



# the Grace TEAM

to each a ministry

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## Parson to Person

### Grace Episcopal Church

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#### Sunday Worship

7:45AM - Rite I  
9:00AM - Family Eucharist  
11:15AM - Festival Eucharist

#### Healing Prayer

Every Sunday at  
9:00AM and 11:15AM  
there is a Prayer Station available  
with  
Lay Healing Prayer Ministers.

#### Healing Prayer Services

Tuesdays, 7:00PM - Healing  
Prayer Service;  
Eucharist with Generational  
Healing Service  
first Tuesday monthly.

#### Wednesdays at 12:15PM

Healing Prayer Service and  
Eucharist - laying on of hands by  
the priest for God's Healing.

#### Taizé

Third Sunday of each month at  
8:00PM there is a Taizé service  
attended by an ecumenical  
congregation who enjoy the  
reflective form of worship  
using candles, incense, chants,  
meditative readings, and prayers.  
Healing Prayer is also offered at  
the service.

Dear People of Grace,

I have just begun reading a book called *The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything, A Spirituality for Real Life* by James Martin, a Jesuit priest. This book is like sitting down for a long chat with a wise but very down-to-earth spiritual director. The Jesuits or the Society of Jesus are a community of Roman Catholics throughout the world who base their spiritual ideas and practice on the teachings of St. Ignatius of Loyola. What makes their practice of the Christian faith so interesting is that it is so practical. It really is a spirituality for real life. Since you and I are living what we think of as "real life," it is an approach to the faith that is very accessible to us as well as to the Jesuits throughout the world.

Evidently, when St. Ignatius wrote his *Spiritual Exercises*, which is comparable to what some other orders, like the Benedictines, call their *Rule*, St. Ignatius made these spiritual exercises flexible enough so that they could be adapted for all Christians, not just religious communities. If one were to describe this spirituality, it might include the following four highlights: 1) finding God in all things, 2) becoming a contemplative in action, 3) looking at the world in an incarnational way, and 4) seeking freedom and detachment.

Fr. Martin does a beautiful job of relating stories as examples to help us understand this approach to the faith. One way in which he described the first point, "Finding God in all things," was to say that God meets us wherever we are. If

this is true, then in order to find God, we don't have to necessarily go anywhere or do anything special. Rather, since God meets us wherever we are while we are doing whatever we are doing, we can encounter God and God can encounter us at any time. Therefore, God desires to meet us wherever we are in everyday life.

Fr. Martin also talks about the many different ways and circumstances in which people encounter God and God encounters them. Some are looking for God. Others may have given up on the idea of the

existence of God. Others may have had a spiritual upbringing but have drifted away from God in their adulthood. However, since God is ready and able to encounter us wherever we are, God can and will meet us in whatever state of belief or unbelief, seeking or not seeking in which we find ourselves. How wonderful

is that? What it means is that no one is beyond the loving reach of our wonderful God.

I am thinking of a Lenten reading group where we might use this book as a guide to learn and encourage one another with this very practical approach to the Christian faith. Lent begins this year on Ash Wednesday, which is March 1, 2017. I would invite you to take a look at this book between now and then and let me know if you'd be interested in getting together weekly during the Lenten Season and beginning to learn this very practical approach to the Christian faith together.

Grace and Peace,

Fr. Gary Coffey

“...no one is beyond the loving reach of our wonderful God.”

