



the Grace TEAM

to each a ministry

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Sunday Worship

10:30 a.m. - Rite II

In-person and

virtual on YouTube at [http://](http://tinyurl.com/graceUTvideos)

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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.

Dear Good People of Grace,

In the book, *Seasons of Celebration: Meditations on the Cycle of Liturgical Feasts*, Thomas Merton writes: "Lent is not just a time for squaring conscious accounts: but for realizing what we had perhaps not seen before. There is confidence everywhere in this season, yet that does not mean unmixed and untroubled security. The confidence of the Christian is always a confidence in spite of darkness and risk, in the presence of peril, with every evidence of possible disaster..."

The confidence of a Christian is that which is rooted in the strength and tenderness and vulnerability of the season of Lent. In this Season, we choose to look deeply at ourselves, at our thoughts and our actions. We choose to. Choosing to look deeply is an act of confidence; a bold act that takes great courage. To "realize what perhaps we had not seen before" can make us feel vulnerable and afraid.

Do you recall as a child fearing what hid under the bed, or in the closet or behind a door. Perhaps you recall the experience of perceiving all evidence of possible disaster. There may have been someone with great empathy and compassion that supported you in those moments, someone who helped you explore the evidence and examine it and create a plan for you to feel safe again. They may have encouraged you to choose to realize what perhaps you had not seen before, even with all the evidence that pointed to certain disasters. If someone did that for you as a child, that is a true blessing, because, in that moment, they taught you about the kind of Christian that Thomas Merton is describing above, and they introduced you to a much needed skill of the spiritual journey: confidence.

Whether you did or did not have that kind of support as a child, you prob-

ably learned it from someone along your path in life. A mentor, teacher, partner, pastor or friend. Christian confidence, Merton reminds us, does not mean "unmixed and untroubled security" but rather the ability and resilience to live and love as a Christian is called to, in spite of every evidence of possible disaster. This kind of confidence takes training and much practice. And this is the purpose of Lent: to build the capacity to examine all the evidence of possible disaster and remain confident in spite of the darkness and risk.

All of us, children or adults, need support while we do this practice. We all need love and care as we journey this path and build the capacity needed to be confident Christians. This is why we celebrate and mark these seasons, together. So that we can offer each other great empathy and compassion along the way.

So Grace, as we enter the season of Lent, let's look for ways to offer one another empathy and compassion. Let's ask each other about our fears and vulnerability. Let's find ways to connect, so that each of us has what we need to realize what perhaps we had not seen before.

Blessed Lent to you all. May your journey lead you to deeper confidence and bolder actions; for love, peace and justice.

Peace,

Rev. Milly



From Our Jr. Warden Scott McKenzie



Scott McKenzie

SPRING IS ALMOST HERE! I'm looking forward to the warmth of the changing season and the opportunity we will have to grow, worship, and work together in 2022. The role of Junior Warden and the introduction to those responsibilities was handed over with enormous support from Jim

Compton as well as those who have served before him as Junior Warden. Exciting things are happening, and I invite you to join where you can as workdays are organized, groups are forming or regathering, youth are dreaming, and we embrace our spaces for use in 2022. I'm sure you've noticed some deferred repairs around the church in the last few months as the Vestry has needed to separate essential work from nonessential work. As the budget will allow and our needs guide us, these projects large and small will be addressed and our spaces will return to use. We'll include updates and invitations to volunteer in the weekly TWAG newsletters. Our first workday to clean up the storage house and upper parking lot went very well and those spaces now look fantastic (see the "Re-Cap")! Thanks to all who helped with warm smiles on a very cold morning! The Playground Committee will be dismantling and removing the swing set damaged by tree fall with the help of adult volunteers this month. Calling all gardeners! We are opening the invitation for anyone with gardening and landscaping interest to gather on March 5 to organize for spring. Please reach out to me if you have any questions, ideas, thoughts, or would like more information about upcoming projects.

STOREHOUSE WORKDAY RE-CAP.

