



The Grace TEAM

to each a ministry

MAY 2015

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 Grace,

Certainly, it is an appropriate time to be celebrating our Lord's resurrection as nature is being resurrected all around us after the winter season. So, as we enjoy the flowers and green leaves of this new season, let it be a reminder of the new life that Jesus made possible for us through His death and resurrection from the dead. Indeed, we have been buried with Christ in baptism and raised to newness of life in Him and with Him.

At the end of the fifty days of Easter, we will celebrate the Day of Pentecost on Sunday, May 24. This is one of the major feast days of the Church as it is the day when the Holy Spirit came upon Jesus' disciples and empowered them for service.

In our study of the Holy Spirit in "The Pretty Good Coffee and Conversation" Sunday school class in the parish hall during Lent and through April, we have read in I Corinthians 12 where St. Paul uses the human body as a metaphor for the Church, calling it The Body of Christ. Like the human body, St. Paul says the Body of Christ has many members with different functions, and each member, with his or her function, is important to the health of the Body.

Each member of the Body of Christ, St. Paul reminds us, has received one or more spiritual gifts which empower that person to carry out his or her function in the Body. For example, one might have the spiritual gift of teaching and be empowered by the Holy Spirit to be a teacher of the faith. Another might have a pastoral gift and/or the gift of

mercy and be empowered to care for other members of the Body in a time of crisis. Grace Church has long recognized the importance of these gifts and functions in the Body of Christ and many years ago, named this newsletter *The Grace T.E.A.M.* (which stands for **T**o **E**ach **A** **M**inistry). Do you know what your ministry is in the Body of Christ?

Of course, Christ is the Head of the Body, and like the brain in a human body, directs all of us parts to carry out our functions for the health and wellbeing of the Body and for the health and wellbeing of the world we are called to serve. When all parts of the Body are working together, St. Paul tells us that the Body builds itself up in love and is healthy.

I have always believed that it is God's dream for every Christian to know

what his or her gift and function is in Christ's Body. I have made various efforts to help our parishioners identify those gifts and have encouraged their use in Christ's service, sometimes through the Church in a ministry, but most often in and through their daily lives among family, friends, and co-workers.

I heard a fellow clergyman say recently that most clergy can't organize a two car funeral! And I thought to myself, "Yeah, that's me!" Organization is definitely NOT my gift in Christ's Body.

So rather than try (yet again) to do something I am never going to be able to do, I am going to be seeking out those in the Body this year with the spiritual gift of Administration or Organization. I am

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Events at a Glance

Weekly Gospel Bible Study

Mondays, 10:30 a.m., PH

Early Birds Men's Book Study

Tuesdays, 8:15 a.m., LI

Centering Prayer

Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m., OF

Mission and Ministry Conference

Saturday, May 2, 8:00 a.m., First Baptist Church

Generational Healing Eucharist

Tuesday, May 5, 7:00 p.m., CH

Steadfast House Meal

Friday, May 8, 6:00 p.m.

Mother's Day

Sunday, May 10

PubSing

Sunday, May 10, 5:30 p.m.-snacks, 6:00 p.m.-singing

Men of the Church

Tuesday, May 12, 6:00 p.m.

Healing Prayer Services

Tuesday, May 12, 19, & 26, 7:00 p.m., CH

TEAM Meeting

Wednesday, May 13, 11:00 a.m., OF

Order of St. Luke

Thursday, May 14, 6:30 p.m., PH

All-Parish Potluck Brunch

Sunday, May 17, 10:00 a.m., PH

Taizé Worship Service

Sunday, May 17, 8:00 p.m., CH

Vestry Meeting

Monday, May 18, 5:30 p.m., LI

Pentecost

Sunday, May 24

Memorial Day – Church Office Closed

Monday, May 25

“Market Place” Vacation Bible School

June 22-25, 9:00 a.m.-12:10 p.m.

Parish News

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

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

ECW Scholarships for Camp Henry are once again available. Funding comes from the ECW Rummage Sale. If your child is interested, please submit your request (child's name and dates of attendance) to Georgi Bruce (via the church office) by May 15. 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.

A **Flower Donor is needed** for Sunday, May 31. Please contact Mary Jane Westall at 254-6221. Special thanks to all who support the Flower/Altar Guild by donating flowers on Sundays.

