



the Grace TEAM

to each a ministry

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Parson to Person

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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,

As I mentioned last month, March 1 is Ash Wednesday. The Ash Wednesday services are at 12:00 noon and 6:00 p.m. I would like to encourage you to come to one of these services, not for me, but for you. In the introduction to Lent in the Ash Wednesday liturgy, we invite one another to the observance of a holy Lent by self-examination and repentance; prayer, fasting and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word as ways to follow Jesus into the desert during His forty days of temptation.

For Jesus, this was a time of physical fasting. During one of my beach trip retreats a few years ago, I fasted for several days, drinking only water during that time. What was interesting about that to me was that it was so freeing. After the first day or so, I was no longer hungry. Not having to consider what I was going to eat and/or where I was going to eat for several days was the freeing part. Think about how much time all of us spend thinking about what we want to eat, then procuring the food, then preparing it and then eating it. It was amazing not to have to think about any of that for several days.

When tempted to turn the stones into loaves of bread for him to eat, Jesus quoted Scripture to Satan saying, "Human beings do not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God." That's a good thing for us to remember every day, not just during Lent. It is a reminder that we need the daily spiritual sustenance of God's Word found in Holy Scripture and enlightened by the Holy Spirit as much as we need the sustenance of our daily bread. The *Forward Day by Day* devotional is a good way to accomplish this.

Going back to my experience of physical fasting, remember how I said that

after the first day or so I was no longer hungry? In my experience with several dear friends of mine, the same thing happened to them, not physically, but spiritually. When they drifted away from the Church and the things of God, eventually they were no longer hungry for the things of God, and in some cases they lost their faith.

Another analogy for this is the glowing ember that pops out of the fire. As long as it is in the fire, it is sustained and remains hot and glowing. But once it gets away from the fire, it grows cold and loses the heat and light of the fire. And think about this. If you take that cold lifeless ember and put it back into the fire among the other hot glowing

embers, it will reignite and regain its heat and light.

This is surely why Jesus founded the Church. The Church is the fire that sustains the heat and light of our faith. When one begins to drift away from the community of faith, one's faith begins to grow cold. And likewise, like putting the ember back into the fire, if we drift away from the Church and find that we are losing our faith, we need only to get ourselves back to the fire and the other burning embers to be reignited in the faith. Unfortunately, if we stay away long enough, having little or no faith in Christ can become our new normal. In this new normal, we may forget who we are as children of God. God may begin to seem far away or non-existent and we may become unduly distracted by the lure and cares of this world.

Lent is a time to be intentional about staying in the fire. I wish all of you a blessed, holy and joyful Lenten season as we spend some time with Jesus in the desert.

Grace and Peace,

Fr. Gary Coffey

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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., CR

Bells and Choir Practice
Wednesdays, Bells: 6:00 p.m.; Choir: 7:30 p.m.

Men of the Church
No meetings during Lent; next meeting Tuesday, April 18

Ash Wednesday Services
Wednesday, March 1, 12:00 noon & 6:00 p.m., CH

ABCCM Food Drive
Sunday, March 5, bring your food donations, all services

Artüm Ensemble
Sunday, March 5, 3:00-4:00 p.m., CH

Justice & Morality in the Modern American Economy
Tuesdays, March 7, 14, 21, & 28, 5:00-7:00 p.m., PH
(Learn more on p. 3)

Generational Healing Eucharist
Tuesday, March 7, 7:00 p.m., LI

TEAM Meeting
Wednesday, March 8, 10:00 a.m., OF

Order of St. Luke
Thursday, March 9, 6:30-8:30 p.m., PH

Steadfast House Meal
Friday, March 10, 6:00 p.m.

PubSing
Sunday, March 12: snacks 5:30 p.m.; singing 6:00 p.m.