The workday went really well. It was arctic in the mid 20s and never much warmer. Terri noted that we should be present and know that this is what a code purple day feels like to those outside. We started at 9:00 and ended around 11:30. Everyone worked really hard and were visibly tired when we left. The storage house was tidied up and secured as best we could without buying materials, junk moved to the dumpster, ivy wacked back, sticks piled at the street for city pick up, the compost bin filled with leaves for the gardeners, abandoned pumpkin patch pallets removed, and the upper parking lot was picked up, raked and leaf blown. Thank you to Jim Compton, Scott McKenzie, John Woodson, Steve Birkhofer, Monty Wooten, Andrew Beasley, Jack Frue and Terri Frue.

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	Lenten Bible Study (<i>see p. 3</i>)	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	Church Sanctuary
Thursdays, 8:00 AM	Women Walking the Way	Beaver Lake
Thursdays, 6:00 PM	Soup & Taizé (<i>March 10-April 7, see p. 3</i>)	Parish Hall / Sanctuary
Saturdays, 9:00 AM	Flower Guild	Kitchen
Tuesday, March 1, 5:00 PM	Outreach Committee Meeting	Parish Hall
Wednesday, March 2, Noon & 6:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Services	Church Sanctuary
Saturday, March 5, 10:00 AM	Gardening/Landscaping Workday (<i>see p. 5</i>)	Church Foyer
Tuesday, March 8, 10:00 AM	Stewardship Meeting	Zoom
Tuesday, March 8, 6:00 PM	Men of the Church	Parish Hall
Wednesday, March 9, 10:00 AM	TEAM Meeting	Zoom
Monday, March 14, 6:00 PM	Worship Committee Meeting	Zoom
Sunday, March 20, 8:00 PM	Taizé	Church Sanctuary
Monday, March 21, 5:30 PM	Vestry Meeting	Library
Sunday, March 27, 3:00 PM	PubSing	Cork & Keg

HYMNS ONLINE. If you are live streaming our Sunday morning worship services on YouTube, you can now sing along with our choir! Along with access links for the YouTube service and the Sunday Bulletin PDF at the top of our webpage at graceavl.com, you will also find a link for that day's hymns.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is March 2, and marks the beginning of our Lenten journey to Holy Week and Easter. All are invited to worship at 12:00 noon or at 6:00 p.m.



Lenten Offerings



Lent Bible Studies

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY DURING LENT. Join Fr. Mike and Rev. Milly for a Monday Morning Bible Study journey through our Lenten season. Beginning March 7, through April 4, we will explore together the scriptures of Lent and what we are being asked to *give up* and to *receive* during our season of fasting and prayer.

- March 7: [Luke 4:1-13](#) Greed
- March 14: [Luke 13:31-35](#) Empire
- March 21: [Luke 13:1-9](#) Release
- March 28: [Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32](#) Welcome
- April 4: [John 12:1-8](#) Abundance

All are welcome. Zoom link can be found on our website or [here](#).

SOUP AND TAIZÉ, M'M, M'M, GOOD! , So—are you thinking about what you might adopt as a Lenten rule, discipline or take-on to make the season more meaningful? Well, here's a convenient and pleasant possibility. What if one night a week all through Lent, instead of frantically preparing supper, you planned some quality time for yourself in the presence of God instead?

On the five Thursday nights of Lent, March 10, 17, 24, 31 and April 7, you can do exactly that at Grace, beginning around 6:00 p.m. with a delicious soup supper. Following dinner, at 7:00 p.m., we'll gather in the Sanctuary for a Taizé style service.

This will be a contemplative service in a beautiful inviting setting lit by candlelight, with wonderful, thoughtful music, prayer and periods of silence—all conducive to emptying ourselves of our daily busy-ness to grow still and listen for God.

So—gather family, friends, acquaintances, maybe even invite a stranger to join you for this series of truly peaceful, heart warming Thursday nights.

It's m'm, m'm, good!



Holy Week and Easter



Palm Sunday worship is scheduled for Sunday, April 10, at 10:30 a.m.

Holy Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Since the 16th Century, the Seven Last Words of Christ have been a central focus of Good Friday and Holy Week Liturgies. This Holy Week at Grace, we will explore the Seven Last Words of Christ on Holy Monday, Holy Tuesday and Holy Wednesday, April 11, 12, and 13 at 5:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday Liturgy. The April 14 liturgy will take place at 5:00 p.m.

