



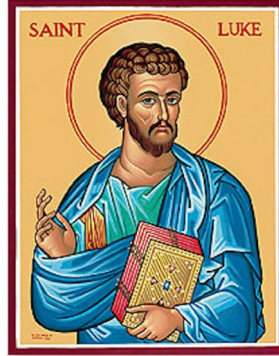
the Grace TEAM

to each a ministry

November 2021

A Message from Rev. Milly

Dear Good People of Grace!



On November 28, we will enter into a new year in our liturgical cycle as we celebrate the beginning of Advent. We

will enter into “Year C” of the Church’s liturgical calendar this Advent, and we will begin to read the book of Luke as our guiding Gospel text for the year.

The book of Luke begins with an address to Theophilus, a name which literally means “Lover of God.” And according to the biblical expert Joel Green, the intent of the book of Luke is not to justify faith by asking “Did it happen?” but to inspire faith by asking “What happened and what does it mean for our living as Christians?”

This may be why Luke’s gospel is my favorite of all. As a pastor, teacher and preacher, I am much more interested in inspiring faith by asking “What happened and what does it mean?” than seeking justification for any person’s faith through arguing over the facts. I find seeking meaning is more spiritually fulfilling than striving for certainty.

Winter is a time of mystery. The earth hides her spring and summer

beauty for a time of quiet rest. The stillness of snow will come. We will gather around fires and tell stories, and we will celebrate the mystery of Advent: anticipating and waiting for new birth and welcoming a baby King at Christmastide. In all of these celebrations, I hope we will seek inspiration and together make meaning out of what happened those thousands of years ago. As we gather at Grace and we hear the stories of our ancestors, I hope we will consider ourselves “Theophilus,” each one of us hearers of the story, each one of us, in our listening, “Lovers of God.”

Look for the many opportunities to increase your faith by making meaning out of this Advent Season through Formation groups, Grace Family Dinners, Tabernacle groups, Bible Study (Now Monday and Wednesday!), Spiritual Direction with Mother Milly on Wednesdays, Women Walking the Way on Thursdays and so many opportunities to learn through service to others. I hope you allow yourself to enter into this deep time of mystery and be inspired by the meaning you discover!

Peace and Many Blessings,
Rev. Milly

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Sunday Worship
10:30 a.m. - Rite II
In-person and
Virtual on YouTube

Gospel Bible Study
Mondays, 10:30 a.m.
In-Person & Zoom

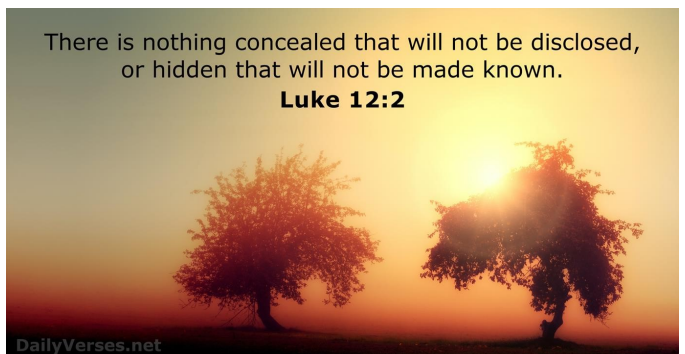
Centering Prayer
Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m.
In-Person & Zoom

Spiritual Direction Sessions
Wednesdays, 1-3:00 p.m.
Appointment required

On-Line Access. Go to www.graceavl.com 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.

There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed,
or hidden that will not be made known.

Luke 12:2



From Our Sr. Warden



Ben Scales, Sr. Warden
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ALL IN THIS TOGETHER. Dear Grace, as you'll read again in this issue of TEAM, it's Stewardship Season, that time of year when we canvass our parish for pledges or commitments for donations to fund our operations in the coming year.

Stewardship goes beyond the church budget and connects everything we do with what God is doing in the world. It's a way of life, one of the primary ways in which we fulfill our identity in Christ. Stewardship is a spiritual practice that allows us to live out the belief that all we have and all that we are belongs to God. It is a way of living that includes giving.

It is important to recognize, however, that generosity and giving are not synonymous. Giving is an act. Generosity is an attitude. Generosity involves a willingness to sacrifice for the benefit of others personally. Giving is merely the act of abandoning something of value. Giving can be done without being generous, but you cannot be generous and not give.

