



# the Grace TEAM

to each a ministry

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## Parson to Person

Gary Coffey

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**The Grace TEAM**  
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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,

When the word "stewardship" is mentioned, most of us bristle because that word is often connected with pledge drives of various organizations, including the Church. The financial part of our stewardship efforts at Grace takes place in the last quarter of each year beginning in October, when we ask our folks to make financial pledges to help fund our life and ministry together for the following year. That part is now done and it went pretty well this past quarter, resulting in an increase in the number of pledges and almost the same amount that was pledged for 2013. Thank you, Lord. And thank you, People of Grace.

The word "stewardship" is not, however, a euphemism for "cough up the bucks!" Rather, one of the best synonyms for the word "stewardship" is "management." Stewardship in the Christian sense is the recognition that, through our baptisms and commitments, we have given ourselves to God. We are God's people, God's children. We belong to God. Our lives are no longer our own.

That said, God has returned our lives to us to live joyfully and to manage on God's behalf.

A steward is a manager of another's property. Therefore, you and I are managers of our lives that belong to God. Since we belong to God, then obviously our goal is to manage ourselves, our lives, in ways that are pleasing to God. We find God's desires for our lives by reading the Sacred Scriptures and by listening to God in prayer. As we remain tethered to God's Word and try to manage our lives in accordance with God's Word, we find the joyful and abundant life that Jesus promised us as His followers.

This first quarter of the year, regarding stewardship or the management of our lives, the emphasis is on spiritual gifts and ministry. I Corinthians, chapter 12 is St. Paul's description of spiritual gifts, what they are, who has them, and how they work to bring

glory to God. I commend that chapter to you for your reading and reflection. In summary, that chapter reminds us that each of us who is a Christian, a Christ-follower, has been given at least one spiritual gift by the Holy Spirit to use in ministry. St. Paul describes the Church, or the family of the baptized, as a human body, with Christ being the head and with our being the various other parts of the body.

I Corinthians 12 reminds us that we are all connected to one another in the same way the parts of a human body are connected. When one part suffers, Paul writes, we all suffer. When one part rejoices, we all rejoice.

Our spiritual gifts were given to us to help us do our parts in the Church, or the Body of Christ. St. Paul says that when all the parts, meaning all of us, work together in exercising our various gifts, the Body flourishes and builds itself up in love. The parts of the Body help one another

as needed and depend on each other just as a hand depends on the fingers in a human body.

One of the most rewarding things that can happen to a Christian is to discover his or her ministry and begin to carry it out to the glory of God. We have access to an online spiritual gifts inventory sponsored by the Lutheran Church. It can be found at [Wels.net](http://Wels.net). It is easy to take and can help you discover the spiritual gifts God has given to you. We also have inventories of passion and personal style that can help guide you in your search for the ministry God has for you.

All the ministries of Grace are open and are ready to receive new members. You can read about all of them in our annual report that is available in the Church office. We invite you to come be a part of any of the ministries. If I can be of help to you in that regard, I would be delighted to do that. Just call me. Grace and peace as we continue to follow Jesus together in 2014.

Blessing and Peace,  
Fr. Gary Coffey

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# Parish News

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**Centering Prayer** meets on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in Fr. Gary's office. All are welcome.

**Chalicians are needed** for the 11:15 service. If you would like to serve in this ministry, please contact Sally Coburn at 645-5369. Training is available.

**Men of the Church** will meet on Tuesday, February 11, at 6:00 p.m. Cooks and hosts are to be determined. All are welcome. Please join us. The cost is \$10.00. Please sign up on the blue sheet on the kiosk and note the location.

The **Monday Morning Bible Study** led by Fr. Bob Reese meets from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the parish hall. Each week, the study is about the Gospel reading for the coming Sunday. Please join us. All are welcome.

Our **Monday Soup Suppers** continue. Please join us. The meal is served from 4:45-5:45 p.m. It is free of charge. Expenses are defrayed by a Diocesan grant and by a partnership with Manna Food Bank. All are welcome to come enjoy good food and fellowship with parishioners and others.

The **Order of St. Luke** will meet on Thursday, February 13, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the parish hall. All are welcome. One does not have to be an OSL member to attend. We will not meet if Asheville City Schools are closed that day or will close early because of inclement weather.

We will begin a new program series: *Jesus' Ministry of Healing Then and Now*. The series will feature the excellent OSL immersion course DVDs of *The Healing Miracles of Jesus*. The Reverend Josh Acton and the Reverend John Rice are the presenters. The course is designed to help us learn how to pray for healing by studying the ways in which Jesus prayed for healing in a variety of situations. The DVDs give us helpful instruction about praying for healing today. Our February program will focus on the Gospel story of "The Nobleman's Son." Since it involves a father who intercedes for his son, we'll have an opportunity to consider effective ways to offer intercessory prayer. We'll also learn from the DVD an effective way to pray for healing when we're actually with a person who needs healing.

