

Grace Episcopal Church

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The Grace TEAM is published monthly. Deadline for articles is the 15th.

Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. - Rite II In-person and virtual on YouTube at <u>http://</u> <u>tinyurl.com/graceUTvideos</u>

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 <u>www.graceavl.com</u> 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.



Reflections from Rev. Mike

Good People of Grace,

Lent can be one of the most confusing times of the year. For the seasoned faithful, it is often a favorite liturgical season. Worshippers relish in the opportunity to repent and to practice the rich and numerous traditions that mark the season. Bookended by ashes scrawled across our foreheads and foot washing rituals, it seems that Lent is particularly rich in its symbolism.

However, Lent can also be daunting for the newcomer. While the depth of experience it affords may be magnetizing, what is sometimes lost in these rituals is a clear understanding of what, exactly, we are doing and proclaiming in this season.

As I preached to you all several weeks ago, Lent is not about proclaiming that humans are irredeemable. Similarly, repentance is not an assent to our wickedness. Rather, in Lent we learn to turn away from the ego-driven vices that divide us from God and neighbor, making a conscious effort to examine these vices and to try with our whole hearts, minds, and spirits to turn our gaze towards the love and mercy of God in Christ.

In short, I like to think about Lent as a reminder of my need to let go. It is not so much a time to cultivate a tighter, more regimented spiritual life as it is a call to let go of my own need to control myself and the world around me. It is a call to trust not in myself for my own development, but in the nurturing care of God's guiding hand. It is a time to renew our sense of trust in the ultimate goodness of God. It is a time where we learn that by letting go and simply turning towards God without a sense of expectation or consequence, we are given just the wisdom we need.

May we all live into this season and support one another in our Lenten journey.

> Peace, Fr. Mike



From Our Senior Warden

HE IS RISEN! Okay, shhhh.....not yet, but it's coming. We're over halfway through Lent and slowly coming up on Holy Week. And the thing about Holy Week at Grace is, you can't really say there isn't anything for you to participate in because there is stuff going on literally the WHOLE WEEK. Revs. Milly and Mike set up cots in the Sacristy because they don't leave church that week (well, that's not true, but it seems like it could be). But, the really exciting thing is that, at the end of Holy Week it's EASTER! And this year, slowly coming out of the Pandemic, Easter is taking on a whole new meaning. It's the beginning of the church opening back up and moving full steam ahead. If you're like me, you'll be meeting a whole new set of fellow parishioners because you don't recognize anyone without their masks (apologies in advance for me introducing myself to you when I've already done it three times). And of course, if you feel you need to keep your mask on, that's great too. Along with many other



Elaine Potter

changes, we're looking into opening the nursery back up and getting Sunday School back on track. Also, be on the lookout for information about a "Pot Luck in the Parking Lot" (say that three times fast) Saturday, May 21, 5:00-9:00 p.m. You can break out those Jell-O molds (and yes, there are kids today who have no idea what a Jell-O mold is) and grandma's mac n' cheese and deviled egg recipes and get cooking!

So, continue on with your Lenten Journey and with emptying yourselves out so you'll have plenty of room to be filled when the time comes. <u>The Lord is Risen indeed!</u>

Our Holy Week and Easter Schedule



Palm Sunday. Worship begins 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 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 6:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday Liturgy. The April 14 liturgy will begin at 7:00 p.m. Foot washing will be a part of our worship.

Good Friday. April 15, a worship service will be offered at 12:00 noon and at 6:00 p.m.

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

Easter Sunday. Our Easter morning service is at 10:30 a.m.



FLOWERS AND BELLS! On Easter Sunday, remember to bring bells to our Easter service. We'll ring our bells when we say "Alleluia!"

during worship (and that's a lot of times!). Come prepared to make a joyful Easter noise! Also, for the 10:30 service, be sure to bring flowers. You'll be invited to bring them up to the front of the church to "flower" the cross.



CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT. The Chil-

dren's Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Easter morning following the 10:30 a.m. service. Children through fifth grade will gather in the parish hall, and then go out to the Urban Garden area to hunt for eggs.



OUR MASK MANDATE HAS LIFTED, based on the February 25 Bishop's notice that you can read in full at <u>https://www.diocesewnc.org/covid-19</u>. Masks are always welcome at Grace, and we encourage you to feel comfortable using them based on your own needs and assessment. Each will have a different comfort level about being with others in group settings. First, care for yourself. We request that if you are not feeling well, you join us online. Second, if you decide to attend in-person church, masks are optional.

