



# the Grace TEAM

to each a ministry

SEPTEMBER 2015

## Parson to Person

Gary Coffey

### Grace Episcopal Church

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#### Sunday Worship

7:45AM - Rite I

9:00AM - Family Eucharist

11:15AM - Festival Eucharist

#### Healing Prayer

Every Sunday at

9:00AM and 11:15AM

there is a Prayer Station  
available with

Lay Healing Prayer Ministers.

#### Healing Prayer Services

Tuesdays, 7:00PM - Healing

Prayer Service;

Eucharist with Generational  
Healing Service

first Tuesday monthly.

#### Wednesdays at 12:15PM

Healing Prayer Service and  
Eucharist - laying on of hands  
by the priest for God's Healing.

#### Taizé

Third Sunday of each month at  
8:00PM there is a Taizé service  
attended by an ecumenical  
congregation who enjoy the  
reflective form of worship  
using candles, incense, chants,  
meditative readings, and  
prayers. Healing Prayer is also  
offered at the service.

Dear People of Grace,

I hope all of you have had a wonderful and restful summer. Many of us take advantage of the beautiful mountain weekends in the summer and are away from church. I don't doubt that you have experienced God in many places this summer, from the beauty of our mountains to the ocean tides, and in the faces of others. I look forward to our reconvening as the people of God at Grace Church in September.

I am very excited about taking a journey throughout this year and I would like to invite you to come with me. The journey that I am embarking on is a careful consideration of our faith. We know that more and more people are either walking away from the Christian faith, or are not being drawn to the Christian faith as it is being believed and practiced. There are various prophets in our day and time who are pointing out why this may be happening. To sum it up, I would say that, unfortunately, over the last 2000 years, we have inadvertently embraced various forms of "churchianity" or "institutionality" in place of the Christian faith as presented by our Lord Jesus.

That being the case, all kinds of bastardizations of the good news of Christ have and are being propagated and rightly rejected by people inside and outside of the Church. In his book, *A New Kind of Christianity*, Brian McLaren doesn't answer all of our questions about the Christian faith, but he does serve as a tour guide to this quest to discover the basics of our faith as taught and

espoused by our Lord Jesus.

Personally, my understanding of the Christian faith, particularly the faith I was taught in the southern Baptist tradition, has not served me well in my adult years. Therefore, I am not inviting you on this quest with me because I want to "enlighten you poor souls regarding the Christian Gospel".

No, I am asking you to join me in MY SEARCH for what Jesus really meant when He said, "Come and follow me."

I thought about doing this in a ten week Sunday school course, but the task is too big for that. It will take us the entire school year to cover this book in Sunday school together. Also, realizing that some folks may choose to read this book on their own and at their own speed, I am

making the book available to all who wish to read it. I am open to convening other groups, home groups, pub groups, groups at church to chat about this book, whatever might be helpful. In fact, let's say now that there will be a discussion group at Edna's across the street from the church on Thursday evenings from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30p.m. Edna's serves beer and wine as well as other beverages. If you wish to start another group, let us know. We are also planning an online forum of some kind, perhaps through our parish Facebook page.

For those of you who are wondering if this book takes a "Biblical approach" to the faith, know that Brian McLaren loves the Bible and is interested in people understanding it in a way that is faithful and makes sense.

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# 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*

## **Bells and Choir Practice**

*Wednesdays, Bells, 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Choir, 7:30-8:30 p.m.*

## **Generational Healing Eucharist**

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

## **Labor Day Holiday**

*Sunday, September 6, Sunday school will not meet*

*Monday, September 7, church office closed*

## **Men of the Church**

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

## **Healing Prayer Services**

*Tuesday, September 8, 15, 22 & 29, 7:00 p.m., CH*

## **TEAM Meeting**

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

## **Order of St. Luke Program Meeting**

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

## **Church of the Advocate Celebration Dinner**

*Thursday, September 10, 5:00-7:30 p.m., Trinity*

## **Steadfast House Meal**

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

## **Pig Pickin'**

*Saturday, September 12, Music, 5:30 p.m.; Dinner, 6:15 p.m.*

## **PubSing**

*Sunday, September 13, Snacks, 5:30 p.m.; Singing, 6:00 p.m.*

## **Youth Sunday School Starts**

*September 13, 10:10 a.m.*

## **Centering Prayer Workshop**

*Saturday, September 19, 9:30-11:30 a.m., PH*

## **Acolyte Training and Refresher Course**

*Saturday, September 19, 10:00-11:00 a.m., CH*

## **Taizé Worship Service**

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

## **Vestry Meeting**

*Monday, September 21, 5:30 p.m., LI*

## **Rummage Sale**

*Set-up/donations: Tuesday, September 29-Friday, October 2*

*Sale: Saturday, October 3, 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.*

