



# *the* Grace TEAM

to each a ministry

JULY 2014

## Parson to Person

Gary Coffey

### Grace Episcopal Church

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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,

Here we are approaching the middle of summer. Our mountains take on a lush beauty at this time of the year. When Astrid and I lived in Iowa and we would come to visit my parents in western North Carolina, I remember that the lushness of the vegetation was striking. Coming from the parched Midwest, where all the grass that's not watered turns brown during the summer, it was amazing and wonderful to come home to where everything is so green at this time of the year. Let's get outside and enjoy it.

I want to say a word about summer church attendance. And as I do so, I am so incredibly thankful that what I have to say has everything to do with grace and absolutely nothing to do with guilt. Our God is a God of grace and abundance. God, in my opinion, has no intention of controlling us, God's children, with guilt or fear of retribution. Jesus came to invite us into the abundant life of forgiveness and grace. Rather than constantly warning us of the danger of dying of thirst in the desert of a sinful existence, God invites us into the flowing living waters of grace and forgiveness. That way, when we *do* sin, Jesus comes to us, reaches down His hand, pulls us to our feet, forgives us and walks with us toward the refreshing waters which He has for us.

Regarding summer attendance at church, I recommend it to you. When you are in town on a Sunday morning, come join us for worship. Why? Because we are fed by God in worship. We hear God's Word read and talked about, and God speaks to us through it. We receive Jesus in the bread and wine of Holy Communion. How can receiving Him not

strengthen us for the coming week? We are encouraged by all the others who are present in worship and are reminded that we are not alone in our life of faith. What is the downside to showing up for worship on a Sunday morning? I don't think there is one.

I think the temptation for us is to take the summer off from church because we need a break from the Sunday routine. In my opinion as your priest, this is absolutely not true. It is our wonderful God who feeds us and who sustains us in this life with God's presence. One way in which God feeds us is in our worship of God. To say we need a break from God is like saying a breastfeeding infant needs a break from the loving embrace and care of his or her mother. Like all temptations, it is something that kind of seems to make sense, so we are apt to be tempted by

it. But, if we resist it, God rewards us with an even deeper experience of Love.

So, in closing, God will love you more than you can imagine if you come to church this summer, and God will love you more than you can imagine if you *don't* come to church this summer. The experience of the faithful for hundreds of years says you will benefit from coming to worship God whenever you are able. It is the beauty of creation, the warm temperatures of summer and time off with those we love, not staying away from worship, that help us be re-created during this season.

Blessings and Peace,

Fr. Gary Coffey

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# Events at a Glance

## Weekly Gospel Bible Study

*Recessed for summer*

## Early Birds Men's Book Study

*Tuesdays, 8:15 a.m., LI*

## Centering Prayer

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

## Healing Prayer Service

*Tuesday, July 1, 7:00 p.m., CH*

## Pick Up BBQ Orders

*Weds. & Thurs., July 2 & 3, 4:00-7:00 p.m., PH*

## Purls of Grace

*Recessed for summer*

## Independence Day - Church Office Closed

*Friday, July 4*

## Men of the Church

*Tuesday, July 8, 6:00 p.m.*

## TEAM Meeting

*Wednesday, July 9, 11:00 a.m., OF*

## Broughton House Lunch

*Thursday, July 10, noon, PH*

## Steadfast House Meal

*Friday, July 11, 6:00 p.m.*

## PubSing

*Sunday, July 13, 5:00 p.m. Potluck; 6:00 p.m. Singing*

## Taizé Worship Service

*Sunday, July 20, 8:00 p.m., CH*

## Order of St. Luke Program Meeting

*Next meeting Thursday, August 14*

## Vestry Meetings

*Next meeting Monday, August 18*

### Broughton House Lunch

We will provide lunch for the residents from Broughton House on Thursday, July 10. Margaret Dahm will plan and cook for the event, but volunteers are needed to set tables, serve, ice cakes, mash potatoes and call the Bingo game. Please let Margaret know if you can help. Her phone number is 254-2772, or email her at margaretdahm@yahoo.com. We are also collecting Bingo prizes. Please leave prizes in the office or in the basket in the foyer. No sharp pointed items please.