Healing Prayer Services
Tuesdays, March 14, 21 & 28, 7:00 p.m., LI

Purls of Grace
Thursday, March 16, 5:00 p.m., LI

Walking the Labyrinth at Grace
Sunday, March 19, 10:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m., 6:45 p.m., PH

Taizé Worship Service
Sunday, March 19, 8:00 p.m., CH

Vestry Meeting
Monday, March 20, 5:30 p.m., LI

Pastoral Care Informative Training Session
Sunday, March 26, 10:00 a.m. (learn more, p. 7)



Artüm Ensemble is Sunday, March 5

Don't miss this afternoon of chamber music at Grace. The Artüm Ensemble, made up of young musicians who are committed to encouraging the appreciation and values of music and to promoting education, creative, and professional opportunities in the community, will perform a free concert with string quartet works by Johannes Brahms (String Quartet No. 1, Op. 51) and Felix Mendelssohn (String Quartet No. 2, Op. 13).

Parish News

Centering Prayer meets Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in the downstairs conference room. All are welcome.

The **Early Birds** meet in the library Tuesday mornings at 8:15 to learn more about the Word through book studies. All are welcome.

Lectors, Presenters and Chalicists urgently needed for the 11:15 a.m. service. To volunteer or receive more information, please contact Sally Coburn at 645-5369 or email her at terrysuzie@gmail.com.

Men of the Church will not meet during Lent and Holy Week.

Monday Morning Bible Study meets at 10:30 a.m. in the parish hall as Fr. Bob facilitates a study of the Gospel for the following Sunday. All are welcome.

The Mountain Chapter of the **Order of St. Luke** meets Thursday, March 9, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Kay Covode from the OSL River of Healing Chapter in Hayesville will talk about *Discernment and Spiritual Warfare Intercession*. Kay, a gifted prayer minister, teacher, and intercessor, coordinates Spiritual Warfare Intercession for our annual Healing Winds conference. All are welcome. One does not have to be an OSL member to attend. *Note: We will not meet if the Asheville City Schools are closed on March 9 or close early due to inclement weather.*

PubSing is an informal gathering on the second Sunday evening of each month to sing hymns, old-time Gospel, and Americana inspirational music. We will meet this month on Sunday, March 12, at the French Broad Brewery, 101 Fairview Road. You may bring a snack at 5:30 p.m.; singing begins at 6:00. For more information, contact Monty Wooten at montywooten@bellsouth.net or 828-254-1114. Get directions at frenchbroadbrewery.com/directions/.

Walking the Labyrinth at Grace. On Sunday, March 19, there are three opportunities to walk the labyrinth in the parish hall as a spiritual practice during Lent. With only one path to the center and back out, the labyrinth is a journey, not a maze. For early Christians, it symbolized a journey to Jerusalem. Basic instruction for walking the labyrinth will be offered at the start of each walk. Walks are available during Sunday school for adults, 4:00 p.m. for families with children and those preferring not to drive at night, and 6:45 p.m. (open to all). Plan to wear socks. No bare feet or shoes please. Contact Katie Warren at 828-275-3971 if you need more information.

Grace Ministries in Action

"Grace Ministries in Action" spotlights reports from our ministry leaders, keeping us informed about the ministries, their programs, and ways in which each of us can get involved. The ministry leaders listed here would love to hear from you.

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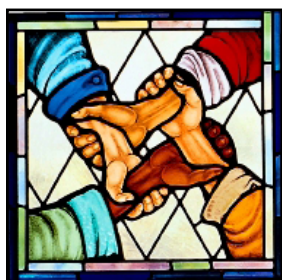
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Adult Formation

In **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**, we finish our study of Genesis and how these archetypal stories fit in our New Testament world view. Also, on the third Sunday of Lent, Katie Warren and the Centering Prayer group will guide us as we walk the Labyrinth.

THIS LENT, join us each Tuesday evening in March from 5:00 to 7:00 for a light soup supper and meaningful conversation. Terry O'Keefe, a parishioner at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Mars Hill, will lead us in "Justice and Morality in the Modern American Economy," a 4-session course to help us seek common ground and solutions as we look to build a just and sustainable society. *Anyone who would like to cook for one session, please email Greg Townsend at gwtownsend@outlook.com.*

Communications

Stay in touch with your Grace Church community! Just a reminder, the phone number and email address below are for event photos and videos only, not for church business. Use 828-254-1086 and grace.parish@att.net to reach the church office.

