



the Grace TEAM

to each a ministry

MAY 2014

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,

Well, I can't believe that it is May, and I can't believe that it is 2014! Where does the time go? Several years ago, Ingrid Adelsbach led an Adult Sunday School Class here at Grace on Mindfulness. Mindfulness has to do with being aware of living in the present moment, rather than dwelling on the past or racing toward the next thing.

It occurs to me that any of us would benefit from being more mindful of and thankful for the present moment, the here and now. We cannot change the past and we cannot control the future. But, we do have the gift of the here and now. I am reminded of our Lord's comment, "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof," that I think means that we have plenty to deal with presently. We don't need to be trying to "borrow trouble" from the "what ifs" of the future.

There is a lot of talk in theological circles about defining faith as trust. It is helpful because it narrows the meaning of the word "faith," which can mean so many things, and it defines it with respect to our relationship with God. I have always appreciated Job's comment, "Even though He slays me, yet will I trust Him," referring of course to Job's relationship with God. Another way of saying that is, "I am determined to trust God no matter what happens in my life."

And why wouldn't we decide to trust God no matter what happens in our lives? Indeed, God never promised us a rose garden. Even His Son Jesus was not protected from the evil around Him. BUT — and this IS the critical BUT — what Jesus DID have was an ongoing loving relationship with God, His Heavenly Father. That is what we are

promised as well. Not only is God with us always; we also know God cares about us and cares about what happens to us. Like a loving earthly parent, God has our best interest at heart always, and that is worth everything, isn't it?

My wife Astrid and I were talking about someone the other day, and both of us agreed that, though this particular person is far from perfect, we feel loved by this person. We both said that the reason we feel that way about him is that we know he really cares about us. I

ran into him in a parking lot recently, talked with him for ten minutes or so, and came away feeling loved, knowing that I was loved by this person, even though, truthfully, we don't know each other very well at all. This person is a Christian,

and I really and truly believe that what we are experiencing is God's love pouring out of him.

If it's possible for God's love to pour out of *him*, then doesn't it stand to reason that it should be possible for God's love to pour out of any of *us*? Yes, because that is God's desire. Jesus said, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Abide in my love." In another place, Jesus says to us, "Love one another as I have loved you." You see, that's how God's love is conveyed, at least to a large extent, through people like the person I encountered in the parking lot. Pray with me that you and I might be conduits of God's love so that God can love others through us, so that people will know God loves them. Pray this prayer each morning: "God, please love others through me this day. In Jesus' Name, Amen."

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Blessings and Peace,

Fr. Gary Coffey

Events at a Glance

Weekly Gospel Bible Study

Mondays, 10:30 a.m., PH

Welcome Table Soup Supper

Mondays through May 19, 4:45-5:45 p.m., PH

Worship Service

Mondays through May 19, 6:00 p.m., CH

Early Birds Men's Book Study

Tuesdays, 8:15 a.m., LI

Centering Prayer

Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m., OF

Purls of Grace

Thursday, May 1 & 15, 6:30 p.m., OF

Ministry and Mission Conference

Saturday, May 3, 8:45 a.m., First Baptist Church

Camp Henry Day

Sunday, May 4

Generational Healing Eucharist

Tuesday, May 6, 7:00 p.m., LI

Order of St. Luke Program Meeting

Thursday, May 8, 6:30 p.m., PH

Steadfast House Meal

Friday, May 9, 6:00 p.m.

Mother's Day

Sunday, May 11

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, May 11, 9:00 a.m. service, CH

PubSing

Sunday, May 11, 6:00 p.m., French Broad Brewery

Men of the Church

Tuesday, May 13, 6:00 p.m.

Healing Prayer Service

Tuesday, May 13, 20 & 27, 7:00 p.m., LI

TEAM Meeting

Wednesday, May 14, 11:00 a.m., OF

Taizé Worship Service

Sunday, May 18, 8:00 p.m., CH

Vestry Meeting

Monday, May 19, 5:30 p.m., LI

Memorial Day

Monday, May 26, Church Office Closed

Parish News

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

The **Men of the Church** will meet Tuesday, May 13, at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Jim Compton, 60 Salem Road, Weaverville. Jim will be our host and cook. The cost is \$10.00. Please sign up on the blue sheet on the kiosk in the foyer.

