program, and Personnel expenses at the end of August 2021 totaled \$245,966, and were \$24,824 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 be eliminated 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 - August 2021

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Income:			
Pledges	211,300	212,593	(1,293)
Prior Year Pledges	-	-	-
Non-pledged Offerings	50	-	50
Open Offering	9,809	13,333	(3,524)
Building Income	5,459	7,264	(1,805)
Administrative & Other Income	29,611	19,937	9,674
Total Income:	256,433	253,710	2,723
Expenses:			
Administrative	5,437	17,333	(11,896)
Outreach/Mission	36,031	36,831	(800)
Parish Programs	6,434	6,450	(16)
Operations	38,908	55,728	(16,820)
Personnel	159,156	154,447	4,709
Total Expenses:	245,966	270,790	(24,823)
Income Less Expenses:	10,467	(17,080)	27,546

some variance due to rounding

ENDOWMENT MEETING OCTOBER 11. Your Endowment Committee—Anne Jarema, Larry Harris, John Chastain, Gael Paschall and Steve Birkhofer—has scheduled a quarterly meeting for Monday, October 11, 5:00 p.m. via Zoom. We welcome any interested parishioners who would like to be in attendance. If interested, please notify me in advance of your interest to attend.

The Committee's agenda will likely include limited market and investment performance review, review of the minutes from the July meeting, spend rate analysis and determination of spending recommendation of available funds for calendar 2022, consideration of funding needs in the coming year, abbreviated review of the By-Laws regarding the allowable and required uses of the endowment funds, and continued discussion regarding a re-energized Planned Giving program.

October 2021 Ministry Schedule

Service Time	Acolyte(s)	Lector	Intercessor	Chalicer(s)	Usher(s)	Healing Team
Oct 3						
10:30	Sally Withers Lorie Tola		Elaine Potter	Sally Withers Lorie Tola	Ron and Jeanne Sims	Karen Compton
Oct 10						
10:30	James Cannon Sally Withers	Sally Withers	Bill Smith	James Cannon Sally Withers	Paul and Vicki Vest	Joan and Allyn Aldritch
Oct 17						
10:30	Jack Frue Susan Robinson	Kristen Dusenbery	John Woodson	Jack Frue Susan Robinson	George and Pat Davis	
Taizé 7:00 PM		Monty Wooten	James Cannon			Amy Trees Debbie Thomas
Oct 24						
10:30	James Cannon Jack Frue	Bonnie Kistler	Elise Cassarino	James Cannon Jack Frue	Ben and Aeron Scales	Louise Cate
Oct 31						
10:30	Lorie Tola Susan Robinson	Elaine Potter	Carol Booth	Lorie Tola Susan Robinson	Elaine and William Potter	Pat Davis
Date	Vestry Member of the Day		Flower Arrangers		Altar Guild	
3-Oct	Doug McClellan		Davis & Witt		Group 1 - Beth Woodson	
10-Oct	Matthes Mennell		Wyatt		Group 2 - Bonnie Kistler	
17-Oct			Wyatt		Group 3 - L. Tola, J. Sims	
24-Oct	Steve Birkhofer		Jones		Group 4 - Shannon Townsend	
31-Oct	Vicki Vest		Jones		Group 3 - L. Tola, J. Sims	