



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,

Sometimes life seems dark. Bombs explode, killing and maiming people attending a marathon. A fertilizer tank explodes in a small town in Texas. People contract life-threatening diseases and often die from them. Others lose jobs. Still others, who have jobs that they dislike or even hate, find it hard to get up and go to work in the morning. Others suffer from various addictions. The list of miseries goes on and on.

Life in this world can be wonderful and beautiful at times, but at other times it can be anything but wonderful and beautiful. As people of faith we are not immune to the slings and arrows of this life.

We too contract deadly diseases, suffer from addictions, lose our jobs, suffer at the hands of terrorists and are the victims of accidents. We come to understand that God is not micro-managing the universe and shielding us from the unfortunate realities of living in this world. But what God does provide for us in this sinful and broken world is His presence. Jesus promised never to leave us nor forsake us, to be with us always to the end of the age.

When we are suffering from heartbreak we do not suffer alone. "God is our refuge and strength," the Psalmist says, "a very present help in times of trouble." Just knowing God loves us and is with us helps get us through the tragedies of this life. God uses the calamities of our lives to strengthen us and, just as the weld is stronger than the two pieces that it holds together, the scars of living life in this world can strengthen us and equip us to go on even when life has been and continues to be hard.

There are no "whys" that we know of for tragedy, why one person's cancer

goes away and another's is lethal. We don't understand why anyone would take the lives of the innocent. Faced with the stresses and strains of this life our only recourse, Beloved, is to put our trust in God. I am reminded of that day when many of Jesus' disciples were going away and forsaking Him. When Jesus saw the twelve still with him he asked them, "Are you too going away?" Peter responded, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

I mentioned in a recent homily that the phrase "eternal life" does not refer only to the duration of life, meaning life that goes on forever. No, it also has to do with the quality of life. The eternal life lived as human beings in God

and with God is life lived to the fullest. Why? It is because each of us was made in the image and likeness of God. Therefore in God and with God is the only place where we find ourselves truly at home, the only place where we can truly find rest for our souls.

As we think of life in this vale of tears, some of the closing words of St. Paul the Apostle to the Church at Philippi may be helpful. We read, "Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of Peace will be with you" (Philippians 4:8-9).

God's Peace and Blessing,

Fr. Gary Coffey

“As people of faith we are not immune to the slings and arrows of this life.”

Parish News

The **Daughters of the King** meet on the third Sunday of each month at 7:00 p.m. We will meet on Sunday, May 19 in the church office. Please call Mary Cozine at 713-8678 for more information. All women are welcome. Please join us.



Finally and coming soon is our first **Fifth Sunday Brunch** this year. We all enjoy the fellowship and good food, so mark your calendars for June 30. In the future we may have some *Fourth* Sunday Brunches in order to have our fellowship time even when there are calendar conflicts on the fifth Sundays.



A big thank-you to **George Davis**. We at Grace would like to thank George for his efforts in procuring a sofa for Father Coffey's office from a friend of his in the furniture industry for a much reduced price. The sofa is beautiful and will very much add to the comfort of the Senior High Sunday School class that meets in the office and to that of others who come to visit with Father Coffey. Not only did George contact his friend to order the sofa, but he also drove to Taylorsville, North Carolina, in the Townsends' van (thanks, Greg and Shannon!) to pick it up. Again, George, thank you very much! Please feel free to stop by to see Father Coffey and try out the new sofa!



Men of the Church will meet on Tuesday, May 14 at 6:00 p.m. The hosts and cooks are Bill Crownover and Ron Sims. We will meet in the parish hall. Everyone is welcome. The cost is \$10.00. Please sign up on the blue sheet on the kiosk.



The **Ministry & Mission Conference** will be held this Saturday, May 4 at First Baptist Church from 8:45 a.m. - 3:45 p.m. The doors open at 7:45. If you have not registered and would like to attend, walk-in registration will be \$40 and will include lunch.



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.



We will continue the **Monday Soup Suppers** at 5:00 p.m. through May 20, then break for the summer and probably resume after Labor Day. On Monday, May 13 at 6:00 p.m. anyone interested is invited to a meeting in the library about continuation of our food ministry.



