



the Grace TEAM

to each a ministry

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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
- Healing Prayer Service, Tuesdays
(except 1st Tuesday), 7:00 p.m.;
- Eucharist with Generational
Healing Service every first Tuesday,
6:30 p.m.
- Healing Prayer Service and
Eucharist; laying on of hands for
God's Healing,
Wednesdays, 12:15 p.m.

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 is said that someone was at a Christian gathering once, and when asked to give his testimony, the person responded, "I don't have a testimony. I have never been a Baptist or an alcoholic." To be sure, testimony, words about one's experience of the Divine in one's life, conjures up Baptist gatherings and Twelve Step Meetings.

Several years ago in Adult Sunday School, we studied a book that theologian and Episcopal priest Marcus Borg called, "The most important book of the decade about emerging Christianity and the renewal of mainline congregations." The book was written by Diana Butler-Bass and it is called *Christianity for the Rest of Us, How the Neighborhood Church is Transforming the Faith*.

I was fascinated with how Butler-Bass did her research for this book. She went around to mainline congregations, like Presbyterian, Lutheran, Methodist and Episcopal congregations, that were flourishing and showing signs of life and growth, and she looked for common things that these lively, life-transforming congregations exhibited. She identified what she called the ten sign posts of renewal: hospitality, discernment, healing, contemplation, testimony, diversity, justice, worship, reflection and beauty.

I agreed with Marcus Borg's comment regarding this book, and we read and studied it in Sunday school with great interest. But here's what I think about it in retrospect. Butler-Bass did the work for us. She went out and discovered all these things that were and are working to renew mainline churches, churches in denominations like ours, and she wrote about them. We read them with great

interest, as I said, and then never really thought about implementing any of them. What is wrong with that picture?

One of Butler-Bass's sign posts, testimony, has now popped up again in a book the Vestry is reading together on stewardship. A testimony, for our purposes in the church, is a story about how God has touched us in some way and changed or

transformed our lives. This book that we are reading with the Vestry talks about how people want to be involved with organizations that change lives for the better. They cite the example of a St. Jude's Children's Hospital commercial that begins by showing a little 3-year-old child headed towards death's door and ends with the child playing on her swing set in the back yard. We see a testimony like that and many of us are moved to be a part

of the life-changing work of a place like St. Jude's.

One of the churches that Butler-Bass visited was The Church of the Redeemer, a historic New England Congregational Church in Connecticut. The reserved culture of this church reminded me of us tight-lipped Episcopalians when it comes to talking about our experiences with God.

In one of her final sermons at the congregation, the Rev. Lillian Daniel, citing the apostles in Acts praying for boldness, talked about how their congregation became interested in testimonies. "Words are an earthquake," she proclaims as she begins to recount her church's practice of testimony. In the late 1990's, the leadership

"For us to hear from another person how God has touched his or her life helps us believe that God could touch our lives as well."

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Events at a Glance

A Quick Review of the Month

Weekly Gospel Bible Study

Mondays, 10:30 a.m., PH

Early Birds Men's Book Study

Tuesdays, 8:30 a.m., LI

Holy Eucharist with Prayer for Healing

Wednesdays, 12:15-1:15 p.m., CH

Centering Prayer

Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m., CR

Generational Healing Eucharist

Tuesday, August 1, 6:30-8:00 p.m., CH

Healing Prayer Services

Tuesdays, August 8, 15, 22, & 29, 7:00-8:00 p.m., CH

TEAM Meeting

Wednesday, August 9, 10:00 a.m., OF

Order of St. Luke

Thursday, August 10, 6:30-8:30 p.m., PH

Steadfast House Meal

Friday, August 11, 6:00 p.m.

"Dolphin Bum Bum" Children's Concert

Sunday, August 13, 4:00 p.m., PH

(details on p. 11)

PubSing

Sunday, August 13

snacks 5:30 p.m.; singing 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Men of the Church

Tuesday, August 15, 6:00 p.m., PH

Taizé Worship Service

Sunday, August 20, 8:00-9:00 p.m., CH

Vestry Retreat

Saturday, August 19, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., off-site

Room in the Inn

August 27-September 3, PH & Lower Level

Choir and Bell Rehearsal

Wednesday, August 30, Bells, 6:00 p.m.; Choir, 7:30

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

Choir and bell rehearsals resume August 30, (*read more on p. 6*).

