



# the Grace TEAM

to each a ministry

SEPTEMBER 2014

## Parson to Person

Gary Coffey

### Grace Episcopal Church

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**The Grace TEAM**  
is published monthly.

#### 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,

The beginning of the school year feels like the beginning of another church year, too, doesn't it? When school starts, our community gathers back together after summer vacations and recreational times away. It is a time when we might pause and give thanks for this past summer. We might take some time to think about how God blessed us during the summer, giving thanks for the specific times and people through whom we were blessed.

It might also be a time to reflect on hopes we had for the summer that were *not* realized. What stood in the way? What might we do to accomplish those hopes in the future?

As we begin this new year, we have another opportunity to submit ourselves to the Lordship of Christ. As we plan our busy fall schedule, let's be sure to block out time for Sunday worship, Christian formation classes, and service opportunities through Grace, like the Backpacker Program for school children and selling pumpkins in October for the support of children in Haiti.

I also want to tell you about a rather unique opportunity we have to increase our knowledge of the Bible. Brian McLaren has written a book called *We Make the Road by Walking — A Year-Long Quest for Spiritual Formation, Reorientation and Activation*. McLaren talked about this book in 2013 at The Wild Goose Festival. He said then that he was writing it in 52 chapters, one for each week of the year beginning with the first week of September, to help us with a general knowledge of the entire Bible. Each chapter contains a talk based on a part of the Bible.

The first chapters or weeks, for example, are on the Book of Genesis.

McLaren refers to himself as a person who loves the Bible. He also refers to himself as a progressive Christian, which means he

takes what the Bible says seriously, but like us Episcopalians, he believes Christ died to take away our sins, not our minds. For this reason, his understanding of Holy Scripture takes into account both ancient and modern ideas, that which is old and that which is new, as the Scripture says. From his other work that I have read, I would say that he understands the Gospel to be about us as followers of Christ serving the world in His Name or us being Christ in the world today.

I'm putting this in my "Parson to Person"

letter to you this month for two reasons. The first is to invite you to join the Downstairs Adult Sunday School Class as we study one chapter of McLaren's book each week in the conference room downstairs beginning Sunday, September 7, at 10:00 a.m. The second reason I am including this here is to tell everyone in the parish about this book. Part of our charge from God is to grow in our knowledge of and love for God. This book, either with the class or purchased and read on your own at your own pace, would be a way to do just that. I often hear people, especially Episcopalians, say they don't know much about the Bible and wish they knew more. I commend this book as a way to grow in knowledge of God and in relationship with Jesus.

**"...he takes what the Bible says seriously, but like us Episcopalians, he believes Christ died to take away our sins, not our minds."**

Blessings,

Fr. Gary

# Events at a Glance

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## Weekly Gospel Bible Study

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

## Early Birds Men's Book Study

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

## Centering Prayer

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

## Generational Healing Eucharist

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

## Pig Pickin'

*Saturday, September 6,*

*music-5:30 p.m., meal-6:15 p.m., CH*

## All Sunday School Classes Resume

*Sunday, September 7*

## Men of the Church

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

## Healing Prayer Services

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

## TEAM Meeting

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

## Order of St. Luke Program Meeting

*Thursday, September 11, 6:30 p.m., PH*

## Steadfast House Meal

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

## PubSing

*Sunday, September 14*

*potluck-5:00 p.m., singing-6:00 p.m.*

## Vestry Meeting

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

## ABCCM Food Drive

*Bags & Lists in Pews, Sunday, September 14*

*Food due Sunday, September 21, CH*

## Taizé Worship Service

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

## Wedding

*Saturday, September 27, 4:30 p.m., CH*

## Pumpkin Unloading & Lunch

*Sunday, September 28, 1:00 p.m.-lunch, CH*

# Parish News

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**Atrium time during the week.** Do you have a little one, 3 to 6 years old, who would like atrium time during the week? Patty Mouer is offering Atrium time from 4:00-5:00 p.m. on Thursdays at Christ School in south Asheville. Patty was our assistant rector and is now the rector of St. Luke's and a resident faculty spouse at Christ School. Please call her at 684-7863 for more details and to let her know of your interest.