# Parish News

The **Altar Guild** campaign resulted in five new members who are already busily engaged with Altar Guild duties. We can always use a few more members, so if you have a spare hour on the weekends, give Jean Haldane a call at 253-9085.

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

**Former Choir and Handbell Choir Members:** Please return any vestments you may have to the church office as soon as possible!

Congratulations to **Devon Kalai Myers**, granddaughter of Sherry Coward. She is a recent honor graduate of Gainesville High School in Florida. She will attend the University of Florida to pursue a degree in medicine.

Please turn in your checks for **Food for the Poor and Starfish Coin Boxes**. Our treasurer will send them a check soon.

**Jenny Knapp** is a Grace parishioner who is gifted and trained in music. She has openings to teach music to adults and children. If you are interested or would like additional information, please contact her at 280-6361.

The **Men of the Church** will meet on Tuesday, July 8 at 6:00 p.m. at the home of John Woodson, 1178 New Stock Road, Weaverville. John will be our host and cook. The cost is \$10.00. Please sign up on the blue sheet on the kiosk in the foyer.

The next **Order of St. Luke** program meeting will be Thursday, August 14, at 6:30 p.m. Mark your calendars for the resumption date.

The **OSL Healing Prayer Services** will be offered on only the first Tuesday of each month during the summer — July 1 and August 5.

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

Don't miss **PubSing**, an informal gathering on the second Sunday of each month to sing hymns, old-time Gospel and Americana inspirational music. We meet this month on Sunday, July 13, at the French Broad Brewery, 101 Fairview Avenue for a potluck supper at 5:00 p.m.; singing at 6:00. **For more information contact Monty Wooten at info@forestguide.com or 828-254-1114. For directions go to <http://frenchbroadbrewery.com/directions/>.**

# Soup Supper Annual Report

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The first annual report of the **North Asheville Welcome Table** was recently sent to the Diocese's Human Hurt and Hope Committee, which funded the endeavor with a grant for the 2013-14 season. Twenty-one volunteers from our parish served simple soup suppers on thirty Monday evenings beginning September 23, 2013 and ending the season with a final meal on May 19. Several suppers were cancelled because of severe weather when travel was dangerous. Attendance ranged from thirteen to thirty-seven persons served. The cost per meal served was \$3.46 for a total expense of \$2,445.36. We are grateful for the faithful volunteers who have made this ministry possible. We have prayed, learned, laughed and enjoyed our share of soup and fellowship. The Simple Soup Supper Committee plans an August meeting to discuss plans for this fall. You are welcome to attend and offer your ideas. Watch for an announcement of the meeting.

## A New Guild to Beautify Grace Grounds

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Several parishioners have expressed interest in helping to beautify the grounds of Grace and in possibly forming a Garden Guild. If you share an interest, please call Kathleen Griffin at 258-2105 or email her at gkcgriffin7@att.net.

## Farewell, Imogene

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We will say good-bye to Imogene Brown at the end of June when she will move to a condominium near her daughter in Knoxville. Grace has become Imogene's home, and she has developed many good friends and a special closeness with Fr. Gary, Fr. Bob and Dn. Jeannette. Imogene has been instrumental in helping Bill Dismukes develop our Sunday morning Bible study class. She is also a very gifted artist. She created our beautiful "Windows of Grace" Christmas ornaments. Imogene has introduced many of us to Ikebana, a Japanese style of flower arranging. She has been very active with the Flower Guild, but we know her best for her beautiful and inspirational Ikebana arrangements in the library. She created many of the pottery containers used for those arrangements. Sadly, the arrangement for the last week in June will be Imogene's last at Grace. We wish her much happiness in this new chapter of her life, but we will miss her very much. Go with our love and God's blessings, dear friend.

