



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,

You will probably be receiving this issue of the *TEAM* during Holy Week. I am so glad to be writing to you at this time because I would like to encourage you to attend the two weekday services during Holy Week if you possibly can.

On Maundy Thursday, we will gather at 6:00 p.m. to reenact the evening when Jesus instituted Holy Communion or The Lord's Supper. It is a bit like traveling back in time to that night when He girded Himself with a towel and washed the disciples' feet. Then, He broke the bread and blessed the cup saying that, in partaking of that bread and wine, they were partaking of His Body and Blood, which would soon be broken and poured out for them and for the rest of humanity.

After we wash each other's hands and then partake of Jesus' Body and Blood, we listen to Psalm 22 sung as we strip the Altar and prepare for Good Friday. After the Altar and the Sanctuary are stripped completely bare, we leave in silence, remembering that on that very night, Jesus was praying in the Garden of Gethsemane, preparing for His death on the Cross the next day.

After we leave the nave, we have the option of "watching with Him" for an hour in the library, which has been transformed into a prayer chapel for the evening. When Jesus found His disciples sleeping in the Garden of Gethsemane that night, He said to them, "Could you not watch and pray with me for one hour?" Therefore, we have set aside this prayer chapel for anyone who would like

to watch and pray with Jesus for that hour between 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Thursday evening. Jesus will be present in the chapel in the elements of the Reserved Sacrament, the bread and wine that was blessed and taken from the aumbry (that place in the wall where we keep the leftover bread and wine) in the church after we stripped the Altar.

The next day, Good Friday, we will worship using the Liturgy for Good

Friday at 12:00 noon
and again at 6:00 p.m.

Though it is a brief service, it is a way for us to gather and remember our Lord's death for us.

We will receive Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament at this service as we do not celebrate the Eucharist on

Good Friday.

I am not mentioning these services to you with the hopes of increasing our attendance. I am mentioning them to you as a reminder that, if you are able to come to one or both of them, I believe you will be blessed. This is a way in which you may honor God by your presence during this Holy Week.

If you cannot attend worship on either of these days, please know that you are being prayed for at these services as a part of the Grace Church community.

I wish you a blessed week during this Holy Week and the joy of the resurrection as we move into the fifty days of Easter.

Grace and Peace to You and Yours,

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., OF

Grace Grounds Workday

Saturday, March 28, 10:00 a.m. (details on p. 3)

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 29 (Services: 7:45, 9:00, 11:15)

Easter Baskets for the Homebound

Tuesday, March 31, 10:00 a.m., PH

Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, April 2, 6:00 p.m.; Vigil 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Good Friday Service

Friday, April 3 (Services: 12:00 Noon and 6:00 p.m.)

Holy Saturday

Saturday, April 4, 10:00 a.m., Urban Garden

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 5 (Services: 7:45, 9:00, 11:15)

Children's Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 5, 10:00 a.m., meet in Parish Hall

Episcopal Church Staff Holiday

Monday, April 6

Generational Healing Eucharist

Tuesday, April 7, CH

TEAM Meeting

Wednesday, April 8, 11:00 a.m., OF

Order of St. Luke

April 9, 6:30 p.m., PH

Steadfast House Meal

Friday, April 10, 6:00 p.m.

PubSing

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

Men of the Church

Tuesday, April 14, 6:00 p.m.

Healing Prayer Services

Tuesday, April 14, 21 & 28, 7:00 p.m., CH

Taizé Worship Service

Sunday, April 19, 8:00 p.m., CH

Vestry Meeting

Monday, April 20, 5:30 p.m., LI

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, April 26, 9:00 a.m. service

Ministry and Mission Conference

Saturday, May 2, First Baptist Church, Asheville

Parish News

The ALTAR GUILD needs assistance during Holy Week! Help is needed for set-up for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Please e-mail or call Nora Jones: norajones1223@att.net or 277-5507.

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

The Tuesday morning **Early Birds** meet at 8:15 on Tuesday mornings in the library to study the Word through books. All are welcome.

Experience the **Great Vigil of Easter** at the Cathedral of All Souls on Saturday, April 4 at 8:00 p.m. Grace Parish will not have a 6:00 a.m. Vigil service this year.

The **Men of the Church** will be meeting Tuesday, April 14 at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Jim Compton, 60 Salem Road in Weaverville. Jim and Ron Sims will be our hosts and cooks. If the weather is bad and it rains, we'll meet in the parish hall. Please join us. Cost \$10.00.

