



the Grace TEAM

to each a ministry

MARCH 2014

Parson to Person

Gary Coffey

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The Grace TEAM
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Sunday Worship

7:45AM - Rite I

9:00AM - Family Eucharist

11:15AM - Festival Eucharist

Healing Prayer

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

Lay Healing Prayer Ministers.

Healing Prayer Services

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

Wednesdays at 12:15PM

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

Taizé

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

Dear People of Grace,

Since Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5, I thought it might be helpful for us to think here about Lent together. Lent is the 40-day period, excluding Sundays, between Ash Wednesday and Easter Day. In our tradition, it is a time of self-examination and prayer, which means it is a good time for each of us to look inward and check how we are doing spiritually.

I have heard that a habit can be established in about thirty days if practiced daily. Lent is an excellent time to begin a new spiritual habit. Examples might be taking five minutes to pray as we arise each day, asking for God's help and guidance and praying that we be a blessing to others. Then at the end of the day, we might take five minutes to thank God for the day and to think about the time during the day when we felt both closest to Christ and farthest from Him.

This is called the *examen* and more can be learned about it by reading the book *Sleeping With Bread* by the Linns. I have copies if you wish to borrow one. But you don't have to read the book to practice this five minutes of prayer at the beginning and ending of each day as a Lenten discipline.

Another possibility for Lent is to ask for God's help concerning some besetting sin and concentrate on forsaking that sin each day. If you think you have a problem with anger, for example, working on it with God's help for the forty days of Lent could change your life forever.

Times of study or learning during Lent are another way to observe these forty days. Vowing to read *Forward Day by Day* (the Episcopal daily devotional) each day is an option. Copies of these little books are usually available at church in the tract rack and on the tables. I have found that having the *Forward Day by Day* app on my phone is helpful. I think the charge for the app is about \$7.00, and it includes links to the Daily Office readings upon which the devotions are based. Committing to the Lenten adult Sunday

school class on the last twenty-four hours of the life of Christ is another option.

Some people find that giving up something like coffee or chocolate or alcohol for Lent is helpful. The idea is that when you think of whatever it is that you have given up, it prompts you to turn your heart toward God.

Taking on a specific ministry during the forty days can be rewarding. Let me know if I can help you get connected. Attending our Taizé Monday Eucharists at 6:00 p.m. is another possibility. Attending the soup supper from 4:45-5:45 p.m. before the Eucharist is another regular event you could take on for

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Lent. With our Welcome Table on Mondays followed by 6:00 p.m. worship throughout the school year, you could begin attending supper, worship or both during Lent and continue the practice beyond Lent.

Finally, there is the observance of the special days of devotion during Lent. Attending these few special days of worship will help prepare us for Easter as nothing else really can. The first one is Ash Wednesday worship at noon or 6:00 p.m. on March 5. The next particularly Lenten liturgy is Palm Sunday worship on April 13 at the beginning of Holy Week at our regular Sunday service times. The next one is the Maundy Thursday Liturgy at 6:00 p.m. on April 17. In my opinion, the most important Lenten service other than Ash Wednesday is the Good Friday Liturgy on April 18 at noon and 6:00 p.m. The final special liturgy is the Holy Saturday service outside in the Urban Memorial Garden on April 19 at 10:00 a.m.

Beloved, I wish you God's richest blessing as you plan a Lenten discipline that is do-able and helpful to your spiritual life. I'll make you a deal. I will pray for you this Lent if you will pray for me!

God's Peace and Blessing,

Fr. Gary Coffey

Parish News

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

Men of the Church will not be meeting during Lent.

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

Our **Monday Soup Suppers** continue, and we hope you will join us. The meal is served from 4:45-5:45 p.m. It is free of charge. Expenses are defrayed by a Diocesan grant and by a partnership with Manna Food Bank. All are welcome to come enjoy good food and fellowship with parishioners and others. On the Monday Soup Supper sheet posted on the kiosk in the foyer, please sign up to cook, to provide bread and fruit, to provide dessert or to help with clean-up. You will be reimbursed for your expenses.

