



the Grace TEAM

to each a ministry

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Parson to Person

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The Grace TEAM
is published monthly.

Sunday Worship

7:45AM - Rite I

9:00AM - Family Eucharist
11:15AM - Festival Eucharist

Healing Prayer

Every Sunday at

9:00AM and 11:15AM

there is a Prayer Station

available with

Lay Healing Prayer Ministers.

Healing Prayer Services

Tuesdays, 7:00PM - Healing
Prayer Service;

Eucharist with Generational
Healing Service

first Tuesday monthly.

Wednesdays at 12:15PM

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

Taizé

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

Dear People of Grace,

I want to say a few words about Lent and then wish you a Happy Easter. When I think about our Lenten discipline, I am reminded of Jesus' words about the Sabbath. When the Pharisees were criticizing Jesus' disciples for picking and eating grain on the Sabbath, Jesus said, "Remember, the Sabbath was made for humankind, not humankind for the Sabbath." His point was that the concept of resting one day out of seven was meant to be a blessing, not a burden to humanity.

The exact same thing could be said about the forty days of Lent. The Lenten season, however we observe it, is meant to be for our benefit. The Lenten forty days don't exist for their own sake, but for our sake. Therefore, however your forty-day season of Lent has gone this year, it is what it is. If it has been helpful, that is wonderful. If it has not, the good news is that it's almost over!

You have heard me say before that whatever we take on or give up for Lent is supposed to bring us closer to God. Therefore, one's Lenten discipline might be as simple as taking care of one's self better by taking more time off from work or spending more time having fun with family or friends. Remember, Beloved, like the Sabbath, the forty days of Lent are set aside for us, for our spiritual benefit, to make us more whole, to draw us closer to God.

My Lenten discipline was to be more consistent with my centering prayer practice. The bad news is that I certainly didn't succeed in spending some time every day sitting for a

while in silence with God. But, the good news is that I made some progress during Lent in this regard. It is getting a little easier to spend that time almost every day.

On another Lenten subject, I was thinking recently about our "mite boxes", those cardboard "Starfish Boxes" that we distributed for Food for the Poor. I was

thinking about how so many of us use debit cards for almost everything, and how, if you are like me, you almost never have change in your pocket. Those little boxes were instituted in a time when people came home every day with change in their purses and pockets that they could put in the box. So, maybe the box can be a reminder to write a check to Grace earmarked for Food for the Poor or a reminder to put a dollar in the box every week during

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Lent. I'm just saying, I think that the boxes as "daily change collectors" may be obsolete.

I pray that this letter from me will bless you somehow as we approach Easter. I pray that you would remember that God made Lent for your benefit and blessing in some way. God did not make you for Lent's benefit! And finally, I wish you the joy of Jesus' resurrection as we approach Easter. Remember, the resurrection means that Jesus is as alive today as He was in the first century. Indeed, He promised to be with us always, even to the end of the age.

Lenten and Easter Blessings,

Fr. Gary

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 (Lenten Taizé Eucharist through April 7)

Mondays, 6:00 p.m., CH

Early Birds Men's Book Study

Tuesdays, 8:15 a.m., LI

Centering Prayer

Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m., OF

Healing Prayer Service

Tuesday, April 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, 7:00 p.m., LI

Purls of Grace

Thursday, April 3 & 17, 6:30 p.m., OF

All Parish Brunch

Sunday, April 6, 10:00 a.m., PH

TEAM Meeting

Wednesday, April 9, 11:00 a.m., OF

Order of St. Luke Program Meeting

Thursday, April 10, 6:30 p.m., PH

Steadfast House Meal

Friday, April 11, 6:00 p.m.

Palm Sunday Services

April 13, 7:45, 9:00 & 11:15 a.m., CH

Pub Sing

Sunday, April 13, 6:00 p.m., French Broad Brewery

Easter Baskets for Homebound Friends

Tuesday, April 15, 2:00 p.m., PH

Wednesday Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayer:

April 16, 12:15 p.m., CH

Maundy Thursday Service

*April 17, 6:00 p.m., CH;
Vigil, 7:00-8:00 p.m., LI*

Good Friday Services

April 18, 12:00 noon & 6:00 p.m., CH

Holy Saturday Service

April 19, 10:00 a.m., Urban Garden

Easter Sunday Services

*April 20, 7:45, 9:00, & 11:15 a.m., CH
Easter Egg Hunt, 10:10 a.m., PH*

Taizé Worship Service

Sunday, April 20, 8:00 p.m., CH

Church Office Closed

Monday, April 21

Vestry Meeting

Monday, April 21, 5:30 p.m., LI

Parish News

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

Experience the **Great Vigil of Easter** at the Cathedral of All Souls Saturday, April 19, at 8:00 p.m. Grace Parish will not have a 6:00 a.m. Vigil service this year.