The **Ministry and Mission Conference** is Saturday, May 2, at First Baptist Church in Asheville. The booklet detailing all the workshops is available in the church office and will be on-line right before Easter. Be sure to register early to get your first choice of workshops.

Monday morning Bible Study meets at 10:30 a.m. in the parish hall. Please join us as Fr. Bob facilitates a study of the gospel for the following Sunday. All are welcome.

The **Order of St. Luke** will meet Thursday, April 9, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Our program will be the Gospel account of the woman with hemorrhage. We'll also watch the video testimony of persons whom God healed of afflictions, some they had had for years. Included in the video is a Christian praying for students on the campus of Yale University. *All are welcome; OSL membership not required. We will not meet if the Asheville city schools are closed that day or will close early because of weather.*

Join our monthly **PubSing**, an informal gathering on the second Sunday evening of each month to sing hymns, old-time Gospel and Americana inspirational music. We will meet Sunday, April 12, at the French Broad Brewery, 101 Fairview Avenue. Please bring a snack at 5:30 p.m.; singing will begin at 6:00 p.m. For more information, contact Monty Wooten at info@forestguide.com or 828-254-1114. For directions go to <http://frenchbroadbrewery.com/directions/>.

Transportation ministry. Parishioners sometimes request a ride to the doctor or the drug store. If you could help, please contact Fr. Gary at 273-0635.

We still need **volunteers to make coffee** for the 11:15 service. So easy (training available). So little time required. So appreciated. If you could help, please contact Becky in the office at 254-1086 or at grace.parish@att.net. Thanks to those who continue to fill in while we seek new volunteers.

Grace Workday this Saturday, March 28!

Let's get Grace ready for Easter! A workday is scheduled for this Saturday, March 28, beginning at 10:00 in the morning. We especially want to beautify the area around the red door for Palm Sunday, be sure the Urban Garden is at its peak for the Holy Saturday memorial service and do some weeding and edging in the Courtyard Garden.

Everyone is welcome. If we have a good turnout to help, it will only take a few hours, so please bring your gloves, edgers, weeders, etc., and pitch in to help make Grace especially lovely for Easter. If you have questions, please call Kathleen Griffin at 258-2105 or 337-8241.



Holy Week Worship and Activities

Because it falls at the start of the month, we are repeating the Holy Week schedule we published for you in last month's *TEAM* and hope you will be able to join us for one or all of these days of special observance.

The Sunday of the Passion, Palm Sunday:

March 29 — "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 1 — The Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayer is offered at 12:15 p.m.

Maundy Thursday:

April 2 — Service at 6:00 p.m.; Vigil from 7:00-8:00 p.m. As a sign of servanthood, we include the washing of hands (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 3 — The day marks the crucifixion of our Lord. We do not celebrate the Eucharist on this day; instead, 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 4 — 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 4 — 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 5 — 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 10:00 a.m.!

Easter Egg Hunt Details: A fun Grace Church tradition, 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. Just put the empty eggs in the box in the foyer when you arrive.



Come Fill Easter Baskets Tuesday, March 31



You still have time to join us at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 31, in the parish hall as we fill Easter baskets for our friends and parishioners who are no longer able to participate in the day-to-day life of our parish.

From the fellowship involved in creating these baskets to the joy that comes from delivering them to our friends who are homebound or in nursing homes, the Easter basket ministry has become another rewarding annual tradition at Grace. Bring a bag lunch. Dessert will be furnished.

If you can help with the baskets, donate items, make deliveries, or if you have any questions, call Georgi Bruce at

669-0993 or Kathleen Griffin at 258-2105.

Suggested Donations

(your ideas are welcome, too)

- baskets (small-medium)
 - Easter basket grass
- plastic eggs (filled or empty)
 - soft candy
 - hand lotion
 - lip balm
- notepaper, stamps, pens
- small potted plants

Blessing of the Animals, April 26

The annual Blessing of the Animals at Grace, scheduled this year for April 26 at the 9:00 a.m. service, 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:

Proverbs 12:10 -

“The righteous man regards the life of his beast.”

Genesis 9 (after the flood it is mentioned five times) -

“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.”

Grace Outreach

Sue Thompkins

The members of the Grace Outreach Committee would like to thank you for your generous donations of food for the ABCCM food pantries during our quarterly food bag drive. We would also like to thank you for your donations of cans of tuna for our Backpacker program. Your donations to both of these programs is making a real difference in the lives of people in our community.