Every year, we set a target for an amount to be raised. This year, that target is \$500,000, and as of this writing, we are up to 34% of that goal. But another more important goal we've set is for 100% participation across the congregation. This is because all of us are critically important to the strength and legacy of Grace Church. Currently, we're only at 18% participation, which means we have a lot of work left to do.

Large contributions by wealthy members can do a lot of good and go a long way. But what will mean the most to us is a congregation full of "givers" that is not reliant on personal wealth and not susceptible to economic fluctuations.

Participation is a key element in life at Grace, and not just in fundraising. You can see this in our worship, in the choir, in bible study and outreach. By encouraging each one of us, opportunities exist to take a chance at doing something new. One hundred percent participation means that we're all in this together. In today's uncertain environment, as we lean heavily on God's faithfulness and each other, we thank you for joining us in whatever amount you pledge.

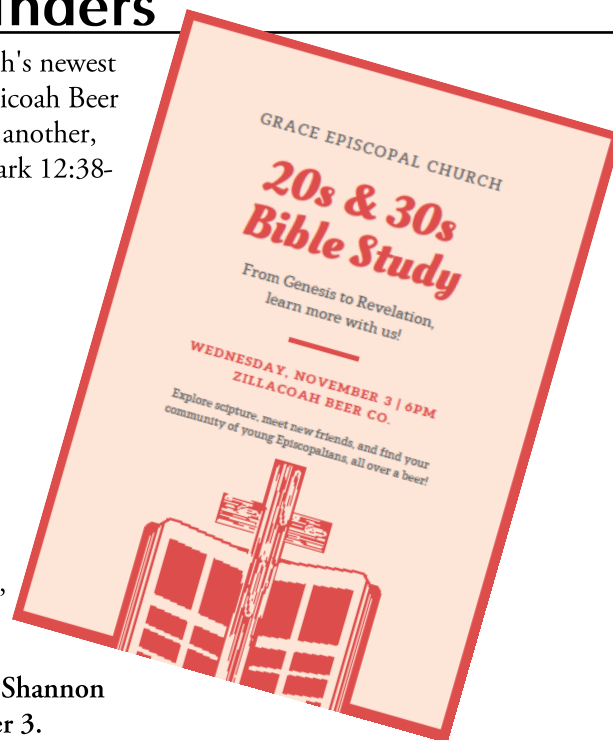
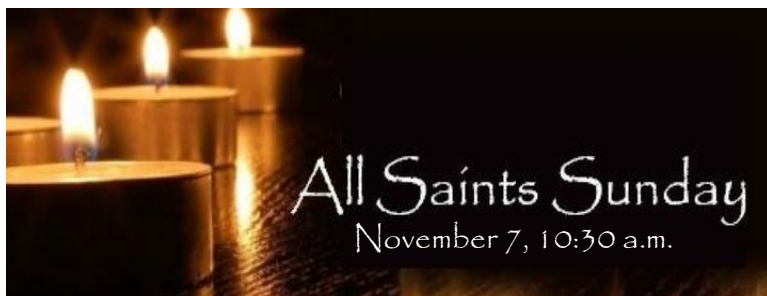
Events at a Glance

A Quick Review of the Month

Date and Time	Service, Meeting or Activity	Location
Sundays, 9:45 AM	Choir Rehearsal	Church Sanctuary
Sundays, 10:30 AM	Sunday Holy Eucharist Service **	YouTube & In-Person
Sundays Following Worship	Coffee Hour	Foyer/Courtyard
Sundays, Nov. 7, 14, 21, 12-1:00 PM	Exile to Kingdom (<i>see p. 3</i>)	Parish Hall
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	Praying Together (<i>by appointment</i>)	Church Sanctuary
Wednesdays, 5:30 PM	Centering Prayer	Zoom
Wednesdays, 7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Church Sanctuary
Thursdays, 8:00 AM	Women Walking the Way	Beaver Lake
Tuesday, November 2, 5:00 PM	Outreach Meeting	Zoom
Wednesday, November 3, 6:00 PM	20's/30's Bible Study w/ Fr. Mike (<i>see p. 3</i>)	Zillicoah Beer Co.
Sunday, November 7, 10:30 AM	All Saints Sunday (<i>see p. 3</i>)	Church Sanctuary
Monday, November 8, 6:00 PM	Worship Committee Meeting	Zoom
Tuesday, November 9, 5:00 PM	Men of the Church	Parish Hall
Wednesday, November 10, 10:00 AM	TEAM Meeting	Zoom
Wednesday, November 10, 10:00 AM	Flower Arrangers Meeting	Library
Thursday, November 11 & 25, 1:00 PM	Rector & Lay Leadership Meeting	Zoom
Monday, November 15, 5:30 PM	Vestry Meeting	Downstairs Conf. Room
Thursday, November 18, 5:00 PM	Purls of Grace	Library
Sunday, November 21, 10:30 AM	In-Gathering Sunday	Church Sanctuary
Sunday, November 21, 8:00 PM	Taizé	Church Sanctuary
Thursday, November 25, 10:00 AM	Thanksgiving Day Worship (<i>see p. 3</i>)	YouTube
Thursday/Friday, November 25-26	Church Office closed for Thanksgiving holiday	
Sunday, November 28, 11:30 AM	Advent Wreath-Making (<i>see p. 3</i>)	Parish Hall
Sunday, November 28, 4:00 PM	PubSing (<i>see p. 4</i>)	Cork and Keg
	** BULLETIN AVAILABLE	* Zoom Access Available