# Events at a Glance

## Weekly Gospel Bible Study

*Mondays, 10:30 a.m., PH*

## Early Birds Men's Book Study

*Tuesdays, 8:15 a.m., LI*

## Centering Prayer

*Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m., CR*

## Bells and Choir Practice

*Wednesdays, Bells: 6:00 p.m.; Choir: 7:30 p.m.*

## New Years Day Holiday (Church Office Closed)

*Monday, January 2*

## TEAM Meeting

*Wednesday, January 4, 10:00 a.m., OF*

## PubSing

*Sunday, January 8: snacks 5:30 p.m.; singing 6:00 p.m.*

## Lunch Bunch

*Tuesday, January 10, 11:30 a.m.*

## Men of the Church

*Tuesday, January 10, 6:00 p.m., PH*

## Healing Prayer Service

*Tuesday, January 10, 17, 24, & 31, 7:00 p.m., CH*

## Order of St. Luke

*Thursday, January 12, 6:30-8:30 p.m., PH*

## Steadfast House Meal

*Friday, January 13, 6:00 p.m.*

## Taizé Worship Service

*Sunday, January 15, 8:00 p.m., CH*

## Vestry Meeting

*Monday, January 16, 5:30 p.m., LI*

## Purls of Grace

*Thursday, January 19, 5:00 p.m., LI*

# Parish News

**Centering Prayer** meets Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in the downstairs conference room. All are welcome.

The **Early Birds** meet in the library Tuesday mornings at 8:15 to learn more about the Word through book studies. All are welcome.

**Lunch Bunch** resumes Tuesday, January 10, 11:30 a.m. Be watching the Sunday bulletin for location.

The January meeting of **Men of the Church** will be held January 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Jack Frue, Bill Crownover and Ron Sims will be our hosts. As usual the cost is \$15, and a sign-up sheet is posted on the kiosk in the foyer. All men of the church are welcome.

**Monday Morning Bible Study** meets at 10:30 a.m. in the parish hall as Fr. Bob facilitates a study of the Gospel for the following Sunday. All are welcome.

The Mountain Chapter of the **Order of St. Luke** will meet Thursday, January 12, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the parish hall for the start of a new series, *Deepening our Friendship with the Holy Spirit*. The deeper our friendship with the Holy Spirit, the more open we are to the Spirit's leading and the more effectively we pray for healing. We'll review the gifts of the Holy Spirit, exploring what might be getting in the way of our deepening friendship with the Holy Trinity and discovering the truth that brings us greater freedom. *All are welcome. One does not have to be an OSL member to attend. We will not meet if the Asheville City Schools are closed on January 12 or close early due to inclement weather.*

**Purls of Grace Shawl Ministry** meets Thursday, January 19, 5:00 p.m. in the library. We have a lot of yarn and some needles. Come to work on or start a shawl, or just join us to see others' projects. Beth Woodson has instructions to knit and crochet simple shawls. Call Beth at 645-4293 for more information.

**PubSing** is an informal gathering on the second Sunday evening of each month to sing hymns, old-time Gospel, and Americana inspirational music. We will meet this month on Sunday, January 8, at the French Broad Brewery, 101 Fairview Road. You may bring a snack at 5:30 p.m.; singing begins at 6:00. For more information, contact Monty Wooten at [montywooten@bellsouth.net](mailto:montywooten@bellsouth.net) or 828-254-1114. Get directions at [frenchbroadbrewery.com/directions/](http://frenchbroadbrewery.com/directions/).

**A Big Thank you to Joanna Best!** As you may have heard, Joanna Best has resigned as our Children's Choir Director effective January 1st. We would like to thank Joanna for faithful service joyfully rendered as our Children's Choir Director. Known also as *Kids of the Kingdom Music Outreach*, Joanna worked diligently with our children for the last two and a half years. She not only rehearsed regularly with our Sunday School Children, she also held several events like the Fish Fry Family Fun Night in 2015 and The Sweet Treats Banquet during 2016. She also produced and directed our Paper Bag Pageant for the 4:00 p.m. service on Christmas Eve in 2015 and 2016. Thank you so much, Joanna, for a job well done!