The **Men of the Church** will meet Tuesday, May 12, at 6:00 p.m. at the home of host and cook Larry Harris, 330 Stratford Road. Please join us. The cost is \$10.00. Find a sign up sheet on the kiosk in the foyer.

The **Ministry and Mission Conference**, “How to Sing in a Strange Land: Go Deep, Go Out, Go Together,” is Saturday, May 2, at First Baptist Church. **\$45 walk-in registration** still available, including snacks and lunch.

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

Our **Nursery needs new toys**. Donna and Priscilla are requesting donations to replace old toys that have been around for quite a while. Age range would be 1-4 years. Thank you for your help.

The **Order of St. Luke** meets Thursday, May 14, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Our program will be the Gospel account of Jesus healing Jairus' deceased daughter. We'll also watch the video testimony of a young woman who had been involved in Satanism and was given new life by Jesus. *All are welcome. One does not have to be an OSL member to attend. We will not meet if the Asheville city schools are closed that day or will close early because of inclement weather.*

Come join our monthly **PubSing**, an informal gathering on the second Sunday evening of each month to sing hymns, old-time Gospel and Americana inspirational music. This month, we will meet Sunday, May 10, at the French Broad Brewery, 101 Fairview Avenue. Please bring a snack at 5:30 p.m.; singing begins at 6:00 p.m. For details, contact Monty Wooten, info@forestguide.com or 828-254-1114. For directions go to frenchbroadbrewery.com/directions/.

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going to enlist their help in contacting all the people affiliated with Grace and assisting them in identifying their spiritual gifts and then discovering how they can use them to the glory of God.

Many people will already know what their gifts are and can be called on if Grace has a need. Others will have some idea, but may not be sure. We can help them with clarification. Still others may be excited to find what the Holy Spirit has gifted them to do and pursue it, perhaps for the first time.

Grace Church can and will be a different entity as we all discover and get excited about not only doing what God has called us to do, but about actually BEING WHO GOD CREATED US TO BE. I suspect that all of us have at times missed out on the abundant life Jesus has for us because we have missed opportunities to serve in His Name. We will be less likely to miss those opportunities if we are clear on WHAT GIFT the Holy Spirit has given us and HOW WE CAN USE THAT GIFT to the glory of Almighty God.

I would ask for your prayers during the rest of this year as we assist one another in discerning our spiritual gifts and making sure we are using them to perform the function in the Body of Christ that will bring health to Christ's Body, the Church, and God's care to the world.

Easter Blessings,

Fr. Gary Coffey

A Reminder...



**ALL-PARISH
POTLUCK BRUNCH!
SUNDAY, MAY 17
10:00 A.M.**

*Bring your favorite breakfast food
and join the fun in the parish hall!
There will be no Sunday school.*

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

From Bishop Taylor



The following is a reflection from our Bishop, Porter Taylor, about his resignation, formally announced at the recent Renewal of Vows service:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

For every time there is a season. I have been honored to be your bishop for this past decade. It has been a privilege beyond my dreams. I have traveled the globe and represented you to the wider Church. Most of all, I have been honored to be part of your lives and your parishes' lives as your bishop -- to confirm/receive, to baptize, to ordain, to celebrate new ministries, to bury, to celebrate and give thanks to the Lord. We have labored together; we have started new initiatives; we have been blessed by the Lord in smooth and rocky times.

After much prayer and deep conversations, it has become clear to me that God is calling me to something else. In 2016, I will be 66 and am convinced that this is the time for me and the diocese to begin a new chapter. I have consulted with the Standing Committee. They are prepared to move the nomination/election process forward appropriately.

Therefore, at the Renewal of Vows, I will announce that I will ask the Executive Council to authorize the election of the Seventh Bishop of WNC on October 1, 2016. The Renewal of Vows service is at 11 a.m. at the Cathedral of All Souls.

I give thanks for our ministry. Working with you has been a joy. I am absolutely assured that "all will be well and all manner of things will be well."

Grace and peace,
+Porter

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. Three thousand 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 was 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.

Habitat House is Coming in 2015. As most of you know, Grace Episcopal Church has been an active supporter of Habitat for Humanity for many years. Every two years, we partner with Habitat and the other Episcopal churches in our area to build an “Episcopal House.” And in addition to donating money to help buy the supplies to build the house, we commit to helping with volunteers.