## **Pumpkins Unloading (Help Needed!)**

*Sunday, October 4, Lunch provided after 12:15 service*

# Parish News

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An **Acolyte Training and Refresher Course** for all services will be offered to ALL Grace youth and adults, third grade and older, Saturday, September 19, 10:00-11:00 a.m. in the nave (worship area) of the church. If you think you MIGHT be interested, come and check it out. We'd love to have you! Cuyler Dupre, Daphne Urquhart and Fr. Gary will be on hand to help with the training.

**Lectors, Intercessors and Presenters needed** for the 11:15 service. Training is available, but basically the Lector reads the first reading of the service from the podium and the Intercessor reads the Prayers of the People from the podium. The Presenters bring the wine and bread from the rear of the church down the aisle to the altar. If you can assist with this ministry to God and Grace Parish, please contact Sally Coburn at 645-5369 or call the church office at 254-1086.

**The Men of the Church** will meet Tuesday, September 8, 6:00 p.m. at the home of host and cook, Bill Warren. His address is 79 Griffing Boulevard. The cost is \$10.00. All are welcome. Please sign up on the blue sheet on the kiosk in the foyer.

**Monday morning Bible Study** meets at 10:30 a.m. in the parish hall. Please join us as Fr. Bob facilitates a study of the Gospel for the following Sunday. All are welcome.

**The Order of St. Luke Program Meeting** will meet Thursday, September 10, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Our program will be a DVD discussion of the Gospel account of two blind men. We'll also watch DVD clips of a man in India who is used powerfully by God in evangelism. We'll see how God gives him words of knowledge to help him find leaders in Hindu temples and bring these leaders into a relationship with Jesus. *All are welcome. One does not need to be an OSL member to attend. We will not meet if the Asheville city schools are closed that day or will close early because of inclement weather.*

**The Tuesday morning Early Birds** meet at 8:15 on Tuesday mornings in the library and study the Word through book studies. All are welcome.



The third Sunday evening of each month Grace offers a Taizé styled service of prayer and music. The service is staffed entirely by lay volunteers who have made this a richly rewarding part of their ministry. The service is looking for additional volunteers who would like to be part of an easy-to-accommodate limited ministry commitment of once a month or every other month. If this sounds like it might be for you please call James Cannon to learn more.

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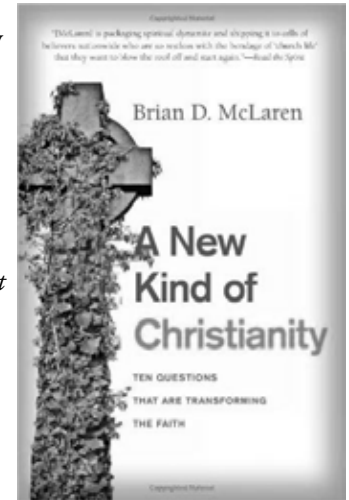
Unlike many, he is not a reductionist trying to explain away the Bible, but rather, as what might be called a progressive Christian, he intends to mine it for the treasure that God has for us in it. I bought fifty copies of his book hoping there would be fifty households who would join me in some way on this quest. We can order more if needed. These books are available to you without charge. If you feel you must reimburse the church for your copy, it is \$10.00.

Starting September 13, we will begin with the preface and chapter one and cover a chapter (10-15 pages) each week in the book. Please read the chapter in advance of our meetings if you possibly can. For the benefit of the folks who are reading this book on their own, I will send out an email on Monday mornings to the parish email list with a synopsis of my understanding of each chapter and some report on the discussion on Sunday morning. I am asking God's blessing on this effort and pray that God uses the study of this book to strengthen and clarify our faith in Christ and to move us closer to following Him more faithfully in our lives. I would appreciate your prayers for this effort as well.

I'd like to finish my plea to you to join me on this quest by including a prayer from McLaren's book that we can pray as we head out together (whether you read the book in conjunction with a discussion group or on your own).