**Purls of Grace** meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the library. If you have questions, would like to learn to knit prayer shawls, and/or would like to deliver shawls, contact Jeanne Robertson at [jerobertson38@me.com](mailto:jerobertson38@me.com).

**Soup Supper Helpers Needed.** Have you considered serving others in a way that could change your life? You might want to serve as a soup cook, a bread and fruit provider, a dessert provider, or a clean-up helper for our soup ministry. You will be reimbursed for your expenses. Please contact Bill Crownover at [billcrownover@gmail.com](mailto:billcrownover@gmail.com) or 713-8504 or Jeannette Reese at [revsreese@mac.com](mailto:revsreese@mac.com) or 225-6477 to sign up.

## Inaugural Pub Sing, February 9

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Announcing our inaugural **Pub Sing**, an informal gathering to sing hymns, old time Gospel and Americana spiritual music. We will gather on Sunday evening, February 9, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Parishioner Andy Dahm has kindly offered to host the singing at the French Broad Brewery located at 101 Fairview Avenue. Come join us as we celebrate in song.

For more information, contact Monty Wooten at [info@forestguide.com](mailto:info@forestguide.com) or 828-254-1114. For directions go to <http://frenchbroadbrewery.com/directions/>.

## Dessert and an Evening with Gregg Blanton

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Our Grace Centering Prayer group will host a **Valentine's dessert and evening with Dr. Gregg Blanton** at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 12. Blanton, a local marriage and family therapist, will discuss his book entitled *Transforming Your Relationship Using Centering Prayer and Neuroscience*.

"With clarity, logic, wisdom, and kindness, Gregg Blanton wraps his arms around you and your loved one and brings you together in a divine embrace. Step by step, he builds a foundation of understanding to help you enter into relationships with more safety, trust and confidence. In each chapter of this easy-to-digest book, he shows you the way toward more wholesome intimacy in your life. "The powerful skills this book teaches will help me and my wife in our marriage. I believe it will do the same for you." (Dr. Josh Ehrlich, Ph.D., chairman Global Leadership Council; author, *Mindshifting: Focus for Performance*).

The evening will be extremely valuable for couples, and singles are also welcome. A practice of centering prayer done alone or with others draws us into the divine embrace of God.

## Annual Meeting, February 16

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Our Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 16 at 10:00 a.m. in the parish hall. You are invited to join us for a light brunch provided by the Men of the Church. The meeting is an opportunity for all of us to get together and find out how things are going at Grace financially and otherwise. It is also a time to visit with people who attend other services. And last but not least, the annual meeting is a time for you to participate in the election of new members to our Vestry.

## **Congratulations to six Grace parishioners confirmed by Bishop Taylor on Sunday, January 19:**

Barbara Crownover • Sarah Godfrey • Wade Elder • Lily Elder • Julia Gorman • Jackie Schauer

### **Also during Bishop Taylor's visit, at the 11:15 service:**

*Through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism*

**Nathaniel Philip Potter,**

son of Elaine Potter and Annika Brock,

*was welcomed into the Church.*

**Nate**

was sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism  
and marked as Christ's own forever.

# **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Ash Wednesday Services**

It's not too early to mark your calendars for our Pancake Supper on Tuesday, March 4. Don't miss great pancakes, sausage and bacon from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Youth from Grace and St. Luke's parishes will host the supper and cook the pancakes. We will also need some volunteers to help them out. If you can assist with set-up, clean-up or serving, please contact Wes Shields at 667-1350. The cost will be \$3.00 for children age seven and under and \$5.00 for older children and adults.

Our Ash Wednesday services will take place on March 5 at 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m.

## **EYC Report**

*Wes Shields*

Greetings, Youth Parents!

We had a wonderful brainstorming session on January 5 about EYC and how to make it a vibrant organization. Here are some of the thoughts that circulated at the gathering:

- EYC is important from both a social and a spiritual perspective.
- One hour isn't quite long enough to meet – too short to have both social and spiritual foci in one evening. Two hours is too much.
- St. Luke's has a more convivial setting and is closer to the "center" of our youth populations.
- We need adults to be involved, particularly with younger youth who aren't independently mobile.
- While other organizations in town are vibrant and functioning well, they are not necessarily add-on groups and they tend to focus on particular audiences.

Several action items seemed clear from the brainstorming. We're looking forward to trying those this winter and spring to see how they work:

- On January 19, EYC began meeting weekly on Sundays at 4:30 at St. Luke's.
- Daphne Urquhart (one of the Grace youth Sunday school teachers) will join us on Sunday evenings to give us two different adult perspectives for each meeting.
- We'll meet for an hour and a half (ending at 6:00) and will have both social and spiritual time each week.
- We'll continue to look for ways to dovetail into existing programs for both social and service opportunities.
- While Sunday school continues to focus on Bible study, EYC will focus on living the Christian life in the real world – discussing hot topics and how Jesus would respond to those, serving others, and loving our neighbors.

