



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,

I am some kind of excited to see spring come, even though we have had another very gentle winter. With spring of course comes the Easter season for those of us who are Episcopalians.

I read an article in *Sojourners* magazine the other day. It was written by a young man and a young woman both in their twenties. They had grown up, one in the Lutheran Church, and the other in a Baptist Church. They wrote the article about what keeps them in the pews on Sunday mornings.

Remember *Sojourners* is not an Episcopal organization. Rather it is an organization primarily concerned with social justice for all people. Jim Wallis, who wrote *God's Politics* that we read in Sunday School several years ago, is associated with *Sojourners*. Anyway you can imagine my delight when I read that both of the young people writing the article had found their Christian faith renewed by discovering and attending an Episcopal parish.

They talked about some of the things that churches are doing today to try to appeal to young adults. For the two of them our Episcopal Church, with its sacramental traditions and roots going all the way back to the early Church, is a huge attraction. Also the Episcopal Church's emphasis on mystery and on the living God, who is in many ways beyond the grasp of our finite human minds, made them and I would say makes all of us feel that as members

of the Episcopal Church and thereby as members of the Kingdom of God, we are part of something far bigger than ourselves.

There is something special about participating in rites of worship that date all the way back to Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River and his serving as the host at the Last Supper. We say that as a people we participate in *anamnesis*,

“ . . . and really sensing His presence with us as we receive Him . . . ”

which is more than just remembering. In some mystical way it involves, as we say the Eucharistic prayer each week, being transported back to

that Last Supper with Jesus and really sensing His presence with us as we receive Him in the sacrament of Holy Communion.

In participating in the Church Year we relive the waiting for His birth in Advent, the Incarnation of the living God into the world in the person of the baby Jesus at Christmas, the various manifestations of His glory in Epiphany, His forty days in the wilderness during Lent and most amazingly His death for us and His resurrection in us during Holy Week and the fifty days of Easter. Year after year we participate in that rhythm and even though we can't understand it all, time and again we are awed and amazed by it. Beloved, never be hesitant to invite someone to your church. For many have found the life that is life here.

Blessings and Happy Easter!
Fr. Gary

Parish News

Centering Prayer continues to meet on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. in Fr. Gary's office. Becky Hannah is our facilitator. Please join us.



The **Daughters of the King** meet on the third Sunday of each month at 7:00 p.m. We will meet on Sunday, April 21 in the church office. Please call Mary Cozine at 298-2368 for more information. All women are welcome. Please join us.



Graduates and families, please notify the church office about the details of your graduations from high school or college. We are interested in your schools/colleges, majors, and future plans. We will publish your names in the May *TEAM*.



Our congratulations to **Mitchell Harbin**, son of the Rev. Derek and Clifford King Harbin, who will receive his Eagle Scout rank at a Court of Honor at the Camp Bud Schiele amphitheatre and dining hall, 668 Boy Scout Road, Rutherfordton, NC 28139, on Saturday, April 6 at 2:00 p.m. If you would like to attend the Court of Honor, please RSVP to the Harbins by emailing them at girlclifford@gmail.com. We wish Mitchell all the best as he becomes an Eagle Scout. Derek Harbin served here at Grace as assistant to the rector when Bill Edwards was rector.



Men of the Church will meet on Tuesday, April 9 at 6:00 p.m. The hosts and cooks are Jim Compton and Ben Grimes. Jim's address is 60 Salem Road, Weaverville.

Everyone is welcome. The cost is \$10.00. Please sign up on the blue sheet on the kiosk in the foyer.



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.



The **Order of St. Luke** will meet on Thursday, April 11 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 a second DVD 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 relationships with Father God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. We'll continue learning how our own family relationships influence our perceptions of each member of the Godhead. We'll experience God/Jesus/Holy Spirit helping us with those earthly relationship concerns and revealing Himself to us in healing ways.



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.



Congratulations to **Wes and Laura Shields**, our youth coordinator and his wife. They have a new family member. His name is Tucker John Shields. May God bless little Tucker.

Three, Count Them, Three Sunday School Offerings . . .

