



the Grace TEAM

to each a ministry

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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 heard someone recently define the essence of the Church (with a big "C" meaning all the baptized throughout the world) as a "School of Love." That definition caught my attention. Since we have so many ways of using the word love in the English language, from "I love my family" to "I love good coffee," we probably need to clarify "school of love" a bit by saying "Christ's School of Love."

When we think about Christ's love, if we define it by the Gospels, we get anything *but* sentimentality. Christ's love is a thought-out, bold kind of love. It is love that stands up to bullying, as in His encounter with the crowd getting ready to stone the woman for committing adultery. He loved the Jewish religious authorities enough to tell them the truth about how they were "straining out a

gnat and swallowing a camel" or "trying to take the speck out of their neighbor's eye while they had a two by four in their own eye." That bold love which told the truth led to His death on the cross.

Christ's love is an active love rather than a passive love. After days of being with the crowds, teaching them and healing their sick, probably exhausted, Jesus got in a boat and went across the Sea of Galilee to try and get some rest. The crowd went around the sea on foot and followed Him there. As He looked out at this crowd in need of his loving ministry, he had compassion on them because, He said, they were like sheep without a shepherd. So, rather than getting back in the boat and fleeing the scene, He stayed and ministered to their needs.

Christ's love is a challenging love.

" I heard someone recently define the essence of the Church as a 'School of Love.' "

Someone once said God loves us as we are but loves us too much to leave us that way! Such was the case with Jesus. He was so proud of the rich young man who came to Him and told Him that he had kept God's commandments since his youth. Hearing this, the text says Jesus looked at him and loved him. But, evidently, Jesus could see that the young man's heart was wrapped around his wealth. So, Jesus told him, if he wanted to be perfect, to sell all that he had, give the money to the poor, and then come and follow Him. Jesus loved the young man too much to leave him bound up by his possessions.

Christ's love is sometimes probing. As Jesus predicted, Peter denied Jesus three times after Jesus' arrest. Jesus had told Peter that he was the rock upon which He would build His Church. Peter had failed miserably in his denial of his Lord. We can imagine how tormented Peter was by the memory of his denial. In one

of His resurrection appearances, out of his love for Peter, Jesus asked him, not once, not twice, but three times if Peter loved Him. As difficult as this was for Peter, Jesus was probing Peter with His love. It was not so that Jesus would know, but so that Peter would know his love for Jesus was genuine. As a result, Peter went on to lead the early Church as Jesus had predicted.

This upcoming Lenten season, Beloved, is a time to continue in "Christ's School of Love" here at Grace Church. It is a time for remembering not only that we are loved by Jesus, but that, like Peter, we are learning right here in this "School of Love" at Grace, to love as He loved.

Blessings,

Fr. Gary Coffey

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., OF

Bells and Choir Practice

Wednesdays, Bells: 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Choir: 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Generational Healing Eucharist

Tuesday, February 2, 7:00 p.m., CH

Endowment Committee Meeting

Wednesday, February 3, 5:30 p.m., LI

Men of the Church

Tuesday, February 9, 6:00 p.m.

Healing Prayer Services

Tuesday, February 9, 16, & 23, 7:00 p.m., CH

Ash Wednesday

February 10, 12:00 Noon and 6:00 p.m., CH

Order of St. Luke Program Meeting

Thursday, February 11, 6:30 p.m., PH

Steadfast House Meal

Friday, February 12, 6:00 p.m.

PubSing

Sunday, February 14

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

Taizé Worship Service

Sunday, February 21, 8:00 p.m., CH

Kids of Kingdom Sing

Sunday, February 28, 9:00 a.m. Service, CH

Kids of the Kingdom to Sing February 28

Youth of Grace (M3) will have a special Sunday to sing in February. We are singing "Lord of the Dance" at the 9:00 service on February 28. We will warm up that morning at 8:45 at the base of the stairs to the Sunday School and nursery hallway. We need enthusiastic voices! See you there.

The TEAM Goes Green!

