



the Grace TEAM

to each a ministry

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Parson to Person

Grace Episcopal Church

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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
monthly, every first Tuesday.

Wednesdays at 1:00PM

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,

By the time you get this there should be some “for real” signs of spring all around! We have had sporadic days of winter and spring over and over again since January, but now, as the trees begin to leaf out and flowers start to bloom, it is easy to see the resurrection of nature all around us, which coincides beautifully with our celebration of Jesus’ resurrection.

Those of you who have been in the Episcopal Church will remember that we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus not just on Easter Day, but for fifty days starting with Easter Day and ending with the Day of Pentecost on June 4. The resurrection of Jesus is simply too wonderful to celebrate for just one, or even for a few days.

During these fifty days of Easter, we hear readings in church of what happened after Jesus’ resurrection from the dead. We hear about the resurrection appearances in the Gospels which cover the forty days between Jesus’ resurrection and His Ascension into heaven. And then, during those last ten days after His Ascension, we hear about how, before He ascended, Jesus told His followers to wait there in Jerusalem to be baptized with the Holy Spirit, which of course, happened on the Day of Pentecost.

In the readings from The Acts of the Apostles, which we read in worship during the Easter season, we hear about Jesus’ Ascension into heaven, the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Church, and how the Church spread the message of Jesus’ life, death and resurrection from Jerusalem outward.

As we think of the resurrection and how we celebrate the fifty days of Easter, we might ask ourselves the “so what” question.

Jesus was raised from the dead. So what? What does that have to do with you and me and the rest of the world?

To answer that question, we might turn to what we call the commentary section of the New Testament — the epistles written by St. Paul and others. The writers of the epistles are those who reflected upon the great truths of the Christian faith, the

foremost of which is Christ’s resurrection from the dead.

I would suggest that we all turn in our Bibles to First Corinthians, St. Paul’s first letter to the Church at Corinth. First Corinthians, chapter 15, is St. Paul’s great chapter on the resurrection. We can all benefit from reading and meditating on that passage during the Easter Season.

I am including a sample from First Corinthians 15 to whet your appetites for this passage.

“If corpses can’t be raised, then Christ wasn’t, because He was indeed dead. And if Christ weren’t raised, then all you’re doing is wandering about in the dark, as lost as ever. It’s even worse for those who died hoping in Christ and resurrection, because they are already in their graves. If all we get out of Christ is a little inspiration for a few short years, we’re a pretty sorry lot. But the truth is that Christ has been raised up, the first in a long legacy of those who are going to leave the cemeteries.” (*I Cor. 15:16-20, The Message*)

The “so what?” of the resurrection, Beloved, is that death cannot hold us forever in its grip. We are among “those who are leaving the cemeteries!” Thanks be to God!

In Christ Jesus,
Fr. Gary Coffey

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Events at a Glance

A Quick Review of the Month

Weekly Gospel Bible Study

Mondays, 10:30 a.m., PH

Early Birds Men's Book Study

Tuesdays, 8:15 a.m., LI

Healing Prayer Service and Eucharist

Wednesdays, 1:00 p.m., LI

Centering Prayer

Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m., CR

Bells and Choir Practice

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

Order of St. Luke

No meeting in April

Generational Healing Eucharist

Tuesday, April 4, 7:00 p.m., LI

Palm Sunday Services

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

PubSing

Sunday, April 9: snacks 5:30 p.m.; singing 6:00 p.m.

Holy Week Services

See schedule below

Healing Prayer Services

Tuesdays, April 11, 18 & 25, 7:00 p.m., LI

TEAM Meeting

Wednesday, April 12, 10:00 a.m., OF

Steadfast House Meal

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

Taizé Worship Service

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

Vestry Meeting

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

Men of the Church

Tuesday, April 18, 6:00 p.m., PH

Purls of Grace

Thursday, April 20, 5:00 p.m., LI

Acolyte Training

Sunday, April 23, after the 11:15 a.m. service, PH

Fifth Sunday Brunch

Sunday, April 30, 10:00 a.m., PH

Acolyte Training is Sunday, April 23 after the 11:15 a.m. service. If you have ever considered becoming an acolyte, or if you're ready for the next level of training, now is the time! Acolytes are needed, fourth grade to adult. Join us in the parish hall following the 11:15 service on Sunday, April 23, for lunch and training with experienced acolytes. Everyone is welcome. Call Sally Withers with questions at 712-1955.