The **Early Birds** meet in the library Tuesday mornings at 8:30 to learn more about the Word through book studies. All are welcome.

The August meeting of **Men of the Church** is Tuesday, August 15, 6:00 p.m., co-hosted by Bill Crownover and Dave Marascio in the parish hall. The cost is \$15, and a sign-up sheet is posted on the kiosk in the foyer. All men of the church are welcome.

Monday Morning Bible Study resumes August 7 at 10:30 a.m. in the parish hall. Facilitated by Fr. Bob, it is a study of the Gospel for the following Sunday. All are welcome.

The Mountain Chapter of the **Order of St. Luke** meets Thursday, August 10, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the parish hall to continue the series "Deepening Our Friendship with the Holy Spirit." The focus will be on the symbols of the Holy Spirit, such as water, wind, and fire, which are given to us in Scripture. They are full of meaning and truth as to what the Holy Spirit comes to do as part of God's plan of salvation. We will pray for each person to receive a deeper infilling of the Holy Spirit. All are welcome. One does not have to be an OSL member to attend. We hope you will bless us by being there!

PubSing is an informal gathering on the second Sunday evening of each month to sing hymns, old-time Gospel, and Americana inspirational music. We will meet this month on Sunday, August 13, at the French Broad Brewery, 101 Fairview Road. You may bring a snack at 5:30 p.m.; singing begins at 6:00. For more information, contact Monty Wooten at montywooten@bellsouth.net or 828-254-1114. Get directions at frenchbroadbrewery.com/directions/.

Grace Covenant Presbyterian and the Unitarian Congregational Church on Charlotte Street are the hosts for **Room in the Inn** August 27-September 3, and have once again asked us to provide space while work continues on renovations at Grace Covenant. We welcome them, and if you would like to get involved, please contact Valerie in the church office, 254-2086 or grace.church.asheville@gmail.com.

Parish News, Updates and Reminders

PASSING THE TORCH. LOOKING FORWARD. Jean Haldane, who has been our Wedding Coordinator for many years, is now handing over coordination of the ministry into the capable hands of Cheri Potter and Elaine Potter, who will be the new Co-Coordinators. It's difficult to thank Jean enough for all she, with the help of her team, has done to build and grow this ministry. Thank you so much, Jean, and welcome, Cheri and Elaine! We're grateful to you both for stepping in to your new roles.

Over the next few months, we'll bring you "testimonials" from wedding committee members sharing why they love being in the wedding ministry. The following is from co-chair Cheri Potter.

SHARING OUR SPACE FOR WEDDINGS IS SPECIAL.

"I am honored and happy to say that both of our daughters were married at Grace. I decided that I wanted to give back to Grace and the Wedding Team for providing such a wonderful service. Each wedding was unique and beautiful. Lindsay and Zane were married in July. The sun came through the windows, after a very heavy rain, and made the whole room light up! After a kiss for luck, the bells shouted "a wedding just happened here!" and we opened the doors to such freshness! Lauren and Casey were married in December, just after Christmas. The sanctuary was decorated with trees, garland and candles in the windows. The setting was so cozy. After their kiss for luck, wedding bells again shouted "a wedding just happened here!" and we opened the doors to snow flakes! What happy days for both girls and now, sons!

Grace Episcopal is such a beautiful and Spirit-filled church. I get a peaceful feeling when I walk into the sanctuary. Sharing this space for weddings is special. How lucky that our church is the beginning place for a couple who have pledged their lives to each other in the presence of God. A wedding is a happy and joyous time. The energy a

wedding brings into our sanctuary sinks into the walls and fills the spirit of our worship space!