The **Order of St. Luke** will meet on Thursday, May 9 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the parish hall. All are welcome. You do not have to be an OSL member to attend. We will view a DVD from the Bethel Church Sozo Ministry about "The Four Doors"—a useful tool in praying for healing for ourselves and others. We will learn how to look for wounds and lies that have entered through those doors and how to move into a place of freedom.



Purls of Grace meet on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the library. If you have questions and/or would like to learn to knit prayer shawls, contact Jeanne Robertson at jerobertson38@me.com.



Voices of Hope Choir on Pentecost Sunday

We will be blessed on Pentecost Sunday, May 19 during the 9:00 service to host the Voices of Hope choir from the Swannanoa Correctional Center for Women. The choir has brought a real sense of worship to the Cathedral of All Souls, St. Mathias, and other churches in the area when they have sung for them. The response to the choir by those attending worship has been very positive and uplifting. Please give a Grace welcome to the women in the choir and their volunteer drivers. You might also be interested to know that Mary Sorrells (from All Souls) and Roberta Rhodes (Bob Reese's sister from St. John's Haw Creek) founded the choir and direct it. Department of Corrections policy prohibits photos or recordings of any kind.

Well Done, Graduates!

Kelsey Rose Hession, granddaughter of Sherry and Bill Coward, graduated from the University of Virginia with a major in neuroscience.

Brooke Plank, daughter of Greg and Emma Plank, graduated from North Buncombe High School and will attend Western Carolina University with a major in elementary education.

Madison Plank, daughter of Greg and Emma Plank, graduated from North Buncombe High School and will attend Western Carolina University with a major in pre-veterinary medicine.

Libba McKinsey, daughter of Pat and Beth McKinsey, will graduate from Elon University and plans to move to Washington, DC, to work for TransPerfect.

Anna McKinsey, daughter of Pat and Beth McKinsey, will graduate from Wesleyan University with a master's degree and will be seeking a job.

Congratulations, Confirmands!

We report with great delight that the following young people from Grace Parish were confirmed by Bishop Taylor on April 14. Congratulations, Confirmands, and welcome to you as confirmed members of Grace Church!

Noah Clary

Georgia Grace Snead

Catherine Cullen

Cade Wooten

We Welcome Into the Church

Through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Jonah Harrison Silvers,

son of Mark Silvers,

was welcomed into the Church

on Sunday, April 14.

Jonah

is sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism
and marked as Christ's own forever.

Camp Henry Day - Sunday, May 5



Camp Henry is one of our Diocese's greatest gifts of ministry to youth. Each summer about 500 young people from kindergartners through high school seniors spend weeks of fun, making friends and getting to know how God fits into their lives and how to live the teachings of Jesus Christ. A wish list for Camp Henry will be posted on the kiosk in the foyer.

Camp Henry Scholarships

The ECW will again give partial scholarships for Camp Henry. Funding for them comes from the ECW Rummage Sale. If your child is interested, please submit your request to Georgi Bruce (via the church office) by May 15. Please include the name and dates attending. A second child in the family may receive less assistance. Young people not requesting Camp Henry assistance may be assisted with youth group mission trips or conference attendance.

Handbell Choir Demonstration Concert



Join us for the Grace Handbell Choir Demonstration Concert on Pentecost Sunday, May 19 at 10:00 a.m. in the parish hall. The concert will be a chance for the Bell Choir to showcase a few of our favorite pieces and a chance for parishioners to see “up close and personal” what is involved in playing bells. Since the placement of the bell tables is far away from the congregation on the Sundays when we ring, it will be fun to watch (in amazement!) the ringers in action in a close setting. Because of the fragile nature of the bells, we will not offer “hands-on” demonstrations. We will be happy to answer questions and to demonstrate the entertaining techniques we use. It will be informal and fun for all!

Seamless Treasurer Transition

For some time now our new treasurer Angela Taylor has been working with our former treasurer George Davis. The baton was passed so smoothly between them that there has been a seamless transition. We are thankful for all George’s faithful service in the past, and he is still available to substitute for Angela. We are also thankful to Angela for becoming our new treasurer here at Grace. The job of Parish Treasurer is difficult and time-consuming. Please echo our appreciation to Angela and George when you see them at church.