As you probably already know, beginning this month, *TEAM* readers currently on our all-parish email list will be receiving their monthly issue via email. For those of you without access to email, we will be glad to mail you a copy, or you may pick one up in the church foyer. For those who prefer having a printed version, the emailed issue will be an easy-to-print PDF. We hope you will embrace what we believe is an ecologically and financially responsible improvement. To make sure we know your preferences and/or have your current email information, please contact the church office, 828-245-1086, extension 10, or email grace.parish@att.net.

Parish News

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

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.

Men of the Church will meet on Tuesday, February 9, at 6:00 p.m. The host and cook is Tom Barr. Tom's address is 106 Wembley Road, Asheville. The cost is \$10.00. Please sign up on the blue sheet on the kiosk in the foyer. Everyone is welcome.

Monday Morning Bible Study meets on Mondays 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.

PubSing is an informal gathering on the second Sunday of each month. Join in this month to sing hymns, old-time Gospel, and Americana inspirational music on February 14 at the French Broad Brewery, 101 Fairview Road, Asheville. 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 or 828-254-1114. For directions, go to <http://frenchbroadbrewery.com/directions/>.

Summer babysitting is being offered by Thames Kaderabek, the daughter of Todd and Katherine. Thames is a nineteen-year-old University of Mississippi freshman looking for a full or part-time summer babysitting job. She loves crafts, outdoor summer fun and children and is available mid-May through the beginning of August. References are available. Please contact Thames at tmkadera@go.olemiss.edu or 828-335-4625.

The Order of St. Luke will meet on Thursday, February 11. We will not meet if the Asheville city schools are closed that day or will close early because of inclement weather.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at the Cathedral

Grace Church will not be hosting a Pancake Supper this year. You are welcome, however, to join the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at All Souls Cathedral in Biltmore Village. The event takes place Tuesday, February 9, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., in the Zabriskie Parish Hall. We hope you will prepare to begin your Lenten journey this year by joining our sister parish for supper, a pancake toss race, and the burning of the palms for Ash Wednesday.

For more information, call the All Souls office, 274-2681.



February 10 Services for Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday marks the first day of Lent. For your convenience, two Ash Wednesday services will take place on February 10, one at 12:00 noon and an evening service at 6:00 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.

A Lenten Invitation from Fr. Gary

Beloved, I think you would agree with me that forgiving someone who has wronged us or hurt us in some way is difficult. And yet, we know forgiveness is at the very heart of the Gospel.

I learned a lot about how to forgive and live in love when I was away for a week of continuing education recently, and I would delight in sharing that learning with you during this upcoming Lenten season. **We will meet at the church for five Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., exploring forgiveness. We begin Thursday, February 18.**

Some of the things we will look at together are: adjusting our image of God, letting go of resentment, forgiving others and forgiving ourselves. See the brief course description below:

How to Forgive and Live in Love

If you are tired of living in a world that:

- Is saturated by resentment
- Places a huge value on revenge
- Confuses revenge and punishment with justice
- Doesn't know how to find the freedom of forgiveness

"Jesus told us we need to forgive but he never taught us how." - Steve Andreas

The reason people don't forgive is simple:

- They don't know what forgiveness really is and often confuse it with reconciliation or forgetting
- They don't know how to forgive
- Something inside of them resists the idea of forgiving

The solution is also simple:

- Teach people what forgiveness really is and what it is not
- Teach people how to forgive
- Resolve the internal resistance, which often occurs naturally as they learn what forgiveness really is what it is not

Discovering Lent

If you're like me, you learn new things about Lent every year. Here are some bits of information you may find interesting, or Google "lenten history" or "lenten traditions" to learn more on your own:

Why do Episcopalians 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.

What does the word "Lent" mean?

The word "Lent" is derived from the Anglo-Saxon words "lencten" meaning "spring" and "lenctentid," which means both "Springtide" and "March."

Why do some traditions refer to Lent as the Bright Sadness?

Because Lent is observed as a season of sorrowful reflection, it is called in Eastern Orthodox traditions the season of Bright Sadness.

When does Lent occur?

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 10) until sundown on Holy Saturday (March 26). Sundays are not counted in the forty days of Lent.

What is the significance of keeping the Lenten fast for forty days?