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We are looking for more Wedding Team members. The commitment needed for each wedding can be as much or as little as you want. It really is a fun and meaningful way to give back to our church. Please email me if you are interested and want more information!
Cheripotter82@gmail.com



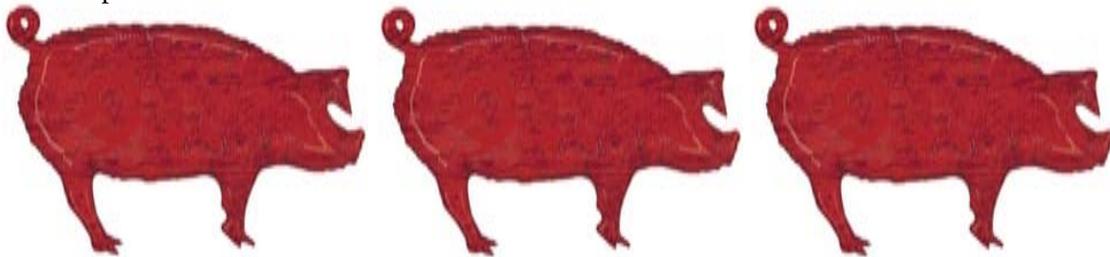
HOST FAMILIES NEEDED.

Asheville Sister Cities International, a local non-profit, is welcoming two young ladies from Valladolid, Mexico to attend Asheville High School for the 2017-2018 academic year. They are still in need of families able to host the students, either from mid-

August to early June, or just for the fall semester. The semester begins August 28, and the students are expected to arrive in mid-August. There is an urgent need to secure families, so if you are interested, or know of someone else who may be interested, please email the Local Program Coordinator, Katie Ryan, at katieleighryan@gmail.com or call at 910-515-9731.

THE PIG PICKIN' IS SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9. YA'LL COME!

The Annual Pig Pickin' Barbeque Dinner, sponsored by the Men of the Church, will happen Saturday, September 9. Tickets are \$12.50 per person or \$37.50 for families of three or more. Admission includes drinks, desserts, and all your favorite pig pickin' trimmings. Leftover pork will be sold as available in quart and gallon bags. Quarts are \$7.50; gallons are \$30.00. Make plans now for this Grace family tradition. Any questions or to order in advance, please call Ron Sims at 255-8894.



YOU CAN SHOP NOW FOR OUR NEXT ABCCM FOOD DRIVE. In the pews on Sunday, **September 10**, you'll find grocery bags and a shopping list for our fall food drive to support the pantry at ABCCM. Fill your bags during the following week and bring them back to church on **Sunday, September 17**. Or if you prefer to go ahead and shop early, ABCCM has requested canned tuna, peanut butter and jelly. Donations may be dropped off in the church foyer. And as always, thank you for your support.



THE ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE, NOVEMBER 4, HOSTED BY THE GRACE CHURCH ECW, is closer than you think, so it's not too early to start de-cluttering right now! If you've already started cleaning out clothes, books, small appliances, jewelry and other items, you have the option of donating early. Just check with the church office for times when our sexton David is available to assist you. And of course, volunteers are also needed! If you are interested in organizing, fixing, or cleaning, please contact Nancy Remmers, calnanrem@msn.com or 298-9789.

Do you feel like your life is cluttered with too much STUFF? Well, here's your chance to de-clutter for a great cause. Proceeds are used by the ECW to provide Camp Henry scholarships as well as grants for other Grace projects. Your support is always a blessing.



DO YOU HAVE SOME EXTRA BUD VASES, ribbons and bows sitting around that you'd like to donate to a worthy cause? Our Episcopal Church Women would like to have a supply to use when members are in hospital. It's always nice to get a visit from a friendly face, and have some beautiful flowers to brighten up the space. If you'd like to bring them to the church, we'll keep them handy for the ECW to draw upon when they need them.

EPISCOPAL HOUSE CONSTRUCTION IS UNDERWAY. As I write this notice for the August issue of the *Grace TEAM*, I am preparing to get some rest before the first day of construction on July 18. By the time this issue hits your mailbox or your computer screen, the house framing will be well underway.