1. The Bible Study Class will meet in the Edwards Library (room to the left as you enter the building from the parking lot). Bill Dismukes will be the facilitator.
2. The Pretty Good Coffee and Conversation Class will continue with the study of *The Reason for God* in the parish hall. Lyn Burkett will be the facilitator.
3. The Come-When-You-Can-Class for young adults will continue with Rob Bell films in the conference room downstairs. Fr. Gary Coffey will be the facilitator.

Flower Ministry Opportunities

The Flower Guild has two openings for volunteers. One is for an arranger. Lack of experience is not a problem. We love to work with new people; it helps to sharpen our skills. We also need a volunteer to keep a record of our altar flower donors. The job entails making a few phone calls and sending reminder cards to donors each month. It is a very rewarding task. Please call Mary Israel at 253-2167 if you have questions or would like to volunteer.

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, April 21 at 9:00 a.m.

April 21 will be Good Shepherd Sunday and the day when we will have our annual Blessing of the Animals at the 9:00 a.m. service. Bring your pets and join us for the joyful celebration.

The annual Blessing of the Animals offers individuals with pets an opportunity to reflect upon the positive impact that animals have on our emotional and physical well-being. The annual event attracts a wide variety of animals and their human friends. The bond between person and pet is like no other relationship because the communication between fellow creatures is at its most basic. Eye to eye a man and his dog or a woman and her cat are two creatures of love.



No wonder we enjoy and welcome the opportunity to bring our animal companions to church for a special blessing. Church is the place where the bond of creation is celebrated.

All pets are welcome but please consider the wisdom of bringing aggressive animals. Large animals also are welcome but must be led. (For example horses must not be ridden.) Clean-up aids and water will be available.

Animals are mentioned frequently in Scripture as in these verses:

Proverbs 12:10: *"The righteous man regards the life of his beast."*

Genesis 9: After the flood it is mentioned five times that *"I will make a covenant with you and with all living creatures."*

Deuteronomy 22 and Exodus 23: *"If you see an animal that is overburdened, you should lighten its load to help it."*

Job 12:7-10: *"Ask the birds, ask the beasts and they will teach you."*

Can you find others?

Soup Suppers Continue Through May at 5:00 p.m.

During Lent we have been experimenting with serving soup suppers on Monday evenings from 5:00 - 5:45 p.m. to anyone who would like to join us. We invited the members of the 6:00 p.m. Monday AA group. Some of them come to eat with us and it has been great to have them. We hope that they will continue to join us.

Eventually it is our hope to open the suppers up to the community. We will take a break and will not have the suppers during the summer. We are applying for a diocesan grant to help with expenses. We hope to resume the soup suppers in September. In the meantime for the next eight weeks come to join us. It is a great way to eat with church friends that you know and to meet new friends. The best thing about it is that you don't have to cook! The meal is free of charge. There is a receptacle for anyone who wishes to make a donation to our food ministry.

There are several ways that you can pitch in if you'd like to help with the ministry. You can make soup or a salad or a dessert. You can come to help set up for the meal. You can help to serve or help with clean up. If you would like to help in some way or if you would like more information, please contact Bill Crownover at 713-8504 or Jeannette Reese at 225-6477.

Rummage Sale Is On for Saturday, June 1

The Rummage Sale is coming. Please save your clean working items for our June 1 sale. We need gently-worn family clothing, household items, toys, jewelry, art, books, DVD's, tapes and records, small furniture, lamps, linens, small appliances, gardening tools and more. We will set up and receive items beginning Tuesday, May 28 – Friday, May 31. We will need lots of workers for set-up during the week and to work on the day of the sale. Mark your calendars and plan to come. The sale will be held from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. that Saturday. If you have questions, please call Nancy Remmers at 298-9789.