Events at a Glance

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	Bible Study	Zoom	
Mondays, 3:00 PM	Pastoral Care Meeting	Zoom	
Wednesdays, 1-3:00 PM	Praying Together (by appointment)	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	
Saturdays, 9:00 AM	Flower Guild	Kitchen	
Saturday, April 2, 10:00 AM	ECW Officers Planning Meeting	Library	
Saturday, April 2, 11:00 AM	Purls of Grace	Library	
Tuesday, April 5, 5:00 PM	Outreach Committee Meeting	Library	
Thursday, April 7, 6:00 PM	Soup & Taizé	Parish Hall / Sanctuary	
Saturday, April 9, 2:00 PM	Ray Robertson / Celebration of Life & Reception	Sanctuary/Parish Hall	
Sunday, April 10, 10:30 AM	Palm Sunday	Church Sanctuary	
Monday, April 11, 5:30 PM	Endowment Committee Meeting	Zoom	
Mon-Wed, April 11-13, 6:00 PM	Holy Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday Services	Church Sanctuary	
Tuesday, April 12, 10:00 AM	Stewardship Meeting	Zoom	
Wednesday, April 13, 10:00 AM	TEAM Meeting	Zoom	
Thursday, April 14, 7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday	Church	
Friday, April 15, 12:00 Noon, 6:00 PM	Good Friday Liturgy	Church	
Saturday, April 16, 11:00 AM	Holy Saturday Memorial Service	Urban Garden	
Saturday, April 16, 8:00 PM	Great Vigil of Easter Service	Church	
Sunday, April 17, 10:30 AM	Easter Sunday Holy Eucharist	Sanctuary	
Sunday, April 17, 11:30 AM	Children's Easter Egg Hunt	Urban Garden	
Sunday, April 17, 8:00 PM	Taizé	Church Sanctuary	
Monday-Tuesday, April 18-19	Church Office closed		
Sunday, April 24, 3:00 PM	PubSing	Zillicoah Brewery	
Monday, April 25, 5:30 PM	Vestry Meeting	Lower conference room	
Mon-Fri, April 25-29	Rummage Sale Set-Up (details on p. 5)	Parish Hall/Storehouse	
Thursday, April 28, 6:00 PM	20s/30s Bible Study	ТВА	
Saturday, April 30, 8:00AM-12 Noon	Rummage Sale	Parish Hall/Storehouse	

May 1 Stewardship Thank You Breakfast

YOU'RE INVITED TO A THANK YOU BREAKFAST ON MAY 1! Make

plans now! Your Stewardship Committee is ready to celebrate as we safely move into being together again. At 9:30 a.m., before the 10:30 a.m. service on May 1, we will host breakfast for fellowship and to say thank you for your generous responses in support of Grace Church. We look forward to being with you in the Parish Hall.



Parish News, Updates & Reminders



MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY DURING LENT. Monday morning bible study during lent. Join Fr. Mike and Rev. Milly at 10:30 a.m. on April 4 for the final Monday Morning Lenten Bible Study. We will continue exploring the scriptures of Lent and what we are being

asked to give up and to receive during our season of fasting and prayer. The April

4 Scripture is John 12:1-8. All are welcome. Zoom link can be found on our website or <u>here</u>.

SOUP AND TAIZÉ. Our fifth and final gathering is Thursday, April 7, and all are welcome to come enjoy a delicious soup supper in the parish hall at 6:00 p.m., followed by Taizé style worship in the Sanctuary.

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, <u>rev.milly4grace@gmail.com</u>.



As we prepare for Holy Week and Easter, this beautiful, contemplative Taizé service filled with wonderful, thoughtful music, prayer and periods of silence gives us a time and space to grow still and listen for God.



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 regis-

ter 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.



FEED MY SHEEP is a ministry of the Pastoral Care Team that makes sure there will always be food in the freezer at Grace for any who need it or are unable to prepare food for themselves. You can help 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, <u>Clifford.albertson@verizon.net</u> or 914-806-6831, or any members of the Pastoral Care Team. You may also email the team at <u>Pastoralcare4grace@gmail.com</u>.