Parish News, Updates & Reminders

20'S AND 30'S BIBLE STUDY. Come join us in Grace Church's newest ministry, Grace 20s and 30s. Our first event will be a Bible Study at Zillicoah Beer Co. on November 3 at 6:00 p.m. We'll spend time getting to know one another, thinking about our hopes for this group, and critically engaging with Mark 12:38-44. Contact Fr. Mike revmike4grace@gmail.com if you're interested!

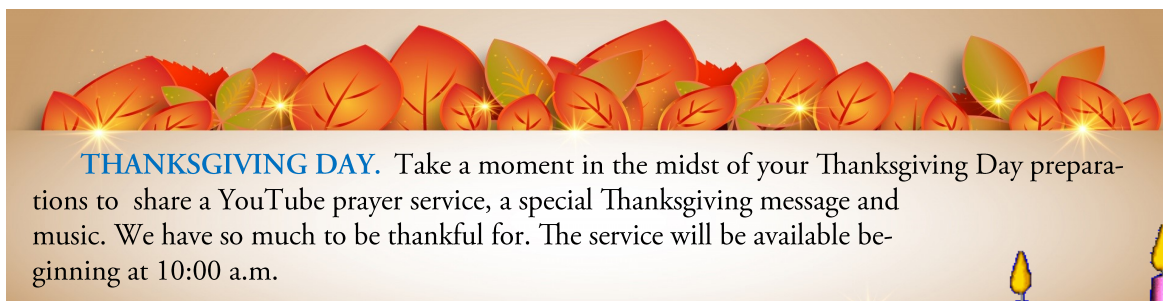


ALL SAINTS SUNDAY. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Please email names of the departed you want on a Prayer flag to Shannon Townsend at gstownsend@att.net no later than Wednesday, November 3.

ADULT FORMATION: EXILE TO KINGDOM: How Scripture and our Baptismal Covenant calls us to respond in the face of the housing crisis in our community. This special adult formation series is offered at 12:00 noon in the parish hall on Sundays, November 7, 14, and 21. Bring your lunch and join Fr. Mike and Rev. Milly along with community guests as we seek to more fully understand the Kingdom of Heaven and how to build it! Topics include:

- November 7: What is exile and how do certain people become exiled from a healthy and whole community?
- November 14: Understanding the impact of trauma on homelessness. How does trauma lead to homelessness and how are we as neighbors called to be a part of healing and kingdom building.
- November 21: The hope of Beloved Community. What scripture says about the Kingdom of Heaven.



ADVENT WREATH-MAKING. One of our favorite holiday traditions at Grace is making Advent wreaths on the first Sunday of Advent. Please sign up to join us for Advent Wreath making on Sunday, November 28, 11:30 a.m. in the parish hall.

This is a fun and meaningful intergenerational activity for families. All supplies including candles will again be available for a donation of \$5.00. Or purchase candles only for just \$3.00.

In addition to making the wreaths in the parish hall, you also have the option of pre-ordering an Advent wreath kit.

