



the Grace TEAM

to each a ministry

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Parson to Person

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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 God,

In preparing for a recent homily I was reminded of what studying the Bible, particularly in a group setting, has meant to me in my life. It has been huge. I grew up in the Church but first really became interested in the Bible after a renewal of faith that occurred in my early twenties. It was at that time, in the context of an ecumenical home Bible study group, that the Bible came alive to me, or actually I suppose I came alive to it!

I came to understand that the Bible is a history book, but it is much more than that. In addition to providing a history of the Jewish people, and of the life of Jesus and the early Church, the Bible is the vehicle through which we hear from God. For that reason we call it the Word of God, but technically the Word of God comes to us from the Bible through what scholars call historical critical interpretation. What that means is that we interpret the Bible considering its historical and cultural context and the intention of the author toward the group to whom he was writing.

The reformer John Calvin expressed a belief in what he called "the plain sense" of the Bible. What he said about that was that he believed that a reasonably intelligent person could read and understand the Bible from the plain sense of the text. That is, it doesn't require a great deal of interpretation or many tools or much scholarly input for a person to understand the Bible. I very much agree with Calvin about that.

You see, even without knowing the intention of the author nor anything about the people to whom he was writing, one can

read something like, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me," and understand thoroughly at a visceral or heart level that God's presence is worth everything to us during times when death encroaches upon us through our own deaths or through the deaths of those we love.

That is just one of thousands of examples that illustrate how the Bible fosters our intimate relationship with God. If you would like to become better acquainted with God through the Bible, I recommend that you

purchase a study Bible. I am partial to *The HarperCollins Study Bible*. The great thing about a study Bible is that you will be reading along and will have a question about something written in, say verse 4. With a good study Bible you simply look to the bottom of the page to a reference note for verse 4 and often it answers your question.

I will guarantee you that the more time you spend reading and studying the Bible, the more you will come to love it as God speaks to you through it. With a good study Bible, by reading the introduction to each book, the text and the notes at the bottom of the page, you can easily make your way through the Bible and increase your knowledge of it, but more importantly you will no doubt grow in your relationship with our wonderful God. People often find that reading through the Gospel of John is a good place to start.

God's Peace and Blessing . . .

Fr. Gary

“ . . .the Bible is the vehicle through which we hear from God. ”

Parish News

A Big Thank-You Goes Out to Zoe Davis for again offering us a special pre-Lenten Sunday School event with pretzel-making. As always it was educational, tasty, and fun. We are blessed to have our very own master baker at Grace. Thanks again, Zoe!



The **Adult Bible Study Sunday School Class** meets at 10:10 a.m. in the library. Each Sunday we will study six chapters of the prophetic Book of Isaiah. The class is facilitated by Bill Dismukes. Please join us. All are welcome.



The **Daughters of the King** meet on the third Sunday of each month at 7:00 p.m. We will meet on Sunday, March 17 in the church office. Please call Mary Cozine at 298-2368 for more information. All women are welcome. Please join us.



Envelopes are in the pews for donations for **Eastertide Palms and Flowers**. Thank you for your part in making our church more beautiful for the holy season.



Men of the Church will not meet during Lent.



The **Monday Morning Bible Study** is led by Fr. Bob Reese and 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.



The **Order of St. Luke** will meet on Thursday, March 14 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the parish hall. All are welcome. You do not have to be an OSL member to attend. We'll view the first of two DVDs from the Bethel Church Sozo Ministry about *The Father Ladder*—a useful tool in praying for healing for ourselves and others. The

tool focuses on understanding and healing our relationship with Father God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. In the program we'll gain a basic understanding of the tool. We'll learn how our own family relationships influence our perceptions of each member of the Godhead.



The Pretty Good Coffee and Conversation Class during Lent is studying *The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism* by Timothy Keller. Our own Lyn Burkett, who teaches at UNCA, will be our facilitator for the course. The class meets each Sunday at 10:10 a.m. in the parish hall. We will look at questions such as the following: Why does God allow suffering in the world? Why isn't Christianity more inclusive? Why have so many wars been fought in the name of God? All are welcome.



Purls of Grace meet on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the library. If you have questions and/or would like to learn to knit prayer shawls, contact Jeanne Robertson at jerobertson38@me.com.



Renewal of Ordination Vows for Clergy will be offered on Thursday, March 21 at the Cathedral of All Souls in Biltmore from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. No lunch will be served this year.