We have done well with early signups for volunteers to help with the construction, but there still may be some opportunities for you to pitch in. Check the signup board in the church foyer, or contact me at jlwoodson@aol.com or 645-4293 if you would like to find additional opportunities to help. You may also look online at the overall construction calendar to see if there are open slots you can fill. This is the link that will take you there: <http://tinyurl.com/episc-habitat>.

John Woodson
Grace Church Episcopal House Coordinator



MORE ABOUT HABITAT FOR HUMANITY:

Habitat Homeownership

- Qualifications: need, willingness to partner and ability to pay
- Approved home buyers contribute “sweat equity” which includes volunteering in the ReStore, office or jobsite and taking classes like Manage Your Money and Basic Home Maintenance.
- Habitat sells homes to home buyers with an affordable 30-year mortgage, serviced by Habitat.

Habitat Home Repair

- Helps eligible low-income homeowners make necessary repairs with affordable financing.

Habitat’s Impact

- Since 1983, 300 houses built and nearly 200 home repair projects completed; 1,350+ adults and children served

How You Can Help

Make a financial contribution through your church

Make your check payable to your congregation and put “for Episcopal House XII” in the memo line.

Volunteer on the construction site

YOU can help build Episcopal House XII! No experience is required and all over the age of 16 are welcome. See your church’s volunteer coordinator to schedule dates.

Volunteer in the ReStore

The ReStore relies heavily on volunteers. Please contact Carrie Burgin at cburgin@ashevillehabitat.org or 210-9381 to learn more.

Donate to, or shop in, the Habitat ReStore

Your contributions to our inventory and your purchases both contribute to Habitat’s overall mission of building safe, decent and affordable houses. ReStore proceeds provide funding for our building programs and help cover our administrative and fundraising costs. Call 254-6706 to learn more, or visit our website.



ashevillehabitat.org

I hope you had a chance to meet Amara McCarson and her family, Carmen and Jace, at church on Sunday, July 16. She is a deserving young lady and is very grateful for our help in getting her a house of her own in which to raise her children. Together we are making great things happen.

Grace Ministries in Action

"Grace Ministries in Action" spotlights reports from our ministry leaders, keeping us informed about the ministries, their programs, and ways in which each of us can get involved. The ministry leaders listed here would love to hear from you.

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Adult Formation

"FIELD TRIP" TO STUDY THE WINDOWS OF GRACE CONTINUES SUNDAY, AUGUST 13! Our stained-glass windows in the Sanctuary tell the story of our faith, while the windows in the foyer bring that story into our contemporary world. Come join us as we finish our "field trip to the Windows of Grace" on Sunday, August 13 between the 9:00 and 11:15 services (there will be no class on August 6).

Buildings & Grounds



Come see the new carpet and paint in our acolyte room and office hallway as well as the office areas, the library, two stairwells, the choir room, and the foyer. It looks great, and so many were involved!

and Eva Dupree. A huge thank you goes to David and Dickie Gentry, as well as to Bobby Grimes, who did a lot of the heavy lifting. And we must also give a mention to "Pops" Gentry, whose hand truck was left to David; it played an important role in making the moving possible.

A big renovation like this takes many helping hands, and we are so blessed at Grace to have such a dedicated group of members who pitch in whenever the need arises. If we failed to mention anyone, please let us know. Thanks so much!

Did you know that our Wedding Ministry contributes over \$20,000 annually to Buildings and Grounds? For every \$1000 billed, \$900 goes to buildings and grounds. With a dozen or more weddings a year (mostly non-member events at \$2000 each), the Wedding Ministry plays a significant role in the life of Grace.

Choir

SEARCH FOR NEW CHOIR DIRECTOR CONTINUES. As you may already know, Joel Rogers, our Choir Director, has accepted a position as organist/choirmaster at St. Mary's, Asheville. As we continue our search to find the right person to lead our Adult Choir and our Handbell Choir, we are delighted to announce that Beth Stahl has agreed to serve as our interim director! Beth will draw on her many years of experience with music at Grace to help make our transition seamless. After a summer hiatus, choir and bell rehearsal resumes Wednesday, August 30, with bells at 6:00 p.m. and choir at 7:30 p.m. Welcome back, Beth. And thank you!

