



the Grace TEAM

to each a ministry

January 2022

A Message from Rev. Milly

Blessed Epiphany Dear People of Grace!

Epiphanies come to us in many ways. God makes Godself known to us over and over throughout history and in this moment. The greatest Epiphanies come when the history and the present moment intersect in a way that affirms who God is, who Jesus is and who we are as God's children and Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

As we prepare to delve into the mystery of this season, I am sharing with you a letter written by Phil Walker in 1967 on our 100th year anniversary. Phil is the father to Elaine Walker, our current Senior Warden.

His words speak truth to us today, as we are years later led by his faithful daughter Elaine Walker Potter.

Blessed Epiphany. May these words inspire you and may God prepare us in this season to walk the way of love, with great courage and energy...as Christ in the world.

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is published monthly.

Deadline for articles is the 15th.

Sunday Worship

10:30 a.m. - Rite II

In-person and

virtual on YouTube at <http://tinyurl.com/graceUTvideos>

Gospel Bible Study

Mondays, 10:30 a.m., Zoom

Centering Prayer

Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m., 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.

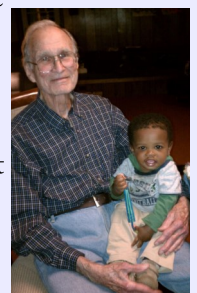
The Future of Grace, by Phil Walker(1967)

"As we look back over the first hundred years of Grace Church we realize through what difficulties and discouragements our parochial ancestors have gone. Now, in the words of the Psalmist, "God has brought us forth into a wealthy place". We have a very fine Church building, beautified by loving thought and work; where we can hear the word of God and offer Eucharist. We have a fully adequate and well-equipped parish house. We have a fine group of intelligent and devoted men and women. We thank God.

Now, as we stand on the threshold of the second century for Grace Church, what of the future? There is always the danger of contentment, contentment with what we are and have, with our personal spiritual life, with our pleasant parish life, with petty activities and money making for our own parish, with unenthusiastic acceptance into our fellowship of those who like our ways well enough to join us: the danger of self-centeredness.

Our world is going through immense and profound changes. Continuation of the past is no longer enough. If Grace Church is to have a vital and worthy future, we must have the courage and faith to face this new world and try to meet its needs. Our parish must become, not just a place for our own religious satisfaction, but a center of training and energizing to send us forth into a needy world.

Our Lord's ministry was, first of all, a proclamation of a message, which we call the Gospel, good news for all humankind. If we believe that Christ revealed to us the living God of his redeeming love for all people; that he opened the way of life more abundant, in this world and the next, then that is the most important fact of life. Therefore we, in faithfulness to Him, must share in that proclamation of the Gospel, not only in church and in our daily life but in the outreach of our corporate parish life. The sanctuary must be for us a center of Spiritual energizing sending us forth; Christ in the world."



From Our (New!) Sr. Warden

WELCOME TO 2022! Let's go in with a BANG! Actually, I'm just kidding, let's not. Let's just sneak in so it doesn't notice us and see what happens. As an introduction, I am Elaine Potter, your new Senior Warden. Yes, that happened. No seriously, it really did. This time I'm not kidding. If you need to, blame Milly.

Anyway, I'm very excited about Grace Church 2022 and hope you are, too. The Dictionary.com 2021 word of the year was "allyship." I had never heard of that word until a few weeks ago. So, I looked it up and, along with "advocating for inclusion of marginalized groups," one of the definitions was "persons, groups or nations associating and cooperating with one another for a common cause or purpose." That, to me, is how I feel this church has been and will definitely continue to be.

Our newsletter is the Grace TEAM (To Each a Ministry) – individual yet common cause. Our Mission Statement says we "welcome all, in our love and service to each other and in reaching out to share God's love in the world" – inclusion and common cause. We are diverse but like-minded (but not TOO like-minded, because that's boring and growth-prohibiting). We are allies, and our church, for real, is an upside-down ship (look up the next time you're in the sanctuary).

So, what will 2022 look like? Well, that's easy...who knows? But it doesn't matter what it looks like because we will all be together in our ship called Grace sailing to....um.....well.....do good stuff! Yes – obviously – I am new to this Senior Warden thingy. And yes – more obviously – I have very big (sometimes stinky) shoes to fill from our past Seniors Wardens. But, with your (and their) help, I look forward to learning, growing, and helping to lead Grace wherever it ends up going in 2022. We, together, can put the FUN in ally.....uh.....allysh.....uh... allyFUNship!



