



# *the* Grace TEAM

to each a ministry

FEBRUARY 2015

## Parson to Person

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### Grace Episcopal Church

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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,

Ash Wednesday will be February 18th and begins the Lenten Season. The Lenten season consists of the forty days prior to Easter Day not counting Sundays (because Sundays are always feast days and are not technically a part of the Lenten fast). The Church got the idea of the forty days of Lenten fasting from Jesus' forty days of temptation in the wilderness during which our Lord fasted and prayed.

The forty days of Lent, for us, are days

of fasting, prayer and self-examination. It is a time each year when we do the spring cleaning of our souls. This is accomplished by giving up some things and by taking on others. For example, we might consider giving up sweets or alcohol or something else that will get our attention, and we might take on some kind of study, service or Lenten worship opportunity.

Both taking on and giving up are under the auspices of discipline. Jesus calls us to follow Him, to be His disciples or students. In order to learn from our Teacher, we must discipline ourselves to pay closer attention to Him and to spend more time with Him during these forty days. It's no wonder that disciple and discipline come from the same root and are similar in meaning.

Whatever we should decide to take on or give up during Lent should be things that will draw us closer to our Lord over these forty days. Therefore, between profanity and chocolate, one could make the case that giving up profanity would probably draw us closer to Jesus and His Way. Giving up something like chocolate or coffee has to do with embracing a prompt, something that we do regularly and often, to give up so that when we think of this thing, we turn our thoughts to loving and following Jesus in our lives or we turn our hearts to prayer.

Personally, I am finding silence to be a great refuge in my spiritual life. The Psalmist, speaking for God, writes "Be still and know that I am God." In another place the Psalmist writes, "For God alone my soul in silence waits." Centering prayer is the vehicle that I am using to wait for God in the silence. Silence is so difficult to learn and practice because we live in a world filled with words and noise. The journey into silence is exasperating to learn and embrace, but a huge

blessing as one finally surrenders and embraces the silence.

I am becoming convinced through the writings of Thomas Keating, Richard Rohr, Cynthia Bourgeault and others that this journey into silence is for everyone. God waits for us in the silence. One way to think of it is taking our souls into the shop each day for a tune up. For in that silence one is consenting to God's presence and

God's action within us. And yes, it is a bit difficult for us to embrace this discipline of being in the silence with God. We are not used to being silent! However, after a time, the arduous discipline of meeting God in the silence is transformed by God into a holy yearning to be there with God.

I wish you God's blessing upon your Lenten journey this year. The following are several opportunities of study, worship and service which you might consider for your journey: a course in Adult Sunday School in the parish hall studying the Holy Spirit; a midweek Eucharist with healing on Wednesdays at 12:15pm; Centering Prayer on Wednesdays at 5:30pm; packing backpacks for school children on Thursdays at 4:15 pm; Lenten Taize Eucharists on Thursdays at 5:30pm; reading Forward Day by Day daily during Lent.

Yours in Christ Jesus,  
Fr. Gary Coffey

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# Events at a Glance

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## 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., OF*

## Generational Healing Eucharist

*Tuesday, February 3, 7:00 p.m., CH*

## PubSing at French Broad Brewery

*Sunday, February 8*

*Snacks, 5:30 p.m.; singing, 6:00 p.m.*

## Men of the Church

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

## Healing Prayer Services

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

## TEAM Meeting

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

## Order of St. Luke

*Thursday, February 12, 6:30 p.m., PH*

## Steadfast House Meal

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

## Pretzel Making with Zoe for our Youth

*Sunday, February 15, 10:00 a.m. PH*

## Taizé Worship Service

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

## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

*Tuesday, February 17, 5:30-7:00 p.m., PH*

## Ash Wednesday Services

*Wednesday, February 18, 12:00 Noon and 6:00 p.m.*

## Lenten Taizé Services

*Thursdays, February 19-March 26, 5:30 p.m., CH*

## Vestry Meeting

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

Congratulations to Oscar and Emanela Starnes on the birth of their daughter Fiorenza Paola. She was born on December 24, 2014.