20s AND 30s BIBLE STUDY meets every fourth Thursday, 6:00 p.m. at rotating local breweries. Come join Rev. Mike for fellowship and discussion on scripture. Here's the schedule for the rest of 2022:



April 28 • May 26 • June 23 • July 28 • August 25 • September 22 • October 27 • November 17 (one week early because Thanksgiving is pm the 4th Thursday) • December 15 (again one week early to avoid week of Christmas). Breweries to be announced. For more information, contact Rev. Mike at revmike4grace@gmail.com.

PUBSING. It's time for another PubSing, an informal gathering to sing hymns, old time gospel, folk and Americana music. We will congregate this month on Sunday evening, April 24, 4:00-6:00 p.m., at the Zillicoah Brewery, located at 870 Riverside Dr, Woodfin, NC. Come join in as we celebrate in song. For directions go to <u>http://www.zillicoahbeer.com</u>. This is an outdoor event! Bring a chair. For more information contact Monty Wooten at <u>montywooten@bellsouth.net</u> or 828-254-1114.



Parish News, Updates & Reminders(continued)WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE RUMMAGE SALE scheduled for Saturday, April 30, 8:00 to Noon.

We will be gratefully accepting donations the week prior to our sale: April 25-29, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the parish hall and storage house. We will also be accepting donations from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 27, for those people unable to donate during our earlier hours. Clothing should be on hangers and delivered to the parish hall. Household items should be delivered to the storage house!

Now's the time to start cleaning out those attics, closets, basements and garages!

We accept the following:

- Clothing (on hangers) clean, something you would want to purchase! No underwear please.
- Books (No textbooks, encyclopedias, dictionaries, condensed books, books that are written in or heavily highlighted, or magazines)
- Office supplies and arts/crafts ٠ kits or supplies
- Children's and baby items -٠ toys, games, puzzles, sports equipment if in good repair
- Jewelry
- Small household and kitchen items – should be working and have all the parts!
- Linens please label size of sheets/bedspreads/tablecloths
- Christmas/ holiday Items
- Garden supplies (no hazardous materials) and small garden tools

We do not accept any electronics or medical equipment! No old TVs, computers, printers, etc.

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

Thanks so much for your help and understanding! ECW is



RUMMAGE SALE

- Grace Episcopal Church 871 Merrimon Avenue Asheville, NC 28804
- Saturday, April 30th
- 8:00AM until Noon
- Located in the Parish Hall and the Storage House to the left of the upper parking lot!

Shop early for the best selections!

Books Linens Household/Kitchen Items **Sports Equipment** Toys Christmas/Holiday Items Art work/Pictures

Clothes

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hopeful that we will be able to hold our rummage sale on April 30 as planned, but as always during this era of Covid, everything is subject to change!

Stewardship as a Way of Life

PARTICIPATION IN BUILDING THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN. In a meditation from Richard Rohr and the Center for Action and Contemplation (February 2, 2022), the question was asked: "Can we be 'friends' with God?" It goes on to say that friendship with Jesus is the mark of a mature faith and a gift of wisdom. Jesus taught that prayer be addressed to "Abba," which is most often translated in English as father but which has connotations denoting intimacy and familiarity. Jesus, through his teaching of the Lord's prayer, introduced with "Our Father-Friend in heaven," collapsed the sacred distance between God and us.

Because of the love we feel for our friends, when a friend makes a request, we are inclined to respond positively. God, through Jesus' words and example, asks us to love God and to love our neighbor. Acts based on this love build the Kingdom of Heaven.

Grace Church's mission, through its ministries, is to fully participate in acts of love. Grace's ministries support our members through Pastoral Care, along with:

- Mother Milly's spiritual direction
- Purls of Grace
- Healing Ministry
- Bible Study

- Women Walking the Way
- Pub Sing
- Men of the Church
- Episcopal Church Women

Our community is supported through many outreach endeavors, some of which are:

- Angel Tree
- ABCCM food and coat collection
- ECW rummage sale

- Pumpkin Patch
- Serving dinner at Transformation Village/Steadfast House
- Building Habitat Houses

How might you respond to the call to build the Kingdom and love your neighbor this month? How could you support Grace financially or with your time in fulfilling the church's mission?