Our new **Young Adult Sunday School Class** meets at 10:10 a.m. in the Conference Room downstairs (halfway down the hall). During Lent the class will view short spiritual films by Rob Bell. Fr. Gary will facilitate discussions of the films. Our hope is that the class will be a great way for young adults in the parish to get to know one another. Young adults are invited to attend the class whenever you are able to come.



Taize Holy Eucharists During Lent

We are again having Lenten Taizé Eucharists on Mondays at 6:00 p.m. The services will continue through Monday, March 25. Our gifted Judy Rhodes will play beautiful music for the Eucharists. Please join us for the contemplative worship experiences.

Lenten Soup Suppers

Join us on Mondays during Lent for simple soup suppers from 5:00 – 5:55 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Contact Jeannette Reese at revsreese@me.com or Bill Crownover at billcrownover@bellsouth.net if you would like to help.

Introduction to Centering Prayer Offered

We will have seven sessions beginning with a jump-start on the essentials of the contemplative practice on Saturday, March 2 from 9:00 a.m.-12 noon in the parish hall. We will continue with weekly Wednesday meetings from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the conference room downstairs. Becky Hannah will facilitate the group. Come one, come all, whether you are an experienced centering pray-er or a novice interested in exploring the richness and wonder of the Christian tradition. Please call Beth McKinsey at 775-8088 or Becky Hannah at 702-3518 with questions.

Spring Youth Conference – Grades 8-12

The conference will be held Thursday – Sunday, March 8 – 10 at the Valle Crucis Conference Center. The weekend is led by the Youth Council. They have designed a program of learning, reflection, and fellowship to be offered at the conference. The weekend consists of talks, skits, small group discussions related to the theme, singing, dancing, worship, crafts, and games. The cost is \$105 per participant. Registration deadline is Monday, March 4. Please contact Wes Shields if you are interested in going.

Easter Egg Hunt Is On!



The Children's Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Easter morning following the 9:00 service. Children through fifth grade will gather in the parish hall, and the hunt will begin about 10:10 a.m. Please bring twelve empty plastic eggs and a basket for each child who will be participating. Please put the empty eggs in the box in the foyer when you arrive.

Easter Baskets for Homebound Friends

Mark your calendars for 10:00 am on Tuesday, March 26 in the Parish Hall to fill baskets for our Friends in Christ—those long-time Grace friends who are homebound or in nursing facilities and can no longer participate actively in the life of Grace Church. You are invited to join in the fellowship involved in putting together the baskets and to share in the joy that comes from delivering them to our friends who are in nursing homes or at home. We will write individual cards, fill the baskets and organize delivery. We will plan to go out to lunch after the baskets are filled.

Here are suggested items that we would appreciate receiving for the seventeen baskets that we will prepare. If you can think of other items that might be welcomed, please bring those also: small to medium sized baskets, Easter eggs filled or to be filled with jelly beans, lotion, shampoo, conditioner, lip balm, candy (not hard), notepaper, stamps, pens, and small potted plants.

Think about how happy you would be if you were in a nursing home and you received an Easter basket from your faith community—especially if the basket were delivered by a child. If you can help with the baskets, donate items, make deliveries, or have any questions, call Georgi Bruce at 669-0993 or Kathleen Griffin at 258-2105. Thank you!



Grace Outreach Notes

Sue Thompkins

GO Boxes – NetsforLife

As you know the Grace Outreach Committee is sponsoring a drive to raise money for the NetsforLife program. NetsforLife is an organization that is dedicated to eradicating malaria in sub-Saharan Africa by providing mosquito nets to be used when people are sleeping, as well as education and community outreach. Please put any spare change that you may have during Lent, or checks if you prefer, in your boxes and bring your GO boxes back to church on Sunday, April 7, the Sunday after Easter. You may also use the Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) website (www.inspirationfund.org) to make a donation to NetsforLife, since ERD is a partner in the program. There is a display in the foyer offering information about the program. It is a

great program in which all members of a family can participate, so please encourage your children to help to fill the boxes.

Food Drive for ABCCM

It is time for our first food drive of the year for ABCCM. We will distribute bags on Sunday, March 10 and will ask you to return the bags filled with needed food items on Sunday, March 17. The bags will have lists of food items that ABCCM currently needs, so that you will have an idea about what to purchase. Please remember that ABCCM is one of the agencies that deals directly with some of the neediest people in Buncombe County and that the agency makes a difference in feeding the hungry by providing a food pantry. Thank you for your help with the project.