The **Monday Morning Bible Study** led by Fr. Bob Reese meets from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the parish hall. Each week the study is about the Gospel reading for the coming Sunday. Please join us. All are welcome.

Our **Monday Soup Suppers** continue through May 19. Please join us. The meal is served from 4:45-5:45 p.m., and it is free of charge. Expenses are defrayed by a Diocesan grant and by a partnership with Manna Food Bank. All are welcome to come enjoy good food and fellowship with parishioners and others. A sign-up sheet is posted on the kiosk in the foyer. Please sign up to cook, to provide bread and fruit, to provide dessert or to help with clean-up. You will be reimbursed for your expenses.

Monday Worship Services at 6:00 p.m. following our soup suppers will also continue through May 19.

The **Order of St. Luke** will meet on Thursday, May 8, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the parish hall. All are welcome. Our program will have two segments. We will have a brief discussion of the DVD of the Gospel story of Jesus' healing Simon's mother-in-law. We'll learn about rebuking physical symptoms as well as any thoughts accommodating the symptoms. We'll also view a video of Francis McNutt, founder of Christian Healing Ministries in Jacksonville, FL, praying for deliverance. The video will show a normal, well-functioning young man who suddenly manifests a demonic presence; then the presence feels threatened. We'll see how the resurrected Jesus frees the young man through healing prayer ministry. The situation depicted is somewhat similar to the Gospel account of the man with the unclean spirit.

The **Order of St. Luke study group**, *The Healing Miracles of Jesus*, will be offered by Jeanne Robertson Saturdays, July 12, 19, and 26. This is an intensive DVD-based instruction and discussion study that prepares people for full membership in the Order of St. Luke. Please contact Jeanne at 683-7701 if you are interested or if you would like more information.

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

Camp Henry Day is Sunday, May 4

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 teaching of Jesus Christ. A wish list for Camp Henry will be posted on the kiosk in the foyer.



Ian Williams, director of Camp Henry, will be our preacher for Sunday services on Camp Henry Day, May 4. He has been a part of Camp Henry since his first year as a camper in 1993. He feels honored to be a part of such a beautiful tradition. It is a blessing to witness the growth, grace and transformation that take place during Camp Henry's special programs. Ian is a graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill and of the National Outdoor Leadership School. He enjoys time outside hiking, biking, swimming, and climbing. He, his wife Sallie, and their dog Bay live in Hominy near Mount Pisgah. They are preparing their home for a third member of the family who will be joining them in July.

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 child's name and dates attending. A second child in the same family may receive less assistance. Young people not requesting Camp Henry assistance may be assisted with youth group mission trips or conference attendance.

Advance Care Planning Event May 5

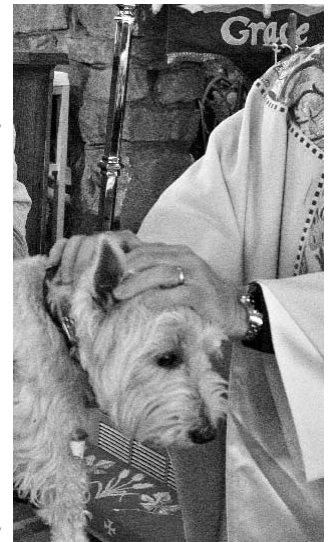
Advance Care Planning Through the Eyes of Faith is a program providing resources for individuals and congregations to encourage advance planning and support for others during a serious illness or at the end of life. The event will be held Monday, May 5, 6:00-8:00 p.m. in Eisenhower Hall at First Baptist Church of Asheville. Advance registration is requested. Call Jennifer Stuart at 828-257-4449, or email Jennifer.stuart@mahec.net or register online at <http://bit.ly/1hsXdVC>. There is a poster on the kiosk in the foyer with additional details.

Blessing of the Animals Set for May 11

The Blessing of the Animals at Grace will take place May 11 during the 9:00 service. This service offers individuals with pets an opportunity to reflect upon the positive impact animals have on our emotional and physical well-being and to bring them to church for a blessing.

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 may come for their blessing, but they should be led, not ridden).

Clean-up aids and water will be available. Mark your calendars for this opportunity to bring your animal companions to church for a special blessing.