Men of the Church will not meet 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. The meal is served from 4:45-5:45 p.m. and is free of charge with expenses 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. A sign-up sheet is 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.

Announcing **PubSing**, an informal gathering on the second Sunday of each month to sing hymns, old time Gospel and Americana inspirational music. Join in on Sunday, April 13, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the French Broad Brewery, 101 Fairview Road. For directions go to <http://frenchbroadbrewery.com/directions/> and for details, contact Monty Wooten at info@forestguide.com or 828-254-1114.

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, jerobertson38@me.com.

The **Order of St. Luke** will meet on Thursday, April 10 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the parish hall for the DVD discussion of "The Man with the Unclean Spirit." Although the Jewish leaders might not have recognized that Jesus was the Messiah, the demonic realm knew from the onset. They confronted Jesus immediately as he began his public ministry. The account of the man with the unclean spirit is the first healing miracle in Mark and Luke, the two Gospels that record it. Jesus quickly demonstrated his authority over the demonic realm. It is the same authority that Jesus shares with us in our healing ministry today. We hope you will join us for this discussion. All are welcome. (See "Healing Prayer Corner" on page 5 for other upcoming OSL activities.)

Lenten Taizé Eucharists continue on Mondays at 6:00 p.m. through April 7, with beautiful music by Judy Rhodes.

All-Parish Brunch on April 6

Don't miss our next All-Parish Brunch and Welcoming Liturgy for New Parishioners on April 6. Bring your favorite breakfast dish to share and join everyone for good food and a fine time visiting with one another. We will gather at 10:00 a.m. in the parish hall, so please plan to come. There will be no Sunday School that day.

During our services, we will welcome anyone who is new to our parish. You will be invited to the front of the church during the service where we will introduce you, welcome you, and share some prayers of welcome and blessing with you. Please call Fr. Coffey at 273-0635. He would love to get you on the welcome list!

Renewal of Ordination Vows on April 10

The Renewal of Ordination Vows for Clergy will be offered on Thursday, April 10 at 11:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of All Souls. Please make reservations with the Diocese by April 4 if you plan to stay for lunch following the service. Please email registration and any food allergies to Alice Keenan (akeenan@diocesewnc.org).

Easter Baskets for Homebound Friends



Mark your calendars for 2:00 p.m. on April 15 to meet in the parish hall and fill baskets for our Friends in Christ—those long-time Grace friends who are homebound or in nursing facilities and can no longer participate actively in the life of Grace Church. You are invited to join in the fellowship involved in putting together these baskets and to share in the joy that comes from delivering them to these very important members of our Christian family who are in nursing homes or at home. We will write individual cards, fill about twenty small or medium baskets and organize delivery.

Please take a look at the suggestions to the right for items to go into the baskets, or if you think of other things to include, please bring them.

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

Suggested Donations *(your ideas are welcome, too)*

- baskets (small-medium)
- plastic eggs (filled or empty)
- jelly beans, soft candy
- hand lotion, shampoo & conditioner, lip balm and other personal care items
- notepaper, stamps, pens
- small tissue packages
- small potted plants

Flower Guild Update

Mary Israel

We wish to thank those who participated in our Flower Guild workshop. Everyone seemed to be energized and excited about what we are doing now and about new ideas for the future. We continue to look forward to future participants who would like to be a part of our ministry. Happily we have a new member, Mary Jane Westall, who will take on the responsibilities of contacting our monthly flower donors and of maintaining the brass and silver urns. We are indeed thankful to have her join our ranks. Please call Mary Jane at 254-6221 if you would like to make an altar flower donation as a memorial or a thanksgiving. Sadly, Mary Cozine, who has been an exemplary member of our group, has had to resign because of health concerns. We will miss her arranging talent as well as her willingness to go the extra mile.