*Reminder: Please let us know about births or special honors regarding your children and grandchildren, 254-1086 or [grace.parish@att.net](mailto:grace.parish@att.net).*

# Parish News

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

The **Men of the Church** will meet Tuesday, February 10, at 6:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Ron Sims and Jim Compton will be our hosts and cooks. The cost is \$10.00. Please sign up on the blue sheet on the kiosk in the foyer.

**Ministry Needs.** From time to time, we get requests from parishioners who need a ride to the doctor or the drug store. If you could help with this ministry, please contact Fr. Gary at 273-0635.

**Monday morning Bible Study** meets at 10:30 a.m. in the parish hall. Please join us 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, February 12, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Our program will be the Gospel lesson about Jesus healing the man with dropsy. We'll watch a DVD which examines the Medical Effects of Prayer on Rheumatoid Arthritis. Christian Healing Ministries sent five teams to Clearwater, Florida to pray with 40 patients. The DVD shows this process and the remarkable healing that occurred for some of the patients. 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.

Join us for our monthly **PubSing**, an informal gathering on the second Sunday evening of each month to sing hymns, old-time Gospel and Americana inspirational music. We will meet on Sunday, February 8, at the French Broad Brewery, 101 Fairview Avenue. Please bring a snack at 5:30 p.m.; singing will begin at 6:00 p.m. 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/>.

**The Tuesday morning Early Birds** meet at 8:15 on Tuesday mornings in the library and study the Word through book studies. All are welcome.

**Volunteers needed to make coffee** once a month for the 11:15 service. It's easy! Put coffee in the filter, brew, then pour into the urns in the foyer. Training available if you aren't familiar with our Bunn coffee maker. If you could help in this ministry, please contact Becky in the church office, 254-1086, or email [grace.parish@att.net](mailto:grace.parish@att.net).

Everyone who can, please step up and make coffee until we get our new volunteers in place.

# Altar Guild News

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According to decisions made last year, the Altar Guild Chair is a one-year position, with a co-chair taking over and a new co-chair in place at the end of January each year.

Nora Jones will be this year's new chair and Cuyler Dupree will be the new co-chair. We wish them a happy and stress-free year of service. Jean Haldane will remain with Group 5 and continue to sub as needed. Nora Jones will remain with Group 4.

*During February, if there should be emergencies, or questions, members may not be able to reach Nora or Cuyler. If you need information or have problems during the first and last weeks of February, call Jean Haldane, 253-9085. During the middle weeks, February 10 through 23, you may contact Cuyler Dupree at 299-8412.*

*For information about weddings, please contact Jean Haldane.*

## Welcomed into the Church

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*Through the Sacrament  
of Holy Baptism*

**Fiorenza Paola Starnes,**

daughter of

Oscar Edwin Starnes IV and Emanela Paola Francesca Chappa

and granddaughter of Pat Starnes,

*was welcomed into the Church*

*Saturday, January 10, 9:30 a.m.*

**Fiorenza**

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



## Kids of the Kingdom Children's Music

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We continue to be so proud of our children who have been contributing to worship with music. We are blessed at Grace to have so many children and youth with the gift of song or who play instruments and are willing to share that blessing in our worship.

I would like to also continue to encourage the congregation not to applaud the children when they sing in worship, but rather, by your quiet reflection, acknowledge their music as an offering to God. In fact, they are not performing; they are leading in worship through music! By offering them encouragement in other ways, you will protect the integrity of their music offering.

## Cursillo 78

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Cursillo 78 will take place at Christmount Assembly in Black Mountain. It begins on the evening of Thursday, April 23, and concludes on the afternoon of Sunday, April 26. Cursillo is a short course in Christianity and the Episcopal faith consisting of fifteen talks given by lay people and clergy. It is an interactive, lively, and educational weekend where participants deepen their knowledge, love, and relationship with Christ. Cursillo is designed to be a teaching tool for further educating us about what our call is as Christians in today's world. There is lots of singing, praying for each other, eating, and fellowship. Our motto is "Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ." If you have any questions, please call Carroll Summer at 828-877-5383.



## Youth to Make Pretzels February 15

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On Sunday, February 15, at 10 a.m., Zoe Davis will once again lead our youth in making Lenten pretzels. It's a fun annual project for the children, but do you know *why* we make pretzels in the Lenten season? Here's the story.