Next PubSing is May 11

Don't miss **PubSing**, an informal gathering on the second Sunday of each month to sing hymns, old-time Gospel and Americana inspirational music. Come celebrate with song Sunday, May 11, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the French Broad Brewery, 101 Fairview Road. For directions, go to <http://frenchbroadbrewery.com/directions/> and for details, contact Monty Wooten at info@forestguide.com or 828-254-1114.

Best Wishes to Wes Shields

Wes Shields, our youth minister, has accepted a position as the rector of the Church of the Transfiguration in Bat Cave. We wish him success and blessings in his new ministry. Thank you, Wes, for the guidance and care you have provided to our youth.

A Farewell

Judy Rhodes

Dear Family of Grace,

On June 1, I will officially begin my new position as organist and choir director at All Saints Anglican Church in Mills River. The move has not been an easy one for me, as Grace has been my favorite church of all time. Words cannot begin to express what Grace Church has meant to me during the last fourteen years. I have watched your children grow from little ones who could not match pitch to singing young people full of confidence and faith. I have always treasured your willingness to let the children be themselves in the 9:00 service and your warmth toward their participation in worship. Grace Church has shown me that the body of Christ can worship together and be accepting of others, allowing for different views and different paths with full respect for the individual's spiritual journey. Thank you for those things. You have no idea how much that has meant to me.

I hope that you will still consider me to be a part of Grace Church. There are several ways that I will remain present in your lives. On the third Sunday of each month at 8:00 p.m., I will still play for the Taizé service that has really grown this year. I would love to see more of you at that service. Recently I completed training to be a mentor for Sewanee's program called Education for Ministry. EfM was originally begun for people who wanted to train to become priests but were unable to attend seminary. EfM has become a four-year study group that is a very rewarding program. If you are interested in learning more about joining an EfM group at Grace in the fall, follow this link, <http://www.sewanee.edu/EFM/>. Please contact me for more information.

Also you can hear my weekly interviews at www.storiesofmountainfolk.com.

As you can see, I don't want to say good-bye and I don't feel that I have to do that. I love Grace Church! Please pray for me as I begin my new job. I am ready for the adventure and I am eager to see what God will teach me next.

Thank you for ministering to me during the years. I will always hold you close to my heart. I am grateful to have found a safe, peaceful haven at Grace Episcopal. Keep being the peace and love of God to all. May God richly bless you always!

Love always,

Judy Rhodes
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Recognizing 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. Include your school's name, majors, and future plans for publication in an upcoming issue of the *TEAM*.



John Woodson to Hike for Make-A-Wish



Long-time Grace parishioner John Woodson will take on the Trailblaze Challenge on May 31. He will hike 24.1 miles on the Bartram Trail between Andrews and Franklin in a fundraising walk for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Central and Western North Carolina. Make-A-Wish is a non-profit organization that grants wishes for children with life-threatening conditions. All the money raised will be used to grant wishes in the western half of North Carolina. Over half the children who receive wishes survive their conditions or diseases, and many trace the turning points in their recoveries to their wish experiences. John's personal goal is to raise at least \$2,500 in support of his hike, and he has raised a little over \$2,000 so far. Donations to help him

reach his goal can be made online at www.TrailblazeChallenge.org, or mail donations using the forms on the kiosk in the church foyer.

BBQ for Sale

The Men of the Church are Smokin' more BBQ pork for your July 4th holiday. Place an order now and enjoy barbeque without the work. Delicious pulled pork will be available in small bags for \$5.00 and large bags for \$20.00. Simply call in your advance order now, and pick up your pork at the church on Wednesday or Thursday, July 2-3, between 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. Remember, you need to order in advance by contacting Ron Sims at 255-8894.

Thank you for your support during Lent. The members of the Grace Outreach committee want to thank you for your support of our efforts to help feed the hungry during Lent. We were able to deliver much-needed food to the ABCCM food pantries. In addition we now have both oranges and peanut butter to use for our Backpacker program. We would not be able to help the number of people we do without your support.