*Lord, we acknowledge that we have made a mess of what Jesus started. We affirm that we are wrong and Jesus is right. We choose not to defend what we have done and what we have become. We understand that many good Christians will not want to participate in our quest, and we welcome their charitable critique. We acknowledge that we have created many Christianities up to this point, and they call for reassessment and, in many cases, repentance. We choose to seek a better path into the future than the one we have been on. We desire to be born again as disciples of Jesus Christ. Now grant us wisdom and guide us in our quest, and create something new and beautiful in and among us for the good of all creation and to your glory, Living God.*

God's Peace and Blessing,  
Fr. Gary Coffey



# Youth Sunday School Begins September 13

*Parents of children taking part in this year's Catechesis program are invited to meet with Beth McKinsey during the September 13 Sunday school hour to learn more about the program and its teachers. We hope you and your children will participate in what promises to be a great school year.*



# midBEGINNINGdle September 11-13

MidBEGINNINGdle (Beginning in the Middle) is a unique retreat designed to respond to the spiritual issues, concerns, and needs of youth in grades 6-8.

MidBEGINNINGdle is held once a year at Valle Crucis Conference Center. The retreat begins with check-in on Friday, September 11, at 5:30p.m. and concludes with Eucharist and lunch on Sunday, September 13, at 1:00 p.m.

Talks are given by high school youth, clergy, and adults. Singing, skits, and small group discussions are also important when dealing with issues such as Who is Jesus?, Peer Pressure, Parents, Prayer, and the Church. Other activities include crafts, field games, hikes, and an open mic extravaganza.

Family and friends are encouraged to attend. You still have time to register. Visit [http://www.diocesewnc.org/digital\\_faith/events/3166188](http://www.diocesewnc.org/digital_faith/events/3166188) or contact Ian Williams, [youth@diocesewnc.org](mailto:youth@diocesewnc.org) or 828-225-6656.

## Soles for Hope Project for Children's Sabbath



Like most Americans, you probably have a nice home, two cars, and a closet full of shoes. While we are blessed by these things, we are always reminded that there are children beginning their day in places like Uganda, Africa with barely enough to wear, no clean water, and NO SHOES.

This year, as part of our annual Children's Sabbath, Sunday, October 18, we here at Grace have a chance to help change this by joining in a partnership with the organization "Soles for Hope." By collecting old denim jeans (to be used in making the uppers for the shoes) and plastic file folders and gallon milk jugs that are cut into pieces to give the shoes their shape, we can contribute to shipments being sent to Africa where tailors and shoemakers will craft shoes that are then given away at medical clinics.

Right now, you can learn more about this project at [www.solehope.org/](http://www.solehope.org/). We also encourage you to dig up at least one pair of old denim jeans and plastic from file folders or gallon milk jugs, bring them to church and add them to the collection already started in the Atrium III room downstairs. Another need for our project will be scissors that will be used to cut the pieces from patterns that will be supplied.

More information about our shoe-making project and the Children's Sabbath will be coming soon.

## Kids of the Kingdom 2015-16 Music Schedule

<b>Level I Music*</b>	<b>Sept. 13</b>	<b>Oct. 11</b> <i>(combined)</i>	<b>Nov. 1</b>	<b>Dec. 6</b>	<b>Jan. 10</b>	<b>Jan. 31</b>	<b>Mar. 6</b>	<b>Apr. 10</b>	<b>May 8</b>
<b>Level II/III Music**</b>	<b>Sept. 20</b>	<b>Oct. 11</b> <i>(combined)</i>	<b>Nov. 8</b>	<b>Dec. 13</b>	<b>Jan. 17</b>	<b>Feb. 14</b>	<b>Mar. 13</b>	<b>Apr. 17</b>	<b>May 15</b>
<b>Youth***</b>	<b>Sept. 27</b>	<b>Oct. 25</b>	---	---	<b>Jan. 3</b>	<b>Feb. 21</b>	---	---	<b>May 1</b>

\*Level I will sing in church specifically May 22 (but are always welcome to sing with Level II, but sit with their families).

\*\*Level II/III sings in church at 9:00 services: Oct. 18; Nov. 15; Dec. 20; Dec. 24 (Pageant); Jan. 24; March 20; April 24; May 22.

\*\*\* Youth have their own special Sunday to sing: Feb. 28, at the 9:00 service.