Again, thank you for your support of our flower ministry. If you have any questions please call me at 253-2167.

Thank You, Grace Family

Dear Grace Family, we cannot thank you enough for the loving support you showed us in the days following Dad's death. The service, reception, food at home and other ways you ministered to us gave us great comfort. With Love in Christ, Paul and Vicki Vest (on behalf of Pat's whole family).

Recognizing Our Graduates

Graduates and families of graduates, we would like to recognize you on the occasion of this big accomplishment. Please share details of your graduation from high school or college with the church office. Include your school's name, majors, and future plans for publication in an upcoming issue of the *TEAM*.

Holy Week Worship and Activities

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

The Sunday of the Passion, Palm Sunday:

April 13 — “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” So begins the day of celebration commemorating Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem. We will gather on the lawn outside the church at 9:00 and 11:15 to proceed joyfully into the services. The tone turns somber, however, as we hear of Jesus’ betrayal and crucifixion. Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday.

Reconciliation of a Penitent (confession):

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

Wednesday in Holy Week:

April 16 — The Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayer is offered at 12:15 p.m.

Maundy Thursday:

April 17 — **Service at 6:00 p.m.; Vigil from 7:00-8:00 p.m.** As a sign of servanthood, we include the washing of feet (optional). Following the liturgy the altar is stripped, and Edwards Library is transformed into a chapel. You may observe a vigil in the library, keeping watch in the night as Jesus did with His disciples at Gethsemane.

Good Friday:

April 18 — The day marks the crucifixion of our Lord. We do not celebrate the Eucharist today but rather at 12:00 noon and again at 6:00 p.m., we share a holy meal from the reserved Sacrament using the Liturgy for Good Friday. The church will be open from 1:00-3:00 p.m. for those who wish to meditate on the death of Jesus.

Holy Saturday:

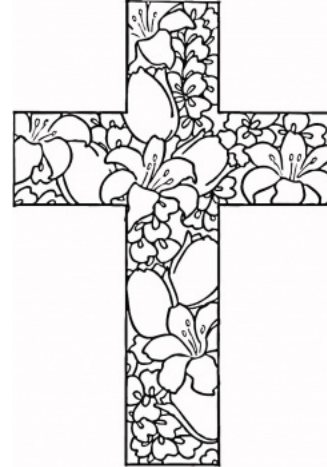
April 19 — Holy Saturday is a day of rest and quiet, the day when Jesus lay in the grave. A liturgy recalling those who have died takes place in the Urban Garden at **10:00 a.m.**

The Great Vigil of Easter:

April 19 — 8:00 p.m. at the **Cathedral of All Souls**. Grace Parish will not have a 6:00 a.m. Vigil service on Easter Day this year.

Easter Day:

April 20 — **Our celebration begins at our regularly scheduled services at 7:45, 9:00, and 11:15 a.m.** Bring bells to ring and for the 9:00 service, bring flowers with which to “flower the cross.” Children age three through fifth grade will enjoy an Easter Egg Hunt at 10:10 a.m.!



Easter Egg Hunt Is On!



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



Sunday, April 6, is "Bring An Orange to Church" Sunday!

We will be collecting oranges at all three services to be used for our Backpacker program. We currently serve over forty students each week in the program. If each of us brings in just one orange that Sunday, we will have enough oranges to provide much-needed fresh fruit to the students we serve for several weeks. Please help us make this project a success. Bring an orange to church!

Blessing of the Animals on May 11

The annual Blessing of the Animals at Grace, scheduled this year for May 11, offers individuals with pets a unique opportunity to reflect upon the positive impact animals have on our emotional and physical well-being. The bond between a person and his or her 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 this opportunity to bring our animal companions to church for a special blessing. Church is the place where the bond of creation is celebrated.

If you have ever attended a Blessing of the Animals at Grace, you know what a wide and delightful variety of animals and their human friends it attracts. If this is going to be your first experience, you will most certainly enjoy it. All pets are welcome, but please consider the wisdom of bringing aggressive animals. Large animals are also 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?

