



the Grace TEAM

to each a ministry

May 2022

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The Grace TEAM

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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.

Greetings Good People of Grace,

Wow! I said it before and I will say it again. Wow! Easter at Grace was so powerful. As I said in my sermon on the second Sunday of Easter, I woke up Easter day feeling a certain level of fear. Fear that I would not be able to do what was needed that day.

I was still in Good Friday after all, remember? How would I be able to proclaim resurrection with you all in any meaningful way? How would I do it?

But, I showed up. You showed up. The village showed up. And guess what? It happened! Easter Happened! "Alleluia anyhow," as Bishop Harris famously stated in her memoir. And as Father Mike reminded us, "We don't have time for everything to be okay before we sing out "Alleluia!" We don't have time to waste; the world needs to hear us singing "Alleluia!" now.

So, even though I was afraid I couldn't do it, Easter happened. And this is what I learned from it all: "I" didn't do it. That was never the plan—for "me" to do Easter—that is not how Easter works. We, the gathered community, WE do Easter. Turns out it does take a village to witness Resurrection, turns out none of us does any of this alone.

Did you know that every funeral service is an Easter service? And in every funeral service we say "Even at the Grave, we make our song, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia."

Yes! Even at the Grave. And on Easter we cover that cross, a symbol of death, in flowers, new life, love

and beauty. Because "Alleluia Anyhow." Because nothing, *nothing* is stronger than love, not even death. So we who proclaim a risen Savior; we who have gathered in His name, to walk His way; we who sing alleluia even at the Grave, we are his hands and feet now. We, who witnessed resurrection together at Grace on Easter day, we are now called out of our fears, out of our upper rooms, to be the Body of Christ. Because He has no hands and feet but ours now. And that is resurrection.

Resurrection is the moment we have the courage to leave our upper rooms and take on the work Christ has given us to do. That is when He lives among us, when we leave our fears behind, when we walk the way of love.

We don't have time to waste, the world needs to hear us sing, sing Alleluia now! Alleluia anyhow! And the world desperately needs us to leave our fears behind and have the courage to love.

Happy Eastertide. Let us pray that when the day of Pentecost comes, we find ourselves prepared to be the hands and feet of Jesus, active and alive in the world. Let us pray we are prepared to be the Body of Christ, the Church called Grace Episcopal.

Peace and Love,

Rev. Milly

From Our Junior Warden

SPRING IS SHOWING OFF! Surrounded by bright green leaves, blooming flowers, warmer days, and a bustling energy of activity and life, it feels like spring is showing off this year! I would like to extend my gratitude for each one of you who have so willingly offered your skills, experience, and time to manage a project or join in on the larger work happening all around the church. We are actively repairing and opening spaces, cleaning, wiring, planting, painting, researching, and the playground committee is dreaming about a new space. All of this is balanced by growing numbers on Sundays, shared breakfasts, the parking lot potluck, weekly Taizé services, the rummage sale, and so, so much more! Please reach out to me if you have any questions, ideas, thoughts, or would like more information about helping or managing a project large or small.



Scott McKenzie

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	Bible Study	Zoom
Mondays, 3:00 PM	Pastoral Care Meeting	Zoom
Tuesdays, 10:00 AM	Stewardship Meeting	Zoom
Tuesdays, 6:00 PM	Taizé Worship Service (<i>see p. 3</i>)	Church Sanctuary
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
Saturdays, 9:00 AM	Flower Guild	Kitchen
Sunday, May 1, 9:30 AM	Stewardship Thankyou Breakfast (<i>see p. 4</i>)	Parish Hall
Saturday, May 7, 11:00 AM	Purls of Grace	Library
Monday, May 9, 6:00 PM	Worship Committee Meeting	Zoom
Wednesday, May 11, 10:00 AM	TEAM Meeting	Zoom
Sunday, May 15, 12:00 Noon	Outreach Committee Meeting	Library
Monday, May 16, 5:30 PM	Vestry Meeting	Lower Conference Room
Saturday, May 21, 5-9:00 PM	Potluck in the Parking Lot	Lower Parking Lot
Sunday, May 22, 3:00 PM	PubSing	Cork and Keg Brewery
Thursday, May 26, 6:00 PM	20s/30s Bible Study	TBA
Monday, May 30	Church Office Closed for Memorial Day Holiday	

OUR MASK MANDATE HAS LIFTED, based on the February 25 Bishop's notice that you can read in full at <https://www.diocesewnc.org/covid-19>. 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.

