



the Grace TEAM

to each a ministry

MAY 2016

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,

It's too bad that the word disciple and discipline come from the same root word. After all, we sometimes use the word discipline for punishment, as in, "she disciplined the child for his behavior." The word disciple theologically means "follower" or "student". Wouldn't you agree that someone being someone's student or even following someone down the street is a choice? Think about

it. Someone is out there leading. You can choose to follow that person or not. It's hard to compel someone to follow someone else. They pretty much have to choose to follow that person because they want to or at least decide to.

Therefore, being a disciple or follower or student of Jesus is not something that someone or something outside of yourself can really compel you to do. The Church cannot compel you to follow Jesus. Your friends or relatives, as hard as they may try, cannot compel you to be Jesus' disciple. It is a choice that each of

us makes, to follow Jesus or not. This is really the difference between Law and Gospel, isn't it? The Law is external, something outside of ourselves telling us what we OUGHT to do. The Law has sometimes been caricatured as "a bony finger shaking in our faces". The choice to be Jesus' disciple cannot be forced by something outside of us telling us we ought to do it. The Gospel comes to us by invitation, just as it did to Jesus' disciples as He said to them and says to us, "Come and follow me."

As you may have heard me say before, the Reformers, and maybe even St. Paul himself overstated themselves to make a point. One of the watchwords of the Reformation was

"By faith alone!" St. Paul, in his letter to the Ephesians writes, "By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God, lest anyone should boast" (Eph. 2:8-9). The wonderful thing about what the Reformers and St. Paul are saying about faith is that our salvation, our right standing with God, is based on what

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Christ did in His death and resurrection rather than on the good works that we may do. As God's forgiven ones, our sins are forgiven, past, present and future, because of our faith in Christ. That is a wonderful thing.

But there is also the path that Christ invites us to take. Here, Christianity becomes like most of the other major religions. There is a Way. In fact, early Christians, you may remember, were called "Followers of the Way." Jesus proclaimed Himself to be that Way, that path. It is the path of grace and love and prayer and worship and humility and service to others. Jesus said that He came, not

to be served, but to serve and that those who follow His path will be servants of others as He was.

We gather together each week to worship God and to remind one another who we are as disciples or servants of Jesus and servants of others. We are strengthened by Word and Sacrament each week to go in peace and to love and serve the Lord. We invite others to come and follow Jesus with us as we discover what it means to be disciples or followers or students of the Savior of the world.

Grace and Peace,
Fr. Gary

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., CR

Bells and Choir Practice

Wednesdays, Bells: 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Choir: 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Camp Henry Sunday with Dir. Kathryn Florack

Sunday, May 1, all three services

Generational Healing Eucharist

Tuesday, May 3, 7:00 p.m., CH

A Paradigm for Our Christian Beginnings Study

with Bill Spencer, Thursday, May 5, 11:00 a.m., LI

PubSing

Sunday, May 8, Snacks, 5:30 p.m.; singing, 6:00 p.m.

Men of the Church

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

Healing Prayer Services

Tuesday, May 10, 17, 24, and 31, 7:00 p.m., CH

TEAM Meeting

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

Order of St. Luke

Thursday, May 12, 6:30 p.m., PH

Steadfast House Meal

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

Pentecost Sunday

Sunday, May 15 (Remember to wear red!)

Taizé Worship Service

Sunday, May 15, 8:00 p.m., CH

Vestry Meeting

Monday, May 23, 5:30 p.m., LI

Parish News

A Paradigm for Our Christian Beginnings study group has its final meeting Thursday, May 5, 11:00 a.m., in the library.

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

Men of the Church meets Tuesday, May 10, at the home of Bob Turner, 72 Windsor Road, Asheville. Bob will be our host and cook. All are welcome and the cost is \$10. Sign up on the blue sheet on the kiosk in the foyer.

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

The Mountain Chapter of the Order of St. Luke will meet on Thursday, May 12, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Our program will be a DVD discussion of Jesus healing the boy with epilepsy. We will also watch a DVD clip of a team of South African evangelists bringing the Gospel to a remote village. The blind and lame local witchdoctor is healed and her grandson, the witchdoctor-in-training, chooses to become a pastor. *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.*

PubSing, an informal gathering on the second Sunday of each month to sing hymns, old-time Gospel, and Americana inspirational music, meets this month on May 8 at the French Broad Brewery, 101 Fairview Road, Asheville. Bring a snack at 5:30 p.m.; singing will begin at 6:00 p.m. For more information contact Monty Wooten at info@forestguide.com or 828-254-1114. For directions go to <http://frenchbroadbrewery.com/directions/>.



