



# the Grace TEAM

to each a ministry

JULY 2013

## Parson to Person

Gary Coffey

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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,

Here we are once again, Beloved, in those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer! It occurred to me today that the word "recreation," when broken down, is "re-creation." Therefore, true recreation should involve a re-creation of our beings. My hope for us all this summer then is to be re-created or revitalized in such a way that we find the rest and wholeness that God has for us. In fact, as we consider our choices of recreation this summer, we might do so with that in mind. What are the activities that will really bring us life?

Certainly, experiencing the beauty of God's Creation is one way to be revitalized. I may have mentioned to you that someone I read suggested that we should purposefully seek out places where we can see nothing that is human-made on a regular basis. I was reminded of this last week when I was riding my bike out at Bent Creek. I was struck again with the beauty of that place and the sounds and smells of nature. Incidentally, we are planning a worship service outside at beautiful Lake Logan for Sunday, August 25th at 11:00 a.m. Mark your calendars now!

St. Paul talks about coming to faith in Christ as a new creation. "If anyone is in Christ," St. Paul says, "that person is a new creation. Old things have passed away. Behold, all is new." Those of us who have been Christians for a long time may have forgotten what it is like to experience the new creation in Christ. Indeed, those of us who came up in the faith as children may never be able to remember a time when we were not "in Christ" and a part

of that new creation.

For others, who came to Christ later in life, that time when all things changed and became new may have been more dramatic. For these folks, they may be able to remember a life without the experience of the new creation. For those who came to Christ later in life, they may be able to remember the first time they

realized that they had been forgiven by Christ and in Christ. They may be able to remember, like the woman washing Jesus' feet in our Gospel last Sunday, the amazing love of that new Creation.

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I bring this up because we need to be able to conceive of what it is like to be living in the world without the assurance of God's forgiveness and eternal life beyond this life. Imagine waking up in the morning thinking that everything is up to you, that there is no assurance of God's presence with you, there is no assurance of God's forgiveness, you have no understanding that, when you die, your life does not just come to an end. I'll bet that most of us have walked with Christ for so long that we cannot conceive of the emptiness of life without Him.

If you know someone who may not know that God loves them more than they can imagine, consider inviting them to come to worship with you. Can't hurt. Might help.

In His Love,

Fr. Gary

# Parish News

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**5th Sunday Brunch Reminder!** This Sunday, June 30, at 10:00 a.m. is our next Fifth Sunday Brunch in the parish hall. This brunch is a time of fellowship regardless of the service you attend. It is a time to share wonderful food and, above all, a time to welcome our new families. Please come and help celebrate this event. If you go to either of the early services, you can bring your brunch food to the kitchen before you go to church. If you attend the 11:15 service, bring your food and enjoy the brunch before worship. During each service, Fr. Coffey will offer the *Rite of Belonging* to those wishing to be a part of Grace parish fellowship. There will be no Sunday school, so please join us and enjoy the day.



**Adult Summer Sunday School.** As soon as the Pretty Good Coffee and Conversation Class finishes with our present book, which should be in the next few weeks, we will begin a video series featuring Old Testament scholar Walter Brueggemann. The series is called "Embracing the Prophets in Contemporary Culture: Walter Brueggemann on Confronting Today's Pharaohs." All are welcome to join us in the parish hall at 10:10 on Sunday mornings.



**Broughton House Lunch** to be hosted by Grace. Residents from Broughton House will come to lunch at Grace on Thursday, July 18. Margaret Dahm will plan and cook for the event, but she needs volunteers to set tables, serve, ice cakes, mash potatoes, and call the Bingo game. Please let her know if you can help. Call 254-2772, or email her at margaretdahm@yahoo.com.

We are also collecting Bingo prizes for the lunch. Your donation can help. Crossword and puzzle books, inexpensive fun jewelry, playing cards and games, candy or Beanie Babies are suggestions. Nothing sharp, please. Please leave the prizes in the church office or in the basket in the foyer.



