



the Grace TEAM

to each a ministry

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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,

As we approach this coming fall, I am really excited about our pledge drive. That is fantastic for me because for years I have dreaded it. One of my friends/parishioners back in Iowa said to me one September, "Well, I guess it's about time for you to start beating the stewardship drum again!" which, of course, was not a very enthusiastic response to the annual pledge drive!

I think the reason that I have been dreading the financial pledge drive for the last few years is because my attitude about it has been all wrong. I had the mistaken attitude that it was time once again to white-knuckle it through the pledge drive, hoping to convince our parishioners that Grace Church was worth supporting again the following year.

What changed my attitude was when our stewardship recorder Anne Simmons and I watched most of the presentations from this year's National Episcopal Stewardship Conference (The TENS Conference). I was reminded by several of the speakers that financial stewardship or fundraising in the Church is not about getting our people to support the parish budget for another year. Rather, it is about assisting one another in experiencing the joy of giving back part of what our gracious God has provided for us.

There are all kinds of doors through which God asks us to walk in the Christian

faith. There is the "commitment to follow and emulate Jesus" door. There is the "faithfulness to worship" door and the "gaining a working knowledge of Scripture" door. There is the "service to others, particularly those in great

need" door. There is the "participation in the sacraments" door, the "raising our children in the faith" door and of course, there is the "giving money to God" door.

Now, when I mention most of those doors in the above paragraph, we don't usually get very nervous. But when I mention the "giving money to God" door, we might start to squirm. Why is that? It is probably because we are afraid that, if we make a financial pledge to God through the Church, we may not have enough left for ourselves and/or we may be afraid that we, for some reason, won't be able to pay our pledge to the

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Church.

One of the keys to giving to God is remembering that God is faithful, even when we may not be very faithful, ourselves. And because God is faithful, God will provide what we need — what we need to live on *and* what we need to support God's work through the Church (see Luke 6:38).

I hope you will join me this fall in considering the joy of returning to God part of what God has given to us.

Wishing You Much Peace and Joy,
Fr. Gary Coffey

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, August 5, 7:00 p.m., CH

Purls of Grace

Recessed for summer

Steadfast House Meal

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

PubSing

Sunday, August 10

5:00 p.m., Potluck; 6:00 p.m., Singing

Men of the Church

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

TEAM Meeting

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

Soup Ministry Meeting

Wednesday, August 13, 4:00 p.m., LI

Order of St. Luke Program Meeting

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

Lock-In for Youth

Friday, 7:00 p.m. through Saturday 10:00 a.m.,

August 15-16, PH

Taizé Worship Service

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

Vestry Meeting

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

Asheville City Schools Start

Wednesday, August 20

Endowment Meeting

Wednesday, August 20, 5:30 p.m., LI

Buncombe County Schools Start

Thursday, August 21

Rite of Belonging

Sunday, August 24, all services, CH

All-Parish Brunch

Sunday, August 24, 10:00 a.m., PH

Parish News

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

Congratulations to Brian and Jessica Vest on the birth of their daughter Stearnes Elizabeth Vest. She is the granddaughter of Paul and Vicki Vest. She was born on July 14 and weighed in at five pounds, fourteen ounces. May God bless little Elizabeth.

The **Men of the Church** will meet on Tuesday, August 12 at 6:00 p.m. at the home of John Riggsby, 103 Dogwood Drive, 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 **Order of St. Luke** will meet Thursday, August 14, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the parish hall. All are welcome. One does not have to be an OSL member to attend. We continue with our program series, *Jesus' Ministry of Healing Then and Now*. Our August program will be two of the Gospel lessons about Jesus' healing people with leprosy. We will also view a video clip of Christians praying in Eastern Europe for an ethnic group, the Roma, considered outcasts and often referred to as gypsies.

The **OSL Healing Prayer Service** will be offered only on the first Tuesday of this month, August 5.

Join us August 10 for **PubSing**, an informal gathering on the second Sunday evening of each month to sing hymns, old-time Gospel and Americana inspirational music. We will meet at the French Broad Brewery, 101 Fairview Avenue, for a potluck supper at 5:00 p.m. followed by singing 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/>.