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Twitter: <https://twitter.com/GraceAsheville> The Twitter feed is connected to our Facebook feed. You may wish to follow one or the other.

Healing Ministry Jeanne Robertson

THE HEALING PRAYER CORNER. It has been a while since I have written a Healing Prayer article. I began to feel that I had written so many there was nothing left to write about. But I believe that God is not finished with me yet and that He is not finished giving me material to write about. So I felt compelled to share a wonderful tip that a friend just gave me this week. So many times when we think of prayers we think of asking for something, telling God what we need to have done, and if we receive an answer to a prayer, we rejoice and go on with our lives. I have many times wished I had a record of all the answered prayers I have received over the years. Well, here is the answer to this dilemma. When I send God a prayer request, I also need to get out a prayer journal and write the request down and the date I prayed it. If I receive an answer to that prayer, I then get the journal out and in a second column, next to the request, I write the answer to the prayer. The amazing thing is to go back after a couple of weeks and read over the requests and see how many are answered. An added bonus to this plan is that we are then able to see how God answers prayer, and how, many times, He does not answer as we expected. This little added bonus helps me refine my prayers. I now try and give God an idea of my need, but I let Him decide how to answer. After all, He is infinitely wiser than I. May you be blessed in your journal writing and the insights they provide. And if you feel led, share your experiences with me.

Ministries continued on the next page >>>

Outreach

Our first ABCCM food drive of 2017 is Sunday, March 5. ABCCM has specially requested canned chicken, spaghetti sauce, and vegetable oil for this food drive. As always, thank you for your support of this effort.

Pastoral Care

The Pastoral Care ministry not only cares for the sick and bereaved, but also works to support all Grace parishioners.

FRIENDS IN CHRIST. A training session during the Sunday school hour, March 26, will introduce you to “Friends in Christ” and some useful skills for ministering to parishioners and others in need of companionship. Read more on page 7.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! If it’s your birthday, expect a call from Nancy Porter (confirmed at Grace in 1955, and glad to be back home again after pursuing college and her career). Her phone number will come up on your phone as 828-649-0127. If you are not home, Nancy will leave a message.

LUNCHBUNCH will not meet again until warmer weather. Watch for details in the spring!

PURLS OF GRACE, the prayer shawl ministry, meets at 5:00 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month in the library. Our next meeting will be on March 16. Contact Beth Woodson at 828-645-4293 or email at dryridge@aol.com to learn more. *The following is more from Beth about the Purls of Grace ministry:*

Those who go to the 9 o’clock service have seen the Grace alter covered with colorful shawls being blessed by all the children. These shawls are given to people, mostly parishioners, who are sick, homebound, grieving or in some other situation where a hug may be needed. They provide comfort and healing through the knowledge that someone cares and is praying for them. We have given out dozens of shawls, lap robes and hats, and we have gotten numerous thank you notes about how much comfort these shawls have given their recipients. Some shawls take on extraordinary significance.

Barbara Wilcox was given a shawl after her husband, Chuck, passed away. She uses her shawl when she takes communion to homebound parishioners. She writes, “No matter where I am in sharing communion with folks, when I place the shawl around my shoulders, the environment is transformed; and we are in a chapel - a holy place.” Barbara told James Cannon, who also delivers communion, about how the shawl makes her feel. He requested and has been given a shawl for his use, too.

Another shawl was given to Sherry Martin when she was sick. After she passed away, her granddaughter, Lauren Kuykendall, was given “Groggy’s” shawl. When her mother suffered broken ribs, Lauren placed the shawl over her to help her feel better.

The shawls have been crocheted and knitted by a small group, and we are always looking for new crafters, both beginners and experienced. If you would like to learn to knit or crochet, we can help you get started. We have needles, hooks and yarn for your use, as well as patterns for simple shawls. Please join us for our next meeting, March 16, to learn more about the Purls of Grace.



