



the Grace TEAM

to each a ministry

Summer 2022

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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 Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

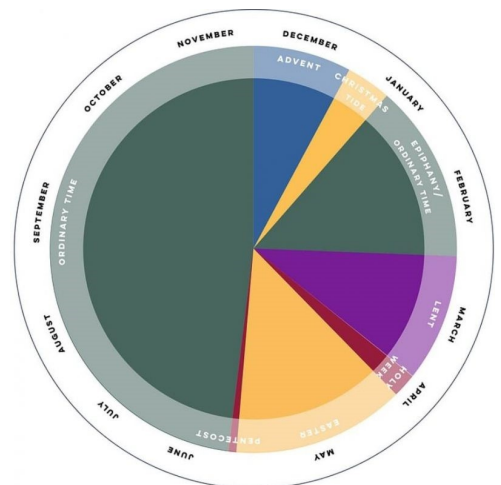
Welcome to the Summer/Ordinary Time edition of TEAM! In this edition we hope to give you all the good information you'll need to participate in the life of Grace Episcopal Church. And as always, you will receive regular Friday updates through email, as well.

The time between Pentecost and Advent in the seasons of the Church is what we call Ordinary Time. I've always thought that was a funny thing to call our longest season of the church. Ordinary has such a benign and neutral tone to it. "Eh, it was an ordinary day." "That meal was just ordinary." The word ordinary denotes something to lack uniqueness, to be anything but special, to be just simply common. The word Ordinary comes from the Latin root "Ordo", meaning ordered. So, the time between Pentecost and Advent is a season that is ordered not by feasts (Christmas or Easter) or by penance (Lent and Advent). These ordered days pass, with the observance not of feast or famine, but of our daily living out of the gospel call to love. And while we call this Ordinary Time, there is nothing at all ordinary about being loving every day. In fact, while there is no feast day or day of penance within these months of our calendar, it may be the most important season there is! It is during Ordinary Time, following Pentecost that we, followers of Jesus are deeply committed to our own spiritual maturation and development of the gifts that the Holy Spirit has given us. It is the

time we are called to focus on our mission in the world. It is this time, undistracted by feasts and holidays and celebrations or by fasting, that we are invited to focus, really focus, on simply being followers of Christ every day.

So, as we move more deeply into this season, I invite you to find a practice of prayer, reflection and action that allows you to come to know how to live out your gifts even more profoundly day to day. Perhaps by taking part in our August Formation offering with Justin Goldstein or joining pastoral care or outreach or offering your gifts to the work of fellowship and receptions at Grace. Perhaps by finding a spiritual director and discerning your gifts with a trained mentor, or with a daily practice of writing or painting or singing to experience the Holy Spirit's indwelling presence more

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Message from Rev. Milly

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fully in your life, and of course through service. There is no better way to come to know yourself and your God than to serve others.

The invitation of this season we find ourselves in is one of deepening, maturing, and growing. And in that invitation is the joy and tenderness of new life found in the Spirit. And the world needs us all to grow right now, to be at our highest capacity to serve and love, to be well and joy-filled. The world desperately needs us right now, to be followers of the way of Jesus, every day; and there is simply nothing ordinary about that.

Peace and Love,

Rev. Milly

From Our Wardens

THE STATE OF THE CHURCH. Lots of things have been accomplished so far this year, with lots more to come. As we look back, we see that things were slowly waking up a little before Easter. We were able to start removing our masks and seeing if we really did know those people under them, or if we had just been mistaken this whole time. We had one heck-of-a Holy Week and Easter, where we got to FINALLY start feeling like we were a Community again. The playground committee removed the old play structure to get ready for a new one. The ECW was able to have a successful Rummage Sale. Taizé went from once a month to once a week. The Pub Sing Band officially regrouped. A 20's and 30's group was formed (where all the 50's and 60's keep trying to sneak in thinking they won't be noticed). A new grounds committee has been formed and has been sprucing up the property. The choir is bursting at the seams, and the Altar Guild and Flower Guild are booming.

But, now our necks are hurting from looking back, so let's look ahead. On the horizon we have new Solar panels being installed on the Parish Hall roof. The new playground is being designed and hopefully will break ground in early Fall, with alligators somewhere! We have schools interested in temporarily occupying some of our space. We have new nursery attendants to help with the new children we are seeing every week. At our Deanery dinner we got lots of compliments on what a welcoming and giving church Grace is, and how we've managed through the Pandemic (and this from people that go to other churches. I know, right?!). As Wardens we know we are so Blessed to be where we are right now and to be able to be part of the Grace family. We are thankful for each and every one of you and look forward to collaborating with you as the church continues to grow.