Elaine Potter

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
Mondays, 10:30 AM	Monday Morning Bible Study	Zoom
Mondays, 3:00 PM	Pastoral Care 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 (postponed for January)	Church Sanctuary
Thursdays, 8:00 AM	Women Walking the Way	Beaver Lake
Thursdays (2nd & last), 1:00 PM	Rector and Lay Leadership Meeting	Zoom
Thursdays (Jan. 13-Feb. 3), 8-9:00 AM	Create + Connect Circles Experience	Parish Hall
Saturdays, 9:00 AM	Flower Guild	Kitchen
Monday, January 10, 5:00 PM	Endowment Committee Meeting	Zoom
Monday, January 10, 6:00 PM	Worship Committee Meeting	Zoom
Tuesday, January 11, 10:00 AM	Stewardship Meeting	Zoom
Tuesday, January 11, 6:00 PM	Men of the Church	Parish Hall
Wednesday, January 12, 10:00 AM	TEAM Meeting	Zoom
Sunday, January 16, 8:00 PM	Taizé	Church Sanctuary
Monday, January 17, 5:30 PM	Vestry Meeting	Downstairs Conf. Room
Sunday, January 30, 3:00 PM	PubSing	Cork & Keg

Parish News, Updates & Reminders

20'S & 30'S BIBLE STUDY. Grace has recently launched a 20's and 30's group that meets for a monthly Bible study as well as additional community-building events. So far, the group has gathered for Bible studies at Archetype and Zillicoah, and has put on a "Friendsgiving" dinner in collaboration with Blue Ridge Service Corps and UNCA Episcopal Campus Ministry. More events are coming up in January, so if you're interested, contact Fr. Mike Reardon at revmike4grace@gmail.com.



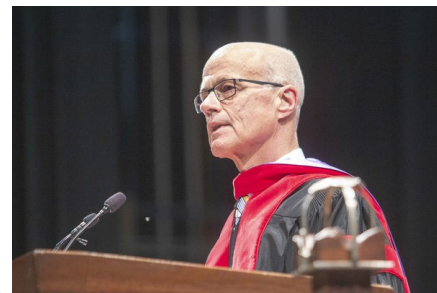
CREATE + CONNECT CIRCLES EXPERIENCE. As we enter 2022, join Ginger Huebner for a four week "Create + Connect Circles" experience on Thursdays throughout Epiphany, 8-9:00 a.m., January 13, 20, 27, and February 3. We will gather in the parish hall to share, reflect and connect in response to the weekly sermon and readings through Ginger's Create + Connect process. This process guides participants by using simple tools of collage and color to interpret ideas and emotions that are often beyond words. All materials provided. There is no artistic experience necessary. ALL are welcome! You can learn more about Ginger and this process at <https://www.createandconnectcircles.com>. Or call Ginger Huebner with any questions: 828-545-4827.



Friendsgiving Feast

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY DURING EPIPHANY. Beginning January 10 through February 14, we look forward to welcoming the Rev. Guy Sayles as our host and teacher for Monday Morning Bible Study, 10:30 a.m. on Zoom. You don't want to miss this wonderful opportunity to join Rev. Sayles and ponder together the Gospel Lessons for the Sundays listed below. Epiphany means manifestation or appearing, and we'll focus on how each text shows us dimensions of Jesus:

- ♦ January 10: Seeing Jesus as Joy-Giver (John 2:1-11)
- ♦ January 17: Seeing Jesus as Liberator (Luke 4:14-21)
- ♦ January 24: Seeing Jesus as Troubler of the Status Quo (Luke 4:21-30)
- ♦ January 31: Seeing Jesus as the One Who Calls (Luke 5:1-11)
- ♦ February 7: Seeing Jesus as Healer and Teacher (Luke 6:27-38)
- ♦ February 14: Seeing Jesus as the Flow of Mercy and Love (Luke 6:27-38)



All are welcome to participate. The Monday Morning Bible Study is on Zoom and a link can be found at the top of the Grace homepage, <https://www.graceavl.com/> under "Weekday Links."



PUBSING. Our monthly PubSing, an informal gathering to sing hymns, old time gospel and Americana inspirational music, will congregate on Sunday, January 30, 3:00-5:00 p.m. at Cork and Keg located in the Weinhaus, downtown Asheville. Come join us as we celebrate in song. For more information contact Monty Wooten at montywooten@bellsouth.net or 828-254-1114.

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.