Barbara and her prayer shawl



Our children participate in blessing the shawls

Wedding Ministry

As all of us know, we have a beautiful church. Therefore, it is very popular for weddings. For some years, we have been renting the church as a wedding site for non-members, as well as members. The rental for the church for non-members is \$2000. Usually we have six to ten weddings a year, but the number is rapidly increasing. As you realize, this brings in a good sum of money.



We have decided the most efficient way to get information to prospective couples is to add a wedding page to our church web site. All the information will be right there for them, as well as wedding guidelines. To enhance our web page, we are using photos of the church, showing some of its unique features, such as the red doors, the stained glass windows, the old fashioned rope pull to ring the bell, and at times even the pumpkins!

We would also like to include photos of couples at their wedding, and who best to turn to than our own members? If you or a family member were married at Grace Church, would you consider sharing a few photos for the web page? Photos might be of the couple inside or outside the church. Or if you had a wedding reception or dinner in the Parish Hall, that would also be nice to show. Please look over your photos, and bring them to Valerie Heavens at the church office, or email them to grace.parish@att.net. We may not be able to use all that are provided, but we’ll choose a good representation of weddings at Grace.

March 2017 Ministry Schedule

Date	Service Time	Acolyte C	Acolyte G	Acolyte E	Lector, Intercessor & Presenters	Healing Team	Ushers	Chalicians	Coffee Hour	Scripture	Lesson
March 1 ASH WEDNESDAY											
	12:00	Elaine Potter			Lector: Elaine Potter		Ray Kuykendall	1. Carol McMichael 2. Sally Coburn		Isaiah 58:1-12	1st Lesson
	6:00	Sally Withers			Lector: Mark Silvers		Larry Harris	1. Bill Spencer 2. Mark Silvers		II Corinthians 5:20b-6:10	2nd Lesson
March 5											
	7:45					Deb Gravatt	Steve Jones	James Cannon			
	9:00	Cade Wooten	Cheryl Deyton	Molra Stewart	L, I, P - Anne Simmons Nancy Walters	Louise Wernicke Patricia Hargrove	Jarod and Molly Coffey	1. John Woodson 2. Cuyler Dupree	Cuyler Dupree	Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7	1st Lesson 9:00 Lesson
	11:15	Rusty McCredie	Sally Withers	Bob Grimes	L, I, P - Jennie Thomas Mark Silvers	Pat Davis Karen Compton	Larry and LuAnn Harris	1. Eric Howell 2. Sally Withers	Volunteer	Romans 5:12-19	2nd Lesson
March 12											
	7:45					Deb Gravatt	Ed Duncan	Susan Macdonald			
	9:00	Zoe Davis	Daphne Urquhart	Carsten Path	L, I, P - Robert Green Green Family	Jeanne Robertson Kathy Oesterlin	Ray Kuykendall Will Israel	1. Greg Townsend 2. Debbie Jones	Paul Vest	Genesis 12:1-4a	1st Lesson 9:00 Lesson
	11:15	Mark Silvers	Jonah Silvers	Ellie Silvers	L, I, P - Rusty McCredie Nancy Remmers	Marzy Israel Corinne Spencer	Paul Stewart Elaine Potter	1. Bill Warren 2. Bill Spencer	Volunteer	Romans 4:1-5, 13-17	2nd Lesson
March 19											
	7:45					Deb Gravatt	Andrew Dahm	Margaret Dahm			
	9:00	Lisle Ellington	Maya Bell	Laura Ellington	L, I, P - (alternate) Bill Crowover	Pat Davis Jane Whitman	Tom Barr Bill Crowover	1. Carol Booth 2. Ann Robinson	Micki Newton	Exodus 17:1-7	1st Lesson
	11:15	Cheryl Aull	Olivia Nery	Grace Miller	L, I, P - Mark Silvers Kimberly Kneier	Sonny Rawls Karen Compton	Ed Woeckener Larry Harris	1. Charles Carter 2. Kimberly Kneier	Georgi Bruce	Romans 5:1-8	2nd Lesson 9:00 Lesson
	Taizé 8:00 PM				I - Monty Wooten L - James Cannon	Deb Gravatt					
March 26											
	7:45					Deb Gravatt	Steve Jones	Jack Frue			
	9:00	Cuyler Dupree	Aleena Bennett	Louise Wernicke	L, I, P - Greg Townsend Louise Wernicke Townsend Family	Jeanne Robertson Shari Lane	Derick and Wade Edwards	1. Greg Townsend 2. Daphne Urquhart	Elaine Dephouse	I Samuel 16:1-13	1st Lesson
	11:15	Mark Silvers	Jonah Silvers	Ellie Silvers	L, I, P - Carol McMichael Nancy Remmers	Marzy Israel Sonny Rawls	Rusty Herman Bob Turner	1. Sally Coburn 2. Eric Howell	Mary Ann Warren	Ephesians 5:8-14	2nd Lesson 9:00 Lesson
Altar Guild											
Date	Counters	Depositors	Date	Flower Arrangers	Date	Altar Guild					
5-Mar	Steve Birkhofer	James Cannon	5-Mar	Lent Greenery - Newton	5-Mar	Group 1: March 4 - March 10					
12-Mar	Martha Boyette	Judy Bohan	12-Mar	Lent	12-Mar	Group 2: March 11 - March 17					
19-Mar	Sally Withers	Chal & Hugh Vaughn	19-Mar	Lent	19-Mar	Group 3: March 18 - March 24					
26-Mar	Georgi Bruce	Anne Simmons	26-Mar	Refresh Greenery - Westall	26-Mar	Group 4: March 25 - March 31					