*Thank you so much, Joanna Best, for the musical gifts and enthusiasm you bring to our youth as the Grace Parish Youth Music Director. Most recently, the "Kids of the Kingdom Fish Fry" was a fun and successful effort to continue increasing the awareness of the written musical language (which started in the early Christian church) and to build enthusiasm for music in the young people in our church family. If you have questions about our program, please email or call Joanna at [jboymbest@gmail.com](mailto:jboymbest@gmail.com), 712-1337.*

# Grace Outreach

*Sue Thompkins*

**EPISCOPAL HOUSE XI.** As you know, we are working with other local Episcopal parishes to build Episcopal House XI. We were fortunate enough to have the Drake Family, new residents of the Episcopal House, visit with us at services on August 30. The new house will be at 179 Johnston Boulevard (GPS location), Asheville, NC 28806 which is in Hudson Hills in West Asheville. Work is done on the house from Tuesday through Saturday, 8:15 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. with breaks for snacks and lunch. This year, Fridays will be a half day from 8:30 a.m. until noon. You will need to bring your own lunch and snacks. Water and drinks are provided. The sign-up sheets and information sheets are in the foyer. Each day on which volunteers are needed will specify what work is being done on the house that day. You will be given supervision and on-the-job training by the jobsite supervisor. Remember, you can ask your friends who are NOT members of Grace to volunteer with you. If all our volunteer slots are filled, please contact Sue and she will find another time for you to volunteer. Please call Sue Thompkins at 828-230-9328 if you need any more information or have questions. Thank you for helping us provide needed housing to a deserving family.

**AND THANK YOU AGAIN.** The Grace Outreach Committee would also like to thank all the members of our parish for your donations of food to the ABCCM food pantries. The food pantries are dependent on us for help with supplying their food and are grateful for your contributions. In addition, members of our parish have once again overwhelmed the foster parents association with your generous donations of school supplies for many of the foster children in Buncombe County. We thank you for your help with these projects.

## Rummage Sale: Volunteers and Stuff Needed

Our Annual Rummage Sale will be Saturday, October 3, 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. We start sorting and getting all items out for display beginning Tuesday, September 29, and continuing through Friday, October 2. Everyone is welcome to come and help; your time is greatly appreciated. On Saturday for the sale, we'll need cashiers and help with clean-up. Clean-up takes about 45 minutes. Goodwill then comes by to take our leftovers. Please come help us set up and have fun shopping while you're there. Remember, one person's junk is another person's treasure. You never know what you will find. Please contact Nancy Remmers at 298-9789 or Mary Jane Westall at 254-6221 with questions and to volunteer for set-up week and/or for the sale on Saturday.

## The Pumpkins Are Coming!

The pumpkins are coming Sunday, October 4, 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 October 4 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 would like to take just a minute to talk about an aspect of prayer that many of us forget. So many times I want to jump in and tell God all the things I need or want or desire. The funny thing is, God already knows all those things. I believe that God really wants to hear all those things that we are grateful for. If I begin a prayer in gratitude, the wants/needs/desires somehow seem to diminish in size. They become less overwhelming. I have recently discovered a wonderful tool on the internet which helps me begin my day by focusing on what I am grateful for. Every morning I receive an email which asks me to enter something I am grateful for. The best thing is that it has to be one word. This morning I was thankful for computers. As an added bonus, the website keeps track of what I am thankful for and anytime I want to look back at my entries, I just click on a button and bingo, all of my one word entries pop up for me to review and remember. If any of you are interested in this site, just go to: <http://tinygratitude.com/>

My prayer this day is that the blessings of a grateful heart be given to each and every one of you.

# A Celebration of the Church of the Advocate

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All Are Cordially Invited to a

Celebration of The Church of the Advocate

Hosted by Travinia Italian Kitchen

The church is an Episcopal Ministry Dedicated to Serving the Homeless, the Vulnerable and the Street People of Asheville.

Thursday, September 10, 2015 - 5:00 – 7:30 p.m.  
Trinity Episcopal Church, 60 Church Street

A \$25.00 Minimum Donation Is Suggested Per Person

Wine & Beer will be Available.

Entertainment – The McCoy-McKay Band and Blues Singer, Kat Williams

Speaker: The Very Rev Todd Donatelli

Reservations: [COTAccelebration.rsvpify.com](http://COTAccelebration.rsvpify.com)

Information: The Rev Ham Fuller at [hamfuller@aol.com](mailto:hamfuller@aol.com) or 828-243-3932

## Pig Pickin' on Saturday, September 12

The Annual Pig Pickin' Barbeque Dinner, sponsored by the Men of the Church, will happen Saturday, September 12. As in years past, we'll be in the church parking lot at 5:30 p.m. with lots of really good food and music. 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.



