



# the Grace TEAM

to each a ministry

SEPTEMBER 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,

As you might guess, I am always on the lookout for ways to advance in our spiritual lives and in our relationships with God. In my preparations for an adult Sunday school class which will begin on September 8, I came across an approach that I think will be of value. The class, to be held in the conference room downstairs, is called *Guarding Your Child's Heart* and was developed by Dr. Gary Smalley, a well-known Christian psychologist who has written many books about love, parenting and family life.

As Dr. Smalley describes it, he had done so well for so long, he had started to "believe his own press," which is always dangerous. Then, at age 62, he had a serious heart attack that got his attention. The result was, as I understand it, that he discovered he might not be as great and wonderful as he had thought he was! His psychologist son introduced him to a method of scriptural reflection and meditation that he says has changed his life.

What it involves is, for lack of a better way of describing it, hiding God's Word in our hearts. The way he did that was to write a verse of Scripture on a three-by-five card and carry it with him throughout the day, taking time to read it and to think about it whenever he had a chance. In his experience and in the experience of others with whom he has worked, that simple approach has helped them to be more centered in God and to overcome, or to begin to overcome, many of the "besetting sins" in their lives. Besetting sins are those problems such as greed, selfishness and lust that we may have tried to overcome in our lives but that we have been unable to conquer.

I think there may be a number of

categories we could use for those besetting sins, but the four Smalley has identified are just fine. They are pride, lust of the eyes (love of the world), lust of the flesh (selfishness), and ungratefulness. Smalley maintains that all those temptations and sins we face can be categorized in one of those four beliefs or harmful practices.

The way we overcome those four negative beliefs is by developing the four positive beliefs that oppose them: humility over pride, loving God over loving the world, loving others over selfishness, and thankfulness over ungratefulness.

You can think of the heart as having two

paths, the path of those four fear-based negative beliefs and the alternate path of the four love-based beliefs. As the thousands of thoughts we think daily come into our minds, we build up the love-based side that becomes our "default setting." We learn to walk the way of that love-based side, exercising those four love-based beliefs: humility, love of God, love of others, and thankfulness. (*Find an illustration and more detail on page 2.*)

Beloved, I am inviting you to walk that journey with me for the next four months, each month coinciding with one of the four love-based beliefs. Weekly, we will receive cards with verses of Scripture to strengthen those beliefs in our hearts. No classes to attend — just carry the card and look at it and think about it six or seven times during the day. Doing that for a week will hide each of those verses in our hearts. "Guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life" (Proverbs 4:23).

Blessings,

Fr. Gary Coffey

**"Guard your heart for it is the wellspring of life."**

# Guarding Your Heart

Which path will the thousands of thoughts each of us have every day take?



## September Verses to “Hide in Your Heart”

*“Humility” is the love-based path we will consider this month. The corresponding weekly verses are below.*

### MEDITATION FOR WEEK ONE

And all of you must clothe yourselves with humility in your dealings with one another, for God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.

1 Peter 5:5b NRSV

But all of you, leaders and followers alike, are to be down to earth with each other, for God has had it with the proud but takes delight in just plain people. *The Message*

### MEDITATION FOR WEEK TWO

He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Micah 6:8 NRSV

The Lord has told us what is good. What the Lord requires of us is this: to do what is just, to show constant love, and to live in humble fellowship with our God. *The Good News Bible*

### MEDITATION FOR WEEK THREE

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9 NRSV

Saving is all God’s idea, and all God’s work. All we do is trust God enough to let God do it. It is God’s gift from start to finish! We don’t play the major role. If we did, we’d probably go around bragging that we’d done the whole thing! *The Message*

### MEDITATION FOR WEEK FOUR

Then Jesus said to them all, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it. What does it profit them if they gain the whole world, but lose or forfeit themselves?”

Luke 9:23-25 NRSV

Jesus said, “Anyone who intends to come with me has to let me lead. You’re not in the driver’s seat—I am. Don’t run from suffering; embrace it. Follow me and I’ll show you how. Self-help is no help at all. Self-sacrifice is the way, my way, to finding yourself, your true self. What good would it do to get everything you want and lose you, the real you?”