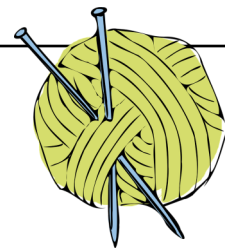
Good Friday. April 15, there will be a 12:00 noon service and a 5:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross service.

Holy Saturday. April 16, a memorial service in the Urban Garden will be offered at 11:00 a.m. The **Great Vigil of Easter** will be at 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday. We celebrate on Sunday, April 17, at 10:30 a.m.!

Details will follow in the weeks to come.

Parish News, Updates & Reminders



PURLS OF GRACE MARCH MEETING CHANGE. The next meeting of Purls of Grace will be Saturday, April 2 at 11:00 a.m. in the Grace library. There will be no March meeting. Please join us in April to knit or crochet or just look at patterns and yarn. Be well.

For more information about Purls of Grace, call Beth Woodson, 828-645-4293.



PUBSING. Our monthly PubSing, an informal gathering to sing hymns, old time gospel and Americana inspirational music, will congregate on Sunday, March 27, 3:00-5:00 p.m. at Cork and Keg located in the Weinhaus, downtown Asheville. Vaccination required; masks optional. Come join us as we celebrate in song. For more information 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. 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.



RUMMAGE SALE NEWS FROM ECW. ECW is prayerfully planning a spring rummage sale for **Saturday, April 30, 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon**, and we need to know as soon as possible who is willing and able to help make this event a success. As with many things during this time of COVID, some of our most dedicated women who were traditionally available to help are unable to do so this year. If you are willing and want to be a part of this fun-filled week of setting up, being responsible for an area, being a cashier and/or cleaning up afterwards, please send an email to Cheryl Aull, cknull@charter.net, or Mary Ann Warren, maandwrw@gmail.com. If you have helped in the past and plan to help this year, please respond as well. If we have enough workers, we can continue with our plans. If not, we will have to regroup. We plan to wait until the week prior to the sale, April 25-29, to receive donations at the church. That way, if Covid numbers rise again, our storage areas won't be overflowing with items we can't sell. Thank you so much for your support and donations.

As our diocesan ECW president Mary Ann Ransome said in the fall ECW newsletter: "I have no idea what our ECW organization will look like in 2022; however, I do hope the women of our diocese will be inspired from their past history to find a way to flourish once again in their own parishes and communities. God's work is always out there and we are called to be Christ's hands and feet in the world."

With Grace's ECW, we hope the women of the church will once again flourish and find our path forward, but we need your participation! Being a part of ECW is a wonderful way to get to know one another—especially during our rummage sale week!



ORDER OF ST. LUKE. The OSL Mountain Chapter will meet via Zoom on Thursday, March 10, at 6:30 p.m. The group will continue the series, "Fundamentals of Receiving and Praying for Physical Healing: Value the Truth Over the Facts." 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.

OSL hopes to resume meeting in person in June at Covenant Community Church next to Reynolds High School. "We are most grateful to Grace Episcopal Church for hosting our meetings for many years. We have always felt welcome." They offer their thanks to all at Grace who have graciously extended hospitality to the OSL Mountain Chapter.

Parish News, Updates & Reminders

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WAYS TO TAKE PART IN THE PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY AT GRACE.

Emergency Meals. “Feed My Sheep” is a ministry of the Pastoral Care Team. It has fallen by the wayside lately because of the pandemic, but now, it’s time to start it up again. The premise of “Feed My Sheep” is that there will be food in the freezer at Grace for any who need it or are unable to prepare food for themselves.

Pastoral Care invites your participation by preparing foods such as soups, chili, stew or similar “one pot meals” and placing them in freezer bags labeled with description and date. Then, just bring them to church with you on Sunday (or any other day) and put them in the freezer in the kitchen.

If you have any questions, please contact Cliff Albertson, Clifford.albertson@verizon.net or 914-806-6831, or any members of the Pastoral Care Team. You may also email the team at Pastoralcare4grace@gmail.com.



Care You Can Share. Here are some other 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!

GARDENING & LANDSCAPING WORK DAY ON MARCH 5. Anyone interested in gardening and landscaping is invited to meet at the church on Saturday, March 5 at 10:00 a.m. to reorganize a gardening group and to have a spring landscaping work day. Donna Pate will be the point of contact for anyone needing details. Call Donna or email her at dlpate1201@bellsouth.net. The work will mostly include light exterior yard clean up and mulching. Everyone is invited to help!