**Men of the Church** will meet on Tuesday, July 9 at 6:00 p.m. The host and cook is John Woodson.

John's address is 1178 New Stock Road, Weaverville. Everyone is welcome. The cost is \$10.00. Please sign up on the blue sheet on the kiosk.



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.



**Pig Pickin' Time!** Coming Saturday, September 7, it's the return of our annual Pig Pickin' barbeque dinner sponsored by the Men of the Church. As in the past, we'll gather in the church parking lot. We'll have a band, and the meal will start at 6:15. Please mark your calendars and plan to come. Tickets will be on sale in the foyer on Sunday after services and in the church office during the week. Prices are \$10.00 per person and \$30.00 for a family of three or more. We will need volunteers to help serve. Don't miss it!



**Purls of Grace** meet on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the library. If you have questions, would like to learn to knit prayer shawls, and/or would like to deliver shawls contact Jeanne Robertson at jrobertson38@me.com.

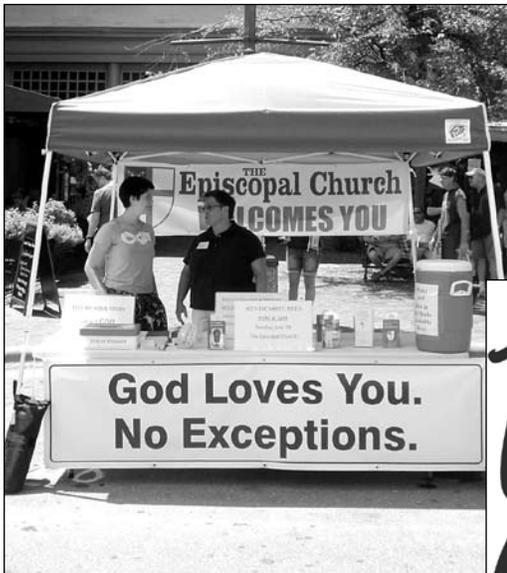
## Rummage Sale Update

*Nancy Remmers*

Our Rummage Sale on Saturday, June 1, was a great success, thanks be to God! I thank each of you who helped sort and put the donated items on display (it was beautiful) and all who helped with the sale on Saturday and the cleanup afterwards. It went so quickly. Goodwill was here at 3:00 and they were gone by 3:30 p.m. Thanks to our sexton, David Gentry, his brother Dickey and his wife Mickey for all their help.

Again, a big thank you to everyone. We made \$2,687. See you all next year. I guarantee you will work hard and have fun. Hugs to all!

# We Will Be at Bele Chere!



Bele Chere is July 26-28 and the Episcopal Church will be there! Last year, for the first time, Grace Church, along with the other Asheville Episcopal churches, had a booth at Bele Chere. At this year's booth, we will have information about the Episcopal Church and a brochure with times of worship at the Asheville area Episcopal churches. We will have a prayer request box and a sign offering to pray with people if they are in need of prayer. People will also be invited to stop and rest with us in the shade.



Everyone who worked at the booth last year really enjoyed it. This year, we have two-hour shifts available from Friday afternoon, July 26, through Sunday, July 28 at 2:00 p.m. There will be an online sign-up, and we will publish the online site as soon as we have that in place. Many people stopped by last year and thanked us for our banner that reads, "God loves you. No exceptions." It seems to be a message people need to hear in our day and time.

## Planned Giving & Endowment *Fr. Alex Comfort*

After a long and successful tenure as head of the Endowment and Planned Giving Committee, Pat Vest has stepped down, handing his duties over to Mike Bohan. Pat's vision and stewardship has ended with a total of over \$250,000 in our Endowment Fund.

In honor of Pat's commitment, the committee has embarked on a more formal and comprehensive program to tell all the members of Grace about how "planned giving" works. The congregation will receive a series of letters quarterly, and groups of members will hear small presentations about how it all works.