The number forty is connected with many biblical events: forty days and forty nights of rain in the story of Noah and the ark; the forty days and forty nights Moses spent on Mount Sinai receiving the Ten Commandments; the forty years the Israelites spent in the desert. The number is particularly significant for Christians during Lent because it is a time of spiritual preparation mirroring the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness preparing for His ministry.

What is carnival?

More than just a big indulgent party in places like New Orleans or Rio de Janeiro, carnival is the three-day period preceding the beginning of Lent — the Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday immediately before Ash Wednesday (some traditions consider carnival to be the entire period of time between Epiphany and Ash Wednesday). The word "carnival" is derived from the Latin phrase "carne vale" which means "farewell to meat."

What is Clean Monday?

Also known as Ash Monday, Clean Monday is the first day of Lent in the Eastern Orthodox Christian tradition. Clean Monday refers to the leaving behind of sinful attitudes and it is often commemorated by giving one's house a thorough cleaning. Kite-flying is another widespread custom for Clean Monday.

What does "Mardi Gras" mean?

"Mardi Gras" is French for "Fat Tuesday." It was traditionally the day when people emptied their pantries of food items restricted during Lent. Today the phrase is often used to refer to the entire three-day period prior to the beginning of Lent. In some parts of the Christian world, the commonly-used term for the Tuesday before Lent is Shrove Tuesday. To "shrive" means to present oneself for confession, penance and absolution.

Why eat pancakes on Fat Tuesday?

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.

Where do the ashes for Ash Wednesday come from?

The ashes for Ash Wednesday are typically gathered from the burning of palm fronds from the previous year's Palm Sunday.

Why make pretzels in Lent?

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."

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Grace Outreach

Sue Thompkins

ABCCM FOOD DRIVE. We will be having our first ABCCM food drive of 2016 on February 21. Once again we are asking you to bring in three items that have been identified by the staff at ABCCM as key needs for use in their shelters and in their food pantries. They have asked us to give:

- spaghetti sauce;
- canned chicken; and
- vegetable oil.

We will give you reminder sheets with this information on February 14 and will ask that you return the food on Sunday, February 21. Thank you for your help.

TREASURE FOR TRANSFORMATION. During 2016, ABCCM will begin construction of its TRANSFORMATION VILLAGE. Transformation Village will help provide permanent housing for the homeless of Buncombe County. As most of you know, both the nation and our area have been experiencing an increase in homelessness. Homelessness does matter and takes a terrible toll on both those people who are homeless and the communities where they live. Transformation Village will provide housing for two primary populations --- homeless veterans and homeless women and children. The housing will be built in the style of a village with various styles of homes as well as community green spaces and play areas. The land has already been purchased and is located off Brevard Road near the new outlet center, a location that provides easy access to bus lines, grocery stores, and other shopping. ABCCM is currently raising funds to build the houses.

How can YOU help? During Lent, which begins February 10, the Outreach Committee will challenge members of the parish to help ABCCM build this village. We will be providing you with “treasure chests” and asking you to fill them with “treasure” — spare change, dollar bills, or checks that we will then collect and donate to ABCCM at the end of Lent. This is a wonderful opportunity to have your children help others.

As the story of Jesus turning water into wine illustrates, God is capable of transforming lives. Together, let's give of our treasure to provide an opportunity for God to transform the lives of the men, women, and children who will become the occupants of Transformation Village.



Let's all fill up at least one Treasure Chest for Transformation during Lent!

Healing Prayer Corner

Jeanne Robertson

As a facilitator of an Intercessory Prayer List, I receive requests daily for prayers for family, friends and loved ones. Many are heartbreaking requests. It is at that time that I turn to the book of Psalms and one of my favorite quotes. Psalm 34:18 tells us: “The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.”

It helps remind me that I am a conduit between Jesus, who is our healer, and the person requesting the prayer. I can listen and I can hug a person, but the healing comes from the inner healing work that Jesus does for us. God's spirit, living within us, responds to the person in need. In that special time, the person states his/her need, the prayer minister's inner spirit responds with prayer and Jesus initiates the healing.