Weekly Taizé, Tuesday Evenings at 6pm

WE ARE NOW OFFERING WEEKLY TAIZÉ WORSHIP! For many decades Grace Episcopal Church has offered a monthly Sunday evening Taizé styled service, and during that time, it became clear that this community desires this worship more often. And it is also clear that the world needs a refuge and a place of prayer for peace. In response to that desire, the service has moved to 6:00 p.m. every Tuesday evening.

The Taizé styled service is modeled after the renowned community founded by Brother Roger in Taizé, France. Begun in 1940 as a refuge for war torn Europe, it has grown to become a worldwide movement. These ecumenical services are known for their melodic chants and prayers. Although music forms a central part of the service, it is mixed with comforting periods of silence allowing for contemplation.

Lighted mostly by candlelight in the 100+ year old stone sanctuary of Grace Church, the vesper light of approaching evening offers a safe and nurturing space for a moment of peace in our hectic lives. Healing prayer is also offered throughout the service for oneself or on behalf of someone else.

Whether you are a regular practitioner of Taizé or are brand new to this worship style, we welcome you! Please join us on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. for forty-five minutes to an hour. We hope the peace you find will prepare you to offer more peace to our world.

And please share with others that our worship time is now every Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.



Parish News, Updates & Reminders



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.



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, 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.

Parish News, Updates & Reminders

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

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.



Join us!



PURLS OF GRACE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY. YARN! YARN!

YARN! We have lots of it. We have a few bundles of matching yarn for solid shawls, plus lots of single and part skeins. I have some patterns using scrap yarn, and your ideas for using this yarn would also be welcome. We will be meeting on Saturday, May 7 at 11:00 a.m. in the library. Come get yarn for your summer travel projects. Our June 4 meeting will be the last until the first Saturday in October. Hope to see you soon. Beth Woodson (828-645-4293).

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, May 22, 3:00 p.m., at Cork and Keg, located in the Weinhaus, downtown Asheville. Come join in as we celebrate in song. For more information contact Monty Wooten at montywooten@bellsouth.net or 828-254-1114.



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:

May 26 ▪ June 23 ▪ July 28 ▪ August 25 ▪ September 22 ▪ October 27 ▪ November 17 (one week early because Thanksgiving is on 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.



POT LUCK IN THE PARKING LOT! Be on the lookout for more information about a "Pot Luck in the Parking Lot" (say that three times fast!) on Saturday, May 21, 5:00-9:00 p.m. At long last, after two years of staying home, we can finally 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!

Let's get reacquainted with one another, Grace Family! Make your plans now for May 21!

Stewardship as a Way of Life

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—AN ALTERNATIVE TO SHOPPING. Stewardship implies the management of all of our resources for the benefit of all, not just for our personal gain or for our family's well-being.

A resource to help us exists in a concept created by two friends, Rebecca and Liesl, in the Pacific Northwest. Enjoying the beach there with their children, they began to notice the types of plastics of all kinds littering the beach. They realized this plastic pollution came from homes, cars and yards and had washed down from watersheds. Rebecca and Liesl wanted to limit these plastics. What emerged from their thinking was a concept of "buying less and sharing more."

Their idea became a movement called "Buy Nothing." It now has over five million members in over 44 countries. Interestingly, its primary focus is not first and foremost financial or ecological. Its primary goal is building community within neighborhoods and small geographic regions.

"Buy Nothing" provides an avenue for connecting people who have a need for something with people who want to let go of something. Money is not exchanged; instead, the mindset is one of abundance, not scarcity.

The program works via posts that let others know about your need or something you're ready to let go of. People in your area can then respond and make arrangements to exchange the items.

Relationships build and grow through these interactions and communities become stronger.

To learn more about "Buy Nothing," check out buynothingproject.org. Also, if you use Facebook, you can locate Asheville's Northeast/Weaverville group and ask to join.

GIVE. ASK. GRATITUDE.

The Buy Nothing Project is the world's biggest gift economy, being used in communities around the world, allowing neighbors to share freely with one another.