The program is for everyone. We appreciate your consideration and pledge that we will not pressure anyone. If you'd like more information about adding to the Endowment Fund right away, please contact chairman Mike Bohan or Father Gary.

## Grace Church Worship at Lake Logan



It has been a couple of years since we have worshiped out at beautiful Lake Logan, our diocesan camp and conference center, so we are excited to announce that we will have a worship service there on Sunday, August 25, 11:00 a.m., near the tennis courts as in times past. Since all of us are trying to be more careful with our diets, please bring your own picnic lunch to enjoy with others after the service. Following lunch, enjoy swimming and boating at the lake, hiking along the beautiful trails, or playing frisbee or croquet on the athletic field.

# Grace Outreach Notes

*Sue Thompkins*

**EPISCOPAL HABITAT HOUSE - MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY.** The Grace Outreach Committee is looking for someone who would be willing to lead our participation in the building of the Episcopal House X for Habitat for Humanity. The committee has already set aside funds to meet our financial obligation for the house. Therefore, no fundraising would be involved in the project. This year's house will be located in Swannanoa. Construction will take place between October 22 and mid-January. Grace will be asked to provide volunteer labor for several days during that time period, and finding people to work will be part of the ministry. There are also some organizational meetings that take place before construction begins. More than one person could serve as co-chair for the project. If you are interested in taking on the ministry, please call Sue Thompkins at 230-9328.

**SWANNANOVA TRANSITIONAL HOUSING.** This past May, many of you who attend the 9:00 service were privileged to hear music performed by the "Voices of Hope" choir from the Correctional Center for Women. You may be interested to know more:

Ninety-five percent of incarcerated women in North Carolina have experienced physical, mental or sexual abuse prior to incarceration; have had previously undiagnosed or untreated mental illness; have no family support during their incarcerations, or their families and friends are why they turned to crime in the first place.

For those reasons, they cannot go home. The lack of suitable safe housing for those women is a barrier to successful re-entry into society after they are released from prison. The Swannanoa Valley Transitional Housing Committee offers safe housing and supportive resources to help these women make successful re-entries into society. Please take time to learn more about the program at [www.SVTransitionalHousing.org](http://www.SVTransitionalHousing.org). And help with a donation. The residents of the house are currently in need of twin bed sheets, pillowcases, blankets, towels and wash cloths. You may make a donation through Paypal on the website or mail a check to P.O. Box 1591, Black Mountain, NC 28711.

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE LENTEN GO BOX PROJECT!** Grace Outreach would like to thank each of you who made donations to our GO Boxes for Nets for Life. We sent a check for \$823.10 to help with that work.

**ABCCM FOOD DRIVE.** We would also like to thank the members of the parish who donated food to ABCCM. We took twenty-three bags of groceries to them.

## Free Summer Meals for Children



Buncombe County Schools are offering FREE lunches, and in some cases breakfasts, from June 17 - August 9, to children ages two to eighteen. No ID is required. The meals will be served at specific times each day, and children must eat at the locations. Locations, dates, and times are listed on the Buncombe County Schools website, [www.buncombe.k12.us](http://www.buncombe.k12.us) and will be updated if changes are made or new sites are added. The original locations and times list is posted on the kiosk in the church foyer.

# Feast Day of St. Mary Magdalene

The Episcopal Church celebrates the feast day of St. Mary Magdalene or Mary of Magdala on July 22. Mary has been called the second-most important woman in the New Testament after Mary the mother of Jesus. She traveled with Jesus as one of his followers, and she was present at Jesus' two most important moments: the crucifixion and the resurrection. Within the four Gospels, she is named at least twelve times, more than most of the apostles. The Gospel references describe her as courageous, brave enough to stand by Jesus in his hours of suffering, death and beyond.