*Don't forget to
remember Mom
on Mother's Day,
Sunday, May 8*

A Note from Our New Camp Henry Director



Hi! My name is Kathryn Florack. I am completely grateful and happy to take on the role of the Camp Henry Director! I graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 2010 and was blessed to spend the next few years working and exploring around the US. For a little over a year, I have been the youth director at Ascension in Hickory, NC, which is where I live now. When I'm not hanging out with my baby nephew or playing Pocahontas (which involves running in the woods while singing 'Just Around the Riverbend'), I focus on my big goals of saving the world and finding stardom on 'Survivor' and 'Dancing with the Stars.' Other interests include travel, friends and family, snowboarding, music, astronomy, the enneagram, ultimate Frisbee, and being outside as much as possible. None of this would have been possible without Camp Henry; I have had the unbelievable fortune of attending Camp Henry ever since I was eleven years old, and after many years, being a camper, counselor, and associate director, I am so very honored and excited to continue this journey. This is a place that teaches you how to laugh so hard you cry, about the power of unconditional love, how to make friendships that last a lifetime, about the consequences of singing and playing all day, about the wonder of God, and how to appreciate all the beauty that life has to offer. Thank you so much for welcoming me into your community. I can't wait for you to join us! I look forward to going on this beautiful adventure with you all!

Kathryn will be our guest speaker at all three services Sunday, May 1. She will also meet with interested parents and young people, age Kindergarten through high school, during the Sunday school hour in the parish hall.

Candidates for Our Next Bishop Announced

On Monday, April 18, 2016, the Standing Committee met with the Search and Nominating Committee and had the privilege to receive their report and talk about their discerned recommendations. The Standing Committee unanimously accepted their recommendations and is honored to present the following slate of four candidates for the Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina:

The Rev. Hannah E. Atkins

Rector, Trinity, Houston, Diocese of Texas

The Rev. Cynthia Banks

Rector, St. Luke's, Boone, Diocese of Western North Carolina

The Rev. Thomas Brown

Rector, Parish of the Epiphany, Winchester, Diocese of Massachusetts

The Rev. Canon José A. McLoughlin

Canon to the Ordinary, Diocese of Oklahoma

The selection process for the seventh Bishop of Western North Carolina continues with a series of "Meet the Candidates Walk-Abouts" throughout our diocese. These meetings are open to everyone, and parishioners are encouraged to attend any or all. The meeting schedule is:

- Monday, May 16, 6-8 pm - Asheville Area, Christ School, Arden
- Tuesday, May 17, 12-2 pm - Grace in the Mountains, Waynesville
- Tuesday, May 17, 6-8 pm - Valle Crucis Conference Center, Banner Elk
- Wednesday, May 18, 12-2pm - Piedmont Area, St Luke's, Lincolnton.

After the May meetings listed above, your parish delegates (our clergy and two parish "electors" - Walt and Joyce Noble, who represented Grace at the Fall 2015 Convention) will provide an opportunity for you to meet, review the candidate resumes and ask questions.

Help Us Recognize Our Grads



Graduates and families of graduates, we would like to recognize you on the occasion of this big accomplishment. You still have time to share details of your graduation from high school or college with the church office at grace.parish@att.net or call the church office at 254-1086. Include your school's name, majors, and future plans for publication in the June issue of the *Grace TEAM*.

Market Place 29 A.D., June 20-23

Market Place Vacation Bible School is a joyful experience that invites us to journey as tribes of Israel through the lively setting of a Judean town set in the time of Jesus' ministry. Our 2016 theme is "Room for All." Children, ages three through sixth grade, will hear Bible stories from our storytellers, see Bible dramas come alive, study with the Rabbi, visit the shops and make crafts, play games, dance, make music and serve others.