Purls of Grace meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the office. If you have questions, would like to learn to knit

prayer shawls, and/or would like to deliver shawls, contact Jeanne Robertson at jrobertson38@me.com.

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

The Mountain Chapter of the **Order of St. Luke** will meet on Thursday, March 13 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the parish hall. All are welcome. One does not have to be an OSL member to attend. We will not meet if Asheville City Schools are closed that day or if they close early because of inclement weather. We will begin a new program series called *Jesus' Ministry of Healing Then and Now*. The series will feature the excellent OSL immersion course DVD's of *The Healing Miracles of Jesus*. The Reverend Josh Acton and the Reverend John Rice are the presenters. The course is designed to help us to learn how to pray for healing by studying how Jesus prayed for healing in a variety of situations. The DVD's give us helpful instruction about praying for healing today. Our March program will focus on the Gospel story of "The Nobleman's Son." Since it involves a father interceding for his son, we'll have an opportunity to consider effective ways of offering intercessory prayer. We'll also learn from the DVD an **effective way to pray for healing when we're with a person who needs healing.**

Women's Retreat with the Bishop

A Women's Retreat with Bishop Taylor will be held April 11-12 at Lake Logan. The retreat will focus on practices to make us holy and on ways to incorporate those behaviors into our daily lives. Such practices include prayer, simple living and forgiveness, among others. **The deadline for registration is March 1.** You may register at www.episcopalchurchwomenwnc.org. For more information, pick up a brochure in the foyer.

Welcomed into the Church

Through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism
Hannah Evelyn Booth,
daughter of Courtney and Peter Booth,
granddaughter of Steve and Carol Booth,
was welcomed into the Church
on Sunday, February 23.
Hannah
was sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism
and marked as Christ's own forever.

Flower & Altar Guild Workshops

Mary Israel



“Then you shall make a lamp stand of pure gold. The lamp stand and its base and its shaft are to be made of hammered work; its cups, its bulbs and its flowers shall be of one piece with it...” (Exodus 25:31)

“Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; but I tell you, not even Solomon in all his glory clothed himself like one of these...” (Luke 12:27)

The Flower and Altar Guilds' ministry is to provide beauty to the congregation. We would like to share some of our ideas and inspirations with our fellow parishioners. The Altar Guild workshop will be on Saturday, March 29, 9:00-11:00 a.m., and the Flower Guild workshop will be on Saturday, March 8, at 10:00 a.m. Each workshop will be held in the parish hall and light refreshments will be served. The Flower Guild hosts will show a video of a world-class arranger from Ireland conducting a flower symposium at Grace Church in Charleston, S.C. We will also demonstrate some of our flower-arranging techniques and procedures. Our groups will be completely open to your ideas and questions. The Altar Guild will work in a somewhat

different vein but their workshop will be highly enlightening.

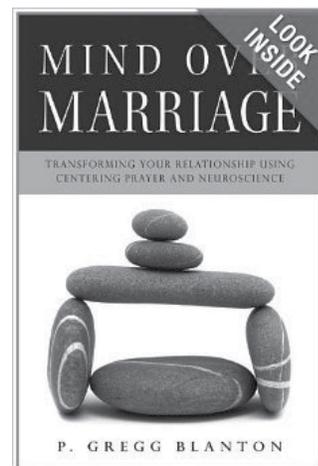
We have openings in both our guilds and will be happy to talk to anyone who might want to participate in our ministries. We welcome the interest of anyone.

Evening with Gregg Blanton Rescheduled

Our Grace Centering Prayer group will host dessert and an evening with Dr. Gregg Blanton at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 19. Blanton, a local marriage and family therapist, will discuss his book entitled *Transforming Your Relationship Using Centering Prayer and Neuroscience*.