We have the opportunity to create a youth community that is alive with love and peace. We are the body of Christ, each of us with different gifts and talents needed for the body to function. We need each of you, whether you're a brain or a foot or a heart or a shoulder.

We look forward to seeing you each Sunday.

Wes Shields and Daphne Urquhart

# A “God Story”

Barbara Wilcox



I thought you might like a summer story on a cold winter’s day. Years ago, while living in my native Connecticut, I had a dear friend, Jeanette, whom I had met when we served on the Altar Guild together at our local Episcopal church. We were kindred spirits and loved to share adventures on the spur of the moment.

It was a miserably hot, humid day, not uncommon in Connecticut in July and August. However, in that state, no place is very far from the beach, and unlike North Carolina, summer temperatures are about ten degrees cooler at the coast than they are inland. I don’t remember whose idea it was, but one of us called the other in mid-to-late morning and asked, “You wanna go to the beach?” The answer was a given and we both threw on our bathing suits under our clothes and grabbed a couple of towels and flip-flops and off we went. I no longer remember who was driving; it doesn’t matter. We preferred the Rhode Island beaches that were less developed and more on the open ocean than the heavily used Connecticut beaches on Long Island Sound. We therefore happily headed off to our favorite East Beach, a totally undeveloped beach eight or ten miles beyond the very popular Misquamicut. It was a longer ride, one-and-a-half to one-and-three-quarters hours from our homes in north central Connecticut, compared to just an hour to Hammonnasset or Rocky Neck in our state. However, East Beach had no boardwalks, cottages, concession stands, or manmade amusements, just beautiful sand and water.

We had not driven for very long when we grew very hot and thirsty. (Cars were not air-conditioned then, and people did not routinely carry bottles of water with them wherever they went.) The more we thought about it, the hotter and thirstier we became. Then hunger began to set in. Naturally we had not taken the time to pack food or drink! As if that weren’t bad enough, it seemed to be taking us much longer than usual to get to our destination, and the road began to look more and more unfamiliar. We were becoming thirstier and hungrier, and I said out loud, “Oh! If only we had some juicy seedless grapes! That would take care of both our hunger AND our thirst!”

Jenny agreed and soon we were both obsessing over juicy seedless grapes and could think of nothing else but “Where are we? Shouldn’t we be at the beach by now?” Nothing looked familiar. Being females, we would gladly have stopped to ask directions, but there were no shops or gas stations or intersections or homes or other vehicles or people or signs saying “Misquamicut” or “East Beach” or “Chamber of Commerce” — and not even a driveway in which we could turn around. Suddenly, it was no longer a happy adventure. Our only comfort was that eventually, the state would end and we’d find ourselves at the Atlantic, so that it wouldn’t be like getting lost in Kansas.

Suddenly, off to our right we saw some bushes, then some stirring in the bushes, then what looked like heads moving in the stirring bushes. We slammed on the brakes and hollered, “Hello! Anybody there? We’re lost!” Out came three people carrying baskets. They came up to the car and we told them our dilemma. They said, “Oh no, this is NOT the way to the beach. You must have taken a wrong turn somewhere. Here’s what you need to do!” They then gave us directions adding, “Oh, by the way, we’ve been picking grapes. Would you like some? They’re seedless!” They loaded us up with grapes and sent us on our way. It was a WONDERFUL day!

Coincidence? I think not! On later jaunts, we tried to find that wrong road again but never could! It must have been *Brigadoon*! God is with us even in frivolous, foolish, undeserving, failing-to-pay-attention-to-God moments!

*Many of us have “God Stories” that have touched our lives — those moments, both great and small, when a lesson was learned, a prayer was answered, a path was altered, a glimpse of the holy was unveiled.*

*If you would like to share one of your own stories, please let us know.  
You may contact the church office at 828-254-1086 or  
email [grace.parish@att.net](mailto:grace.parish@att.net).*

# Caring for the Least of These

We need your help to care for “the least of these” during the cold weather. Homeward Bound is collecting sleeping bags to distribute to the homeless. You may take new or gently used sleeping bags to 19 N. Ann Street, where they will be given to those who are homeless. If you are unable to take your donations to Homeward Bound, you may bring them to the church office. We will make arrangements to get the sleeping bags to the agency.

Also, please continue bringing children’s and adults’ coats for our barrel in the foyer. Thanks to all of you for supporting those who are in need during this time of extreme cold weather.



# YMCA/Manna Partnership

The YMCA of Western North Carolina, in partnership with Manna Food Bank, is sponsoring a **Healthy Living Food Pantry**. The pantry is open to the entire Western North Carolina community, including YMCA members, after-school families, and non-YMCA members. The food distributed by the pantry is free of charge and includes fresh produce. The pantry is located at the YMCA Youth Services Center at 201 Beaverdam Road. The pantry is open from 5:00-6:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings and at other times by appointment. For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact Cory Jackson at 450-2247.