Youth Music News

Joanna Best

Thank you to our instrument players and soloists who have contributed music in worship with the Kids of the Kingdom Choir so far this year: Grace Miller, flute; Moira Stewart, guitar; Andrew Best, clarinet; Harrison Best, trumpet; Emiline Scales, violin; Stella Coffey, violin; Sophia Siemens, voice. On April 26 we will have a special combined ensemble of as many Grace young musicians as we can count on!

We look forward to hearing our Kids of the Kingdom singers on both Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Way to go, children and youth of Grace!

Looking ahead: any bass clef instrument players in our congregation? Tuba? Trombone? Bass? Bassoon? We have something special in mind. Reach out if you might be interested in sharing your bass note talents. jboydbest@gmail.com



Help Us Recognize Our Grads



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 at grace.parish@att.net or call the church office at 254-1086. Include your school's name, majors, and future plans for publication in an upcoming issue of the *TEAM*.

Healing Prayer Corner

Jeanne Robertson

This is such a glorious time of the year. Spring has arrived and with it comes the return of color. Green leaves, blue skies, and flowers of every imaginable color. It is a reminder of the beauty that God has bestowed upon our land. Then we add to that the glories of Easter morning and the resurrection of our Lord Jesus. This is certainly a time for giving thanks.

This, of course, leads into giving thanks to God through prayer. In my humble opinion, the most important part of a prayer is thanking our Lord for our blessings — thanking Him for all the beauty of the spring time and for the blessings and grace He has given me. It begins my prayer with positive thoughts and with these positive thoughts comes hope. We never know what the final results of our petitions to our Lord will be, but if we can leave that time of prayer knowing that God is in control, that He wants the best for us and that He loves us with unconditional Love, what more can we ask for? May our Lord richly bless each and every one of you in this time of renewal and growth, this time of Easter.

The 2015 Mission & Ministry Conference

Saturday, May 2, 2015
First Baptist Church, Asheville, NC
Keynote speaker: The Rt. Rev. Rob Wright, Bishop of the diocese of Atlanta

In Psalm 137, the Psalmist asks, “How can we sing the Lord’s song in a foreign land?” The Israelites are in exile in Babylon. They are strangers in a strange land, and they ask themselves how they can sing the praises of the Lord in this context.

The 2015 Mission and Ministry Conference asks this question of us in our time. In a certain sense we are all dislocated simply because of the rate of change and the increasing flow of information. Think of the difference in our modes of communication now as compared to 1980. New technology and these constant changes cause fear. Think of the impact of the internet on our world view. And think of the rise of secularism and the data that shows the fastest growing religious segment are the “Nones” — as in “None of the Above” on surveys of religious affiliation.

How do we sing the Lord’s song in this world?

How can we sing the song of praise in a key that makes sense for 2015?

How can we sing because even among the changes and chances of this world, we praise
the goodness of the Lord?

How can we sing in a way that can resonate with those around us — especially those who have
never heard or even distrust these songs?

And how can our actions of justice and mercy be our song?

These are some of the questions for the Mission and Ministry Conference on May 2. Other topics and issues will also be addressed.

Our keynote speaker will be The Rt. Rev. Rob Wright of the Diocese of Atlanta. He is outspoken on justice issues. *Georgia Trend* magazine recognized Bishop Wright as the only clergy person in the “100 most influential people” of 2015. He was chosen because of his activities on health care and gun issues. Bishop Wright has spoken out against capital punishment. He supports the blessing of same-sex relationships. We look forward to his message for us.

The booklet detailing all the workshops will be sent to each parish and will be on-line right before Easter. Be sure to register early to get your first choice of workshops. Bishop Taylor’s workshop is always popular! This year the title is “How to Sing in a Strange Land: Go Deep, Go Out, Go Together.”

Bishop Wright

The Right Rev. Robert Christopher Wright was elected June 2, 2012, by lay delegates and priests of the Diocese of Atlanta to become the 10th bishop in the diocese's 105-year history. He was ordained and consecrated a bishop on Saturday, Oct. 13, in a special worship service at Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel on the campus of Morehouse College. He is the first African American to become an Episcopal bishop in Georgia.