*The Message* by Eugene Peterson

### MEDITATION FOR WEEK FIVE

If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14 NRSV

*Over the next four months, we will publish each month’s verses here in the TEAM for you to preview or to clip and use in case you miss a Sunday.*

# Parish News

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

You are cordially invited to a luncheon celebrating the **Church of the Advocate**, hosted by Carrabba's at Trinity on Thursday, September 5, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. The Rt. Rev. Porter Taylor will be the guest speaker. The meal is a free gift from Carrabba's as an expression of their support and care for the poor and homeless. All donations (a suggested minimum of \$25) will go toward those efforts. For reservations, please email the Rev. Ham Fuller at hamfuller@aol.com or call 243-3932.

**Congratulations to Matthew Davis George**, son of Zoe Davis and Lloyd George. Matt graduated from Officer Candidate School in Quantico, Virginia, on August 17. He will go on to finish his senior year at Ole Miss, Oxford, Mississippi, and will receive a Second Lieutenant commission in the Marine Corps. Matt always comes to Grace when he is in town and participates in whatever activities are going on at the time. He posted on Facebook: *OCS complete. I've had a couple days of rest and had time to think and remember all of those who prayed and supported me and the other 411 candidates. Thank you so much for the letters, love and kindness. It was greatly appreciated. I was humbled and am honored to have such incredible friends, family and loved ones.*

**Donors are needed** for the Aumbry candle for October and for flowers for Sunday, October 6. Please contact Becky in the church office at 254-1086 for information or to donate either the candle or the flowers.

## Pig Pickin' is September 7

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The annual Pig Pickin' barbeque dinner sponsored by the Men of the Church will happen Saturday, September 7. We'll be in the church parking lot at 5:30 with a live band, and the meal will begin at 6:15. Prices are \$10 per person and \$30 for a family of three or more. See you there! *Volunteers are still needed to help with serving.*

## Monday Soup Suppers Return

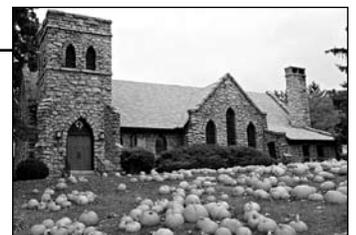
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Thanks to committed volunteers and a grant from our Diocesan Human Hurt and Hope Fund, Monday evening Simple Soup Suppers and worship will return September 23. Volunteers coordinated by Bill Crownover and Jeannette Reese will offer a meal in the parish hall each Monday evening from 4:45-5:45. All are welcome to come enjoy good food and the fellowship of our parishioners and others. The meal is free of charge, and we hope to defray expenses by partnering with MANNA Food Bank. Following the meal, a quiet worship service will be held in the church at 6:00 p.m. for those who wish to participate. Please consider how you would like to take part in a wonderful ministry. Contact Bill, Jeannette or Becky in the church office.

## The Pumpkins Are Coming!

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The pumpkins are coming Sunday, September 29. Please plan to join the traditional pumpkin unloading and lunch after services at 1:00 p.m. All monies raised from pumpkin sales go to **Consider Haiti** for their work feeding malnourished children. Please sign up for a rewarding opportunity to help those in need. Children big and small enjoy our patch, hunting the perfect pumpkin, taking photos and having some good family time. Selling pumpkins under the tent can also be a great family event. Sign-up sheets will be up soon.



**Men of the Church** will meet on Tuesday, September 10, at the home of Bill Warren, 79 Griffing Boulevard, Asheville. 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.

The **Order of St. Luke** will meet on Thursday, September 12, from 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'll view a DVD from the Bethel Church Sozo Ministry about *Presenting Jesus*—a useful tool in praying for healing for ourselves and others. When we have wounding experiences, especially early in life, our beliefs about those woundings have impacts on our lives today. Jesus helps us to see that He was present during those events or situations. He exchanges truth for lies and heals our wounds.

**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 jerobertson38@me.com.

**Website News!** Our new website will be up and running September 1. Visitors to the site will find a "Current Events" page showing weekly events and a calendar. Names may appear in the announcements as in the bulletin or the *Team*, but phone numbers, addresses and email addresses will not be included. Let us know if you prefer not to have your name used.

# Fall Re-Call: Back-to-Sunday-School

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*All adult and youth Sunday School classes begin or resume September 8.  
There will be no classes on September 1 (Labor Day weekend). Check class details below.*

## Youth Classes and Teachers

**Matt Englebrecht**  
Level I Atrium for three-six year olds



**Shannon Townsend**  
Level II Atrium for six-nine year olds



**Derek Edwards**  
Level III Atrium for fourth and fifth graders



**Paul and Daphne Urquhart** are our middle school teachers. They will meet in the classroom upstairs above the kitchen.



**Greg Plank** will teach the high school class in Fr. Gary's office.

## Adult Classes

**The Pretty Good Coffee and Conversation Class and the Bible Study Class** will meet in the Parish Hall.

Jim Dahlin, our intern, will facilitate a study of **The Old Testament: A Survey** beginning on September 8.