Share Your “Giftedness” with ABCCM

ABCCM can always find a way to use your special “giftedness.” Please volunteer:

Crisis Ministry. Counselors, Receptionists, Food Pantry, Clothes Closet, Computer Data Entry, Warehouse Workers
Contact: Sheryl Olsen, sheryl.olsen@abccm.org, 259-5300 (24 Cumberland Ave. location)
Mary Taylor, mary.taylor@abccm.org, 684-3872 (ABCCM South)
Jerry Offenburger, jerry.offenburger@abccm.org, 670-1221 (ABCCM Hominy Valley)
Aaron Schnurbusch, aaron.schnurbusch@abccm.org, 645-6141 (North Buncombe Samaritan Ministry)

Jail Ministry. Bible Study Groups, Library/Book Cart Helpers
Contact: Dr. Norm Sanders, Chaplain, norm.sanders@buncombecounty.org, 259-5308

Homeless Ministry. Life Skill Instructors (budgeting, interview techniques, resume writing, etc.), Cook Teams, Mentors, Job Searching, Coaches, Volunteer Drivers (appointments), Self Esteem, Arts & Crafts
Contact: Kelley Freeman, kelly.freeman@abccm.org, 259-5333 (Veteran’s Restoration Quarters)
Mary Sczudlo, mary.sczudlo@abccm.org, 259-5365 (Steadfast House for Women & Children)

Medical Ministry. Physicians (morning & evening), Nurses (RN, LPN, CNA), Intake Workers, Dentists, Dental Assistants, Hygienists, Data Entry, Pharmacists, Pharmacy Helpers, Receptionists, Equipment and Supply
Contact: Beth Reeves, beth.reeves@abccm.org, 259-5339

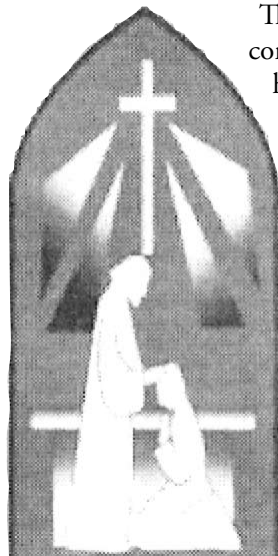
Donation Center/Thrift Store. Cash Register, Sorting Clothes, Bailing, Truck Drivers, Dock Workers
Contact: Ferrin Cole, ferrin.cole@abccm.org, 259-5322

Circles. Ally (serving as a friend) for young parents, ages 16-24
Contact: Mark Robertson, mark.robertson@abccm.org, 259-5310

Cheryl Wilson, Volunteer & Special Events Director, cheryl.wilson@abccm.org, 259-5326

Healing Prayer Corner

Jeanne Robertson



The time has come. Registration is open for the **Healing Winds Conference** at Lake Junaluska. The conference will be held on September 26-28. The Healing Winds Conference is a time of renewal and healing for ALL who seek to be whole and well through Jesus Christ. Did you see the word in capitals? The conference is open to ALL. I would encourage anyone in my Grace family who would like to experience healing and wholeness in his or her life to consider attending the conference. There is a wonderful website that explains in great detail all that you will experience during the weekend, how to register and who will be there. Since this is the 20th anniversary of the conference, we will be privileged to have two powerful conference leaders. They are Josh Acton and John Rice. You will not be disappointed in either of these gifted men. This year the conference will focus on *The Power of a Rekindled Life*. Please consider rekindling your life and register soon. Brochures with registration information are in the church office and in the foyer.

For any information about the conference, check the website: http://www.healingwindsconference.com/Home_Page.html or speak to any Grace Healing Prayer minister or call or email me at 828-683-7701 or jerobertson38@me.com. We will be more than happy to answer any questions that you might have. This is your chance to give yourself a blessing.

Pentecost: A Closer Look

Pentecost is the day the church was born. Christ was crucified, rose again, spent forty days with his disciples, then ascended to heaven. Pentecost followed immediately. For two millennia, Christians have been celebrating the church's birthday with joy and exuberance. Pentecost takes place fifty days after Easter Sunday.



Our Pentecost Story. According to the book of Acts, the Church came into being on the day of Pentecost. As 120 worshipers, including the Disciples, were fasting and praying in an upper room in Jerusalem, the Holy Spirit descended upon them in a violent rushing wind that was heard throughout the city. Small flames of fire rested upon their heads, and they began to speak in other languages. As crowds came to investigate the commotion, the Apostle Peter spoke to them about Jesus and exhorted them to repent. 3,000 realized the truth of Peter's words that day and became followers of Jesus.