What We Need Is Here



Parker J. Palmer is an American novelist, poet, essayist, environmental activist, cultural critic, and farmer. As a member of Pendle Hill, a Quaker community of seventy people in Pennsylvania, he espoused that what we need is here, if we can learn to trust and draw upon the abundance within us and between us.

In 1975, my wife, our three children and I moved to Pendle Hill, a Quaker community of some seventy people near Philadelphia. Founded in 1930, and still going strong, Pendle Hill's cash crop is residential adult education done amid a daily round of communal life — shared meals, physical work, study, social action, silent meeting for worship, watching out for each other, and laughter, lots of laughter.

I lived and worked at Pendle Hill for ten years, slowly learning that Wendell Berry is right. What we need is here, if we can learn to trust and draw upon the abundance within us and between us. That was a principle worth knowing in a Quaker community where we didn't have a lot of money to buy external solutions our problems, but we had each other. It's a principle we need to know in these troubled times, as many embrace the fear-ridden fiction that "what we need is gone."

Scarcity need not be the law of life — not if we know how to tap into the endless resources of self and community. If you already understand that simple truth, may you and your tribe increase! It took a profound challenge to my sense of self and world to teach me about the abundance within my reach. [Read the entire article.](#)

The Wild Geese

By Wendell Berry

Horseback on Sunday morning,
harvest over, we taste persimmon
and wild grape, sharp sweet
of summer's end. In time's maze
over fall fields, we name names
that went west from here, names
that rest on graves. We open
a persimmon seed to find the tree
that stands in promise,
pale, in the seed's marrow.
Geese appear high over us,
pass, and the sky closes. Abandon,
as in love or sleep, holds
them to their way, clear,
in the ancient faith: what we need
is here. And we pray, not
for new earth or heaven, but to be
quiet in heart, and in eye
clear. What we need is here.

Your New Grace Medical Advocacy Ministry!

NAVIGATING THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM can be a nightmare. But you don't have to journey through all the medical-speak by yourself! Introducing the new Grace Medical Advocacy Ministry, a team of experienced, committed Grace parishioners (Dodie King, Jeff Russell, Ginny Moser and Jennifer Witt) who are available to help you find the resources and advice you need to make informed health care decisions for a loved one, a friend or yourself.

What are your needs? Could you or a loved one benefit from information about:

- ◆ Aging in place (how to make a home safe for living in later years)?
- ◆ End-of-life issues (death and dying, palliative and hospice care, advanced directives, a healthcare power of attorney)?
- ◆ Senior support (home healthcare, caregiver resources including care for the caregiver)?
- ◆ Healthcare provider and facility navigation guidance (locating a physician, questions to ask your physician and other providers, insurance questions, tips on using online resources)?

What skills could you bring to this ministry? Are you a:

- ◆ Medical professional?
- ◆ Social worker?
- ◆ Insurance professional?

A phone survey of a sample group of parishioners will be done soon to assess and prioritize interest in the above questions. And if, in the meantime, you need immediate assistance or would like to learn more about how you might be able to support this ministry, please contact Dodie King at dodiesking@gmail.com or Jeff Russell at jeffkr46@gmail.com.



Grace Ministry Leadership

If you have questions, ideas or comments about a ministry or if you would like to learn more and get involved, please contact that ministry's leader directly. They would love to hear from you.

ADULT FORMATION:

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Seeking new organizer; contact Rev. Milly with interest

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Grace Outreach Updates

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 episcopalrelief.org/ukraine-crisis.