Elaine Potter



Scott McKenzie

With Love, from Valerie



GOD IS GUIDING EVERY STEP. As I work at completing my last full week at Grace, I am filled with gratitude. How could I be so blessed to have been given the opportunity to work with you, for you, for the Glory of God here at Grace over the past six years? My life has always been guided since I was taken to be baptized on my first trip out of our family home. And I was taught to pray each night, "Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord my soul to keep; if I should die before I awake, I pray the Lord my soul to take; If I should live another day, I pray the Lord to guide my way." I often wonder, are children still taught this prayer? I especially love that last line, and I trust that God is guiding every step I take. I am so grateful that He brought me to be with all of you, where my love has continued to deepen in service. Thank you. Thank you for being who you are; thank you for all you do and for being in relationship with me and each other. I don't feel that this is goodbye. I trust that things will continue to unfold in magical mysterious ways that are only possible through the Holy Spirit. I love you. God Bless You. And may God keep you safe and enfolded in loving arms. Namaste.

Events at a Glance

A Quick Review of the Month

Date and Time	Service, Meeting or Activity	Location
Sundays (in August), 9:30-10:30 AM	Adult Formation with Rabbi Justin Goldstein	Parish Hall
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, 6:00 PM	Taizé Worship Service	Church Sanctuary
Wednesdays, 1-3:00 PM	Praying Together (<i>by appointment</i>)	Church Sanctuary
Wednesdays, 5:30 PM	Centering Prayer	Zoom
Thursdays, 8:00 AM	Women Walking the Way	Beaver Lake
1st & 3rd Thursdays, 10:30 AM	Caregivers Support Group (begins July 21; see p. 7)	Library
Saturdays, 9:00 AM	Flower Guild	Kitchen
Sunday, July 3, 5:00 PM	PubSing (rescheduled from June 26)	Zillicoah Beer Co.
Sunday, July 10, 11:30 AM	Farewell Retirement Party for Valerie	Parish Hall
Monday, July 11, 5:30 PM	Endowment Committee Meeting	Library
Monday, July 11, 6:00 PM	Worship Committee Meeting	Zoom
Tuesday, July 12, 10:00 AM	Stewardship Committee Meeting	Zoom
Tuesday, July 12, 6:00 PM	Men of the Church	Parish Hall
Thursday, July 14, 3:00 PM	Finance Committee Meeting	Zoom
Friday, July 15, 4:00 PM	Wedding Rehearsal	Church Sanctuary
Saturday, July 16, 4:30 PM	Wedding	Church Sanctuary
Monday, July 18, 5:30 PM	Vestry Meeting	Lower Conference Room
Sunday, July 24, 5:00 PM	PubSing	Zillicoah Beer Co.
Thursday, July 28, 5:00 PM	20s and 30s Bible Study	TBA
Monday, August 8, 6:00 PM	Worship Committee Meeting	Zoom
Tuesday, August 9, 10:00 AM	Stewardship Committee Meeting	Zoom
Tuesday, August 9, 6:00 PM	Men of the Church	Parish Hall / Kitchen
Wednesday, August 10, 10:00 AM	TEAM Meeting	Zoom
Thursday, August 11, 3:00 PM	Finance Committee Meeting	Zoom
Monday, August 15, 5:30 PM	Vestry Meeting	Lower Conference Room
Thursday, August 25, 5:00 PM	20s and 30s Bible Study	TBA
Sunday, August 28, 5:00 PM	PubSing	Zillicoah Beer Co.

This “Summer Edition” calendar of events is up-to-date as of July 1. If there are July/August changes after publication, you will be notified in “This Week at Grace” or other communications as needed.

Adult Formation: Good Days and Bad Days

Join the community of Grace for study every Sunday in August in our Parish Hall,
9:30-10:30 a.m., August 7, 14, 21 and 28 for

Good Days and Bad Days: An exploration into Ecclesiastes with Rabbi Justin Goldstein

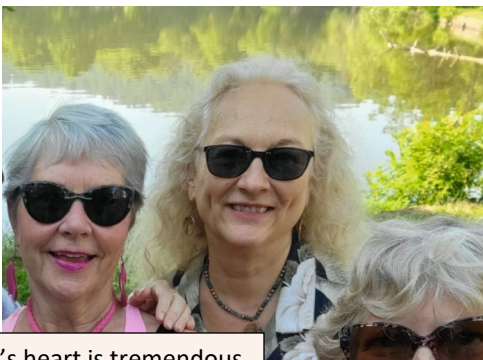
The ancient Jewish Sages questioned why the Book of Ecclesiastes was included in the Hebrew Bible. Looking into its wisdom and paradox, we can see that it is a different sort of message than other Scripture usually provides. What can we learn from traditional Jewish understandings of this biblical book for our lives today, and how can we find relevance and meaning in its complex and contradictory ideas? Whether you're intimately familiar or freshly new to Ecclesiastes, you're sure to never look at this text the same again.

WELCOME RABBI JUSTIN GOLDSTEIN TO GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH! Born and raised near Chicago, Justin's interest in Jewish wisdom began around age 12. After studying ancient history, archaeology, anthropology, and literature at Hampshire College, Justin began learning traditional Jewish texts and became ordained as a rabbi in 2011. During his time serving congregations in Bangor, ME, and Asheville, NC, Justin developed a reputation as a dynamic teacher and speaker, being selected as one of the most inspiring rabbis of 2016 by "The Forward." As a "Rabbis Without Borders" fellow, Justin believes all expressions of Jewish identity are authentic and valuable. Published in numerous books, articles, and websites, Justin has been teaching about the intersections of Jewish wisdom, environmental stewardship, and ancestral agricultural wisdom for over 20 years. Justin left the rabbinate in 2020 to help create "Yesod Farm+Kitchen" and fulfill his lifelong of becoming a farmer.