News from the Nolans

Mary Ann and Bill Warren and Grace Miller visited Cynthia and Michael Nolan in their beautiful new home in Naples, Florida, during Grace’s spring break at the end of March. Michael and Cynthia have found a new church family at Trinity by the Cove Church. They are happy in their new location, but they miss their church family at Grace. They send greetings to all.



Grace Outreach Notes

The Rummage Sale Is Coming!

A Letter from Bishop Taylor

March 26, 2013

Dear Gary,

On behalf of the Diocese I want to thank Grace Episcopal Church in Asheville for your generous pledge at the 10% asking. I know your parish needs are many, and I am grateful to you more than I can say. Your pledge enables our diocese to fund our ministries, support your sister parishes, and do more for God's mission in the world.

Please express my deep appreciation to your people.

Grace and peace,
Porter

Healing Prayer Corner

It is an interesting thing with God. When he wants me to know something, he brings it to my attention. Recently I have seen so many examples of how little control we have over things in our lives. We just cannot predict events or the outcomes. They just have to play out in our individual lives: everything from the bombing at the Boston Marathon, to the diagnosis of a life-threatening disease, to adjusting to the role of great-grandmother in the family. Just when we think all is well in our lives, things change and often we have no control. However there is one who does have control, who can see the whole picture and who knows what is best for us. That one is God. It is such a blessing when we have persons in our lives who will pray for us when we cannot make things better. Those lifelines from us through others to God bring peace, serenity and hope, the very things that help our bodies to recover faster. And so if you feel like things are spinning out of control, contact the church and ask to be put on an intercessory prayer list, ask for prayer from one of our many healing prayer ministers, talk with one of our priests. The results will be amazing.

Cursillo 74: Coming May 9-12

Cursillo 74 will take place from Thursday, May 9 - Sunday, May 12. Cursillo is a weekend of concentration on our lives in Christ through piety, study and action. It represents a wondrous reflection of our Baptismal Covenant. It will be a weekend of spiritual enlightenment and fellowship with people of God. The weekend will be held at Christmount, 222 Fern Way, Black Mountain. George Sowersby will be the lay rector. For more information, visit the WNC Cursillo website at www.wnccursillo.org or call 704-853-9757.

What Is Cursillo?

Many people have said they knew nothing about the experience before they went, and it is our aim to let you know what the Cursillo weekend is like, at least externally. The following is taken from an informational packet prepared by George Sowersby, lay rector for Cursillo 74:

Cursillo is an interactive, lively and educational weekend. Some people describe it as a “retreat,” but except for the first night of gathering, it is anything *but* a retreat. (There is an overnight retreat from the end of the first evening’s activities to the morning Eucharist of the next day, but the rest of the time is spent in an educational, workshop-type experience.)

Cursillo is designed to be a teaching tool for further educating us about what our call is as Christians in today’s world. I have heard someone describe it before as a “re-teaching of our Catechism,” and when I read through that document in the back of our *Book of Common Prayer*, I am awestruck by how accurate a comment that is.

Let us explain a little bit about what takes place at a Cursillo weekend:

1. **One Talk in Fifteen Parts.** This means you will hear a total of fifteen talks - ten by laypersons and five by clergy (these take place over the three days of the weekend, five on Friday, five on Saturday and five on Sunday).

2. We also engage in **table discussions** after most of the talks. This allows for some interaction between you and other folks. You remain with the same table group for the entire weekend. We try to compose the table of people not from your own parish, not your spouse, etc. We do this because these are people

you are with regularly, and our desire is to teach about the broad-reaching community of Christians that exists beyond your own personal community.

3. We participate in a **Daily Eucharist**. Since we are a Eucharistic church and our teachings are based around the celebration of the Eucharist, this supports that practice.

4. At many points during the weekend, you become aware of the much larger community of Christians that support the cause of teaching more about our “Christian Calling” – people praying for you and the weekend, people offering food and other things that make the weekend run well, etc.

5. We also participate in a **great deal of singing**.

6. We also participate in a **great deal of frivolity** – laughing, joking around, sometimes skits, sometimes artwork, eating a LOT, and even celebrations. If you remember school, you remember how boring it can be to just sit and listen to the teachers – so we try to liven up the learning atmosphere.