MAKE PLANS NOW! The annual **Pig Pickin'** barbeque dinner sponsored by the Men of the Church will take place Saturday, September 6. As in years past, we'll be in the church parking lot at 5:30 p.m. with a live band and some really good food. The meal starts at 6:15 p.m. Please mark your calendars now and plan to come. Tickets are on sale this month, so get yours now and start making plans. *Volunteers are needed.*



Soup Ministry Organizational Meeting

We will meet Wednesday, August 13, at 4:00 p.m. in the library. Please mark your calendars to come to the meeting if you are interested in the Soup Supper Ministry. We will meet to gather ideas, to discuss and to decide the future of the program beginning in September.

All-Parish Brunch and Rite of Belonging

Our next All-Parish Brunch and Rite of Belonging service will take place Sunday, August 24. School will have started and we will be back on schedule for the fall and winter. Please mark your calendars and plan to bring a dish for our brunch during the Sunday School hour at 10:00 a.m. in the parish hall. This is a great time to enjoy fellowship with one another along with lots of delicious food. If you attend the early services, take your food to the kitchen when you arrive. If you need ideas for favorite brunch foods, consider fruit, loaf cakes, bagels, egg and meat casseroles, biscuits, sausage, bacon, pizza slices, cheese snacks or cookies. The vestry will facilitate our brunch.

When we have our All-Parish Brunches, it has become our custom at Grace to also welcome our newcomers both in worship and at the brunch. There is a brief part of the worship services on these Sundays called the Rite of Belonging during which we pledge our support to our newcomers and they to us. If you are new or relatively new, we would love to introduce you to the congregation and to include you in the Rite of Belonging on Sunday, August 24. Please contact Fr. Coffey or Fr. Reese, and we will put your name on the list. Thank you very much!

Adult Sunday Classes

Beginning Sunday, September 7, at 10:10 a.m., the **Pretty Good Coffee and Conversation Class** (in the parish hall) will be viewing a video series called *Embracing an Alternative Orthodoxy: Richard Rohr on the Legacy of St. Francis*. In this just-released study for adults, Fr. Rohr introduces us to an orthodoxy (or right belief) lost to much of the contemporary Christian Church, an orthodoxy rooted in Franciscan theology and practice, an orthodoxy biblically grounded, personally challenging, and ultimately liberating. Fr. Richard Rohr is a globally recognized ecumenical teacher, the author of numerous books, and a Franciscan priest of the New Mexico Province and founder of the Center for Action and Contemplation in Albuquerque. Come join us for this five-session discussion in the parish hall on Sunday mornings at 10:10 a.m. beginning on September 7. All are welcome!

Also beginning September 7 at 10:10 a.m., the **Downstairs Even Better Coffee and Conversation Class** (in the downstairs Conference Room) will be reading together and discussing short weekly segments of Brian McLaren's latest book, *We Make the Road by Walking: A Year-Long Quest for Spiritual Formation, Reorientation, and Activation*. Phyllis Tickle, Episcopal author and speaker, wrote the following about McLaren's book: "One of the most remarkable documents in recent Christian writings... There is no evangelizing here, and no preaching, only a sinewy, but orderly and open, presentation of the faith. The result is as startling as it is beautiful." All are welcome to attend any one or all classes as each class will be somewhat autonomous. Even if you have to miss one or two, it's still worth coming to the others. The first class will be September 7 at 10:10 am. All are welcome!

The **Bible Study Class** (in the library) facilitated by Dr. Bill Dismukes will continue a study of the book of Hebrews, picking up this month with chapter three. Following a brief hiatus around Labor Day, the class will resume. Watch for details in the September *TEAM*.

Rummage Sale Set for October 25

Our annual Rummage Sale is scheduled for Saturday, October 25, 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. We will sort items and put everything out on tables Tuesday through Friday, October 21-24. Please begin saving your clean and gently-used clothing and household items.

As always, we will need lots of volunteers to help during the week and especially on Saturday, the day of the sale. Please mark your calendars now and plan to help us make this another successful sale. Come meet others in the parish as we work together and have fun!

The money raised stays at Grace Church for use at Grace. For information, call Nancy Remmers at 298-9789.