- ⇒ Why do we read the Old Testament?
- ⇒ What are its major themes?
- ⇒ How should we approach such an old document that is separated from us by culture, language and a few thousand years?

Come find the answers to those questions and more during September's Sunday School class.

**Guarding Your Child's Heart**, our downstairs class facilitated by Fr. Gary, will reconvene in the downstairs conference room on September 8. The class will be about our roles as parents and grandparents in raising our children and grandchildren to retain the innate spirituality they were given by God at birth.

The study will involve ways in which we can assist children in connecting with God through Christ throughout their lives and in growing up with the assurance that God's presence is with them always.

All who are interested are welcome. Please see details in Fr. Gary's "Parson to Person."

**ASHEVILLE AREA HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** is celebrating thirty years of building homes and preserving communities. We at Grace have a special opportunity to participate by volunteering to help with the upcoming construction of two **Circle of Faith** homes on a cul-de-sac in Swannanoa.

John Cram, an Asheville firefighter, and his two children will live in the **30th anniversary home** to be built by members of the Episcopal, Methodist, Presbyterian, and interfaith churches in the area. Grace has been asked to provide two volunteers on Thursday, September 19, and two volunteers on Wednesday, September 25. In addition, another **Episcopal House** will be built this year on the same street between October 22 and January 8. A volunteer schedule will be posted in the foyer soon.

You can learn more at the Circle of Faith kickoff event on September 7 (*see the invitation on page 6*).

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The goal of building a house for Habitat for Humanity is to come together to provide a home for a family that is in need of housing and is willing to volunteer alongside you. We hope you will consider volunteering, maybe with a friend or a group of friends. Membership in the parish is not a prerequisite. And women, please remember—this is not for men only. There will be plenty of jobs, from painting to landscaping, for you, too. Teens who are sixteen and seventeen can volunteer if they have Minor Waiver of Liability forms signed by parents or guardians.

If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please call Sue Thompkins at 230-9328.

**THANK YOU.** The Outreach Committee would like to thank all who brought in school supplies for foster children. We continue to be grateful for your support of these projects.

**ROOM IN THE INN (an update from Terri Frue).** This year (our third!), we will host Room In the Inn October 13-19 at Grace. and we are blessed to have help from The Church of the Holy Spirit. They will take on half the week, sharing all the responsibilities with Grace.

For those of you new to this program, there will be twelve women staying at Grace each night with the option for a thirteenth if there is a need. The women

will arrive around 6:15 each evening for dinner. They will stay overnight at the church along with two volunteers. Each morning they will rise at 6:00 and will leave for downtown around 6:30 or 6:45. We will provide a quick breakfast and send them off with bag lunches. My hope is that hosting RITI will continue to be a very rewarding experience for us at Grace, as we can witness firsthand the fruits of our efforts to better the lives of the ladies of our community who are being assisted through this program.

A sign-up sheet will be posted for volunteers. Each day, we will need two overnight people, twelve bag lunches, dinner for each evening, and someone to pick up the ladies each evening and return them downtown each morning. We will also need basic supplies such as milk, juice, bread, fruit, etc.

Other big needs are zippered pillow covers and soft new or used blankets. You may also donate money to help us purchase these items. We will then store them for use when we host RITI again. Mattresses are provided and are transferred from church to church. If you have questions or are interested in donating or helping during the week, please let me know: Terri Frue, RITI Coordinator, [terri@frue.net](mailto:terri@frue.net), 828-712-1780. Thanks in advance for your help.

**BACKPACKERS NEED YOUR HELP!** This school year, Grace Church will once again provide food to the hungry children of Jones Elementary School located right behind the church. Part of the process that makes the BackPacker program such a success involves picking up orders from our partner MANNA Food Bank. We are in need of persons able to give an hour of their time once a month for the drive from MANNA's warehouse back to the church. If you could do this during the coming school year (nine times at most), please contact James Cannon at 658-0641.