Retirement Blessings, Valerie!

JOIN US SUNDAY, JULY 10, TO CELEBRATE THE RETIREMENT OF VALERIE HEAVENS! Sunday, July 10, we will bless Valerie as she moves into retirement and celebrate all the ways she has blessed Grace in her many years with us. Liturgy at 10:30 with reception to follow, 11:30 until 1:00 p.m. We will be taking up an offering to honor Valerie's work with us and to gift her as she moves forward! See you there! We love you, Valerie!



"Valerie's heart is tremendous and her gifts are many. We have been blessed by her and can't wait to see how she grows!"
Rev. Milly



"Valerie has been an integral part of our church family and we are incredibly grateful for her loyalty, kindness and hard work over the years."
Tara



"I have spent some time at Valerie's desk over the years, so I know what a blessing she has been to Grace Church and to me. This is a well-deserved retirement and I pray she enjoys every day of it."
Kim

"Valerie has a most amazing, sweet, caring spirit. She really sees people and actively listens to what people have to say. Such a blessing. Grateful our paths have crossed."
Hannah

Parish News, Updates & Reminders



GOODBYE, GOD BLESS! Sunday, July 10, following worship, let's all gather in the parish hall to say goodbye to our office administrator, Valerie Heavens, a truly heaven-sent blessing to Grace during these strange years of transition and pandemic. Please join in.

WEEKLY TAIZÉ WORSHIP! What was once monthly is now every Tuesday evening at 6:00 p.m. 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 refuge 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 to share forty-five minutes to an hour in stillness and prayer each Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. We hope the peace you find will prepare you to offer more peace to our world.

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. Unfortunately, due to a recent freezer malfunction, we had to discard all of the Feed My Sheep food. It will need to be replaced but not until the freezer is repaired. When it is, we will let you know. In the meantime, if you have a need for this ministry, please contact Cliff Albertson, Clifford.albertson@verizon.net or 914-806-683. You may also email the Pastoral Care team at Pastoralcare4grace@gmail.com.

PUBSING! Come join us for PubSing, an informal gathering to sing hymns, old-time gospel, folk music, and Americana inspirationals. Over the summer, we'll meet on July 3, July 24 and August 28 at Zillicoah Beer Company, 870 Riverside Drive, Woodfin from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Bring a chair for the outdoor event. For directions go to <https://www.zillicoahbeer.com/>. For more information, contact Monty Wooten at monty-wooten@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 Fr. Mike for fellowship and discussion on scripture. Here's the schedule for the rest of 2022: 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 Fr. Mike at revmike4grace@gmail.com.

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.