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

The **Children's Easter Egg Hunt** will be held on Easter morning following the 9:00 a.m. 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. The eggs you bring will replace the twelve eggs your child takes home from the hunt.

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

The April meeting of **Men of the Church** is April 18 at 6:00 p.m., hosted by Dave Ely in the parish hall. The cost is \$15, and a sign-up sheet is posted on the kiosk in the foyer. All men of the church are welcome.

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

The Mountain Chapter of the **Order of St. Luke** will not meet on Maundy Thursday, April 13.

PubSing is an informal gathering on the second Sunday evening of each month to sing hymns, old-time gospel, and Americana inspirational music. We will meet this month on Sunday, April 9, at the French Broad Brewery, 101 Fairview Road. You may bring a snack at 5:30 p.m.; singing begins at 6:00. For more information, contact Monty Wooten at montywooten@bellsouth.net or 828-254-1114. Get directions at frenchbroadbrewery.com/directions/.

The Holy Week Worship Schedule

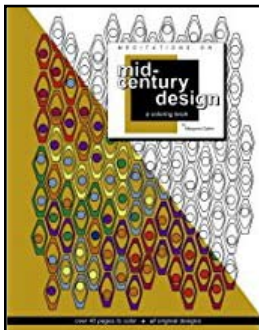
- Maundy Thursday Worship (April 13) at 6:00 p.m.
- Good Friday Worship (April 14) at 12:00 noon and 6:00 p.m.
- Holy Saturday Worship (April 15) at 10:00 a.m. in the Urban Memorial Garden
- Holy Saturday Easter Vigil (April 15) at 6:00 p.m. (with Adult and Handbell Choirs)
- Easter Day Worship (April 16) at 7:45 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. (Egg Hunt follows the 9:00 a.m. service)

Parish News, Updates and Reminders

Below is contact information for **MATT GEORGE, SON OF ZOE ANN DAVIS**. Matt is currently stationed on board the USS Bataan, and Zoe says he'd love to receive mail from his Grace Church family.

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Unit 80177
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Please drop Matt a note to let him know we're thinking of him and keeping him in our prayers.



Who says coloring is just for kids? **MARGARET DAHM HAS JUST PUBLISHED** *MEDITATIONS ON MID-CENTURY DESIGN*, a coloring book of original designs. Look for it on amazon.com. Congratulations, Margaret!

HELP US RECOGNIZE OUR GRADS! Graduates and families of graduates, we would like to recognize you on the occasion of this big accomplishment. You still have time to 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 the June issue of the *Grace TEAM*.



ECW SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CAMP HENRY will again be available. The ECW will give out some \$100 scholarships to children who would like to go to Camp Henry this summer and are in need of assistance. If you know of a child who would like to apply for a scholarship, please send the child's name and camp attendance dates to Mary Ann Warren, the new ECW Treasurer, via the church office. If there is more than one child from the same family seeking assistance, partial scholarships may be available. Applications are available in the church office, and may be picked up, mailed or emailed to you upon request.

Camp Henry is committed to offering a special camp experience to any child or youth who wants to come to camp, and we believe that financial burdens shouldn't keep people from experiencing the miracle of camp.

FIFTH SUNDAY BRUNCH TIME is here again — Sunday, April 30, between the services at 10:00 a.m. Bring your favorite breakfast or brunch food — egg casseroles, sticky buns, cheese and crackers, anything goes. This is a great time to visit with parishioners from all three services! Call Sally Withers, 712-1955, with questions.