Perhaps what I am trying to say is that if you have a need, for yourself or a friend or family member, ask a Grace Prayer Minister for prayer and Jesus will begin the healing process. Our Lord wants for us health, happiness, and all the blessings He gave to us on the day we were born. All we need to do is ask for His help, step back and allow Him to shower blessings down upon us. In this time of winter weather and bone chilling cold, let Jesus warm your heart with all the blessings you can possibly stand.

Year-End Financials & 2016 Pledges *Fr. Gary Coffey*

2015 was a tough year financially here at Grace. We closed the year with a deficit of about \$20,000. Although the Vestry monitored the financial reports carefully each month, and we were hopeful that year-end giving would help us end the year in the black as it often has in the past, that failed to happen. Unfortunately, due to \$20,000 in unpaid pledges and significantly lower than expected unpledged giving and open offering totals, we ended 2015 with a deficit.

Now, coming into the new year, we continue to have concerns. So far, we have received only 118 pledges totalling \$326,000, compared to 139 pledges totalling \$364,000 in 2015. This is \$38,000 less in 2016 than the amount pledged in 2015.

We are committed, however, to living within our means. Unfortunately, that means we may be forced to cut the salaries and benefits of our employees, which is, of course, the last thing we would want to do.

And so we turn to you, the Grace family, for your prayers and your help. If you have not made a pledge for 2016, we would ask you to please do so if you are able. If you have made a pledge and are in a position to increase your 2016 pledge with even a small amount, it is desperately needed at this time.

Most importantly, please remember to ask God in your daily prayers to provide these funds which enable our ministry together. God is so faithful and will see us through this difficult time by moving the hearts of God's people to give as they are able. Thanks so much to all of you who contribute to the ministry of Grace.

Year-End Increases Fail to Erase Deficit

Pledge receipts through the end of December totaled \$342,392, compared to projected pledges of \$351,932. Considering all income sources, income for the year totaled \$413,320, while we projected income to be \$445,072. We ended the year with a negative variance in overall projected income of \$31,753.

The negative income variance this year was offset by expenses which were less than budgeted amounts by \$12,835. When added to the negative income variance of 31,753, our income less expenses resulted in a deficit of \$18,917 for the year.

Income this month did increase in comparison with the past several months and our shortfalls in pledged income have been reduced. Our expenses continued to offset the shortfall in income to a great extent, but we ended the year in a deficit situation. We continue to encourage prayer and attention to our stewardship efforts.

Your Vestry

Statement of Activities - Grace Church Year to Date - December 2015

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Income:			
Pledges	342,392	351,932	(9,540)
Prior Year Pledges	2,315	-	2,315
Non-pledged Offerings	41,195	61,484	(20,289)
Open Offering	10,443	19,230	(8,787)
Interest	70	150	(81)
Misc.	16,906	12,276	4,630
Total Income:	413,320	445,072	(31,753)
Expenses:			
Outreach/Mission	54,282	57,132	(2,850)
Parish Programs	14,063	14,950	(887)
Operations	69,022	75,322	(6,300)
Personnel	294,870	297,668	(2,798)
Total Expenses:	432,237	445,072	(12,835)
Income Less Expenses:	(18,917)	-	(18,917)



Our Iconic New Red Doors!

Many people in Asheville know our church as the stone church on Merrimon Avenue with the red doors. Our church, thankfully, is hard to miss if you are traveling north on Merrimon Avenue.

So, have you noticed something different? We now have *new* red doors! The old ones had rotted at the bottom and could no longer be repaired. The new ones were crafted out of white oak by Daniel Ferency, a custom doormaker, and hopefully will last the next hundred years! And yes, they are as red as ever!

The doors were funded by proceeds from our Endowment Fund, which is designated for special projects such as this one, which cannot be funded by our operating budget.

Many thanks to one of our members (who wishes to remain anonymous) who oversaw this project from start to finish!

The New Labyrinth in Our Urban Garden

We are also pleased to announce the completion of a wonderful new labyrinth in the Urban Garden. Our thanks go to Don Hawkins and his son David for volunteering all the backbreaking labor that went into the finished product, which was funded by interment fees dedicated to garden upkeep.