Children's Transition Room. Since not all children have been given an opportunity to get vaccinated, the parish hall is available on Sundays as a "Transition Room," where you can view the service live while remaining socially distanced. 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!

Parish News, Updates & Reminders

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ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE MEETING. Hello Fellow Parishioners and Happy New Year! Your Endowment Committee has scheduled a quarterly meeting for the week of Monday, January 10, at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom. Committee members Anne Jarema, Larry Harris, John Chastain, Gael Paschall and Steve Birkhofer welcome any interested parishioners who would like to be in attendance. If you are interested please, notify Steve in advance.

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



PURLS OF GRACE DATE CHANGE. We make shawls, lap robes, scarves and hats for people in situations where they need to feel that someone cares...a HUG, if you will.

Any knitter or crocheter, beginner to pro, can make a shawl. I am happy to teach anyone who wants to learn to knit or crochet if they promise to make one shawl a year. If you'd like to meet with me anytime for instruction or to see our pattern and yarn stash, please call.

Now to the date change. Thursday night hasn't worked out, so **our next meeting will be at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, February 5, in the Library.** Hopefully, first Saturdays will be better for all. Please feel free to call me if you have another day that works for you. *Please call, don't email. I sometimes go a week without looking at my email. Thanks to all, Beth Woodson (828) 645-4293.*

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.

CARE YOU CAN SHARE. The Pastoral Care Team seeks 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 in this effort to love one another even as God has loved us in Jesus Christ!

EPIPHANY SCHEDULE CHANGE FOR WOMEN WALKING THE WAY. Thursdays, 8:00 a.m., January 13, 20, 27, and February 3, the "Women Walking the Way" group that normally walks with Rev. Milly at Beaver Lake is coming in out of the cold! Instead, you will find them in the warmth of the parish hall participating in Ginger Huebner's four week "Create + Connect Circles" experience (*see class info on p. 3*).

No artistic experience required. Materials supplied. No need to register or even email. Just show up Thursday at 8:00 a.m. in the parish hall. Hardy souls will walk at the lake following the class.



ORDER OF ST. LUKE. The OSL Mountain Chapter will meet via Zoom on Thursday, January 13, beginning at 6:30 p.m. and ending no later than 8:30 p.m. The group will begin to consider the fifth fundamental in the series, "Fundamentals of Receiving and Praying for Physical Healing: Value the Truth Over the Facts." They will view and discuss the DVD healing journey of a man who made a full recovery from a massive stroke, followed by a prayer experience related to our willingness to stand on God's word regardless of a medical prognosis.

One does not have to be an OSL member to participate. If you are not on the Mountain Chapter email list, please send an email to mtn_osl@yahoo.com to receive a link for the Zoom meeting.

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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Seeking new organizer; contact Rev. Milly with interest

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A Word of Thanks

Kim Hayes



A question was asked at our recent annual meeting: How many years has Kim Hayes been involved with outreach at Grace? The answers varied. 22? 45? 40? I'm thinking probably around 35. Regardless, it's a *lot* of years. And as I reflect on that span of time, I'm mindful of so many people who have journeyed with me. My earliest mentors, Hans and Patty Schleicher and the Rev. David Nard; faithful, supportive friends like Carol Booth, James Cannon, Julia Anne Dawson, Kathleen Griffin, Mary Hayes, Walt and Joyce Noble, Cheryl Deyton and Sue Thompkins; and most recently, all the wonderful people who have seen something good happening at Grace and have been called to be a part of building it – Carole and Doug McClellan, Lucy and Larry Bowen, Nancy and Pat Walters, Gael Paschall, Katherine Kaderabek, Jennifer Witt, Stephanie Caldwell, Courtney Booth, Rusty Herman and Don Wills. I'm so grateful for each of these people. So *very* grateful. And so eager to see what will happen next.

Personally, I don't think it will be *just* the outreach committee doing the usual outreach committee things anymore. I truly believe we're going to see the whole Grace family rise up to embrace a vibrant new culture of compassion and justice and peace. People will know who we are and Who we follow by what we are doing in the world. I look forward to being a part of it.

Now, as I step down from a position of outreach leadership, let me thank you, Grace Church. I've been blessed thousands of times over. I'll treasure your gift to me – a beautiful prayer book and hymnal – but the true gift is the privilege I've had, then and now and in the years to come, of walking with each of you as a part of the Grace Church family.

If you're interested in learning more about outreach at Grace, I hope you'll let Fr. Mike or Rev. Milly know. Now is the time!

Grace Outreach Updates

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!