In the New Testament, Jesus cleansed Mary Magdalene of "seven demons," sometimes interpreted as referring to complex illnesses. Mary was most prominent during Jesus' last days. When Jesus was crucified by the Romans, Mary Magdalene was there supporting him in his final terrifying moments and mourning his death. She stayed with him at the cross after the male disciples (except John the Beloved) had fled. She was at his burial, and she is the only person to be listed in all four Gospels as first to realize that Jesus had risen and to testify to that central teaching of faith.



Also celebrated in July, the feast day of St. James the Apostle, July 25.

## Healing Prayer Corner

*Jeane Robertson*



*Jack and Anna Marie Sheffield*

**Healing Winds In September.** Our nineteenth annual Healing Winds conference, sponsored by the Order of St. Luke (OSL), the River of Healing Chapter in Hayesville and the Mountain Chapter in Asheville, will be held Friday through Sunday, September 27-29, at Lake Junaluska.

The theme of the conference will be "Living Radiantly in Dark Times." The Rev. Jack and Anna Marie Sheffield will lead us in understanding how to be empowered by the Spirit in our personal lives and in our ministries of healing in our OSL chapters and in our churches. "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the GLORY of THE LORD rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but THE LORD rises upon you and HIS GLORY appears over you." (Isaiah 60:1-2)

The Rev. John Rice will be our conference chaplain. Marji Elzey, our music worship leader, has blessed us at Lake Logan with wonderful worship music, and we look forward to her ministry. She is also a mime and a storyteller, and she writes and records her own music.

For hotel reservations, contact Lake Junaluska directly for housing at the Terrace Hotel (site of the conference) at 1-800-222-4930. The rooming fees include meals. The cut-off date is August 30, and there will be no refunds after August 29.

Program fees are \$50 per person before August 30, and \$75 per person after that date. There will be no refunds after September 1. There are brochures in the church foyer. If you have questions, please contact one of our prayer ministers about the wonderful opportunity coming in September.



*John Rice*

# Dear Mrs. Rudd

*In memory of Theda Rudd*



Theda Rudd, age 43, passed away on Wednesday, June 5, at Mission Hospital. A much-loved member of Grace, Theda was also a teacher at Asheville High School. In her work, she touched many young lives, as was evidenced when family, friends, colleagues and students gathered at Grace on June 10 to celebrate her life. The following was written by one of those young people, and because it so beautifully captures the joy and energy with which Theda lived her life, we wanted to share it with you.

*Dear Mrs. Rudd,  
I don't remember the last time I saw you  
Or the last words we shared together  
But if I had known,  
I would've told you that you did more than  
teach me  
how to find myself between the wrinkles of  
an old and stubborn language  
More than teach me to listen carefully to the  
cracked spines of books  
And see blank-pages as eyes given to us to  
better see God  
You did more than relieve the growing pangs  
of peer pressure that traveled through your door  
You taught me how to live like each moment  
is summer  
See, when you took the scars of a double  
mastectomy  
And saw them as lilacs blooming in the  
door-yard of your heart  
You showed me what it meant to be an optimist  
Because every moment that cancer lived in  
your body you had every right  
To want to burn the world for growing,  
as you withered  
But you didn't, you let each moment spread  
like shamrock seeds.  
And watched as they broke, burst and*

*blossomed into firework finales of green  
Even as winter grew in you  
You lived in an endless summer  
You knew that the only place you could stop  
cancer from growing was in your soul  
That if you kept moving forward, the cancer  
in your footprints would never penetrate the  
calluses you'd built around your soul  
You knew that it was your choice to wrap  
yourself in warm breezes as you did to be  
blown down by callous winds  
You showed me that, even though you  
couldn't control the duration of your life,  
You could control the quality of it  
You taught me to hold onto this moment  
To wrap my fingers twice around today  
But never break eye-contact with tomorrow  
It was the first day of summer when winter  
claimed your body  
You gave us your soul so that it could  
spread in us like shamrock seeds  
And you could watch as we break, burst,  
and blossom into firework finales  
  
You were more than just a teacher to me,  
You were a friend  
And with all my heart, I will miss you.*

*Colin Miller  
SILSA 2013 Graduate*

# New Editor for Grace Team

*Gary Coffey*

You may or may not know that James Cannon has been the Editor for our *Grace Team* monthly newsletter for several years. As you can tell from the quality of the publication, he has done an excellent job and we are grateful to him.