Walking and Praying the Labyrinth

The labyrinth is a metaphor for life. The Christian life is often described as a pilgrimage or journey with God. In life, as with the labyrinth, we don't always know where the path will take us, what twists and turns the future holds, but we trust that the path will arrive at the center, to God. Once we reach the center, we are in a place to receive answers to our questions. On the journey out, we are sent back into the world, potentially energized and with a broader sense of identity and ideas of how to be of service.

Sometimes people will use the terms "labyrinth" and "maze" interchangeably, when in fact, they are quite different. A maze is a puzzle that has to be solved. It may have many entrances and exits, dead ends and tricks, and is a left brain task that requires logical, analytical thinking to decipher. A labyrinth, on the other hand, has only one path. Utilizing our right brain, it engages our symbolic mind and is representative of our life's journey. There are no blind alleys or false leads, no puzzles to figure out. There is only one path that leads you to the center and that same path leads you back out again. The labyrinth is a path of prayer, a walking path of meditation that can become a mirror of the soul.

Walking the labyrinth can be approached in many ways. There is no "right" way to walk the labyrinth. It can be used for prayer, discernment, healing, self-knowledge; some find the labyrinth especially helpful in times of loss and transition. It can be helpful to do some brief journaling prior to entering the labyrinth, naming the parameters of your life and what you are seeking spiritually. One approach is to think of the walk as a three-fold path.

- **THE WAY IN:** Release. The way in is a time of letting go.
- **AT THE CENTER:** Receive. Rest. Take as much time as you need. Stand, Sit, Kneel or lie down.
- **THE WAY OUT:** Return. Follow the path back out the way you came in. This is a time of integrating whatever you received or learned, and returning to the world. After you have completed the walk, you may want to ask "God, how can my experience here help me understand my life?"

Labyrinths have been a part of human history for more than 4000 years. Found in almost every culture and every religious tradition around the world, they have been used as meditation and prayer tools for centuries. Labyrinths are created using Sacred Geometry and are typically made of stone, grass, pavers, or shrubs. The first documented example available of labyrinth use within the Christian tradition is in 324 C.E. when Christians placed the labyrinth on the floor of their church building in Algiers, North Africa. The most famous medieval labyrinth was created in Chartres Cathedral around 1200 A.D. The use of labyrinths has recently been revived for Christian worship, in hospitals, and schools as an invitation for contemplative prayer and insight.