You may have heard some things about us in the past – that we are secretive and that we spring things on the pilgrims – things they didn’t know about – and they are “caught unawares.” Here are some things we would like to put you at ease about:

1. You may have heard that we “take your watches.” Not so. We do say that you do not need to bring a watch and usually ask you to put it away if you do

What Is Cursillo?

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bring one, but we do not take them away from you. This often worries people – probably because we are so tied to our issues of time. But in all honesty the team for the weekend will be making sure about the time issues, and you do not have to worry about them all weekend. Time is not a secret, and you are welcome to know what time it is, what the schedule looks like, etc. It's just a whole lot easier to do it this way. This is mostly a convenience for the pilgrims, but it also works well for the team members putting on the workshop.

2. We do live in a motel-like setting for these three days. We stay in private rooms with two or three other persons. You may be asked to room with someone you do not know.

3. The weekend begins on Thursday evening – we have a few activities that take place on Thursday evening after dinner (introductory activities), then a couple of events that take place in the Chapel (meditations, Stations of the Cross). After that we begin a “Silent Retreat.” We ask you to practice silence from the close of Thursday evening’s activities until silence is broken with a Eucharist before breakfast on Friday morning.

4. Leaving time is on Sunday (after a closing Eucharist) and will be somewhere around 5 p.m. Your sponsor should be there to make sure you have a way home and are taken care of.

5. We have a motto on Cursillo weekends – “All may, some should, none must.” You need to know that you will never be asked to do something you do not want to do. This is a participatory weekend, but we want you to *want* to participate. It is fine to say, “No thanks – don’t wish to do that.”

6. This can be a physically challenging experience. We try to make sure you are comfortable in the “Talk Room,” in your room, in the Chapel, and in the dining room – but basically it is a 7 in the morning until 9 or 10 at night day. We do try to get some free time and “down time” for you in the afternoons, but the days are full.

folks who have attended prior weekends. This is not the aim of the weekend. We want you to feel comfortable about knowing what you need to know about the weekend. We ask folks who have participated in an earlier weekend to make sure ALL your questions are answered. If that doesn't happen for you, the Secretariat (the governing body of Cursillo in WNC) invites you to contact us directly.

There is a follow-up program called Group Reunions and Ultreya - these were developed by the founders of the movement to help Christians see that their callings as Christians are much more easily accomplished when “two or three are gathered” in the Lord’s name.

More information? Visit the National Episcopal Cursillo web site: <http://www.episcopalcursillo.org>. There are articles on what Cursillo is all about, the layout/schedule of a weekend, what its aims are, etc. Or visit the WNC Cursillo web site: www.wnccursillo.org.

Everyone experiences Cursillo from his/her own frame of reference, which is part of the reason people say it cannot be explained, but these are the basic rubrics of the weekend.

Come join us and see why those of us involved in the movement are enthusiastic supporters.