Pentecost History. Believed to be the oldest feast in the Church, the story of Pentecost dates back to the first century A.D. The feast of Pentecost coincided with the Jewish Feast of Weeks, which occurs fifty days after the Passover. According to Jewish tradition, the Ten Commandments were given to Moses fifty days after the first Passover, which freed the Hebrews from their bondage in Egypt.

As the Hebrews settled into Canaan, the feast became a time to honor the Lord for blessing the fruits of their labors. In Palestine, the grain harvest lasted seven weeks beginning with the barley harvest during the Passover and ending with the harvesting of the wheat at Pentecost (wheat was the last to ripen). Pentecost was thus the concluding festival of the grain harvest.

Named Pentecost by Greek-speaking Jews, it is also known in Jewish tradition as Feast of the Fiftieth Day, Feast of Harvest, Feast of Weeks, Day of the First-Fruits, the closing festival, and the closing season of the Passover.

Some Pentecost Traditions. The main sign of Pentecost in the West is the color red. It symbolizes joy and the fire of the Holy Spirit. In the Orthodox tradition, the liturgical color used at Pentecost is green.

In the Middle Ages, cathedrals and great churches throughout Western Europe were fitted with a peculiar architectural feature known as a Holy Ghost hole; a small circular opening in the roof that symbolized the entrance of the Holy Spirit into the midst of the assembled worshipers. At Pentecost, these Holy Ghost holes would be decorated with flowers, and sometimes a dove figure lowered through into the church while the story of Pentecost was read.

In Italy, rose petals are scattered from the ceilings of the churches to recall the miracle of the fiery tongues. In France, trumpets are blown during the Divine service to recall the sound of the mighty wind which accompanied the Descent of the Holy Spirit. In the northwest of England, church and chapel parades called Whit Walks take place.

Look for the Pentecost window in our sanctuary.

About MarketPlace, 29 A.D. *(Vacation Bible School)*

Monday-Thursday, June 23-26 • 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon • First Presbyterian Church, 40 Church St., Asheville



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

An ecumenical experience. MarketPlace, 29 A.D. began in 1998 as a collaboration among Grace Covenant Presbyterian, Grace Episcopal, and First Presbyterian churches, and the Basilica of St. Lawrence. The program began with fewer than thirty children, but we have really grown! MarketPlace now averages seven to ten participating churches each year, and we serve one hundred and fifty children!

How you can participate. With many children representing so many congregations, MarketPlace is a wonderful ecumenical experience for both children and volunteers. Here are some volunteer opportunities!

Tribal Parent/Tribal Assistant (needed for all four days). Be a vital part of the experience. Usher a preschool or elementary group of ten to the synagogue, the shops, the storyteller and the musician. Enjoy the excitement of the market and delight in the creations of your tribe. Help the children knead the daily bread, and then enjoy it with them in your tribal tent. *Training Required: June 13, 9:45 a.m.-12:00 noon.*

Shopkeeper (needed 1-4 days). Enjoy crafts? Choose an already-prepared craft and invite children to sample your wares. No experience necessary. From belt-making to food-sampling, be a part of the shops! *We will provide a brief optional training June 19, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.*

Drama (needed 1-4 days). Join the drama troupe as we act out the daily Bible stories. Older children (sixth to twelfth grades) love to play the parts and are especially welcome.

Registration (needed 1-4 days). Assist with registration and welcoming the children to MarketPlace, 29 A.D.

Helper – Kitchen, Hallway, Nursery (needed 1-4 days). Want to be a part of the action, but can only spare a couple of days? Be an extra pair of hands and help wherever the need arises.

Beggar, Tax Collector, Roman Soldier (adults only; needed 1-4 days). Have a talent for drama? Help to enliven the atmosphere of MarketPlace, 29 A.D. We provide the costumes!

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

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

Our 2014 theme is "God Surprises Us." For our service component for MarketPlace this year, we're asking everyone to bring new or gently-used children's and young adult books for **Children First** programs. We'll also bring in coins daily for Children First.

Especially for rising sixth-graders: a week of service learning with off-site field trips in our community.