2015 is our year to once again build a house! Construction will begin in late August and last for three months. This year, Grace is responsible for providing workers for 10 days of the build.

Please pray about ways in which you can help with this ministry. If any of you would like to help organize this rewarding Grace ministry and/or recruit volunteers, please contact Sue at 230-9328. You will have lots of opportunities in the next few months to volunteer to help build the actual house. Let’s make this project a success as we provide a needy family with a home of their own!



About Habitat Volunteers

During the recent National Volunteer Appreciation Week (April 12-18), Asheville Area Habitat for Humanity took time to recognize and thank the many friends and organizations that give so generously of their time, talents, and financial support.

Here is an email sent out by Habitat executive director Lew Kraus. The amazing numbers he shares may surprise you and should definitely make you feel good about the part Grace has played.

Thank you to all the Grace volunteers who have helped over the years. We look forward to doing our part again this fall.

Dear Friends,

You often hear me say that volunteers are the backbone of our organization, and considering that it is National Volunteer Appreciation Week, I’ll say it again. Without volunteers, we would be unable to offer safe, decent, and affordable housing to local families; nor would our ReStore be rated one of the top ReStores in the country. We are eternally grateful for the 2,100 volunteers who shared their time and talent with us in 2014 alone. Their collective 64,000 hours of service was equivalent to having 30 additional staff members!

On a similar note, we are equally grateful for our funding partners: individuals, businesses, foundations, faith communities, organizations (schools), as well as the city and county. In fact, many Habitat supporters wear both volunteer and donor “hats”.

Whether you support us in one or multiple ways, you are contributing to a better world; a world where fewer people live in substandard housing and more families realize their full potential thanks to the hand-up provided by Habitat’s homeownership and home repair programs.

With much gratitude,
Lew

Supporting Camp Henry



Grace Parish made Sunday, April 19, our Camp Henry Sunday since Ian Williams, the camp director, was able to be with us and preach. On that day, our loose-plate offering and checks designated to Camp Henry went to this wonderful ministry. The official Camp Henry Sunday, however, is May 3, so it is not too late to designate a gift. Just mark your checks for Camp Henry on the memo line. This is a very important ministry in our diocese, heavily dependent on support from our churches to provide a safe, fun, and spiritually uplifting experience to hundreds of kids each summer.

MarketPlace 2015

(Vacation Bible School)

Monday-Thursday, June 22-25 • 9:00 a.m.-12:10 p.m. • “All Fed by God’s Hands”



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, 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.

MarketPlace began in 1998 as a collaboration among Grace Covenant Presbyterian, Grace Episcopal, and First Presbyterian churches, and the Basilica of St. Lawrence. The program started 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!

Our 2015 theme is “All Fed by God’s Hands.” The MarketPlace service component will support “Food Connection,” an organization that

links local restaurants and the hungry by collecting surplus food from restaurants and caterers and delivering it those who need it and will enjoy it, reducing food waste and easing hunger.

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 adult volunteer opportunities!

- Tribal Leaders and Shopkeepers (training dates: June 17, 9:45 a.m.-12:00 noon; make-up June 18, 5:30-7:00 p.m.)
- Set-Up Crew (Friday, June 19, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and Sunday, June 21, 3:00-5:30 p.m.)
- Clean-Up Crew (Thursday, June 25, 1:00-3:00 p.m. and Friday, June 26, 10:00 a.m.-noon)

Full details and registration information will be available soon in the church office.

Recognizing Our Grads

Robert Townsend will be graduating from The School of Inquiry and Life Sciences at Asheville on June 12, 2015. He will attend Warren Wilson College in the fall and is planning to major in biology.

Matt Wigger, grandson of Cal and Nancy Remmers, graduated from Illinois State University with a degree in Business Ed.

Kelly Wigger, granddaughter of Cal and Nancy Remmers, will graduate from the University of Illinois with a DVM degree in Veterinary Medicine on May 15. She will intern for a year at a 24-hour emergency hospital in Aurora, Illinois.