*We offer our thoughts and prayers to the friends and loved ones of David Sladky, a friend of Don Wills, and Bob Ball, Suana Gentry's father and David Gentry's father-in-law.*

# Grace Ministries in Action

*"Grace Ministries in Action" spotlights reports from our ministry leaders, keeping us informed about the ministries, their programs, and ways in which each of us can get involved. The ministry leaders listed here would love to hear from you.*

## MINISTRY LEADERS

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## Adult Formation

January 8-March 19, join us during Sunday school hour in the parish hall for the *Genesis Seminar*. Our oldest stories, the Book of Genesis tells the beginning of our story as the People of God. The ten stories within it are not remote, dusty tales, but archetypal ones of human strife, family conflict, perseverance, and love, themes readily seen in our lives today. We'll consider each story separately, looking for human failings and human triumphs, and for the presence of God even in times of conflict and struggle.

## Fellowship: TALENT SHOW!

Do you have a secret talent? Are you a singer, storyteller, dancer or juggler? We want you to share your talent at the Grace Church Mardi Gras Talent Show. Join us **Sunday, February 26 at 5:30 p.m.** for a potluck supper and Talent Show hosted by our own Monty Wooten and the PubSing band.

Bring your favorite Cajun dish and stay for the family-friendly entertainment. Sign up your act on the kiosk in the foyer or contact Sally Withers and the Fellowship Ministry at 712-1955.



## Outreach

THANK YOU! The members of the Grace Outreach Committee would like to thank all the members of the parish for your support of our recent food drive for ABCCM, oatmeal donations to our Back Packer program, and our Angel Tree. Our volunteers took thirty-three bags of much-needed food to ABCCM. You provided presents for sixty foster children in Buncombe County. We want to say a special thank you to all of you who responded with donations on December 18, which allowed us to take the last four angels off the tree and buy presents for them. Your oatmeal donations are allowing us to provide a hot breakfast during this cold weather to hungry children at Jones Elementary. We are grateful for your willingness to help "the least of these."

## Wedding Team: Members Needed

The eight weddings already booked for 2017 at Grace Church will contribute to expenses related to the maintenance of the church. But weddings at Grace do not just "happen." Members of the Wedding Team spend time advising and helping the bride and groom. Team members are also at the rehearsal and wedding to assist people who are often first-time visitors to our church. Now, with the number of Grace weddings increasing, we would like to expand our team. Please consider this fun and rewarding ministry. For more information, call the church office or call/email Jean Haldane, 253-9085 or halejd2071@yahoo.com.