Healing Prayer Corner

Jeanne Robertson

It has occurred to me that some of you may not know about the **Order of St. Luke**, an organization that exists to "promote and practice the healing ministry of Jesus Christ." People of Grace will have an opportunity to learn more about Jesus's healing ministry and how it can impact us today. I will facilitate a class about *The Healing Ministry of Jesus*. The class will be presented on Saturdays, April 26, May 10 and May 31 from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. We will view DVD's presented by the Reverend John Rice and the Reverend Josh Acton about the twenty-six healing stories of Jesus. We will then discuss how each story impacts us today. If you would like more information about the class or about becoming a member of the Order of St. Luke, contact me at 828-683-7701.



Our Easter Traditions

(what you may not have known)

The Triduum leads us into our Easter celebration. The last week of Lent is called Holy Week, and it includes the days of the Easter Triduum, also called Holy Triduum, Paschal Triduum, or The Three Days. It is the period of three days that begins with the liturgy on the evening of Maundy Thursday and ends with evening prayer on Easter Sunday.

A moveable feast. For followers of Jesus in the Episcopal tradition, Easter, which celebrates our Lord's resurrection from the dead, is our most important holiday.

Often called a moveable feast because it doesn't fall on a set date every year, Easter is observed anytime between March 22 and April 25. Christian churches in the West celebrate Easter on the first Sunday following the full moon after the vernal equinox on March 21. Orthodox Christians use the Julian calendar to calculate when Easter will occur and typically celebrate the holiday a week or two after the Western churches, which follow the Gregorian calendar.

Where the name "Easter" originated. It is believed Easter derives its name from Eostre, an Anglo-Saxon goddess of spring. A month corresponding to April had been named "Eostremonat," or Eostre's month, leading to "Easter" becoming applied to the Christian holiday that usually took place within it. Prior to that, the holiday had been called Pasch (Passover), which remains its name in most non-English languages.

It seems probable that around the second century A.D., Christian missionaries seeking to convert the tribes of northern Europe noticed that the Christian holiday commemorating the resurrection of Jesus roughly coincided with the Teutonic springtime celebrations, which emphasized the triumph of life over death. Christian Easter gradually absorbed the traditional symbols.

About those Easter eggs. In Medieval Europe, eggs were forbidden during Lent. Eggs laid during that time were often boiled or otherwise preserved. Eggs were thus a mainstay of Easter meals and a prized Easter gift for children and servants.

In addition, eggs have been viewed as symbols of new life and fertility through the ages. It is believed that for this reason many ancient cultures, including the ancient Egyptians, Persians, and Romans, used eggs during their spring festivals.

And then, there's the bunny. Hares and rabbits have long been symbols of fertility. The inclusion of the hare into Easter customs appears to have originated in Germany, where tales were told of an "Easter hare" who laid eggs for children to find. German immigrants to America — particularly Pennsylvania — brought the tradition with them and spread it to a wider public. They also baked cakes for Easter in the shape of hares, and may have pioneered the practice of making chocolate bunnies and eggs.

Easter lilies and hope. Sometimes called the "white-robed apostles of hope," it is said lilies were found growing in the Garden of Gethsemane after Christ's agony. Tradition has it that the beautiful white lilies sprang up where drops of Christ's sweat fell to the ground in his final hours of sorrow and deep distress. Churches continue this tradition at Easter time by banking their altars and surrounding their crosses with masses of Easter lilies to commemorate the resurrection of Jesus Christ and hope of life everlasting.

Easter cards. Easter cards arrived in Victorian England when a stationer added a greeting to a drawing of a rabbit. According to American Greetings, Easter is now the fourth most popular holiday for sending cards, behind Christmas, Valentine's Day, and Mother's Day.

"In your Easter bonnet, with all the frills upon it..." After their baptism, early Christians wore white robes throughout Easter week to symbolize their new lives. Those who had already been baptized wore new clothes as well to represent the life with Christ they shared with the newly baptized.

In Medieval Europe, churchgoers would take a walk after Easter Mass, led by a crucifix or the Easter candle. Today these walks endure as Easter Parades. People show off their spring finery, including lovely bonnets decorated for spring.

Beyond Easter Sunday. Easter is followed by a fifty-day period called Eastertide, or the Easter Season, ending with Pentecost Sunday.



Ministry & Mission Conference, May 3

What's Love Got To Do With It?