For more information about Market Place, please visit the display in the church foyer and pick up a brochure/registration form. Included is a volunteer registration form. Parents and caregivers are asked to support Market Place by volunteering before or during the week. The deadline for returning this form to the church office is May 15.

Find Market Place online at <http://marketplace29ad.wordpress.com>.

For Mental Health & Service Professionals, Faith Leaders, Church Staff & Caregivers

A workshop on May 12-13 at 1st Baptist Church, Asheville. Cost is \$20 per person; \$30 if you want continuing ed credits.

Difference is a fact of life. It is a source of delight and joy but also of frustration and hatred. Globally, nationally, and personally, the world bears the scars of differences handled poorly. Our politics, our religion, our schools, even our families are often marked by the tendency for difference to become self-righteousness, contempt, accusation, and violence. This workshop aims to help participants become better equipped to live well and help others live well in a world that is struggling to connect across difference.

Leaders from the fields of faith, politics, and counseling will help participants increase their capacity to establish connection and nourish conversation with people who are vastly different.

May 12, 2016 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Presentations by:

Terry M. Bellamy, MPA, Director of Communication, Asheville Housing Authority, Former Asheville Mayor
Guy Sayles, DMin., Assistant Professor of Religion at Mars Hill University & Former Pastor First Baptist Church Asheville

Questions and Answers

May 13, 2016 9:00am - 3:30pm

Presentations by Terry Bellamy and Guy Sayles

Personal stories from Community Leaders:

- Pat Bacon, Pastor, Calvary Presbyterian Church
- Caleb Walker-Wilson, Student, Asheville High School
- Oguz Erdur, Asst. Professor of Anthropology, UNCA
- Althea Gonzalez, Project Manager at Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants and Refugees

Skills-focused Workshops led by Partnership pastoral counselors.

Questions and Answers

Grace Outreach

Sue Thompkins

Treasures for Transformation Total: The members of the Grace Outreach Committee would like to thank all of the members of the parish for your support of our Treasures for Transformation project. We raised \$1215.07 which will be donated to ABCCM to help them build their housing for homeless women and children. If you have not have a chance to make your contribution and would like to contribute, please donate directly to ABCCM or make a check out to Grace and put Transformation Village on the memo line. Thank you so much for your help.

Upcoming ABCCM Food Drive: We will be having our next quarterly food drive for the ABCCM food pantries and shelters on Sunday, May 15. Lists will be in the bulletins on Sunday, May 8, for your use. Please bring your food donations to church on May 15. The food will be transported to ABCCM by our volunteers on Monday morning May 16. Once again we are asking you to donate just three types of food. Please buy as many of these three items as you can. Anything we receive makes a difference in serving people who are hungry in Buncombe County. Thank you!

ABCCM has requested the following items:

- vegetable oil in large containers
- canned crushed tomatoes (28 ounces)
- spaghetti sauce (45 ounces)



Healing Prayer Corner

Jeane Robertson

Last night I had the privilege of attending the Mountain Chapter of the Order of St. Luke and hearing Father John Rice speak to us on the subject of healing prayer. He shared with us a way to pray the Lord's Prayer as a Prayer for Healing.

First, I need to decide who I am going to pray for. I have decided on two special little people in my life. A year ago, my niece gave birth to twins, a boy and a girl. They are the first twins born in my family and we are so grateful for their lives. So on their first birthday, I have decided to pray for year old Luke and Lily:

Our Father, who are in Luke and Lily,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come in Luke and Lily,
Thy will be done in Luke and Lily,
As your will is done in heaven.
Give to Luke and Lily this day, your daily bread.
Forgive Luke and Lily their sins this day,
And give Luke and Lily the desire and grace to forgive
Those who have sinned against them.
Lead Luke and Lily away from temptation,
And deliver Luke and Lily from evil.
For thine is the kingdom within Luke and Lily;
And the power within Luke and Lily;
And the glory within Luke and Lily;
Now and forever.
In Jesus' Name. AMEN

It is my hope that you are able pray this whenever you have a need. As you can see, it can fit all occasions. Many Blessings to you all as we begin our summer season.

Positive Trend Continues

Pledge receipts through the end of March totaled \$105,337 compared to projected pledges of \$82,250. Considering all income sources, income received to date totaled \$135,655, while we projected income to be \$100,613. We ended the month with another positive variance in overall projected income of \$35,042. Even considering the large donation which we received earlier, we are still experiencing a very positive trend in pledged income.