*"Make me to know your ways, O God; teach me your paths."
- Psalm 25:4*

February 2016 Ministry Schedule

Date	Service Time	Acolyte C	Acolyte G	Acolyte E	Lector, Intercessor & Presenters	Healing Team	Ushers	Chalicians	Coffee Hour	Scripture	Lesson
Feb 7											
	7:45				Deb Gravatt		Steve Jones	James Cannon			
	9:00	Gavin Knapp	Maya Bell	Cuyler Dupree	L.I.P - Barbara Wilcox and Hugh Vaughn	Louise Wernicke Patricia Hargrove	Tom and Liz Barr	1. John Woodson 2. Jenny Knapp	Elaine Dephuse	Exodus 34:29-35	1st Lesson & 9:00
	11:15	Cheryl Auill	Sally Withers	Bob Grimes	L, I, P - Kristen Dusenbery, Elaine Potter, 2 Alternates	Karen Compton Alternate	Ron Sims Arnold Clark	1. Carol McMichael 2. Nancy Clark	Sallie Hunter	II Corinthians 3:12-4:2	2nd Lesson
Ash Wed	12:00	Sally Withers			Lector: Kristen Dusenbery			1. Bill Spencer 2. Sally Coburn		Isaiah 58:1-12	
	6:00	TBA			Lector: Mark Silvers			1. Bill Warren! 2. Eric Howell		II Corinthians 5:20b-6:10	
Feb 14											
	7:45				Deb Gravatt		Ed Duncan	James Cannon			
	9:00	Faith Valley	Helena Cullen	Zoe Davis	L.I.P - Ray Kuykendall & Cuyler Dupree	Jeanne Robertson Alternate	Kaderabek Family	1. Sarah Valley 2. Greg Townsend	Paul Vest	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	1st Lesson
	11:15	Mark Silvers	Jonah Silvers	Eric Howell	L, I, P - Joel Rogers & Nancy Remmers, 2 Alternates	Mary Israel Corinne Spencer	Elaine Potter Henry Watts	1. Eric Howell 2. Bill Spencer	Volunteer	Romans 10:8b-13	2nd Lesson & 9:00
Feb 21											
	7:45				Deb Gravatt		Andrew Dahm	Margaret Dahm			
	9:00	Harrison Best	Andrew Best	Louise Wernicke	L.I.P - Bill Crownover and Vicki Vest	Pat Davis Jane Whitman	Paul and Vicki Vest	1. Scott Best 2. Daphne Urquhart	Katherine Kaderabek	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18	1st Lesson
	11:15	Rusty McCredie	New Acolyte	Sally Withers	L.I.P - Jenny Thomas, Mark Silvers & 1 Alternate	Karen Compton Sonny Rawls	Paul Stewart Bob Turner	1. Charles Carter 2. Kimberly Kneier	Georgi Bruce	Philippians 3:17-4:1	2nd Lesson & 9:00
	Taizé 8:00 PM				I - Monty Wooten L - James Cannon	Deb Gravatt					
Feb 28											
	7:45	Cade Wooten	Helena Cullen	Zoe Davis			Steve Jones	Jack Frue			
	9:00	Cade Wooten	Cheryl Deyton	Moira Stewart	L, I, P - Daphne and Paul Urquhart	Jeanne Robertson Shari Lane	Ray and Wendy Kuykendall	1. Anne Simmons 2. Cuyler Dupree	Micki Newton	Exodus 3:1-15	1st Lesson
	11:15	Mark Silvers	Jonah Silvers	Grace Miller	L, I, P - Cal and Nancy Remmers & 1 Alternate	Mary Israel Sonny Rawls	Rusty Herman John Rigsby	1. Sally Withers 2. Bill Warren	Mary Ann Warren	II Corinthians 3:12-4:2	2nd Lesson & 9:00
Flower Arrangers											
Date	Counters	Depositors	Date	Flower Arrangers	Altar Guild						
7-Feb	Steve Birkhofer	James Cannon	7-Feb	Davis, Jones	Group 1 - Feb 6 - Feb 12						
14-Feb	Martha Boyette	Judy Bohan	14-Feb	Newton Israel - Lent - Greenery	Group 2 - Feb 13 - Feb 19						
21-Feb	Sally Withers	Chal & Hugh Vaughn	21-Feb	Newton Israel - Refresh - Greenery	Group 3 - Feb 20 - Feb 26						
28-Feb	Georgi Bruce	Anne Simmons	28-Feb		Group 4 - Feb 27 - Mar 4						

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: **Pat Anderson; Jo Brokenshire; Chris Carson** (*son of Martha & Randy*); **The Rev. Gary Coffey; Ed Denison; Cheryl Deyton; Eunice Ferguson; Mary Hayes; Wendy Kuykendall; Nancy Porter; Ray Robertson; Corey & Tsz-yan Snyder & family; Corinne Spencer; Lucinda Watkins; Chuck Wilcox; Jane Whitman.**

For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities: **Henny Caldwell; David & Peggie Carey; Betty & Rusk Henry; June Kelley; Neill Mason; Maryli Perkins; Joan Sanderson; 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): **Nancy Bailey** (*friend of Barbara & Chuck Wilcox*); **Carolyn & Winn Baker** (*friends of Bob & Jeannette Reese*); **Nancy Battaile** (*sister of Chuck Wilcox*); **Stephanie Blackwell** (*sister of Jeanne Simms*); **David Compton** (*brother of Jim Compton*); **Ryan Conrad** (*friend of Julia Anne Dawson*); **Debbie D.** (*friend of Lynda McCredie*); **Kelli Davis** (*daughter of George & Pat Davis*); **Amanda Donnelly** (*friend of Tricia Hargrove*); **Kacie Epley** (*cousin of Vicki & Paul Vest*); **Bill & Mary Hayes** (*parents of Rick Hayes*); **Donald Israel** (*brother-in-law of Mary Israel*); **Donna Johnson** (*friend of Suzanne & Doug Bowie*); **Kathleen Johnson** (*friend of Barbara & Chuck Wilcox*); **Bobby Lovin** (*father of Vicki Vest*); **Mary McAuliffe** (*wife of Jerry & friend of Barbara & Chuck Wilcox*); **Ted Oesterlin; Erik & Susan Stoops** (*brother-in-law & sister of Wendy Kuykendall*); **Jennifer Svenstrup** (*friend of Paul & Vicki Vest*); **Calvin Underwood** (*friend of Jim & Karen Compton*); **Jessica Vest** (*daughter-in-law of Paul & Vicki Vest*); **Alicia; Ashley** (*daughter of Henry Watts*); **Cathy; Elizabeth; Kim** (*friend of Astrid Coffey*); **Lou** (*mother of Kim Hayes*); **Pam** (*friend of Cheryl Aull*); **Sue; Susan; for all those affected by our struggling economy.**