Also, for students in need at Asheville High, we could use donations of single-serving snack foods (granola bars, fruit cups, packaged nuts and popcorn, crackers and cheese, etc.) It's become almost impossible to find these items at MANNA, and the snacks are an important contribution in these students' tough lives.

For more information or to volunteer with the BackPacker program in any way, please contact Carol Booth at 658-0339.

## Healing Prayer Corner

Jeane Robertson

The Mountain Chapter of the Order of St. Luke ([www.AshevilleOSL.org](http://www.AshevilleOSL.org)) will offer study groups this fall on *The Healing Ministry of Jesus*. Completion of the study project is the major requirement for induction as a full member of the Order of St. Luke. We have the potential to offer two groups. I will teach one group in the office, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., September 14, 21 and October 5. If there is interest, another group may meet in south Asheville on weekday evenings to be determined by the needs of the group for eight sessions beginning in early September and ending in early November. If you would like to be a part of one of the groups, please let Suzanne DePree know at 242-3260 or [mtn\\_osl@yahoo.com](mailto:mtn_osl@yahoo.com) (please note underscore in address). We'll be in touch with those interested to make meeting arrangements.

# You're Invited

to the kickoff event for our



*Celebrating 30 years of partnership  
between Buncombe County faith communities  
and Asheville Area Habitat for Humanity*

## Event Details

**When:** Saturday, September 7th

Breakfast begins at 9AM, Wall Raising at 9:30, Key Passing at 10:15

**What:** Informal Pot-Luck Breakfast, Wall Raising on the 30th Anniversary House,  
and Dedication of 2013 Thrivent/Lutheran House

**Where:** [Swannanoa build site](#)

(GPS address: 410 Dennis Street, Swannanoa)

**Please Bring:** Lawn chair and your favorite breakfast dish to share

## And, the fun continues...

Join us after the Circle of Faith event  
for our 30th Anniversary Sale and Celebration!

- 9:00am - 6:00pm, ReStore (31 Meadow Rd.)

Anniversary Sale, 30% off storewide!

- 11am - 4pm, ReStore & Habitat Campus (31-33 Meadow Rd.)

Anniversary Celebration - food and festivities, including key presentation to  
our 250th homeowner by Mayor Bellamy at 1pm



# September Kickoff for EYC

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Sunday, September 15, at 4:30 p.m. in the Grace parish hall, our youth group (including sixth - twelfth graders) will begin with a "Regathering After Summer" supper. Parents and young people are invited to come enjoy dinner together, and afterwards, our group leader, Wes Shields, will speak to those gathered about the coming year. Our hope is that all our parents of sixth - twelfth graders will come with their sons and daughters to this dinner. The youth group is a joint project between St. Luke's and Grace, but any youth of those ages and their parents are welcome to attend the dinner meeting.

## EYC September Calendar

All middle and high school students are welcome. Meetings are from 4:30-5:30 p.m. unless otherwise stated and this year we will meet at Grace.

- **September 15 - Kickoff Supper for families and students**
- **September 22 - Regular Meeting**
- **September 29 - Pumpkin Unloading, 1 p.m. at Grace; lunch provided**

Please let Wes know if you have any questions at 828-667-1350 or shields.laura@rocketmail.com. See you soon!

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

Did you know that August is National Wills Month? I didn't know that either, but it is. I do know that many Americans (over 60%) have not made their wills yet. Our Rector Gary is supposed to ask every parishioner to make a will, especially each couple after they have their first child. If we choose not to make wills, then North Carolina has made them for us. They are slow and complicated and will drive our heirs crazy before all is done. For most of us, the wills get done when we find the circumstances right: when we become parents, before we book plane flights for vacations, when our spouses absolutely demand it. We need to review our wills every three to five years once we make them. And we'd like for you to consider adding a gift to Grace Church when you do that. Please ask the Endowment Committee for details, and please allow us to speak with you about how that might be done. No pressure, just information.

**Wonderful News from Our Grace Endowment Fund!** A benchmark has been achieved as our FUND has surpassed the \$300,000 level. We received \$150 in new gifts in July and \$750 in the first seven months of the year. Our Parsec Management Firm has achieved a gain of \$12,263 for the month and an overall gain of \$37,932 for the seven-month period of time. At the end of July we had a balance of \$300,588.17. That is wonderful news. We have excellent management of our fund and a few parishioners sending in new gifts. But we cannot expect the stock market to continue to rise, so please consider what you can do to memorialize or recognize someone, or simply give what you can to add new money to work to reach our \$500,000 GOAL.