Around the year 610 (supposedly in preparation for Lent) a monk was using unleavened bread to make a treat for children who had learned to recite their prayers. Christians in those days prayed by folding their hands across their chests with each hand touching the opposite shoulder. The clever monk twisted strips of dough to look like hands folded in prayer. He gave his creation the name "pretiola," Latin for "little reward."



## Shrove Tuesday Pancakes February 17

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Make sure you mark your calendars! Our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper is Tuesday, February 17. Don't miss great pancakes, sausage and bacon from 5:30-7:00 p.m., hosted and prepared by our Grace youth. As in years past, we will also need some volunteers to help them out. If you can assist with set-up, clean-up or serving, please contact Daphne Urquhart at 299-4545. The cost will be \$3.00 for children age seven and under and \$5.00 for older children and adults.

And in case anyone asks you why we eat pancakes on Shrove (also called "Fat") Tuesday, tell them this: Pancakes are made using fat, milk and eggs, foods that were traditionally restricted during Lent. Thrifty homemakers would make pancakes on Fat Tuesday to empty their pantries of those items. The day is also called Pancake Tuesday.

## Ash Wednesday Services February 18

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Ash Wednesday marks the first day of Lent. For your convenience, two Ash Wednesday services will take place on February 18, one at 12:00 noon and an evening service at 7:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and penitence in which the Pastor applies ashes to the foreheads of Christians to signify an inner repentance. The ashes for Ash Wednesday are typically gathered from the burning of palm fronds from the previous year's Palm Sunday.

## During Lent, Come Away to Taizé

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We can't take everyone at Grace to the monastic community at Taizé, France during Lent. But, we *can* bring the quiet meditative worship of Taizé to you each Thursday during Lent at 5:30 p.m. in the church. Beginning the day after Ash Wednesday on February 19, why not make these special midweek worship experiences a part of your Lenten journey this year?

### Why do we observe Lent?

Lent is a solemn observance in the liturgical year of many Christian denominations including the Episcopal Church. Probably originating in the fourth century of the Church, it is one of the oldest observances in the Christian calendar. Its traditional purpose was the preparation of catechumens through prayer, penance, repentance, almsgiving and self-denial for baptism and acceptance into the Church. Today, often through a variety of Lenten disciplines, Christians continue to use the period of time leading up to Easter for introspection, self-examination, repentance and good works.

In most western traditions, Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and concludes either on Maundy Thursday morning or on Easter Eve. At Grace, Lent is observed from Ash Wednesday (February 18) until sundown on Holy Saturday (April 4). Sundays are not counted in the forty days of Lent.

# Grace Outreach

*Sue Thompkins*

The Grace Outreach Committee made the following donations on behalf of our parish to local and international charity organizations during 2014:

1. Room in the Inn	\$1500
2. Habitat for Humanity	\$1500
3. ABCCM	\$3000
4. Helpmate	\$ 500
5. Caring for Children	\$ 500
6. Consider Haiti	\$1000
7. Episcopal Relief and Development	\$2000

This \$10,000 was the money that was allocated to Grace Outreach in the annual church budget. In addition, we continue to fund our Back Packer program through donations and past fund raising efforts. We would like to thank the Vestry and all members of the parish for your financial support of the Grace Outreach programs.

# ECW News for 2014

*Georgi Bruce*

Rummage sale income: \$2,977.00 (*even though prices were kept very, very low to assist shoppers in need*)

## Outreach Allocations:

Diocese of WNC	\$300
Episcopal Relief and Development	\$200
United Thank Offering	\$200
Church Women United	\$ 25
Lambeth Conference	\$ 10
Broughton House Lunch/Party	\$123
Broughton Teens Christmas	\$100

## Grace Special Projects

Camp Henry Scholarships	\$169
Homebound Bud Vases	\$ 26
Grace Angel Tree	\$300
Grace Easter Baskets	\$ 25

# Healing Prayer Corner

*Jeanne Robertson*

Several years ago, I began a new ministry connected with healing prayer. I volunteered at the Woman's Prison in Swannanoa, praying with the women there during a healing prayer service. Little did I know where that would lead. Women would come up after the service and ask me if I was eligible to take them out to get clothes. They are allowed fifteen pieces of clothing, which are not issued by the state, to use when they attend church services and special events outside the prison. I learned that there are not enough volunteers to accommodate taking each woman out to get clothes. I decided I would do this for the women.