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

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



Become an American Red Cross Volunteer

Did you know that volunteers make up about 95% of the Red Cross workforce? They touch lives in their community every day by providing help and hope to victims of local disasters such as home fires; training families in disaster preparedness; teaching life-saving skills in CPR and first aid; and staffing blood drives. If you would like to help make a difference in your community as a Red Cross volunteer, please contact the Red Cross at 828-258-3888 or go to www.redcross.org/westerncarolinas for more information. Thank you!

Introducing Our New Vestry Members



Wade Elder



Deb Gravatt



Ray Kuykendall



Sally Withers

Wade Elder. My dad was a career Marine and we spent a lot of time traveling. Most of our family lived in Florida, so when we weren't moving around, that's where we spent our time. I was baptized and attended Upsala Presbyterian Church in Sanford, Florida. I was introduced to the Episcopal denomination by my dad's family and I also attended the Church of the Good Shepherd in Maitland, Florida. Dad and I moved to Asheville in 1995, after I graduated from high school in Beaufort, South Carolina.

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 the co-owner of the tattoo shop where I had worked for twelve years. Our shop has grown, and in the last year, we have been able to become more active in our community by sponsoring Little League teams, giving to veterans' charities, 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 in the summer of 2012 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's becoming more involved in the ministries here. Grace has brought us closer to God in ways we never expected. We realize how important our faith is to our family.

Deb Gravatt. Deb has attended the 7:45 service for a little over three years. She was christened at age three in a Methodist church, but her life's path has led her to the Episcopal Church. As a member of the Order of St. Luke, she serves in the healing prayer ministry. Professionally, Deb is an RN who works as a Family Support Specialist with LifeShare of the Carolinas. She also holds a degree in ministry and is currently finishing up an additional degree in sacred theology. Deb's passion is praying for people holistically. Deb is married to Ben and has two adult stepchildren, Matthew and Kathryn, as well as two furry children, Triscuit and Griffin. Her main hobby is making jewelry.

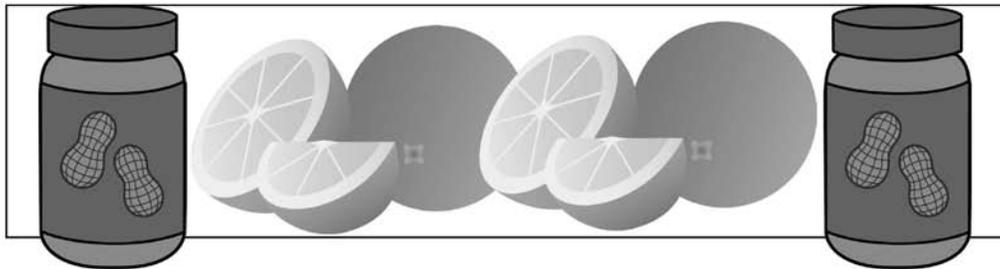
Ray Kuykendall. I'm married to my wonderful wife Wendy, and we have been blessed with a most lov-

ing daughter, Lauren. I am a native of Asheville, having lived and grown up in the Weaverville area. I graduated from North Buncombe High School and attended A-B Tech, where I earned an Associate's Degree in tool and die engineering. I worked in that industry for about ten years. I have always believed in helping others and in being of service to my community, so much so that I joined a volunteer fire department while I was still in high school. I continued to serve through college and when I entered the workforce until I accepted a paid position. I am currently a captain with the Reems Creek Fire Department, where I have served for over thirty-five years. I am a certified firefighter and instructor with the North Carolina Fire Marshall's Office and a certified medic with the Office of Emergency Services of North Carolina. My church journey started at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Jacksonville, Florida, where I was baptized. I spent my childhood and adolescence and most of my adulthood in the Presbyterian Church, where I served as a Sunday school teacher, a deacon and elder at various times. I was at a crossroads spiritually, mentally, emotionally and physically when I found Grace. And Grace was what the Great Physician had ordered.