Future of Lake Logan and Camp Henry Considered

Eva Dupree



The Lake Logan Board of Directors has been working to discern God's intent for His ministry at Lake Logan and Camp Henry. In order to improve communication between the diocese and the board, the Lake Logan Board now includes members from the Executive Council and the Fiscal Ministries Committee of the diocese. The diocese needs to generate additional revenue from Lake Logan or to reduce expenses there. The Lake Logan Board has considered many possibilities for the future of Lake Logan.

Members of the board have held "Conversations about the Future of Lake Logan and Camp Henry" in several locations around the diocese. The board members have presented their work and have listened to ideas from members of the diocesan family. The board continues to be open to additional ideas. At

the end of the summer the Lake Logan Board will make recommendations to the Executive Council, the Standing Committee, and the Board of Trustees of the diocese. A resolution will be presented at the Diocesan Convention in November.

The original objective of the diocese in purchasing the Lake Logan property was to secure a new home for Camp Henry. Original expectations were for an expansion of the capacity of Camp Henry, an increase in the number of campers, the availability of additional recreational facilities, and the ability to offer a more complete camping program including the addition of an ecological camp.

The Lake Logan Board has developed the following possible proposals for the future of Lake Logan: to continue current programs and activities, to continue Camp Henry and develop a learning center, to sell the Lake Logan property and relocate Camp Henry, or to sell the west side of the Lake Logan property and keep Camp Henry on the east side of the property.

A learning center might offer outdoor/wilderness programs, contemplative programs, or environmental programs among others. Relocation of Camp Henry would require rental of a site each summer or purchase of a new site.

The proposal to sell the west side of the property and keep Camp Henry on the east side would include plans to expand the capacity of Camp Henry, to develop an alumni association, and to establish an endowment for the camp. Those plans would include building additional cabins, building a large indoor workspace for use during inclement weather, developing additional programs such as rope courses, expanding Camp Henry Outdoor School, and making improvements to the waterfront area and boating resources. The hope would be to include more campers, to increase the number of days that Camp Henry is used, to offer programs for more than one age group per week, and to expand the marketing of the camp through programs such as camp expositions and through additional marketing to other dioceses.

The PowerPoint presentation produced by the Lake Logan Board includes financial information and other additional information:

http://s3.amazonaws.com/dfc_attachments/public/documents/3193942/Lake_Logan_and_Camp_Henry_June_30.pptx.



Back to School for Foster Children. Can you believe that once again it's time to get ready for Back-to-School? In preparation, we will be collecting school supplies for foster children over the next few weeks. This year, we're asking for general donations that will be given to children who have requested the items. We will collect the school supplies and members of the Foster Parents' Association will distribute them. You can find complete lists of needed items requested by the children in the foyer with the display. But if you're eager to get started, here is a partial list of some of the most-needed items: notebook paper (both wide-ruled and college-ruled); pencils; jumbo pencils for kindergarten students; glue sticks; pens with red, blue, or black ink; highlighters; markers; index cards; three ring notebooks in one, two, and three-inch sizes; composition books; spiral notebooks; pencil pouches and cases; protractors and calculators. In addition, backpacks are always needed and appreciated.

School supplies should be brought to the church **no later than Sunday, August 10**. There is a bin for the items in the foyer with the display. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Sue Thompkins at 828-230-9328. The Grace Outreach committee would like to thank you for your support of the project and for caring about the needy foster children in Buncombe County.



Habitat Dedication. The Episcopal House and all the Circle of Faith houses will be dedicated on Friday, August 1 at 3:30 p.m. in Swannanoa. You are all invited to come out for ice cream and watermelon as we dedicate Tracey Corn's new home. All the new homes will be open for visiting.

Parking and shuttle service will be available at Swannanoa United Methodist Church, 216 Whitson Avenue, Swannanoa. For directions to the site, go to www.ashevillehabitat.org. And if you have questions, email Betsy Warren, bwarren@ashevillehabitat.org, or call 828-210-9363.