GO Boxes – NetsforLife

We will collect our GO boxes on Sunday, April 7 at all three services. This year the funds collected from the GO boxes will be donated to NetsforLife. NetsforLife provides mosquito nets for use in sub-Saharan Africa to help people to avoid contracting malaria. Malaria remains a very deadly disease in that area. The NetsforLife program, with help from corporations, foundations and faith communities like Episcopal Relief and Development, focuses on helping to end the spread of the disease. NetsforLife has reduced the malaria-related death rate by 45% in communities where the organization is active. Remember that any spare change that you put in your GO box will be combined with spare change from other members of the parish. The combination can make a difference in the lives of people who are currently being exposed to malaria. If you would prefer to write a check, please make it payable to Grace Episcopal Church and write “GO boxes” on the memo line. Thank you for your support of the effort.

Fruit for Backpacker Program

Our Backpacker program currently serves more than 40 children each week. The children in the program are students at Jones Elementary School who have been identified by school staff as being in danger of going hungry on weekends when they do not have access to the school food program. Grace Outreach provides enough food for the weekends for each of the students. We are able to obtain much of the food from MANNA Food Bank. However MANNA does not usually have fresh fruit. Since we want to provide the students with balanced meals, we like to include fresh fruit. If you would like to help to fill the need, please either purchase fresh fruit or make a monetary donation. If you bring fruit for the program, please leave it in the kitchen before 5:00 on Thursday afternoons when we pack the bags. Please label the fruit “Backpackers.” If you would prefer to make a monetary donation to help to defray the cost of the fruit, please write a check payable to Grace Episcopal Church and write “Backpacker program” on the memo line. We are thankful for your help with the program.

EYC April Goings-On

Wes Shields, Youth Coordinator

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

Recently the youth group spent some time talking about church — what we like and what we don't like. The following is a small sampling of what was said. The reasons to go to church are Jesus, taking away stress, feeling better at church, seeing people, getting help, praying for others and confessing sins.

The reasons not to go to church are sleeping, traveling, playing soccer, doing homework, being sick or injured and being too busy. You should be thankful that that is not an all-inclusive list, but it gives you an idea about how we feel. I suspect that many of you would have similar lists.

EYC Upcoming Events:

Sunday, April 7 will be our paintball date! Meet at St. Luke's at 2:00 p.m. if you want to carpool. We will be at Wolverine Paintball in Hendersonville from

2:30 p.m. until around 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$30 if you need paint and equipment. The church will buy our pizza dinner that we will eat there. Let Wes know if you plan to attend and if you are available to carpool. A waiver form is required. Contact Wes for more information.

For high school-age students the diocese will sponsor a youth mission trip to New Orleans from June 24-30. More information is available on the diocesan website or from Wes Shields.

April's EYC Calendar:

April 7: Paintball @ Wolverine Paintball

April 14: EYC, St. Luke's

April 21: EYC, St. Luke's

April 28: EYC, St. Luke's

Grace Connection with South Africa

Mary Withers

Don't miss Mary's presentation on April 14 during the Sunday School hour.

When I left Asheville four and a half years ago for college, I never dreamed that I would travel halfway around the world and co-found a non-profit organization. In fact as I prepared for my graduation from UNC-Chapel Hill last spring, I still didn't know what I wanted to do with my life. It was only when I stopped trying to figure it out for myself and started listening that God made it clear. And that's how just two days after graduation I found myself boarding a plane to Cape Town, South Africa.

The purpose of my internship in South Africa was threefold. The main purpose was to do a feasibility study for a tutoring program in one of the poor townships just outside Cape Town. As a journalism major I also captured people's stories through articles in South African newspapers, a documentary and a blog (<http://maryinsouthafrica.wordpress.com/>). It was also a mission trip. I worked with a high school youth group and a sports ministry organization, and I learned what it means to love others as Christ does.

South Africa was different from any other place where I'd traveled. Though the country is said to be leading economic development in Africa, there are still many impoverished areas. We worked in a township called Ocean View. The township isn't actually on the ocean. It was given its name when it was founded in the 1970s because its residents had been displaced from their seaside homes.



Mary (left) and Alison (right) with their host mother Auntie Neta in her flat in Ocean View. Neta told stories about when she and her family were removed from their homes and forced to live in Ocean View during apartheid.

On another occasion we took them on a tour of the University of Cape Town. Though they were high school sophomores, juniors and seniors, it was the first time that many of them had thought about what they would do after graduation from high school. I believe that that's how the cycle of poverty can change—it starts with giving hope and opportunity to a small group of students and it expands from that.