For Those Who Have Died and Their Families: **Walter Adamson; Mary Duffy** (*mother-in-law of Mary Stewart Sprague Duffy*); **Pat Mailloux; Fred Motney** (*father of Diane Wilkey*).

For Those in the Episcopal Church: **Michael, 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: **Tommy & 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*); **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*); **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 crises throughout our world.

The Bulletin and TEAM prayer list is one of many prayer lists at Grace: For these lists, please get permission from anyone you would like to add and then contact Kathleen Griffin at gkcgiffin7@gmail.com or the church office at grace.parish@att.net. Thanks Be to God for answered prayer, for Kathleen who manages the list, and for all those who faithfully pray.

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 Richard Krueger	14 Gary Roper
4 Marella Buncick	15 Vicki Sanderson
4 Mike Nery	16 Rusty McCredie
4 Alicia Sweatt	17 Doug Mahin
6 Andrew Best	18 Mariza Adamson
6 Joanna Best	18 Cooper Green
6 Brenda Layden	19 Bob Bell
6 Charles Perez	20 Larry Harris
9 Christopher Godfrey	20 Rebecca Jackson
10 Hannah Pennell	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	

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;

in memory of Marguerite Alexander by the Drake and Duncan families.



Sunday, February 14, is the first Sunday in Lent. Traditionally, Grace Church does not decorate the altar with flowers during the Lenten season.

“Thank you” from Mary Israel and the Flower and Altar Guilds

Again, I wish to thank our faithful parishioners for making the “greening” of our sanctuary possible. Also, we are grateful for the funds which make possible the flowers and other materials which grace our church during the time of Christmas.

The loyal workers who come back year after year for the hanging of the greens, the altar guild members, and, of course, our tireless flower guild members give much of their time and energy during this very busy season.

Lastly, special kudos to David Gentry, our sexton, and to Father Gary who always manages to appear at exactly the right time.

We look forward to another memorable celebration of Christ's birth at Grace church.

Grace Church Flowers and Green Donors for Christmas 2015

James Cannon in thanksgiving for the life and ministry of Bobbi Cannon;

Anonymous for Aleena;

Louise Cate Wernicke in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas M. Cate;

Janet W. Thomas in thanksgiving for the Rev. Gary Coffey;

Sam Dement in memory of Albert Marcellino;

Bobby Eblen in memory of Joe and Margie and Jeanne;

Sally Coburn in thanksgiving for Grace Church;

Bill Coward in memory of Sherry Coward and our parents;

Pat Anderson in memory of David Anderson and in thanksgiving for God's blessings;

Tricia and Mickey Trinite in memory of Dad, David Anderson (Andy);

Ann Robinson in memory of Eric Ellington and Roy Robinson;

Jack and Mary Jane Westall in memory of loved ones;

Sharon Yost in thanksgiving for family, friends and support during my illness;

Cuyler Dupree in memory of Don Redding and Sherry Coward;

Anonymous in thanksgiving for Mary Ida and Peter Sprague;

Bill Barber in memory of Judy Barber and in thanksgiving for her life with me;

Rusty and Lynda McCredie in thanksgiving for our four children,
six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren;

Numerous anonymous gifts.