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; Betsy Buchanan; Chris Carson (son of Martha & Randy); **Arnold Clark; Barbara Crownover; Nathan Crownover (son of Bill and Barbara Crownover); **Ed Denison; Eunice Ferguson; Mary Hayes; Rusty Herman; Mary Israel; Wendy Kuykendall; Straudia & Mel Luedtke; Joyce Noble; Nancy Porter; Elaine Potter; Sonny Rawls; Nancy Remmers; Doris Rigsby; Leeann Shearouse; Anne Simmons; Laura & Tsz-yan Snyder; Rita Spragg; Mike St. Clair; Harrison Taylor; Mickey, Tricia & Marcus Trinite; Barbara Wilcox; Don Wills.******

For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities: **Henny Caldwell; Mary Hayes** (mother of Rick Hayes); **Lou** (mother of Kim Hayes); **Rusk Henry; Donald Israel** (brother-in-law of Mary Israel); **June Kelley; Neill Mason; Joan Sanderson; Mary Ida Sprague; 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): **Anna** (niece of Jackie Ewendt); **Deane Boggs** (sister of Joyce Noble); **Jenn Chenowith** (friend of Joyce & Walt Noble); **Ryan Conrad** (friend of Julia Anne Dawson); **Debbie D.** (friend of Lynda McCredie); **Kelli Davis** (daughter of George & Pat Davis); **Kacie Epley** (cousin of Vicki & Paul Vest); **Al Fadel** (friend of Nancy & Arnold Clark); **Joanne Giezentanner Greene** (friend of Nancy & Arnold Clark); **Danny Hall** (brother-in-law of David Gentry); **Priscilla Hickey** (sister-in-law of Barbara Wilcox); **the Rev. Ed Hillman & family** (friends of Don Wills); **Kathleen Johnson** (friend of Barbara Wilcox); **Jeff Johnston** (cousin of Eva Dupree); **Phyl Mathias** (friend of Don Wills); **Meg; Missy** (friend of Jeannette and Bob Reese); **Jim Monroe** (friend of Jeannette & Bob Reese); **Luke** (kindergarten student of Vicki Vest); **Janice Ribet** (former parishioner); **Dick Senneff** (friend of Don Wills); **Sladky family** (friends of Don Wills); **Jennifer Svenstrup** (friend of Paul & Vicki Vest); **Nancy Temple** (friend of Billy Gray); **Jessica Vest** (daughter-in-law of Vicki & Paul Vest); **Lara Weaver** (daughter of Jackie Schauer); **Tim Yehl** (son-in-law of Jeanne & Ray Robertson); **Elizabeth; Pam** (friend of Cheryl Aull); **Sue; Susan.**