Healing Prayer Corner

Jeanne Robertson

I was pondering the word "gratitude" during one of my recent quiet times. For what was I grateful? One answer was the word "prayer." But what kind of prayer? That started my mind listing all the types of prayer I can get at Grace Church. Grace is known as a church with a powerful prayer ministry. If you need prayer, what type would you choose? Much would depend on your personality and your needs. Here are some examples of prayer offered at Grace:

- **Sunday morning prayer** at all three services during the time of Communion. It is a brief prayer time designed for any prayer need for yourself or for someone else. All (including children) are welcome to come to the prayer station where two prayer ministers will pray with you to address your prayer need.
- **Soaking Prayer** on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. (second - fifth Tuesdays beginning in September). It is a quiet prayer time. Your requests are written on prayer cards. The prayer ministers stand behind you, read your cards and then pray silently for your requests.
- **Generational Healing with Soaking Prayer** on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. We receive both positive and negative traits from our previous generations. During the service we give thanks for the positive traits and ask God to remove the negative ones. The service is concluded with a time of Soaking Prayer.
- **Healing Service with healing prayers** by Fr. Gary each Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. It is an opportunity to have Fr. Gary pray for healing for you at the altar rail.
- **Healing Prayer Minister at the Taizé service** held on the third Sunday of each month at 8:00 p.m. The Prayer Station is available during the entire service.
- **Individual Prayer sessions.** Several of our Prayer Ministers offer individual prayer times by appointment only for Inner Healing. One of our priests or Becky can set up a time for you to experience Inner Healing.

So you see, there is something for everyone. I urge you to experience prayer in one of these settings. I am grateful that I have choices about types of prayer and times for prayer. I am grateful for the prayer ministers and priests who are willing to listen to our petitions and to bring our needs to our Lord. Come to experience the gratitude experienced from healing prayer.

Catechesis: A Closer Look

We are fortunate at Grace to have an invested team of people who teach our children each Sunday in Sunday school. Our Sunday school curriculum and approach is known as the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS). The approach is designed for students ages three through twelve. Its origins go back to 1954 in Rome, Italy, with the founding of a children's centre known as an "atrium." Our Sunday school classrooms are called "Atrium I," "Atrium II" and "Atrium III" in keeping with the origin of the CGS.

CGS is based on the affirmation that God and child are in relationship. Children have deep needs to experience God and a special capacity to enjoy the presence of God. The task of the teachers within CGS is to help the children live fully the encounter with God. Teachers do this through intense training, preparing an environment that is in keeping with Montessori methods for teaching, and helping the children to understand the holiness of sacred spaces. The lessons and "works" teach about the liturgy, baptism, the Eucharist, the preaching of Jesus and moral formation — all done by discovery at the direction of the children.



In order to be in true relationship with God, God's covenant requires a peaceful enjoyment of God's presence, as called forth by the image of Christ the Good Shepherd. After six years of age, the response extends to action, inspiring a certain quality of behavior. The child is drawn to bear fruit as part of the True Vine, resolving to make a contribution to the history of salvation. After age nine, the child begins to explore the questions that inevitably come as a response to faith. Bible study in the CGS comes at an ordered pace, emphasizing how to use the Bible (book, chapter, verse) and understanding the mystery of the history of the Kingdom of God.

Our team of teachers is dedicated to learning to be Catechists, which requires several years of training. The materials in the Atria have all been created by the teachers, and all lessons are acquired through study and group work. CGS is truly a tradition that is handed down, rather than a curriculum that is purchased or randomly pieced together. We encourage our Grace members to stop by and visit any Atrium...you will be fascinated by what you see.



This past June, Grace Church had the pleasure of hosting the last of the three sessions of Level III Intensive trainings.

*Sunday School classes resume September 7, the Sunday after Labor Day, at 10:10 a.m.
We hope you and your children will participate in what promises to be a great school year.*

Our 2014-15 Atrium Teachers



Matt Englebrecht (3-6 year olds, Level I Atrium), has been a member of Grace Church since 2007, and he lives in Biltmore Lake with his wife and three children. He enjoyed teaching in the atrium last year and is looking forward to continuing in service to the children of the parish.



Shannon Townsend (combined 6-9 year olds and 4th and 5th graders, Levels II-III Atria), has been a member of Grace for almost thirty years and has been teaching for over ten years. She still finds it very rewarding. She and her husband Greg have two sons.

M3! Meaning! Mission! Merriment!