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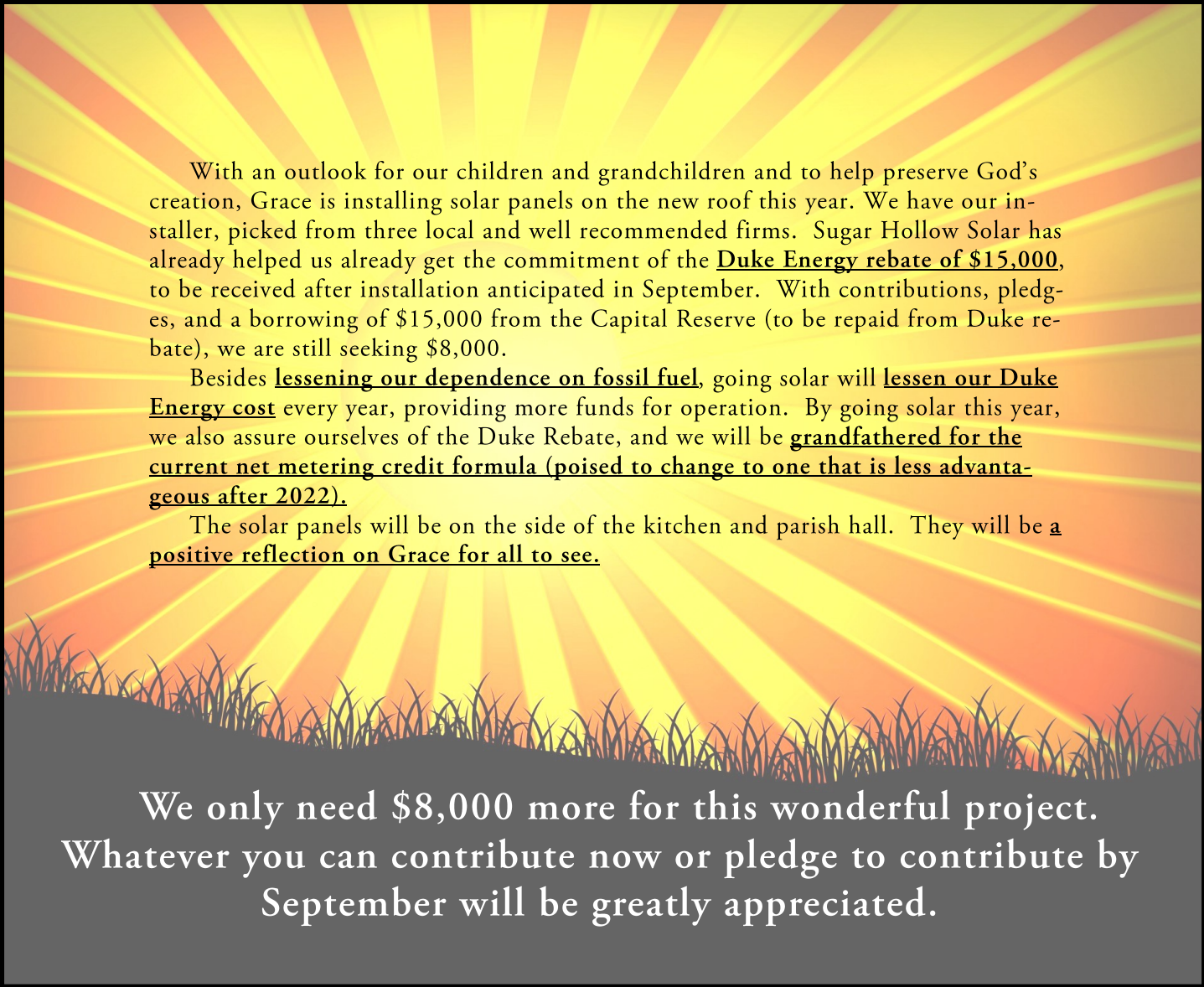
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ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE MEETING. Your Endowment Committee has scheduled a quarterly meeting for the week of Monday, July 11, 5:30 p.m. at Grace (Edwards library). Your committee members, Anne Jarema, John Chastain, Gael Paschall and Steve Birkhofer, welcome any interested parishioners who would like to be in attendance. Please notify Steve Birkhofer in advance of your interest to attend.

The Committee's agenda will likely include:

- ♦ Limited market and investment performance review. Mr. Charles Thompson of Parsec Financial will lead the in-person update.
- ♦ Review of the minutes from the April meeting.
- ♦ Review of available funds for calendar 2022 and 23. Consideration of funding needs in the coming year, including playground capital. Added review 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.
- ♦ Committee vacancy discussion.

Grace Goes Solar!



With an outlook for our children and grandchildren and to help preserve God's creation, Grace is installing solar panels on the new roof this year. We have our installer, picked from three local and well recommended firms. Sugar Hollow Solar has already helped us already get the commitment of the Duke Energy rebate of \$15,000, to be received after installation anticipated in September. With contributions, pledges, and a borrowing of \$15,000 from the Capital Reserve (to be repaid from Duke rebate), we are still seeking \$8,000.

Besides lessening our dependence on fossil fuel, going solar will lessen our Duke Energy cost every year, providing more funds for operation. By going solar this year, we also assure ourselves of the Duke Rebate, and we will be grandfathered for the current net metering credit formula (poised to change to one that is less advantageous after 2022).

The solar panels will be on the side of the kitchen and parish hall. They will be a positive reflection on Grace for all to see.

We only need \$8,000 more for this wonderful project.
Whatever you can contribute now or pledge to contribute by
September will be greatly appreciated.

Caregiver Support Group

ROSALYN CARTER REMINDS US that caregiving provides us with challenges and opportunities. Participating in a caregiver support group will help you turn challenges into blessings. It will also help you avoid burnout. The group will be a place to lessen stress and to be uplifted by compassionate hearts in a confidential setting. The initial meeting will be Thursday, July 21, 10:30 a.m. in the Grace library. Thereafter, the group will meet at 10:30 on the first and third Thursdays of each month. Patrick Mahon, a caregiver for five years, will facilitate the group. If you need further information, call him at 404-375-4737. He will also be available in the coffee area after Sunday Eucharists.

The 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! The new Grace Medical Advocacy Ministry, a team of experienced, committed Grace parishioners (Jeff Russell, Dodie King, Ginny Moser and Jennifer Witt) can 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, a social worker, an insurance professional?

If you need assistance or would like to learn more about this ministry, please contact 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.

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Grace Outreach Update

LOOKING FOR COOL WAYS TO HELP THOSE IN NEED THIS SUMMER? ABCCM serves our neighbors, including single moms and veterans, with a broad range of crisis ministries which provide assistance year-round for Cooling and Heating, Homelessness, Meals, Transportation, Utilities, Medical Needs, Eviction Prevention, and Financial Support. Now, in the heat of summer, ABCCM needs your support more than ever. Visit <https://www.abccm.org/crisis> today and help our neighbors in need. Also, take advantage of the events below. Great buys for such good causes!