EYC March Goings-On

EYC continues to meet on Sunday afternoons and would LOVE for any sixth–twelfth grade youth to join us! We also do periodic service projects and are always looking for youth and adults to join us! EYC can always use volunteers to prepare food and to assist with meetings!

We meet every Sunday afternoon from 4:30 - 6:00 at St. Luke's. Please join us! Call Wes Shields at 667-1350 (shields.laura@rocket.com) with questions.

March's EYC Calendar:

March 3: EYC, St. Luke's

March 8-10: Spring Youth Conference,
grades 8-12, Valle Crucis Conference Center.

March 10: EYC, St. Luke's

March 17: EYC, St. Luke's

March 24: EYC, St. Luke's

March 31: EYC, St. Luke's

Healing Prayer Corner

Jeanne Robertson

Recently a friend of mine contacted me asking for my favorite Bible verse. I love Philippians 9:4-9. The verses read as follows:

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything

worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.”

Many times when I am reading the Bible a verse will jump out to me. And this time was no exception. The sentence was verse 6: “Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” How appropriate for the Lenten season. Ask and you shall receive.

And so, my dear friends, I shall keep our dear Grace family in my prayers, asking for each of your particular needs to be met during this Holy season. Blessings and the God of peace be with you all.

Endowment – “The Gifts That Keep On Giving”

Many thanks to Pat Vest for his leadership of the Endowment Committee over the last several years. During his tenure as chairman the fund has grown from less than \$25,000 to over \$260,000. His persistence and guidance has led to a firm foundation for the fund, and we are grateful for his service to Grace. His hard work has truly been a blessing.

We are pleased to announce that the committee has grown to nine members in 2013. We welcome Steve Jones, Mike Nery, Carol McMichael and Hugh Vaughn as our newest members. Thank you for agreeing to take on the important task. The remaining committee members are Annika Brock, Charlotte Chiott, Amanda Edwards, Rusty Herman and Mike Bohan, chairman.

In an effort better to identify the purpose of the committee, it has been renamed the Planned Giving and Endowment Committee. The mission of the committee is to provide a number of ways for persons

to give to the work of Grace, so that that work can continue for generations to come. We encourage you to contact one of the committee members to find out more about planned giving.

Mike Bohan

The Grace Endowment Fund has a balance of \$274,836, an \$11,912 increase over December's balance. \$300 of the increase was from gifts of parish members in memory of loved ones. Thanks too again to the excellent portfolio management of Parsec Financial Firm. Also we have had a very good stock market for the past several months with signs of economic improvement.

Pat Vest - pvestymcar@aol.com

P.S. I appreciate the kind words from Mike in the article, but I am getting a little too much credit for all the help from Parsec, committee members and Alex Comfort.

The Coal Basket and The Bible

The story is told of an old man who lived on a farm in the mountains of Kentucky with his young grandson. Each morning Grandpa was up early sitting at the kitchen table reading from his old worn-out Bible. His grandson who wanted to be just like him tried to imitate him in any way he could.

One day the grandson inquired, “Papa, I try to read the Bible just like you but I don’t understand it, and what I do understand I forget as soon as I close the book. What good does reading the Bible do?”

The Grandfather quietly turned from putting coal in the stove and said, “Take this coal basket down to the river and bring back a basket of water.”

The boy did as he was told even though all the water leaked out before he could get back to the house. The grandfather laughed and said, “You will have to move a little faster next time,” and sent the boy back to the river with the basket to try again.

That time the boy ran faster but again the basket was empty before he returned home. Out of breath he told his grandfather that it was “impossible to carry water in a basket,” and he went to get a bucket instead.

The old man said, “I don’t want a bucket of

water; I want a basket of water. You can do that. You’re just not trying hard enough,” and he went out the door to watch the boy try again.

At that point the boy knew it was impossible, but he wanted to show his grandfather that even if he ran as fast as he could, the water would leak out before he got far at all. The boy scooped the water and ran hard, but when he reached his grandfather the basket was again empty. Out of breath he said, “See Papa, it’s useless!”

“So you think it is useless?” the old man said. “Look at the basket.”

The boy looked at the basket and for the first time he realized that the basket looked different. Instead of a dirty old coal basket, it was clean.

“Son, that’s what happens when you read the Bible. You might not understand or remember everything, but when you read it, it will change you from the inside out.”

That is the work of God in our lives: To change us from the inside out and slowly to transform us into the image of His Son. We should take time to read a portion of God’s word each day and to share our love with a friend.