## Just the Basics:

## An Introduction to Centering Prayer

We will offer seven centering prayer sessions beginning with a workshop on Saturday, September 19 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the parish hall. We will continue with six weekly meetings on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. (location to be announced). Katie Warren and Becky Hannah will facilitate the sessions. We will view and discuss a video following each 20-minute centering prayer session. The workshop and the continuing sessions are for everyone, whether you are experienced in centering prayer or you are a complete novice who is interested in exploring the richness and wonder of the Christian contemplative tradition. Please call Katie at 275-3971 to register. The registration fee is \$10. Please ask about scholarships if needed. **We must have a minimum of ten participants pre-registered by Friday, September 11, in order to offer the Saturday workshop.**

# A Letter from Elly

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*Our own Elly Withers is off to Panama. She asked us share this letter of appreciation with all who have so generously helped make this trip possible.*

Dear Grace Family,

I am excited to announce that I have reached, and exceeded, my fundraising goal of \$10,000 for my year of service in Panama next year! I am completely blown away by your support. It really means a lot to me to me, to have such a wonderful community cheering me on. Just from our parish at Grace, I have raised \$6,534!

These funds will be used to help pay for my year abroad volunteering with Promesa, a nonprofit that helps indigenous families in sustainable farming outside of the capital. I will be in New York this month for a two-week training session and I will leave for Panama at the end of August. My departure is getting closer and closer! I could not be more excited about moving to Panama for the next year and dedicating my life to service.

I was also able to talk to Rachel Carter who served in Panama two years ago through YASC and she has made me even more eager to begin my service. She told me that Panamanians are very friendly and that Promesa was really making a difference in the community because it was a

grassroots project led by the people. God is really doing some incredible things in Panama through this nonprofit and I am excited to be a part of it! If you would like to keep up with my blog and what I am doing in Panama you can use this link: <http://ellypanamonium.blogspot.com/>

Thank you again for all of your support and encouragement, I really wouldn't be able to do any of this without you all. I would like to end with a prayer from St. Augustine that really inspires me and I hope will also inspire you all in your daily lives. It's about serving others through love.

Lord, give me the hands to help others. Give me the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. Give me the eyes to see misery and want. And give me the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. For that is what love looks like. Amen.

Thanks again for all of your support! Blessings and hugs,



# September 2015 Ministry Schedule

Date	Service Time	Acolyte C	Acolyte G	Acolyte E	Lector, Intercessor & Presenters	Healing Team	Ushers	Chalicians	Coffee Hour	Scripture	Lesson
<b>6-Sep</b>											
	7:45						Jim Black	James Cannon			
	9:00	Noah Clary	Daphne Urquhart	Cuyler Dupree	L, I, P - Cuyler Dupree, Greg Townsend, Townsend Family	Louise Wernicke Patricia Hargrove	Tom and Liz Barr	1. Debbie Jones 2. Jennifer Clary	Katherine Kaderabek	Proverbs 22: 1-2,8-9, 22-23	1st Lesson
	11:15	Cheryl Aull	Elly Withers	Bob Grimes	L, I, P - Rusty McCredie, Elaine Potter & Alternates	Karen Compton Pat Davis	Larry and LuAnn Harris	1. Sally Withers 2. Nancy Clark	Sallie Hunter	James 2:1-17	2nd Lesson & 9:00
<b>13-Sep</b>											
	7:45						Steve Jones	Jack Frue			
	9:00	Zoe Davis	Helena Cullen	Maira Stewart	L, I, P - Robert Green and Green Family	Alternate and Jeanne Robertson	Paul and Vicki Vest	1. Anne Simmons 2. Greg Townsend	Micki Newton	Proverbs 1:20-33	1st Lesson
	11:15	Mark Silvers	Jonah Silvers	Sally Withers	L, I, P - Jenny Thomas, Mark Silvers & Alternate	Mary Israel Corinne Spencer	Ron Sims Arnold Clark	1. Sally Coburn 2. Carol McMichael	Volunteer	James 3:1-12	2nd Lesson & 9:00
<b>20-Sep</b>											
	7:45						Andrew Dahm	Margaret Dahm			
	9:00	Faith Vallely	Myra Bell	Louise Wemicke	L, I, P - Anne Simmons and Simmons Family	Pat Davis Jane Whitman	Kaderabek Family	1. Sarah Vallely 2. Cuyler Dupree	Elaine Dephousse	Proverbs 31:10-31	1st Lesson
	11:15	Rusty McCredie	Sally Withers	Grace Miller	L, I, P - Charles Carter & Kimberly Kneier	Sonny Rawls Karen Compton	Elaine Potter Henry Watts	1. Bill Warren 2. Leeann Shearhouse	Volunteer	James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a	2nd Lesson & 9:00
	Taizé 8:00 PM				L - Monty Wooten P - James Cannon	Deb Gravatt					
<b>27-Sep</b>											
	7:45						Ed Duncan	Jack Frue			
	9:00	Noah Clary	Gavin Knapp	Zoe Davis	L, I, P - Hugh Vaughn and Louise Cate	Jeanne Robertson Shari Lane	Derek and Wade Edwards	1. Daphne Urquhart 2. Jenny Knapp	Cuyler Dupree	Proverbs 30:5-9	1st Lesson
	11:15	Mark Silvers	Jonah Silvers	Eric Howell	L, I, P - Cal and Nancy Remmers	Sonny Rawls Mary Israel	Paul Stewart Bob Turner	1. Eric Howell 2. Elaine Potter	Georgi Bruce	James 5:13-20	2nd Lesson & 9:00