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

**Lectors, Intercessors and Presenters for the 9:00 Service,** please email Carol Booth at carolbooth@mindspring.com if you would like to be added to the list or taken off the list for October, November and December. Please contact Becky in the church office (254-1086) if you would like more information about these ministry opportunities.

**Meals on Wheels** urgently needs volunteers. Meals on Wheels provides and delivers 500 meals daily to our elderly and ill neighbors. If you have a servant's heart and an extra two hours or so weekly, please consider calling our agency at 253-5286 for more information.

The **Men of the Church** will meet Tuesday, September 9, at 6:00 p.m. We will meet at the home of Bill Warren, 79 Griffing Boulevard, Asheville. Bill will be our host and cook. The cost is \$10.00. Please sign up on the blue sheet on the kiosk in the foyer.

**Monday morning Bible Study** resumes September 8 at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome as Fr. Bob facilitates a study of the Gospel for the following Sunday.

The **Order of St. Luke** will meet on Thursday, September 11, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the parish hall. All are welcome. We continue our program focus on *Jesus' Ministry of Healing Then and Now*. We will see a DVD discussion of the Gospel lesson about the paralyzed man let down by friends through the roof of a house. We will also watch a video clip of Christians praying with leaders of the Latin Kings gang in Chicago and see the transforming power of Christ in the life of one of those men.

Join us for our monthly **PubSing**, an informal gathering on the second Sunday to sing hymns, old-time gospel and Americana inspirational music. We will meet Sunday, September 14, 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 details, contact Monty Wooten, info@forestguide.com or 828-254-1114. For directions go to <http://frenchbroadbrewery.com/directions/>.

**The Annual Pig Pickin' Barbeque Dinner**, sponsored by the Men of the Church, will happen 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 and plan to come. Tickets will be available that Saturday at the door.



## A Fond Farewell to Charlotte Melson

We send blessings and fond farewells to Charlotte Melson as she moves near Columbia to be with family. Charlotte has been a member of Grace Church for fifty-eight years and has loved her work on the Altar Guild these many years, graciously providing the pita bread, wafers, cleaning supplies and oil for the candles. Charlotte attended the 7:45 service and served God in an important behind the scenes ministry. The Altar Guild will especially miss her.

## Annual Rummage Sale is October 25



Our Annual Rummage Sale is scheduled for Saturday, October 25, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We will arrange, sort items and put them out on tables in the parish hall Tuesday through Friday prior to the sale on Saturday. Each of these days, we usually start working around 8:30 or 9:00 a.m. and continue until 5:00 or 5:30 p.m. You may come and go as your schedule permits. We appreciate whatever you can do — a couple of hours, half a day or every day!

Please begin saving your clean and gently-used clothing and household items. Also we sell books, DVD's and CD's, children's toys, linens (including blankets, sheets, tablecloths, napkins etc.), lamps, small furniture items, gardening tools, small appliances, jewelry, computers and printers, paintings and all sorts of home décor.

Remember we will need lots of volunteers to help during the week and especially on Saturday, the day of the sale. These profits assist with Grace student scholarships for Camp Henry, the Broughton House lunch and much, much more. Plan to come meet others in the parish as we work together and have fun! For information, call Nancy Remmers at 298-9789.

## Thank You, Grace Parish

*Becky Barker*

Thank you, Grace Parish, for the lovely plant, flowers, cards, prayers and kind words which I have received from you in abundance since my mother went home to be with our Lord. You are such a wonderful family in Christ and I love knowing you and working for you and our Lord.

# M3! / EYC: Upcoming Events

## midBEGINNINGdle (Beginning in the Middle)

- When: Friday, September 12 - Sunday, September 14
- Where: Valle Crucis Conference Center
- Who: All middle schoolers and friends from the Diocese of WNC

Sign up at [http://www.diocesewnc.org/digital\\_faith/events/3156655](http://www.diocesewnc.org/digital_faith/events/3156655) (\$95.00 by September 2, \$105 after September 2).