New Vestry Members Elected

This year's annual parish meeting and vestry election were held on Sunday, February 10 in the parish hall. The parish offers a hearty and grateful "Thank You!" to Annica Brock, Mary Cozine, Angie Cullen, Jack Frue and Ron Sims for their faithful service rendered during the past several years. These are our newly elected vestry members:

Scott Best

I am a native of Asheville having grown up in South Asheville and graduated from T.C. Roberson High School. I grew up at Calvary Church in Fletcher where I was active in the EYC and spent ten years as an acolyte. After high school I spent ten years away from Asheville during which I graduated from the College of William and Mary, worked and attended graduate school. After law school I moved back to Asheville to practice law. I am the proud father of three boys, Andrew, Harrison and Bo, and the even prouder husband of my wife Joanna. When not keeping up with family duties I enjoy playing golf and watching sports. I have been a member of Grace for six years. I look forward to the opportunity to serve the Church in a leadership role and am humbled to have been asked to serve.



Charles Carter

Charles is an Asheville, NC, native and currently serves as a political and small-business consultant. For the last two decades his personal time and energy have been dedicated to teaching in the public schools, advocating for effective government for the people of Western North Carolina and creating and operating successful businesses. Charles serves on several statewide political action boards and is a partner in a communications delivery business. He also consults with several privately-owned businesses to help them to streamline their companies and to provide superior products to their customers.



Charles co-owned and operated Mountain Java for ten years. Mountain Java was a coffee cafe that he sold along with the Tabias Roasting Company last year. At its peak Mountain Java had three locations, and the roasting company served six different cafes in our area. Charles oversaw the construction and build-out of each location. He served for two terms in the North Carolina Senate and represented the people of District 28 that included the counties of Buncombe, Burke, Madison, McDowell and Yancey. As a Buncombe County school teacher, Charles has first-hand knowledge of the North Carolina public school system — he encountered its strengths and challenges every day.

Margaret Dahm

I was raised Catholic in Louisiana. It was a very tolerant community because we were assumed to be Catholic; wasn't everybody in town Catholic? The relaxed certainty of that faith let me carry the possibility of God through some very secular decades. Sometimes it was only a conspiratorial glance at the sky. It wasn't until my husband Andy dragged me to an Episcopal church in New Orleans when he thought our oldest needed to be baptized that I started going to church again. We moved to Asheville in 1990 and after having trouble finding work we liked, started our own graphic design business with homebrew supply shop attached. It let us care for our two boys while working. Evan is 25 and makes a web comic in Brooklyn. Lewis is nineteen and plays music while studying history at ASU. I now work at the library and love it. We've been at Grace since Lewis was four, again baptism brought us back to church. I look forward each year to working on the Broughton lunch, and I've been on Altar Guild for many years and really enjoy it. Too, I was on Vestry once before and hope to be helpful there again.



Amanda Edwards

Amanda has been attending the 9:00 service at Grace since 2004. Until then she and Derek, her husband, had spent their lives as Methodists. From the first Sunday they attended Grace they knew it was the right place for them, and they were confirmed in April 2005. Amanda serves on the Altar Guild and the Endowment Committee and is now honored to serve on the Vestry. Amanda currently is employed as the Chapter Executive for the American Red Cross, Asheville-Mountain Area Chapter. Derek and Amanda have a son Wade, a first-grader at Ira B. Jones Elementary. In her free time Amanda enjoys running, volunteering with Girls on the Run of WNC, baking, and cheering for her alma maters — UNC-Asheville Bulldogs and Tennessee Volunteers.



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Full of Worship Opportunities

Holy Week is the week leading up to the great feast in the Christian church, the Feast of the Resurrection or Easter Day. The first record of Holy Week services comes from a pilgrim named Egeria who traveled to Jerusalem in the fourth century. The Triduum or “three days” of Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Day begins at sundown on Maundy Thursday. Please join us for one or all of the days of special observance.

The Sunday of the Passion, Palm Sunday:

March 24 — “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” So begins the day of celebration commemorating Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem. We will gather on the lawn outside the church at 9:00 and 11:15 to proceed joyfully into the services. The tone turns however as we hear of Jesus’ betrayal and crucifixion. Holy Week begins today.

Reconciliation of a Penitent (confession):

The sacramental rite will be offered by appointment during Holy Week for those who wish to make a private confession as part of their preparation for Easter. If you’d like to schedule a time for confession please call Gary or Bob.