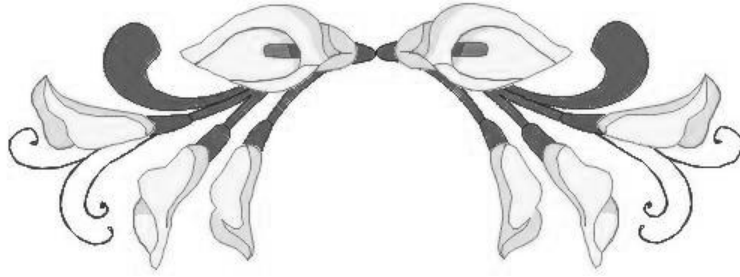
Elly Withers, daughter of David and Sally Withers, is graduating Phi Beta Kappa from UNC Chapel Hill. She is double-majoring in Spanish and Global Studies with a minor in Public Policy. After graduation, she plans to join the Episcopal Young Adult Service Corp (YASC) for a year of public service overseas.

Congratulations to all of you on your accomplishments, and best wishes as you begin this next chapter in your lives.
Our prayers are with you.

If we have overlooked any other Grace graduates, please let us know and we will include them in next month’s TEAM.



Thank You for Your Easter Flower Gifts



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

Bobbie Eblen in memory of Joe and Margie Eblen and Jean Galyean;

Cuyler Dupree in memory of Bill Rolen, Dave Hart, and Jack Woodhouse;

Sherry & Bill Coward in thanksgiving for our beloved children and grandchildren;

Sally Coburn in thanksgiving for my son and his wife;

Mickey & Tricia Trinite in thanksgiving for our new grandson, Samuel Lewis;

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

Mariza & Walter Adamson in thanksgiving for our family;

Laura Dover in thanksgiving for Ella and Cleo;

Barbara and Bill Crownover in memory of our parents and in thanksgiving for our Grace family;

Cuyler Dupree in memory of Cynthia Nolan;

Georganne Zelinski in memory of Craig Zelinski and in thanksgiving for 20 years together;

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

Diane Wilkey in memory of my Mom, Marguerite Motney, and in thanksgiving for my children,
Tony, Rob, and Sarah;

Don Wills in memory of Sam Byrn and the Wills family;

Joe & Cheryl Aull in thanksgiving for family;

Numerous Annonymous Donors.