# Africa Healing Exchange

**Recovery and Resilience for Global Community Wellness.** “Africa Healing Exchange” is a cross-cultural partnership of individuals and organizations dedicated to ending the cycle of generational trauma, hatred and addiction by providing services to youth, women and families in post-conflict communities. AHE’s vision is to create an innovative and sustainable model to be replicated throughout the world. The AHE pilot program in Rwanda, called “Recovery and Resilience for Global Community Wellness,” employs a three-pronged, strengths-based approach to bolster individuals’ existing resources in the service of healing past traumas and providing support for recovery from substance abuse and addiction. Core components include *Seeking Safety*, a unique and proven group counseling approach backed by a Harvard University team treating co-occurring trauma and substance abuse; prevention through education, including

drug and alcohol awareness, combined with a specialized resilience-training module; and *Skills Exchange Network* whereby we connect groups in need with people who have the skills to serve them.

Africa Healing Exchange seeks to address two interrelated problems: generational transfer of trauma and unmet mental health needs in post-conflict communities. AHE’s curriculum is the only one in Rwanda to combine the trauma healing, substance abuse recovery and prevention into one program. Our team is gearing up to launch the pilot program this May and we are seeking all the support we can get!

Sara Stender is the founder and executive director of Africa Healing Exchange. She lived in Rwanda in 2009 and worked to provide vocational training to young adults whose families had been killed during the genocide. Sara holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in business management (cum laude), a Certificate of International Business from La Grande École du Commerce in France, and a Master of Science degree in organizational management with a concentration in Leadership and Change. She has proven expertise in non-profit development and business management, and has served in various leadership roles over the past ten years. Sara has been in Asheville since 2007 and is happily raising her three and a half-year-old son here.

*For more information about Africa Healing Exchange or to get in touch with Sara, please visit [www.africahalingexchange.org](http://www.africahalingexchange.org), email [sara@africahealingexchange.org](mailto:sara@africahealingexchange.org), or call 828-333-4960.*

# Healing Prayer Corner

*Jeanne Robertson*

Recently I was talking with a nurse friend who works on Sundays. She told me that the worst thing about working on a Sunday is missing the Eucharist. Then she discovered that every Monday evening Grace has our free soup supper followed by a Taizé service and Holy Eucharist.

She is concerned that there are others in our congregation who are required to work on Sundays but would like to attend a Eucharist during the week. Well, the good news is that we have two services during the week at which the Eucharist is celebrated. We have a Monday evening Taizé service and Eucharist at 6:00 p.m. and a Wednesday Healing Service and Eucharist at 12:15 p.m. Healing prayer is also available for those desiring prayer. So, you weekend warriors, don’t feel left out. Come to the Eucharist during the week to be blessed.

# A Visit from Food For The Poor

We are continually assaulted these days with requests for our charitable giving. And like most donors, we fret about how much of what we are giving actually makes it to those in need.

On February 23, Grace will welcome the Reverend Michael Cassell, an Episcopal priest from **Food For The Poor**, who will offer us an amazing opportunity to help the poor. Food For The Poor is the largest international relief and development charity in the United States, feeding two million poor people every day. Its Christian relief programs and projects are helping children and the poorest of the poor by providing food, housing, health care, education, water projects, emergency relief and micro-enterprise assistance in the Caribbean and Latin America. All these ministries are accomplished with an astonishing charitable commitment ratio of 96%!

**This year during Lent, we'll have the opportunity to fill "Operation Starfish" mite boxes in support of the work being done by Food For The Poor. The motto for this project is, appropriately, "saving one life at a time." We encourage you to visit their extensive web site ([www.foodforthe poor.org](http://www.foodforthe poor.org)) where you can explore the multitude of efforts being made by Food For The Poor on behalf of "the least of us."**



*In 2010, Food For The Poor shipped 4,389 containers of aid and built 9,460 new housing units in the countries they serve. A fruit tree program started in 2007 has resulted in the planting of more than 585,000 fruit trees in Haiti and Jamaica.*



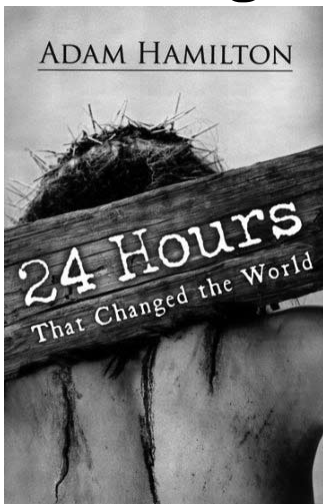
*Food For The Poor provides emergency relief assistance, clean water, medicines, educational materials, homes, support for orphans and the aged, skills training and micro-enterprise development assistance. Since its inception, Food For The Poor has completed more than 1,188 water projects.*



*Micro-enterprise programs include fishing village empowerment, animal husbandry, agricultural development, fish farming, and programs for women such as sewing, baking and embroidery classes.*

Mark your calendars now and please join us February 23 to welcome Food For The Poor and to hear firsthand about the many ways in which we may participate in this vital and exciting ministry.