Date	Counters	Depositors	Date	Flower Arrangers	Altar Guild
<b>6-Sep</b>	Steve Birkhofer	James Cannon	<b>6-Sep</b>	Newton, Israel	Group 1 - Sep 5 - Sep 11
<b>13-Sep</b>	Martha Boyette	Judy Bohan	<b>13-Sep</b>	Newton, Israel	Group 2 - Sep 12 - Sep 18
<b>20-Sep</b>	Sally Withers	Chal and Hugh Vaughn	<b>20-Sep</b>	Shearouse - Wedding: Lytal/Korch 5:00 p.m.	Group 3 - Sep 19 - 25
<b>27-Sep</b>	Georgi Bruce	Anne Simmons	<b>27-Sep</b>	Dawson, Buchanan	Group 4 - Sep 26 - Oct 2



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:* **Walter Adamson; Jo Brokenshire; Chris Carson (son of Martha & Randy); **The Rev. Gary Coffey; Sherry Coward; Mary Cozine; Ed Denison; Kristin Dusenbery; Eunice Ferguson; David Gentry, Jr.; Catherine Godfrey; Jess Gregory; Olivia & the Haller family; Mary Hayes; Nora Jones; Wendy Kuykendall; Michelle Lee; Linda & Rusty McCredie; Charlotte Melson; Nancy Porter; Doris Rigsby; Corey & Tsz-yan Snyder & family; Corinne Spencer; Lucinda Watkins; Chuck Wilcox.****

*For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities:* **Henny Caldwell; Bob Hall; Betty & Rusk Henry; June Kelley; Neill Mason; Fred Motney; Maryli Perkins; Martin Shaw; Laura Stephens; 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; Pat & David Anderson** (parents of Tricia Trinite); **Nancy Bailey** (friend of Barbara & Chuck Wilcox); **Carolyn & Winn Baker** (friends of Bob & Jeannette Reese); **Nancy Battaile** (friend of Barbara Wilcox); **Stephanie Blackwell** (sister of Jeanne Simms); **Bethany** (daughter of Joan); **Debbie D.** (friend of Lynda McCredie); **Don Cole; Kelli Davis** (daughter of George & Pat Davis); **Kaci Epley** (cousin of Vicki & Paul Vest); **Margaret Frazier** (friend of Jim & Karen Compton); **Bill & Mary Hayes** (parents of Rick Hayes); **Donald Israel** (brother-in-law of Mary Israel); **Kathleen Johnson** (friend of Barbara & Chuck Wilcox); **Meg Karayiannis** (niece of Nancy Ackermann Cole); **Roger & Sherry Martin** (parents of Wendy Kuykendall); **Jerry & Mary McAuliffe** (friends of Barbara & Chuck Wilcox); **Diana Noble** (daughter of Joyce & Walt Noble); **Ted Oesterlin; Betsy P.** (friend of Barbara Wilcox); **Monte Pepper** (nephew of Alice Moriarty); **Erik & Susan Stoops** (brother-in-law & sister of Wendy Kuykendall); **Jennifer Svenstrup** (friend of Paul & Vicki Vest); **Sydnor Thompson III; Alex** (friend of Judy & Mike Bohan); **Alicia; Ashley** (daughter of Henry Watts); **Don & Patricia; Elizabeth; Fran; Karen; John; Lou** (mother of Kim Hayes); **Mary Dee** (cousin of Walt Noble); **Pam** (friend of Cheryl Aull); **Richard; Sue; Susan; Ted & Aline; for all those affected by our struggling economy.**