20S AND 30S BIBLE STUDY. Come join Fr. Mike and Grace's 20s and 30s every month at a rotating brewery for fellowship and discussion on scripture. We meet on the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Contact Fr. Mike to get on the group e-mail thread and get updates on the selected brewery of the month.



*If you or your family or children are in a transition,
experiencing feelings of isolation or disconnection,
finding that you are stuck in old patterns or simply want to discern your path more deeply,
Rev. Milly would be honored to begin a conversation with you. Learn more at:*

<https://www.graceavl.com/spiritual-growth/spiritual-direction-mental-health-wellness-family-systems-coaching/>

COVID 19 REMINDERS. **In-Person Sunday Worship** has resumed at Grace, 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. Watch for upcoming information from our Bishop at www.diocesewnc.org/covid-19. **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!

Stewardship as a Way of Living



GENEROSITY CHANGES LIVES. This month Stewardship is highlighting Outreach, one of the ministries your pledges support.

During Advent, Grace members responded to Outreach's call for ABCCM's need for food with an outpouring of generosity. Grace members key to organizing this program were Pat and Nancy Walters, James Cannon and Carole and Doug McClellan. Sixty-five congregants participated and $\frac{3}{4}$ of a ton of food was collected, the largest donation ever from a single church!

Doug reported to the Stewardship Committee how heartwarming it was for him to feel the love expressed through this ministry event when the food was delivered. Stewardship committee wanted to share with you how valuable this project was to ABCCM and those they serve.

Rev. Mary Messarra is the Director of [ABCCM's Crisis Ministry](#) which helps families fill the gaps in their basic supply of food, clothing and blankets, and also provides emergency utility and rental assistance funds. Go to tinyurl.com/ABCCMthankyou or [watch here](#) as she expresses her thanks to Grace for our recent record-setting food donations and as well, shares her thoughts about the generosity that's especially needed now by many families and homeless individuals in Buncombe County.

Also, learn more about how you can help ABCCM as a volunteer. Contact Rev. Messarra at (828) 398-6805 or at mary.messarra@abccm.org.

Once again, thank you, Grace!



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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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!

You might want to start by attending an Outreach meeting. Meetings are held monthly on first Tuesdays, 5:00 p.m. in the parish hall. In the company of others who share your passion for building God’s kingdom on earth, it’s an opportunity to learn more about what outreach at Grace Church is doing now and what we hope to accomplish moving forward. For more information, contact Rev. Mike, revmike4grace@gmail.com.

CAN YOU SPARE A COAT OR TWO FOR THE HOMELESS? It’s really cold outside and ABCCM is especially in need of warm, thick coats right now for our homeless neighbors who are being exposed to the rigors of the weather day and night.

As part of its on-going “Safe & Warm” campaign, ABCCM is asking churches to please donate large and extra-large, thick coats for men, and medium and large, thick coats for women. You can place your coats in the marked boxes in the foyer at church on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays, and a member of the Outreach Committee will deliver them to ABCCM.

Click the following link to watch a short video clip showing how your coats and other gifts of warmth will help others: https://www.foxcarolina.com/christian-ministry-makes-a-difference-during-cold-weather/video_7b8e4919-f930-5ba9-86d9-dce1da69a216.html



Blessings to all who have given already. Grace has donated more than 100 gifts of warm clothing, blankets, coats, hats, scarves, gloves and sleeping bags in support of ABCCM’s “Safe and Warm” campaign.

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 individual Episcopalians in federal public policy advocacy from a faith-based perspective using trustworthy information. The following is one of the latest Action Alerts prepared by EPPN for your information and use:



⇒ [Pass the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act](#). Due to increased incidents of domestic violence and abuse during COVID-19, now is the time for the Senate to reauthorize this important legislation and ensure it adds protections for women. [Contact Senators Tillis and Burr](#) today to let them know your views.

To stay up-to-date on all EPPN Action Alerts and to receive access to a fast-paced 30-minute Zoom call every Thursday at 1:00 p.m., [register here](#) to become an EPPN network member.