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN DERBY DAY SALAD

LUNCHEON is Saturday, May 6, at 11:30 a.m. in the parish hall. It has been such a l-o-o-o-ng time since ECW has had a meeting. Mary Ann Warren and Nancy Remmers are planning this Derby Day Salad Luncheon, so bring your favorite salad, wear your Derby Day hat if you like, and let's have a delicious good time! In addition to bringing a salad, bring a friend, too!



THE ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS AT GRACE, scheduled this year for May 7 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. If you have ever attended a Blessing of the Animals service at Grace, you know what a wide and delightful array 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.

Walking the Labyrinth



About forty people walked the labyrinth during a recent Lenten weekend when it was set up on the floor in the parish hall at Grace. If you missed this meaningful opportunity or would like to walk again, we have our own labyrinth outside in the Urban Garden, built by Don Hawkins and his son David. Feel free to use it any time.

Above: On Sunday, March 19, parishioners were given instruction and walked this labyrinth as a spiritual practice for Lent.

Right: A permanent labyrinth at Grace is in the Urban Garden and is available for your use.



Learn More about Palm Sunday

Hosanna! This is a Hebrew word, not New Testament Greek. Its literal translation is “lead us!” Naturally this held political implications in the mind of both the crowds and the authorities, causing a rather tense situation. Upon entrance to the Temple, which was closely monitored by the Roman garrison to the north, the children were the only ones shouting “lead us!” As it turns out, children could not be arrested and tried under Roman law. It is a perfectly reasonable request of the Lord, as is His command to His disciples found elsewhere: “Follow Me!”

The use of the foal of a donkey held two historical significances: First, there was a current debate among rabbis and scholars as to how far one could carry the bread of the Passover without violating the laws against working on the Sabbath. One school of thought insisted it could only be within your house; another held that it could be within the city walls; and the third allowed it to be carried anywhere within the city limits so long as it was on a beast of burden. Bethany being right on the city limits, Jesus implied by His actions that He in fact was the bread of the Passover, a theme re-asserted in the Lord’s Supper only a few nights later. Secondly, it was tradition in the ancient Near East for a conquering leader to ride into a defeated city on a horse. A returning monarch entering his recaptured and rescued city however, rode in on a donkey. Again by His action Jesus identified Himself as a rightful King, returning to reclaim what was His own.

Palm Branches as well had two significances: They were a national symbol of independence for about a century from the time the Maccabees drove the Greeks out until the rise of Roman power. In Jesus’ day they continued to be an emblem of nationalism and anti-Roman fervor, and it is not uncommon to find a palm leaf stamped over the portrait of Caesar on coins from Jerusalem from that time period. The second meaning of the Palm, and most likely the reason it was such a powerful national emblem from the time of the restoration of the Temple, is suggested even in its modern name: phoenix dactylifera. Even in ancient times this was referred to as the phoenix tree because of the shape of the leaf and its ability to grow new foliage even after being burned. The idea of rising from death was meaningful for the nation to be sure, and far more significant to early Christians who continued to use the phoenix (plant and legendary bird) as a symbol of the resurrection. On the occasion of Jesus’ entry to the city, He was the only one who fully realized how significant this was.



The Good Friday Offering

An appeal from Presiding Bishop Michael Curry



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

You see a letter like this every year from your presiding bishop with a request to support the Good Friday Offering. Why? Because we walk the walk of Christ when we walk in solidarity with the Christians of the Middle East, who keep the faith in the very land Jesus called home. We walk the walk of Christ when we advocate for the voices of those who work fearlessly for peace in the midst of unremitting violence. We walk the walk of Christ when we support ministries of healing, education, pastoral care, and interfaith cooperation rooted in a deep desire for a future full of reconciliation and hope.