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

May 2014 Ministry Schedule

Date	Service Time	Acolyte C	Acolyte G	Acolyte E	Lector, Intercessor & Presenters	Healing Team	Ushers	Chalicians	Coffee Hour	Scripture	Lesson
4-May											
	7:45						Andrew Dahm	Margaret Dahm			
	9:00	Gavin Knapp	Andrew/Harrison Best	Cuyler Dupree	LIP - Bill Crowmover and Barbara Wilcox LIP - Jenny Thomas and Mary Cozine	Louise Wernicke Patricia Hargrove	Tom and Liz Barr	1. Scott Best 2. Jenny Knapp	Katherine Kaderabek	Acts 2:14a, 36-41	1st Lesson & 9:00
	11:15	Rusty McCredie	Sally Withers	Bob Grimes		Pat Davis Karen Compton	Mark and Jonah Silvers	1. Nancy Clark 2. Sally Withers	Sallie Hunter	I Peter 1:17-23	2nd Lesson
11-May											
	7:45						Jim Black	James Cannon			
	9:00	Cade Wooten	Maira Stewart	Louise Wernicke	L - Haig Rucid I - Vicki Vest P - Vest Family	Sherry Coward Jeanne Robertson	Kaderabek Family	1. Daphne Urquhart 2. Greg Townsend	Micki Newton	Acts 2:42-47	1st Lesson & 9:00
	11:15	Cheryl Aull	Mark Silvers	Lani Anderson	LIP - Kristen Dusenbery and Elaine Potter	Mary Israel Corinne Spencer	Henry Watts Elaine Potter	1. Eric Howell 2. Carol McMichael	Leila Cort	I Peter 2:19-25	2nd Lesson
18-May											
	7:45						Ed Duncan	James Cannon			
	9:00	Noah Clary	Naomi Green	Cuyler Dupree	L - Greg Plank I - Ray Kuykendall P - Plank Family	Pat Davis Jane Whitman	Paul and Vicki Vest	1. Carol Booth 2. Jennifer Clary	Elaine Dephouse	Acts 7:55-60	1st Lesson & 9:00
	11:15	Sally Withers	Bob Grimes	Eric Howell	LIP - Rusty McCredie and Elaine Potter	Lyn Burkett Karen Compton	Ron Sims John Churchill	1. Charles Carter 2. Eric Howell	Peggy Grimes	I Peter 2:2-10	2nd Lesson
	Taizé 8:00 PM				L - James Cannon P - Henry Watts	Deb Gravatt					
25-May											
	7:45						Steve Jones	Jack Frue			
	9:00	Sam Ellington	Laura Ellington	Louise Wernicke	LIP - Paul and Daphne Urquhart	Jeanne Robertson Shari Lane	Ray and Wendy Kuykendall	1. Zoe Davis 2. Ann Robinson	Cuyler Dupree	Acts 17:22-31	1st Lesson & 9:00
	11:15	Rusty McCredie	Sally Withers	Grace Miller	LIP - Charles Carter and Kimberly Kneier	Sonny Rawls Lyn Burkett	Paul Stewart Ed Woeckener	1. Bill Spencer 2. Bill Warren	Georgi Bruce	I Peter 3:13-22	2nd Lesson

Date	Counters	Depositors	Date	Flower Arrangers	Alter Guild
4-May	Steve Birkhofer	James Cannon	4-May	Davis, Buchanan	Group 1 - May 3 - May 9
11-May	Martha Boyette	Judy Bohan	11-May	Davis, Buchanan	Group 2 - May 10 - May 16
18-May	Sally Withers	Chal and Hugh Vaughn	18-May	Jones, Dawson	Group 3 - May 17 - May 23
25-May	Georgi Bruce	Anne Simmons	25-May	Jones, Dawson	Group 4 - May 24 - May 30

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 may contact that person if you desire.