Cursillo 74

You may have discerned an air of secrecy amongst

May 2013 Ministry Schedule

Service Time	Acolyte C	Acolyte G	Acolyte E	Lector, Intercessor & Presenters	Healing Team	Ushers	Chalicians	Coffee Hour	Service Time
May 5 Camp Henry Day									
7:45					Deb Gravatt	Ed Duncan	James Cannon		7:45
9:00	Sadie Rudd	Moir Stewart	Louise Wernicke	L - John Woodson I - Beth Woodson P - Woodson Family	Louise Wernicke Patricia Hargrove	Wendy & Ray Kuykendall	1. Zoe Davis 2. John Woodson	Elaine Dephousse	9:00
11:15	Rusty McCredie	Grace Miller	Elly Withers	L, I, P - Charles Carter and Kimberly Kneier	Pat Davis Karen Compton	Henry Watts Ed Woekener	1. Bill Warren 2. Mary Cozine	Sally Withers	11:15
May 12									
7:45					Deb Gravatt	Steve Jones	James Cannon		7:45
9:00	Catherine Cullen	Helena Cullen	Cuyler Dupree	L - Barbara Wilcox I - Bill Crownover P - Barbara and Bill	Rita Spragg Jeanne Robertson	Tricia & Mickey Trinite	1. Greg Townsend 2. Alternate	Cuyler Dupree	9:00
11:15	Cheryl Aull	Bob Grimes	Lani Anderson	L, I, P - Mark Silvers and Kristen Dusenbery	Corinne Spencer Mary Israel	Ron Sims John Churchill	1. Bill Spencer 2. Sally Withers	Georgi Bruce	11:15
May 19 Day of Pentecost									
7:45					Deb Gravatt	Andrew Dahm	Margaret Dahm		7:45
9:00	Cade Wooten	Alyssa Jones	Cuyler Dupree	L - Greg Plank I - Vicki Vest P - Plank Family	Pat Davis Jane Whitman	Rusty Herman Jim Siemens	1. Carol Booth 2. Zoe Davis	Paul Vest	9:00
11:15	Mel Luedtke	Elly Withers	Sally Withers	L, I, P - Jo Brokenshire and Jenny Thomas	Karen Compton Lyn Burkett	Jeanne & Bob Perry	1. Carol McMichael 2. Sally Coburn	Peggy Grimes	11:15
Taizé 8:00 PM				L - Henry Watts P - James Cannon	Deb Gravatt				Taizé 8:00 PM
May 26									
7:45					Deb Gravatt	Jim Black	Jack Frue		7:45
9:00	Sam Ellington	Alyssa Jones	Cuyler Dupree	L - Daphne Urquhart I - Paul Urquhart P - Urquhart Family	Jeanne Robertson Shari Lane	Paul & Vicki Vest	1. Debbie Jones 2. Ann Robinson	K. Kaderabek	9:00
11:15	Rusty McCredie	Sally Withers	Eric Howell	L, I, P - Nancy and Cal Remmers	Lyn Burkett Alternate	Paul Stewart Elaine Potter	1. Eric Howell 2. Bill Spencer	Martha Boyette	11:15
Altar Guild									
Date	Counters	Depositors	Date	Flower Arrangers	Altar Guild				
5-May	Steve Birkhofer	James Cannon	5-May	Israel	Group 1 -	May 4 - May 10			
12-May	Martha Boyette	Judy Bohan	12-May	Israel	Group 2 -	May 11 - May 17			
19-May	Sally Withers	Hugh & Chal Vaughn	19-May	Jones, Buchanan, PENTECOST - Wedding-Existing Flowers	Group 3 -	May 18 - May 24			
26-May	Maryll Perkins	Anne Simmons	26-May	Dawson, Buchanan, TRINITY- White Flowers	Group 4 -	May 25 - May 31			

Our Prayer List

May

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 can contact that person if you desire.

For Parishioners: **Sherry Coward; Joe Eblen; Eunice Ferguson; Jess Gregory; Olivia & the Haller family; Mary Hayes; Ashley Israel; Shari Lane; Dot Morgan; Alice Moriarty; Theda Rudd; Corinne Spencer; Carla & Jim Standingdeer; Grace Walker; Lucinda Watkins.**

For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities: **Elizabeth Butler; Henny Caldwell; Edith Cook; Norman Cullum; Jeanne Galyean; Bob Hall; June Kelley; Frances Payne; Helen Powers; Laura Stephens; John Sumner.**