Sally Withers. Grace has been my home church since my family moved to North Carolina in the 1970's. We lived in various national parks across the country before my father was transferred to the Blue Ridge Parkway. I earned a B.A. from Meredith College in Raleigh and a Master's in Education from WCU and returned to Asheville. Grace has seen my marriage to David Withers, the baptism and confirmation of our two daughters, Mary and Elly, now in their early 20's, and Grace is still the church of my mom, Georgi Bruce. Though I live and work in Swannanoa, I can't imagine worshiping anywhere else. My favorite memories include leading three to five-year-olds to the Good Shepherd, organizing Octoberfest beer tastings with our Lost Tribe, leading a group of thirteen youth on a Florida mission trip after Hurricane Charley, re-creating *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* for a youth Lenten series, liturgical dances (enough said), and many Sundays leading our 11:15 acolytes. I look forward to seeing where Grace will lead us in 2014.

**For their faithful service, we thank those who have rotated off the Vestry:
Judy Bohan, Jim Compton, Cuyler Dupree and Wade Elder*.**

**Wade finished the term of Angie Cullen upon her resignation and has been elected to serve a new term this year.*



For I was hungry
and you gave me food.

During Lent this year, Grace Outreach will focus on some of our programs to feed the hungry. We need your help to bring food for the patrons served by the ABCCM food pantries and for the children served by our Backpacker program. Please mark these important Lenten dates on your calendars and bring the needed items to church:

- March 16 Food Drive for ABCCM**
We will distribute bags and suggestions of food items on March 9.
- March 30 Peanut Butter Sunday**
Bring small (16 oz.) jars of peanut butter with you to church.
- April 6 Bring-an-Orange-to-Church Sunday**
If we collect 50 oranges, we'll have enough to put one in each Backpacker bag and have some left over for our high school box, too!

Thank you for working with Grace Outreach to help address these needs in our community. Lent is truly a good time to put into action Jesus' words "for I was hungry and you gave me food."



Healing Prayer Corner

Jeane Robertson

This has been a long, dark, cold winter, and for many people, that produces depression and despair. However, for those with a more contemplative spirit the long days of staying indoors produce a time of introspection and prayer. There was a discussion in Fr. Bob's Monday Morning Bible Study about how we can get from that place of depression to a place of light and serenity. It was concluded that we can take a lesson from our contemplative brothers and sisters and that through prayer we can weave our way out of depression and into light. If any of you are in that dark place, talk with one of the clergy or with a Healing Prayer Minister. Any of them will be willing to travel with you along the road from darkness to light. Mark 11:24 tells us "Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours." Many blessings to all of you as we begin that journey from winter toward spring.

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 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 "lencntid," 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 (March 5) until sundown on Holy Saturday (April 19).

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.

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Youth to Make Pretzels

On Sunday, March 2 at 10 a.m., Zoe Davis will lead our youth in making Lenten pretzels. *Learn more on page 7 about the pretzel legend and how it relates to our observance of Lent.*



Shrove Tuesday Pancakes

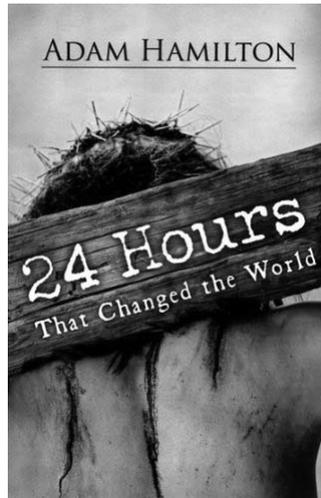
Don't miss our annual Pancake Supper, 5:30-7:00 p.m. on Shrove Tuesday, March 4. The supper is prepared and hosted by the youth from Grace and St. Luke's parishes, so please stop by for great pancakes, sausage and bacon. We also still need adult volunteers to help them out with set-up, clean-up or serving. If you can help, please contact Wes Shields at 667-1350.

The pancake supper cost will be \$3.00 for children ages seven and under and \$5.00 for older children and adults.

Ash Wednesday Services

Two Ash Wednesday services at Grace are scheduled on March 5 at 12 noon and at 6:00 p.m.