Wright was born February 3, 1964, in a Roman Catholic orphanage in Pittsburgh, Pa., and at the age of nine months was adopted by Earl C. and Charlene Wright. After graduating high school, he served five years as a U. S. Navy helicopter crew chief and search and rescue diver before entering Howard University in Washington, D.C. Upon graduating from Howard in 1991 with a degree in history and political science, he worked as a child advocate for two mayors and for the Children's Defense Fund. He later earned a certificate in biblical studies at Ridley Hall, Cambridge University in England, and a master of divinity from the Virginia Theological Seminary, Alexandria, Va. On July 4, 1998, he married Beth-Sarah Panton.

He was ordained a priest on February 13, 1999, by Bishop Jane Holmes Dixon in the Diocese of Washington. Prior to moving to Atlanta, he was Canon Pastor and Vicar of the Congregation of St. Saviour at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York, N.Y. (1998-2002) and served as chaplain of the Cathedral School in New York City (1998-2000). He received the Harvard Summer Leadership Certificate in 2006 and the Certificate in Pastoral Leadership from Oxford University, England, in 2007.

At the time of his election as bishop he was rector of historic St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Atlanta, Ga., where he had served 10 years, a period that saw dramatic growth. St. Paul's is now the largest predominately African-American congregation in the Episcopal Church.

Also during the past decade, Wright has served the Atlanta community as a member of Leadership Atlanta, on the boards of Holy Innocents' Episcopal School and St. Laurence School. In the Diocese of Atlanta, in addition to serving as the dean of the Mid-Atlanta Convocation, he has chaired the Commission on Ministry, the deputation to the General Convention, and served as youth dean at Camp Mikell. He also serves as an adjunct professor at Virginia Theological Seminary.

He is married to Beth-Sarah Wright, Ph.D., an author, a former college professor and mother to their five children: Jordan, Emmanuel, Selah, Noah, and Moses-Daniel. She currently serves as director of Christian formation at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Atlanta. Dr. Wright taught and served as a director at Spelman College, Atlanta, from August 2003-May 2009. She was educated at New York University where she received a doctorate in performance studies (1998-2004), Cambridge University where she earned a master's in social anthropology (1997-1998) and at Princeton University, from which she holds a bachelor's in sociology (1991-1995). She was born and grew up in Jamaica.



April 2015 Ministry Schedule

Date	Service Time	Acolyte C	Acolyte G	Acolyte E	Lector, Intercessor & Presenters	Healing Team	Ushers	Chalcists	Coffee Hour	Scripture	Lesson
Maundy Thursday											
2-Apr	6:00	Sally Withers	Alternate	Bob Grimes	L, I, P - Charles Carter & Kimberly Knier		Paul & Vicki Vest	1. Bill Warren 2. Sally Coburn		Exodus 12:1-14 I Cor. 11:23-26	
Good Friday											
3-Apr	12:00				L - Sonny Rawls		Doug Haldane Jim Siemens	1. Sally Coburn		Isa. 52:13- 53:12 Heb.	
6:00					L - Eric Howel		Henry Watts Elaine Potter	1. Bill Spencer 2. Eric Howell			
Holy Saturday											
4-Apr	10:00	Cuyler Dupree									
Easter Day											
5-Apr	7:45						Steve Jones	James Cannon			
9:00		Noah Clary	Helena Cullen	Cuyler Dupree	L - Hugh Vaughn I - Bill Crownover P - Crownover Family	Louise Wernicke Patricia Hargrove	Ray and Wendy Kuykendall	1. John Woodson 2. Jennifer Clary	Cuyler Dupree	Acts 10:34-43	1st Lesson & 9:00
11:15		Rusty McCredie	Grace Miller	Eric Howell	L, I, P - Charles Carter & Kimberly Kneier	Pat Davis Karen Compton	Paul Stewart Bob Turner	1. Bill Warren 2. Eric Howell	Sallie Hunter	I Corinthians 15:1-11	2nd Lesson & 9:00
12-Apr											
7:45							Ed Duncan	Jack Frue			
9:00		Harrison Best	Andrew Best	Daphne Urquhart	L, I, P - Paul and Daphne Urquhart	Jeanne Robertson Sherry Coward	Tom and Liz Barr	1. Cuyler Dupree 2. Scott Best	Paul Vest	Acts 4:32-35	1st Lesson
11:15		Mark Silvers	Jonah Silvers	Sally Withers	L, I, P - Rusty McCredie, Jenny Thomas & Alternate	Mary Israel Corinne Spencer	Elaine Potter Henry Watts	1. Elaine Potter 2. Leeann Shearouse	Volunteer	I John 1:1-2:2	2nd Lesson & 9:00
19-Apr											
7:45							Andrew Dahm	Margaret Dahm			
9:00		Zoe Davis	Faith Valley	Cuyler Dupree	L, I, P - Debbie Jones, Angie Cullen & Jones Family	Pat Davis Jane Whitman	Paul and Vicki Vest	1. Debbie Jones 2. Sarah Valley	Katherine Kaderabek	Acts 3:12-19	1st Lesson & 9:00
11:15		Cheryl Aull	Bob Grimes	Sally Withers	L, I, P - Carol McMichael & Sally Withers	Sonny Rawls Karen Compton	Larry Harris Ron Sims	1. Bill Spencer 2. Nancy Clark	Volunteer	I John 3:1-7	2nd Lesson
Taizé 8:00 PM					L - James Cannon I - Henry Watts	Deb Gravatt					
26-Apr											
7:45							Steve Jones	James Cannon			
9:00		Laura Ellington	Carsten Path	Louise Wernicke	L, I, P - John and Beth Woodson	Jeanne Robertson Shari Lane	Kaderabek Family	1. Carol Booth 2. Ann Robinson	Micki Newton	Acts 4:5-12	1st Lesson & 9:00
11:15		Rusty McCredie	Jonah Silvers	Mark Silvers	L, I, P - Beth Stahl, Elaine Potter and Alternate	Sonny Rawls Mary Israel	John Rigsby Rusty Herman	1. Sally Coburn 2. Mary Cozine	Georgi Bruce	I John 3:16-24	2nd Lesson
Flower Arrangers											
Date	Counters	Depositors	Date	Flower Arrangers	Altar Guild						
5-Apr	Steve Birkhofer	James Cannon	5-Apr	EASTER - Everyone 9:00	Group 1 - Apr 4 - Apr 10						
12-Apr	Martha Boyette	Judy Bohan	12-Apr	Shearouse	Group 2 - Apr 11 - Apr 17						
19-Apr	Sally Withers	Chal and Hugh Vaughn	19-Apr	Newton/Israel-WeddingPetree/Touseley - Candles & Gld Flowers	Group 3 - Apr 18 - Apr 24						
26-Apr	Georgi Bruce	Anne Simmons	26-Apr	Newton/Israel - Roses for Jack Meison	Group 4 - Apr 25 - May 1						