## January 2017 Ministry Schedule

Date	Service Time	Acolyte C	Acolyte G	Acolyte E	Lector, Intercessor & Presenters	Healing Team	Ushers	Chalcists	Coffee Hour	Scripture	Lesson
<b>January 1</b>											
	7:45					Deb Gravatt	Ed Duncan	James Cannon			
	9:00	Daphne Urquhart	Aleena Bennett	Louise Wernicke	L, I, P - Daphne and Paul Urquhart	Louise Wernicke Patricia Hargrove	Jim Siemens Tom Barr	1. John Woodson 2. Cuyler Dupree	Elaine Dephouse	Numbers 6:22-27	1st Lesson 9:00 Lesson
	11:15	Mark Silvers	Ellie Silvers	Jonah Silvers	L, I, P -Rusty McCredie, Joel P. Rogers	Pat Davis Karen Compton	Ron Sims Paul Stewart	1. Cliff Albertson 2. Bill Spencer	Volunteer	Galatians 4:4-7	2nd Lesson 9:00 Lesson
<b>January 8</b>											
	7:45					Deb Gravatt	Steve Jones	James Cannon			
	9:00	Zoe Davis	Cuyler Dupree	Maira Stewart	L, I, P - Jenny Knapp, Nancy Walters, Knapp Family	Jeanne Robertson Kathy Oesterlin	Jarod and Molly Coffey	1. Debbie Jones 2. Carol Booth	Cuyler Dupree	Isaiah 42:1-9	1st Lesson
	11:15	Bob Grimes	Olivia Nery	Eric Howell	L, I, P - Elaine Potter, Kimberly Kneier	Mary Israel Corinne Spencer	Larry and LuAnn Harris	1. Charles Carter 2. Kimberly Kneier	Volunteer	Acts 10:34-43	2nd Lesson 9:00 Lesson
<b>January 15</b>											
	7:45					Deb Gravatt	Andrew Dahm	Margaret Dahm			
	9:00	Cade Wooten	Cheryl Deyton	Cuyler Dupree	L, I, P - Angie Cullen, Debbie Jones, Jones Family	Pat Davis Jane Whitman	Ray Kuykendall Jim Siemens	1. Greg Townsend 2. Jennifer Clary	Paul Vest	Isaiah 49:1-7	1st Lesson
	11:15	Mark Silvers	Ellie Silvers	Jonah Silvers	L, I, P - Kristen Dusenbery, Jenny Thomas	Karen Compton Sony Rawls	Ed Woeckener Paul Stewart	1. Sally Coburn 2. Mark Silvers	Georgi Bruce	I Corinthians 1:1-9	2nd Lesson 9:00 Lesson
	Taizé 8:00 PM				L - James Cannon I - Monty Wooten	Deb Gravatt					
<b>January 22</b>											
	7:45					Deb Gravatt	Ed Duncan	Jack Frue			
	9:00	Liste Ellington	Maya Bell	Laura Ellington	L, I, P - Beth and John Woodson	Jeanne Robertson Shari Lane	Derek and Wade Edwards	1. Cuyler Dupree 2. Ann Robinson	Micki Newton	Isaiah 9:1-4	1st Lesson
	11:15	Rusty McCredie	Olivia Nery	Sally Withers	L, I, P - Charles Carter, Kimberly Kneier	Mary Israel Sony Rawls	Ron Sims Ed Woeckener	1. Carol McMichael 2. Cliff Albertson	Mary Ann Warren	I Corinthians 1:10-18	2nd Lesson 9:00 Lesson
<b>January 29</b>											
	7:45					Deb Gravatt	Steve Jones	Jack Frue			
	9:00	Zoe Davis	(alternate)	Louise Wernicke	L, I, P - Hugh Vaughn and Barbara Wilcox	Brenda Haller Ann Robinson	Paul and Vicki Vest	1. Carol Booth 2. Greg Townsend	Elaine Dephouse	Micah 6:1-8	1st Lesson
	11:15	Cheryl Aull	Elly Withers	Grace Miller	L, I, P - Jenny Thomas, Nancy Clark	(alternates)	Arnold Clark Elaine Potter	1. Bill Warren 2. Sally Withers	Volunteer	I Corinthians 1:18-31	2nd Lesson 9:00 Lesson
<b>Altar Guild</b>											
<b>Date</b>	<b>Counters</b>	<b>Depositors</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Flower Arrangers</b>	<b>Altar Guild</b>						
1-Jan	Steve Birkhofer	James Cannon	1-Jan	Newton	Group 1: Dec 31 - Jan 6						
8-Jan	Martha Boyette	Judy Bohan	8-Jan	Newton	Group 2: Jan 7 - Jan 13						
15-Jan	Sally Withers	Chal & Hugh Vaughn	15-Jan	Dawson	Group 3: Jan 14 - Jan 20						
22-Jan	Georgi Bruce	Anne Simmons	22-Jan	Dawson	Group 4: Jan 21 - Jan 27						
29-Jan	Georgi Bruce	Steve Birkhofer	29-Jan	Jones	Group 5: Jan 28 - Feb 3						

# Our Prayer List

January

We publish the Parish Prayer List each month so you may include those listed in your daily prayers. We have included the last names of people with their permission, so you will have a better idea for whom you are praying and so you may contact that person if you desire.