Warehouse Sale

July 16th and August 13th

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Pre-sale is from 3 - 6 pm the day before. Great sale of furniture and new to used appliances. All in working order! Antiques and lots of unique pieces. Assortment of new clothes at very reduced prices! Vintage windows and a few other surprises too. Lots of big stuff and small stuff - bring a truck!

Deals can be made in between sales

<https://www.abccm.org/warehousesale>

Transformation Celebration Auction & Gala

(hybrid: in person and virtual)

Friday, August 26th

6:30 - 9:30 pm

at Rock Church
273 Monte Vista Rd.
Candler, NC 28715

ABCCM's annual Gala and Auction will be virtual this year. Help them celebrate transformed lives while raising funds to equip and empower others.

<https://www.abccm.org/events/2022-transformation-celebration-auction-and-gala>

BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED! Area foster children need school supplies. Will you donate a box of crayons or a notebook or pencils or paper or backpacks for youngsters headed back to school this fall? Or what about a gift card to assist a teenager leaving for college? This year, Grace Church is once again collaborating with the Buncombe County Foster Care Foundation to provide school supplies for approximately twenty young people in foster care settings, kinship settings (where there is no financial support) or post adoption. Thank you, as always, for your generous gifts to these kids. Now is a great time to start collecting your supplies. Details to come in future "This Week at Grace" emails.

WORDS OF BLESSING FROM BISHOP STEVEN CHARLESTON. Bishop Charleston is an Episcopal Bishop, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, and a Native American elder. He is widely recognized as a leading proponent for justice issues and for spiritual renewal in the church in the United States and Canada. The following is from his Facebook meditations at <https://www.facebook.com/bishopstevencharleston>.

Blessed are those who feel the anger,
but channel it into the creative energy of change.
Blessed are the frustrated,
for their determination drives the cause of justice.
Blessed are the forgiving,
for they keep the bridges between us from collapse.
Blessed are the listeners,
for they are our last hope.
Blessed are the dreamers,
for they show us the future is still possible.
Blessed are the open-minded,
for they show us the diversity of heaven.
Blessed are the faithful,
for they are our memory.
Blessed are those willing to risk love,
for without them our vision would reach no farther
than our politics.



- My Back-to School List:
- Backpack
- Notebooks
- Notebook Paper
- Composition Books
- Pens
- Calculators
- Glue Sticks
- Gift Cards
- Crayons
- Markers
- Pocket Folders

Poor People's March on DC

Kim Hayes/Tahani Sticpewich



**FORWARD TOGETHER!
NOT ONE STEP BACK!**

**WE WON'T
BE SILENT
ANYMORE**

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REPAIRERS OF THE BREACH
Poor People's Campaign
KAIROS CENTER

OUR JOURNEY TO WASHINGTON, DC.

Friday, June 18, Kim Hayes and Tahani Sticpewich boarded a midnight bus headed for the Poor People's March on Washington, DC. It was hard to know what to expect as, in a sleep-deprived daze, we stumbled out eight hours later into a bright, breezy, cool morning at 8:30 a.m. just steps from the Mall and a growing gathering of people from literally every corner of this country. As we worked our way up toward the main stage, the Capitol Building in the background, we could feel the masses surging behind us. There were signs from every state. Groups congregated advocating all the many causes: health care, living wages, voter suppression, reproductive rights, mental health care, veterans, affordable housing, gun control, military spending—all causes addressed by the stories of real people. They stood before us, one by one, all colors, races, tribes, genders. They sang. Their voices trembled with emotion. They had the courage to bare their souls to over 100,000 people and to over a million watching online, all standing with them in unity.

It lasted almost five hours. We stood there mesmerized by what we were hearing, and we came home changed and wanting to do something that would make a difference for the people right here in our community who are too often unheard and uncared-for. The theme for the Poor People's March was "We Won't Be Silent Anymore" and we came home not wanting to be silent any more. We, in partnership with our companions on the journey, spent time thinking about our next steps. There is action we can take.

WHAT WE CAN DO:

- ◆ Learn about our candidates and **vote** this fall; urge everyone you know to do the same.
- ◆ Educate yourself; the Episcopal Public Policy Network (EPPN) is a great resource for learning more about what our national Church is advocating (see p. 10)
- ◆ Take action. Call or write letters to elected officials. Let them know what you think. Sign up for EPPN "Action Alerts."
- ◆ Protest. March. Care about the people around you.
- ◆ Pray. Love. Pray. Love.

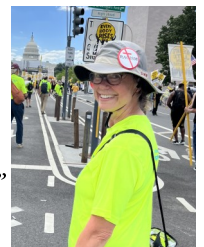
The trip was exhausting. We are still processing everything but look forward to talking more about the experience. And talking about it, we pray, is just the beginning. There's work to be done. This march and rally was the intersection of all that begs for compassion, action, and—because we follow the teachings of Jesus—love.