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN OUR ADVENT OUT-REACH PROJECTS! A beautiful **Angel Tree** stood in the Grace Church foyer this year, hung with sixty-five tags bearing the wishes and needs of foster children in our community. As the tags quickly disappeared, gifts began to come in and pile up at the foot of the tree: bicycles, baby toys and clothes, housewares for college-bound teenagers—so many wonderful, generous gifts!

Thank you to everyone who shopped for one (or more!) of those angels. Thanks, too, to those who donated cash for our shoppers to use on your behalf. And thank you, Cheryl Deyton and Monty Wooten for the tree and for your committed work to coordinate this annual project.



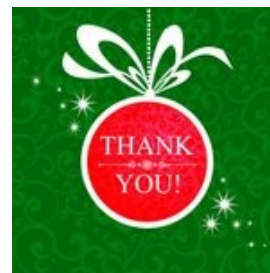
Advent in a Bag was a new idea this year, brought to us by Pat and Nancy Walters. With the creativity of James Cannon, who designed the Advent Calendar, parishioners were guided each day of Advent to add a non-perishable food item to their bag. The filled bags were then returned to the church and delivered to the ABCCM pantry.

Sixty bags went to ABCCM, overflowing with over three quarters of a ton of much-needed food for the winter ahead. Thank you to everyone who participated.

We hope you (or your children) also took time to color your calendar!



Also this year, we had an opportunity to share a little holiday cheer with our neighbors. Grace Outreach received a request from **Accordius Health of Asheville**, a nearby nursing home at 500 Beaverdam Road, to provide small gifts and cards for their 68 residents. Thanks to everyone who pitched in after worship on Sunday, December 12, to sign the cards and package the gifts. Fr. Mike delivered them that week.



A New Year's Resolution!

individual Episcopalians in federal public policy advocacy from a faith-based perspective using trustworthy information. Contact Kim Hayes for details, kimhys53@gmail.com.

STAY INFORMED 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

EPISCOPAL PUBLIC POLICY NETWORK



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 as well as people you'll be meeting for the very first time. Enjoy getting to know your family. This month, in the aftermath of another stunning Christmas at Grace, we would like to say "Thank you" to the Grace Flower Guild for their amazing and loving artistry year-round. Enjoy these snapshots, past and present, and take a moment to offer your gratitude to these gifted people.



A flower arranging workshop with Marzy Israel (l) and Nora Jones (r)



Pat Davis (l) and Jennifer Witt (r)



Chance Wyatt



Bonnie Kistler



"Kudos!" from Marzy Israel (r) with Charlotte Chiott (c) and Mary Jane Westall (l). "The wreath is hung!" (2019)



Judy Booze (l) and Lucy Bowen (r)



(l-r) Cathy Mouton, Lucy Bowen, Judy Booze, Jennifer Witt and Pat Davis



Mary Ann Warren



Teesha Holladay



We also take this time to remember our sister and friend, Marzy Israel, who guided the Grace Flower Guild with her excellent leadership and artistic talent. She loved Grace Church, she loved God, she loved beautiful flowers. A perfect ministry.

Thank you, Marzy, for all you brought to the beauty of our church. No doubt the blooms in heaven are even more lovely now that you are there.

Our Prayer List

January

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: **Dorothy Engel; Eunice Ferguson; Kathleen Griffin; Sonny Rawls; Laura & Tsz-yan Snyder; Don Wills.**

For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities: **Martha Anderson; Bobbie Eblen; Ed Denison, Straudia Luedtke; Marion Mayfield-Johnson; Deb Pegel; Rita Spragg; Bob Turner; Shirley Turner.**

For Others: **Angela** (sister of Steve Booth); **Wesley Aurret** (godson of Elaine Potter); **Becky Blaylock** (friend of Kathleen Griffin); **Lara Brongel and family** (daughter of Jackie Schauer); **Tanya Burdette** (friend of Nancy Clark); **Ed C** (friend of Jim Compton); **Paula Collins** (cousin of Kathleen Griffin); **Tom Cooper** (father of Katherine Kaderabek); **Ann Derwort** (sister of Jeanne Sims); **Robin Fulk** (niece of Charlotte & Travers Chiott); **Jackie Haines** (sister of Carol Booth); **Janis** (sister of Larry Bowen); **Jenna Keener** (friend of Sonny Rawls); **Jonathan Kinyon** (brother of Shannon Townsend); **Sally Morrow** (mother of Milly Morrow); **Sharon Prater** (friend of Lorie Tola); **Sheila** (sister of Ginny Moser); **Glenn Thomas** (brother-in-law of Ron Sims); **Jayne Traylor** (mother of John Chastain); **Ronald Vince** (brother-in-law of Anne Jarema); **Marilyn White** (friend of Elaine Potter); **Tammy Wyatt** (mother of Chance Wyatt).