For Parishioners: **Jo Brokenshire; Arnold Clark; Sherry Coward; Eunice & Rhea Ferguson; Catherine Godfrey; Buddy Greenwood; Jess Gregory; Olivia & Haller family; Mary Hayes; Joyce Noble; Nancy Porter; Nancy Remmers; Doris Rigsby; Lucinda Watkins; Chuck Wilcox.**

For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities: **Elizabeth Butler; Henny Caldwell; Edith Cook; Bob Hall; Marion Mayfield-Johnson; June Kelley; Neill Mason; Dot Morgan; Frances Payne; Maryli Perkins; Laura Stephens; John Sumner; Jo-An Ward; Bobbie Webster; Pat Woodard.**

For Others (names to stay on the list for four weeks; call the church office to keep names on the list for a longer time): **Art Ackermann** (brother of Nancy Ackermann Cole); **Nancy Bailey & daughters Allison & Kristen** (friends of Barbara Wilcox); **Robert Baker** (father of Donna Trimnal); **Bethany** (daughter of Joan); **Chris Carson** (son of Martha & Randy); **Anne Chamberlain** (friend of Nancy Ackermann Cole); **Gladys, Bill & Steve Creasman, Dennis & Carolyn Creasman** (friends of Barbara & Chuck Wilcox); **Debbie D.** (friend of Lynda McCredie); **Kelli Davis** (daughter of George & Pat Davis); **Lynn Gordon** (friend of Vicki & Paul Vest); **Matt Heddon** (grandson of Georgi Bruce, nephew of Sally and David Withers); **Greg Israel** (friend of Trisha Hargrove); **Meg Karayiannis** (niece of Nancy Ackermann Cole); **Don Kitchens** (brother of Cheryl Aull); **Roger & Sherry Martin** (parents of Wendy Kuykendall); **Beverly McRee** (wife of Fr. Tim McRee); **Jim & DiAnne Monroe; Johnny Nettles** (cousin of Eva Dupree); **Cynthia Nolan** (former parishioner); **Dan Powell** (friend of Kathleen Griffin); **Forrest Renfro** (grandson of Becky Barker); **Ann Sparks** (mother of Angela Taylor); **Erik & Susan Stoops** (brother-in-law & sister of Wendy Kuykendall); **Jennifer Svenstrup** (friend of Paul & Vicki Vest); **Kathy Taylor** (friend of Barbara Wilcox); **Harriet & Sydnor Thompson** (mother & father of Sydnor Thompson); **Ashley** (daughter of Henry Watts); **Bonnie Wigger** (daughter of Nancy Remmers); **Alicia; Elizabeth; Ellen; Jean & Mary Dee** (sister & cousin of Walt Noble); **Jessica & Coty; Judah & Rachel; Julie** (daughter of Rita Spragg); **Lisa** (niece of Betsy Sherman); **Richard; Sue; Susan; Will; for all those affected by our struggling economy.**

For Those in the Episcopal Church: **Katharine**, our Presiding Bishop; **Porter & Robert**, our Bishops; **the clergy; the vestry; the staff; the ministries of this Parish; Church of the Advocate; ABCCM; Consider Haiti; Episcopal Relief & Development; Food for the Poor; Manna Food Bank; Meals on Wheels.**

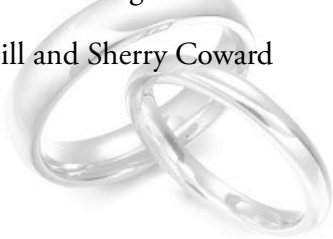
For Those Who Have Died and Their Families: **Kristi Kitchens** (sister-in-law of Cheryl Aull).

For Those in Service to Our Country: **Ryan & Danny Brown** (grandsons of Ed & Marla Woeckener); **Matthew George** (son of Zoe Davis); **Steven Grenier** (son-in-law of Jean & Doug Haldane); **Austin Harrison** (grandson of Joan Sanderson); **Jon Holland** (parishioner); **Spencer & Erica High; Gregory Melson** (grandson of Charlotte Melson); **Jason Marino** (son of Lynda McCredie); **Daniel Schultz** (son of Judy Rhodes); **Karl Tenney** (nephew of Chuck & Barbara Wilcox); **Fr. Rick Tiff** (friend of Ray & Jeanne Robertson); **Caitlin Vest** (niece of Vicki & Paul Vest).

For our President Barack Obama, his Cabinet, Congress and our country; for victims of violence across the world; for local agencies & those who work for relief of the poor; for better stewardship of water; for resolution of political crises in our country and in the world.