I attended required training, and now I not only take women out to get clothes, but I take them out to church services, concerts, or anything that is approved by the prison. This helps the women to begin to reconnect with society and to learn healthy ways of conducting their lives so that, when released, they will not return to the prison. Perhaps you might be interested in such a ministry.

I know the experience has blessed me far more than I could ever imagine. I am reminded of this in Luke 4:18, where Jesus quotes the prophet Isaiah "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives."

If you would be interested in participating in such a ministry, contact either myself at 683-7701 or Ann Robinson at 274-3462 for additional details.

Many blessings to each of you.

No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted. — Aesop

# Christmas Greenery & Flower Donors

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*Our thanks to all who contributed so generously to the beauty of Grace Church during the Christmas season.*

Jack & Mary Jane Westall in memory of Frances King Davis

George & Pat Davis in memory of Mike & Sally and in thanksgiving for family and friends

Sylvia Greenwood in memory of Roy Wilson Rhodes

James Cannon in thanksgiving for Bobbi Cannon

Bobbi Eblen in memory of PaPa Joe and in thanksgiving for all our family

Joan D. Sanderson in memory of Pat DeHon

Philip A. Walker in memory of Grace Walker and Pete Walker and in thanksgiving for family

Sherry & Bill Coward in thanksgiving for our children

Cuyler Dupree in memory of Pat & Angie Vest

Joe & Rachel in memory of Grams

Joanne & Scott Best in memory of Clara Christian Murchison

Kathleen Griffin in memory of my husband, Bob

Steve & Nancy Murray in memory of Evelyn Clay & Alice Murray and in thanksgiving for wonderful Moms who made Christmas wonderful

Don Hawkins in memory of Martie Hawkins

Mary Israel in memory of Tom Israel

Mike St. Clair in memory of Judy St. Clair

Tom & Taylor Barr in memory of Laurie Barr

The Wall family in thanksgiving for our family and friends

Jean & Doug Haldane in memory of our parents

Paul & Vicki Vest in memory of Pat & Angie Vest

Anonymous in thanksgiving for Grace Youth

Rusty & Lynda McCredie in celebration of the safe return from Afghanistan of Chief Petty Officer Jason Marino and the other men and women of Navy Mobile Construction Battalion 25.

*Thank You!*

*Photo by Terry Barnes*

# Reflections on a Trip to India

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*Our Bishop, Porter Taylor, is in India visiting our companion diocese in Durgapur now through February 4. Please keep him in your prayers and follow his daily blog posts at [dioceseofwnc.blogspot.com](http://dioceseofwnc.blogspot.com).*



When we talk about the Anglican Communion, sometimes it seems ethereal. We know it's there, but it doesn't really touch our daily lives. We pray for the Archbishop of Canterbury, but few of us will ever meet him or know much about his activities. In a world that keeps getting more and more privatized and individualistic, it's vital that we are connected to a worldwide communion. It's important to me that we have a common prayer across the globe and share a common structure of being Church, because it roots us to a history and connects us globally.

Monday, January 26, I leave for India. This is my third trip to visit our brothers and sisters in our companion diocese in Durgapur. As always, I don't look forward to being in the plane, but I think about seeing Bishop Dutta and our friends with great anticipation.

However, without faces a communion remains an abstraction. When I think of the Anglican Communion, I think of Probal Dutta. I think of the children in the Cathedral school and the women in the Daughters of the King. I think of the women sewing to make head scarves to help stop human trafficking. I think of the Medical Clinic. I think of my friends.

Being connected to the Diocese of Durgapur makes the Anglican Communion real for me. We talk about a Book of Common Prayer, but when I go there, I know it's so. Sunday, February 1, I will celebrate the Eucharist using the Indian Book of Common Prayer, but I could say the Eucharistic Prayer with my eyes closed.