Please let Daphne know when you've registered or what questions you have. Daphne will be attending this weekend with the youth.

## Children First / Communities in Schools Service Project

- When: Sunday, September 21, 1:00-5:00 p.m.
- Where: CF/CIS Family Resource Center at Emma

Please check the youth board in the parish hall, join the M3 Facebook page, or call Daphne at 828-273-0273 for details.

# Children in Song

*Joanna Best*

At Grace we are beginning a strong effort to increase the participation of our children and youth in worship. We will use one Sunday a month for children and youth (each age group having their own week) to rehearse and learn music (which will also include music reading skills and some instruments). Dates for rehearsals are listed below:

Level 1 Atria Music	Sept. 14	Oct. 5	Nov. 2	Dec. 7	Jan. 4	Feb. 1	Mar. 1	Mar. 22	May 3
Level 2/3 Atria Music	Sept. 21	Oct. 12	Nov. 9	Dec. 14	Jan. 11	Feb. 8	Mar. 8	Apr. 12	May 10
Middle & High School Music	Sept. 28	---	Nov. 16	Dec. 21	Jan. 18	---	Mar. 15	Apr. 19	May 17

Note! There will be a special ensemble on April 26!

Dates for music in worship (combinations of all three groups) are listed below:

Oct. 26	Nov. 23	Dec. 24	Jan. 25	Feb. 22	Mar. 29	Apr. 5	May 31
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We are working toward an actual children's choir experience — **Kids of the Kingdom Choir**. This will take several years to build up to and we are excited about our start this fall!

Reminder: October 19 is **Children's Sabbath**. The music on that Sunday will be organized by Monty Wooten. Please contact Monty or Cheryl Deyton if you would like to contribute to the Children's Sabbath music.



# Grace Outreach

*Sue Thompkins*

**Thanks to all of you** who so generously donated to the Back to School program. As a result, many foster children in Buncombe County will be able to start their new school year with the supplies they need.

**Grace Backpacker Program.** As the young students at Jones Elementary come back to school for the year, the Grace Outreach Committee begins its Backpacker program once again. Last year we provided food each weekend for forty students from Jones. These children are selected by the school for participation in the program based on need. Our goal is to provide food for the weekend for each child as well as some food that can be used by the rest of the family. Since the children are little and cannot carry large amounts of food at a time, we provide two smaller bags. We also provide a box of food for Asheville High School students who are living independently.

We are looking for volunteers who are willing and able to make a school year's commitment. We need people who can help shop at MANNA food bank, pick up the food, pack the food, and help take it to Jones. Our greatest need is for additional packers. This would involve only a few hours of your time each month at the church. If you would like more information or would like to volunteer, please email [carolbooth@mindspring.com](mailto:carolbooth@mindspring.com).

**ABCCM Food Drive.** We will be having a food drive for ABCCM Sunday, September 21. The bags for food donations plus a list of items that are needed by their food pantries will be in the pews on Sunday, September 14. The food pantries for ABCCM can always use things like peanut butter, canned meats, pasta and sauce. You can find a complete list of suggestions with the bag. Please return your bags filled with food to the church at any service on Sunday, September 21. If you have any questions about this program, you may call Bill Crownover or Sue Thompkins at 230-9328.

## The Pumpkins Are Coming!

The pumpkins are coming Sunday, September 28, so please join us for a free lunch after the last service of the day (around 1:00 p.m.). Afterwards, we'll all pitch in to unload the truck and fill our church lawn with pumpkins large and small. The Pumpkin Patch is a huge annual outreach commitment of Grace Parish in support of Consider Haiti. Each year, we raise \$5000 to \$7000, all of which assists in feeding and giving medical assistance to malnourished children in Haiti. Here at home in the patch, children big and small will enjoy searching for the perfect pumpkin, taking great photos and having some wholesome family time while doing something good for others.

Please help us make this another successful outreach event. We'll need your help to unload on September 28 and to sell pumpkins under the tent throughout the month of October. Sign up details will be available soon.