*Imogene did not want a reception or much fanfare, but a good-bye call or a big hug will be welcomed. Her new address and phone number will be available in the church office.*

## Grace Outreach

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**Free Meals for Kids This Summer — No Questions Asked!** Summer Meals are available for ALL kids under 18 now through August 8 — no strings attached. While our Backpacker program takes a summer hiatus, the Buncombe County Library, Recreation and Culture Department is partnering with the Buncombe County Schools Child Nutrition Department to provide free summer meals for children. Meals are served Monday-Friday at 11:30 a.m. at all outdoor pool locations, Pack Memorial Library, Fairview Library, Weaverville Library and North Asheville Library. There are no income requirements or registration. Any child under age 18 may come to eat. For more information, contact Lynn Pegg at 828-250-6707 or visit [www.buncombecounty.org/parks](http://www.buncombecounty.org/parks). *Please share this information if you know of children who are hungry this summer.*



## Healing Prayer Corner

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*Jeanne Robertson*

Summer is here and with summer come vacations. You may travel to far-off destinations, or your loved ones may come to our cool mountains for relief from the heat of summer. It is a time for prayers for travel mercies. As my loved ones travel, I pray for their safety both leaving and returning. In my prayers, I will envision them in the car or the airplane, surrounded by God's holy angels. I call upon the angels to deliver my loved ones safely to their destination. My prayer for all of you is for the most holy of travel mercies for you and your loved ones. I pray for you all to be surrounded by God's personal band of angels.

# July 2014 Ministry Schedule

Date	Service Time	Acolyte C	Acolyte G	Acolyte E	Lector, Intercessor & Presenters	Healing Team	Ushers	Chalicists	Coffee Hour	Scripture	Lesson
<b>6-Jul</b>											
	7:45						Jim Black	James Cannon			
	9:00	Daphne Urquhart	Maira Stewart	Zoe Davis	LIP - Hugh Vaughn, Vicki Vest, Vest Family	Louise Wernicke Patricia Hargrove	Kaderabek Family	1. Cuyler Dupree 2. Anne Simmons	Katherine Kaderabek	Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67,	1st Lesson
	11:15	Cheryl Aull	Jonah Silvers	Mark Silvers	LIP - Beth Stahl, Elaine Potter, Sally Coburn	Pat Davis Karen Compton	Mark and Jonah Silvers	1. Alternate 2. Mary Cozine	Sallie Hunter	Romans 7:15-25a	2nd Lesson
<b>13-Jul</b>											
	7:45						Ed Duncan	James Cannon			
	9:00	Cuyler Dupree	Gavin Knapp	Louise Wernicke	LIP - Charles and Joyce Milling	Sherry Coward Jeanne Robertson	Larry Harris Wendy Kuykendall	1. Greg Townsend 2. Jenny Knapp	Micki Newton	Genesis 25:19-34	1st Lesson
	11:15	Rusty McCredie	Sally Withers	Bob Grimes	LIP - Cal and Nancy Remmers	Mary Israel Corinne Spencer	Ron Sims Ed Woelckner	1. Elaine Potter 2. Mark Silvers	Leila Cort	Romans 8:1-11	2nd Lesson
<b>20-Jul</b>											
	7:45						Andrew Dahm	Margaret Dahm			
	9:00	Cade Wooten	Helena Cullen	Cuyler Dupree	L - Angie Cullen I - Debbie Jones P - Cullen Family	Pat Davis Jane Whitman	Tricia and Mickey Trinite	1. John Woodson 2. Zoe Davis	Elaine Dephousse	Genesis 28:10-19a	1st Lesson
	11:15	Sally Withers	Lani Anderson	Eric Howell	LIP - Elaine Potter, Lyn Burkett	Lyn Burkett Karen Compton	Henry Watts Elaine Potter	1. Eric Howell 2. Sally Withers	Peggy Grimes	Romans 8:12-25	2nd Lesson
	Taizé 8:00 PM				I - Monty Wooten P - James Cannon	Deb Gravatt					
<b>27-Jul</b>											
	7:45						Steve Jones	Jack Frue			
	9:00	Cuyler Dupree	Laura Ellington	Zoe Davis	LIP - John and Beth Woodson	Jeanne Robertson Shari Lane	Ray Kuykendall Jim Siemens	1. Carol Booth 2. Ann Robinson	Cuyler Dupree	Genesis 29:15-28	1st Lesson
	11:15	Rusty McCredie	Bob Grimes	Mark Silvers	LIP - Mark Silvers, Mary Cozine	Sonny Rawls Lyn Burkett	Paul Stewart John Rigsby	1. Sally Coburn 2. Bill Spencer	Georgi Bruce	Romans 8:26-39	2nd Lesson