May Anniversaries

Dave and Haywood Hillier	3
Tom and Ingrid Adelsbach	10
Bill and Sherry Coward	25



May Birthdays

1 Doug Ellington	16 Will Hillier
2 Derek Dephouse	16 Ellie Silvers
3 Eliza Calabria	17 Catherine Cullen
3 David Knisley	17 Alyssa Jones
4 Brooke Plank	20 Jonathan Goldenberg
4 Madison Plank	20 Harrison Taylor
5 Charlotte Chiott	20 Monty Wooten
5 Amanda Sparger	21 Jennifer Clary
7 Karen Howell	21 Judy Rhodes
7 Cal Remmers	21 Keith Rudd
8 Harrison Best	22 Haywood Hillier
8 Ann Gryczan	22 Meghan Jordan
9 Charles Carter	23 Pat Woodard
10 Sharon Stewart	24 Edith Cook
10 Jane Whitman	25 Susan Smith
13 Donna Coates	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	31 Michael Raymond

Gifts to Appreciate

The Aumbry Candle is given by the Reverend Jane Smith in thanksgiving for the Grace Church family.

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by

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

Mariza and Walter Adamson in thanksgiving for the many blessings in their lives;

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;

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.



Eastertide Donors

Shaleena Simpson in memory of Kathi Simpson and Stan and Enid Hine;

Ann Robinson in memory of Roy Robinson;

Jack and Mary Jane Westall in memory of Frances King Davis;

Bobbie Eblen in memory of Joe, Margie and Jeanne;

Jennifer Thomas in memory of the Rev. John P. Thomas;

Sylvia Greenwood in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Morrow and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon H. Greenwood;

Bill and Sherry Coward in memory of their parents and of Pat and Angie Vest;

Sally Coburn in memory of Clarence Homer Coburn;

Chal and Hugh Vaughn in memory of their parents and in thanksgiving for their family;

Tricia and Michael Trinite;

George and Pat Davis in memory of Mike and Sally and in thanksgiving for family and friends;

Bryan and Lyn Burkett in memory of Jeffrey Burkett;

Louise Wernicke in memory of her parents Louise Manget and Thomas M. Cate;

Becky Buchanan in memory of her family;

Jeff Cook in thanksgiving for Hamilton Parker Fairfield Cook;

Kristen Dusenbery in memory of Rhoda Larsen and in thanksgiving for her life;

Anonymous.

Continued Slow Start

Statement of Activities - Grace Church Year to Date - March 2014

Under-budget income continues to be an issue. Our year-to-date income deficit has been reduced somewhat, with income from all sources for the months ending March 31, 2014 at \$108,396. This amount places us \$5,209 under budget for projected income. It is important to remember that March contained five Sundays and the additional funds from the extra deposits likely impacted this reduction more than parishioners becoming current with pledges.

We are under budget by \$6,641 in pledged income and \$5,016 in projected non-pledged offerings..

Year-to-date expenses of \$107,563 were \$6,041 under budget, resulting in a positive financial position this month for the parish's finances. While the parish's financial position has improved this month, it is largely the result of reduced spending and not increased income.

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

Your Vestry

	Actual	Budget	Over/Under
Income:			
Pledges	83,110	89,751	(6,641)
Prior Year Pledges	5,850	-	5,850
Non-pledged Offerings	10,355	15,371	(5,016)
Open Offering	1,652	2,500	(848)
Interest	16	38	(22)
Misc.	7,413	5,946	1,468
Total Income:	108,396	113,605	(5,209)
Expenses:			
Outreach/Mission	12,770	14,283	(1,513)
Parish Programs	2,997	3,250	(253)
Operations	16,468	18,162	(1,694)
Personnel	75,076	77,909	(2,834)
Credit Card Charges to	252	-	252
Total Expenses:	107,563	113,605	(6,041)
Income - Expense:	832	-	832

Endowment Report

Alex Comfort

Is It Too Good to Be True? A few days ago I gave a guest lecture for a master's degree class at Western Carolina University. I explained how planned giving works. One student raised his hand and said "So what you are saying is that people who love their churches or non-profits can make gifts really to help the churches or non-profits, but that actually really helps the giver as well." I agreed that that could be true not in every case but in most cases.

It's not too good to be true. Call me and let me determine if you can make the kind of gift that will help the future of Grace Church, while helping your own financial situation. I am at 691-6135.

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 - *What you might not know about Pentecost Marketplace, 29 A.D. information*
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