## Healing Prayer Corner

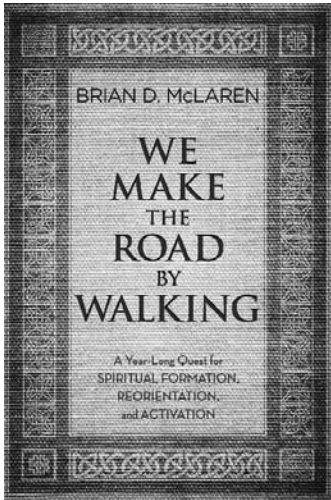
*Jeanne Robertson*

I think it is so exciting to discover a new way to pray. Recently I was watching a DVD presented by Fr. John Rice and he referred to praying using a "Flash Prayer." I had never heard of this type of prayer, but upon hearing his explanation, I was intrigued. A Flash Prayer is a brief moment of prayer for a particular person. Here is how it works: first I see a picture, in my head, of that person with Jesus; Jesus is holding out his hands; I place that person in His hands. And that is it. I leave the person in the capable hands of Jesus. Jesus knows the need and Jesus does the healing.

There are several scenarios in which I could see this being an effective tool for praying. One way would be when we pray for those on the Grace Prayer List that we receive every week in our bulletin. It would take a great deal of time to offer a prayer for each of person listed, but with a Flash Prayer, I can look at a name, call up a picture of Jesus and place that person with Jesus. I have done my part by placing that person with Him.

Another time I could use a Flash Prayer is during the day, when someone's name comes into my mind. I feel that God has placed that person on my mind. So if I immediately commit the person to Jesus, leaving Him holding them in His capable hands, I have effectively prayed for them. So here is just another tool for your "Prayer Tool Bag." Blessings to all of you as we begin a new school year.

# Adult Classes Begin Sunday, September 7



**The Pretty Good Coffee and Conversation Class** (in the Parish Hall) will be viewing a video series called *Embracing Alternative Orthodoxy — Richard Rohr on the Legacy of St. Francis*. In this just-released study for adults, Fr. Richard 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, a Franciscan priest of the New Mexico Province and founder of the Center for Action and Contemplation in Albuquerque. Join us for this five-session discussion in the parish hall on Sunday mornings at 10:10 a.m. beginning September 7. Facilitated by Becky Hannah. All are welcome!

**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 called *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." Because each class will be somewhat autonomous, if you have to miss one or two, it is still worth coming to the others. The first class will be September 7 at 10:10 am. Facilitated by Fr. Gary. All are welcome!

**The Bible Study Class** meets in the library at 10:10, and Dr. Bill Dismukes is the facilitator. The class will decide which book of the Bible they would like to study on September 7. All are welcome!

## Building a School in Kenya

*Fr. Gary Coffey*

Over the past ten years, the family of Watson and Megan Jordan has been working with various charities on projects that would honor their late son, who passed away as an infant. This year, they are working with an organization called "Free the Children." The organization is involved in building schools in various third world countries. Specifically, the Jordan family is fundraising to build a school in Kenya.

In Kenya, public education was made free to all students. However, while this new law is well intentioned, there is a shortage of schools in the country, making it difficult to meet the needs of an increased number of young children trying to get an education. Money raised through this fundraising effort will go toward sending a group over to Kenya along with the supplies necessary to build a school.

The Vestry agreed at its July meeting to designate the loose plate offering on the third Sunday of September to this project. We hope you will be generous in your support. *The loose plate offering on the third Sunday of each month is normally designated for the Parish Ministry Fund (Clergy Discretionary Fund).*



# Acolyting: A Unique Opportunity for Youth

Becoming an acolyte is a great way to encourage your child's involvement in the Episcopal Church. This fascinating and rewarding ministry often lasts well into adulthood, and even if they have moved on into other ministries in later years, adults are always quick to tell you if they were acolytes in their youth.