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: Men of the Church: The Rev. Milly Morrow, rev.milly4grace@gmail.com Jim Compton, j.t.compton@gmail.com <u>Altar Guild:</u> Newcomers: Shannon Townsend, gstownsend@att.net The Rev. Milly Morrow, rev.milly4grace@gmail.com **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: OFFICE MINISTRY:** Scott McKenzie, emailscottmckenzie@gmail.com Valerie Heavens, grace.church.asheville@gmail.com **CHILD FORMATION: OUTREACH:** CHOIR: Fr. Mike Reardon, revmike4grace@gmail.com Rusty McCredie, rebscape@att.net **PASTORAL CARE:** Endowment: Cliff Albertson, clifford.albertson@verizon.net Steve Birkhofer, sbirkhof@unca.edu PUBSING: Episcopal Church Women (ECW): Monty Wooten, montywooten@bellsouth.net Cheryl Aull, ckaull@charter.net Shepherds' Ministry: Fellowship: Lorie Tola, lorie.tola@gmail.com Seeking new organizer; contact Rev. Milly with interest **STEWARDSHIP:** FINANCE: Louise Wernicke, lcwernicke@aol.com Tara Lonneman, <u>Tara265@gmail.com</u> TAIZÉ: Flower Guild: James Cannon, imjcannon@charter.net Pat Davis, dpatdavis@aol.com WEDDING MINISTRY: GARDEN GUILD: Katherine Johnson, graceweddingsavl@gmail.com Kathleen Griffin (828-337-8241), Jackie Schauer 828-337-WORSHIP: 9441) The Rev. Milly Morrow, rev.milly4grace@gmail.com HEALING MINISTRY: Interim: Karen Compton, comptons0292@gmail.com

Sharing Our Wonderful Director of Music

The following is from an article in the Winter 2022 issue of Christ School's "Galax" newsletter. Editor Donna Wheeler has written a glowing tribute to our shared Director of Music, Jim Cassarino, We thought you would enjoy this excerpt, and if you would like to read "The Cassarino Effect' in its entirety, find it at https://www.christschool.org/academics/ publications/galax.

A one-man band of sorts, our Music Director and Fine Arts Chair, Jim Cassarino, has dazzled our community since taking the helm of a job that once required three people: playing the organ at every Chapel service, leading the Christ School Choir, giving lessons to the boys on piano and organ, and teaching music history.

If there was a seminal moment that signaled the buyin of the Christ School community to the Music Program, it was during a Chapel service this past November, when Jim led the boys in a spirited rendition of our National Anthem, "The Star-Spangled Banner." He began the service by explaining the history of the piece and the challenges that it has posed for singers through the ages, and then proceeded to conduct the entire student body in a surprisingly melodic, but all the same boisterous, performance that rattled the foundation of St. Joseph's Chapel and moved many stalwart faculty to tears.

This is the Cassarino Effect. Jim, who previously worked in academia – most recently as a dean and Chair of the Music Department at Green Mountain College in Vermont – has overseen a campus-wide musical Renaissance. An unlikely boarding school teacher (his previous professional life was full of lecturing, publishing, and being cited in musicology papers), Jim and his family have embraced life and music at Christ School.

Boarding School Life. When he arrived on campus three years ago, Jim wasn't sure what to expect. Unfamiliar with the boarding school model, he was pleasantly surprised to learn that the school would provide housing for his family, including wife Elise and grown children, Peter and Cecilia. "My colleagues told me that I would hate it here; that there was no way based on my experience that I would enjoy teaching at this age level," says Jim. "Instead, I wish I'd found this job 20 years ago! The college students already knew most of what we were talking about in class, but for these guys, everything is new; I find that exciting!"

"One of the things that I was not aware of before I arrived was the extent to which music had disappeared, so I thought it was going to be a daunting task. However, I haven't experienced a lack of interest — there is plenty of enthusiasm — just a lack of time. Just trying to carve out time to meet with the boys to work on music, whether it's choir or instrumental lessons, is difficult with their busy schedules." Living on campus has helped solve that problem by allowing him to offer classes and rehearsals in the evenings after dinner and study hall. A Music Philosophy. "My goal is simple: to make music



available to Christ School. I'm not aggressive about it; I've never been the kind of teacher to shove things down the throat," says Jim. "I like the idea of providing a safe, supportive place to discover music and that approach seems to work."