PEACE FROM THE INSIDE OUT. Our world, our nation, our community, our selves. Where is peace in these spaces? How do we find it and once found, how does it become ministry that serves justice? In our baptismal creed, we are asked: “Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?” We answer: “I will, with God’s help.”

In the weeks to come, with God’s help, we will be giving prayerful thought to how peacemakers here at Grace can begin building peace-filled spaces, from the inside out, within which to address poverty, violence, racism, war and divisiveness.

True peace is not merely the absence of tension; it is the presence of justice.
— Martin Luther King Jr., “Stride Toward Freedom,” 1958

Our Prayer List

March

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; Michael Jenkins; Gael Paschall; Sydnor Thompson; Mickey Trinite; Laura & Tsz-yan Snyder; Don Wills.

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

For Others: Lynn Albertson (daughter-in-law of Cliff Albertson); Angela (sister of Steve Booth); Becky Blaylock (friend of Kathleen Griffin); Lara Brongel and family (daughter of Jackie Schauer); Ed C (friend of Jim Compton); Jimmy Cole (lifelong friend of Sonny Rawls); Paula Collins (cousin of Kathleen Griffin); Deanna (friend of Dodie King); Ann Derwort (sister of Jeanne Sims); Robin Fulk (niece of Charlotte & Travers Chiott); Jackie Haines (sister of Carol Booth); Jeffrey (cousin of Kim Hayes); June (friend of Barbara Wilcox); Jenna Keener (friend of Sonny Rawls); Ben Keppler (friend of Kelly Thompson); Jonathan Kinyon (brother of Shannon Townsend); Laurie Lopez (mother of Mike Reardon); Sally Morrow (mother of Milly Morrow); Meredith Peppers (cousin of Carol McClellan); Len Porter (friend of Don Wills); Sharon Prater (friend of Lorie Tola); Ray & Jeanne Robertson; 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); Rev. Steve Wilson (friend of Don Wills); Zack (friends of Jeff & Bea Russell).

For Those Who Have Died and their Families: Karen Moody Alchin (sister of Gael Paschall); Mary Buchanan (mother of Bill Buchanan); Bill Crownover; Douglas Haldane; Bobbie Webster.

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 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 Karen Moody Alchin (sister of Gael Paschall); Haywood Allen (husband of Carole McClellan's aunt); Mary Buchanan (mother of Bill Buchanan); Paula Collins (friend of Kathleen Griffin); Bill Crownover; Douglas Haldane; Scudder Evans (friend of Mike Reardon); Tedd Smith (friend of George & Pat Davis); Bobbie Webster; and Tammy Wyatt (mother of Chance Wyatt).

March Anniversaries

Cathy Adkins & Earl Leininger	2
Ginny Moser & Artus Moser	7
Kristen & Howard Dusenbery	31

Congratulations

March Birthdays

Tom Wernicke	1	Donald Alford	17
Eric Howell	2	Laura Parton	18
Grace Miller	2	Peter Cassarino	18
Adam M. Coon	2	Earl Booze	19
Joseph Aull	5	Nola Ellington	20
Jim Cassarino	8	Cameron Bell	23
Carol Booth	11	Kimberly Kneier	26
James Carlin	12	Becky Smith	26
Valerie Heavens	15	Mark Wall	27
Gael Paschall	15	Kelly Thompson III	29
Lindsay Whitner	16	Terri Frue	29
Scott McKenzie	16	Walker Wrenn	29
Guy Sayles	16	Brett Young	31
Keith Hargrove	17	Sarah Wood	31
Andrew Wall	17		

Special Gifts

The Aumbry Candle is given to the Glory of God by Tricia and Keith Hargrove in thanksgiving for the blessing of family and friends.

One of the ways in which Lent is observed at Grace is by not decorating the altar with flowers during this season of austerity and simple reflection. We hope this absence of flowers during Lent will amplify the resurrection message of the Easter flowers when they arrive on Easter Sunday!

The greenery is given to the Glory of God by

- ◆ Artus and Ginny Moser in memory of their daughter Jeanette;
- ◆ Pat and George Davis in memory of their daughter Kelli;
- ◆ Jeff and Bea Russell in memory of their parents, James and Irene Russell and Peter and Marjorie Smolka;
- ◆ Dodie & John King in memory of her mother Virginia Sparacino.