To serve around Christ's Altar is a unique privilege, and it is a gift the Episcopal Church gladly offers every single child who wishes to become an acolyte. It is a special way to serve our Lord Jesus and a fulfilling way to become part of a team in service together.

Encourage your child or young person to become an acolyte. In the years to come, they will be grateful to have had such a unique opportunity.

**Acolyte Training at Grace**  
**for children and youth in third grade and above**  
**Sunday, October 5**  
**Pizza at 12:30 p.m. — Training, 1:00-2:00 p.m.**

*All trained acolytes are also asked to attend for a refresher and to assist with the training. Fr. Coffey will be present to encourage the new acolytes and to discuss with everyone incentives that are being built into the program.*



## More About the "Early Birds"

*Bill Spencer*

The Early Birds have been at the center of the Men's Study group on Tuesday mornings for approximately five years. But what in our world do we Early Birds study?

We have gone back earlier than the Old Testament in a few places, but we are primarily focused on unraveling the true, critical meanings found at the beginning of Gospel history. We have placed particular emphasis on Jesus' life, studying the depth of meaning of Jesus' approaching the Cross, giving His Will to the Father as He was nailed to the Cross, His process of dying and, amazingly, His Resurrection! Continuing further, what then was the purpose of the Holy Spirit coming after forty days, and what was thereby accomplished for the ultimate Glory of God in this whole process of Salvation for us all?

The Early Bird group is as simple and as complex as that, and we are learning more than we have ever realized! Every Tuesday, from about 8:16 a.m. until approximately 10:00 a.m., in the Library (except during Advent), we get together, and we invite you to join us to better understand what His Gospel could actually mean for your life! Through Scripture and study of some of the critical books of that and our time, the Early Birds continue to take an in-depth look at the real meaning of Christ's coming. You would be sincerely welcomed.

# September 2014 Ministry Schedule

Date	Service Time	Acolyte C	Acolyte G	Acolyte E	Lector, Intercessor & Presenters	Healing Team	Ushers	Chalicians	Coffee Hour	Scripture	Lesson
<b>7-Sep</b>											
	7:45						Jim Black	James Cannon			
	9:00	Cuyler Dupree	Helena Cullen	Zoe Davis	LIP - Jenny Knapp, Cuyler Dupree, Knapp Family	Louise Wernicke Patricia Hargrove	Tom and Liz Barr	1. John Woodson 2. Carol Booth	Katherine Kaderabek	Exodus 12:1-14	1st Lesson
	11:15	Rusty McCredie	Sally Withers	Eric Howell	LIP - Kristen Dusenbery, Elaine Potter, Sally Coburn	Pat Davis Karen Compton	Mark and Jonah Silvers	1. Charles Carter 2. Kimberly Kneier	Sallie Hunter	Romans 13:8-14	9:00 & 2nd Lesson
<b>14-Sep</b>											
	7:45						Ed Duncan	Jack Frue			
	9:00	Noah Clary	Zoe Davis	Cuyler Dupree	LIP - Robert Green and Family	Sherry Coward Jeanne Robertson	Paul and Vicki Vest	1. Daphne Urquhart 2. Jennifer Clary	Micki Newton	Exodus 14:19-31	1st Lesson
	11:15	Cheryl Aull	Bob Grimes	Lani Anderson	LIP - Beth Stahl, Mark Silvers, Mary Cozine	Mary Israel Corinne Spencer	Ron Sims Ed Woockener	1. Sally Withers 2. Bill Spencer	Lelia Cort	Romans 14:1-12	9:00 & 2nd Lesson
<b>21-Sep</b>											
	7:45						Andrew Dahm	Margaret Dahm			
	9:00	Cheryl Deyton	Laura Ellington	Louise Wernicke	L - Greg Townsend I - Anne Simmons P - Townsend Family	Pat Davis Jane Whitman	Kaderabek Family	1. Cuyler Dupree 2. Ann Robinson	Elaine Dephouse	Exodus 16:2-15	1st Lesson
	11:15	Rusty McCredie	Sally Withers	Grace Miller	LIP - Rusty McCredie, Sally Coburn, Peggy Grimes	Sonny Rawls Karen Compton	Henry Watts Elaine Potter	1. Bill Warren 2. Mary Cozine	Peggy Grimes	Philippians 1:21-30	9:00 & 2nd Lesson
	Taizé 8:00 PM				I - Henry Watts P - Monty Wooten	Deb Gravatt					
<b>28-Sep</b>											
	7:45						Steve Jones	Jack Frue			
	9:00	Gavin Knapp	Maira Stewat	Cuyler Dupree	LIP - Sherry and Bill Coward	Jeanne Robertson Shari Lane	Mickey and Tricia Trinite	1. Jenny Knapp 2. Anne Simmons	Cuyler Dupree	Exodus 17:1-7	1st Lesson
	11:15	Sally Withers	Jonah Silvers	Mark Silvers	LIP - Charles Carter and Kimberly Kneier	Sonny Rawls Mary Israel	Paul Stewart John Rigby	1. Elaine Potter 2. Mark Silvers	Georgi Bruce	Philippians 2:1-13	9:00 & 2nd Lesson