Now I'm back in the US and along with a full-time job in Raleigh, I'm working to establish Amanzi Education Center. One of my team members will move to Ocean View permanently in May to implement the program. The goal is to empower underprivileged high school students with education, support and tools and to give them opportunities they wouldn't otherwise have. I'm inviting my Grace family to join me. I will speak about my ministry in South Africa and Amanzi Education Center during the Sunday School hour on April 14 in the parish hall. I hope to see you there.

You can learn more about Amanzi Education Center at AmanziEducation.org, or contact Mary at mkwithers@gmail.com.



Mary overlooking Ocean View. The township is so overcrowded that many people live in tin shacks.

Even though apartheid ended nearly 20 years ago, the brokenness it caused is still apparent. Ocean View is the kind of community where people live in tin "windy houses" meant for outdoor storage, where gangs, drugs and alcoholism are rampant and where children aren't asked what they want to be when they grow up. Combatting those problems can be a daunting task. But I learned that in that environment, even a little encouragement can make a world of difference.

During my stay I worked with a group of high school girls from rough backgrounds. We planned a "Girls' Day" dedicated to them—encouraging them, listening to them, feeding them and taking them to the beach. At the end of that day several of them told us that it had been the best day of their lives.



Mary (far right) with other American interns and a group of high school girls from Ocean View on a "Girls' Day"—a whole day dedicated to the girls. Many of them said that it was the best day of their lives.

All About Marketplace, 29A.D. (Vacation Bible School)

Monday, June 24 – Thursday, June 27

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church • 40 Church Street

Marketplace is a joyful experience that invites our young to journey as members of one of the twelve tribes of Israel through the lively setting of a Judean town market set in the time of Jesus' ministry. We dress in robes, attend synagogue (learn from a real Rabbi!), bake our own bread, pay shekels to the tax collector, create crafts in the market, and explore the teachings of Jesus through drama, songs, games and storytelling.

An Ecumenical Experience

Marketplace 29 A.D. began in 1998 as a collaboration among Grace Covenant Presbyterian, Grace Episcopal, First Presbyterian, and the Basilica of St. Lawrence. The program began with fewer than thirty children but we have really grown! Marketplace now averages seven to ten churches and has grown to serving a hundred and fifty children!

How can you participate?

With many children representing many congregations, Marketplace is truly a wonderful ecumenical experience. The experience is rich for both the children and the many volunteers. There are several ways that you can participate in the wonderful event, and no experience is necessary!

– Volunteer Opportunities – Needed for all four days:

Tribal Parent/Tribal Assistant – Be a vital part of the experience. Usher a preschool or elementary group of ten to the synagogue, the shops, the storyteller and the musician. Enjoy the excitement of the market, and delight in the creations of your tribe. Help the children to knead the daily bread, and then enjoy it with them in your tribal tent. Tribal Parent/Assistant training required: June 13 from 9:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Needed for one, two, three or four days:

Shopkeeper – Enjoy crafts? Choose an already prepared craft, and invite children to sample your wares. No experience necessary. From belt-making to food-sampling, be a part of the shops! We will provide a brief training. Shopkeeper training optional: June 19 from 10 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Drama – Join the drama troupe as we act out the daily Bible stories. Older children (sixth - twelfth grades) love to play the parts and are especially welcome.

Registration – Assist with registration and welcoming the children to Marketplace, 29 A.D.

Helper (Kitchen, Hallway, Nursery) – Want to be a part of the action but can only spare a couple of days? Be an extra pair of hands, and help wherever the need arises.

Beggar, Tax Collector, Roman Soldier (adults only) – Have a talent for drama? Help enliven the atmosphere of Marketplace, 29 A.D. We provide the costumes!

Set-Up or Take-Down – Come to drape cloth around our tents, tack a mural to the wall or set up the pottery area. Set-up will be on Friday morning, June 21 and Sunday afternoon, June 23. Take-down will be on Thursday afternoon, June 27.