The positive income variance thus far was reduced somewhat by expenses which were greater than budgeted amounts by \$12,154. When subtracted from the positive income variance of \$35,042, our income less expenses resulted in a still healthy surplus of \$22,888 for the year.

While we have begun the year in a very positive manner, we do need to be aware that a single donation has greatly influenced our financial position. We continue to encourage prayer and attention to our stewardship efforts.

Your Vestry

Statement of Activities - Grace Church Year to Date - March 2016

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Income:			
Pledges	105,337	82,250	23,087
Prior Year Pledges	5,190	1,122	4,068
Non-pledged Offerings	14,765	10,299	4,466
Open Offering	5,172	2,611	2,561
Interest	5	17	(12)
Misc.	5,186	4,314	872
Total Income:	135,655	100,613	35,042
Expenses:			
Outreach/Mission	11,073	12,853	(1,780)
Parish Programs	4,486	3,015	1,471
Operations	19,956	17,366	2,590
Personnel	77,251	67,379	9,873
Total Expenses:	112,767	100,613	12,154
Income Less Expenses:	22,888	0	22,888

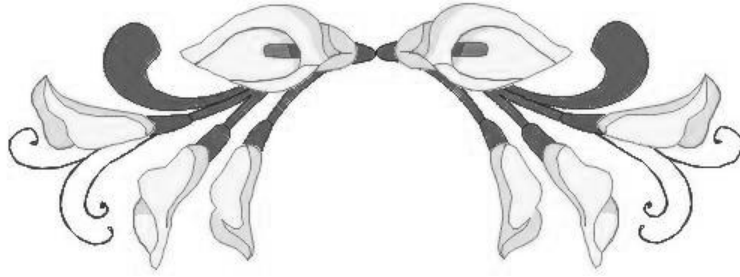
A Request from Our Depositors

The depositors ask that you review pledge statements that were sent out recently, and if there are any discrepancies, please let the office or Anne Simmons know. They will be corrected. We are still trying to locate a contributor who is doing an auto deposit through Telco Credit Union with an account number ending in 6348. If that is you, please let Anne Simmons know so it can be credited to the correct account.

Reminder About New Office Hours

Effective April 1, the church office hours were changed. The office is now open Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. It is closed on Fridays.

Thank You for Your Easter Flower Gifts



Diane & Tony Wilkey in memory of Diane's parents, Fred & Marguerite Motney

Bill Coward in memory of Sherry Coward and our parents

Jennifer Thomas in thanksgiving for the Rev. John and Janet Thomas

Sally Coburn in thanksgiving for all the clergy

Bobbi Eblen in memory of Joe, Margie and Jeanne

Kids of the Kingdom Choir in thanksgiving for our Grace Church Family

Cuyler Dupree in memory of Angie and Pat Vest and in thanksgiving for Becky Barker

Pat Anderson in memory of David J. Anderson

Chal and Hugh Vaughn in thanksgiving for our family

A grateful parishioner in thanksgiving for Grace Church

Chris Shaw in memory of Martin and Mary Leigh Shaw and in thanksgiving for their lives and love