The Good Friday Offering is our opportunity to add some of the substance of our lives to the substance of our prayers. You have heard me talk about the Jesus Movement so much in these past months. Jesus of Nazareth is not about the talk of faith. He is not about the walk of faith. He is about both the talk and the walk. The Jesus Movement is about the journey we share with a world desperate to see examples of the love of God lived out in each one of us to empower compassion and mercy for all people in all places.

The Jesus Movement is manifested through opportunities like the Good Friday Offering to stand in solidarity with our sisters and brothers throughout the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East.

I ask you to join me in the journey of faith as part of the Jesus Movement in supporting the Good Friday Offering again this year.

May God bless you and the love we share in our Lord and Savior.

The Most Rev. Michael Curry
Presiding Bishop and Primate
The Episcopal Church

Eleven Interesting Facts About Easter

1. Easter is the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ in the Christian religion.
2. Eggs have been seen as ancient symbols of fertility, while springtime is considered to bring new life and rebirth.
3. Americans annually spend \$1.9 billion on Easter candy. That's the second biggest candy holiday after Halloween.
4. 70% of Easter candy purchased is chocolate.
5. 76% of Americans think the ears of a chocolate bunny should be the first part to be eaten.
6. Egg dyes were once made out of natural items such as onion peels, tree bark, flower petals, and juices.
7. There's much debate about the practice of dyeing chicks. Many hatcheries no longer participate, but others say that it isn't dangerous to the chick's health because the dye only lasts until the chicks shed their fluff and grow their feathers.
8. The first story of a rabbit (later named the "Easter Bunny") hiding eggs in a garden was published in 1680.
9. Easter takes place on a Sunday, after the 40-day period called Lent. Lent is referred to as a time of fasting, but participants focus more on giving up one significant indulgence.
10. Holy Week is celebrated during the week leading up to Easter. It begins on Palm Sunday, continues on to Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and then finally, Easter Sunday.
11. "The White House Easter Egg Roll" event has been celebrated by Presidents of the United States and their families since 1878.



The Grace Easter Egg Hunt

Don't forget one of Grace Church's own traditions, the Children's Easter Egg Hunt, held on Easter morning following the 9:00 a.m. service. Children through fifth grade gather in the parish hall, and the hunt begins about 10:10 a.m.

Parents and grandparents are asked to please bring twelve empty plastic eggs and a basket for each child who participates. Just put the empty eggs in the box in the foyer when you arrive. The eggs you bring will replace the twelve eggs your child gets to take home from the hunt.

Grace Ministries in Action

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

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Buildings & Grounds

You may have noted a number of trees on our church property that needed attention. As a result, we removed some that were dead, diseased or subject to falling, and we stabilized others that were showing strain. We also trimmed low-hanging limbs and branches in the upper parking lot that were adversely affecting parking in some of the areas. In addition, we removed some trees that presented a potential liability to the church.

We chose Asheville Arborists to do the work. They were professional in every way and had the proper insurance and equipment to get the job done, with safety being their first concern. They completed the project exactly as proposed and then even went above and beyond to be sure we were satisfied with their work. They left the property cleaner than when they started, and we would not hesitate to recommend them. Should we need future tree work done, we would definitely want to use Asheville Arborists.



Fellowship



Our recent Mardi Gras Talent Show and Silent Auction event was a blast! We thought you might enjoy some photos from the evening:



Thanks to all who contributed to a great night of fantastic food, music, fun and fellowship!

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Flower Guild

MAGNOLIA CUTTINGS NEEDED! The Flower Guild wishes to thank again and *again* the donors who make possible the enhancement of our beautiful sanctuary during the high holy days of our church. The envelopes for the Easter flower donations will be in the pew corners each Sunday for your convenience. As we use God's creation in the form of flowers, we like to combine those from the commercial growers with those we "forage" ourselves. Therefore, I am making a plea for cuttings of fresh magnolia, which work so well on our altar and in the windows. If you have some or know of a source, please call or text Marzy Israel at 828-230-1396 to work out the particulars of acquiring them.