Our thanks to St. James-Black Mountain for hosting the bus and inviting us to join them. In particular, we

thank our "bus captain/mother" Sharon Hill for cat-herding us as we wandered about. We also thank Lucy from St. James, the source of our amazing day-glo yellow t-shirts. People on the street actually asked if they could purchase them from us. And those shirts definitely served their purpose—as you can see in the photos, we were hard to lose. Last but certainly not least, we thank our bus driver James for a safe journey. To see video of the rally and learn more about the Poor People's Campaign, click:

<https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org/june18/>

We made our own signs. Tahani's was a crowd favorite.



Sharon Hill

**19 STATES PASSED 34
VOTER SUPPRESSION
BILLS IN 2021**

**PROTECT AND EXPAND
VOTING RIGHTS NOW**

WE WON'T BE SILENT ANYMORE

The Episcopal Public Policy Network

CONNECTION, EDUCATION, ACTION. 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. It is guided by the resolutions of the General Convention and the Executive Council. Policy areas include Creation Care ▪ Racial Reconciliation ▪ Ending Poverty ▪ Migration, Refugees and Immigration ▪ Human Rights and Peacebuilding.

In today's world, news is a click away 24/7. We hear, see and read disturbing things every day but are uncertain about how to react.

But the news is not all bad! On a national level, our Episcopal Church *is* responding, challenging and engaging lawmakers, and we, as Episcopalians, are invited to join the conversation. "Action Alerts" from EPPN give us the information we need and the opportunity we've been looking for to add our voices to communications that go directly to members of Congress. A pre-prepared email is available as well as space for adding personal comments.

To sign up for EPPN Action Alerts that come to your personal email AND to receive a unique code to listen in on a fast-paced, 30-minute Zoom call every Thursday at 1:00 p.m. ("Congress Weekly"), simply [register here](#) as an EPPN network member.



[Click here](#) to get more information about timely issues like the ones below, and learn how our Church is responding to them. This link will also guide you in easy steps for taking personal action.

URGE CONGRESS TO GUARANTEE REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS. The recent *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health* Supreme Court decision eliminated federal protection for the right to abortion. The Dobbs ruling gives states the power to outlaw abortion at every stage of pregnancy. This decision effectively means that abortion will be illegal and inaccessible in many states throughout the country. Congress must act to provide a right to abortion care in federal statute.

GIVE DACA RECIPIENTS A PATHWAY TO LEGAL STATUS. On July 16, 2021, the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas issued a ruling stating that the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) policy was unlawful. The Department of Justice has filed an appeal to the Texas court ruling in the Fifth Circuit Court, but with the outcome of the case unclear, DACA recipients are once again in a state of anxiety and uncertainty about their future. Only Congress has the tools to provide permanent protections by passing legislation to create a pathway to legal status for Dreamers. Efforts to pass protections for DACA recipients and Dreamers have stalled in the Senate.

PASS AMBITIOUS CLIMATE CHANGE LEGISLATION. The Episcopal Church and other advocates are continuing to urge Congress to pass legislation that will address many of the nation's most essential needs. We call on Congress to pass legislation to dramatically reduce emissions, establish a clean energy standard, and invest in communities that are already most impacted by climate change.

Also, the EPPN Alerts let us know about timely programming. Here is a recent example:

[A Closer Look with OGR: Gun Violence Prevention](#) : During this 1-hour call, EPPN, a part of the Office of Government Relations, hosts speakers from the Prevention Institute who will be providing information about ongoing gun violence prevention efforts at the local and federal levels. A recording has been made available for later viewing.

Our Prayer List

July and August

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. **Because this is a summer list spanning two months, there will probably be changes after publication. Please check your Sunday bulletin for the most up-to-date Prayer List.**

For Parishioners: Dorothy Engel; Eunice Ferguson; Shari Lane; Jackie Schauer; Laura & Tsz-yan Snyder; Roger Snyder; Lorie Tola; Chance Wyatt.

For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities: Ed Denison; Bobbie Eblen; 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); Amanda Booze (daughter of Earl and Judy Booze); Lara Brongel and family (daughter of Jackie Schauer); Edna Coffman (friend of Jim Compton); Porter Claxton (friend of Ginny Moser); Jimmy Cole (lifelong friend of Sonny Rawls); Ann Derwort (sister of Jeanne Sims); Joy Flowers (friend of Kim Hayes); Robin Fulk (niece of Charlotte & Travers Chiott); Geri (sister of Valerie Heavens); Jackie Haines (sister of Carol Booth); Jennifer Hall (friend of Tim Collins & Tom Wolff); Cherry Howe (friend of Rusty Herman & Janice Orson); Joan (sister-in-law of Ginny Moser); 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); Bonnie Strawn (friend of Diane and Tony Wilkey); Glenn Thomas (brother-in-law of Ron Sims); Marilyn White (friend of Elaine Potter).

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.

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. 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.



Long-time parishioner and friend to many, Ed Duncan passed on April 29, 2022.

A service is being planned at Grace Church for July 9th at 2:00 p.m.