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Fellowship

FOYER: A French word meaning “hearthside” and implying the warmth of a close, small group of friends sharing a common love and concern for each other.

FOYER GROUPS BRING US TOGETHER. Would you like more time to get to know other parishioners at Grace? A chance to socialize outside of the church setting? Foyer groups do that—for all ages, for singles, couples, and families. These small groups are strictly social events: sometimes dinners, sometimes brunches, sometimes in a home, sometimes a meal at a local restaurant. The only constant is the presence of good food and fellowship! Foyer groups are what the members of each group decide to make them. It is a chance to visit and socialize outside of church with people you already know, but more importantly, with people you do not know. For more information about Grace foyer groups, email Sally Withers at sallybwithers@gmail.com.



Outreach

Throughout the summer, we have been sharing more with you about the Outreach ministry at Grace Church—the various programs under the Outreach umbrella, how they function, who they serve and opportunities for involvement. This month, as shoppers begin stocking up on back-to-school supplies, we’re taking a look at our partnership with area foster parents to help meet the needs of area children in foster care.

RESPONDING TO THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE WITH SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND CHRISTMAS GIFTS. Most of the children we provide for through our annual Back-to-School Supplies Drive (this month!) and the Angel Tree Project (during Advent), are wards of the state although some of them have been placed with relatives in kinship placements (meaning they no longer live with their parents and the court has given custody to a relative—often a grandparent). All of the children have been supervised by the Court at some point because their parents, often due to abuse or drug use, are unable to care for them. As budgets have been cut over the years, the amount of money provided to foster parents for school supplies and Christmas presents has decreased making it almost impossible for foster parents to provide the things these children want and/or need. For back-to-school, the Grace Church family helps provide for approximately thirty children. The Angel Tree has grown from twenty children in earlier years to 60-75 more recently. The generosity of the parish over the past two decades has been extraordinary! That being said, please read on...

BTS SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED BY AUGUST 20. Can you donate a box of crayons, a notebook, pencils, paper, or other supplies? Would you consider donating a backpack for a needy student? If so, you can become a part of our village as we come together to provide school supplies to foster children in Buncombe County. These children are in need of additional community support as the families or group homes that are caring for them help them prepare for the new school year. If all of us contribute a little, we’ll be able to help many!

This year, we’re asking you to help us provide basic school supplies to be donated among many children. We are also asking that some families consider donating backpacks specific to certain grades. **Shopping lists** are available in the church foyer, and we’re asking that you please bring all items back to the church by **Sunday, August 20**, for distribution before school starts. Thank you so much for your continued support! **Please take a list!**