Healing Ministry

HEALING PRAYER CORNER by *Jeanne Robertson*. This is a wonderful time of the year. Spring has arrived, at least on the calendar. Easter is fast approaching. The summer foliage is beginning to wake up and our hummingbirds will soon return. All of this reminds me of my own prayer life and how important it is to take the time to thank God for all the positive things happening in my life. Spring is a time of renewal, and that goes for the spiritual side of our lives as well as the physical. We are just finishing up the Lenten season, a time of introspection. And now we will go boldly into the warmth of summer with a renewed spirit. So at this time, I thank God for all of you who take the time to read my ramblings, and may your spirit be renewed over and over as you begin your journey through the warm time of our year. May our Lord bless each of you with all the blessings you can stand.

Outreach

THANK YOU, SUE & THANK YOU, CHERYL! Sue Thompkins has quietly and tirelessly worked behind the scenes to make sure a lot of important things happen regularly at Grace Church: the Angel Tree during Advent, the winter coat drive, the back-to-school project for foster kids, just to name a few. As the chair of the Outreach Ministry, she has also driven efforts to make sure funds were provided in times of need for helping agencies locally, nationally and around the world. Now, as Sue embarks on an exciting new chapter in her life — in Seattle — we offer her our heartfelt thanks and many blessings in her new home. Meanwhile, Cheryl Deyton is taking on Outreach leadership and welcomes any thoughts, comments or questions you might have about the direction of this important Grace ministry.

OUR ABCCM FOOD DRIVE generated thirty bags of much-needed food for the ABCCM pantry. Thank you for your support.

Pastoral Care

IT IS EASTER BASKET TIME AGAIN! This will be the tenth year that the children of Grace Church have helped to deliver Easter baskets to our homebound friends and neighbors on Easter Saturday. A collection station is in the foyer. Please bring Easter baskets, plastic eggs, notecards, candy, lip balm, stamps, or other goodies you think a homebound person might enjoy. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Sunday School area to deliver the baskets. This means so much to our friends — and to our children.

Check for more about Pastoral Care on our web site, graceepiscopalchurch.us.



Wedding Ministry

GRACE "TOUR GUIDES" NEEDED. Would you like to be involved in a very successful ministry? Grace Church continues to be a special location for weddings. We have eight more weddings scheduled at Grace this year plus two requests already in for 2018, and most of these couples are going to bring their parents by to see the church. They like to see it "in person," inside and out. They might even want to try the bells.

For these special "tours of Grace," we need a few people who could be called on occasionally to spend an hour or so guiding people through the church, often on Saturdays, but also on other days of the week. A two-page guide is available to help with showing the church and answering questions.

Are you available to help out? It can be very satisfying to be a part of the planning process as couples embark upon a new life together. Email Jean Haldane at halejd2071@yahoo.com to express your interest or ask any questions you may have.