James was thinking, however, of giving up the job as editor of the *Team* to pursue other ministry opportunities. And lo and behold, Kim Hayes became available to take over as editor! Kim has actually produced the last two issues.

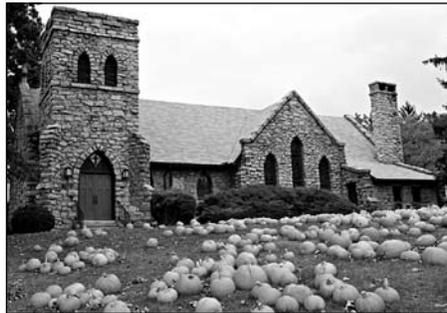
So I am reporting the seamless transition from James as the former editor to Kim as the present one. We are thankful to both of them for their service. If you have ideas about the *Grace Team* or articles that you would like to have included, please contact Kim at 230-3777 or by email at kimhys53@gmail.com.

# Pictures Worth a Thousand Words

*Kim Hayes*

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to serve my church family. And thank you to James, Becky, Gary and Eva for mentoring me along for the first few issues of the *Team*. I look forward to the months ahead.

That being said, I hope each of you will feel free to share your thoughts with me about what might make your newsletter more informative, interesting and useful. In particular, I would love to see the photos you take at Grace. Nothing tells a story better than pictures of happy faces, lively social activities, or people at work in their special ministries. I know there are some excellent photographers at Grace, and I encourage you to snap a shot when appropriate. I'll include your work in the *Team* whenever possible. Below are some favorites from past issues.



# July 2013 Ministry Schedule

Date	Service Time	Acolyte C	Acolyte G	Acolyte E	Lector, Intercessor & Presenters	Healing Team	Ushers	Chalicists	Coffee Hour	Service Time
<b>July 7</b>										
	7:45				L - Hugh Vaughn I - Vicki Vest P - Vest Family	Deb Gravatt	Ed Duncan	James Cannon		7:45
	9:00	Catherine Cullen	Helena Cullen	Cuyler Dupree		Louise Wernicke Patricia Hargrove	Ray & Wendy Kuykendall	1. John Woodson 2. Zoe Davis	Elaine Dephouse	9:00
	11:15	Rusty McCredie	Mary Withers	Eric Howell	L, I, P - Mark Silvers & Lyn Burkett	Pat Davis Karen Compton	Ron Sims Ed Woekener	1. Eric Howell 2. Mary Cozine	Sallie Hunter	11:15
<b>July 14</b>										
	7:45				L - Charles Milling I - Joyce Milling P - Milling Family	Deb Gravatt	Steve Jones	James Cannon		7:45
	9:00	Cade Wooten	Cheryl Deyton	Louise Wernicke		Alternate Jeanne Robertson	Tricia & Mickey Trinite	1. Greg Townsend 2. Cuyler Dupree	Cuyler Dupree	9:00
	11:15	Cheryl Aull	Mel Luedtke	Sally Withers	L, I, P - Nancy & Cal Remmers	Corinne Spencer Mary Israel	Ron Sims Ed Woekener	1. Bill Spencer 2. Sally Coburn	Lilia Cort	11:15
<b>July 21</b>										
	7:45				L - Melissa Comer I - Debbie Jones P - Jones Family	Deb Gravatt	Andrew Dahm	Margaret Dahm		7:45
	9:00	Zoe Davis	Gavin Knapp	Cuyler Dupree		Pat Davis Jane Whitman	Jim Siemens Larry Harris	1. Carol Booth 2. Jenny Knapp	Paul Vest	9:00
	11:15	Rusty McCredie	Bob Grimes	Lani Anderson	L, I, P - Rusty McCredie & Elaine Potter	Karen Compton Lyn Burkett	Paul Stewart Elaine Potter	1. Mary Cozine 2. Sally Withers	Peggy Grimes	11:15
	Taizé 8:00 PM				I - James Cannon P - Henry Watts	Deb Gravatt				Taizé 8:00 PM
<b>July 28</b>										
	7:45				L - John Woodson I - Beth Woodson P - Woodson Family	Deb Gravatt	Jim Black	Jack Frue		7:45
	9:00	Cheryl Deyton	Noah Clay	Cuyler Dupree		Jeanne Robertson Shari Lane	Kaderabek Family	1. Jennifer Clary 2. Greg Townsend	K. Kaderabek	9:00
	11:15	Mel Luedtke	Sally Withers	Bob Grimes	L, I, P - Nancy & Cal Remmers	Lyn Burkett Sonny Rawls	Larry & LuAnn Harris	1. Carol McMichael 2. Bill Spencer	Georgi Bruce	11:15