For Those Who Have Died and their Families: **Sally Coburn, Marzy Israel, Alice Russell** (friend of Don Wills); **Jim Tucker** (friend of Don Wills); **Dolores Wooten** (mother of Monty Wooten).

For Those in Service to Our Country: **Tommy & Danny Brown** (grandsons of Ed & Marla Woeckener); **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 pastoral-care4grace@gmail.com or contact the church.



Our condolences and prayers go to the friends, family and loved ones of Henny Caldwell, Sally Coburn, Marzy Israel, Alice Russell (friend of Don Wills), Jim Tucker (friend of Don Wills), and Dolores Wooten (mother of Monty Wooten).

January Anniversaries

Lorie Tola & Vicky Enox	5
Mark Silvers & Chance Wyatt	6
Robert & Maggie Green	10
Jim & Elise Cassarino	10
Walt & Joyce Noble	14
Patricia & Keith Hargrove	20
Valerie & Joseph Heavens	22
Ron & Jeanne Sims	27
Ed & Marla Woeckener	31

January Birthdays

Rick Hayes	1	Bonnie Burhans	19
Mike Bohan	1	Brady Blackburn	20
Robert Kistler	1	Gavin Knapp	22
Matthew George	4	Judy Bohan	23
Annie Dephouse	5	Cade Wooten	23
Wade Edwards	5	Pete Kuehne	23
Buddy Greenwood	10	Wayne Parton	23
Kate Wrenn	10	Cheryl Deyton	25
Moiria Stewart	10	Judy Booze	25
Lindsay Kate Robinette	10	James Hopkins	26
Greg Plank	11	Kim Hayes	27
Win Webster	12	Emma Hall	27
Tsz-yan Snyder	13	The Rev. Jim Rains	28
Doug McClellan	14	Kathleen Griffin	29
Blakely Marl Whitner	15	Susan Robinson	29
Angel Stoudt	16	Don Lewis	29
Anita Sayles	16	Elise Cassarino	30
Eric Wood	18	Jim Siemens	31

Special Gifts

The Aumbry candle is given to the Glory of God by Georgi Bruce and David and Sally Withers in memory of Mary and George Royer and Stella and William Bruce.

The flowers are given to the Glory of God

- ♦ by Paul Melson in loving memory of his mother Charlotte Melson;
- ♦ in honor of Marzy Israel by her family;
- ♦ by Cheryl Deyton and Monty Wooten in honor of Cheryl's and Cade's birthdays;
- ♦ by the Herman Family in memory of Oz and Jo Herman;
- ♦ by Don Wills, in memory of Nancy and Cal Remmers, Samuel L Byrn III, the Clarks and the Wills' and my boys and in honor of Bradlee.



Hanging of the Greens

Thank you to everyone who stayed after our annual meeting to help us “hang the greens” for Christmas. As always, the sanctuary was magnificent!



The Gift of Christmas Flowers and Greenery



Joe and Cheryl Aull, in thanksgiving for family here and far

Steve Birkhofer

Carol and Steve Booth, in memory of Sharon Yost

Earl and Judy Booze, in memory of Kathryn Booze-Ishawata

Cynthia & Jeffery Garland, in memory of their parents.

Rick & Kim Hayes, in thanksgiving for Rachael, Greg, Kael and Lydia Thomas

Chris and Libby Houghton, in thanksgiving for 2021

Nancy Lewis, in memory of Ralph

Hannah Pennell & Richard Jacobs, in honor of their grandchildren

William, Sam, Jude, Auden, Wendell, Naomi, Maggie and Josie

Rob and Cheri Potter, in memory of Ted Potter and Jim Spray; in thanksgiving for their family

The Scales Family, in thanksgiving for the Grace Community

Chris Shaw

Corinne Spencer, in memory of Marzy Israel

Tahani Sticpewich and William Norlin

Jenny Thomas, in memory of The Rev. John Thomas

Greg and Shannon Townsend, in thanksgiving for family and Grace Church

Pat and Nancy Walters, in memory of their parents; in thanksgiving for Milly and Mike