May 2015 Ministry Schedule

Date	Service Time	Acolyte C	Acolyte G	Acolyte E	Lector, Intercessor & Presenters	Healing Team	Ushers	Chalicians	Coffee Hour	Scripture	Lesson
3-May											
	7:45						Andrew Dahm	Margaret Dahm			
	9:00	Harrison Best	Andrew Best	Maira Stewart	LIP - Bill Crowmover and Barbara Wilcox	Louise Wernicke Patricia Hargrove	Tricia & Mickey Trinite	1. John Woodson 2. Anne Simmons	Cuyler Dupree	Acts 8:26-40	1st Lesson & 9:00
	11:15	Mark Silvers	Sally Withers	Bob Grimes	LIP - Rusty McCredie, Jenny Thomas, & Alternate	Pat Davis Karen Compton	Elaine Potter Henry Watts	1. Bill Spencer 2. Mary Cozine	Sallie Hunter	I John 4:7-21	2nd Lesson & 9:00
10-May											
	7:45				L - Vicki Vest I - Cuyler Dupree P - Kuykendall Family	Shery Coward Jeanne Robertson	Ed Duncan	Jack Frue			
	9:00	Gavin Knapp	Maya Bell	Cuyler Dupree			Paul & Vicki Vest	1. Daphne Urquhart 2. Jenny Knapp	Paul Vest	Acts 10:44-48	1st Lesson
	11:15	Rusty McCredie	Jonah Silvers	Grace Miller	LIP - Kristen Dusenberry, Elaine Potter & Alternate	Mary Israel Corinne Spencer	John Rigby Rusty Herman	1. Bill Warren 2. Nancy Clark	Volunteer	I John 5:1-6	2nd Lesson & 9:00
17-May											
	7:45				L - Ray Kuykendall I - Greg Plank P - Plank Family	Pat Davis Jane Whitman	Jim Black	James Cannon			
	9:00	Noah Clary	Faith Vallely	Louise Wernicke			Doug Haldane Jim Slemens	1. Jennifer Clary 2. Sarah Vallely	Katherine Kaderabek	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26	1st Lesson & 9:00
	11:15	Mark Silvers	Bob Grimes	Eric Howell	LIP - Charles Carter and Kimberly Kneier	Sonny Rawls Karen Compton	Paul Stewart Bob Turner	1. Sally Coburn 2. Leeann Shearouse	Volunteer	I John 5:9-13	2nd Lesson & 9:00
	Taizé 8:00 PM				L - James Cannon I - Monty Wooten	Deb Gravatt					
24-May											
	7:45						Steve Jones	James Cannon			
	9:00	Laura Ellington	Lisel Ellington	Cuyler Dupree	LIP - Daphne & Paul Urquhart	Jeanne Robertson Shari Lane	Derek and Wade Edwards	1. Greg Townsend 2. Ann Robinson	Micki Newton	Acts 2:1-21	1st Lesson & 9:00
	11:15	Cheryl Aull	Jonah Silvers	Sally Withers	LIP - Cal and Nancy Remmers & Alternate	Sonny Rawls Mary Israel	Larry Harris Ron Sims	1. Carol McMichael 2. Sally Withers	Georgi Bruce	Romans 8:14-17, 22-27	2nd Lesson & 9:00
31-May											
	7:45						Jim Black	Jack Frue			
	9:00	Cade Woten	Cheyl Dayton	Zoe Davis	L - Jenny Knapp I - Vicki Vest P - Vest Family	Brenda Haller Ann Robinson	Tom & Liz Barr	1. Carol Booth 2. Cuyler Dupree	Elaine Dephousse	Isaiah 6:1-8	1st Lesson & 9:00
	11:15	Rusty McCredie	Grace Miller	Eric Howell	LIP - Mark Silvers, Jenny Thomas & Alternate	Mary Regal Alternate	Elaine Potter Henry Watts	1. Charles Carter 2. Kimberly Kneier	Georgi Bruce	Romans 8:12-17	2nd Lesson & 9:00
Flower Arrangers											
Date	Counters			Depositors			Flower Arrangers			Altar Guild	
3-May	Steve Birkhofer			James Cannon			Dawson, Buchanan, Wed: Holdsworth-Bowman-Flowers by Gid			Group 1 - May 2 - May 8	
10-May	Martha Boyette			Judy Bohan			Dawson, Buchanan			Group 2 - May 9 - 15	
17-May	Sally Withers			Chal and Hugh Vaughn			Jones, Davis			Group 3 - May 16 - 22	
24-May	Georgi Bruce			Anne Simmons			Jones, Davis - Pentecost - Candles - Red, Orange Flowers			Group 4 - May 23 - 29	
31-May	Georgi Bruce			Anne Simmons			Newton, Israel, Trinity, Wed: Morgan-Corwin - Flowers by Gid			Group 5 - May 30 - June 5	

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

For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities: **Henny Caldwell; Bob Hall; June Kelley; Neill Mason; Maryli Perkins; Martin Shaw; Laura Stephens; Pat Woodard.**

For Others: (names to stay on the list for four weeks; call the church office to keep names on the list for a longer time):
Roberta Alexander; Jerry & Mary McAuliffe (*friends of Barbara Wilcox*); **Carolyn & Winn Baker** (*friends of Bob & Jeannette Reese*); **Bethany** (*daughter of Joan*); **Stephanie Blackwell & family** (*sister of Jeanne Sims*); **Deane Boggs** (*sister of Joyce Noble*); **Chris Carson** (*son of Martha & Randy*); **Carolyn & Steve Creasman** (*friends of Barbara & Chuck Wilcox*); **Debbie D.** (*friend of Lynda McCredie*); **Kelli Davis** (*daughter of George & Pat Davis*); **Ann & Joe Derwort & family** (*sister & brother-in-law of Jeanne Sims*); **Kaci Epley** (*cousin of Vicki & Paul Vest*); **Margaret Frazier** (*friend of Jim & Karen Compton*); **Hammitt family** (*friends of Jeanne & Ray Robertson*); **Bill & Mary Hayes** (*parents of Rick Hayes*); **Donald Israel** (*brother-in-law of Mary Israel*); **Meg Karayiannis** (*niece of Nancy Ackermann Cole*); **Roger & Sherry Martin** (*parents of Wendy Kuykendall*); **Fred Motney** (*father of Diane Wilkey*); **Dan Powell; Julie & Rita Spragg; Erik & Susan Stoops** (*brother-in-law & sister of Wendy Kuykendall*); **Hunter Stubbs; Jennifer Svenstrup** (*friend of Paul & Vicki Vest*); **Kathy Taylor** (*friend of Barbara Wilcox*); **Alan & Melissa Wood; Angela & Pauline Wright; Alicia; Ashley** (*daughter of Henry Watts*); **Don & Patricia; Elizabeth; Linda; Lou** (*mother of Kim Hayes*); **Matt; Mary Dee** (*cousin of Walt Noble*); **Pam** (*friend of Cheryl Aull*); **Richard; Sue; Susan; for all those affected by our struggling economy.**