Date	Counters	Depositors	Date	Flower Arrangers	Altar Guild
<b>7-Jul</b>	Steve Birkhofer	James Cannon	<b>7-Jul</b>	Israel	<b>Group 1 - July 6 - July 12</b>
<b>14-Jul</b>	Martha Boyette	Judy Bohan	<b>14-Jul</b>	Dawson, Buchanan	<b>Group 2 - July 13 - July 19</b>
<b>21-Jul</b>	Sally Withers	Hugh & Chal Vaughn	<b>21-Jul</b>	Dawson, Buchanan	<b>Group 3 - July 20 - July 26</b>
<b>28-Jul</b>	Maryli Perkins	Anne Simmons	<b>28-Jul</b>	Jones, Cozine	<b>Group 4 - July 27 - August 2</b>

# Our Prayer List

July

We publish the Parish Prayer List each month so you may include those listed in your daily prayers. We have included the last names of people with their permission, so you will have a better idea for whom you are praying and so you can contact that person if you desire.

*For Parishioners:* **Sally Coburn; Sherry Coward; Mary Cozine; Eunice Ferguson; Buddy Greenwodd; Jess Gregory; Olivia & the Haller family; Mary Hayes; Ashley Israel; Shari Lane; Rita Lyda; Dot Morgan; Alice Moriarty; Maryli Perkins; Barbara Seagraves; Corinne Spencer; Carla & Jim Standingdeer; Grace Walker; Lucinda Watkins.**

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

*For Others (names to stay on for four weeks; call the church office to keep names on the list for a longer time):* **Eric Abilmona** (brother-in-law of Wendy Kuykendall); **Thomas Barr** (son of Tom & Liz Barr); **David Bell** (brother of Tricia Hargrove); **Margaret Buncick** (mother of Marella Buncick); **Chris Carson** (son of Martha & Randy); **Debbie D.** (friend of Lynda McCredie); **Jan Larson** (friend of Kathleen Griffin); **Kelli Davis** (daughter of George & Pat); **Mario DiMarzio** (friend of Lyn Burkett); **Margie Eblen** (daughter of Bobbie); **Sonny Enloe** (friend of Mary Israel); **Ruth Ann Fair** (mother of Greg Townsend); **Wesley Garbee** (friend of Charlotte & Travis Chiott); **Sarah Garcia** (daughter of Nancy Fergusson, niece of John & Lelia Cort); **Shawn Gaddis; Steve & Janet Gordon; Natt Hall** (brother of Nora Jones); **Judy Hinman** (sister of Barbara Wilcox); **Sheri Hoffman** (cousin of Lynda McCredie); **Karen Kaforey** (daughter of Micki & Fred Newton); **Meg Karayiannis** (niece of Nancy Ackermann Cole); **Don & Kristi Kitchens** (brother & sister-in-law of Cheryl Aull); **Jim Monroe; Forrest Renfro** (grandson of Becky Barker); **Jennifer Svenstrup** (friend of Paul & Vicki Vest); **Catherine Thomas** (friend of Randy & Martha Carson); **Janet Thomas** (mother of Jenny Thomas); **Harriet Thompson** (mother-in-law of Kelly Thompson); **Sandra Tweed** (friend of Katherine Kaderabek); **Bonnie Wiggen** (daughter of Nancy Remmers); **Amanda Williams; Alicia; Tara** (daughter of Shari Lane); **Clyde; Ellen, Elizabeth; Evelyn** (friend of Jim & Karen Compton); **Julie** (daughter of Rita Spragg); **Lisa** (niece of Betsy Sherman); **Richard; Sue; Susan; Will; for those among us who are cold, hungry or homeless; for all those affected by our struggling economy.**