August 2017 Ministry Schedule

Date	Service Time	Acolyte C	Acolyte G	Acolyte E	Lector, Intercessor & Presenters	Healing Team	Ushers	Chalicians	Coffee Hour	Scripture	Lesson
August 6											
	7:45						Jim Black	James Cannon			
	9:00	Gavin Knapp	Lauren Kuykendall	Laura Ellington	L, I, P - Ray Kuykernall Jeanne Robertson Kuykendall Family	Louise Wernicke Patricia Hargrove	Ray and Lauren Kuykendall	1. Jenny Knapp 2. Cuyler Dupree	Micki Newton	Exodus 34:29-35	1st Lesson
	11:15	Bob Grimes	Sally Withers	Grace Miller	L, I, P - Mark Silvers Kimberly Kneier	Pat Davis Karen Compton	Larry and LuAnn Harris	1. Charles Carter 2. Kimberly Kneier	Volunteer	II Peter 1:13-21	2nd Lesson
August 13											
	7:45						Ed Duncan	Susan Robinson			
	9:00	Zoe Davis	Aleena Bennett	Louise Wernicke	L, I, P - Bill Crowover Vicki Vest, Crowover Family	Allyn and Joan Aldrich	Tricia and Mickey Trinite	1. Daphne Urquhart 2. Greg Townsend	Elaine Dephouse	I Kings 19:9-18	1st Lesson
	11:15	Jonah Silvers	Mark Silvers	Ellie Silvers	L, I, P - Kristen Dusenbery Nancy Remmers	Marzy Israel Corinne Spencer	Bob Turner Elaine Potter	1. Steve Parker 2. Sally Coburn	Pat Stafford	Romans 10:5-15	2nd Lesson
August 20											
	7:45						Steve Jones	Margaret Dahm			
	9:00	Carsten Path	Tessa Path	Moira Stewart	L, I, P - Paul Urquhart Daphne Urquhart	Pat Davis Jane Whitman	Paul and Vicki Vest	1. Cuyler Dupree 2. Nancy Walters	Cuyler Dupree	Isaiah 56:1, 6-8	1st Lesson
	11:15	Cheryl Aull	Olivia Nery	Eric Howell	L, I, P - Rustie McCredie Elaine Potter	Sonny Rawls Karen Compton	Ed Woekener Elaine Potter	1. Cliff Albertson 2. Eric Howell	Georgi Bruce	Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32	2nd Lesson
	Taizé 8:00 PM				I - Monty Wooten L - James Cannon						
August 27											
	7:45						Jim Black	Jack Frue			
	9:00	Daphne Urquhart	Lauren Kuykendall	Liesl Ellington	L, I, P - Louise Wernicke Cuyler Dupree	Jeanne Robertson Shari Lane	Derek and Wade Edwards	1. Ann Robinson 2. Cuyler Dupree	Paul Vest	Isaiah 51:1-6	1st Lesson
	11:15	Rusty McCredie	Olivia Nery	Eric Howell	L, I, P - Mark Silvers Nancy Remmers	Marzy Israel Sonny Rawls	Ed Woekener Bob Turner	1. Carol McMichael 2. Sally Coburn	Mary Ann Warren	Romans 12:1-8	2nd Lesson
Altar Guild											
Date	Counters	Depositors	Date	Flower Arrangers	Altar Guild						
6-Aug	Steve Birkhofer	James Cannon	6-Aug	Transfiguration Sunday: Dawson (Wedding - Clementis)	Group 1 - August 5 - August 11						
13-Aug	Martha Boyette	Judy Bohan	13-Aug	Jones	Group 2 - August 12 - August 18						
20-Aug	Sally Withers	Chal & Hugh Vaughn	20-Aug	Jones	Group 3 - August 19 - August 25						
27-Aug	Georgi Bruce	Anne Simmons	27-Aug	Newton	Group 4 - August 26 - September 1						

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; Betsy Buchanan; Chris Carson (son of Martha & Randy); **Arnold & Nancy Clark; Bill Crownover; Nathan Crownover (son of Bill and Barbara Crownover); **Ed Denison; Eunice Ferguson; Mary Hayes; Rusk Henry; Mary Israel; Wendy Kuykendall; Straudia & Mel Luedtke; Joyce Noble; Nancy Porter; Elaine Potter; Sonny Rawls; Doris Rigsby; Bill Spencer; Laura & Tsz-yan Snyder; Rita Spragg; Mike St. Clair; Paul, Angela, Harrison & Forrest Taylor; Don Wills.******

For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities: **Henny Caldwell; Mary Hayes** (mother of Rick Hayes); **Lou** (mother of Kim Hayes); **June DeHart; Mary Ida Sprague; Laura Stephens.**