Registering Your Child

We fill up quickly each year. What a wonderful experience for your child to meet many others from many different congregations. It will become a favorite camp each year. If your child will attend, also consider volunteering. It is a treat to see your child at the market or even to host your child within your own tent as a tribal parent! Forms will be available in the foyer. Please complete the form, attach a check payable to Grace Church and return to your church coordinator Lockie Hunter, or leave in Becky's office.

Outreach

Our 2013 theme is "Shine and Share God's Light." Our service component for Marketplace this year: daily collection of socks and coins for our homeless neighbors; daily opportunities in the shops to make items to donate to local ministries. For rising sixth graders: a week of service-learning with off-site field trips in our community.

To volunteer email Lockie Hunter at lockie@lockiehunter.com or call 828-398-4538. Registration forms are here to register your child and to volunteer. Look for them in the foyer. Come join the fun!



Ministry & Mission Conference – Saturday, May 4



All are invited to the annual WNC diocesan conference where attendees will gather from all corners of the diocese to learn, to share, and to grow more fully into what it means to be a member of the body of Christ.

The diocese is delighted and honored to have Diana Butler Bass as the conference's keynote speaker. Dr. Bass is an author, speaker, and independent scholar specializing in American religion and culture. She holds a Ph.D. in religious studies from Duke University and is the author of eight books including *Christianity After Religion: The End of Church and the Birth of a New Spiritual Awakening* and the best-selling *Christianity for the Rest of Us*. Diana also blogs at *The Huffington Post* and *Patheos* and regularly comments on religion, politics, and culture in the media including *USA TODAY*, *Time*, *Newsweek*, *The Washington Post*, CNN, FOX, PBS, and NPR. She is a contributing editor for



Dr. Diana Butler Bass

Sojourners magazine and has written widely in the religious press including *Christian Century*, *Clergy Journal*, and *Congregations*.

With 24 workshops offered by many gifted presenters and speakers the selection this year is the most diverse yet, so don't miss the rare opportunity to partake of an enriching array of workshops and speakers. The cost is \$25 before April 8 and includes lunch. Payment should be made to Grace Church. See Becky for registration.

Walk in the Way

- Cultivating Presence: Weaving Together the Enneagram and Wisdom Practices** ~ *Jeanine Siler Jones*
- Tools for the Journey: How to Move Faithfully into the New Era** ~ *Bishop Porter Taylor*
- Expanding Godly-Play for Older Children** ~ *Beth Chestnut*
- Continuing in the Apostles' Teaching and Fellowship: A Model of Inter-Church Christian Formation** ~ *The Rev. Brent Norris*
- Tools for Family Faith Formation: Journey of the Red Thread** ~ *The Rev. Augusta Anderson & Jennifer Pearson*
- Proclaiming Our Faith in Word and Song: New Resources for Liturgical Planning** ~ *Kyle Ritter*
- Prayer Shawls** ~ *Mary Frances Burkett & Liz Smith*
- From "Godtalk" to "Godexperience": Spirituality in Emergence Christianity** ~ *The Rev. Rob Field*

Widen the Walls

- Moveable Feasts for Young Adults: Throwing Parties and Telling Stories for Jesus' Sake** ~ *The Rev. Beth Turner*
- Room in the Inn** ~ *Sharon Blythe*
- Feeding Ministries in Western North Carolina** ~ *Carolyn Hensley, Dan Allen, John DeWitt, Jack Romine*