Adult Sunday School



In the Pretty Good Coffee and Conversation Class in the parish hall, beginning on March 9 and continuing through Lent, we will study a book by Adam Hamilton called *24 Hours That Changed the World*. The book explores the last 24 hours of Jesus' life, from the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday through the Crucifixion on Good Friday. Each week, we will cover a chapter in the book and we will familiarize ourselves with Scripture references to this critical time in the life, death and eventual resurrection of our Lord. Each chapter consists of a very readable fifteen pages. The book is a great Lenten reading discipline for us. A 10-minute video filmed in Israel will orient us to the places where these events took place. Fr. Coffey will lead our weekly discussions.

The book is available used at Amazon.com for about \$10.00 including shipping. Order your book now!

Lenten Taizé Services

We will again have Lenten Taizé Eucharists on Mondays at 6:00 p.m. Our first service will take place on March 10. The services will continue through Monday, April 7. Judy Rhodes will play beautiful music for the Eucharists. Please join us for these contemplative worship experiences.

Food For The Poor Lenten Mite Boxes

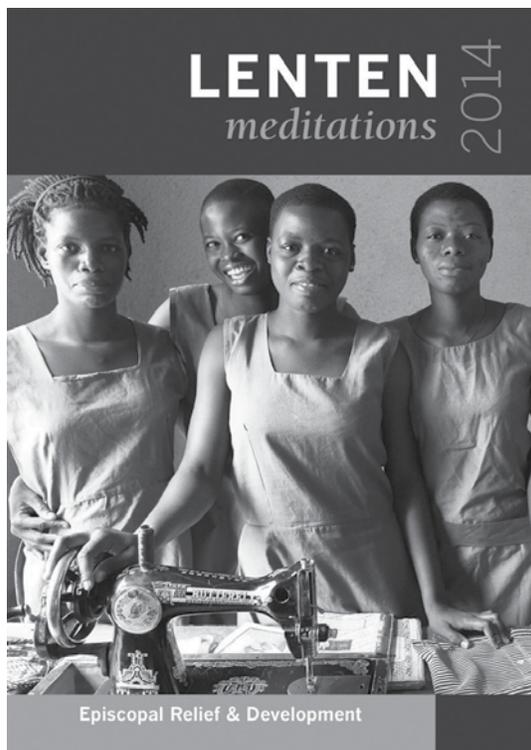


YOU can make a lifesaving difference during this Lenten season! Operation Starfish, a project of Food For The Poor, is a simple, efficient means of saving precious lives, one child at a time. Just pick up an Operation Starfish mite box in the foyer and place it in a spot where you will be reminded daily throughout

Lent to fill it with your spare change. If just 150 of us saved fifty cents a day for the forty days of Lent, \$3,000 would be raised to help provide housing, food, education, water and micro-enterprise support to those who need it most in Latin America and the Caribbean. Imagine how easy it would be to double that number! Please start filling your mite box today. Make it a family project. Look for the Food for the Poor display in the foyer to learn more, or go online to www.foodforthe poor.org.

Lenten Devotionals

Episcopal Relief & Development's *Lenten Meditations 2014* provides a particular focus on creating economic opportunities while we prepare our souls for healing. It was written by an international group of theologians and church leaders from a variety of backgrounds and theological perspectives. Episcopal Relief & Development is very grateful to these friends for generously sharing their time and thoughts. Reflecting a range of diverse voices, the meditations provide insights on readings of spiritual significance and how we might apply them to our lives as we face a world in need. As we consider Jesus' life of healing and sacrifice during this Lenten season, Episcopal Relief & Development asks you to reflect on your faith and how you might take action in responding to a hurting world. The traditional Lenten practice of almsgiving provides an opportunity to renew your commitment to people in need by supporting our work.



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.”