*For Those Who have Died and their Families:* **Steve Creasman** (friend of Barbara & Chuck Wilcox).

*For Those in the Episcopal Church:* **Katharine, our Presiding Bishop; Porter & Robert, our Bishops; the clergy, the vestry; the staff, and 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:* **Tommy & 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); **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); **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 the political crises across the world.**

## September Anniversaries

Jon and Bobbi Holland	1
Al and Julia Anne Dawson	2
Lindsay and Betty Harper	3
John and Beth Woodson	7
Jarod and Molly Coffey	13
Mel and Straudia Luedtke	14
Monty Wooten & Cheryl Deyton	20
Eric and Karen Howell	25

## September Birthdays

1 Pat Anderson	14 Mark Silvers
1 John Cort	15 Cheryl Walker
2 O. E. Starnes	16 Emeline Scales
3 Hannah Evelyn Booth	17 Angie Cullen
3 Zane Whitner	17 Patricia Hargrove
3 Beth Woodson	18 (Bo) Boyd Best
4 Julia Anne Dawson	18 Lindsay Harper
4 Naomi Green	20 Joan Grimes
5 Marla Woeckener	20 Robert Reese
7 Lynda McCredie	21 Pat Davis
7 Doris Rigsby	23 Glenn Haller
10 Bobbie Webster	24 Bailey Frue
11 Ellie Cochran	24 Cameron Frue
11 Anna McKinsey	25 Maya Bell
12 Devin Engelbrecht	25 Peggie Carey
12 James Engelbrecht	26 Rita Spragg
14 Rankin Bohan	30 Holden Israel
14 Alex Comfort	30 Don Martin
14 Charlie Scales	

## 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;

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.



## Endowment

Georgi Bruce in memory of Doris Lederer

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to Becky Barker on the marriage of her daughter Holly Barker to Amit Patel on August 12, in Hollywood, Florida. Amit is a medical student and Holly is a CPA with a volunteer accounting job while he is in school.

# Budget Shortfalls a Worrying Trend

Pledge receipts through the end of July totaled \$186,218 compared to projected pledges of \$205,294. Considering all income sources, income for the first six months totaled \$228,742; while we projected income to be \$259,625. We ended July with a negative variance in overall income of (\$30,884).

The negative income variance for the first seven months was offset by expenses in the first six months which were less than budgeted amounts by \$13,996. When added to the negative income variance of (\$30,884), year-to-date income less expenses resulted in a small deficit of \$16,888 for our first seven months.

We are currently experiencing a deficit of \$16,888 while at this point in 2014 we experienced a positive balance of \$17,093.

We have experienced a shortfall income for two consecutive months and this is a worrying trend. While our expenses continue to offset the shortfall in income to some extent, our overall financial position continues to deteriorate. While income historically falls during the summer months, this year's drop-off is greater than expected. We encourage prayer and attention to our stewardship efforts.

Your Vestry

## Statement of Activities - Grace Church Year to Date - July 2015

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
<b>Income:</b>			
Pledges	186,218	205,294	(19,076)
Prior Year Pledges	2,315	-	2,315
Non-pledged Offerings	24,610	35,866	(11,256)
Open Offering	4,942	11,218	(6,276)
Interest	35	88	(53)
Misc.	10,623	7,161	3,462
Total Income:	<b>228,742</b>	<b>259,625</b>	<b>(30,884)</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Outreach/Mission	28,298	33,327	(5,029)
Parish Programs	4,292	8,721	(4,428)
Operations	38,246	43,938	(5,692)
Personnel	174,793	173,640	1,153
Total Expenses:	<b>245,630</b>	<b>259,626</b>	<b>(13,996)</b>
<b>Income Less Expenses:</b>	<b>(16,888)</b>	<b>(0)</b>	<b>(16,888)</b>

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