Youth at Grace will kick off the school year with a lock-in at the church, August 15-16. We'll get started at 7:00 p.m. on Friday evening and will finish at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday morning. All youth entering 6th through 12th grades are welcome. Look for more information in the M3! newsletter which will be out later this month.

The lock-in will certainly qualify for the "Merriment!" component of M3! In addition, we'll have service projects throughout the year with local organizations like Children First Communities in Schools and Asheville Greenworks to help us understand the "Mission!" portion of our lives. And of course, our regular Sunday school time will provide some of the "Meaning!" as we study how Christians are to live and work in this world.

If you have ideas for M3! or if you're interested in helping, please contact Daphne Urquhart at 828-273-0273.



Paul and Daphne Urquhart (Middle and High School) Paul and Daphne will be the "every Sunday" teachers for both middle school and high school. Greg Plank, who has done such a great job with high school Sunday school through the years, and others will assist as needed. The group will split into age groups when appropriate or split by gender if that's appropriate for a particular lesson. Otherwise, they'll all pile into the Upper Room and enjoy the combined group. *Don't miss the Back-to-School Lock-In, August 15-16!*

The Sound of Children's Music!

I would like to personally welcome Joanna Best to our staff as our Children's Music Director. She will be working with our children and youth in Sunday School and some of them will be singing, usually on the fourth Sunday of the month, beginning in October. Please join me in welcoming Joanna!

Fr. Gary

Kids of the Kingdom...let's sing songs of praise! Starting in September, each group of Sunday School students (Level I Atrium, Level II/III Atria, and our teen class) will have one Sunday of the month for music with Joanna Best. Joanna has over twenty years of experience with children's music in church and is an elementary music teacher with Buncombe County Schools. She hopes to teach basic musicianship and note-reading, while leading the children in songs they will present in worship each month. The dates for worship singing (with details to be given as the dates draw close) will be: October 26, November 23, December 24 (pageant), January 25, February 22, March 29, April 5 and April 26.

Selected songs will be in keeping with the lectionary and worship format, and Joanna hopes to incorporate student instrument playing as well. Having started singing solos in church at the age of six, Joanna hopes to encourage the children and youth to find value in music participation in worship and how it enhances their faith lives. She will make a special presentation during the children's sermon on September 7 at the 9:00 service. We hope to have lots of children and young people joining in!