April 2017 Ministry Schedule

Date	Service Time	Acolyte C	Acolyte G	Acolyte E	Lector, Intercessor & Presenters	Healing Team	Ushers	Chalicists	Coffee Hour	Scripture	Lesson
April 2											
	7:45				Steve Jones		James Cannon				
	9:00	Gavin Knapp	Cheryl Deyton	Cuyler Dupree	L, I, P - Daphne and Paul Urquhart	Louise Wernicke Patricia Hargrove	Jarod Coffey Molly Coffey	1. Daphne Urquhart 2. Jenny Knapp	Cuyler Dupree	Ezekiel 37:1-14	1st Lesson 9:00 Lesson
	11:15	Cheryl Aull	Sally Withers	Grace Miller	L, I, P - Jenny Thomas, Elaine Potter	Pat Davis Karen Compton	Larry Harris LuAnn Harris	1. Cliff Albertson 2. Mark Silvers	Volunteer	Romans 8:6-11	2nd Lesson
April 9 ~ Palm Sunday; April 13 ~ Maundy Thursday; April 14 ~ Good Friday; April 15 ~ Holy Saturday Urban Garden Service and Great Vigil											
	7:45				Ed Duncan		Susan Macdonald				
	9:00	Maya Bell	Aleena Bennett	Louise Wernicke	L, I, P - John and Beth Woodson	Jeanne Robertson Kathy Oesterlin	Tom Barr Bill Crownover	1. Carol Booth 2. Greg Townsend	Paul Vest	Isaiah 50:4-9a	1st Lesson
	11:15	Mark Silvers	Ellie Silvers	Jonah Silvers	L, I, P - Rusty McCredie, Kimberly Kneier	Mary Israel Corinne Spencer	Paul Stewart Elaine Potter	1. Carol McMichael 2. Bill Spencer	Volunteer	Philippians 2:5-11	2nd Lesson
Maundy Thursday	6:00 PM	Mark Silvers	Sally Withers	Eric Howell	L, I, P - Hugh Vaughn, TBA		Larry Harris	TBA		Exodus 12:1-14 I Corinthians 11:23-26	Maundy Thursday
Good Friday	12:00 PM 6:00 PM				L, I, P - Hugh Vaughn, TBA		12:00 Tom Barr 6:00 alternate	1. TBA 2. TBA		Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Hebrews 10:16-25	Good Friday
Urban Garden Service	10:00 AM	Cheryl Aull			L, I, P - Sonny Rawls		Elaine Potter			Job 14:1-14 I Peter 4:1-8	Urban Garden Service
Great Vigil	6:00 PM	Mark Silvers	Sally Withers	TBA	L, I, P - Carol Hudson, TBA		Ray Kuykendall	TBA		Isaiah 25:6-9 Acts 10:34-43	Great Vigil
April 16 ~ Easter Sunday											
	7:45				Steve Jones		Margaret Dahm				
	9:00	Carsten Path	Lauren Kuykendall	Zoe Davis	L, I, P - Hugh Vaughn, Barbara Wilcox	Pat Davis Jane Whitman	Tricia Trinite Mickey Trinite	1. John Woodson 2. Debbie Jones	Micki Newton	Acts 10:34-43	1st Lesson
	11:15	Rusty McCredie	Bob Grimes	Eric Howell	L, I, P - Nancy Remmers, Mark Silvers	Karen Compton Sonny Rawls	Ed Woekener Bob Turner	1. Charles Carter 2. Kimberly Kneier	Georgi Bruce	Colossians 3:1-4	2nd Lesson
	Taizé 8:00 PM				L - Monty Wooten I - James Cannon	Deb Gravatt					
April 23											
	7:45				Ed Duncan		James Cannon				
	9:00	Lislie Ellington	Maya Bell	Laura Ellington	L, I, P - Jenny Knapp, Nancy Walters, Knapp family	Jeanne Robertson Shari Lane	Derick Edwards Wade Edwards	1. Cuyler Dupree 2. Ann Robinson	Elaine Dephousse	Acts 2:14a, 22-32	1st Lesson
	11:15	Mark Silvers	Olivia Nery	Jonah Silvers	L, I, P - Kristen Dusenbery, Jenny Thomas	Mary Israel Sonny Rawls	Rusty Herman Elaine Potter	1. Bill Warren 2. Sally Coburn	Mary Ann Warren	I Peter 1:3-9	2nd Lesson 9:00 Lesson
April 30											
	7:45				Steve Jones		Jack Frue				
	9:00	Daphne Urquhart	Cheryl Deyton	Maira Stewart	L, I, P - Greg Townsend, Angie Cullen, Cullen Family	Brenda Haller Ann Robinson	Paul Vest Vicki Vest	1. Zoe Davis 2. Cuyler Dupree	Cuyler Dupree	Acts 2:14a, 36-41	1st Lesson 9:00 Lesson
	11:15	Cheryl Aull	Olivia Nery	Sally Withers	L, I, P - Sally Coburn, Nancy Remmers	alternates	Bob Turner Ed Woekener	1. Eric Howell 2. Sally Withers	Volunteer	I Peter 1:17-23	2nd Lesson
Altar Guild											
Flower Arrangers											
Depositors											
2-Apr	Steve Birkhofer		James Cannon		2-Apr	Lent		Group 1: April 1 - April 7			
9-Apr	Martha Boyette		Judy Bohan		9-Apr	Palm S.-Israel & Davis; Maundy Thurs.-Israel; Sat.-All for Easter		Group 2: April 8 - April 14			
16-Apr	Sally Withers		Chal & Hugh Vaughn		16-Apr	Easter		Group 3: April 15 - April 21			
23-Apr	Georgi Bruce		Anne Simmons		23-Apr	Davis - Wedding - Florist		Group 4: April 22 - April 28			
30-Apr	Georgi Bruce		Steve Birkhofer		30-Apr	Davis		Group 5: April 29 - May 5			