Wednesday in Holy Week:

March 27 — The Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayer is offered at 12:15 p.m.

Maundy Thursday:

March 28 — Service at 6:00 p.m.; Vigil from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. As a sign of servanthood we

include the washing of feet (optional). Following the liturgy the altar is stripped, and Edwards Library is transformed into a chapel. You may observe a vigil in the library, keeping watch in the night as Jesus did with His disciples at Gethsemane.

Good Friday:

March 29 — The day marks the crucifixion of our Lord. We do not celebrate the Eucharist today but rather at 12:00 noon and at 6:00 p.m., we share a holy meal from the reserved Sacrament using the Liturgy for Good Friday. The church will be open from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. for those who wish to meditate on the death of Jesus.

Holy Saturday:

March 30 — Holy Saturday is a day of rest and quiet, the day when Jesus lay in the grave. A liturgy recalling those who have died takes place in the Urban Garden at 11:00 a.m.

Easter Day:

March 31 — Our celebration begins with the **Great Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter at 6:00 a.m.** The celebration continues with our regularly scheduled services at 7:45, 9:00, and 11:15 a.m. Bring bells to ring and flowers at 9:00 with which to “flower the cross.” Children ages three through fifth grade will enjoy an Easter Egg Hunt at 10:10 a.m.!

New Vestry

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Wade Elder (photo will appear next month)

As a child I grew up all over the map. My dad was a career Marine, and we spent a lot of time traveling: Japan, Georgia, South Carolina, Kentucky. Most of our family lived in Florida, so when we weren’t moving around that’s where we spent our time. I attended and was baptized at Upsala Presbyterian Church in Sanford, FL. I was introduced to the Episcopal denomination by my dad’s family and also attended the Church of the Good Shepherd in Maitland, FL. Dad and I moved to Asheville in 1995 after I graduated from high school in Beaufort, SC, where we had lived for several years.

In 2005 I met my wife Lily, and three years later we were married. In 2010 we were blessed with our first child Arlo. Having a child we visited a few churches in town, but something truly drew us to Grace. After one service we knew we needn’t look any farther. It felt like home.

Since then I’ve become co-owner of the tattoo shop where I had worked for twelve years. Our shop has grown and in the last year we have really been able to become more active in our community by sponsoring Little League teams, participating in the MDA-Lock Up, cross-promoting with other local businesses, and participating in art auctions and benefits to raise money for various causes. Lily and I were blessed once again this past summer with the birth of our daughter Emmie Lou. Our family has grown in many ways since we arrived at Grace. Lily and I look forward to our family is becoming more involved in the ministries here. Grace has brought us closer to God in ways we never expected. We realized how important our faith was to our family though we hadn’t attended church in years.