I will post a daily blog that you can access through our website. Because India is eleven-and-a-half hours ahead (yes, not twelve but eleven-and-a-half), when you are waking we will be preparing to sleep, and vice versa. Thus, when you are asleep we in India are praying for you, and when we are asleep, please pray for us. It's what we call communion.

+Porter

## A Sweet Event from Habitat for Humanity

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**Meet Your Match on the Habitat Jobsite!** This Valentine's Day, Saturday, February 14, from 8:15 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., join thirty other young, single professionals at the Hudson Hills jobsite off Johnston Boulevard in West Asheville for a meaningful day of making connections and making a difference.

Your \$20 registration fee will cover the cost of building materials and lunch. The day will include fun meet-n-mingle activities and you're invited to a "Singles Build" happy hour. No experience necessary, just come prepared to work hard and have a great time.

To learn more and to sign up, visit [ashevillehabitat.org/habitat-host-singles-build-valentines-day](http://ashevillehabitat.org/habitat-host-singles-build-valentines-day).



## February 2015 Ministry Schedule

Date	Service Time	Acolyte C	Acolyte G	Acolyte E	Lector, Intercessor & Presenters	Healing Team	Ushers	Chalichists	Coffee Hour	Scripture	Lesson
<b>1-Feb</b>											
	7:45						Ed Duncan	James Cannon			
	9:00	Maira Stewart	Carsten Path	Daphne Urquhart	L, I, P - Bill Crowover, Ray Kuykendall, Kuy, Family	Louise Wernicke Patricia Hargrove	Tom and Liz Barr	1. Anne Simmons 2. Cuyler Dupree	Paul Vest	Deuteronomy 18:15-20	1st Lesson
	11:15	Rusty McCredie	Jonah Silvers	Mark Silvers	L, I, P - Rusty McCredie, Jenny Thomas, Alternate	Karen Compton Alternate	Bob Turner Paul Stewart	1. Mark Silvers 2. Elaine Potter	Sallie Hunter	I Corinthians 8:7b-13	2nd Lesson & 9:00
<b>8-Feb</b>											
	7:45						Steve Jones	Jack Frue			
	9:00	Cade Wooten	Cheryl Deyton	Cuyler Dupree	L, I, P - Cuyler Dupree and Barbara Wilcox	Sherry Coward Jeanne Robertson	Doug Haldane Jim Siemens	1. John Woodson 2. Greg Townsend	Katherine Kaderabek	Isaiah 40:21-31	1st Lesson & 9:00
	11:15	Cheryl Aull	Sally Withers	Bob Grimes	L, I, P - Beth Stahl, Mary Cozine, and Alternate	Mary Israel Corinne Spencer	Larry and LuAnn Harris	1. Charles Carter 2. Kimberly Kneier	Volunteer	I Corinthians 9:16-23	2nd Lesson & 9:00
<b>15-Feb</b>											
	7:45						Andrew Dahm	Margaret Dahm			
	9:00	Andrew/Harrison Best	Faith Valley	Cuyler Dupree	L - Greg Plank I - Vicki Vest P - Plank Family	Alternate Jane Whitman	Paul and Vicki Vest	1. Scott Best 2. Sarah Valley	Micki Newton	II Kings 2:1-12	1st Lesson
	11:15	Rusty McCredie	Jonah Silvers	Grace Miller	L, I, P - Cal and Nancy Remmers & Alternate	Sonny Rawls Karen Compton	Rusty Herman John Riggsby	1. Sally Coburn 2. Carol McMichael	Volunteer	II Corinthians 4:3-6	2nd Lesson & 9:00
<b>Ash Wed</b>	12:00 Noon 6:00 p.m.	Mark Silvers	Sally Withers	Eric Howell	LIP - Sally Coburn & Alternate LIP - Jenny Thomas and Elaine Potter			1. Sally Coburn 2. Mary Cozine 1. Mark Silvers 2. Eric Howell		Isaiah 58:1-12 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10	
<b>22-Feb</b>											
	7:45						Steve Jones	James Cannon			
	9:00	Zoe Davis	Laura Ellington	Louise Wernicke	L, I, P - Paul and Daphne Urquhart	Jeanne Robertson Shari Lane	Derek & Wade Edwards	1. Debbie Jones 2. Ann Robinson	Elaine Dephouse	Genesis 9:8-17	1st Lesson
	11:15	Cheryl Aull	Bob Grimes	Eric Howell	L, I, P - Mark Silvers, Jenny Thomas & Alternate	Sonny Rawls Mary Israel	Ed Woockener Ron Sims	1. Sally Coburn 2. Nancy Clark	Georgi Bruce	I Peter 3:18-22	2nd Lesson & 9:00
	Taizé 8:00 PM				L - Monty Wooten P - James Cannon	Deb Gravatt					