# September 2013 Ministry Schedule

Date	Service Time	Acolyte C	Acolyte G	Acolyte E	Lector, Intercessor & Presenters	Healing Team	Ushers	Chalicians	Coffee Hour	Scripture	Lesson	
<b>1-Sep</b>												
	7:45						Ed Duncan	James Cannon				
	9:00	Sadie Rudd	Keith Rudd	Louise Wernicke	L - Jenny Knapp I - Cuyler Dupree P - Knapp Family	Louise Wernicke Patricia Hargrove	Tom and Liz Barr	1. Cuyler Dupree 2. Greg Townsend	Katherine Kaderabek	Sirach 10:12-18	1st Lesson	
	11:15	Rusty McCredie	Grace Miller	Eric Howell	L, I, P - Nancy and Cal Remmers	Pat Davis Karen Compton	John Rigsby John Churchill	1. Bill Warren 2. Mary Cozine	Sallie Hunter	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16	2nd Lesson	
<b>8-Sep</b>												
	7:45						Steve Jones	James Cannon				
	9:00	Catherine Cullen	Helena Cullen	Cuyler Dupree	L - Robert Green I - Robert Green P - Green Family	Rita Spragg Jeanne Robertson	Ray and Wendy Kuykendall	1. John Woodson 2. Carol Booth	Micki Newton	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	1st Lesson	
	11:15	Sally Withers	Bob Grimes	Lani Anderson	L, I, P - Charles Carter and Kimberly Kneier	Alternate Corinne Spencer	Ron Sims Ed Woekener	1. Sally Withers 2. Bill Spencer	Lella Cort	Philemon 1:21	2nd Lesson	
<b>15-Sep</b>												
	7:45						Andrew Dahm	Margaret Dahm				
	9:00	Zoe Davis	Andrew Best	Louise Wernicke	L - Greg Townsend I - Anne Simmons P - Townsend Family	Pat Davis Jane Whitman	Paul and Vicki Vest	1. Scott Best 2. Cuyler Dupree	Elaine Dephouse	Exodus 32:7-14	1st Lesson	
	11:15	Cheryl Aull	Mel Luedtke	Sally Withers	L, I, P - Jenny Thomas and Mary Cozine	Lyn Burkett Karen Compton	Mark and Jonah Silvers	1. Carol McMichael 2. Sally Coburn	Peggy Grimes	I Timothy 1:12-17	2nd Lesson	
	Taizé 8:00 PM				L - James Cannon P - Monty Wooten	Deb Gravatt						
<b>22-Sep</b>												
	7:45						Jim Black	Jack Frue				
	9:00	Sam Ellington	Molra Stewart	Cuyler Dupree	L - Sherry Coward I - Sherry Coward P - Coward Family	Jeanne Robertson Shari Lane	Kaderabek Family	1. Ann Robinson 2. Anne Simmons	Cuyler Dupree	Amos 8:4-7	1st Lesson	
	11:15	Rusty McCredie	Bob Grimes	Eric Howell	L, I, P - Kristen Dusenbery and Elaine Potter	Lyn Burkett Sonny Rawls	Henry Watts John Churchill	1. Eric Howell 2. Mary Cozine	Georgi Bruce	I Timothy 2:1-7	2nd Lesson	
<b>29-Sep</b>												
	7:45						Ed Duncan	Jack Frue				
	9:00	Cade Wooten	Gavin Knapp	Zoe Davis	L - Louise Wernicke I - Jeanne Robertson P - Robertson Family	Brenda Haller Ann Robinson	Tricia and Mickey Trinite	1. Jenny Knapp 2. Greg Townsend	Paul Vest	Amos 6:1a, 4-7	1st Lesson	
	11:15	Cheryl Aull	Mel Luedtke	Sally Withers	L, I, P - Lyn Burkett and Jenny Thomas	Sonny Rawls Alternate	Paul Stewart Elaine Potter	1. Sally Coburn 2. Bill Spencer	Georgi Bruce	I Timothy 6:6-19	2nd Lesson	
<b>Flower Arrangers</b>												
<b>Date</b>	<b>Counters</b>				<b>Depositors</b>				<b>Date</b>			
<b>1-Sep</b>	Steve Birkhofer				James Cannon				<b>1-Sep</b>			
<b>8-Sep</b>	Martha Boyette				Judy Bohan				<b>8-Sep</b>			
<b>15-Sep</b>	Sally Withers				Chal and Hugh Vaughn				<b>15-Sep</b>			
<b>22-Sep</b>	Georgi Bruce				Anne Simmons				<b>22-Sep</b>			
<b>29-Sep</b>	Georgi Bruce				Anne Simmons				<b>29-Sep</b>			
<b>Altar Guild</b>												
<b>Group 3 - Aug 31 - Sep 6</b>												
<b>Group 1 - Sep 7 - Sep 13</b>												
<b>Group 2 - Sep 14 - Sep 20</b>												
<b>Group 3 - Sep 21 - Sep 27</b>												
<b>Group 4 - Sep 28 - Oct 4</b>												