Sylvia Greenwood in memory of Lou Morrow

Bonnie and Chuck in thanksgiving for their parents

Clifford Albertson in memory of Rev. Clifford P. and Mildred I. Albertson

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

Joe and Cheryl Aull in thanksgiving for family

Jack and Mary Jane Westall in memory of Ann Huntington Westall

Greg and Shannon Townsend in memory of RuthAnn Fair



May 2016 Ministry Schedule

Date	Service Time	Acolyte C	Acolyte G	Acolyte E	Lector, Intercessor & Presenters	Healing Team	Ushers	Chalicians	Coffee Hour	Scripture	Lesson
May 1											
	7:45				Deb Gravatt	Ed Duncan	James Cannon				
	9:00	Zoe Davis	Maya Bell	Louise Wernicke	L.I.P - Hugh Vaughn, Barbara Wilcox	Louise Wernicke Patricia Hargrove	Tricia and Mickey Trinite	1. Cuyler Dupree 2. Greg Townsend	Katherine Kaderabek	Acts 16:9-15	1st Lesson & 9:00
	11:15	Bob Grimes	Olivia Nery	Eric Howell	L, I, P - Elaine Potter, Mark Silvers	Karen Compton Pat Davis	Larry and LuAnn Harris	1. Bill Spencer 2. Eric Howell	Sallie Hunter	Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5	2nd Lesson
May 8											
	7:45				Deb Gravatt	Steve Jones	James Cannon				
	9:00	Harrison Best	Andrew Best	Moire Stewart	L.I.P - Ray Kuykendall, Cuyler Dupree, Kuykendall Family	Jeanne Robertson Kathy Oesterlin	Tom Barr Jim Siemens	1. Daphne Urquhart 2. Scott Best	Micki Newton	Acts 16:16-34	1st Lesson
	11:15	Mark Silvers	Ellie Silvers	Jonah Silvers	L, I, P - Rusty McCredie, Jenny Thomas	Mary Israel Corinne Spencer	Ron Sims Arnold Clark	1. Cliff Albertson 2. Carol McMichael	Volunteer	Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21	2nd Lesson & 9:00
May 15 Pentecost											
	7:45				Deb Gravatt	Andrew Dahm	Margaret Dahm				
	9:00	Gavin Knapp	Daphne Urquhart	Zoe Davis	L.I.P - Bill Crowover, Vicki Vest, Vest Family	Pat Davis Jane Whitman	Ray and Wendy Kuykendall	1. Carol Booth 2. Jenny Knapp	Elaine Dephousse	Acts 2:1-21	1st Lesson
	11:15	Rusty McCredie	Olivia Nery	Grace Miller	L.I.P - Cal and Nancy Remmers	Karen Compton Sonny Rawls	Paul Stewart Bob Turner	1. Elaine Potter 2. Bill Warren	Georgi Bruce	Romans 8:14-17, 22-27	2nd Lesson
	Taizé 8:00 PM				I - Monty Wooten L - James Cannon	Deb Gravatt					
May 22 Trinity Sunday											
	7:45				Deb Gravatt	Ed Duncan	James Cannon				
	9:00	Lisle Ellington	Helena Cullen	Laura Ellington	L, I, P - Daphne and Paul Urquhart	Jeanne Robertson Shari Lane	Derek and Wade Edwards	1. Daphne Urquhart 2. Ann Robinson	Cuyler Dupree	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31	1st Lesson
	11:15	Mark Silvers	Ellie Silvers	Jonah Silvers	L, I, P - Joel Rogers, Kristen Dusenbery	Mary Israel Sonny Rawls	Rusty Herman Ron Sims	1. Charles Carter 2. Kimberly Kneier	Mary Ann Warren	Romans 5:1-5	2nd Lesson
May 29											
	7:45				Deb Gravatt	Steve Jones	James Cannon				
	9:00	Zoe Davis	Maya Bell	Cuyler Dupree	L, I, P - Cuyler Dupree, Louise Cate	Brenda Haller Ann Robinson	Kaderabek Family	1. Jennifer Clary 2. Debbie Jones	Paul Vest	I Kings 8:22-23, 41-43	1st Lesson
	11:15	Cheryl Aull	Sally Withers	Eric Howell	L, I, P - Nancy Clark, Eric Howell	(alternate)	Elaine Potter Larry Harris	1. Sally Coburn 2. Elaine Potter	Georgi Bruce	Galatians 1:1-12	2nd Lesson
May 29											
Date	Counters	Depositors	Flower Arrangers		Date	Alter Guild					
1-May	Martha Boyette	James Cannon	Davis/Jones		1-May	Group 1: Apr 30 - May 6					
8-May	Sally Withers	Judy Bohan	Israel/Newton		8-May	Group 2: May 7 - May 13					
15-May	Georgi Bruce	Chal & Hugh Vaughn	Israel/Newton - Pentecost (Buchanan)		15-May	Group 3: May 14 - May 20					
22-May	Steve Birkhofer	Anne Simmons	Shearouse - Trinity Sunday - white flowers		22-May	Group 4: May 21 - May 27					
29-May	Martha Boyette	James Cannon	Dawson/Buchanan (Israel for Buchanan)		29-May	Group 5: May 28 - Jun 3					