Date	Counters	Depositors	Date	Flower Arrangers	Altar Guild
<b>1-Feb</b>	Steve Birkhofer	James Cannon	<b>1-Feb</b>	Newton, Israel	Group 1 - Jan 31 - Feb 6
<b>8-Feb</b>	Martha Boyette	Judy Bohan	<b>8-Feb</b>	Newton, Israel	Group 2 - Feb 7 - Feb 13
<b>15-Feb</b>	Sally Withers	Chal and Hugh Vaughn	<b>15-Feb</b>	Dawson, Buchanan	Group 3 - Feb 14 - Feb 20
<b>22-Feb</b>	Georgi Bruce	Anne Simmons	<b>22-Feb</b>	LENT Dawson, Buchanan	Group 4 - Feb 21 - Feb 27
					Group 1 - Feb 28 - Mar 7



# 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; Sherry Coward; Ed Denison; Eunice & Rhea Ferguson; Catherine Godfrey; Buddy Greenwood; Jess Gregory; Olivia & the Haller family; Mary Hayes; Mary Israel; Nora Jones; Wendy Kuykendall; Michelle Lee; Carol McMichael; Charlotte Melson; Deb Pegel; Nancy Porter; Ray Robertson; Tsz-yan Snyder & family; Corinne Spencer; Lucinda Watkins; Chuck Wilcox.**

*For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities:* **Henny Caldwell; Bob Hall; June Kelley; Neill Mason; Maryli Perkins; Martin Shaw; 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):* **Roberta Alexander; Jerry & Mary McAuliffe (friends of Barbara Wilcox); Nancy Bailey & daughters Allison & Kristen (friends of Barbara Wilcox); Carolyn & Winn Baker (friends of Bob & Jeannette Reese); Bethany (daughter of Joan); Stephanie Blackwell & family (sister of Jeanne Sims); Deane Boggs (sister of Joyce Noble); Chris Carson (son of Martha & Randy); Steve & Carolyn Creasman (friends of Barbara & Chuck Wilcox); Debbie D. (friend of Lynda McCredie); Kelli Davis (daughter of George & Pat Davis); Ann & Joe Derwart & family (sister & brother-in-law of Jeanne Sims); Kaci Epley (cousin of Vicki & Paul Vest); Emily Fisk (former parishioner); Margaret Frazier (friend of Jim & Karen Compton); Hammitt family (friends of Jeanne & Ray Robertson); Bill & Mary Hayes (parents of Rick Hayes); Donald Israel (brother-in-law of Mary Israel); Meg Karayiannis (niece of Nancy Ackermann Cole); Roger & Sherry Martin (parents of Wendy Kuykendall); Fr. Tim & Beverly McRee (friends of Grace Church); Forest Pivirotto (great-nephew of Nancy Clark); Perry Pruitt (brother-in-law of Billy Gray); Ann Sparks (mother of Angela Taylor); Erik & Susan Stoops (brother-in-law & sister of Wendy Kuykendall); Jennifer Svenstrup (friend of Paul & Vicki Vest); Kathy Taylor (friend of Barbara Wilcox); Stephanie Tugurian (daughter of Jeanne & Ron Sims); Sandy White (sister-in-law of Sylvia Greenwood); Hershel Williams; Alan & Melissa Wood; Alicia; Ashley (daughter of Henry Watts); Dan; Don & Patricia; Elizabeth; Linda; Lou (mother of Kim Hayes); Mary Dee (cousin of Walt Noble); Judah & Rachel; Julie (daughter of Rita Spragg); Pam (friend of Cheryl Aull); Michael P.; 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 Who Have Died & their Families:* **Bill Creasman (friends of Barbara & Chuck Wilcox); James B. Coward (brother of Bill Coward).**