## Coming for Lenten Adult Sunday School



In the parish hall during Lent, in the Pretty Good Coffee and Conversation Class that begins on March 9, we are going to be studying a book by Adam Hamilton called *24 Hours That Changed the World*. It is about the last 24 hours of Jesus' life beginning with The Last Supper on Maundy Thursday through the Crucifixion on the next day.

Each week, we will cover a chapter of the book and familiarize ourselves with the Scripture references of this critical time in the life, death and eventual resurrection of our Lord. Each chapter contains a very readable fifteen pages and will be a great Lenten reading discipline for us.

A ten-minute video filmed in Israel will orient us to the places where these things took place.

The books are available on Amazon.com for about \$10.00 used, including shipping. We hope you will order your book now and plan to attend.

**Visited online lately? [www.graceepiscopalchurch.us](http://www.graceepiscopalchurch.us)**

# Planned Giving & Endowment

*Fr. Alex Comfort*

Last night, I finished reading a new book on planned giving, *Big Gifts, Small Effort* by Wayne Olson, gift planning director at Sewanee. And today, I heard a presentation by Sheryl Aikman, vice president for development for the Community Foundation of Western North Carolina. Both stressed the same thing — **simplicity!**

It seems that all of us are beginning to say the same things. Remember your favorite charity in your will, even if for only one or two percent of your estate. Change your secondary beneficiary of your IRA or retirement plan and name your charity. Total cost equals \$0 to you right now. With regard to the other forms of planned giving, we are going to keep it simple. Let us help you to reach goals that you may have for yourself, your family, and Grace Church. Long after you are gone and Fr. Gary has retired, Grace will need your assistance. Call me at 691-6135.

## ECW News for 2013

**Still helping Grace — and beyond!** Income from our rummage sale (where we sell at low prices for those in need) was \$2,974. Our UTO collection was \$120. We helped to fund the following projects in 2013:

### Outreach

Diocese of WNC (\$500)  
Episcopal Relief & Development (\$200)  
United Thank Offering (\$320)  
Church Women United (\$25)  
Lambeth Conference (\$10)  
Broughton Party (\$100)  
Broughton Teens' Christmas (\$100)

### Grace Special Projects

Landscape-Paving Fund (\$1000)  
Camp Henry & Mission Trip Scholarships (\$1061)  
Bud Vases for parishioners in hospitals (\$25)  
Grace Angel Tree/Outreach (\$250)

## *Francis of Assisi* Book Review

*Bill Spencer*

*Francis of Assisi* by Augustine Thompson, O.P.



During the last few months, the men's group at Grace has been reading and trying to comprehend the mind and the motivation of Francis — the culture and the well-to-do family from which he emerged in his late teens, and what made him actually want to exemplify the physical work and the life that Jesus showed mankind, which Francis did while living in Assisi.

As you may know, Francis is now one of the most beloved Saints of the Catholic tradition. He lived from 1181-1226, and he is primarily remembered for his dedication and total commitment to poverty, his love of miracles and nature, and especially, his desire to follow the examples of Christ's life. During Francis' lifetime and after his death, followers collected, for their own purposes, numerous stories, anecdotes and reports about the unusual way he preferred to live. As a result, the man himself and many of his own concerns were lost in legend.

In this new and engaging biography, Augustine Thompson sifts through the surviving evidence of Francis' life by using modern historical methods. Francis emerges from this account as a very typical thirteenth century Italian layman. Yet, as he faced the unexpected trials of his life, he made decisions so radical for his day that they challenged not only his society, but also ours today! What therefore made him unique was that he seemed never to have experienced divine inspirational events to guide him into the rules of living as Jesus had shown in the Bible. He seemed to be able to follow the presence of the Spirit in himself and his intuition as he was able to lead and develop his followers according to

his inner felt, reasoned rules. Does that not sound exactly like the way Christ's church was formed by Jesus Himself?

It is fascinating that Francis' start on his journey seemed to come from troubled relations with his father, contacts with a nun, Clair of Assisi, and a very decisive encounter with a Muslim sultan! Following those difficult encounters, Francis received the Stigmata very evidently in his hands; the Lord willing, in his feet; and an unusual mark in his side!

Do understand that Francis wanted to be the visible example of a living existence of total poverty in every regard. He never asked or begged for food, a place to cover his head, or needed medical treatment. He could never accept anything that was not an unattached gift to him or his ministry! Francis was a truly Godly, gifted, dedicated servant of the Lord. The world is still trying completely to understand the total depth of his faith!