# Our Prayer List

September

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; Jim Dahlin; Eunice Ferguson; Catherine Godfrey; Buddy Greenwood, Jess Gregory; Olivia & the Haller family; Mary Hayes; Ashley Israel; Shari Lane; Rita Lyda; Barbara Seagraves; Martin Shaw; Carla & Jim Standingdeer; Grace Walker; Lucinda Watkins.**

*For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities:* **Elizabeth Butler; Henny Caldwell; Edith Cook; Jeanne Galyean; Bob Hall; June Kelley; Frances Kennickell; Dot Morgan; Frances Payne; Helen Powers; Maryli Perkins; 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.):*  
**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); **Kelli Davis** (daughter of George & Pat); **Margie Eblen** (daughter of Bobbie); **Sonny Enloe** (friend of Mary Israel); **Veronica Fisher** (friend of Kathleen Griffin); **Wesley Garbee** (friend of Charlotte & Travers Chiott); **Sarah Garcia** (daughter of Nancy Fergusson, niece of John & Lelia Cort); **Steve & Janet Gordon; Judy Hinman** (sister of Barbara Wilcox); **Karen Kaforey** (daughter of Micki & Fred Newton); **Meg Karayiannis** (niece of Nancy Ackermann Cole); **Don & Kristi Kitchens** (brother & sister-in-law of Cheryl Aull); **Tommy Masters & Robert Baker** (father & son of Donna Trimnal); **Jim & DiAnne Monroe; Forrest Renfro** (grandson of Becky Barker); **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); **Sandra Tweed** (friend of Katherine Kaderabek); **Bonnie Wiggen** (daughter of Nancy Remmers); **Amanda Williams; Alicia; Colin; Tara** (daughter of Shari Lane); **Clyde; Ellen, Elizabeth; Evelyn** (friend of Jim & Karen Compton); **Julie** (daughter of Rita Spragg); **Lisa** (niece of Betsy Sherman); **J; 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:* **Mario DiMarzio** (friend of Lyn Burkett); **Sheri Hoffman** (cousin of Lynda McCredie); **Henry Sinclair.**

*For Those in Service to Our Country:* **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); **Fr. Rick Tiff** (friend of Ray & Jeanne Robertson); **Caitlin Vest** (granddaughter of Pat Vest, niece of Vicki & Paul Vest).

*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 & Durgapuh, 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*

## September Anniversaries

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Jon and Bobbi Holland	1
Al and Julia Anne Dawson	2
John and Beth Woodson	7
Jarod and Molly Coffey	13
Mel and Straudia Luedtke	14
Monty Wooten and Cheryl Deyton	20
Eric and Karen Howell	25
Jamey and Linda Smith	27

## September Birthdays

1 John Cort	20 Evan Dahm
2 Oscar Starnes	20 Joan Grimes
3 Zane Whitner	20 Bob Reese
3 Beth Woodson	21 Pat Davis
4 Julia Anne Dawson	22 Paul Hacklander
4 Naomi Green	23 Glenn Haller
5 Marla Woeckener	24 Gregg Blanton
7 Doris Rigsby	24 Bailey Frue
10 Bobbie Webster	24 Cameron Frue
11 Anna McKinsey	24 Patricia Tweed
12 Devin Engelbrecht	25 Maya Bell
12 James Engelbrecht	25 Peggie Carey
14 Rankin Bohan	25 Pat Knappenberger
14 Alex Comfort	26 Annika Brock
14 Charlie Scales	26 Haig Rudd
14 Mark Silvers	28 John Churchill
16 Emeline Scales	28 Fletcher Comer
17 Angie Cullen	28 Betsy Sherman
17 Patricia Hargrove	30 Holden Israel
18 Bo Best	30 Don Martin
18 Martha Geitner	

## Gifts for All of Us to Appreciate

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The Aumbry Candle is given to the Glory of God by Joanna and Scott Best in loving memory of Page Hinton Best and in thanksgiving for Boyd Hinton Best.