*For Those in Service to Our Country:* **Ryan, Tommy & Danny Brown (grandsons of Ed & Marla Woekener); Matthew George (son of Zoe Davis); Steven Grenier (son-in-law of Jean & Doug Haldane); Austin Harrison (grandson of Joan Sanderson); 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 (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 the political crises across the world.*

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

## Gifts to Appreciate

The Aumbry Candle is given to the Glory of God by Rita Lyda in thanksgiving for Grace church and in loving memory of her parents, Disa and Jens Krestensen.

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by:

Cheryl Aull in thanksgiving for Joe's birthday;

the Drake and Duncan families in memory of Marguerite Alexander;

Mariza and Walter Adamson in thanksgiving for their family.

February 22 is the first Sunday of Lent, and although it is common for flowers to be incorporated around the altar during most of the church year, they are not used during this solemn and penitential season.



*The Lenten Rose is so-named because, in northern climates, it blooms during the Lenten season.*

## Endowment Gifts

Richard and Elizabeth Krueger in memory of Grace Walker and Betty Harper.

# We are Thankful

*Your Vestry*

Pledge receipts of \$29,616 in December brought year-to-date pledges to \$356,647 compared to budgeted pledges of \$359,003. Considering all income sources, income for the first twelve months totaled \$441,924, while we had projected income to be \$454,419; resulting in a negative variance of (\$12,495).

The negative income variance for the first twelve months was offset by under-budget Outreach costs of \$440, under-budget Program costs of \$597, under-budget Operations costs of \$7,677, and under-budget Personnel costs of \$15,409. These variances gave us a total savings from budgeted expenses of \$24,123. When applied to the negative income variance of (\$12,495), year-to-date income less expenses totaled \$11,628.

We are thankful that all needs have been met and look forward to another successful year in 2015.

## Statement of Activities - Grace Church Year to Date - December 2014

	Actual	Budget	Variance
<b>Income:</b>			
Pledges	356,647	359,003	(2,356)
Prior Year Pledges	6,510	-	6,510
Non-pledged Offerings	46,907	61,484	(14,577)
Open Offering	12,098	10,000	2,098
Interest	69	150	(81)
Misc.	19,693	23,782	(4,089)
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>441,924</b>	<b>454,419</b>	<b>(12,495)</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Outreach/Mission	56,692	57,132	(440)
Parish Programs	12,403	13,000	(597)
Operations	64,973	72,650	(7,677)
Personnel	296,228	311,637	(15,409)
Suspense Acct-credit card charges to be coded	-	-	-
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>430,296</b>	<b>454,419</b>	<b>(24,123)</b>
<b>Income Less Expenses:</b>	<b>11,628</b>	<b>(0)</b>	<b>11,628</b>

## Our History: Women of Grace

*A 1984 article from "The Highland Churchwoman," (ECW of WNC)*

**WOMEN ARE STRONG INFLUENCE.** Grace, Asheville, has a long history of sustaining influence by its women's societies. As early as 1890, the King's Daughters gave socials and entertained visitors. The Women's Industrial Society gave suppers and bazaars and did a large amount of sewing both for the parish and social work.

During the 1930s and 1940s, Miss Mona Cannell contributed much to Grace Mission, especially to the children of the church and the Buncombe County Children's Home. Another missionary from Grace Church was Mary Hayes, who served in a log cabin hospital in Fort Yukon, Alaska, an Indian village seven miles north of the Arctic Circle. She has now returned to Grace Church and is active in all phases of church life.

The women of Grace Church are very active in the pre-release and aftercare program of the N.C. Department of Corrections. The ECW also holds an annual "country store," a fund-raising effort, the proceeds of which are used for community outreach.

*You'll often spot Mary Hayes on Sundays at the 9:15 service or helping with various events, still active, still involved, still giving generously of her time and talents. Thank you, Mary!*

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  - Ash Wednesday
  - Bishop Taylor in India
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to each a ministry

**TEAM**

*the Grace*