Click here to sign up: <https://tinyurl.com/AdventWr>



Families are invited to light the candles on our Advent Wreath each Sunday during Advent. If your family would like to participate, please contact Rev. Milly, rev.milly4grace@gmail.com

Parish News, Updates & Reminders

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STEWARDSHIP. ARE WE ALL IN? There's a self-check question we all ask ourselves, from time to time, to see how we, as individuals and organizations, are keeping our commitments to ourselves and others.

"Are We All In?"

When we both speak it and pray about it, asking this question can help us realign with God's purposes for us, and understand how we're loving our neighbors and ourselves.

Right now, it's a good time for us to ask this question about our body of Christ at Grace.

The reason: We now have everything in place for growing our church, meeting the needs of our parishioners, and fully serving those in need in our community.

And as well, it asks us to be "whole-hearted" Good Stewards, all in with our time, talent, and treasure at Grace, so we can fully serve our Lord.

Take the first step today and make your 2022 pledge. Let "Giving 'til it feels good" be your guide. Just complete and return to the church office the pledge card you recently got in the mail. Or make your pledge today via our website, graceavl.com. In-gathering Sunday is November 21.

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PIG PICKIN' PIX. Well attended! Beautiful afternoon! Greatly enjoyed! Many thanks to the Men of the Church and the Grace ECW for partnering to present a great meal, lively music and such a fun time for all.



NEVER TOO YOUNG. You're never too young to get on a committee. That was the idea behind the inaugural meeting of the new Grace Playground Committee. Here are some of Grace's most valued "playground experts."

PUBSING NOVEMBER 28. Our next monthly PubSing, an informal gathering to sing hymns, old time gospel and Americana inspirational music will be on Sunday, November 28, 4:00 p.m. at the Cork and Keg, 86 Patton Avenue. Come join the fun! For details, contact Monty Wooten at montywooten@bellsouth.net or 828-254-1114.

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.



Parish News, Updates & Reminders

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GREAT LUNCHEON! NEW RUMMAGE SALE DATE SET. ECW held its fall luncheon in the parish hall on Saturday, October 16. We enjoyed a delicious potluck meal followed by a short business meeting. We have tentatively set **Saturday, April 30**, as our new rummage sale date. We anticipate having some donation days in March, so stay tuned for further details. We were especially happy to welcome some new faces to our gathering, and we all enjoyed some great fellowship time together.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS. Plenty of pups in the Pumpkin Patch for the Blessing of the Animals Sunday, October 3, in celebration of the Feast of St. Francis Sunday! Here are a few photos we thought you'd enjoy.



PASTORAL CARE SKILLS YOU COULD SHARE. 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. Here are some skills you might be able to share:

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 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!

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.



COVID 19 REMINDERS. In-Person Worship. We continue to offer in-person Sunday worship, but 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. Meanwhile, take good care of yourself. Masks are required for in-person church, and we will practice social distancing.

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," where you can view the service live and socially distance. 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!

ORDER OF ST. LUKE will meet via Zoom on Thursday, November 11. 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 the DVD Healing Journey of a man who sustained a serious fracture from a fall. We'll have a prayer experience related to the topic. 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.

Coming Soon! Mark Your Calendars!

GRACE ANNUAL MEETING. Mark your calendar! Our 2021 annual meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 19, following worship at 11:45 a.m. Snacks provided. You must be present to vote. Additional information to come.



Our Christmas Worship Schedule

December 24, 5:00-6:00 p.m.
“Kids Only” children’s service with Rev. Milly and Fr. Mike

December 24, 8:00 p.m., Christmas Eve Eucharist

December 25, 10:00 a.m., Christmas Eucharist

January 2, 10:30 a.m., Lessons and Carols

Be watching for details.

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.

ADULT FORMATION:

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Shannon Townsend, gstownsend@att.net

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Jim Compton, j.t.compton@gmail.com

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CHOIRS:

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Steve Birkhofer, sbirkhof@unca.edu

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Seeking new organizer; contact Rev. Milly with interest

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The Pumpkin Patch Page - It's a Wrap!

BEST PUMPKIN PATCH EVER—AGAIN! Thank you to everyone – volunteer unloaders, sellers, depositors, technicians, shoppers, our front loader operator, tent builders and all. You each contributed to an absolutely amazing Pumpkin Patch. In spite of a rainy week and road work on Ottari, sales this year were once again off the charts, and by Sunday, October 17, we had sold out!

And we have a final count. Consider Haiti will net a whopping \$13,683.13 in proceeds from this annual event, passing last year's total by over \$1000!