July/August Anniversaries

Johnny and Susan Robinson	July 5
Guy and Anita Sayles	8
Mark and Shannon Wall	9
George and Pat Davis	13
Katherine and Garrett Johnson	13
Emily Borghere McGowan & Jeremy McGowan	14
Lani Anderson and Peg O'Hagan	16
Suzie Dittenber and Tom Schram	17
Hali and Stephen Karla	20
Larry and LuAnn Harris	24
Derek and Amanda Edwards	24
Phil and Lauren Carlin	25
Jack and Terri Frue	26
Mathes Mennell and Kim Winters	30
Scott and Catherine McKenzie	August 3
Scott and Laura Walters	5
Paul and Vicki Vest	6
Robert and Nancy Porter	8
Jeffrey and Cynthia Garland	12
Roger and Laura Snyder	16
Jeff and Bea Russell	16
Janet and Charles McKenzie	18
Brady and Bobbie Blackburn	20
Buddy and Sylvia Greenwood	23



July/August Birthdays

Debbie Jones	July 1	Ed Denison	31
LuAnn Harris	3	John King	31
Sonny Rawls	4	Barry Maney	31
Eva Dupree	4	Bill Coward	August 4
Lani Anderson	6	Peter Sprague	5
Nancy Lewis	6	Elaine Potter	6
Brenda Haller	8	Ella Doran	6
Ann Lewis	8	Vicky Enox	6
Louise Cate	9	Beth Stahl	6
Chal Vaughn	10	Clara Engelbrecht	8
Nathaniel Potter	12	James Coon	8
Shari Lane	13	Cuyler Dupree	9
John Woodson	13	Garrett Johnson	9
Bobbie Blackburn	13	Micki Newton	10
Laura Walters	13	Todd Kaderabek	10
Cole Woodcox	14	John Rigsby	12
Kate Janson Foltz	14	Bryn Whitner	13
Barron Burhans	16	Karen Compton	14
Fred Newton	17	Sally Bierhaus	16
Ingrid Adelsbach	19	Villary LaRue	16
Rich Thompson	22	Cheryl Aull	17
Kristen Dusenbery	24	Dorothy Engel	18
Boyce Davidson	24	Anna-Kate Hall	18
Bea Russell	24	Jean Haldane	20
Cate Scales	25	Brad Thorne	21
Diane Wilkey	25	Hunter Israel	21
Jim Compton	26	Will Israel	24
Pat Walters	27	Henry Watts	26
Pam Maney	27	Jack Frue	27
Kippy Comfort	30	Kathy Wrinn	27
Patrick Young	30	Milly Morrow	28
Keegan Lyda	30	Ron Sims	30

Welcome, Clay!

On June 5th, we welcomed
Clayton Ernest Webster
 Son of Jessica and Win Webster
 and brother of Evans Webster
 into the church through the sacrament of Holy Baptism.
 Clayton was sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism
 and marked as Christ's own forever.



Special Gifts for July

THE AUMBRY CANDLE is given to the Glory of God by Nora and Steve Jones in thanksgiving for their parents.

THE FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God:

- ♦ by the Flower Guild in recognition of Ed Duncan for his faithful commitment to the flower ministry;
- ♦ by Linda Crawford in memory of Albert Walker Hargrove;
- ♦ by Ginny and Artus Moser in memory of their daughter, Janette;
- ♦ by Dodie King in loving memory of her father Sebastain Sparacino;
- ♦ by Joe Aull in thanksgiving for Cheryl, Michael, Lael, Bill, Debbie, Harrison, Mallory, Chelsea, Joel and Daniel.



Special Gifts for August

THE AUMBRY CANDLE is given to the Glory of God by Don Hawkins in memory of his wife Martie.

THE FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God:

- ♦ by Georgi Bruce in memory of her husband Robert Bruce;
- ♦ by Carol and Steve Booth in loving memory of Theresa Sabo;
- ♦ by Grace Lynn Miller in loving memory of her mother Kimberley McFarland.

NOTE. The Flower Guild Treasurer has printed cards for donors who wish to have the amount they have donated during the year sent to them for tax purposes. Please contact Ginny Moser at ginnymoser@gmail.com

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.

Stewardship As a Way of Life

STEWARDSHIP SURVEY RESULTS ARE TABULATED! Thank you for your responses to our survey. We received 36 paper responses and 10 electronic via SurveyMonkey. Your feedback was very helpful in preparing for the fall campaign and we are putting into action your suggestions for how to make the 2022-2023 campaign better!

Most people thought the amount of communication from the Stewardship Committee was just right and most people preferred electronic communication or through the bulletin (which is both paper and electronic). This year we will give folks a way to opt out of receiving a mailed stewardship letter and pledge card.

About a third of the respondents were interested in an educational/social event with a financial focus. Another 10% might be interested, so we are exploring having an event this fall.

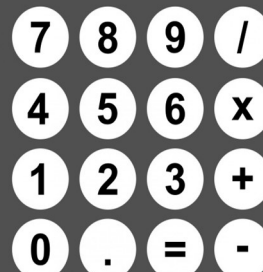
We particularly appreciated hearing what inspires people to give to Grace:

- ♦ Gratitude to God: 54%,
- ♦ Valuing the beauty of the church and wanting it to continue as a church: 41%,
- ♦ Grace's mission to parishioners and the community: 59%,
- ♦ I've always given: 26%
- ♦ Other: "Share God's gifts", "understanding that pledges pay the bills", "guilt from tithing lessons in childhood", "it's a good habit", "tithe", "see a need, fill a need".