Although hesitant to brag, Jim admits "I think I'm really good at matching music with the ability of my musicians," a skill which has served him well here. "I think I have done that with the choir, but I also think I have done it with the curriculum." He says that "without dumbing it down," he has made music more relevant for a Christ School student. "I know what a 16-year-old boy wants to talk about when he discusses music, and so I've been able to create a curriculum around that." Rather than just sing religious music to support the Chapel Program, the choir also sings classic rock songs from the 70's and 80's, and rather than telling them what to sing, he often asks their opinion. Recently that resulted in them singing "California Dreaming" by the Mommas and Poppas. <u>Read more</u>.

BRAVO, JIM!



Grace Outreach Updates



O God, we pray for all those in our world who are suffering from injustice: For those who are discriminated against because of their race, color or religion; For those imprisoned for working for the relief of oppression; For those who are hounded for speaking the inconvenient truth; For those tempted to violence as a cry against overwhelming hardship; For those deprived of reasonable health and education; For those suffering from hunger and famine; For those too weak to help themselves and who have no one else to help them; For the unemployed who cry out for work but do not find it. We pray for anyone of our acquaintance who is personally affected by injustice. Forgive us, Lord, if we unwittingly share in the conditions or in a system that perpetuates injustice. Show us how we can serve your children and make your love practical by washing their feet.

Mother Teresa



WORDS OF GRATITUDE. ABCCM recently thanked everyone who made it possible for our neighbors to stay safe and warm during our recent long stretch of brutally cold weather. Here are a few words from one of ABCCM's e-newsletters:

"When the thermostat read 61 degrees and the furnace would not come on, my wife and I did not know how we would make it.

"A neighbor called and said to call ABCCM. She knew we were on a fixed income and did not have \$400 for oil. She cried when the oil truck pulled up and asked, 'How did you do that?" "I said I didn't do that, ABCCM did."

This and stories of giving out blankets during Code Purple to families and keeping the lights from being cut off helped 600 families stay safe and warm.

And thanks to the contributions of business sponsors, funds contributed from the drive, and designated heating gifts, \$69,572 was raised in the drive. Sponsors and churches collected 2,143 blankets as well.

Also, ABCCM's Crisis Ministries, Veterans Restoration Quarters, and Transformation Village collected countless coats, hats, gloves, socks and underwear.

Costello House opened December 3, too, as the only men's shelter helping to keep men alive during Code Purple, averaging 55 men being there on the coldest nights and 37 men being there on other nights.

AID TO UKRAINE. You can support Episcopal Relief & Development in providing humanitarian aid in response to the crisis in Ukraine. By donating to the Ukraine Crisis Response Fund, you will help meet critical needs including food, cash, blankets and hygiene supplies for people fleeing the violence . Visit <u>episcopalrelief.org/ukraine-crisis</u>.

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. Here is a recent resource prepared by <u>EPPN</u> for your information and use:

<u>Protect Asylum at the U.S.-Mexico Border</u>. Write to your members of Congress today to tell them that you support sensible and compassionate solutions that better address the needs of asylum seekers while also recognizing the legitimate need to protect borders and address security threats.

Our Prayer List

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; Michael Jenkins; Shari Lane; Gabriella Morin; Laura & Tsz-yan Snyder; Sydnor Thompson; Mickey Trinite.

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: (Names will remain on the list for 6 weeks unless we hear otherwise.) Alyssa (friend of Gabriella Morin); 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); Michael Clark (grandson of Cliff Albertson); Jimmy Cole (lifelong friend of Sonny Rawls); Ann Derwort (sister of Jeanne Sims); Kate Evans (daughter of Dodie King); Theresa First (friend of Carole and Doug McClellan); Robin Fulk (niece of Charlotte & Travers Chiott); Jackie Haines (sister of Carol Booth); Jeffrey (cousin of Kim Hayes); Jenna Keener (friend of Sonny Rawls); Ben Keppler (friend of Kelly Thompson); Jonathan Kinyon (brother of Shannon Townsend); Macy (dog of James Cannon); Sally Morrow (mother of Milly Morrow); Sharon Prater (friend of Lorie Tola); Jeanne Robertson; Shannon (friend of Elaine Potter); Suzanne (friend of Bill and Becky Smith); Glenn Thomas (brother-in-law of Ron Sims); Tom (friend of Lucy and Larry Bowen); Jayne Traylor (mother of John Chastain); Marilyn White (friend of Elaine Potter); Zack and family (friends of Jeff & Bea Russell).

For Those Who Have Died and their Families: Ray Robertson; 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); **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 <u>graceavl.com/spiritual-growth/prayer-ministries/</u> 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 <u>pastoral-</u> <u>care4grace@gmail.com</u> or contact the church.