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

Marion Mayfield-Johnson in memory of her husband Edward "Mack" Johnson.

John Churchill in honor of his parents Jane and Jack Churchill.

Angela, Paul, Harrison, and Forest Taylor in loving memory of Dr. Fred Taylor, Rita Taylor, Edith Gardin, and Bart Gardin.

Mary Israel in loving memory of her father William F. Krause.

Mary Ann and Bill Warren in loving memory of Lucretia Rhodarmer Warren.

Rita Lyda in loving memory of Elroy Krestensen and James Krestensen.



## September Endowment Fund Contributors

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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.

# Events 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

**Labor Day – Church Office Closed**  
Monday, September 2

**Generational Healing Eucharist**  
Tuesday, September 3, 7:00 p.m., CH

**Pig Pickin'**  
Saturday, September 7, music, 5:30 p.m., dinner, 6:15 p.m.

**Guarding Your Child's Heart**  
Sundays, beginning September 8, 10:10 a.m., downstairs CR

**The Old Testament: A Survey**  
Sundays, beginning September 8, 10:10 a.m., PH

**Fall Recall: All Sunday School classes resume**  
Sunday, September 8, 10:10 a.m.

**Men of the Church**  
Tuesday, September 10, 6:00 p.m.

**Healing Prayer Services**  
Tuesdays, September 10, 17, & 24, 7:00 p.m., CH

**TEAM Meeting**  
Wednesday, September 11, 11:00 a.m., OF

**Order of St. Luke Program Meeting**  
Thursday, September 12, 6:30 p.m., PH

**Steadfast House Meal**  
Friday, September 13, 6:00 p.m.

**EYC Parent - Youth Meal**  
Sunday, September 15, 4:30 p.m., PH

**Taizé Worship Service**  
Sunday, September 15, 8:00 p.m., CH

**Vestry Meeting**  
Monday, September 16, 5:30 p.m., LI

**Welcome Table Soup Suppers & Worship Services**  
Mondays, beginning September 23, 4:45 p.m., PH,  
6:00 p.m., CH

**Pumpkin Unloading with Lunch**  
Sunday, September 29, 1:00 p.m.

# Positive Start for Second Half

July was a refreshing month with Pledged Income of \$31,307 (budget \$30,000) and Non-pledged of \$5,915 (budget \$4,240). When combined with Open Offerings, Building and other Income, July's total income was \$39,733, resulting in a positive variance of \$2,514. Year-to-date income totaled \$255,599 or \$4,932 under budget. This negative variance is primarily due to a shortfall in Pledge Income and Open Offerings.

July's total expenses were \$45,385, resulting in a negative variance of \$8,166. Most of this is due to the \$6,150 spent on the masonry and stone work and the quarterly insurance and pension costs. Because of the timing of budgeted costs, year-to-date expenses at the end of July were \$5,926 under budget for a total spent of \$254,606. When combined with the negative income variance of \$4,932, our year-to-date net income is \$993 over budget.

Budgeted expenses to be paid in the remaining months of this year total \$192,018. We are prayerful all needs will be met with continued contributions.

Your Vestry

## Year to Date - July 2013

	Actual	Budget	Over/Under
<b>Income:</b>			
Pledges	208,000	210,000	(2,000)
Prior Year Pledges	1,030	-	1,030
Non-pledged Offerings	30,654	29,677	977
Open Offering	5,807	7,000	(1,193)
Interest	100	146	(46)
Misc.	10,008	13,708	(3,700)
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>255,599</b>	<b>260,531</b>	<b>(4,932)</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Outreach/Mission	26,298	33,940	(7,642)
Parish Programs	7,315	8,459	(1,144)
Operations	43,059	39,317	3,743
Personnel	177,934	178,816	(882)
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>254,606</b>	<b>260,531</b>	<b>(5,926)</b>
<b>Income - Expense:</b>	<b>993</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>994</b>
(rounding)			

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  - *Fall Re-Call for Sunday School*
  - *Habitat House Projects*
  - *EYC News*
  - *And of course, "Parson to Person"*



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