# February 2014 Ministry Schedule

Date	Service Time	Acolyte C	Acolyte G	Acolyte E	Lector, Intercessor & Presenters	Healing Team	Ushers	Chalicians	Coffee Hour	Scripture	Lesson
<b>2-Feb</b>											
	7:45				L, I, P - Bill Crownover and Barbara Wilcox	Louise Wernicke Patricia Hartgrove	Ed Duncan Larry Harris Jim Siemens	James Cannon 1. Scott Best 2. Cuyler Dupree	Elaine Dephousse	Malachi 3:1-4	1st Lesson
	9:00	Cade Wooten	Andrew Best	Zoe Davis							
	11:15	Mel Luedtke	Elly Withers	Eric Howell	L, I, P - Nancy & Cal Remmers	Pat Davis Karen Compton	John Churchill Henry Watts	1. Eric Howell 2. Bill Spencer	Sallie Hunter	Hebrews 2:14-18	2nd Lesson & 9:00 Lesson
<b>9-Feb</b>											
	7:45				L - Ray Kuykendall I - Haig Rudd P - Kuykendall Family	Sherry Coward Jeanne Robertson	Steve Jones Ray & Wendy Kuykendall	James Cannon 1. Daphne Urquhart 2. Jennifer Clary	Cuyler Dupree	Isaiah 58:1-12	1st Lesson
	9:00	Zoe Davis	Noah Clary	Cuyler Dupree							
	11:15	Sally Withers	Bob Grimes	Lani Anderson	L, I, P - Charles Carter and Kimberly Kneier	Mary Israel Corinne Spencer	Rusty Herman Larry Harris	1. Carol McMichael 2. Mary Cozine	Lela Cort	I Corinthians 2:1-16	2nd Lesson & 9:00 Lesson
<b>16-Feb</b>											
	7:45				L - Greg Plank I - Vicki Vest P - Plank Family	Pat Davis Jane Whitman	Andrew Dahm Paul & Vicki Vest	Margaret Dahm 1. Debbie Jones 2. Cuyler Dupree	Paul Vest	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	1st Lesson
	9:00	Cheryl Deyton	Alyssa Jones	Louise Wernicke							
	11:15	Rusty McCredie	Elly Withers	Grace Miller	L, I, P - Mark Silvers and Lyn Burkett	Lyn Burkett Karen Compton	Paul Stewart Elaine Potter	1. Sally Coburn 2. Bill Warren	Peggy Grimes	I Corinthians 3:1-9	2nd Lesson & 9:00 Lesson
	Taizé 8:00 PM				L - James Cannon P - Henry Watts	Deb Gravatt					
<b>23-Feb</b>											
	7:45						Ed Duncan	Jack Frue			
	9:00	Sam Ellington	Laura Ellington	Cuyler Dupree	L, I, P - Daphne and Paul Urquhart	Jeanne Robertson Shari Lane	Kaderabek Family	1. Greg Townsend 2. Ann Robinson	Katherine Kaderabek	Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18	1st Lesson
	11:15	Cheryl Aull	Bob Grimes	Eric Howell	L, I, P - Kristen Dusenbery and Elaine Potter	Sonny Rawls Lyn Burkett	Mark and Jonah Silvers	1. Sally Withers 2. Eric Howell	Georgi Bruce	I Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23	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>						
<b>2-Feb</b>	Steve Birkhofer	James Cannon	<b>2-Feb</b>	Dawson	<b>Group 1 - Feb 1 - Feb 7</b>						
<b>9-Feb</b>	Martha Boyette	Judy Bohan	<b>9-Feb</b>	Israel	<b>Group 2 - Feb 8 - Feb 14</b>						
<b>16-Feb</b>	Sally Withers	Chal and Hugh Vaughn	<b>16-Feb</b>	Dawson, Buchanan	<b>Group 3 - Feb 15 - Feb 21</b>						
<b>23-Feb</b>	Georgi Bruce	Anne Simmons	<b>23-Feb</b>	Davis, Newron - Chandler Wedding - Flowers and Candles	<b>Group 4 - Feb 22 - Feb 28</b>						



# Our Prayer List

February

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; Charlotte Chiott; Sherry Coward; Eunice & Rhea Ferguson; Catherine Godfrey; Buddy Greenwood; Jess Gregory; Olivia & the Haller family; Mary Hayes; Shari Lane; Nancy Remmers; Lucinda Watkins.**

*For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities:* **Elizabeth Butler; Henny Caldwell; Edith Cook; Bob Hall; June Kelley; Neill Mason; Dot Morgan; Frances Payne; Maryli Perkins; Laura Stephens; John Sumner.**