March 2013 Ministry Schedule

Date	Service Time	Acolyte C	Acolyte G	Acolyte E	Lector, Intercessor & Presenters	Healing Team	Ushers	Chalicians	Coffee Hour	Service Time	Date
March 3											
	7:45				L - Robert Green I - Cuyler Dupree P - Green Family	Deb Gravatt Louise Wernicke Patricia Hargrove	Steve Jones Kaderabek Family	James Cannon 1. Cuyler Dupree 2. Scott Best		7:45	
	9:00	Zoe Davis	Andrew Best	Louise Wernicke	L, I, P - Mark Silvers and Lyn Burkett	Pat Davis Karen Compton	Jeanne & Bob Perry	1. Bill Warren 2. Sally Withers	Cuyler Dupree Martha Boyette	9:00	
	11:15	Cheryl Aull	Grace Miller	Sally Withers						11:15	
March 10											
	7:45				L - Vicki Vest I - Robert Green P - Vest Family	Deb Gravatt Jeanne Robertson Rita Spragg	Ed Duncan Tricia & Mickey Trinite	James Cannon 1. Carol Booth 2. Greg Townsend	Paul Vest	7:45	
	9:00	Cade Woolen	Cheryl Deyton	Cuyler Dupree	L, I, P - Charles Carter and Kimberly Kneier	Corinne Spencer Mary Israel	Henry Watts Paul Stewart	1. Sally Coburn 2. Bill Spencer	Sallie Hunter	11:15	
	11:15	Cheryl Aull	Bob Grimes	Lani Anderson							
March 17											
	7:45				L - Anne Simmons I - Greg Townsend P - Townsend Family	Deb Gravatt Pat Davis Jane Whitman	Andrew Dahm Vicki & Paul Vest	Margaret Dahm 1. John Woodson 2. Zoe Davis		7:45	
	9:00	Sadie Rudd	Keith Rudd	Cuyler Dupree	L, I, P - Jo Brokenshire and Jenny Thomas	Lyn Burkett Karen Compton	Ron Sims Ed Woockener	1. Mary Cozine 2. Carol McMichael	Lellia Cort	11:15	
	11:15	Rusty McCredie	Sally Withers	Eric Howell	L - Henry Watts I - Monty Woolen	Deb Gravatt				8:00 PM	Taizé
Palm Sunday, March 24											
	7:45				L - Sherry Coward I - Sherry Coward P - Coward Family	Deb Gravatt Jeanne Robertson Shari Lane	Steve Jones Larry Harris Jim Siemens	Jack Frue 1. Debbie Jones 2. Ann Robinson		7:45	
	9:00	Sam Ellington	Alyssa Jones	Cuyler Dupree	L, I, P - Charles Carter and Kimberly Kneier	Lyn Burkett Sonny Rawls	John Churchill Elaine Potter	1. Eric Howell 2. Sally Coburn	Micki Newton Sally Withers	9:00	
	11:15	Mel Luedtke	Bob Grimes	Eric Howell						11:15	
	6:00 PM	Rusty McCredie	Mel Luedtke	Sally Withers	L, I, P - Elaine Potter and Kristen Dusenbery	Wendy & Ray Kuykendall		1. Anne Simmons 2. Eric Howell		6:00 PM	Maundy Thursday
	12:00 PM	TBA	TBA	TBA	L - Lyn Burkett	Larry Harris Rusty Herman		Sally Coburn		12:00 PM	Good Friday
	6:00 PM	TBA	TBA	TBA	L - Beth Stahl	Jeanne & Bob Perry		Carol McMichael		6:00 PM	
	11:00 AM	Cuyler Dupree			L - Cuyler Dupree					11:00 AM	Holy Saturday
Easter Sunday, March 31											
	6:00 AM					Deb Gravatt	Jeanne & Bob Perry	Jack Frue		6:00 AM	Great Vigil
	7:45				L - Louise Wernicke I - Jeanne Robertson P - Robertson Family	Brenda Haller Ann Robinson	Tricia & Mickey Trinite	1. Greg Townsend 2. Scott Best	Elaine Dephouse	7:45	
	9:00	Zoe Davis	Harrison Best	Cuyler Dupree	L, I, P - Nancy & Cal Remmers	Mary Israel Sonny Rawls	Henry Watts Paul Stewart	1. Bill Spencer 2. Mary Cozine	Georgi Bruce	9:00	
	11:15	Sally Withers	Eily Withers	Mary Withers						11:15	
March 31											
Date	Counters			Depositors			Flower Arrangers - Information Not Available			Altar Guild	
Mar. 3	Steve Birkhofer		James Cannon							Group 1 - Mar 2 - Mar 8	
Mar. 10	Martha Boyette		Judy Bohan							Group 2 - Mar 9 - Mar 15	
Mar. 17	Sally Withers		Chal & Hugh Vaughn							Group 3 - Mar 16 - Mar 22	
Mar. 24	Manjili Perkins		Anne Simmons							Group 4 - Mar 23 - Mar 29	
Mar. 31	Georgi Bruce		Anne Simmons							Group 1 - Mar 30 - Apr 5	

Our Prayer List

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

For Parishioners: **Julie Brighton; Edith Cook; Sherry Coward; Mary Cozine; Joe Eblen; Eunice Ferguson; Jess Gregory; Olivia & Haller family; Mary Hayes; Ashley Israel; Dot Morgan; Alice Moriarty; Theda Rudd; Corinne Spencer; Jennifer Spencer; Carla & Jim Standingdeer; Grace Walker.**

For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities: **Henny Caldwell; Norman Cullum; Jeanne Galyean; Bob Hall; June Kelley; Frances Payne; Helen Powers; Laura Stephens; John Sumner.**