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

*For Those Who have Died and their Families:* **Theda Rudd**

*For Those in Service to Our Country:* **Mic Ball** (grandson of Judy Morris); **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); **Marty Hawks** (son-in-law of Joy & Carl Markey); **Jon Holland** (parishioner); **Spencer & Erica High; Gregory Melson** (grandson of Charlotte Melson); **Daniel Schultz** (son of Judy Rhodes); **Karl Tenney** (nephew of Chuck & Barbara Wilcox); **Sydnor Thompson** (husband of Kelly Thompson); **Fr. Rick Tiff** (friend of Ray & Jeanne Robertson).

*For our President Barack Obama, his Cabinet, Congress & our Country; for Sandy Hook victims, survivors and families; for peace & resolution of conflict in the Middle East & throughout the world; for victims of Hurricane Sandy & the Oklahoma tornadoes; for the people of Haiti & Durgapuhr, India; for those who bring rescue & relief; for raising world awareness; for victims of the disaster in Russia & the earthquake & tsunami in Japan & other areas; for rain across the earth; for better stewardship of water.*

## July Anniversaries

Bob and Barb Bell	4
Doug and Jean Haldane	9
George and Pat Davis	13
Wade and Lily Elder	13
Larry and LuAnn Harris	24
Jack and Terri Frue	26

## July Birthdays

1 Debbie Jones	21 Zachary Hunter
3 Babs Armstrong	21 Judy Warner
3 Stuart Bell	22 Catherine Godfrey
3 LuAnn Harris	23 Kevin Vest
4 Eva Dupree	23 Lily Wolfe
4 Sonny Rawls	24 Kristen Dusenbery
5 Cassidy Bell	24 Mary Ida Sprague
5 Emmie Lou Elder	25 Cate Scales
8 Brenda Haller	25 Diane Wilkey
9 Louise Wernicke	26 Jim Compton
10 Chal Vaughn	26 Ashley Israel
11 Susan Sparger	26 Frank Wartman
13 Bobbie Blackburn	27 Faith Valley
13 Tess Carter	28 Martha Carson
13 Shari Lane	29 Ian Calabria
13 John Woodson	29 Jim Clark
15 Glenda Sanderson	29 Paul Jordan
17 Elaine Dephouse	30 Jim Black
17 Fred Newton	30 Kippy Comfort
19 Ingrid Adelsbach	30 Keegan Lyda
19 John Sanderson	30 Patrick Young
21 Noah Clary	31 Ed Denison
21 Bill Costenbader	31 Bobbi Holland

## Gifts for All of Us to Appreciate

The Aumbry candle for July is given by Dan Dupree in memory of his great-grandmothers Aegina Derieux and LaGrange Trussell and his great uncles John Gantt and Richard Dupree.