*For Others (names to stay on four weeks; call the church office to keep names on the list for a longer time):* **Art Ackermann** (brother of Nancy Ackermann Cole); **Nancy Bailey & daughters Allison & Kristen** (friends of Barbara Wilcox); **Thomas Barr** (son of Tom & Liz Barr); **Chris Carson** (son of Martha & Randy); **Anne Chamberlain** (friend of Nancy Ackermann Cole); **Gladys, Bill & Steve Creasman, Dennis & Carolyn Creasman** (friends of Barbara & Chuck Wilcox); **Debbie D.** (friend of Lynda McCredie); **Kelli Davis** (daughter of George & Pat Davis); **Grey Israel** (friend of Trisha Hargrove); **Meg Karayiannis** (niece of Nancy Ackermann Cole); **Kristi Kitchens** (sister-in-law of Cheryl Aull); **Tommy Masters & Robert Baker** (father & son of Donna Trimnal); **Jim & Dianne Monroe; Forrest Renfro** (grandson of Becky Barker); **Ann Sparks** (mother of Angela Taylor); **Erik & Susan Stoops** (brother & sister-in-law of Wendy Kuykendall); **Jennifer Svenstrup** (friend of Paul & Vicki Vest); **Harriet & Sydnor Thompson** (mother & father of Sydnor Thompson); **Bonnie Wiggen** (daughter of Nancy Remmers); **Alicia; Deane** (sister of Joyce Noble); **Bethany** (daughter of Joan); **Elizabeth; Ellen; Tara** (daughter of Shari Lane); **Jean & Mary Dee** (sister & cousin of Walt Noble); **Julie** (daughter of Rita Spragg); **Lisa** (niece of Betsy Sherman); **David & Mitchell** (friends of Charlotte & Travers Chiott); **Beverly; Richard; Sue; Susan; Will; for all those affected by our struggling economy.**

*For Those in the Episcopal Church:* **Katharine**, our Presiding Bishop; **Porter & Robert**, our Bishops; **the clergy; the vestry; the staff; the ministries of this Parish; Church of the Advocate; ABCCM; Consider Haiti; Episcopal Relief & Development; Food for the Poor; Manna Food Bank; Meals on Wheels.**

*For Those in Service to Our Country:* **Ryan & Danny Brown** (grandsons of Ed & Marla Woeckener); **Matthew George** (son of Zoe Davis); **Steven Grenier** (son-in-law of Jean & Doug Haldane); **Austin Harrison** (grandson of Joan Sanderson); **Marty Hawks** (son-in-law of Joy & Carl Markey); **Jon Holland** (parishioner); **Spencer & Erica High; Gregory Melson** (grandson of Charlotte Melson); **Jason Marino** (son of Lynda McCredie); **Daniel Schultz** (son of Judy Rhodes); **Karl Tenney** (nephew of Chuck & Barbara Wilcox); **Fr. Rick Tiff** (friend of Ray & Jeanne Robertson); **Caitlin Vest** (granddaughter of Pat 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.*

## February Anniversaries

Glenn and Brenda Haller	11
Greg and Emma Plank	12
Bob and Shirley Turner	15
Paul and Angela Taylor	25
Jim and Karen Compton	29

## February Birthdays

1 Bob Grimes	14 Gary Roper
3 Dick Krueger	15 Vicki Sanderson
4 Marella Buncick	16 Rusty McCredie
4 Mike Nery	17 Doug Mahin
4 Sadie Rudd	18 Mariza Adamson
4 Alicia Sweatt	18 Cooper Green
6 Andrew Best	19 Bob Bell
6 Joanna Best	20 Larry Harris
6 Charlie Perez	20 Rebecca Jackson
9 Christopher Godfrey	23 Sam Snead
10 Cheri Potter	24 Pat Starnes
11 Margaret Crum	24 Tricia Trinite
12 Mel Luedtke	25 Bill Dismukes
12 Bill Spencer	25 Liesl Ellington
12 James Wallace	25 Marion Mayfield- Johnson
13 Molly Coffey	
14 Al Dawson	

## February Endowment Fund Contributors

Grace Church is a truly generous community of faith. It is from the income from the Endowment Fund that distributions will be available for needs that fall outside the church's annual operating budget. We gratefully recognize the gifts of

Charlotte and Travers Chiott in memory of June Barger Groce;

Pat Vest in memory of Grace Walker and Helen Powers;

William and Deborah Helmken in memory of Grace Walker;

Robert Hall in memory of Grace Walker;

Pat Vest in loving memory of Angie Vest.

## Gifts to Appreciate

The Aumbry Candle is given to the Glory of God by Rita Lyda in memory of Jacob Emmanuel Lyda.

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by

the Nery family in celebration of Mike's birthday;

Cheryl Aull in thanksgiving for Joe's birthday;

the Drake and Duncan families in memory of Marguerite Alexander;

Eva Dupree in memory of her cousin Caroline Richardson and of Grace Walker;

Charlotte Melson in loving memory of her husband Jack;

Rita Lyda in thanksgiving for Grace Church and in loving memory of her parents Disa and Jens Kerstensen.