A THANK YOU FROM CONSIDER HAITI! It is with a full heart that we once again thank the Grace community for their generosity in this year's most successful pumpkin patch ever! The situation in Haiti continues to be horrible and heart-breaking with natural disasters, political unrest, and the activities of unlawful gangs. Despite all this and because of the generosity of the Grace community and the families who visit our patch year after year, Eddy, Garry, Tevnel, Guivenaud, Adeline, Mireille, and Franckel- our colleagues and friends - are able to continue the work with the children and their families, providing medicine and supplemental food, medical attention as needed, clean water filters, and goats. We do not know when we will be able to return but the work continues.

Thank you again for your support of Consider Haiti and your time and energy in making the patch happen.

On behalf of the Board,
Shearon Roberts

What You Might Not Know about Our Pumpkins



FROM FARM TO TRUCK TO CHURCH! Have you ever wondered where all those pumpkins come from?

- The pumpkins (43,000 pounds of them this year!) are grown, harvested and shipped by a family-owned, 75-year

-old organization called "Pumpkin Patch Fundraisers." Originally, they were grown right here in North Carolina, but after suffering damages during Hurricane Hugo, the farming operation was relocated to the Navajo Indian Reservation in Farmington, New Mexico. In cooperation with the Navajo Nation, the organization grows 1,200 acres or approximately 2 square miles of pumpkins and employs over 700 Native Americans during the harvest months of September and October. They also have a full-time off-season New Mexico staff comprised entirely of Native Americans. Pumpkin Patch Fundraisers offices are still located in Greensboro, North Carolina.

- There is no financial risk to Grace Church and Consider Haiti. A profit is guaranteed! The pumpkins come to us on consignment, no upfront costs, no product to pay for. We are not responsible for any unsold pumpkins. Pumpkin Patch Fundraisers absorbs any loss due to spoilage, breakage or theft and in return, they receive a percentage of what we sell. As they put it: "It's a wonderful partnership of trust!"
- Pumpkin pricing is pre-set by Pumpkin Patch Fundraisers. The more pumpkins we sell, the bigger our percentage of sales becomes. This year, we sold a total of \$34,207.83 worth of pumpkins. Consider Haiti netted 40% of that amount—a record-setting \$13,683.13 !
- Grace Church receives no part of the proceeds from the Pumpkin Patch. The entire amount supports the work being done by Consider Haiti, a local organization that Grace has proudly partnered with for approximately fifteen years. The Pumpkin Patch is Consider Haiti's biggest fundraiser of the year.
- Learn more about Pumpkin Patch Fundraisers at <https://www.pumpkinsusa.com/>
- Learn more about Consider Haiti at <https://www.considerhaiti.org/>



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!

UPDATE FROM JOHN WOODSON ON EPISCOPAL HOUSE XIV. Glenn Childes is a loving father and beloved church sexton of 13 years at Trinity Episcopal Church. His dedication and hard work are a constant presence at the jobsite and at the ReStore as he works on his sweat equity. In fact, this month he is on track to complete his required 200 hours of sweat equity! Glenn is scheduled to buy his home in April of next year. I had the pleasure and privilege to work side by side with him one day in September, and am proud to be able to say I have helped him achieve his dream.

The initial heavy lifting for Glenn's two-bedroom townhome is nearly finished - two stories of subflooring and interior and exterior wall framing. Once the trusses are delivered and the roof is complete, volunteer work will pause while subcontractors work for a few weeks installing necessities like plumbing and electricity after which volunteer work will resume for indoor work such as flooring and installing cabinets.

If you were planning on helping but haven't had a chance to do so yet, follow this link to sign up: <https://aahh.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=56038> You may not get to work on the Episcopal House due to the contractors' schedule, but your help in the neighborhood will certainly be appreciated.

Contact me at jlwoodson@aol.com or 828-645-4293 for more information. Thanks to all who have participated so far.

HURRY! AN ANGEL NEEDS YOU! As Christmas approaches and concerns build regarding supply chains and availability of items, let's get an early start! Beginning Sunday, November 7, the Grace Angel Tree will be up in our foyer, decorated with the names of 65 children, ages 1-18, in local foster care. And there are several ways to get involved:

- Choose an angel and do your own shopping (the earlier the better!). This is a great way to involve the entire family.
- Concerned about Covid? Go touch-free. Simply calculate what you would normally spend on Angel Tree gifts and donate that amount to Outreach on the Grace website at www.graceavl.com or with a check to Grace Church mailed to the church office. Either way, please remember to add a memo indicating that your donation is for the Angel Tree. Outreach shoppers will then use that money to buy gifts on your behalf.
- Become a Grace Angel Tree shopper! Put your on-line shopping savvy to work purchasing gifts. Expenses will be reimbursed.