*For Parishioners:* **Jo Brokenshire; Betsy Buchanan; Chris Carson (son of Martha & Randy); **Arnold Clark; Barbara Crownover; Nathan Crownover (son of Bill & Barbara Crownover); **Carol; Ed Denison; Eunice Ferguson; Rebecca Harris; Mary Hayes; Mary Israel; Wendy Kuykendall; Straudia & Mel Luedtke; Joyce Noble; Nancy Porter; Elaine Potter; Sonny Rawls; Nancy Remmers; Doris Rigsby; Leeann Shearouse; Laura & Tsz-yan Snyder; Rita Spragg; Mike St. Clair; Harrison Taylor; Barbara Wilcox; Don Wills.******

*For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities:* **Henny Caldwell; Dave Carey; Bill & Mary Hayes** (parents of Rick Hayes); **Lou** (mother of Kim Hayes); **Rusk Henry; Donald Israel** (brother-in-law of Mary Israel); **June Kelley; Neill Mason; Joan Sanderson; Mary Ida Sprague; Laura Stephens; Pat Woodard.**

*For Others (names to stay on the list for four weeks; call the church office to keep names on the list for a longer time):* **Deane Boggs** (sister of Joyce Noble); **Jenn Chenowith** (friend of Joyce & Walt Noble); **Ryan Conrad** (friend of Julia Anne Dawson); **Logan Cooper** (great grandson of Ben & Peggy Grimes); **Lyman Coxe** (friend of Liz & Tom Barr); **Debbie D.** (friend of Lynda McCredie); **Kelli Davis** (daughter of George & Pat Davis); **Chuck Dill** (son of Nancy Remmers); **Kacie Epley** (cousin of Vicki & Paul Vest); **Al Fadel** (friend of Nancy & Arnold Clark); **Joanne Giezentanner Greene** (friend of Nancy & Arnold Clark); **Danny Hall** (brother-in-law of David Gentry); **Priscilla Hickey** (sister-in-law of Barbara Wilcox); **Hillman Family** (friends of Don Wills); **Kathleen Johnson** (friend of Barbara Wilcox); **Jeff Johnston** (cousin of Eva Dupree); **Missy** (friend of Jeannette & Bob Reese); **Jim Monroe** (friend of Jeannette & Bob Reese); **Sladky Family** (friends of Don Wills); **Jennifer Svenstrup** (friend of Paul & Vicki Vest); **Nancy Temple** (friend of Billy Gray); **Lara Weaver** (daughter of Jackie Schauer); **Tim Yehl** (son-in-law of Jeanne & Ray Robertson); **Elizabeth; Pam** (friend of Cheryl Aull); **Sue; Susan.**

*For Those in the Episcopal Church:* **Michael, our presiding Bishop; José, Porter & Robert, our Bishops; the clergy; the vestry; the staff; the ministries and people of this parish; Church of the Advocate.**

*For Outreach Agencies through Which We Minister:* **ABCCM; Consider Haiti; Episcopal Relief and Development; Food for the Poor; Habitat for Humanity; Manna Food Bank; Meals on Wheels.**

*For Those Who Have Died and Their Families:* **David Sladky** (friend of Don Wills); **Bob Ball** (father and father-in-law of Suana & David Gentry).

*In Thanksgiving for Those Who Serve to Protect Our Way of Life:* **Tommy & Danny Brown** (grandsons of Ed & Marla Woeckener); **Dave Ely** (son of David Ely); **Matthew George** (son of Zoe Davis); **Austin Harrison** (grandson of Joan Sanderson); **Jon Holland** (parishioner); **Spencer & Erica High; Jason Marino** (son of Lynda McCredie); **Daniel Schultz** (son of Judy Rhodes); **Caitlin Vest** (niece of Vicki & Paul Vest).

**For our President Barack Obama, his Cabinet, Congress and our country; for victims of violence across the world; for local agencies & those who work for relief of the poor; for better stewardship of water; for resolution of crises throughout our world.**

*The Bulletin and TEAM prayer list is one of many prayer lists at Grace. Please get permission from anyone you would like to add to the list and contact Kathleen Griffin at gkcgiffin7@gmail.com or the church office at grace.parish@att.net.*

## January Anniversaries

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Andrew and Margaret Dahm	5
Robert and Maggie Green	10
Walter and Joyce Noble	14
Daniel Trant and Katie Chimenti	18
Patricia and Keith Hargrove	20
Valerie and Joseph Heavens	22
Ron and Jeanne Sims	27
Ben and Peggy Grimes	31
Ed and Marla Woeckener	31