For Others (names to stay on for four weeks; call the church office to keep names on the list for a longer time): **Eric Abilmona** (brother-in-law of Wendy Kuykendall); **Stephanie Blackwell & Ann Derwort** (sisters of Jeanne Sims); **Margaret Buncick** (mother of Marella Buncick); **Chris Carson** (son of Martha & Randy); **Kelli Davis** (daughter of George & Pat); **Margie Eblen** (daughter of Joe & Bobbie); **Sonny Enloe** (friend of Mary Israel); **Ruth Ann Fair** (mother of Greg Townsend); **Sarah Garcia** (daughter of Nancy Fergusson, niece of John & Lelia Cort); **Shawn Gaddis; Steve & Janet Gordon; Nephew of Deb Gravatt; Natt Hall** (brother of Nora Jones); **Judy Hinman** (sister of Barbara Wilcox); **Meg Karayiannis** (niece of Nancy Ackermann Cole); **Don and Kristy Kitchens** (brother and sister-in-law of Cheryl Aull); **Jim Monroe; Forrest Renfro** (grandson of Becky Barker); **Jennifer Svenstrup** (friend of Paul & Vicki Vest); **Catherine Thomas** (friend of Randy & Martha Carson); **Janet Thomas** (mother of Jenny Thomas); **Harriet Thompson** (mother-in-law of Kelly Thompson); **Sandra Tweed** (friend of Katherine Kaderabek); **Dillon Weinert; Bonnie Wiggen** (daughter of Nancy Remmers); **Alicia; Tara** (daughter of Shari Lane); **Clyde; Ellen, Elizabeth; Evelyn** (friend of Jim & Karen Compton); **Julie** (daughter of Rita Spragg); **Karen** (daughter of Micki Newton); **Lisa** (niece of Betsy Sherman); **Richard; Sue; Susan; Will; for those among us who are cold, hungry or homeless; 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: **Mic Ball** (grandson of Judy Morris); **Ryan & Danny Brown** (grandsons of Ed & Marla Woekener); **Matthew George** (son of Zoe Davis); **Steven Grenier** (son-in-law of Jean & Doug Haldane); **Austin Harrison** (grandson of Joan Sanderson); **Marty Hawks** (son-in-law of Joy & Carl Markey); **Jon Holland** (parishioner); **Spencer & Erica High; Gregory Melson** (grandson of Charlotte Melson); **Daniel Schultz** (son of Judy Rhodes); **Karl Tenney** (nephew of Chuck & Barbara Wilcox); **Sydnor Thompson** (husband of Kelly Thompson); **Fr. Rick Tiff** (friend of Ray & Jeanne Robertson).

For our President Barack Obama, his Cabinet, Congress & our country.

For Sandy Hook victims, survivors and families.

For peace & resolution of conflict in the Middle East & throughout the world.

For victims of Hurricane Sandy.

For the people of Haiti & Durgapuh, India.

For those who bring rescue & relief; for raising world awareness.

For victims of the disaster in Russia & the earthquake & tsunami in Japan & other areas.

For rain across the earth.

For better stewardship of water.

May Anniversaries

Dave and Haywood Hillier 3

Tom and Ingrid Adelsbach 10

Joe and Bobbie Eblen 18

Bill and Sherry Coward 25

May Birthdays

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| 1 Doug Ellington | 15 Billy Jack Medina |
| 2 Derek Dephouse | 16 Will Hillier |
| 3 Eliza Calabria | 16 Ellie Silvers |
| 3 David Knisley | 17 Catherine Cullen |
| 3 Lianna Medina | 17 Alyssa Jones |
| 4 Brooke Plank | 20 Jonathan Goldenberg |
| 4 Madison Plank | 20 Harrison Taylor |
| 5 Charlotte Chiott | 20 Monty Wooten |
| 5 Jeanne Galyean | 21 Jennifer Clary |
| 5 Amanda Sparger | 21 Judy Rhodes |
| 6 Pat Vest | 21 Keith Rudd |
| 7 Karen Howell | 22 Haywood Hillier |
| 7 Cal Remmers | 22 Meghan Jordan |
| 8 Harrison Best | 23 Pat Woodard |
| 9 Charles Carter | 24 Edith Cook |
| 10 Sharon Stewart | 25 Susan Smith |
| 10 Jane Whitman | 26 Katherine Kaderabek |
| 13 Annabelle Milling | 27 Thames Kaderabek |
| 13 Jacob Wiltshire | 28 James Cannon |
| 14 Mary Withers | 30 Barbara Crownover |
| 15 Patrick Bohan | 30 George Davis |
| 15 Linda Mahin | 30 Jeanne Sims |
| 15 Carol McMichael | |

Gifts for All of Us to Appreciate

The Aumbry Candle for May is given to the Glory of God by the Rev. Jane Smith in thanksgiving for the Grace Church family.

The flowers for May are given to the Glory of God by

John, Lelia, Hamilton, and Jonathan Cort in loving memory of Tallulah and Tommy Kincaid;

Mariza and Walter Adamson in thanksgiving for their children;

Katie and Mike Nery in thanksgiving for motherhood and family;

Doris and John Rigsby in memory of Betty and Wendell Franklin and Victoria and Jim Rigsby;

Eva Dupree in honor of the Voices of Hope choir;

Kathleen Griffin in memory of Bob Griffin;

Ed Duncan in loving memory of Dick Drake and Hazel Keller;

Carol and Steve Booth in memory of David and Barbara.