Remember, we're kicking this off early – November 7 – and our deadline for having all gifts back to the church and under the tree is Sunday, December 5. Be watching for details, or contact Cheryl Deyton (cherylpersonaldeyton@gmail.com) or Courtney Booth (court5656@hotmail.com). They'll be glad to help you get started.

HOST TEAMS NEEDED FOR TRANSFORMATION VILLAGE. ABCCM's Transformation Village is truly transforming lives for women and children, and we here at Grace have the perfect opportunity to help. With a spacious new kitchen and an on-site chef and kitchen staff, volunteer needs have shifted from preparing meals for the residents to serving and hosting those meals. Based on that, an exciting new plan for Grace is evolving.

Instead of cook teams, let's build “HOST TEAMS” that would partner with Grace Outreach to contribute to the cost of the monthly meal and would on the second Friday of each month, go to Transformation Village to help serve the meal. As hosts, team members would have the opportunity to visit with residents and build relationships.

Four rotating teams made up of 4-6 people each would allow each team to contribute to and host a meal once a quarter. Our biggest and most important gift will be the friendship and smiles we bring with us. To learn how you and your family or friends can join this soul-feeding ministry, contact Cheryl Deyton at (828) 337-9065.

To learn more about Transformation Village, visit <https://www.abccm.org/transformation-village/>.

THE GRACE FAMILY ALBUM

“The Grace Family Album” features people you’ve known for years as well as people you’ll be meeting for the very first time. Enjoy getting to know your family. This month, we are pleased to introduce you to some of the behind-the-scenes people at Grace. These skilled, enthusiastic, loving people keep things running at Grace, and we are all so very grateful to each of them. Learn more about them here, and then, make it a point to meet them and say “Thank you!”



Valerie Heavens

VALERIE is the Church Administrator at Grace. With her B.S in Home Economics/Family Studies, she began her career as a Family Life Education Coordinator, then a Family Services Director in a Preventive Social Services organization. After earning her M.Ed. specializing in Developing Human Resources and Organization Development, she has held numerous positions as a Training and OD specialist, both in Canada and the US. She came to the Asheville area to marry her husband; they are both trained to lead Enlightenment Intensive retreats and work with people to clear mental, emotional and spiritual blocks. Valerie found her way to Grace in 2016, where her many skills and love for God have been a blessing to us all. She enjoys music, yoga, artwork, gardening and hiking.



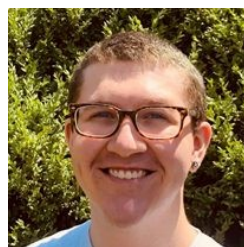
Randy “Angel” Stoudt

ANGEL, our sexton, is an Asheville native who walks in this community with integrity, honesty, and loyalty. Embracing life through spirituality and love, he strives to be the best man, volunteer, advocate, and person he can be for us here at Grace and his family of friends who are living through the housing crisis and have been faced with the struggles of homelessness. He can relate on a personal level. Angel is a lead medic for the BeLoved Street Medics. He has served on the Asheville City Homeless Initiative Advisory Committee for several years. He also assists with lawn maintenance, kitchen work, and food pantry resources at Haywood Street Congregation. Grace Church and the world are better because of Angel!



Lindsey Farmer

LINDSEY, our bookkeeper, is also the owner and managing member of Hammer Hill Bookkeeping, LLC. A native of Western North Carolina, the well-being of those within her community without a voice or in need of assistance have always been especially important to Lindsey. After beginning her career journey in the accounting sector of the healthcare industry, Lindsey felt called to put her skill set to use in a more meaningful way through her work with area non-profits. Lindsey feels deeply honored to fill the role of bookkeeper for Grace Episcopal Church. She spends her rare free time enjoying gardening, painting, hand-embroidery and film. She and her husband/best friend Luke—enjoy spending time together with their dog (O-kuma) and 2 cats (Kami and Oni).