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): **Holli** (friend of Cheryl Aull); **Drew** (nephew of Cheryl Aull); **Teresa Anderson** (mother-in-law of Betsy Buchanan); **Chris Boehme** (son-in-law of Mary Alice Nard); **Deane Boggs** (sister of Joyce Noble); **Sullivan Bull** (friend of Ron & Jeanne Sims); **Paula Burnette** (friend of Don Wills); **Jenn Chenowith** (friend of Joyce & Walt Noble); **Barbara Crowder** (friend of Don Wills); **Rocky Cunningham; Kelli Davis** (daughter of George & Pat Davis); **Stephanie Dill** (friend of Julia Anne Dawson); **Kacie Epley** (cousin of Vicki & Paul Vest); **Al Fadel** (friend of Nancy & Arnold Clark); **Joanne Giezentanner Greene** (friend of Nancy & Arnold Clark); **Danny Hall** (brother-in-law of David Gentry); **Betty** (mother of Beth Stahl); **Priscilla Hickey** (sister-in-law of Barbara Wilcox); **Kathleen Johnson** (friend of Barbara Wilcox); **Jeff Johnston** (cousin of Eva Dupree); **Carol Klein** (friend of Don Wills); **Dot Marlow** (friend of Don Wills); **Phyl Mathias** (friend of Don Wills); **Jim Monroe** (friend of Jeannette & Bob Reese); **Luke** (kindergarten student of Vicki Vest); **Allie Pannell** (niece of Ron and Jeanne Sims); **Janice Ribet** (former parishioner); **Dick Senneff** (friend of Don Wills); **Marcus Trinite** (son of Mickey and Tricia Trinite); **Lara Weaver** (daughter of Jackie Schauer); **Janet Waters** (daughter of Cal and Nancy Remmers); **Wayne Wills** (brother of Don Wills); **Rick Wrenn; Elizabeth; Pam** (friend of Cheryl Aull); **Meg; Patricia; Sue; Susan, Betty, June** (friend of Barbara Wilcox).

Prayers of Thanksgiving: **Barbara Crownover; Fred Macon** (friend of Don Wills); **Esther Pardue** (friend of Don Wills); **Elaine Potter; Alice Smith** (friend of Don Wills); **Cora Ann Thompson** (friend of Don Wills).

For Those Who Have Died and Their Families: **Joan Sanderson.**

For Those in the Episcopal Church: **Michael, our Presiding Bishop; José, Porter & Robert, our Bishops; the clergy; the vestry; the staff; the ministries and people of this parish; Church of the Advocate.**

For Those in Service to Our Country: **Tommy & Danny Brown** (grandsons of Ed & Marla Woeckener); **Dave Ely** (son of David Ely); **Matthew George** (son of Zoe Davis); **Austin Harrison** (nephew of Bill and Glenda Sanderson); **Spencer & Erica High; Jason Marino** (son of Lynda McCredie); **Daniel Schultz** (son of Judy Rhodes); **Caitlin Vest** (niece of Vicki & Paul Vest).

For our President Donald Trump, 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 crises throughout our world.

The Bulletin and TEAM prayer list is one of many prayer lists at Grace. Please get permission from anyone you would like to add to the list and contact Kathleen Griffin at gkcgiffin7@gmail.com or the church office, grace.church.asheville@gmail.com.

August Anniversaries

Bill and Corinne Spencer	3
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Cal and Nancy Remmers	5
David and Liz Marascio	5
Paul and Vicki Vest	6
Derek and Elaine Dephouse	6
Gary and Astrid Coffey	11
Glenn and Angie Cullen	16
Brady and Bobbie Blackburn	20
Judy and Huey Warner	24
Bill and Glenda Sanderson	25

Special Gifts

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 Deacon Jeanette Reese in thanksgiving for Fr. Bob Reese's service to our parish;

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

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

by Georgie Bruce in memory of her husband Robert Bruce;

by Grace Lynn Miller in loving memory of her mother Kimberly McFarland;

by Carol and Steve Booth in loving memory of Theresa Sabo.