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

For Those Who Have Died and Their Families: **Cynthia Nolan.**

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

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

May Anniversaries

Dave and Haywood Hillier 3
Ingrid and Tom Adelsbach 10
Bill and Sherry Coward 25
Adam and Aubrey Southwell 28

May Birthdays

1 Doug Ellington	17 Catherine Cullen
2 Derek Dephouse	17 Alyssa Jones
3 Eliza Calabria	19 Shannon Wall
3 David Knisley	20 Jonathan Goldenberg
4 Brooke Plank	20 Harrison Taylor
4 Madison Plank	20 Monty Wooten
5 Charlotte Chiott	21 Jennifer Clary
7 Karen Howell	22 Haywood Hillier
7 Calvin Remmers	22 Meghan Jordan
8 Harrison Best	23 Pat Woodard
9 Charles Carter	24 Leeann Shearouse
10 Sharon Stewart	25 Susan Smith
10 Jane Whitman	26 Katherine Kaderabek
13 Donna Higgins	27 Thames Kaderabek
13 Annabelle Milling	28 James Cannon
14 Mary Withers	29 Michelle Lee
15 Patrick Bohan	30 Barbara Crownover
15 Linda Mahin	30 George Davis
15 Carol McMichael	30 Jeanne Sims
16 Ellie Silvers	31 Michael Raymond

Gifts to Appreciate

The Aumbry Candle is given to the glory of God by:

The Rev. Jane Smith in memory of Cynthia Nolan.

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by:

Mariza and Walter Adamson in thanksgiving for their children;

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

Kathleen Griffin in memory of Bob Griffin;

Dick Drake and Hazel Keller by Ed Duncan;

Carol and Steve Booth in memory of David and Barbara;



*The Flower/Altar Guild needs a donor for May 31.
Please let us know if you can help. Thank you.*



MOTHER'S DAY IS
SUNDAY, MAY 10.
THANKS, MOM,
FOR ALL YOU DO.
YOU'RE THE BEST!

Pledges Still Missing Budgeted Mark

Pledge receipts through March totaled \$78,271 compared to budgeted pledges of \$87,983. Considering all income sources, income for the first three months totaled \$98,720, while we had projected income to be \$111,268; resulting in a negative variance of (\$12,548).

The negative income variance for the first two months was offset by expenses in the first three months which were less than budgeted amounts by \$7567. When added to the negative income variance of (\$12,548), year-to-date income less expenses resulted in an overall deficit of (\$4,982) for our first two months.

We are currently experiencing a deficit of \$4,982, while at this point in 2014, we experienced a positive balance of \$832.21.

On the positive side, however, the deficit has decreased substantially from February's deficit of \$12,045.

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

Your Vestry

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

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Income:			
Pledges	78,271	87,983	(9,712)
Prior Year Pledges	2,215	-	2,215
Non-pledged Offerings	10,875	15,371	(4,496)
Open Offering	1,798	4,808	(3,010)
Interest	-	38	(38)
Misc.	5,561	3,069	2,492
Total Income:	98,720	111,268	(12,548)
Expenses:			
Outreach/Mission	11,270	14,283	(3,013)
Parish Programs	4,094	3,738	356
Operations	15,869	18,831	(2,962)
Personnel	72,469	74,417	(1,949)
Suspense Acct-credit card charges to be coded	-	-	-
Total Expenses:	103,702	111,268	(7,567)
Income Less Expenses:	(4,982)	(0)	(4,982)

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 - *Up-coming All-Parish Potluck Brunch*
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MAY 2015

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