Archie Clarkson

ARCHIE, the tech director at Grace, is an Asheville native currently living in Arden and is a life-long Episcopalian. He recently graduated from St. Andrew’s Sewanee School in Sewanee, TN, where he was a core member of the technical theater group as well as an actor in multiple productions. Archie is currently attending Warren Wilson College and is glad to be closer to family. Previously, Archie was an intern at the office of the Diocese of WNC. These days, you’ll find him using his technical skills to manage the live streaming program for Sunday worship at Grace. In addition to tech work and acting, Archie enjoys hiking, biking, and working with animals.



Katherine Johnson

KATHERINE, the new wedding coordinator at Grace, is originally from Asheville and was baptized at Grace Episcopal before being raised and confirmed at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church up the road. With a Bachelors from Appalachian State University and her Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Practical Theology from Columbia Theological Seminary, Katherine is an ordained PC(USA) minister. Her service in the nonprofit world includes most recently working as a program manager with Homeward Bound WNC. In April of 2021 Katherine and her husband Garrett welcomed their first child, Arthur. She is thrilled to "return home" to Grace as a wedding coordinator and her family is fast becoming a special part of the Grace family.

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; Dorothy Engel; Eunice Ferguson; Kathleen Griffin; Marzy Israel; Dodie King; Shari Lane; Don & Ann Lewis; Nancy Porter; Sonny Rawls; Laura & Tsz-yan Snyder; 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); Becky Blaylock (friend of Kathleen Griffin); Ed C (friend of Jim Compton); Tom Cooper (father of Katherine Kaderabek); Ann Derwort (sister of Jeanne Sims); Nancy Dusenbery (friend of Lorie Tola); Robin Fulk (niece of Charlotte & Travers Chiott); Jackie Haines (sister of Carol Booth); Jenna Keener (friend of Sonny Rawls); Angela & Jenya Khrichtchatyi (daughter & son-in-law of Sydnor and Kelly Thompson); Nancy Miller; Gary Mills (friend of Pat Davis); Sally Morrow (mother of Milly Morrow); 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); Marilyn White (friend of Elaine Potter); Rob Wilson (brother-in-law of Fr Mike Reardon); Tammy Wyatt (mother of Chance Wyatt).

For Those Who Have Died and their Families: Peggy Grimes; Sharon Yost (mother of Courtney Booth).

For Those in Service to Our Country: Tommy & Danny Brown (grandsons of Ed & Marla Woecken-er); Martha and Matt Cardenas (daughter & son-in-law of Hannah Pennell); 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 Teresa Caldwell (sister of Kimberly Kneier), Bill Carpenter (brother of Kathleen Griffin), Peggy Grimes, and Sharon Yost (mother of Courtney Booth).

November Anniversaries

Courtney and Peter Booth	6
Lelia and John Cort	14
Ann and Don Lewis	25
Anna Hamrick and Sam Snead	26
Dodie and John King	30

November Birthdays

Thorsten Path	2	Jessica Webster	16
Ginny Moser	3	Henny Caldwell	17
Jo Brokenshire	4	Katie Warren	17
John Lyda	4	Travis Hall	18
Aeron Scales	5	William Potter	18
Aleena Bennett	5	Walt Noble	19
Vicki Vest	6	Mary Ann Warren	20
Meghan Dephouse	6	Sarah Beasley	20
Catherine McKenzie	7	Bill Warren	22
Emily McGowan	8	Paul Vest	23
Jackie Schauer	9	Astrid Coffey	24
Olivia Haller	10	Miles Mennell	24
Grace Allendorf	10	Shirley Turner	25
Marcella Carter	13	Hans Van Vonno Jr.	25
Doug Haldane	14	Lauren Carlin	26
William Townsend	14	Earlyn Hart	28
Tim Wrinn 1	14	Bryan Milling	28
Carol-Ann Carlin	15	Chip Coon Jr.	29
Susannah Wall	16		



Special Gifts

The Aumbry Candle is given to the Glory of God by Paul and Vicki Vest in celebration of Reverend Milly Morrow joining Grace Church.

The Aumbry Candle is also given to the Glory of God by Nancy and Pat Walters in remembrance and honor of those brave men of the Wolfhound Regiment (1/27 Infantry Battalion and 2/27 Infantry Battalion, 25th Infantry Division, US Army) who gave their lives in November 1968 in the Republic of Vietnam.