## January Birthdays

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1 Mike Bohan	15 Jennifer Thomas
1 Rick Hayes	15 Blakely Marla Whitner
2 Lockie Hunter	17 Elly Withers
4 Matthew George	18 Katherine Hudson
4 Sarah Wilkey	20 Brady Blackburn
5 Annie Dephouse	20 Alexander Sanderson
5 Wade Edwards	22 Gavin Knapp
5 Lily Elder	23 Judy Bohan
5 Dave Perez	23 Cade Wooten
9 Stella Coffey	25 Cheryl Deyton
10 Buddy Greenwood	25 June Kelly
10 Adam Southwell	25 Ray Kuykendall
10 Moira Stewart	27 Laura Ellington
11 Greg Plank	27 Emma Hall
12 Deb Gravatt	27 Kim Hayes
13 Arlo Elder	27 Angela Taylor
13 Tsz-yan Snyder	28 The Rev. James Rains
14 Neill Mason	29 Kathleen Griffin
14 Mike St. Clair	31 Billy Gray
15 Joan Sanderson	31 Jim Siemens

## Welcome!

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On January 1, 2017, we welcomed  
Hans Aleksander van Vonno,  
son of Hans and Yohana Patricia van Vonno  
into the church through the sacrament of  
Holy Baptism.  
Hans has been sealed by the Holy Spirit  
in Baptism  
and marked as Christ's own forever.

## Special Gifts

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

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by  
Paul Melson, in memory of his mother, Charlotte  
Melson;  
Randy and Martha Carson in honor of their parents;  
Ed Duncan in memory of Ann Weatherford and in  
thanksgiving for her family and Fr. Brian Cole;  
the Herman family in memory of Oz and Jo Herman;  
Deb Pegal in memory of her husband Louis.

## Christmas Flowers & Greens

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Thank you to all who  
contributed to the Christmas  
beauty of our church:

James Cannon in thanksgiving  
for Annalee and Michael, his  
sister and brother-in-law;  
Tony and Diane Wilkey in  
memory of Fred and Marguerite  
Motney, and in thanksgiving  
for Tony G., Rob and Sarah  
Wilkey, and their daughter-in-  
law Brittany;

Chal and Hugh Vaughn in  
thanksgiving for their family;  
Sally Coburn in thanksgiving for the Prison Ministry;  
Bill Coward in memory of Sherry Coward and their  
parents;  
Rusty and Lynda McCredie in memory of their parents  
Claude & Caryl McCredie, brother James McCredie and  
Elmo and Blanche Ghormley and in thanksgiving for their  
children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren;  
Don Wills, Wills & Clark family in memory of Sam Byrn  
and in thanksgiving for Fr. Gary, Fr. Bob and staff;  
Jack and Mary Jane Westall in memory of Ann Huntington  
Westall and in thanksgiving for the birth of Jack Wiley  
Westall IV;  
Anne Robinson in memory of Eric Ellington and Roy  
Robinson;  
The Shaw Family in memory of Martin and Mary Leigh  
Shaw and in thanksgiving for their lives;  
Bobbie Eblen in memory of PaPa Joe Eblen and dear  
Margie Eblen;  
\$186.00 from the Advent Wreath activities.