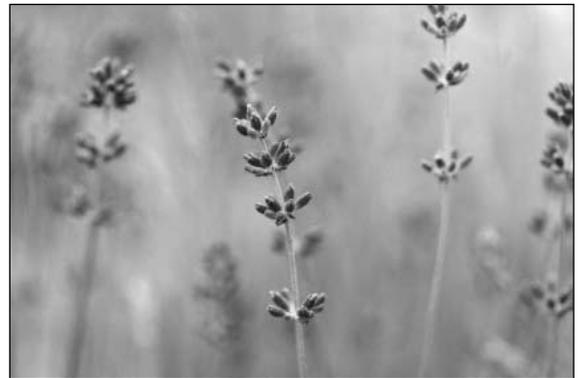
The flowers for May are given to the Glory of God by

daughters Ginny Shew, Anne Simmons and Betty Bear in memory of John L. Simmons;

Dan and Cuyler Dupree in memory of their grandparents and in memory of Andrew Lewis;

Linda H. Crawford in memory of Albert Walker Hargrove;

Elizabeth and Richard Krueger in memory of their parents Clara and Edmund Felt and Lee and Theodore Krueger.



## July Endowment Fund Honorees and Contributors

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

Walt and Joyce Noble;

Pat Vest, in loving memory of Theda Rudd.

# July at a Glance

## Weekly Gospel Bible Study

*Mondays, 10:30 a.m., PH*

## Early Birds Men's Book Study

*Tuesdays, 8:00 a.m., LI*

## Centering Prayer

*Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m., OF*

## Purls of Grace

*Thursdays, 6:30 p.m., LI*

## Generational Healing Eucharist

*Tuesday, July 2, 7:00 p.m., CH*

## Independence Day – Church Office Closed

*Thursday, July 4*

## Men of the Church

*Tuesday, July 9, 6:00 p.m.*

## Healing Prayer Services

*Tuesdays, June 9, 16, 23 & 30, 7:00 p.m., CH*

## TEAM Meeting

*Wednesday, July 10, 11:00 a.m., OF*

## Steadfast House Meal

*Friday, July 12, 6:00 p.m.*

## Vestry Meeting

*Monday, July 15, 5:30 p.m., LI*

## Broughton House Lunch

*Thursday, July 18, 12:00 noon, PH*

## Taize Worship Service

*Sunday, July 21, 8:00 p.m., CH*

## Bele Chere Episcopal Booth

*Friday – Sunday, July 26 - 28*

# Healthy May

A refreshing May resulted in over-budget pledges of \$3,374. That positive variance brought year-to-date pledges to \$7,411 under budget, down from \$10,785 under budget for the first four months of the year. Non-pledged and open offerings were close to budget and brought the month's total contributions including pledges to \$3,070 over budget.

When combined with building income and all other income, total May income was \$3,070 over budget. Total parish expenses for the month fell \$6,925 under budget because of the timing of needs. That positive expense variance, when combined with May's positive income variance, resulted in a total positive variance of \$9,995 for the month.

Year-to-date total income was \$175,254 or \$10,839 under budget and total expenses are \$174,489 or \$11,605 under budget resulting in net year-to-date income of \$766. Going forward, as expenses come due, it is our hope that contributions will be in line to meet them.

Your Vestry

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Over/Under</u>
<b>Income:</b>			
Pledges	142,589	150,000	(7,411)
Prior Year Pledges	1,030	-	1,030
Non-pledged Offering	19,824	21,198	(1,374)
Open Offering	4,644	5,000	(356)
Interest	77	104	(27)
Misc.	7,090	9,791	(2,701)
<b>Total Income:</b>	<u>175,254</u>	<u>186,093</u>	<u>(10,839)</u>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Outreach/Mission	18,784	24,243	(5,458)
Parish Programs	5,002	6,042	(1,040)
Operations	24,970	28,084	(3,113)
Personnel	125,732	127,726	(1,994)
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<u>174,489</u>	<u>186,094</u>	<u>(11,605)</u>
<b>Income - Expense:</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>767</b>
<b>(rounding)</b>			

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- *Our Bele Chere Booth*
  - *A Tribute to Theda*
  - *Worship at Lake Logan*
  - *Pig Pickin' Date Set*
  - *And of course... "Parson to Person"*
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to each a ministry

**TEAM**

*the Grace*