## Donors of Christmas Flowers and Greens

- Tom and Laurie Barr in thanksgiving for their son's good health;
- Walter and Mariza Adamson in loving memory of their parents;
- Bobbie Eblen in memory of Joe, Margie and Jeanne;
- Sally Coburn in thanksgiving for her friends;
- Jack and Mary Jane Westall in memory of loved ones;
- Mickey and Tricia Trinite in thanksgiving for their 35th anniversary;
- Julia Gorman in memory of Mary Jane Foures and in thanksgiving for her perseverance and optimism;
- Bill and Sherry Coward in memory of their parents and in thanksgiving for their children and grandchildren;
- Zoe Ann Davis and Matt George in memory of Bob and Phyllis Davis and in thanksgiving for their family;
- Teesha Johnson in memory of Theda Rudd and in thanksgiving for Sadie, Keith and Haig;
- George and Pat Davis in memory of Mike and Sally and in thanksgiving for family and friends;
- the Best family in memory of Clara Christian Murchison;
- Dot Morgan in memory of her son, Harry Morgan;
- Donna and Alyssa Coates;
- Cleo Doran in memory of Dick Doran and Grandpa William and in thanksgiving for education;
- the Sanderson family in memory of the Reverend William L. Sanderson and in thanksgiving for ministry;
- Rob and Cheri Potter in thanksgiving for their family;
- Shaleena Simpson in memory of Kathi Simpson;
- Joe and Cheryl Aull in thanksgiving for family;
- Mary Israel in memory of Tom Israel, II;
- Carol and Steve Booth in thanksgiving for family;
- James Cannon in memory his wife Bobbi;
- John Rutland in thanksgiving for the Sunday evening Taizé services;
- numerous anonymous gifts.

# Events at a Glance

## EYC

*Sundays, 4:30 p.m., St. Luke's*

## Weekly Gospel Bible Study

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

## Welcome Table Soup Supper

*Mondays, 4:45-5:45 p.m., PH*

## Worship Service

*Mondays, 6:00 p.m., LI*

## Early Birds Men's Book Study

*Tuesdays, 8:00 a.m., LI*

## Centering Prayer

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

## Generational Healing Eucharist

*Tuesday, February 4, 7:00 p.m., LI*

## Purls of Grace

*Thursdays, February 6 & 20, 6:30 p.m., LI*

## Men of the Church

*Tuesday, February 11, 6:00 p.m.*

## Healing Prayer Service

*Tuesday, February 11, 18, & 25, 7:00 p.m., LI*

## TEAM Meeting

*Wednesday, February 12, 11:00 a.m., OF*

## Valentine Dessert & Evening with Greg Blanton

*Wednesday, February 23, 7:00 p.m., PH*

## Order of St. Luke Program Meeting

*Thursday, February 13, 6:30 p.m., PH*

## Steadfast House Meal

*Friday, February 14, 6:00 p.m.*

## Annual Meeting & Light Breakfast

*Sunday, February 16, 10:00 a.m., PH*

## Taizé Worship Service

*Sunday, February 16, 8:00 p.m., CH*

## Vestry Meeting

*Monday, February 17, 5:30 p.m., LI*

# A Positive Year-End

Even though pledged offerings were \$3,475 under budget for 2013, we ended on a positive income note of \$5,005 primarily due to non-pledged offerings. Total expenses were \$6,000 under budget for 2013 primarily attributable to lower than budgeted personnel insurance costs. This favorable expenses variance when added to the favorable income variance resulted in an \$11,005 surplus for the year. We are grateful for this outcome and plan to designate funds for capital improvement to the church property.

The budget for 2014 will be approved at the Annual Meeting on February 16.

Your Vestry

## Statement of Activities - Grace Church Year to Date - December 2013

	Actual	Budget	Over/Under
<b>Income:</b>			
Pledges	356,525	360,000	(3,475)
Prior Year Pledges	1,030	-	1,030
Non-pledged Offerings	59,122	50,874	8,248
Open Offering	9,940	12,000	(2,060)
Interest	148	250	(102)
Misc.	24,864	23,500	1,364
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>451,629</b>	<b>446,624</b>	<b>5,005</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Outreach/Mission	56,682	58,182	(1,500)
Parish Programs	13,827	14,500	(673)
Operations	69,055	67,400	1,655
Personnel	301,059	306,542	(5,483)
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>440,624</b>	<b>446,624</b>	<b>(6,000)</b>
<b>Income - Expense:</b>	<b>11,005</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,005</b>

“Thank you, Lord.  
And thank you, People of  
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- Food For The Poor Visit
  - Upcoming Lenten Study for Adults
  - Budget — A Positive Year-End
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to each a ministry

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