March 2014 Ministry Schedule

Date	Service Time	Acolyte C	Acolyte G	Acolyte E	Lector, Intercessor & Presenters	Healing Team	Ushers	Chalicians	Coffee Hour	Scripture	Lesson
2-Mar											
	7:45						Ed Duncan	James Cannon			
	9:00	Alyssa Jones	Moir Stewart	Cuyler Dupree	L, I, P - Jenny Knapp and Cuyler Dupree, Knapp Family	Louise Wernicke Patricia Hargrove	Tricia & Mickey Trinite	1. Debbie Jones 2. Ann Davis	Micki Newton	Exodus 24:12-18	1st Lesson
	11:15	Rusty McCredie	Alternate	Sally Withers	L, I, P - Jenny Thomas and Lyn Burkett	Pat Davis Alternate	Ron Sims Ed Woockener	1. Sally Coburn 2. Mark Silvers	Sallie Hunter	2 Peter 1:16-21	2nd Lesson
Ash Wed	12:00 noon 6:00 p.m.		Cuyler Dupree		LIP - Sonny Rawls and Alternate LIP - Charles Carter & Kimberly Kneier		John Churchill and John Rigsby Ray & Wendy Kuykendall	1. Sally Coburn 2. Mary Cozine 1. Bill Spencer 2. Sally Withers		Isaiah 58:1-12 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10	
9-Mar											
	7:45				L - Robert Green I - Robert Green P - Green Family	Sherry Coward Jeanne Robertson	Steve Jones Larry Harris Jim Siemens	James Cannon 1. Carol Booth 2. Jennifer Clary	Elaine Dephouse	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7	1st Lesson
	9:00	Cade Wooten	Noah Clary	Cuyler Dupree	L, I, P - Kristen Dusenbery Sally Coburn, Peggy Grimes	Mary Israel Corinne Spencer	Paul Stewart Elaine Potter	1. Eric Howell 2. Elaine Potter	Leila Cort	Romans 5:12-16	2nd Lesson
16-Mar											
	7:45				L - Greg Townsend I - Anne Simmons P - Townsend Family	Pat Davis Jane Whitman	Andrew Dahm Kaderabek Family	Margaret Dahm 1. Cuyler Dupree 2. Jenny Knapp		Genesis 12:1-4a	1st Lesson
	9:00	Gavin Knapp	Andrew/Harrison Best	Zoe Davis	L, I, P - Rusty McCredie and Mary Cozine	Lyn Burkett Karen Compton	Rusty Herman Henry Watts	1. Charles Carter 2. Kimberly Kneier	Cuyler Dupree	Romans 4:1-5, 13	2nd Lesson
23-Mar											
	7:45				L, I, P - Sherry & Bill Coward	Jeanne Robertson Shari Lane	Steve Jones Paul & Vicki Vest	Jack Frue 1. Daphne Urquhart 2. Cuyler Dupree	Paul Vest	Exodus 17:1-7	1st Lesson
	9:00	Catherine Cullen	Helena Cullen	Louise Wernicke	L, I, P - Carol McMichael and Elaine Potter	Sonny Rawls Lyn Burkett	Mark & Jonah Silvers	1. Sally Coburn 2. Nancy Clark	Georgi Bruce	Romans 5:1-8	2nd Lesson
	11:15	Rusty McCredie	Bob Grimes	Sally Withers	L - James Cannon P - Henry Watts	Deb Gravatt					
	Taizé 8:00 PM										
30-Mar											
	7:45						Ed Duncan	Jack Frue			
	9:00	Zoe Davis	Naomi Green	Cuyler Dupree	L - Louise Wernicke I - Jeanne Robertson P - Robertson Family	Brenda Haller Ann Robinson	Tom and Liz Barr	1. John Woodson 2. Greg Townsend	Katherine Kaderabek	I Samuel 16:1-13	1st Lesson
	11:15	Cheryl Aull	Sally Withers	Eric Howell	L, I, P - Eric Howell and Lyn Burkett	Sonny Rawls Mary Israel	Larry & LuAnn Harris	1. Bill Warren 2. Carol McMichael	Georgi Bruce	Ephesians 5:8-14	2nd Lesson
Flower Arrangers											
Date	Counters		Depositors		Date		Flower Arrangers		Altar Guild		
2-Mar	Steve Birkhofer	James Cannon	James Cannon	Dawson, Buchanan	2-Mar	Group 1 - Mar 1 - Mar 7					
9-Mar	Martha Boyette	Judy Bohan	Judy Bohan	LENT Dawson, Buchanan	9-Mar	Group 2 - Mar 8 - Mar 14					
16-Mar	Sally Withers	Chal & Hugh Vaughn	Chal & Hugh Vaughn	LENT	16-Mar	Group 3 - Mar 15 - Mar 21					
23-Mar	Georgi Bruce	Anne Simmons	Anne Simmons	LENT Jones, Cozine - replenish greenery	23-Mar	Group 4 - Mar 22 - Mar 28					
30-Mar	Georgi Bruce	Anne Simmons	Anne Simmons	LENT	30-Mar	Group 1 - Mar 29 - Apr 4					