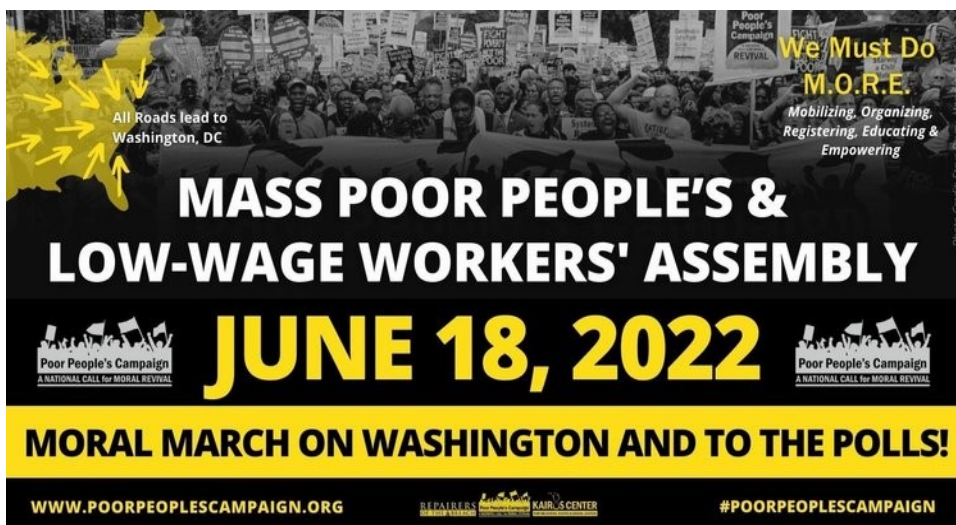


ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL FOOD DRIVE! Thank you to all who contributed food items in support of the recent ABCCM food drive.



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 [EPPN](https://episcopalrelief.org) for your information and use:

Spring OGR Newsletter. A lot has happened in Washington D.C. these past few months, and EPPN is grateful for your advocacy. In this newsletter, you can check out advocacy successes, updates from the Biden Administration, and an overview of TEC's Office of Government Relations (OGR) actions in the last few months.



WILL YOU MARCH? In this moment of immense income inequality, lack of healthcare, lack of living wages, student debt, voter suppression, climate change, inadequate response to the pandemic and nearly half of this nation who are poor and low-income—we are called to assemble and march on June 18 in the nation's capitol to summon a moral response to the pain of everyone directly impacted by injustice.

Will you march? Groups here in the Asheville area are reserving their seats on buses bound for Washington, DC, including a group from St. James-Black

Mountain. There has been interest here at Grace. June 18 isn't just a day, it's a call for change in our nation. You can add your voice to the "Moral March on Washington!"

For more information, contact Kim Hayes at kimhys53@gmail.com.



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; Lorie Tola; Chance Wyatt.

For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities: Bobbie Eblen; Ed Denison; 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 & Edna Coffman (friends of Jim Compton); Michael Clark (grandson of Cliff Albertson); Jimmy Cole (lifelong friend of Sonny Rawls); Ann Derwort (sister of Jeanne Sims); Robin Fulk (niece of Charlotte & Travers Chiott); Jackie Haines (sister of Carol Booth); Jennifer Hall (friend of Tim Collins & Tom Wolff); Freda Hayes (sister-in-law of Kim Hayes); Waylon Hennessee (grandson of Hannah Pennell & Richard Jacobs); Cherry Howe (friend of Rusty Herman & Janice Orson); Jeffrey (cousin of Kim Hayes); Kinyon (brother of Shannon Townsend); Brian Mischley (friend of Elaine Potter); Janet Moore (cousin of Jim Compton); Norma Poole (sister of George Davis); Sharon Prater (friend of Lorie Tola); Shannon (friend of Elaine Potter); Suzanne (friend of Bill and Becky Smith); Glenn Thomas (brother-in-law of Ron Sims); Jayne Traylor (mother of John Chastain); Laura Walters (daughter of Pat & Nancy Walters); Marilyn White (friend of Elaine Potter); Zack (friends of Jeff & Bea Russell).

For Those Who Have Died and Their Families: Jim Black; Straudia Luedtke; Lynn Melancon.

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 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 Jim Black; Jesse Gustafson (friend of Rev. Mike Reardon); Straudia Luedtke; Lynn Melancon; and Sally Morrow (mother of Milly Morrow).

May Anniversaries

Andrew and Sarah Beasley	15
Chris and Rich Thompson	17
Lindsey and Luke Farmer	20
Tom and Martha Bell	25
Allyn and Joan Aldrich	27
Tim and Kathy Wrinn	27

May Birthdays

Jeremy McGowan	1	Shannon Wall	19
Charlotte Chiott	5	Ashley Ellington	19
Karen Howell	7	Tahani Sticpewich	19
Lucy Bowen	8	Monty Wooten	20
Charles Carter	9	Lorie Tola	20
Chance Wyatt	9	Judy Rhodes	21
Liam Medina	9	Meghan Jordan	22
Dodie King	10	Nancy Walters	24
Joseph Heavens	11	Anna Grace	25
Molly Oxford	11	Katherine Kaderabek	26
Jennifer Witt	12	Thames Higginbotham	27
Sydnor Thompson III	12	James Cannon	28
Bill Buchanan	12	George Davis	30
Ellie Silvers	16	Jeanne Sims	30
Alyssa Jones	17	Barbara Crownover	30
Kathy Mouton	18	Johnny Robinson	31