Ministering to Prisoners: An Option and an Opportunity

~ *The Rev. Bill Edwards, John Doran, Nancy Anderson*

Growing Your Parish: Nuts & Bolts

~ *The Rev. Canon Jim Pritchett*

Going Beyond the Walls: Engaging a Post-

Christendom Society ~ *Parts 1 & 2, Jim Banks*

Congregations in Collaboration: A Way to Have More Life, Not Less

~ *The Revs. Lin & Nancy Walton*

Wake Up the World

Family Faith Formation in Your Parish

~ *The Rev. Augusta Anderson*

Dismantling Racism

~ *Bill Mance & others*

Working Together to Spread the Good News

~ *Chris Goldman*

Appreciative Inquiry: A Different Way to See Your Church and Plan for the Future

~ *The Rev. Dr. Jeff Batkin*

Ways of Increasing Giving Through Ministry

~ *The Rev. Shawn Griffith*

Staying Fresh in Youth Ministry

~ *Osondu McPeters*

Making the Path as We Go: Using a 90-Day

Strategy for Mapping the Stepping Stones to Your Best Future

~ *The Rev. Tom Brackett and Robbin Whittington*

Moving from Identity to Mission

~ *Martin Darby*

April 2013 Ministry Schedule

Date	Service Time	Acolyte C	Acolyte G	Acolyte E	Lector, Intercessor & Presenters	Healing Team	Ushers	Chalicians	Coffee Hour	Service Time	Date
April 7											
	7:45					Deb Gravatt	Ed Duncan	James Cannon		7:45	
	9:00	Keith Rudd	Gavin Knapp	Cuyler Dupree	L - Vicki Vest I - Hugh Vaughn P - Vest Family	Louise Wernicke Patricia Hargrove	Rusty Herman Jim Siemens	1. John Woodson 2. Jenny Knapp	Cuyler Dupree	9:00	
	11:15	Sally Withers	Bob Grimes	Eric Howell	L, I, P - Lyn Burkett and Mark Silvers	Pat Davis Karen Compton	Ron Sims Ed Woeckener	1. Carol McMichael 2. Eric Howell	Peggy Grimes	11:15	
April 14											
	7:45					Deb Gravatt	Steve Jones	James Cannon		7:45	
	9:00	Cade Wooten	Maira Stewart	Zoe Davis	L - Joyce Milling I - Charles Milling P - Milling Family	Rita Spragg Jeanne Robertson	Wendy & Ray Kuykendall	1. Cuyler Dupree 2. Greg Townsend	Paul Vest	9:00	
	11:15	Mei Luedtke	Grace Miller	Lani Anderson	L, I, P - Charles Carter and Kimberly Kneier	Corinne Spencer Mary Israel	Henry Watts John Churchill	1. Sally Withers 2. Bill Warren	Martha Boyette	11:15	
April 21 — Blessing of the Animals											
	7:45					Deb Gravatt	Andrew Dahm	Margaret Dahm		7:45	
	9:00	Sadie Rudd	Noah Clary	Cuyler Dupree	L - Debbie Jones I - Melissa Comer P - Jones Family	Pat Davis Jane Whitman	Vicki & Paul Vest	1. Carol Booth 2. Jennier Clary	Katherine Kaderabek	9:00	
	11:15	Rusty McCredie	Bob Grimes	Sally Withers	L, I, P - Nancy & Cal Remmers	Karen Compton Lyn Burkett	Jeanne & Bob Perry	1. Sally Coburn 2. Carol McMichael	Sallie Hunter	11:15	
	Taizé 8:00 PM				L - Henry Watts P - James Cannon	Deb Gravatt				Taizé 8:00 PM	
April 28											
	7:45					Deb Gravatt	Ed Duncan	Jack Frue		7:45	
	9:00	Sam Ellington	Andrew Best	Cuyler Dupree	L - Haig Rudd I - Theda Rudd P - Rudd Family	Jeanne Robertson Shari Lane	Kaderabek Family	1. Ann Robinson 2. Scott Best	Micki Newton	9:00	
	11:15	Cheryl Aull	Mei Luedtke	Sally Withers	L, I, P - Jenny Thomas and Jo Brokenshire	Lyn Burkett Sonny Rawis	Paul Stewart Elaine Potter	1. Mary Cozine 2. Bill Spencer	Lelia Cort	11:15	
Flower Arrangers - Information Not Available											
Date	Counters	Depositors	Date	Flower Arrangers - Information Not Available	Altar Guild						
7-Apr	Steve Birkhofer	James Cannon	7-Apr	Dawson/Cozine, April 6, Wed - We do White Flowers, no candles	Group 1 - Apr 6 - Apr 12						
14-Apr	Martha Boyette	Chal & Hugh Vaughn	14-Apr	Jones/Cozine, Red Roses	Group 2 - Apr 13 - Apr 19						
21-Apr	Sally Withers	Judy Bohan	21-Apr	Davis/Newton, April 20, Wed - We do White Flowers, no candles	Group 3 - Apr 20 - Apr 26						
28-Apr	Maryil Perkins	Anne Simmons	28-Apr	Davis/Newton, April 27, Wed - Existing Flowers, no candles	Group 4 - Apr 27 - May 3						