For Others (names to stay on for four weeks; call the church office to keep names on the list for a longer time): **Judy Bernhardt** (friend of Nancy Porter); **Stephanie Blackwell & Ann Derwort** (sisters of Jeanne Sims); **Margaret Buncick** (mother of Marella Buncick); **Chris Carson** (son of Martha & Randy); **Connie Connelly** (sister-in-law of Jeanne Robertson); **Debbie D.** (friend of Lynda McCredie); **Kelli Davis** (daughter of George & Pat); **Marian Dyson** (friend of Kathleen Griffin); **Margie Eblen** (daughter of Joe & Bobbie); **Sonny Enloe** (friend of Mary Israel); **Sharon Evans** (friend of Barbara Wilcox); **Robert & Frances Finney** (brother-in-law & sister of Mary Hayes); **Sarah Garcia** (daughter of Nancy Fergusson, niece of John & Lelia Cort); **Shawn Gaddis; High Garst** (friend of the Ellingtons); **Steve & Janet Gordon; nephew of Deb Gravatt; Natt Hall** (brother of Nora Jones); **Judy Hinman** (sister of Barbara Wilcox); **Sheri Hoffman** (cousin of Lynda McCredie); **Meg Karayiannis** (niece of Nancy Ackermann Cole); **Kristy Kitchens** (sister-in-law of Cheryl Aull); **Jim Monroe; Karen Owen** (our wreathmaker); **Forrest Renfro** (grandson of Becky Barker); **Alyssa Robinson** (friend of Jennifer Spencer); **Jennifer Svenstrup** (friend of Paul & Vicki Vest); **Catherine Thomas** (friend of Randy & Martha Carson); **Janet Thomas** (mother of Jenny Thomas); **Harriet Thompson** (mother-in-law of Kelly Thompson); **Ron Turner** (cousin of Barbara Wilcox); **Sandra Tweed** (friend of Katherine Kaderabek); **Bonnie Wiggen** (daughter of Nancy Remmers); **Amanda Williams; Alicia; Brian & Tara** (son-in-law & daughter of Shari Lane); **Clyde; Elizabeth; Evelyn** (friend of Jim & Karen Compton); **Julie** (daughter of Rita Spragg); **Lisa** (niece of Betsy Sherman); **Sue; Susan; Will; for those among us who are cold, hungry or homeless; for all those affected by our struggling economy.**

For Those Who Have Died and Their Families: **Aimee Buchanan; Diane Hamer** (friend of Pat & George Davis).

March Saints

March 1 David, Bishop of Menevia, Wales, c. 544
March 2 Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, 672
March 3 John and Charles Wesley, Priests, 1791, 1788
March 4 Paul Cuffee, Witness to the Faith among the Shinnecock, 1812
March 6 William W. Mayo, 1911, and Charles Menninger, 1953, and their sons, pioneers in medicine
March 7 Perpetua and Felicity and their companion martyrs, Martyrs at Carthage, 203
March 8 Geoffrey Anketell Studdert Kennedy, Priest, 1929
March 9 Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, c. 394
March 12 Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, 604
March 13 James Theodore Holly, Bishop of Haiti and Dominican Republic
March 17 Patrick, Bishop and Missionary of Ireland, 461
March 18 Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem, 386

March 19 Saint Joseph
March 20 Thomas Ken, Bishop of Bath and Wells, 1711
March 21 Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury and Martyr, 1556
March 22 James De Koven, Priest, 1879
March 23 Gregory the Illuminator, Bishop and Missionary of Armenia, c. 332
March 24 Oscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador, 1980
March 25 The Annunciation of Our Lord Jesus Christ to the Blessed Virgin Mary
March 26 Richard Allen, first Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, 1831
March 27 Charles Henry Brent, Bishop of the Philippines and of Western New York, 1929
March 29 John Keble, Priest, 1866
March 30 Innocent of Alaska, Bishop, 1879
March 31 John Donne, Priest, 1631

March Anniversaries

Earl Leininger and Cathy Adkins	2
David and Suana Gentry	25
Pat and Beth McKinsey	30
Dave and Peg Carey	31

March Birthdays

1 Tom Wernicke	17 Dave Hillier
2 Sam Ellington	17 Corey Snyder
2 Eric Howell	19 Wynne Hillier
2 Grace Miller	19 Mary Israel
5 Joe Aull	20 Ana Blanton
6 Priscilla Hendrix	20 Brad Smith
6 Henry Sinclair	23 Cameron Bell
6 Jay Sparger	23 Carol MacRae
8 Pat McKinsey	25 Bill Crownover
11 Carol Booth	25 Suana Gentry
11 Jimmy Hudson	25 Nancy Remmers
13 Amie Medina	26 Kimberly Kneier
13 Laura Stephens	27 Sally Coburn
15 Cathy Jackson	27 Charlie Milling
16 Henry Holland	29 Terri Frue
16 Lindsay Whitner	31 Ty Gregory
17 McKai Comer	31 Brett Young
17 Keith Hargrove	

Gifts For All of Us To Appreciate

The Aumbry Candle for March is given to the Glory of God by Kathleen Griffin in thanksgiving for her family.