August Birthdays

4 Eva Andres-Hsu	13 Bryn Whitner
4 Bill Coward	14 Karen Compton
5 Peter Sprague	15 Martha Bell
6 Ella Doran	17 Cheryl Aull
6 Elaine Potter	18 Dave Ely
6 Beth Stahl	18 Dorothy Engel
8 Henry Donaldson	18 Anna-Kate Hall
8 Clara Engelbrecht	19 Bill Sanderson
9 Cuyler Dupree	20 Jean Haldane
9 Don Wills	20 Hunter Israel
10 Glenn Cullen	20 Wendy Kuykendall
10 Stephen Donaldson	20 Carl Loftin
10 Maria Gentry	21 Brad Thorne
10 Micki Newton	24 Will Israel
11 Barb Bell	26 Sue Dismukes
12 Rita Lyda	27 Jack Frue
12 John Rigsby	29 Ernie Hudson
12 John Rutland	30 Ron Sims



Our thoughts and prayers are with the families, loved ones and friends of The Reverend Earl Werdelin (brother of June, friend of Barbara Wilcox), Pat Woodard, and Joan Sanderson.

Lower Expenses Boost Income Variance

Statement of Activities - Grace Church Year to Date - June 2017

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Income:			
Pledges	167,710	171,521	(3,812)
Prior Year Pledges	550	3,965	(3,415)
Non-pledged Offerings	31,441	23,074	8,367
Open Offering	3,944	6,413	(2,470)
Interest	35	20	15
Misc.	6,679	7,476	(797)
Total Income:	210,358	212,470	(2,112)
Expenses:			
Outreach/Mission	22,448	24,516	(2,068)
Parish Programs	7,009	6,909	100
Operations	34,596	34,868	(273)
Personnel	143,116	146,176	(3,061)
Total Expenses:	207,169	212,470	(5,301)
Income Less Expenses:	3,189	(0)	3,189

Pledge receipts through the end of June totaled \$167,710, compared to projected pledges of \$171,521. Considering all income sources, income received for the year totaled \$210,358 while we projected income to be \$212,470. We ended the month with a negative income variance of \$2,112.

The negative income variance was reduced by expenses less than budgeted amounts by \$5,301. When these savings were applied to the negative income variance of \$2,112, our income less expenses resulted in a surplus of \$3,189 at the end of June.

We continue to encourage prayer and attention to our stewardship efforts.

Your Vestry

Music Concert at Grace for Children of All Ages

Aug 13, 4:00 p.m. (doors open @ 3:30), join Ben Brill and Asher Leigh, a fun, interactive, and playful children's music duo called "Dolphin Bum Bum." "Playfulness and creativity can be sacred acts for children (and adults, too)," say Ben and Asher. Admission is \$5/person, infants are free. Visit the Dolphin Bum Bum FB page, and if you know you're coming, please RSVP to the event page.

FB Music page: [Children's Music Parties and Events by Ben and Asher](#)
Concert Event page: [Music Concert for Children of All Ages](#)



Parson to Person

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realized that Redeemer's people wanted to talk in church and they identified this as "a desire for testimony," to speak about the faith in the context of Sunday worship. In a reserved culture like New England's, "we took a risk on these testimonies." Over five Sundays in Lent, the church heard five different testimonies, each powerful and moving, that opened their imaginations to telling stories of faith. As a result, they adopted a regular practice of testimony. And soon most people—even the most private of these Connecticut Congregationalists—were boldly and ably speaking of faith. "People are changed by giving their testimonies, and we can see the Holy Spirit moving them along," Lillian continues. "I have been changed, too. The practice of testimony was a process of releasing control and risking that testimony could outshine the sermon. The Holy Spirit uses all of us." (*Taken from Christianity for the Rest of Us, c. 2006, Harper Collins Publisher, p. 131.*)

For us to hear from another person about how God has touched his or her life helps us believe that God could touch our lives as well. When we begin to believe that God can touch our lives, our spiritual eyes are more open to see God's hand in our lives.

One's testimony is a powerful thing. I was reminded of a battle scene with Satan in the Book of Revelation where we read that "they conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life, even in the face of death."

I'm thinking that testimonies would be a powerful thing in our little church. Because we are on a tight Sunday morning service schedule, we would probably need for those giving their testimonies to write them out and read them. But think of what God could do as one person bears witness to the goodness of God and thereby encourages and emboldens others to do so.

Would you pray about this with me? And if you have ideas, I would love to hear them. Thank you!

Grace and Peace,
Fr. Gary Coffey