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; Anna Dephouse; Joe Eblen; Eunice Ferguson; Jess Gregory; Olivia & Haller family; Mary Hayes; Ashley Israel; Dot Morgan; Alice Moriarty; Jeanne Perry; Theda Rudd; Corinne Spencer; Jennifer Spencer; Carla & Jim Standingdeer; Grace Walker; Lucinda Watkins.**

For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities: **Elizabeth Butler; 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); **Ed B.** (friend of Kathleen Griffin); **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); **Louise Flippen** (sister of Maryli Perkins); **Sarah Garcia** (daughter of Nancy Ferguson, 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); **Don and Kristy Kitchens** (brother and sister-in-law of Cheryl Aull); **Joy Markey; Jim Monroe; Karen Owen** (our wreath-maker); **Forrest Renfro** (grandson of Becky Barker); **Alyssa Robinson** (friend of Jennifer Spencer); **Alan Sharp** (friend of Kathleen Griffin); **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; 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: **Robert Perry** (father of Bob Perry).

Healing Prayer Corner

Jeanne Robertson

Spring is definitely in the air and our Prayer Shawl Ministers have had a busy winter. Since last August we have knitted and crocheted 43 articles to be blessed, and we have distributed 34 of these items. We are considering the possibility of extending our ministry. LifeShare of the Carolinas has asked us if we can provide prayer shawls for families with loved ones who have died. That would require approximately 20 additional shawls a year. If we decide to take on that ministry, we

will need additional people to knit or crochet. It occurred to me that there might be those of you that cannot attend meetings but would like to knit at home and bring the shawls in to be blessed and distributed. If that would be of interest to you, please contact Jeanne Robertson at 828-683-7701 or jerobertson38@me.com. There is a special blessing in using a gift that God has given to you and passing your creation on to someone else. May our Lord richly bless each of you.

Thank You for the Easter Gifts

Thank you to all our generous donors and volunteers who made the palms and beautiful flowers possible this Eastertide!

Palms Donors

Rita Lyda in thanksgiving for Grace church and in loving memory of her parents Disa and Jens Krestensen.

Ed Duncan in memory of Dick L. Drake.

Flower Donors

Anonymous Gifts

Diane and Tony Wilkey in memory of Diane's mother Marguerite Motney and in thanksgiving for our three wonderful children.

William Potter in thanksgiving for Phil and Grace Walker, Henry Watts, and Jim and Olivia Broody.

Shaleena Simpson in memory of my mom Kathi Simpson and my grandma Enid Hine.

Lockie and Zac Hunter in thanksgiving for Pascale and Graham and goddaughter Helena.

Deborah Pegel in memory of Louis Pegel and in thanksgiving for my family.

Hugh and Chal Vaughn in thanksgiving for our families.

Bill and Sherry Coward in memory of family and in thanksgiving for children, friends and healing prayers.

The Kuykendalls in thanksgiving for Lauren.

Jack and MaryJane Westall in memory of loved ones.

Barbara and Bill Crownover in memory of James and Margaret Crownover and Clarence and Nancy Boone.

Cuyler Dupree in memory of her brother Dan and in thanksgiving for the daughter-in-law Jessica Dupree

Jenny Thomas in memory of the Rev. John Thomas.

Sally Coburn in memory of Clarence H. Coburn.

Bryan and Lyn Burkett in memory of Jeffry Burkett.

Jeni and Gavin Knapp in memory of Sam Walker and in thanksgiving for his life and love.

Wade Elder - Vestry Member



Wade Elder is one of our newly-elected vestry members. His photo was unavailable for last month's issue and so we include it here. Please say hello to Wade when you see him next time.