Our condolences and prayers go to the friends, family and loved ones of

Ray Robertson.

April Anniversaries

Carole and Doug McClellan	16	
Molly and Robert Oxford	21	
Anna Grace and Barrett McFatter	22	
Kelly and Sydnor Thompson III	25	
Louise and Tom Wernicke	25	
Judy and Mike Bohan	26	
Pam and Barry Maney	30	

<u>Thank You, Chal!</u>



FOR MANY YEARS,

CHAL VAUGHN has has quietly performed a behind-thescenes ministry at Grace, sending cards to parishioners on their wedding anniversaries. Now, as she retires and hangs up her pen at the end of the

month, join us in saying "Thank you, Chal, for so faithfully conveying congratulations from the Grace Family on wedding anniversaries! Well done!"

If you are interested in continuing this special ministry, please contact Rev. Mike for more information.

<u>April Birthdays</u>

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Tessa Path	2	Arthur Johnson	17
Mathes Mennell	2	Barbara Wilcox	18
Lorraine Chambers	4	Matthew Carlin	20
Nancy Clark	4	Caroline Hamrick Snead 22	
Ben Scales	5	Laura Dover	24
Larry Hall	7	Amanda Edwards	24
Cliff Albertson	7	Suzie Dittenber	24
Jade Cress	7	Phil Carlin	25
Chris Thompson	9	Tom Bell	26
Travers Chiott	11	Nicole Racine	26
Watson Jordan	11	Sharon Rains	27
Kathie Engelbrecht	12	Julie Cooley	28
Rusty Herman	13	Alison Schaefer	29
Guy Wrenn	15	Jack Weston Britts	29
Nancy Porter	17		

Special Gifts

The Aumbry Candle is given to the Glory of God by Dodie & John King.

The greenery is given to the Glory of God by Ed Duncan in memory of Helen Powers.



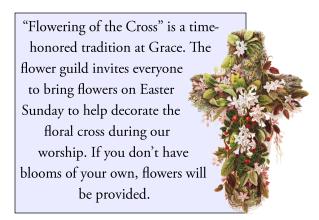
The palms for Palm Sunday are given to the Glory of God by the Drake and Duncan Family in memory of Ruth Bryce and Mary E. Pritchard.

The hot cross buns on Palm Sunday are given to the Glory of God by the Rev. Jane Smith in memory of Marguerite Alexander.



The flowers are given to the Glory of God

- by Kristen Dusenbery in memory of her mother and father, the Rev. Donald and Rhoda Larsen;
- by Jennifer Witt in memory of her brother Kenneth Matthews





There is still time to memorialize loved ones and give thanks for blessings by making an Easter flower donation. Envelopes are in the pews. Donors will be listed in an upcoming issue of the "Grace TEAM." Thank you!

Budget Report for February 2022

- \$23,531.37 of Total Income (Contributions, Building/Admin) and \$33,317.30 of total expenses, resulting in a Net Loss (deficit) of \$9,785.93.
- YTD \$81,956.04 of Total Income (Contributions, Building/Admin) and \$69,104.22 of total expenses, resulting in a Net Income of \$12,851.82.
- \$5,885.12 total spent on Dedicated Accounts.
- Endowment valuation is down \$8k from last month (\$689,745.55 from \$698,082.98).

The contributions for January were robust due to those who make their yearly pledges in the beginning of the year. The contributions for February fell well short of expectations for a typical February. <u>Thirty per cent of pledg-ing members of Grace have yet to contribute this year</u>; however, we are optimistic that pledges will rebound and come in closer to target. Please keep in mind that if all pledging members increased their contributions by \$1.00 a day, the result would be that contributions would meet or exceed budget.

February 2022 Statement of Activities

	Feb Actual	Feb Budget	Feb Variance
Income			
General Contributions Totals:	22,740.20	33,500.00	(10,759.80)
Building Income Totals:	788.00	683.00	105.00
Administrative Totals:	3.17	3,247.62	(3,244.45)
Income Totals:	23,531.37	37,430.62	(13,899.25)
Expense			
Administrative Totals:	779.25	1,291.67	512.42
Mission and Outreach Totals:	3,484.92	6,068.25	2,583.33
Parish Program Totals:	1.40	760.43	759.03
Operations Totals:	3,452.19	5,147.67	1,695.48
Personnel Totals:	25,599.54	25,563.52	(36.02)
Capital Expenditures Totals:	0.00	416.67	416.67
Expense Totals:	33,317.30	39,248.21	5,930.91
Income - Expense:	(9,785.93)	(1,817.59)	(7,968.34)

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE MEETING. Hello Fellow Parishioners and Happy Spring. Your Endowment Committee has scheduled a quarterly meeting for Monday, April 11, at 5:30 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 attend; if interested please notify Steve Birkhofer in advance.