Special Gifts

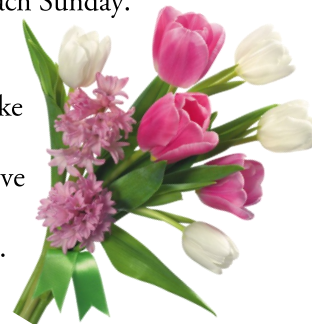
The Aumbry Candle is given to the Glory of God by Rick and Kim Hayes in thanksgiving for their children Rachael and Greg and their grandchildren Kael and Lydia.

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by:

- ◆ Carol and Steve Booth in memory of David and Barbara;
- ◆ Teresa Cantrell in loving memory of her parents Nyra and Bill Caton;
- ◆ Ed Duncan in memory of Dick Drake and Hazel Keller;
- ◆ Gael Paschall in memory of Karen Moody Alchin;
- ◆ Kathleen Griffin in loving memory of Bob Griffin and their life together.

IS THERE SOMEONE YOU'D LIKE TO REMEMBER OR RECOGNIZE? The flower guild is always seeking flower donors. Even though our beautiful Sunday flowers often cost more, we request a \$60 donation for Sunday flowers. This goes toward helping our flower guild continue to provide beautiful arrangements for us to enjoy each Sunday.

Please contact Dodie King, dodiesking@gmail.com or 828-712-0561, if you would like to schedule a spot. Thank you to all who so generously give year after year in memory of or in recognition of loved ones.



A Special and Well-Deserved Retirement!

CELEBRATING VALERIE! It is with a mix of emotions that we want to share the news that Valerie Heavens will be retiring from her role as Office Administrator. Her last official day is July 15.

Valerie has faithfully served Grace Episcopal Church since 2016. She has been the face of Grace and the heart of the work, offering cheer and compassion to all who entered our doors. She has navigated many changes, serving with three rectors in her tenure and throughout this time of remote work and pandemic crisis. Her great capacity to be present, to listen deeply, to offer care and support has made the work of church possible. Valerie has a big heart and an ethic that exceeds her role at Grace. She has extended the love of God to so many of us.



We will be making plans for a Sunday in June to celebrate Valerie and her work here and the joy of her coming retirement. We will share that information as the Vestry plans the event. Please take this time to offer Valerie your well-wishes and to celebrate all she has done for you and for this community.



Thank you, Valerie!

Gifts of Easter Flowers and Greenery

Jeff & Cyndi Garland in memory of their parents
Tom & Connie Garland, Reuben and Pearl Bintzier;

Kay West in memory of Talla Schuyler Quinn;

Kelly & Sydnor Thompson III in memory of Harriette & Sydnor Thompson, Jr. and
in thanksgiving for Dr. & Mrs. William Pipkin Stone;

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

Elaine Potter in memory of Phil, Grace and Pete Walker and in thanksgiving for
Grace Vestry and Staff. Annika, William and Nate;

Denise Dugan;

Kim and Rick Hayes in memory of their parents
Bill & Mary Hayes and Bob & Lou Anslow;

Martha Volbeda Goodroon in memory of Frederick Volbeda, first priest at Grace
Church (1954-61); in Thanksgiving for his life and his ministry and his service to his
country as a Naval Chaplain at Pearl Harbor;

George and Pat Davis in memory of Marzy Israel
and in thanksgiving for family and friends;

Jennifer Witt in thanksgiving for her precious family;

Hannah Pennell & Richard Jacobs: in memory of Janice Ribet;

The Scales Family in thanksgiving for the Grace community;

Sarah, Eric and Joe Wood in memory of Sally Morrow, Claire Mangum, Mary,
Clifford and Barry Wood and in Thanksgiving for Grace Episcopal Church;

Bonnie Wiggen Kistner and Charles Dill in memory of their parents
Nancy and Cal Remmers;

Hugh & Chal Vaughn;

Lorie Tola in gratitude and love for her Grace Family;

Dodie & John King in memory of Virginia Sparacino;

Steve Birkhofer;

Rusty Herman;

Anonymous.