Date	Counters	Depositors	Date	Flower Arrangers	Altar Guild
<b>7-Sep</b>	Steve Birkhofer	James Cannon	<b>7-Sep</b>	Dawson, Buchanan	<b>Group 1 - Sep 6 - Sep 12</b>
<b>14-Sep</b>	Martha Boyette	Judy Bohan	<b>14-Sep</b>	Dawson, Buchanan	<b>Group 2 - Sep 13 - Sep 19</b>
<b>21-Sep</b>	Sally Withers	Chal and Hugh Vaughn	<b>21-Sep</b>	Jones, Davis	<b>Group 3 - Sep 20 - Sep 26</b>
<b>28-Sep</b>	Georgi Bruce	Anne Simmons	<b>28-Sep</b>	Jones Davis, 9/27 WED Moore/Reidding Flowers & Candles	<b>Group 4 - Sep 27 - Oct 3</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 may contact that person if you desire.

*For Parishioners:* **Jo Brokenshire; Arnold Clark; Sherry Coward; Mary Cozine; Bill Crownover; 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 Sherouse; Tsz-yan Snyder & family; Corinne Spencer; 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-Ann 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); Robert Baker (father of Donna Trimnal); Bethany (daughter of Joan); Bobbie Bradshaw (grandmother of Geoff Bradshaw); Chris Carson (son of Martha & Randy); Jim Chlopek (neighbor of Sue Thompkins); Gladys, Bill & Steve Creasman, Carolyn Creasman (friends of Chuck & Barbara Wilcox); Debbie D. (friend of Lynda McCredie); Kelli Davis (daughter of George & Pat Davis); Bill & Mary Hayes (parents of Rick Hayes); Meg Karayiannis (niece of Nancy Ackermann Cole); Don Kitchens (brother of Cheryl Aull); Roger & Sherry Martin (parents of Wendy Kuykendall); Beverly McRee (wife of Fr. Tim McRee); Morgan Miller (friend of Jeanne Sims); Jim & DiAnne Monroe; Johnny Nettles (cousin of Eva Dupree); Cynthia Nolan (former parishioner); Emma Octotree; 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; Mary Dee (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 Who Have Died & Their Families:* **Helen Watson (mother of Becky Barker); Gregory David Woeckner (grandson of Marla & Ed Woeckner).**

*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 Woeckner); Matthew George (son of Zoe Davis); Steven Grenier (son-in-law of Jean & Doug Haldane); Austin Harrison (grandson of Joan Sanderson); Jon Holland (parishioner); Spencer & Erica High; Gregory Melson (grandson of Charlotte Melson); Jason Marino (son of Lynda McCredie); Daniel Schultz (son of Judy Rhodes); Karl Tenney (nephew of Chuck & Barbara Wilcox); Fr. Rick Tiff (friend of Ray & Jeanne Robertson); Caitlin Vest (niece of Vicki & Paul Vest).**