August 2014 Ministry Schedule

Date	Service Time	Acolyte C	Acolyte G	Acolyte E	Lector, Intercessor & Presenters	Healing Team	Ushers	Chalicians	Coffee Hour	Scripture	Lesson
3-Aug											
	7:45				LIP - Barbara Wilcox and Bill Crownover	Louise Wernicke Patricia Hargrove	Jim Black Tom and Liz Barr	James Cannon 1. John Woodson 2. Debbie Jones	Paul Vest	Genesis 32:22-31	1st Lesson
	9:00	Gavin Knapp	Helena Cullen	Cuyler Dupree			Ron Sims Ed Woeckener	1. Carol McMichael 2. Mary Cozine	Sallie Hunter	Romans 9:1-5	2nd Lesson
	11:15	Cheryl Aull	Jonah Silvers	Mark Silvers	LIP - Lyn Burkett & Rusty McCredie	Pat Davis Karen Compton					
10-Aug											
	7:45				L - Ray Kuykendall I - Haig Rudd P - Kuykendall Family	Sherry Coward Jeanne Robertson	Steve Jones Paul and Vicki Vest	Jack Frue 1. Scott Best 2. Cuyler Dupree		Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28	1st Lesson
	9:00	Harrison Best	Andrew Best	Daphne Urquhart	LIP - Mark Silvers and Carol McMichael	Mary Israel Corinne Spencer	Mark and Jonah Silvers	1. Sally Coburn 2. Elaine Potter	Lelia Cort	Romans 10:5-15	2nd Lesson
	11:15	Rusty McCredie	Elly Withers	Lani Anderson							
17-Aug											
	7:45				L - Vicki Vest I - Greg Plank P - Plank Family		Andrew Dahm	Margaret Dahm			
	9:00	Cade Wooten	Laura Ellington	Louise Wernicke	LIP - Cal and Nancy Remmers	Pat Davis Jane Whitman	Kaderabek Family	1. Carol Booth 2. Ann Robinson	Elaine Dephouse	Genesis 45:1-15	1st Lesson
	11:15	Mark Silvers	Jonah Silvers	Bob Grimes	P - James Cannon I - Monty Wooten	Lyn Burkett Karen Compton	Henry Watts Elaine Potter	1. Charles Carter 2. Kimberly Kneier	Peggy Grimes	Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32	2nd Lesson
	Taizé 8:00 PM					Deb Gravatt					
24-Aug											
	7:45				LIP - Daphne & Paul Urquhart	Jeanne Robertson Shari Lane	Ed Duncan	Jack Frue			
	9:00	Cade Wooten	Moirra Stewart	Zoe Davis	LIP - Rusty McCredie & Kristen Dusenbery Sally Coburn & Peggy Grimes	Sonny Rawls Lyn Burkett	Tricia and Mickey Trinite Larry and LuAnn Harris	1. Cuyler Dupree 2. Ann Robinson 1. Eric Howell 2. Bill Spencer	Cuyler Dupree	Exodus 1:8-2:10	1st Lesson
	11:15	Rusty McCredie	Sally Withers	Eric Howell					Georgi Bruce	Romans 12:1-8	2nd Lesson
31-Aug											
	7:45				L - Louise Wernicke I - Jeanne Robertson P - Robertson Family		Jim Black	Jack Frue			
	9:00	Noah Clary	Alternate	Cuyler Dupree	LIP - Charles Carter and Kimberly Kneier	Brenda Haller Ann Robinson	Ray and Wendy Kuykendall	1. Jenny Knapp 2. Debbie Jones	Paul Vest	Exodus 3:1-15	1st Lesson
	11:15	Sally Withers	Grace Miller	Bob Grimes		Sonny Rawls Mary Israel	Paul Stewart John Rigsby	1. Mark Silvers 2. Bill Warren	Georgi Bruce	Romans 12:9-21	2nd Lesson

Date	Counters	Depositors	Date	Flower Arrangers	Altar Guild
3-Aug	Steve Birkhofer	James Cannon	3-Aug	Dawson, Israel	Group 1 - Aug 2 - 8
10-Aug	Martha Boyette	Judy Bohan	10-Aug	Jones, Davis	Group 2 - Aug 9 - 15
17-Aug	Sally Withers	Chal and Hugh Vaughn	17-Aug	Jones, Davis	Group 3 - Aug 16 - 22
24-Aug	Georgi Bruce	Anne Simmons	24-Aug	Israel, Newton	Group 4 - Aug 23 - 29
31-Aug	Georgi Bruce	Anne Simmons	31-Aug	Israel, Newton	Group 5 - Aug 30 - Sept 5

Our Prayer List

August

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; Michelle Lee; Carol McMichael; Charlotte Melson; Nancy Porter; Nancy Remmers; Doris Rigsby; Martin Shaw; Leeann Shearouse; Tsz-yan Snyder & family; Donna Trimnal; Lucinda Watkins; Chuck Wilcox.**

For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities: **Henny Caldwell; Edith Cook; Bob Hall; June Kelley; Neill Mason; 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): **Roberta Alexander; Nancy Bailey & daughters Allison & Kristen (friends of Barbara Wilcox); Debbie D. (friend of Lynda McCredie); Jim Chlopek (friend of Sue Thompkins); 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); Emma Octetree; 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); 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 Those Who Have Died and Their Families: **Dot Morgan**

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 across the world.

August Anniversaries

Ray and Jeanne Robertson	3
Bill and Corinne Spencer	3
Roger and Rita Lyda	5
Cal and Nancy Remmers	5
Derek and Elaine Dephouse	6
Paul and Vicki Vest	6
Lyn and Bryan Burkett	11
Gary and Astrid Coffey	11
William and Glenda Sanderson	25