Louise Cate Wernicke, in thanksgiving for family

Diane and Tony Wilkey, Fred and Marguerite Motney,
in memory of Joyce and Talmadge Wilkey

Don Wills, in honor of the Rev. Gary Coffey, the Rev. Robert Reece, Deacon Jeanette Reece
and Bradlee Wills

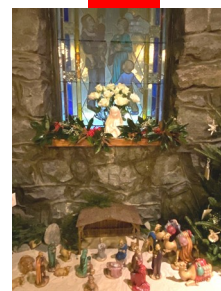
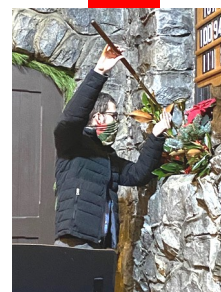
Jennifer Witt, in memory of Marzy Israel and in thanksgiving for her family

Anonymous, in memory of MOM; in thanksgiving for new beginnings

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*Thank you to all who contributed to the
beauty of our worship this Christmas*

Budget Report for November 2021

After eleven months of 2021, we have received Pledged Income of \$305,657, including prepayments for the year. Income from all sources totaled \$368,623, as a result of retained earnings from the prior year, increased payment of pledges and insurance reimbursements. Due to increased expenses, we are still currently in an operating deficit position, although the deficit has been reduced since the prior month to \$4,767.

Mission, Operational, Program, and Personnel expenses at the end of November 2021 totaled \$373,706, \$1370 more than those forecasted in the budget adopted by the Vestry. Expenses have increased as the church continues to reopen and due to the addition of the Bookkeeper, Tech Director and the Associate Priest. These expenses have been countered so far by some projected expenses not materializing

The approved budget included a deficit of \$23,384. The Vestry is hopeful that this will be eliminated by year end with continued payment of pledges. As programs and offerings expand, we have seen 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; currently, pledged receipts are more than projected. We are prayerfully hopeful that this year will continue to be a bountiful one as Grace grows.

Statement of Activities - Grace Church Year to Date - November 2021

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Income:			
Pledges	305,657	292,316	13,341
Open Offering	15,448	18,333	(2,885)
Building Income	7,533	9,980	(2,447)
Administrative and Other Income	39,985	28,215	11,770
Total Income:	368,623	348,852	19,771
Expenses:			
Administrative	11,043	23,833	(12,790)
Outreach/Mission	47,843	50,643	(2,800)
Parish Programs	8,271	8,869	(598)
Operations	67,480	76,626	(9,146)
Personnel	239,068	212,365	26,703
Total Expenses:	373,706	372,336	1,369
Income Less Expenses:	(5,083)	(23,484)	18,402

some variance due to rounding

January 2022 Ministry Schedule

Service Time	Acolyte(s)	Lector	Intercessor	Chalicer(s)	Usher(s)	Healing Team
January 2						
10:30	Nancy Walters	Cheryl Deyton, Kristen Dusenbery, Elise Casarino, Carol Booth	Nancy Walters	Cheryl Deyton	Paul and Vicki Vest	
January 9						
10:30	James Cannon	Louise Wernicke	Carol Booth	Lorie Tola	Elaine and Nate Potter	
January 16						
10:30	Susan Robinson	Bill Smith	Cliff Albertson	Nancy Walters	Todd and Katherine Kaderabek	
Taizé 8:00 PM		James Cannon	Monty Wooten			Amy Trees Debbie Thomas
January 23						
10:30	Sally Withers	Sydnor Thompson	Elaine Potter	Greg Townsend	Ben Scales and William Potter	
January 30						
10:30	Lorie Tola	Jenny Thomas	John Woodson	Jack Frue	Ron and Jeanne Sims	
	Vestry Member of the Day		Flower Arrangers		Altar Guild	
2-Jan	Elaine Potter		Bowen and Booze		Beth Woodson	
9-Jan	Joe Aull		Bowen and Booze		Shannon Townsend & Sonny Rawls	
16-Jan	Mathes Mennell		Johnson and Witt		Lorie Tola and Jeanne Simms	
23-Jan	Ron Sims		Johnson and Witt		Shannon Townsend	
30-Jan	Katherine Kaderabek		Jones		Shannon Townsend	

Silent Night, Holy Night

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE. Shepherds, sheep, angels, kings and stars drew near to worship the new King. Thank you to all who helped make the return of the Grace Paper Bag Pageant possible this year, especially the Withers family. It was a tender and happy celebration of our Savior's birth.



THE EVE OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. May God who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven give you his peace and favor. Amen!