For Those in the Episcopal Church: **Michael**, our presiding Bishop; **José, Porter & Robert**, our Bishops; **the clergy; the vestry; the staff; the ministries and people of this parish; Church of the Advocate.**

For Outreach Agencies Through Which We Minister: **ABCCM; Consider Haiti; Episcopal Relief and Development; Food for the Poor; Habitat for Humanity; Manna Food Bank; Meals on Wheels.**

For Those Who Have Died and Their Families: **Bob Plyler** (former parishioner and husband of Anne Plyler); **Dick Krueger** (husband of Liz Krueger); **Dave Carey** (husband of Peg Carey); **Robert C. Hall, Jr.** (son of Bob and Anne Hall); **Sandra Summer** (niece of Martha Boyette).

For Those in Service to Our Country: **Tommy & Danny Brown** (grandsons of Ed & Marla Woeckener); **Dave Ely** (son of David Ely); **Matthew George** (son of Zoe Davis); **Austin Harrison** (grandson of Joan Sanderson); **Spencer & Erica High; Jason Marino** (son of Lynda McCredie); **Daniel Schultz** (son of Judy Rhodes); **Caitlin Vest** (niece of Vicki & Paul Vest).

For our President Donald Trump, 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 crises throughout our world.

The Bulletin and TEAM prayer list is one of many prayer lists at Grace. Please get permission from anyone you would like to add to the list and contact Kathleen Griffin at gkcggriffin7@gmail.com or the church office at grace.parish@att.net.

March Anniversaries

Cathy Adkins and Earl Leininger	2
Suana and David Gentry	25
Beth and Pat McKinsey	30

March Birthdays

1 Tom Wernicke	19 Mary Israel
2 Samuel Ellington	20 Nola Ellington
2 Eric Howell	20 Brad Smith
2 Grace Miller	23 Cameron Bell
5 Joe Aull	25 Bill Crownover
8 Pat McKinsey	25 Suana Gentry
11 Carol Booth	25 Nancy Remmers
11 Jimmy Hudson	26 Kimberly Kneier
12 James Carlin	27 Sally Coburn
13 Laura Stephens	27 Charlie Milling
15 Valerie Heavens	27 Mark Wall
16 Henry Holland	29 Terri Frue
16 Corey Snyder	29 Kelly Thompson
16 Lindsay Whitner	31 Shawn Chase
17 Keith Hargrove	31 Brett Young
17 Andrew Wall	

Our apologies to Eunice Ferguson. She celebrated her 80th birthday this past February 8. Happy belated birthday, Eunice!

In Case We Missed Your Special Day...

If we've missed acknowledging your birthday or anniversary, or if we've gotten a date wrong, please accept our sincerest apologies. And to prevent it from happening again, please call the church office with the correct information. We'll gladly update our database.

"Friends in Christ" Training Session, March 26

Have you been looking for a way that gives back to those in need, particularly those in need of companionship and conversation? "Friends In Christ" is looking for a few more volunteers to visit homebound members of Grace Church.

If you're not quite sure if this is for you, please come to an informative training being taught by Jarod Coffey on Sunday, March 26, during Sunday school time. Jarod will be talking about skills such as active listening and engagement strategies to increase volunteers' confidence as they step into the role of visiting homebound members.

Coming to the class does not constitute a commitment to being a volunteer for the program. So, come on out to the training if you think this might be something that you are called to do!

We offer our thoughts and prayers to the friends and loved ones of Sandra Summer (niece of Martha Boyette), Robert C. Hall, Jr. (son of Bob and Anne Hall), Dave Carey (husband of Peg Carey), Dick Krueger (husband of Liz Krueger), and Bob Plyler (former parishioner and husband of Anne Plyler).

Special Gifts

The Aumbry Candle is given to the Glory of God by Tricia and Keith Hargrove in thanksgiving for the blessing of family and friends.

Lent begins March 1, and traditionally, throughout the Lenten season, Grace Church does not decorate the altar with flowers.