Only greenery is used in the Sanctuary until Palm Sunday, March 24.

The palms are given to the glory of God by Ed Duncan in memory of Dick Drake.

The palms are also given by Rita Lyda in thanksgiving for Grace church and in loving memory of her parents Disa and Jens Krestensen.

The flowers for Maunday Thursday are given to the glory of God by Charlotte Melson in memory of Barbara Brown and Rachel Hand Brown.



February Endowment Fund Honorees and 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 those persons contributing to the Endowment Fund in February: Joyce and Walt Noble, James Cannon.

March Events at a Glance

EYC – (Grades 6-12)

Sundays, 4:30–6:00 p.m., St. Luke's

Weekly Gospel Bible Study

Mondays, 10:30 a.m., PH

Early Birds Men's Study

Tuesdays, 8:00 a.m., LI

Handbell Practice

Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., CHR

Adult Choir Rehearsal

Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., CHR

Purls of Grace

Thursdays, 6:30 p.m., LI

Centering Prayer Introduction

Saturday, March 2, 9:00a.m. – 12:00 noon, PH

Lenten Simple Soup Suppers

Mondays, March 4 – 25, 5:00 – 5:55 p.m., PH

Lenten Taizé Eucharists

Mondays, March 4 – 25, 6:00 p.m., CH

Generational Healing Eucharist

Tuesday, March 5, 7:00 p.m., CH

Centering Prayer

Wednesdays, March 6 – April 10, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., CR

Steadfast House Meal

Friday, March 8, 6:00 p.m.

Healing Prayer Services

Tuesdays, March 12 & 19, 7:00 p.m., LI

TEAM Meeting

Wednesday, March 13, 11:00 a.m., OF

Order of St. Luke Program Meeting

Thursday March 14, 6:30 p.m., PH

Daughters of the King

Sunday, March 17, 7:00 p.m., OF

Taizé Worship Service

Sunday, March 17, 8:00 p.m., CH

Vestry Meeting

Monday, March 18, 5:30 p.m., LI

Palm Sunday

March 24, 7:45, 9:00, 11:15 a.m., services, CH

Easter Baskets For Homebound Friends

Tuesday, March 26, 10:00 a.m., PH

Mundy Thursday

March 28, Service, 6:00 p.m., CH;

Vigil, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., LI

Good Friday Services

March 29, 12:00 noon & 6:00 p.m., CH

Holy Saturday

March 31, Urban Garden Service, 11:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday

March 31, 6:00 a.m., Great Vigil, CH;

7:45, 9:00, & 11:15 a.m. services, CH

Church Office Closed

Monday, April 1

New Year Slow Start

January pledges were twenty percent under budget, while non-pledged and open offerings were nineteen percent under budget. When combined with \$1030 received for prior-year pledges, total contributions were nineteen percent or \$6588 under budget. When other income and building income are considered total income is \$7876 under budget.

Personnel expenses were over budget because of the payment of quarterly retirement premiums, whose budgeted costs are spread over three months. Overall expenses were \$38,722, which when compared to a budget of \$37,220 results in a negative variance of \$1501.

The net result for the month is a negative variance of \$9377.

Your Vestry and Finance Ministry

Statement of Activities - Grace Church			
Year to Date - January 2013			
	Actual	Budget	Over/ Under
Income:			
Pledges	23,372	30,000	(6,628)
Prior Year Pledges	1,030	-	1,030
Non-pledged Offerings	3,540	4,240	(700)
Open Offering	709	1,000	(291)
Interest	0	21	(21)
Misc.	691	1,958	(1,267)
Total Income:	29,343	37,219	(7,876)
Expenses:			
Outreach/Mission	3,757	4,849	(1,092)
Parish Programs	732	1,209	(476)
Operations	4,902	5,617	(715)
Personnel	29,330	25,546	3,785
Total Expenses:	38,722	37,220	1,501
Income - Expense:	(9,379)	(1)	(9,378)
	(rounding)		

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- *Taizé – A Moment of Peace*
- *Easter Baskets for Homebound Friends*
- *Healing Prayer Corner*
- *Endowment Fund Report*
- *The Coal Basket & the Bible*
- *EYC March Calendar*
- *And of course . . . "Parson to Person"*

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