Our Prayer List

March

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

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

For Others (names to stay on four weeks; call the church office to keep names on the list for a longer time): **Art Ackermann** (brother of Nancy Ackermann Cole); **Nancy Bailey & daughters Allison & Kristen** (friends of Barbara Wilcox); **Robert Baker** (son of Donna Trimnal); **Thomas Barr** (son of Tom & Liz Barr); **Chris Carson** (son of Martha & Randy Carson); **Anne Chamberlain** (friend of Nancy Ackermann Cole); **Gladys, Bill & Steve Creasman, Dennis & Carolyn Creasman** (friends of Barbara & Chuck Wilcox); **Debbie D.** (friend of Lynda McCredie); **Kelli Davis** (daughter of George & Pat Davis); **Lynn Gordon** (friend of Vicki & Paul Vest); **Grey Israel** (friend of Trisha Hargrove); **Meg Karayiannis** (niece of Nancy Ackermann Cole); **Kristi & Don Kitchens** (sister-in-law of Cheryl Aull); **Beverly McRee** (wife Fr. Tim McRee); **Jim & DiAnne Monroe; Johnny Nettles** (cousin of Eva Dupree); **Dan Powell** (friend of Kathleen Griffin); **Forrest Renfro** (grandson of Becky Barker); **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); **Harriet & Sydnor Thompson** (parents of Sydnor Thompson); **Alicia; Deane** (sister of Joyce Noble); **Elizabeth; Ellen; Guy Sayles; Bill Sudenc; Jean & Mary Dee** (sister & cousin of Walt Noble); **Bethany** (daughter of Joan); **Elizabeth; Ellen; Richard; Sue; Susan; Tara** (daughter of Shari Lane); **Bonnie Wiggen** (daughter of Nancy Remmers).

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 and Their Families: **Pat Vest** (father of Paul Vest).

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

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

March Anniversaries

Earl Leininger and Cathy Adkins	2
David and Suana Gentry	25
Pat and Beth McKinsey	30
David and Peggie 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 Nola Ellington
6 Jay Sparger	20 Brad Smith
7 David Haynes	23 Cameron Bell
8 Pat McKinsey	25 Bill Crownover
11 Carol Booth	25 Suana Gentry
11 Jimmy Hudson	25 Nancy Remmers
13 Laura Stephens	26 Kimberly Kneier
16 Henry Holland	27 Sally Coburn
16 Barbara Seagraves	27 Charlie Milling
16 Lindsay Whitner	29 Terri Frue
17 McKai Comer	31 Ty Gregory
17 Keith Hargrove	31 Brett Young

Gifts to Appreciate

The Aumbry candle is given to the glory of God by Kathleen Griffin in thanksgiving for her family.

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by Tricia and Keith Hargrove in thanksgiving for all the blessings of their lives together.

During Lent, the altar floral arrangements consist of simple green foliage which, combined with Lenten liturgical music, vestments and altar cloths, reflect the somber nature of the season.

Planned Giving & Endowment

Fr. Alex Comfort

“What did I do? I can’t remember!”