The Episcopal Diocese of WNC's
MINISTRY & MISSION CONFERENCE
Saturday, May 3 ~ First Baptist Church, Asheville



LOVE GOD

- #1 A Heroic Journey Called Recovery
Beth Ohlsson
- #2 Addiction & Recovery:
Moving from Denial to Recovery
Priscilla Wodehouse
- #3 Healing Ministries: Living Beyond
the Bounds of Outreach
Becca Stevens
- #4 Learning from the Homeless & Poor
Ham Fuller
- #5 Transition from Prison to a New Life
Carol Dalton, Nancy Hankins, Alice Mason
- #6 Story to Spirit
Beth Ohlsson
- #7 Accepting Jesus' Gift of a Ministry of Healing
Suzanne DePree, David L. Warren

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

- #8 Curing Mammon Illness
Porter Taylor
- #9 Mindfulness-Dependable Tools for Spiritual Formation
Michael Hudson
- #10 Education for Ministry
Peggy & Jack Buchanan
- #11 A Relational Model of Mission
Milly Morrow
- #12 More Than Words: The Growth of Spiritual Direction
Beth Darling, Nancy Harrison
- #13 The Enneagram: What it is - Why it matters - Diving in
Jeanine Siler Jones, Robbin Whittington
- #14 Living a Life of Sacred Selfishness
Bud Harris, Robbin Whittington
- #15 Doing Justice: Living the Words We Pray
Scott Oxford, Kristi Neal
- #16 Dismantling Racism
Jim Abbott, Kathy McPeters

CHANGE THE WORLD

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| #17 Safety & Security Planning for the Faith Community | Dan Gilbert |
| #18 Theology of Stewardship | Jim Pritchett |
| #19 Manna and the Hunger Games | Various leaders |
| #20 Developing a Ministry of Gardening in our Diocese | Pam Bright, Anita Ware |
| #21 Circles of Care | Susan Whittington |

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Register now for the 2014 Ministry and Mission Conference set for May 3 at First Baptist Church in Asheville. Early registration by April 11 is just \$25, including coffee, muffins and lunch. Registrations after April 11, but before April 25 are \$35, and to register at the door, the fee is \$40, including lunch.

This year's keynote speaker (she will also conduct a workshop) is the Rev. Becca Stevens — Episcopal priest, social entrepreneur, author, and White House Champion of Change. Rev. Stevens is founder of Magdalene & Thistle Farms, a community for women who have survived prostitution, trafficking, and addiction. She has raised more than \$14 million for the organizations she supports and has been featured on NPR, PBS, CNN and Huffington Post.

You may submit your registration online at the diocesan web site: www.diocesewnc.org.



"I believe that in the end love is the most powerful force for change in the world."
— Becca Stevens

Take advantage of early registration savings between now and April 11!