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by:

- ◆ by Sally and David Withers in memory of her father Robert Bruce and his parents Inny and Lawson Withers;
- ◆ in memory of Phil, Grace, and Pete Walker by their family;
- ◆ by Bobbie Eblen in loving memory of her mother Jerry Simmons;
- ◆ by Cheri Potter in thanksgiving for her husband Robert and their children, Lindsay, Zane, Lauren, Casey, Michael, and Grayson, and their granddaughters Bryn and Blakey, and their grandson Remi;
- ◆ by Greg and Shannon Townsend in loving memory of his mother Ruth Ann Fair, his father Horace Townsend and her mother Alice Kinyon;
- ◆ by Anna Hamrick and Sam Snead, and their daughters Georgia Grace and Caroline, in thanksgiving for the Grace Church Family.

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. Contact Pat Davis, 253-9008, or call the church office to learn more.

WORLD HOMELESS DAY OFFERING DONATED TO PISGAH LEGAL SERVICES. Sunday, October 10, the Grace Church family joined with churches in our community and around the world to recognize the 10th annual World Homeless Day.

At Grace, we committed our open plate offering for that day to the work being done through the Homelessness Prevention Program at Pisgah Legal Services. With early intervention, they are able to help difficult housing situations from spiraling out of control and trapping families, seniors, children and other vulnerable people in poverty. Thank you so much for your generosity! We were able to send PLS a check for \$680.00! What a special gift!

We also invited sister churches and synagogues to participate and are grateful for the responses we have received. It is our hope that this can be the start of other collaborative efforts to reach out in our community.



Budget Report for September 2021

After nine months of 2021, we have received Pledged Income of \$250,309, including prepayments for the year. Income from all sources totaled \$297,345, as a result of retained earnings from the prior year and increased payment of pledges. 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 September 2021 totaled \$289,596, and were \$15,042 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 have increased as the church continues to reopens and due to the addition of the Tech Director and the Associate Priest.

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

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Income:			
Pledges	250,309	239,167	11,142
Open Offering	11,001	15,000	(3,999)
Building Income	6,117	8,172	(2,055)
Administrative and Other Income	29,918	23,085	6,833
Total Income:	297,345	285,424	11,921
Expenses:			
Administrative	7,270	19,500	(12,230)
Outreach/Mission	39,635	41,435	(1,800)
Parish Programs	7,489	7,256	233
Operations	49,983	62,694	(12,711)
Personnel	185,219	173,753	11,466
Total Expenses:	289,596	304,638	(15,042)
Income Less Expenses:	7,749	(19,214)	26,963

some variance due
to rounding

**ANNUAL MEETING! ANNUAL MEETING! ANNUAL MEETING!
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 11:45 A.M. FOLLOWING WORSHIP
YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO VOTE (& YOUR OPINION IS IMPORTANT).
REFRESHMENTS FOR EVERYONE! DETAILS COMING.**

November 2021 Ministry Schedule

Service Time	Verger	Acolyte(s)	Lector	Intercessor	Chalicer(s)	Usher(s)	Healing Team
Nov 7							
10:30		Jack Frue James Cannon	Cliff Albertson	Bonnie Kistler	Jack Frue James Cannon	George & Pat Davis	
Nov 14							
10:30		Susan Robinson Sally Withers	Nancy Walters	Louise Wernicke	Susan Robinson Sally Withers	Elaine & Nate Potter	Pat Davis
Nov 21							
10:30		Jack Frue Greg Townsend	Hannah Pennell	Kristen Dusenbery	Jack Frue Greg Townsend	Paul & Vicki Vest	
Taizé 7:00 PM			James Cannon	Monty Wooten			Amy Trees Debbie Thomas
Nov 28							
10:30		James Cannon Susan Robinson	Bill Smith	John Woodson	James Cannon Susan Robinson	Ben and Aeron Scales	
Date							
Vestry Member of the Day		Flower Arrangers			Altar Guild		
7-Nov	Mathes Mennell	All Saints Day: Israel & Bowen			Group 1 - Beth Woodson		
14-Nov	Elaine Potter	Newton			Group 2 - Bonnie Kistler		
21-Nov		Last Day of Pentecost: Newton			Group 3 - Shannon Townsend, Jeanne Sims		
28-Nov	Steve Birkhofer	Advent: Davis & Witt: Geenery			Group 4 - Shannon Townsend		