Date	Counters	Depositors	Date	Flower Arrangers	Altar Guild
<b>6-Jul</b>	Steve Birkhofer	James Cannon	<b>6-Jul</b>	Jones, Davis	<b>Group 1</b> - July 5 - July 11
<b>13-Jul</b>	Martha Boyette	Judy Bohan	<b>13-Jul</b>	Israel, Newton	<b>Group 2</b> - July 12 - July 18
<b>20-Jul</b>	Sally Withers	Chal and Hugh Vaughn	<b>20-Jul</b>	Israel, Newton	<b>Group 3</b> - July 19 - July 25
<b>27-Jul</b>	Georgi Bruce	Anne Simmons	<b>27-Jul</b>	Dawson, Israel	<b>Group 4</b> - July 26 - August 1

# 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 may contact that person if you desire.

*For Parishioners:* **Jo Brokenshire; Arnold Clark; Sherry Coward; Eunice & Rhea Ferguson; Catherine Godfrey; Buddy Greenwood; Jess Gregory; Olivia & the Haller family; Mary Hayes; Carol McMichael; Nancy Porter; Nancy Remmers; Doris Rigsby; Martin Shaw; Tsz-yan Snyder; Donna Trimnal; Lucinda Watkins; Chuck Wilcox.**

*For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities:* **Henny Caldwell; Edith Cook; Bob Hall; June Kelley; Neill Mason; Dot Morgan; Frances Payne; Maryli Perkins; Laura Stephens; John Sumner; Jo-An Ward; 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):* **Nancy Bailey & daughters Allison & Kristen** (friends of Barbara Wilcox); **Robert Baker** (father of Donna Trimnal); **Bethany** (daughter of Joan); **Bobbie Bradshaw** (grandmother of Geoff Bradshaw); **Chris Carson** (son of Martha & Randy); **Don Cole; Gladys, Bill & Steve Creasman, Carolyn Creasman** (friends of Chuck & Barbara Wilcox); **Debbie D.** (friend of Lynda McCredie); **Kelli Davis** (daughter of George & Pat Davis); **Bill & Mary Hayes** (parents of Rick Hayes); **Meg Karayiannis** (niece of Nancy Ackermann Cole); **Don Kitchens** (brother of Cheryl Aull); **Roger & Sherry Martin** (parents of Wendy Kuykendall); **Beverly McRee** (wife of Fr. Tim McRee); **Morgan Miller** (friend of Jeanne Sims); **Jim & DiAnne Monroe; Johnny Nettles** (cousin of Eva Dupree); **Cynthia Nolan** (former parishioner); **Dan Powell** (friend of Kathleen Griffin); **Forrest Renfro** (grandson of Becky Barker); **Ann Sparks** (mother of Angela Taylor); **Erik & Susan Stoops** (brother-in-law & sister of Wendy Kuykendall); **Jennifer Svenstrup** (friend of Paul & Vicki Vest); **A. K. Taylor** (friend of Jim Compton); **Harriet & Sydnor Thompson** (mother & father of Sydnor Thompson); **Ashley** (daughter of Henry Watts); **Alicia; Elizabeth; Ellen; Jean & Mary Dee** (sister & cousin of Walt Noble); **Jessica & Coty; Judah & Rachel; Julie** (daughter of Rita Spragg); **Richard; Sue; Susan; Will; for all those affected by our struggling economy.**