Gifts For All of Us To Appreciate

The Aumbry Candle for April is given to the Glory of God by Imogene Brown in memory of her sister Louise Huddleston Williamson, her brother Thomas Huddleston, her mother Grace Huddleston and her father J.T. Huddleston.

The flowers for April are given to the glory of God by

Rita Lyda in loving memory of her grandson Alex Taylor;

Tricia and Keith Hargrove in thanksgiving for all the blessings of their lives together;

Charlotte Melson in loving memory of her husband Jack;

the Drake and Duncan families in memory of Ruth Bryce and Mary E. Prichard;

Eva Dupree in memory of her parents Louis and Mildred Gantt.

April Anniversaries

John and Doris Rigsby	4
Jay and Susan Sparger	21
Tom and Louise Wernicke	25
Mike and Judy Bohan	26

April Birthdays

2 Tessa Path	16 Libba McKinsey
2 Hobart Whitman	17 Randy Carson
4 Lorraine Chambers	17 Nancy Porter
4 Jim Dreger	17 Martin Shaw
5 Ben Scales	18 Barbara Wilcox
7 Jade Cress	19 Rhoda Larsen
7 Larry Hall	22 Caroline Snead
9 Jarod Coffey	23 Lauren Kuykendall
10 Jackie Bland	24 Laura Doran
11 Travers Chiott	24 Amanda Edwards
11 Margaret Dahm	24 John Tweed
11 David Gentry	25 Phil Carlin
11 Jon Holland	26 Tom Bell
11 Watson Jordan	26 Ray Robertson
12 Kathie Engelbrecht	27 Becky Barker
12 Angela High	29 Rebecca Meadows
13 Rusty Herman	30 Gary Coffey
15 Sarah Wolfe	

April 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 Book 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

Holiday – Church Office Closed

Monday, April 1

Centering Prayer

Wednesdays, April 3 & 10, 5:30 p.m., OF

Men of the Church

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

Healing Prayer Services

Tuesdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, 7:00 p.m., LI

TEAM Meeting

Wednesday, April 10, 11:00 a.m., OF

Order of St. Luke Program Meeting

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

Steadfast House Meal

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

Mary Withers on South Africa

Sunday, April 14, 10:10 a.m., PH

Vestry Meeting

Monday, April 15, 5:30 p.m., LI

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, April 21, 9:00 a.m., CH

Daughters of the King

Sunday, April 21, 7:00 p.m., OF

Taizé Worship Service

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

Ministry and Mission Conference

Saturday, May 4, First Baptist Church

March 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 March: Joyce and Walt Noble.

Continued Slow Start

All general contributions were under budget in February: pledges \$4740 under budget; non-pledged offerings \$1221 under budget; and open offerings \$568 under budget. When those were combined with other income that was \$33 under budget, total income for February was \$6561 under budget. Year to date (January and February) total income is \$14,437.17 under budget. Because total February expenses were \$3681 under budget, we ended the month with a \$1379 shortfall.

Year to date a net \$10,758 shortfall exists. Going forward our hope is that income will increase to cover the ongoing expenses of the parish.

Your Vestry and Finance Ministry

	Actual	Budget	Over/ Under
Income:			
Pledges	48,633	60,000	(11,367)
Prior Year Pledges	1,030	-	1,030
Non-pledged Offerings	6,559	8,479	(1,920)
Open Offering	1,141	2,000	(859)
Interest	0	42	(42)
Misc.	2,638	3,917	(1,279)
Total Income:	<u>60,000</u>	<u>74,438</u>	<u>(14,437)</u>
Expenses:			
Outreach/Mission	7,514	9,697	(2,183)
Parish Programs	2,740	2,417	323
Operations	9,217	11,234	(2,017)
Personnel	51,288	51,091	197
Total Expenses:	<u>70,758</u>	<u>74,439</u>	<u>(3,681)</u>
Income - Expense:	(10,758)	(1)	(10,757)
(rounding)			

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- *Mary Withers: All About South Africa*
- *EYC April Plans*
- *Soup Suppers Continue*
- *Marketplace, 29A.D. in June*
- *Blessing of the Animals, April 21*
- *Flower Ministry Opportunities*
- *And of course . . . "Parson to Person"*

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