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; Mary Cozine; Ed Denison; Eunice Ferguson; Catherine Godfrey; Jess Gregory; Olivia & the Haller family; Mary Hayes; Nora Jones; Wendy Kuykendall; Michelle Lee; Charlotte Melson; Nancy Porter; Doris Rigsby; Corey & Tsz-yan Snyder & family; Corinne Spencer; Lucinda Watkins; Chuck Wilcox.**

For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities: **Henny Caldwell; Bob Hall; June Kelley; Neill Mason; Maryli Perkins; Martin Shaw; 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): **Roberta Alexander; Jerry & Mary McAuliffe (friends of Barbara Wilcox); Carolyn & Winn Baker (friends of Bob & Jeannette Reese); Bethany (daughter of Joan); Stephanie Blackwell & family (sister of Jeanne Sims); Deane Boggs (sister of Joyce Noble); Chris Carson (son of Martha & Randy); Carolyn & Steve Creasman (friends of Barbara & Chuck Wilcox); Debbie D. (friend of Lynda McCredie); Kelli Davis (daughter of George & Pat Davis); Ann & Joe Derwort & family (sister & brother-in-law of Jeanne Sims); Kaci Epley (cousin of Vicki & Paul Vest); Margaret Frazier (friend of Jim & Karen Compton); Hammitt family (friends of Jeanne & Ray Robertson); Bill & Mary Hayes (parents of Rick Hayes); Donald Israel (brother-in-law of Mary Israel); Meg Karayiannis (niece of Nancy Ackermann Cole); Roger & Sherry Martin (parents of Wendy Kuykendall); Fred Motney (father of Diane Wilkey); Dan Powell; Julie & Rita Spragg; Erik & Susan Stoops (brother-in-law & sister of Wendy Kuykendall); Hunter Stubbs; Jennifer Svenstrup (friend of Paul & Vicki Vest); Kathy Taylor (friend of Barbara Wilcox); Alan & Melissa Wood; Angela & Pauline Wright; Alicia; Ashley (daughter of Henry Watts); Don & Patricia; Elizabeth; Linda; Lou (mother of Kim Hayes); Matt; Mary Dee (cousin of Walt Noble); Pam (friend of Cheryl Aull); Richard; Sue; Susan; 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 Who Have Died & their Families: **Rhea Ferguson (husband of Eunice); Jo-An Ward.**

For Those in Service to Our Country: **Tommy & 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; for resolution of the political crises across the world.