# Healthy Surplus Continues

## Statement of Activities - Grace Church Year to Date - November 2016

	Actual	Budget	Variance
<b>Income:</b>			
Pledges	314,856	301,583	13,273
Prior Year Pledges	5,190	4,116	1,074
Non-pledged Offerings	43,946	37,762	6,184
Open Offering	14,122	9,572	4,550
Interest	40	64	(24)
Misc.	11,962	15,818	(3,856)
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>390,116</b>	<b>368,915</b>	<b>21,201</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Outreach/Mission	41,535	47,129	(5,595)
Parish Programs	10,713	11,056	(343)
Operations	62,639	63,674	(1,035)
Personnel	254,380	247,055	7,325
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>369,267</b>	<b>368,915</b>	<b>352</b>
<b>Income Less Expenses:</b>	<b>20,849</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20,849</b>

Pledge receipts through the end of November totaled \$314,856 compared to projected pledges of \$301,583. Considering all income sources, income received to date totaled \$390,116, while we projected income to be \$368,915. We ended the month with another positive income variance of \$21,201. Excluding the large donation received early in the year, we are still experiencing a slightly positive trend in overall income.

The positive income variance thus far was reduced somewhat by expenses which were slightly greater than budgeted amounts by \$352. When subtracted from the positive income variance of \$21,201 our income less expenses resulted in a still healthy surplus of \$20,849 thus far in the year.

While we proceeded this year in a very positive manner, we do need to be aware that a single donation has greatly influenced our financial position. We continue to encourage prayer and attention to our stewardship efforts.

## Our New Vestry Members



**CHERYL DEYTON** is a North Carolina native who moved to Asheville in 1984. Raised in the Presbyterian Church, she attended a Catholic elementary school and fell in love with the ritual style of worship. As a young adult, she worked in South Africa as a physical therapist at a school for disabled children and youth. During that time, she worked with a physician who was a longtime Episcopal missionary from Trinity Church in NY and St. James in Hendersonville.

Cheryl met and married Monty Wooten, a Grace parishioner. With their son, Cade, they have been involved with Backpackers, the Angel Tree, and Children's Sabbath. Cheryl is also a member of the Outreach Committee. "I am honored to be chosen to be part of the vestry at Grace Church," says Cheryl, "and I look forward to expanding my knowledge of how the church works and how it functions in our community."



**KATHLEEN GRIFFIN** moved back to north Asheville in the early '90's. At first, she and her husband, Bob, enjoyed being within walking distance of the church from their home. Later, Kathleen volunteered at Grace as Parish Nurse. "I have found my place," Kathleen says of Grace. She feels that the people of Grace practice their faith and demonstrate their values. "That was especially apparent to me when my husband died... I see the members of this parish serving God in their chosen ministries as we travel this road together, as we seek and serve all persons - and God - in our love and labor and as we continue to grow in our faith. We know how to pray - and we know how to play - together."



**DAPHNE URQUHART** was raised in and loved the Episcopal Church before sojourning for some twenty-seven years with a group of liturgical Baptists. In late 2009, she felt called to return home to the Episcopal Church and found Grace to be just the right place to continue her faith journey with her husband, Paul. "I have a particular love for serving as an acolyte and lay reading and enjoy encouraging young acolytes as they learn more about serving." When Daphne is not at work being a CPA, she enjoys leading a tailgating ministry at Appalachian State football games, cooking, knitting, and making handmade note cards. She says: "I look forward to serving on the Vestry and am honored to have been asked to serve."



**JOHN WOODSON** grew up in Bells, TN, in the Southern Baptist Church. As a teenager until he was twenty years old, John worked summers for the Tennessee Baptist Convention as a camp counselor and group leader for Royal Ambassador camps across the state. He loved being outdoors and sharing his faith in that setting with the boys who attended the camps. John went to Georgia Tech, where he met his future wife, Beth, and they were married in 1974. Beth was an Episcopalian, and they began attending Episcopal churches in Gaffney and Greenwood, SC. John was confirmed in 1976. Their daughter, Jade, was born there in 1977. When John was transferred from Raleigh to the Asheville/Weaverville area in 1986, he and his family began attending Grace Church and have been members ever since. He was elected to the Vestry in 1989, and served three years, two of them as Senior Warden. Following his retirement in 2015, John has most recently spent several months hiking the Appalachian Trail. "I am still in the process of plotting a course for the next chapter of my life," says John, "but I am willing to accept the honor of serving once again on the vestry of Grace Church as I begin this new phase."