APRIL 2014 MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Date	Service Time	Acolyte C	Acolyte G	Acolyte E	Lector, Intercessor & Presenters	Healing Team	Ushers	Chalicians	Coffee Hour	Scripture	Lesson
6-Apr											
	7:45				L, I, P - Vicki Vest, Hugh Vaughn, Vest Family	Louise Wernicke Patricia Hargrove	Ed Durcan Paul and Vicki Vest	James Cannon 1. John Woodson 2. Anne Simmons	Micki Newton	Ezekiel 37:1-14	1st Lesson
	9:00	Noah Clary	Moira Stewart	Cuyler Dupree	L, I, P - Cal and Nancy Remmers	Pat Davis Karen Compton	Ron Sims Ed Woockener	1. Carol McMichael 2. Mark Silvers	Sallie Hunter	Romans 8:6-11	2nd Lesson & 9:00
13-Apr					Palm Sunday						
	7:45				L - Charles Milling I - Joyce Milling P - Milling Family	Sherry Coward Jeanne Robertson	Steve Jones Kaderabek Family	James Cannon 1. Daphne Urquhart 2. Jenny Knappy	Elaine Dephousse	Isaiah 50:4-9a	1st Lesson
	9:00	Cheryl Deyton	Gavin Knapp	Cuyler Dupree	L, I, P - Rusty McCredie and Carol McMichael	Mary Israel Corinne Spencer	Henry Watts John Churchill	1. Sally Coburn 2. Bill Warren	Lelia Cort	Philippians 2:5-11	2nd Lesson & 9:00
17-Apr					Maudy Thursday						
	6:00	Sally Withers	Alternate	Bob Grimes	L, I, P - Lyn Burkett and Cate O'Maonagh		Tricia and Mickey Trinite	1. Sally Withers 2. Eric Howell		Exodus 12:1-14 1 Cor. 11:23-26	
18-Apr					Good Friday						
	12:00				L - Sonny Rawls		Larry Harris Jim Siemens	1. Mary Cozine 2. Sonny Rawls		Isa. 52:13-53:12 Heb. 10:16-25	
	6:00				L - Lyn Burkett		Paul Stewart Elaine Potter	1. Bill Spencer 2. Eric Howell			
19-Apr					Holy Saturday						
	10:00										
20-Apr					Easter Day						
	7:45				L - Debbie Jones I - Angie Cullen P - Cullen Family		Andrew Dahm	Margaret Dahm			
	9:00	Catherine Cullen	Helena Cullen	Louise Wernicke	L, I, P - Kristen Dusenbery and Sally Coburn	Pat Davis Jane Whitman	Tom and Liz Barr	1. Zoe Davis 2. Cuyler Dupree	Cuyler Dupree	Acts 10:34-43	1st Lesson
	11:15	Rusty McCredie	Sally Withers	Grace Miller	P - James Cannon L - Monty Wooten	Lyn Burkett Karen Compton	John Rigsby Rusty Herman	1. Charles Carter 2. Kimberly Kneier	Peggy Grimes	Colossians 3:1-4	2nd Lesson
	Taizé 8:00 PM					Deb Gravatt					
27-Apr											
	7:45				L, I, P - John and Beth Woodson	Jeanne Robertson Shari Lane	Steve Jones Ray and Wendy Kuykendall	Jack Frue 1. Greg Townsend 2. Ann Robinson	Paul Vest	Acts 2:14a, 22-32	1st Lesson
	9:00	Sam Ellington	Laura Ellington	Cuyler Dupree	L, I, P - Lyn Burkett and Jenny Thomas	Sonny Rawls Lyn Burkett	Larry and LuAnn Harris	1. Eric Howell 2. Bill Spencer	Georgi Bruce	I Peter 1:3-9	2nd Lesson & 9:00
	11:15	Cheryl Aull	Sally Withers	Eric Howell							
Date	Counters	Depositors	Date	Flower Arrangers	Altar Guild						
6-Apr	Steve Birkhofer	James Cannon	6-Apr	LENT Greenery	Group 1 - Apr 5 - Apr 11						
13-Apr	Martha Boyette	Judy Bohan	13-Apr	PALM SUN Jones: WED Gibson/Nicol Apr 12 M THUR Israel	Group 2 - April 12 - April 18						
20-Apr	Sally Withers	Chal and Hugh Vaughn	20-Apr	EASTER SUN - ALL	Group 3 - Apr 19 - Apr 25						
27-Apr	Georgi Bruce	Anne Simmons	27-Apr	Israel	Group 4 - Apr 26 - May 2						

Our Prayer List

April

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; Nancy Porter; Nancy Remmers; Doris Rigsby; Lucinda Watkins; Chuck Wilcox.**

For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities: **Elizabeth Butler; Henny Caldwell; Edith Cook; Bob Hall; Marion Mayfield-Johnson; June Kelley; Neill Mason; Dot Morgan; Frances Payne; Maryli Perkins; Laura Stephens; John Sumner; Jo-An Ward; 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): **Art Ackermann** (brother of Nancy Ackermann Cole); **Nancy Bailey & daughters Allison & Kristen** (friends of Barbara Wilcox); **Robert Baker** (father of Donna Trimnal); **Bethany** (daughter of Joan); **Chris Carson** (son of Martha & Randy); **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); **Matt Heddou** (grandson of Georgi Bruce); **Grey Israel** (friend of Trisha Hargrove); **Meg Karayiannis** (niece of Nancy Ackermann Cole); **Don Kitchens** (brother of Cheryl Aull); **Roger & Sherry Martin** (parents of Wendy Kuykendall); **Beverly McRee** (wife of Fr. Tim McRee); **Jim & DiAnn Monroe; Johnny Nettles** (cousin of Eva Dupree); **Cynthia Nolan** (former parishioner); **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** (mother & father of Sydnor Thompson); **Bonnie Wiggen** (daughter of Nancy Remmers); **Alicia; Elizabeth; Ellen; Jean & Mary Dee** (sister & cousin of Walt Noble); **Judah & Rachel; Julie** (daughter of Rita Spragg); **Lisa** (niece of Betsy Sherman); **Richard; Sue; Susan; Will; for all those affected by our struggling economy.**

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 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** (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.