The Committee's agenda will likely include: limited market and investment performance review • review of the minutes from the January meeting • review of available funds for calendar 2022 and 23, with consideration of funding needs in the coming year and added focus on general turbulence across the investment market landscape with consideration of need to rebalance • 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.

April 2022 Ministry Schedule

- Service Time	Acolyte(s)	Lector	Intercessor	Chalicist(s)	Usher(s)	Healing Team	
Apr. 3							
10:30	Greg Townsend	Greg Townsend	Louise Wernicke	Lorie Tola	Ron & Jeanne Sims		
Apr. 10, Palm Sunday	/						
10:30	Susan Robinson	Bonnie Kistler, Carol Booth, GregTown- send, Elise Cassarino, Bill Smith, Kristen Dusenbery	Vicki Vest	James Cannon	Paul & Vicki Vest		
Apr. 14, Maundy Thu	rsday						
7:pm	Nancy Walters Lorie Tola	Sally Withers	Nancy Walters	Sally Withers Jack Frue	Elaine Potter		
Apr. 15, Good Friday							
12 NOON	James Cannon	Nancy Lewis					
6pm	Cheryl Deaton						
Apr. 16, Holy Saturda	y: Memorial Service in U	Jrban Garden; The Grea	at Vigil of Easter				
11 AM	Elaine Potter						
8:00 PM	Susan Robinson Jack Frue	Elise Cassarino	Cliff Albertson	Greg Townsend Cheryl Deaton	Elaine Potter Johnny Robinson		
Apr. 17, Easter Sunda	ay						
10:30	James Cannon	Nancy Lewis	Nancy Walters	Sally Withers Elly Withers	Ben Scales & Elaine Potter		
Apr. 24							
10:30	Jack Frue	Bonnie Kistler	John Woodson	Susan Robinson	George & Pat Davis		
Date	Vestry Memb	er of the Day	Flower Arrangers		Altar Guild		
3-Apr	Mathes	Mennell	Davis a	nd Witt	Beth Woodson		
10-Apr	Steve B	irkhofer	Palm Sunday: Davis and Witt		Bonnie Kistler (April 9th - Ray Robertson funeral)		
14-Apr	N.	/Α			<u>M.Thurs</u> Beth W - set up and Terri Frue- clean up * <i>Kokayi and Shan- non will help at all services.</i>		
15-Apr	N	/Α			Good Fri Lorie - 12 - Clean up and reset		
	•		•		Good Fri 6 pm -	Terri F. help clean	
16-Apr	N/A		All Gather to Decorate for Easter		Easter Vigil - set up Beth Woodson - Clean up and reset - Shannon, Ta- hani S. , Lori, Kokayi		
17-Apr	Elaine	Elaine Potter		Easter Sunday		Lorie Tola, Cate Scales (clean) Beth Woodson (clean)	
24-Apr	Andrew	Beasley	Bonnie Kistl	er - Wedding	S Townsend, Te Co		

PHOTOS FROM OUR FIRST 2022 GARDEN WORK DAY. Thank you to all the volunteers who came out for our first Garden Work Day and helped spruce things up. If you missed it, be watching for future work days as Hannah Pennell, Jackie Schauer and Donna Pate revive the Grace Garden Guild and continue the planning and maintenance of our beautiful hilltop. Meanwhile, here are a few work day photos we thought you would enjoy.



PLAYGROUND WORK DAY. Some young experts were brought in recently to begin the work of redesigning the Grace playground. If you would like to get involved in this fun project, please let Junior Warden Scott McKenzie know.



GIRL SCOUT SABBATH. The girls of Troop 42504 wanted to give back for Girl Scout Sabbath this past month by helping out at their host church, Grace Episcopal. They did various jobs including weeding and picking up trash on the property, sorting toys in the children's nursery and cleaning the windows in the parish hall. Thank you, Troop 42504!