April Anniversaries

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

April Birthdays

2 Tessa Path	13 Rusty Herman
2 Hobart Whitman	16 Libba McKinsey
3 Douglas Bowie	17 Randy Carson
4 Lorraine Chambers	17 Nancy C. Porter
4 Nancy Clark	17 Martin Shaw
4 Jim Dreger	18 James Rice
5 Ben Scales	18 Barbara Wilcox
7 Jade Cress	22 Caroline Hamrick Snead
7 Larry Hall	23 Lauren Kuykendall
9 Jarod Coffey	24 Laura Dover
11 Travers Chiott	24 Amanda Edwards
11 Margaret Dahm	25 Phil Carlin
11 David Gentry	26 Tom Bell, Jr.
11 Jon Holland	26 Ray Robertson
11 Watson Jordan	27 Becky Barker
12 Kathie Engelbrecht	30 Gary Coffey

Gifts to Appreciate

For Maundy Thursday, the flowers are given to the glory of God by:

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

For Easter Day, the Altar Guild and Flower Guild appreciate the memorial and thanksgiving Easterride donations made by our parishioners. Thank you for your part in making our church more beautiful for this Holy Season.

The Aumbry candle is given by:

Mary Jane and Jack in thanksgiving for their children and grandchildren.

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by:

Tricia and Keith Hargrove in thanksgiving for the blessing of family and friends;

Sylvia Greenwood in honor of Barbara and Bill Crownover;

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

by his family in memory of Jack F. Melson.



What makes this a very special day?

April

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It's Martin Shaw's 90th birthday!

So, on Sunday, April 19...

You're invited to *continue* the celebration with Martin as his family hosts a drop-in party at Grace Episcopal Church, 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

Come for cake, punch and to wish him a "Happy Birthday!"

No gifts, please: your presence is present enough.
No RSVP required, and "come as you are."

If you can't come and would like to send a card, his address is:

*Martin N. Shaw, Jr.
P.O. Box 16816
Asheville, NC 28816*

Pledge Receipts Remain Sluggish

Pledge receipts through February totaled \$47,807 compared to budgeted pledges of \$58,655. Considering all income sources, income for the first two months totaled \$58,921, while we had projected income to be \$73,905; resulting in a negative variance of (\$14,984).

The negative income variance for the first two months was offset by expenses in the first two months which were less than budgeted amounts by \$2940. When added to the negative income variance of (\$14,984), year-to-date income less expenses resulted in an overall deficit of (\$12,045) for our first two months.

The current deficit is somewhat smaller than the (\$13,110) shortfall experienced through this timeframe 2014 and will bear watching in that our expenses were not increased significantly this year and the shortage still results from a decrease in income.

We are hopeful that all needs will be met and look forward to another successful year in 2015.

Your Vestry

Statement of Activities - Grace Church Year to Date - February 2015

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Income:			
Pledges	47,807	58,655	(10,849)
Prior Year Pledges	2,215	-	2,215
Non-pledged Offerings	5,525	10,247	(4,722)
Open Offering	998	2,931	(1,933)
Interest	0	25	(25)
Misc.	2,376	2,046	330
Total Income:	58,921	73,905	(14,984)
Expenses:			
Outreach/Mission	7,514	9,522	(2,008)
Parish Programs	2,738	2,492	246
Operations	11,115	12,554	(1,439)
Personnel	49,599	49,338	261
Suspense Acct-credit card charges to be coded	-	-	-
Total Expenses:	70,965	73,905	(2,940)
Income Less Expenses:	(12,045)	(0)	(12,045)

Our Heartfelt Thanks to Angela Taylor



Words cannot express how much we here at Grace Church are grateful for the services of Angela Taylor who has been serving as our Volunteer Treasurer for the last several years. It is a large and very time consuming job that involves not only keeping up with all of the weekly and monthly financial workings of the parish, but completing an Annual Report to The Episcopal Church each year as well.

Angela, we thank you and your family for all the time you have given in the service of Christ and this parish as our Treasurer. We also thank you and George Davis in advance for the time that you will be giving to bring our new parish Treasurer, Joe Aull, up to speed as he takes over this work.

May our Lord continue to bless you and your family as you serve Christ in other ways in the future.

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