August Birthdays

3 Alyce Patrick	14 Karen Compton
4 Bill Coward	15 Martha Bell
5 Peter Sprague	17 Cheryl Aull
6 Ella Doran	17 Casey Ward
6 Beth Stahl	18 Dorothy Engel
8 Hamilton Cort	18 Anna-Kate Hall
8 Harper Dechant	19 William Sanderson
8 Clara Engelbrecht	20 Jean Haldane
8 Vicky Lopez	20 Hunter Israel
9 Cuyler Dupree	20 Wendy Kuykendall
10 Glenn Cullen	20 Carl Loftin
10 Todd Kaderabek	21 Brad Thorne
10 Micki Newton	24 Will Israel
11 Barb Bell	26 Henry Watts
12 Rita Lyda	27 Jack Frue
12 John Rigsby	29 Mary Regal
12 John Rutland	30 Ron Sims
13 Bryn Whitner	30 Lucinda Watkins

Gifts to Appreciate

The Aumbry Candle is given to the Glory of God by Don Hawkins in memory of his wife Martie.

The flowers are given to the Glory of God

by Katie and Mike Nery in celebration for and thanksgiving for their daughters Natalie and Olivia;

by Ashley and Will Israel in loving memory of Ashley's father, Jon Clifton Witt;

by Joe Aull in thanksgiving for Cheryl, Michael, Da-ae, Bill, Debbie, Harrison, Mallory, and Chelsea;

by Georgi Bruce in memory of her husband, Robert Bruce;

in loving memory of Theresa Sabo;

by the Flower Guild and the Altar Guild in thanksgiving for the clergy and staff of Grace Church.



Endowment Gifts

Jack and Ellen Young in memory of Pat Vest

Mid-Year Looking Brighter

In light of the 5th Sunday in June and the receipt of quarterly pledge payments, total contributions for the first six months of 2014 were \$217,034, coming in over budget by \$1,791. This positive variance would be negative without the 2013 pledge payments of \$6,510 received this year. When considering all other sources of income, year-to-date receipts totaled \$229,718, being over the projected budget of \$227,210 by \$2,508.

Total expenses for the first six months were \$206,557, coming in under budget by \$20,653. This positive variance is largely due to the timing of future budgeted needs in the areas of Mission & Outreach, Parish Programs and Operations.

When considering the \$2,508 positive income variance with the \$20,653 positive expense variance, a positive amount of \$23,161 results. This will decrease as future budgeted needs become due.

Going forward into the second half of the year, our hope is that all needs will be met with continued offerings.

Your Vestry

Statement of Activities - Grace Episcopal Church Year to Date: Jan - June 2014

	Actual Jan - Jun	2014 Budget	Percent of Total Budget Received	Income Left to Receive
Income:				
Pledges	180,568	359,003	50.30%	178,435
Prior Year Pledges	6,510	-	0.00%	-
Non-pledged Offerings	25,885	61,484	42.10%	35,599
Open Offering	4,071	10,000	40.71%	5,929
Interest	33	150	22.06%	117
Misc.	12,650	23,782	53.19%	11,132
Total Income:	229,718	454,419	50.55%	224,702
Expenses:			Percent of Total Budget Expended	Expenses Left to Cover
Outreach/Mission	24,041	57,132	42.08%	33,091
Parish Programs	5,684	13,000	43.73%	7,316
Operations	28,926	72,650	39.82%	43,724
Personnel	147,906	311,637	47.46%	163,732
Total Expenses:	206,557	454,419	45.46%	247,862
Income Less Expenses:	23,161			(23,161)

Endowment Report

Alex Comfort

Two months ago a man involved with a charity in Hendersonville told me that he was going to leave something to the charity in his will. He said that he would speak to his attorney in three months. I asked him about an option whereby he might make the gift and receive a good bit of income yearly, and I asked him if he might be interested in that idea. He seemed very interested and I told him that I'd call him in two months before he saw his attorney.

I called him yesterday just to check in. He told me that he had done some homework on his own and that he had decided not to consider the option that I had suggested (a life income gift). He had not seen to his attorney but had decided just to leave something to the charity in his will.

One of the great things about planned giving options for a donor is that you can consider something and run the numbers with your own financial team (your accountant, broker, attorney, or whomever) to see if that works for you. No one will pressure you. What we are trying to do at Grace Church is to educate everyone so that you will know about some options. If you have a specific question just call me at 691-6135.

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 - School Supply Drive for Foster Kids
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