Budget Report for March 2022

- ◆ \$37,480.66 of Total Income (Contributions, Building/Admin) and \$36,910.88 of total expenses, resulting in a Net Income of \$569.78.
- ◆ Contributions were up 38% from last month (\$36,018.91 from \$22,740.20).
- ◆ YTD \$119,436.70 of Total Income (Contributions, Building/Admin) and \$106,015.10 of total expenses, resulting in a Net Income of \$13,421.60.

Endowment valuation is up \$5.6k from last month (\$695,436.79 from \$689,745.55).

The contributions for March improved to budget level and we are hopeful that this positive trend will continue. We look forward to seeing the donations of pledged income continue to rise. Please keep in mind that if all pledging members increased their contributions by \$ 1.00 a day, the result would be that contributions would more consistently meet or exceed budget.

March 2022 Statement of Activities

	<u>Current Month Actual</u>	<u>Current Month Budget</u>
Income		
General Contributions Totals:	36,018.91	33,500.00
Building Income Totals:	708.00	683.00
Administrative Totals:	753.75	3,247.62
Income Totals:	<u>37,480.66</u>	<u>37,430.62</u>
Expense		
Administrative Totals:	955.50	1,291.67
Mission and Outreach Totals:	3,484.92	6,068.25
Parish Program Totals:	500.00	760.43
Operations Totals:	6,177.14	5,147.67
Personnel Totals:	25,793.32	25,563.52
Capital Expenditures Totals:	0.00	416.67
Expense Totals:	<u>36,910.88</u>	<u>39,248.21</u>
Income - Expense:	<u>569.78</u>	<u>(1,817.59)</u>

Use Simple Church to Track Your Giving

Here's a message from one of our parishioners who thought it important we tell you more about what she discovered the Simple Church app can do for you, after discovering this for herself!

Dear Grace Family, did you know you can track the status of your pledged giving to Grace from our Simple Church app? Not only do you have access to the parish directory, but you can also easily change your profile photo, check the status of your pledge and give to your favorite ministry through online giving. If you already have Simple Church on your phone, tablet or computer: [1] Sign in; [2] Select "My Profile" (see bottom of photo); and [3] select "Giving."

Simple Church is the perfect place to go when you need confidential information about your pledge. And if you don't know your log in information, contact Valerie at the church office.

May 2022 Ministry Schedule

Service Time	Acolyte(s)	Lector	Intercessor	Chalicer(s)	Usher(s)	Healing Team
May 1						
10:30	James Cannon	Bill Smith	Elise Cassarino	Greg Townsend	Ron & Jeanne Sims	
May 8						
10:30	Lorie Tola	Bonnie Kistler	Elaine Potter	Cheryl Deyton	Paul & Vicki Vest	
May 15						
10:30	Nancy Walters	John Woodson	Vicki Vest	Lorie Tola	George and Pat Davis	
May 22						
10:30	Susan Robinson	Jenny Thomas	Cliff Albertson	James Cannon	Todd and Katherine Kaderabeck	
May 29						
10:30	Sally Withers	Sally Withers	Carol Booth	Jack Frue	William and Nate Potter	
	Vestry Member of the Day	Flower Arrangers		Altar Guild		
1-May	Ron Sims	Bowen, Booze, Mouton		Beth Woodson		
8-May	Steve Birkhofer	Bowen, Mouton		Bonnie Kistler		
15-May	Katherine Kaderabek	Warren, Kistler		Lorie Tola & Tahani Medina		
22-May	Joe Aull	Jones, Kistler		S.Townsend, T.Frue, K. Cobb		
29-May	Vicki Vest	Davis				

Palm Sunday, Holy Week, Easter!



PALM SUNDAY. The weather was beautiful! We gathered in front of the church and processed into the Sanctuary singing and waving palms.



IN PREPARATION. Our Easter Sunday worship was made even more meaningful by the beauty of the flowers. They were everywhere! Thank you to our Flower Guild for the many hours spent creating behind the scenes.



ON HOLY SATURDAY, we remembered the many loved ones whose ashes have been interred in the Urban Garden.



EASTER SUNDAY! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! The bells!

The laughter! The music! The flowers! The affirmation—He is risen! He is risen! Alleluia!