May Endowment Fund Honorees and Contributors

Grace Church is a truly generous community of faith. It is from the income from the Endowment Fund that distributions will be available for needs that fall outside the church's annual operating budget.

We gratefully recognize Walt and Joyce Noble for contributing to the Endowment Fund in May.



May at a Glance

Youth Group (Grades 6-12)

Sundays, 4:30-6:00 p.m., St. Luke's

Weekly Gospel Bible Study

Mondays, 10:30 a.m., PH

Early Birds Men's Book Study

Tuesdays, 8:00 a.m., LI

Centering Prayer

Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m., OF

Handbell Practice

Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., CHR

Adult Choir Rehearsal

Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., CHR

Purls of Grace

Thursdays, 6:30 p.m., LI

Ministry and Mission Conference

Saturday, May 4, First Baptist Church

Camp Henry Day

Sunday, May 5

Monday Soup Suppers

Mondays, May 6-20, 5-5:55 p.m., PH

Generational Healing Eucharist

Tuesday, May 7, 7:00 p.m., CH

TEAM Meeting

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

Order of St. Luke Program Meeting

Thursday, May 9, 6:30 p.m., PH

Steadfast House Meal

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

Food Ministry Meeting

Monday, May 13, 6:00 p.m., LI

Men of the Church

Tuesday, May 14, 6:00 p.m., PH

Healing Prayer Services

Tuesdays, May 14, 21, & 28, 7:00 p.m., CH

Voices of Hope Choir

Pentecost Sunday, May 19, 9:00 Service

Handbell Choir Demonstration Concert

Sunday, May 19, 10:00 a.m., PH
Adult Sunday School Canceled

Daughters of the King

Sunday, May 19, 7:00 p.m., OF

Taize Worship Service

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

Vestry Meeting

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

Memorial Day – Church Office Closed

Monday, May 27

Rummage Sale Set Up

Tuesday – Friday, May 28-31

Rummage Sale

Saturday, June 1, 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Healthy March

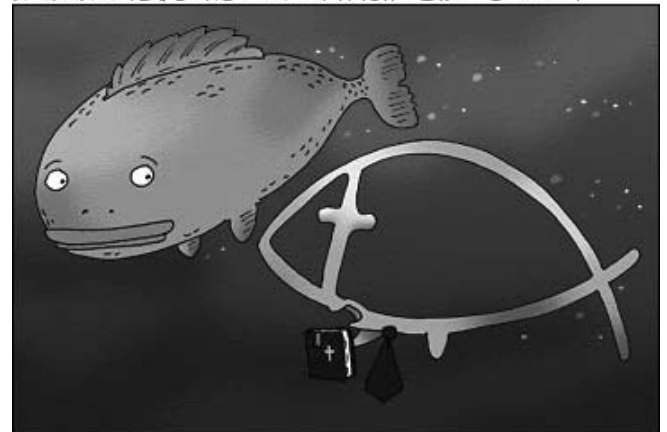
Due to a fifth Sunday in March pledges were \$8,605 over budget. When combined with non-pledged offerings, open offerings, prior-year pledges, building use income and other income, total income for the month was \$46,507 or \$9,288 over budget. Total March expenses were \$109 under budget, resulting in a net positive income of \$9,397 for the month.

The healthy March outcome brings our year-to-date operating shortfall to \$1,360. Going forward we hope our operational needs, both recurring and nonrecurring, will be met with timely pledge payments.

Your Vestry

Statement of Activities - Grace Church			
Year to Date - March 2013			
	Actual	Budget	Over/Under
Income:			
Pledges	87,238	90,000	(2,762)
Prior Year Pledges	1,030	-	1,030
Non-pledged Offerings	10,898	12,719	(1,821)
Open Offering	3,099	3,000	99
Interest	52	63	(11)
Misc.	4,191	5,875	(1,684)
Total Income:	<u>106,507</u>	<u>111,656</u>	<u>(5,149)</u>
Expenses:			
Outreach/Mission	11,270	14,546	(3,275)
Parish Programs	3,673	3,625	47
Operations	19,005	16,850	2,154
Personnel	73,920	76,636	(2,716)
Total Expenses:	<u>107,868</u>	<u>111,657</u>	<u>(3,790)</u>
Income - Expense:	(1,360)	(1)	(1,359)
	(rounding)		

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