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; Chris Carson** (*son of Martha & Randy*); **Barbara Cownover; Ed Denison; Eunice Ferguson; Mary Hayes; Wendy Kuykendall; Nancy Porter; Vera Raulston** (*grand-daughter of Jackie Schauer*); **Doris Rigsby; Ray Robertson; Mark Silvers; Ron Sims; Corey & Tsz-yan Snyder & family; Corinne Spencer; Phil Walker; Barbara & Chuck Wilcox.**

For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities: **Henny Caldwell; David & Peggie Carey; Rusk Henry; June Kelley; Neill Mason; Maryli Perkins; Joan Sanderson; 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): **Ashley** (*daughter of Henry Watts*); **Nancy Bailey** (*friend of Barbara & Chuck Wilcox*); **Carolyn & Winn Baker** (*friends of Bob & Jeannette Reese*); **Nancy Battaile** (*sister of Chuck Wilcox*); **Stephanie Blackwell** (*sister of Jeanne Sims*); **Jenn Chenowith** (*friend of Walt and Joyce Noble*); **David Compton** (*brother of Jim Compton*); **Ryan Conrad** (*friend of Julia Anne Dawson*); **Debbie D.** (*friend of Lynda McCredie*); **Kelli Davis** (*daughter of George & Pat Davis*); **Amanda Donnelly** (*friend of Tricia Hargrove*); **Kacie Epley** (*cousin of Vicki & Paul Vest*); **Steve Graves** (*brother-in-law of Barbara & Chuck Wilcox*); **Bill & Mary Hayes** (*parents of Rick Hayes*); **Priscilla Hickey** (*sister-in-law of Barbara & Chuck Wilcox*); **Donald Israel** (*brother-in-law of Mary Israel*); **Donna Johnson** (*friend of Suzanne & Doug Bowie*); **Kathleen Johnson** (*friend of Barbara & Chuck Wilcox*); **Jim Monroe** (*friend of Jeannette & Bob Reese*); **Jennifer Svenstrup** (*friend of Paul & Vicki Vest*); **Calvin Underwood** (*friend of Jim & Karen Compton*); **Vincent** (*friend of Jeannette & Bob Reese*); **Alan; Alicia; Cathy; Colby; Dennis; Elizabeth; Joni; Lou** (*mother of Kim Hayes*); **Marisa; Pam** (*friend of Cheryl Aull*); **Sue; Susan.**

For Those in the Episcopal Church: **Michael, 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: **Tommy & Danny Brown** (*grandsons of Ed & Marla Woeckener*); **Matthew George** (*son of Zoe Davis*); **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*); **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 crises throughout our world.

The Bulletin and TEAM prayer list is one of many prayer lists at Grace. For these lists, please get permission from anyone you would like to add and then contact Kathleen Griffin at gkcgiffin7@gmail.com or the church office at grace.parish@att.net. Thank you, God, for answered prayer; for Kathleen who manages the list, and for all those who faithfully pray.

May Anniversaries

Dave and Haywood Hillier	3
Ingrid and Tom Adelsbach	10
Douglas and Suzanne Bowie	15
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 Brook Plank	20 Harrison Taylor
4 Madison Plant	20 Monty Wooten
5 Charlotte Chiott	21 Jennifer Clary
7 Karen Howell	22 Haywood Hillier
7 Cal 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 thanksgiving for Becky Barker.

The flowers are given to the glory of God by:

Mariza Adamson in loving memory of her husband, Walter;

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.

Welcomed through Baptism



*We welcomed
Beckett Adam Southwell,
son of Adam and Aubrey Southwell,
into the church through the sacrament
of Holy Baptism.
Beckett was sealed by the Holy Spirit
in Baptism and
marked as Christ's own forever
during the
9:00 a.m. worship service,
Sunday, April 24.*

The Search Is On!

Our search for an Administrative Assistant/ Office Manager has begun. This part-time position requires excellent "people skills" and the ability to work well with volunteers. H/she should have good Word and Excel skills and be a focused, organized multi-tasker. Written and verbal communication skills are a must. If you know a non-parish member who fits this description, please have them email a cover letter and resume to the church: grace.parish@att.net.

Pentecost: Sunday, May 15

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.

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