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

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

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

## July Anniversaries

Bob and Barb Bell	4
Doug and Jean Haldane	9
Mark and Shannon Wall	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 Noah Clary
3 Stuart Bell	21 Zach Hunter
3 LuAnn Harris	21 Judy Warner
4 Arnold Clark	23 Kevin Vest
4 Eva Dupree	24 Kristen Dusenbery
4 Sonny Rawls	24 Mary Ida Sprague
5 Cassidy Bell	25 Cate Scales
5 Emmie Lou Elder	25 Diane Wilkey
8 Brenda Haller	26 Jim Compton
9 Louise Wernicke	26 Ashley Israel
10 Chal Vaughn	27 Faith Vallely
11 Susan Sparger	28 Martha Carson
12 Nate Potter	29 Ian Calabria
13 Bobbie Blackburn	29 Paul Jordan
13 Shari Lane	30 Jim Black
13 John Woodson	30 Kippy Comfort
15 Glenda Sanderson	30 Keegan Lyda
17 Elaine Dephouse	30 Patrick Young
17 Fred Newton	31 Ed Denison
19 Ingrid Adelsbach	31 Bobbi Holland
19 John Sanderson	

## Gifts to Appreciate

The Aumbry candle is given to the Glory of God by Jack and Mary Jane Westall in thanksgiving for their children and grandchildren.

The flowers are given to the Glory of God in memory of

John L. Simmons by his daughters Ginny Shew, Anne Simmons and Betty Bear;

Heber Peacock by the Duncan and Drake families;

Albert Walker Hargrove by Linda H. Crawford;

their parents Clara and Edmund Felt and Lee and Theodore Krueger by Elizabeth and Richard Krueger.



## Additional Gifts

Endowment – estate of Pat Vest

# Continued Slow Climb in Pledges

## Statement of Activities - Grace Church Year to Date - May 2014

As of May 31, our year-to-date total income fell \$7,228 short of budget. Income from all sources for the five months ending May 31 was \$182,113, with projected income of \$189,341. Pledged income year-to-date was \$9,871 under budget.

Year-to-date expenses of \$178,362 were \$10,979 under budget primarily due to the timing of future Mission/Outreach and Building and Grounds costs. As we move forward, these budgeted needs will have to be met. As of May 31, the under-budget expenses resulted in a net positive operating variance of \$3,750. As noted, this will approach zero as needs come due.

It is our prayer that all budgeted expenses will be covered for the remainder of the year.

Your Vestry

	Actual	Budget	Variance
<b>Income:</b>			
Pledges	139,713	149,585	(9,871)
Prior Year Pledges	6,510	-	6,510
Non-pledged Offerings	21,630	25,618	(3,988)
Open Offering	3,397	4,167	(770)
Interest	20	63	(42)
Misc.	10,842	9,909	933
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>182,113</b>	<b>189,341</b>	<b>(7,228)</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Outreach/Mission	20,284	23,805	(3,521)
Parish Programs	5,371	5,417	(45)
Operations	25,560	30,271	(4,711)
Personnel	127,147	129,849	(2,702)
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>178,362</b>	<b>189,341</b>	<b>(10,979)</b>
<b>Income Less Expenses:</b>	<b>3,750</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,750</b>



## Endowment Report

*Alex Comfort*

When people start thinking seriously about how to help their churches in the future, some folks turn to life insurance. For a surprisingly low cost, maybe \$25 or \$40 per month, a term life insurance policy with a guaranteed premium for ten years can make a really good gift. Rates can be checked online, and after ten years, you can decide whether to renew the policy at that level or to change it. Just make the church your beneficiary.

One nifty tidbit: nationwide surveys tell us that clergy really like to do that to help their churches.

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