Our sanctuary is beautiful at Easter. Members of our flower guild are truly gifted, and every year, we look forward to an Easter celebration enhanced by their creative artistry.

Please consider this opportunity to memorialize loved ones and give thanks for blessings by making an Easter flower donation that will help cover expenses.

Envelopes will be in the pews.

Budget Report for January 2022

- \$58,424.66 of Total Income (Contributions, Building/Admin) and \$35,786.92 of total expenses, resulting in a Net Income of \$22,637.74.
- January pledges (\$55,213.81) were \$8,467.37 higher than pre pandemic, January 2019.
- January total expenses are \$6,563.48 less than the prior month.
- Endowment valuation on 1/31/22 is \$698,082.98

2022 is off to a great start! We're seeing some promising trends with contributions and looking forward to seeing how February plays out. In year's past we've seen a drop in Contributions after January. This is due to the fact that people pre-pay their contributions for the year.

Income from Pledges has increased 34.29% compared to Jan 2021

- Jan 2021 Income from Pledges: \$38,411.95
- Jan 2022 Income from Pledges: \$51,582.31

Open Offerings have increased 117.8% compared to Jan 2021

- Jan 2021 Open Offerings: \$1,135.00
- Jan 2022 Open Offerings: \$2,472.00

Automatic recurring giving through SimpleChurch Giving has also increased. Compared to when we last checked in on this (Sep.17th 2021), recurring giving through SimpleChurch has increased 92.17% with a 120% increase to the number of drafts each month.

SimpleChurch Recurring Giving:

- As of Sep. 17th 2021: 10 automatic drafts totaling \$2,178.28 per month
- As of Jan. 28th 2022: 22 automatic drafts totaling \$4,186.03 per month

January 2022 Statement of Activities

	Current Month Actual	Current Month Budget	Same Month Last Year Actual
Income			
General Contributions Totals:	55,213.81	33,500.00	39,546.95
Building Income Totals:	708.00	683.00	658.00
Administrative Totals:	2,502.85	3,247.60	29,913.54
Income Totals:	58,424.66	37,430.60	70,118.49
Expense			
Administrative Totals:	1,434.00	1,291.63	0.00
Mission and Outreach Totals:	3,484.92	6,068.25	3,603.92
Parish Program Totals:	462.87	760.27	50.97
Operations Totals:	4,650.64	5,147.63	3,847.88
Personnel Totals:	25,754.49	25,563.48	19,257.54
Capital Expenditures Totals:	0.00	416.63	0.00
Expense Totals:	35,786.92	39,247.89	26,760.31
Income - Expense:	22637.74	(1,817.29)	43358.18

March 2022 Ministry Schedule

Service Time	Acolyte(s)	Lector	Intercessor	Chalicer(s)	Usher(s)	Healing Team
Mar. 2, Ash Wednesday						
12:00 Noon	Lorie Tola	Hannah Pennell		Lorie Tola		
6:00 PM	Jack Frue	Elise Cassarino	Cliff Albertson	Cheryl Deyton	Todd & Katherine Kaderabek	
Mar. 6						
10:30	Jack Frue	Cliff Albertson	Elise Cassarino	James Cannon	Ron & Jeanne Sims	
Mar. 13						
10:30	Susan Robinson	John Woodson	Kristen Dusenbury	Elaine Potter	George & Pat Davis	
Mar. 20						
10:30	Nancy Walters	Nancy Lewis	Greg Townsend	Lorie Tola	William & Elaine Potter	
Taizé 8:00 PM		Monty Wooten	James Cannon			Amy Trees Debbie Thomas
Mar. 27						
10:30	Sally Withers	Elaine Potter	Elise Cassarino	Nancy Walters	Paul & Vicki Vest	
Date	Vestry Member of the Day	Flower Arrangers		Altar Guild		
2-Mar	N/A	Greenery		Shannon Townsend		
6-Mar	Andrew Beasley	Greenery		Shannon Townsend and Sonny Rawls		
13-Mar	Steve Birkhofer	Greenery		Lorie Tola and Jeanne Simms		
20-Mar	Katherine Kaderabek	Greenery				
27-Mar	Joe Aull	Bowen and Booze		Beth Woodson		