About half the respondents were interested in more information about how pledges are used. Almost every respondent valued the regular updates about the progress toward the goals of the campaign.

Please contact our committee chairperson with your other good ideas for this fall at lcwernicke@aol.com.

Thank You!



And speaking of this fall, our campaign will kick off with an ice cream social on October 2, 11:45 a.m. following the Sunday worship service. We will reveal our theme for the coming stewardship year! Be sure to SAVE THE DATE!

Budget Report for May 2022

- ♦ \$38,859.01 of Total Income (Contributions, Building/Admin) and \$38,662.36 of total expenses, resulting in a Net Income of \$196.65.
- ♦ Contributions were down 19% from last month (\$37,787.28 from \$46,922.31).
- ♦ YTD \$206,253.82 of Total Income (Contributions, Building/Admin) and \$179,042.47 of total expenses, resulting in a Net Income of \$27,211.35.
- ♦ Endowment valuation is down \$114k from last month (\$654,969.87 from \$769,403.69).

We're anticipating monthly summer expenses to hover around \$30-\$35k based on prior months. Expected Contributions each month should meet or exceed \$30-\$35k as we continue to build a healthy cash balance. We encourage members to increase their contributions by just \$1 a day to help meet or exceed budget.

Please check mid-month summer TWAG reports for prior month financial recaps.

Statement of Activities May 2022

	Current Period Actual	Current Peri- od Budget
Income		
General Contributions Totals:	37,787.28	33,500.00
Building Income Totals:	818.00	683.00
Administrative Totals:	253.73	3,247.62
Income Totals:	38,859.01	37,430.62
Expense		
Administrative Totals:	798.00	1,291.67
Mission and Outreach Totals:	3,484.92	6,068.25
Parish Program Totals:	271.30	760.43
Operations Totals:	7,514.35	5,147.67
Personnel Totals:	26,593.79	25,563.52
Capital Expenditures Totals:	0.00	416.67
Expense Totals:	38,662.36	39,248.21
Income - Expense:	196.65	(1,817.59)

July 2022 Ministry Schedule

Service Time	Acolyte(s)	Lector	Intercessor	Chalicerist(s)	Usher(s)	Healing Team
July 3						
10:30	Cheryl Deyton	Elise Cassarino	Cliff Albertson	Nancy Walters	Todd & Katherine Kaderabek	
July 10						
10:30	Susan Robinson	Bill Smith	Sydnor Thompson	Lorie Tola	Ron & Jeanne Sims	
July 17						
10:30	Jack Frue	John Woodson	Nancy Lewis		George & Pat Davis	
July 24						
10:30	Sally Withers	Cole Woodcox	Nancy Walters	Elaine Potter	Ben Scales & Kokayi Cobb	
July 31						
10:30	Nancy Walters	Sally Withers	Kokayi Cobb	Greg Townsend	William & Nate Potter	
	Vestry Member of the Day	Flower Arrangers		Altar Guild		
3-Jul	Katherine Kaderabek	Davis, Witt		Beth Woodson		
10-Jul	Ron Sims	Bowen, Mouton		Bonnie Kistler		
17-Jul	Joe Aull	Bowen, Mouton (wedding?)		Lorie Tola, Tahani Sticpewich		
24-Jul	Steve Birkhofer	Jones, Kistler		S. Townsend, T. Frue, K. Cobb		
31-Jul	Elaine Potter	Jones, Kistler				

August 2022 Ministry Schedule

Service Time	Acolyte(s)	Lector	Intercessor	Chalicerist(s)	Usher(s)	Healing Team
August 7						
10:30	Cheryl Deyton	Hannah Pennell	Louise Wernicke	Nancy Walters	Todd & Katherine Kaderabek	
August 14						
10:30	Jack Frue	Kokayi Cobb	Elaine Potter	Elaine Potter	George & Pat Davis	
August 21						
10:30	Susan Robinson	Bonnie Kistler	Kristen Dusenbury	Lorie Tola	Ron & Jeanne Sims	
August 28						
10:30	Greg Townsend	Nancy Lewis	Jenny Thomas	Sally Withers	Paul and Vicki Vest	
	Vestry Member of the Day	Flower Arrangers		Altar Guild		
7-Aug	Mathes Mennell	Warren, Johnson		Beth Woodson		
14-Aug	Andrew Beasley	Warren, Johnson		Bonnie Kistler		
21-Aug	Katherine Kaderabek	Wyatt		Lorie Tola, Tahani Sticpewich		
28-Aug	Elaine Potter	Wyatt		S. Townsend, T. Frue, K. Cobb		

The July and August schedules are up-to-date as of our July 1 publishing date. Things could change. If you serve, please check your "This Week at Grace" Friday email for the most current list of servers for the coming Sunday.