The easiest way to make a great gift to Grace Church is to designate the church as a primary or secondary beneficiary of your IRA, your retirement plan, or your life insurance policy. All you need to do is to change your beneficiary form. Your financial professional can provide you with the beneficiary form. Most people, truth be told, do not remember what people or charities they have designated as beneficiaries. And the best part is that most beneficiary forms will allow you to split your beneficiaries’ shares – such as 90 percent to your children and ten percent to Grace Church. Look at your accounts and consider including Grace.

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I SEE THERE ARE A FEW OTHER FOLKS OUT THERE WHO ENJOY THE DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME CHANGE

Don't forget to “spring forward” Sunday, March 9!

Events at a Glance

EYC

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

Weekly Gospel Bible Study

Mondays, 10:30 a.m., PH

Welcome Table Soup Supper

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

Worship Service

Mondays, 6:00 p.m., LI

Early Birds Men's Book Study

Tuesdays, 8:15 a.m., LI

Centering Prayer

Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m., OF

Youth Lenten Pretzel-Making

Sunday, March 2, 10:00 a.m., PH

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, March 4, 5:30-7:00 p.m., PH

Ash Wednesday Services

Wednesday, March 5, 12:00 noon and 6:00 p.m.

Purls of Grace

Thursday, March 6 & 20, 6:30 p.m., OF

Men of the Church

Will Not Meet During Lent

Lenten Taizé Eucharists

Mondays, March 10-April 7, 6:00 p.m., CH

Flower Guild Workshop for Grace Parishioners

Saturday, March 8, 10:00 a.m., PH

Healing Prayer Service

Tuesday, March 4, 11, 18, & 25, 7:00 p.m., LI

TEAM Meeting

Wednesday, March 12, 11:00 a.m., OF

Order of St. Luke Program Meeting

Thursday, March 13, 6:30 p.m., PH

Steadfast House Meal

Friday, March 14, 6:00 p.m.

Taizé Worship Service

Sunday, March 16, 8:00 p.m., CH

Vestry Meeting

Monday, March 17, 5:30 p.m., LI

Dessert and Evening with Gregg Blanton

Wednesday, March 19, 7:00 p.m., PH

Altar Guild Workshop for Grace Parishioners

Saturday, March 29, 9:00-11:00 a.m., PH

Slow Start in New Year

January Pledges totaled \$19,334 and were 36% under budget, while Non-Pledged and Open Offerings totaled \$3,764 and were 37% under budget. Income in January when combined with \$4,350 received for prior year pledges and Building/Other Income of \$1,562 totaled \$29,011 and was \$8,858 under budget.

Personnel expenses totaled \$29,108 and were 12% over budget due to the payment of quarterly retirement premiums whose budgeted costs are spread over 3 months. This, when combined with all other expenses, resulted in a negative expense variance of \$2,467.

With a January Income total of \$29,011 and a January Expenses total of \$40,335, an operating deficit of (\$11,324) resulted for the month.

Your Vestry

Statement of Activities - Grace Church Year to Date - January 2014

	Actual	Budget	Over/Under
Income:			
Pledges	19,334	29,917	(10,582)
Prior Year Pledges	4,350	-	4,350
Non-pledged Offerings	3,160	5,124	(1,964)
Open Offering	604	833	(229)
Interest	6	12	(6)
Misc.	1,556	1,982	(426)
Total Income:	<u>29,011</u>	<u>37,868</u>	<u>(8,858)</u>
Expenses:			
Outreach/Mission	3,757	4,761	(1,004)
Parish Programs	550	1,083	(534)
Operations	6,920	6,054	866
Personnel	29,108	25,970	3,138
Total Expenses:	<u>40,335</u>	<u>37,868</u>	<u>2,467</u>
Income - Expense:	(11,324)	-	(11,324)

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- *Evening With Greg Blanton Rescheduled*
 - *Meet the New Vestry Members*
 - *Discovering Lent*
 - *And of course, "Parson to Person"*

MARCH 2014

to each a ministry

TEAM

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