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

## September Anniversaries

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

## September Birthdays

1 John Cort	16 Emeline Scales
2 O. E. Starnes	17 Angie Cullen
3 Hannah Booth	17 Patricia Hargrove
3 Zane Whitner	18 (Bo) Boyd Best
3 Beth Woodson	20 Joan Grimes
4 Julia Anne Dawson	20 Robert Reese
4 Naomi Green	21 Pat Davis
5 Marla Woeckener	22 Paul Hacklander
7 Lynda McCredie	23 Glenn Haller
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	26 Haig Rudd
14 Alex Comfort	26 Rita Spragg
14 Charlie Scales	28 John Churchill
14 Mark Silvers	30 Holden Israel
15 Cheryl Walker	30 Don Martin

## Gifts to Appreciate

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 are given to the Glory of God by:

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

Louise Cate Wernicke in thanksgiving for the marriage of Amanda Cate Wernicke to Thomas Ward Dunbar on September 6 and in loving memory of Louise Manget Cate;

Travers and Charlotte Chiott in loving memory of Joseph Aaron Morris;

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

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

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

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

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



## From Our Altar Guild

*Marzy Israel*

The altar flowers which grace the sanctuary of our church each Sunday are made possible by our generous parish donors. We are currently in need of contributors for some scattered Sundays throughout the year. If you are interested, please call Mary Jane Westall at 254-6221. Also, I am delighted to report that an experienced arranger, Leann Shearouse, has become a member of our flower guild team. We look forward to being inspired by her talent and expertise.

# Slow Start to Second Half of 2014

Total contributions for the first seven months of 2014 were \$247,950, coming in \$3,168 under budget. Without the inclusion of \$6,510 in prior year pledge payments, total contributions would be \$9,678 under budget. When considering all other sources of income, year-to-date receipts totaled \$262,784 with a budget of \$265,078 resulting in a negative income variance of (\$2,294).

Total expenses for the first seven months were \$245,691, coming in under budget by \$19,387. 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 (\$2,294) negative income variance with the \$19,387 positive expense variance, a \$17,093 positive variance results. As remaining 2014 budgeted needs become due, this positive variance will decrease.

Moving ahead, it is our prayer all needs will be met with continued offerings.

Your Vestry

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

	Actual	2014	Percent of Total	Income Left
	Jan - Jun	Jan-Dec Budget	Budget Received	to Receive
<b>Income:</b>				
Pledges	206,319	359,003	57.47%	152,684
Prior Year Pledges	6,510	-	0.00%	-
Non-pledged Offerings	30,590	61,484	49.75%	30,894
Open Offering	4,531	10,000	45.31%	5,469
Interest	36	150	24.09%	114
Misc.	14,798	23,782	62.22%	8,984
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>262,784</b>	<b>454,419</b>	<b>57.83%</b>	<b>191,636</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>			<b>Percent of Total</b>	<b>Expenses Left</b>
			<b>Budget Expended</b>	<b>to Cover</b>
Outreach/Mission	27,908	57,132	48.85%	29,224
Parish Programs	6,656	13,000	51.20%	6,344
Operations	33,960	72,650	46.75%	38,690
Personnel	176,518	311,637	56.64%	135,119
Expenses to be Classified	648	-	0.00%	648
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>245,691</b>	<b>454,419</b>	<b>54.07%</b>	<b>208,729</b>
<b>Income Less Expenses:</b>	<b>17,093</b>	<b>-</b>		

## Endowment Report

*Alex Comfort*

**Should I Leave Grace Church My House?** Every now and then you hear about someone leaving their house to a church. For most people, this doesn't happen because they need the house to remain in the estate, or to sell it for continuing care, or to allow their relatives to live in it. But for some folks, it winds up being a way to leave a good gift to the church.

For a person who is sure this is what they want to do, there is a way to arrange for it formally before they die and receive some very handsome financial benefits. This is another case where we just run the numbers and see if it works.

So if you know that leaving the church your residence or secondary residence is what you want to do, please let us know and we can help you discover if you can get a nice benefit ahead of time. Questions? Please call me at 691-6135.

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