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

For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities: **Henny Caldwell; Mary Hayes** (mother of Rick Hayes); **Lou** (mother of Kim Hayes); **Rusk Henry; Donald Israel** (brother-in-law of Mary Israel); **June Kelley; Neill Mason; Joan Sanderson; Mary Ida Sprague; Laura Stephens; Pat Woodard.**

For Others (names to stay on the list for four weeks; call the church office to keep names on the list for a longer time): **Holli** (friend of Cheryl Aull); **Drew** (nephew of Cheryl Aull); **Deane Boggs** (sister of Joyce Noble); **Jenn Chenowith** (friend of Joyce & Walt Noble); **Ryan Conrad** (friend of Julia Anne Dawson); **Kelli Davis** (daughter of George & Pat Davis); **Kacie Epley** (cousin of Vicki & Paul Vest); **Al Fadel** (friend of Nancy & Arnold Clark); **Joanne Giezentanner Greene** (friend of Nancy & Arnold Clark); **Danny Hall** (brother-in-law of David Gentry); **Priscilla Hickey** (sister-in-law of Barbara Wilcox); **the Rev. Ed Hillman & family** (friends of Don Wills); **Kathleen Johnson** (friend of Barbara Wilcox); **Jeff Johnston** (cousin of Eva Dupree); **Phyl Mathias** (friend of Don Wills); **Meg; Jim Monroe** (friend of Jeannette & Bob Reese); **Luke** (kindergarten student of Vicki Vest); **Janice Ribet** (former parishioner); **Dick Senneff** (friend of Don Wills); **Sladky family** (friends of Don Wills); **Nancy Temple** (friend of Billy Gray); **Jessica Vest** (daughter-in-law of Vicki & Paul); **Lara Weaver** (daughter of Jackie Schauer); **Tim Yehl** (son-in-law of Jeanne & Ray Robertson); **Janet Waters** (daughter of Cal and Nancy Remmers); **Elizabeth; Pam** (friend of Cheryl Aull); **Sue; Susan.**

Prayers of Thanksgiving: **Barbara Crownover; Rusty Herman; Anne Simmons; Missy** (friend of Jeannette and Bob Reese).

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

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

For Those Who Have Died and Their Families: **Eric Stoops** (brother-in-law of Wendy Kuykenall); **Doris Cummings; Cecil Cantrell** (husband of Teresa Cantrell); **Dave Carey** (husband of Peg Carey);

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

For our President Donald Trump, Congress and our country; for victims of violence across the world; for local agencies & those who work for relief of the poor; for better stewardship of water; for resolution of crises throughout our world.

The Bulletin and TEAM prayer list is one of many prayer lists at Grace. Please get permission from anyone you would like to add to the list and contact Kathleen Griffin at gkcgiffin7@gmail.com or the church office at grace.parish@att.net.