April Anniversaries

John and Doris Rigsby	4
Arnold and Nancy Clark	10
Jay and Susan Sparger	21
Tom and Louise Wernicke	25
Mike and Judy Bohan	26

April Birthdays

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

Gifts to Appreciate

The Aumbry candle is given by Imogene Brown in memory of her husband Charlie, her sister Louise Huddleston Williamson, her brother Thomas Huddleston, her mother Grace Huddleston and her father J. T. Huddleston.

The Palms for Palm Sunday on April 13 are given to the glory of God by

Ed Duncan in memory of Dick Drake;

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



The flowers for Maundy Thursday on April 17 are given to the glory of God by

Charlotte Melson in memory of Barbara Brown and Rachel Hand Brown.

The Altar and Flower Guilds appreciate the memorial and thanksgiving donations made by parishioners this Eastertide. Thank you for your part in making our church more beautiful for the Holy Season. **Eastertide Palms and Flowers Envelopes are in the pews if you wish to make a donation.**

The flowers for Sunday, April 27, are given to the Glory of God by

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

Eva Dupree in memory of her cousins Justin New and Elizabeth "Betty" Gantt and of Pat Vest.

April Endowment Fund 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 who made gifts in memory of Pat Vest:

Becky Barker, Mike and Judy Bohan, Georgie Bruce, James Cannon, Bill and Sherry Coward, George and Pat Davis, Ann Gryczan, Doug and Jean Haldane, Pardee Memorial Hospital, Margaret R., Anne Simmons, Sue Thompkins, Chal and Hugh Vaughn, Douglas and Elizabeth Vest, and Charles and Barbara Wilcox.

Endowment Report

In late February your Vestry and members of your Planned Giving and Endowment Committee met to hear a presentation about planned giving by Alex Comfort. As you know from articles in the *TEAM* and also from letters that you have received, Grace is developing a comprehensive program to have each member consider making a planned gift.

The members who heard the presentation were informed and, in no small degree, entertained. The forty-minute presentation explained in clear and easy-to-understand language every kind of planned gift that a parishioner can make. The Vestry would like for every parishioner, regardless of age, to hear the presentation. Members of the Planned Giving and Endowment Committee will contact parishioners about hosting groups of twenty to thirty people to hear the presentation. Please respond when you are asked so that we will all have an understanding of what we want to do financially as a parish for the future.

Continued Slow Start

The New Year has gotten off to a slow start as is reflected in Grace's under budget income. Year-to-date, for the months ending February 28, 2014, total income of \$62,924 from all sources was \$12,812 under budget. The majority of this negative variance resulted from under-budget Pledges income of \$13,742.

Year-to-date expenses of \$76,035 have been held in check in total, but, nevertheless, exceeded income by \$13,110 and required payment from prior years' funds reserved for the capital needs of the church.

It is our prayer all financial needs will be met as the year progresses.

Your Vestry

Year to Date - February 2014

	Actual	Budget	Over/Under
Income:			
Pledges	46,091	59,834	(13,742)
Prior Year Pledges	4,750	-	4,750
Non-pledged Offerings	7,565	10,247	(2,682)
Open Offering	1,071	1,667	(596)
Interest	12	25	(13)
Misc.	3,435	3,964	(528)
Total Income:	62,924	75,737	(12,812)
Expenses:			
Outreach/Mission	7,514	9,522	(2,008)
Parish Programs	1,833	2,167	(334)
Operations	13,351	12,108	1,242
Personnel	52,276	51,939	336
Credit Card Charges to be Classified	1,062	-	1,062
Total Expenses:	76,035	75,737	298
Income - Expense:	(13,110)	-	(13,110)

The forty days in Lent are traditionally marked by fasting, both from foods and festivities, and by other acts of penance. The three traditional practices taken up with renewed vigor during Lent are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

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