April Anniversaries

John and Doris Rigsby	4
Arnold and Nancy Clark	10
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	18 Barbara Wilcox
4 Nancy Clark	19 Hans Van Vonno
5 Ben Scales	20 Matthew Carlin
7 Cliff Albertson	22 Caroline Hamrick Snead
7 Jade Cress	23 Lauren Kuykendall
7 Larry Hall	24 Laura Dover
9 Jarod Coffey	24 Amanda Edwards
11 Travers Chiott	25 Phil Carlin
11 Margaret Dahm	26 Tom Bell
11 David Gentry	26 Ray Robertson
11 Watson Jordan	27 Becky Barker
12 Kathie Engelbrecht	27 Sharon Rain
13 Rusty Herman	29 Rebecca Meadows
16 Shannon Ponce	30 The Rev. Gary Coffey

Special Gifts

The Aumbry candle is given by Mary Jane and Jack Westall in thanksgiving for their children and grandchildren.

The hot cross buns for Palm Sunday are given to the Glory of God by the Rev. Jane Smith in memory of Marquerite Alexander.



The palms for Palm Sunday 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.

MAUNDY THURSDAY STILL NEEDS A FLOWER DONOR.

The Altar Guild and Flower Guild appreciate the memorial and Thanksgiving donations made by parishioners for Eastertide. Thank you for your part in making our church more beautiful for the Holy Season.



Following Easter, the flowers are given to the Glory of God by:

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

Randy and Martha Carson in honor of their grandchildren, Alex and Sofia Carson and Jackson Miller.



Our thoughts and prayers are with the families, loved ones and friends of Eric Stoops (brother-in-law of Wendy Kuykenall), Doris Cummings (a parishioner); and Cecil Cantrell (husband of Teresa Cantrell).

Early Shortfall

Statement of Activities - Grace Church Year to Date - February 2017

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Income:			
Pledges	48,523	57,174	(8,651)
Prior Year Pledges	-	1,322	(1,322)
Non-pledged Offerings	14,544	7,691	6,853
Open Offering	1,303	2,138	(835)
Interest	0	7	(7)
Misc.	2,118	2,492	(374)
Total Income:	66,488	70,823	(4,335)
Expenses:			
Outreach/Mission	7,126	8,172	(1,046)
Parish Programs	3,207	2,303	904
Operations	11,488	11,623	(135)
Personnel	46,683	48,725	(2,042)
Total Expenses:	68,504	70,823	(2,319)
Income Less Expenses:	(2,016)	0	(2,016)

Pledge receipts through the end of February totaled \$48,523 compared to projected pledges of \$57,174. Considering all income sources, income received for the year totaled \$66,488, while we projected income to be \$70,823. We ended the month with a negative income variance of \$4335.

The negative variance thus far was offset by expenses which were less than budgeted amounts by \$2319. When these savings were applied to the negative income variance of \$4335 our income less expenses resulted in a deficit of \$2016 at the end of February.

We continue to encourage prayer and attention to our stewardship efforts.

Your Vestry

New Faces in Our Nursery

We are excited to introduce Abby Holt and Meg Cook, our new helpers in the nursery. They begin Sunday, April 2, so please stop by to welcome them and introduce yourselves.



ABBY HOLT. My name is Abby Holt and I am a senior at UNC-Asheville. I am originally from Raleigh, NC, but moved to Asheville to play soccer at UNCA. I am double-majoring in Political Science and Economics with hopes of attending law school after I graduate. I also work at the Grove Park Inn and volunteer in a kindergarten class at Eliada Homes. I worked in my own church nursery back in Raleigh for six years so I am excited to begin working in the nursery at Grace Episcopal!



MEG COOK. I am new to Asheville and excited to join the Grace Church nursery staff! I recently moved from New York where I spent five years as caregiver for young children and working with animals at a no-kill shelter. I have worked with kids since I was a teenager when I volunteered at my church's Sunday school. Currently, I am a graduate student working towards my MFA in Writing for Children and Young Adults, so I love stories for and about kids. My favorite part about working with kids is reading books out loud and watching a child learn something new for the first time.