



the Grace TEAM

to each a ministry

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Parson to Person

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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 am more excited about the ministry of Grace Church than I have ever been! How great is *that* after fifteen years of being your Rector?!!

The reason I am so excited is that we as a parish are in a building mode and dreaming of what could be rather than settling for what is. The Vestry is looking forward to 2020 and asking you, "Beloved People at Grace, what do you want our parish to look like four years from now in 2020?" We are asking that question to you now, and we are asking it expecting answers from you!

**PLEASE LET US
HEAR FROM
YOU BY EMAIL,
BY LETTER, BY
TELEPHONE OR
IN PERSON!!!**

Of course, this is another way of doing discernment, isn't it? Recognizing that the Holy Spirit indwells and is stirring in each of you, we are asking you what the desires of your hearts are for Grace, and since God dwells in your hearts, what we will hear back from you is God's yearning and desire for Grace as well.

As you think of your grandest dream for this people of God called Grace Episcopal Church in Asheville, N.C., what is that dream? What is God's dream for Grace Church?

I love that quip, "If you aim at nothing, you are sure to hit it every time!" That is true of our lives as individuals and of our life together as the people of Grace. I am happy to report to you that God

has provided us with a Vestry made up of people who are on fire to find out what Grace Church can be with your help and with the leading of God's Spirit within us.

We now have twelve active ministries, which are being chaired by people on the Vestry (with the exception of Outreach and Worship). Each ministry group is open

to new members from anyone here at Grace. For your convenience, here is a list of the ministries and their chairpersons: Adult Spiritual Growth: Greg Townsend; Youth Ministry: Elaine Potter; Children's Sunday School: Mark Silvers and Deb Gravatt; Communications: Eric Howell; Building and Grounds: Bill Crownover; Newcomers: Ray Kuykendall; Fellowship: Sally Withers; Pastoral

Care: Kathleen Griffin; Stewardship: Kimberly Kneier; Finance: Oscar Starnes; Outreach: Sue Thompkins (who is not presently on the Vestry); Worship: Gary Coffey.

Each group is forming for this coming school year and is open for new members. If you have been thinking of a way to get further involved at Grace, now, Beloved, is the time!

Feel free to call the Church Office for contact information for any of the folks chairing the ministries and give them a call. It is a very exciting time to be a member of Grace Church. Ask God how you might serve Christ through Grace Church this year.

Blessings,
Fr. Gary

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Events at a Glance

Weekly Gospel Bible Study

Mondays, 10:30 a.m., PH (resumes September 12)

Early Birds Men's Book Study

Tuesdays, 8:15 a.m., LI

Centering Prayer

Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m., CR

Bells and Choir Practice

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

Labor Day Holiday (Office Closed)

Monday, September 5

Generational Healing Eucharist

Tuesday, September 6, 7:00 p.m., CH

Pictorial Directory Photo Sessions

September 7, 8, 9, 10, 29, 30, October 1; 2:00-8:30 p.m. weekdays; 10:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturdays.

Order of St. Luke Program Meeting

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

Church of the Advocate Celebration

Thursday, September 8, 5:00-7:30 p.m., Trinity Church

Steadfast House Meal

Friday, September 9, 6:00 p.m.

Pig Pickin'

Saturday, September 10, 6:00 p.m., at the church

Sunday School Begins

Sunday, September 11

PubSing

Sunday, September 11: snacks 5:30 p.m.; singing 6:00 p.m.

LunchBunch

Tuesday, September 13, 11:30 a.m.

Men of the Church

Tuesday, September 13, 6:00 p.m.

Healing Prayer Services

Tuesdays, September 13, 20, & 27, 7:00 p.m., CH

TEAM Meeting

Wednesday, September 14, 11:00 a.m., OF

Urban Garden Work Day

Saturday, September 17, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Taizé Worship Service

Sunday, September 18, 8:00 p.m., CH

Vestry Meeting

Monday, September 19, 5:30 p.m., LI

Kids of the Kingdom Sing

Sunday, September 25, 9:00 a.m. service

Pumpkins Arrive; unloading

Sunday, October 2, 12:30 p.m.

Parish News

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

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 LunchBunch meets Tuesday, September 13, in the church foyer at 11:30 a.m. No decision has been made about a restaurant at this time, so let us know what you'd like. Email or call Kathleen Griffin with suggestions at 258-2105 or gkcgiffin7@gmail.com.

The **Men of the Church** meet Tuesday, September 13, 6:00 p.m. Our host is Bill Warren, 73 Griffing Boulevard, Asheville. The cost is \$15, and a blue sign-up sheet is on the kiosk in the foyer.

Resuming September 12, **Monday Morning Bible Study** meets at 10:30 a.m. in the parish hall as Fr. Bob facilitates a study of the Gospel for the following Sunday. All are welcome.

The Mountain Chapter of the **Order of St. Luke** meets Thursday, September 8, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Our program will be a DVD discussion of the Gospel account of Jesus healing Malchus' ear, which was cut off when Jesus was betrayed in the Garden of Gethsemane. We'll also watch a DVD clip of Christians planting seeds of Christianity among Hindus in India. Our prayer experience will focus on praying for persons battling cancer. All are welcome. One does not have to be an OSL member to attend. *We will not meet if the Asheville City Schools are closed or close early due to inclement weather.*

Join us for **PubSing**, an informal gathering on the second Sunday evening of each month to sing hymns, old-time Gospel, and Americana inspirational music. We will meet this month on Sunday, September 11, at the French Broad Brewery, 101 Fairview Avenue. You may bring a snack at 5:30 p.m.; singing begins at 6:00. For more information, contact Monty Wooten at montywooten@bellsouth.net or 828-254-1114. Get directions at frenchbroadbrewery.com/directions/.

Weddings at Grace. Destination weddings at Grace contribute to the church Building Fund. Our next wedding is September 24, at 5:00 p.m., with the rehearsal at 4:00 p.m., September 23.

Contact Jean Haldane, halejd2071@yahoo.com, to learn more about becoming a Grace Wedding Coordinator.

Our thoughts and prayers are with
the family and friends of
Charlotte Melson.

Annual Pig Pickin' is Saturday, September 10



*Tickets are \$12.50 per person or \$37.50 for families of three or more, available from Men of the Church and in the foyer on Sundays. Admission includes drinks, desserts, and all your favorite pig pickin' trimmings.
Ya'll come!*

Kids of the Kingdom Music and Events

At the Pig Pickin'. We are hoping to have a small group of children to sing at the September 10 Pig Pickin'. Email Joanna, jboymbest@gmail.com, if your child can attend and sing.

On Sunday, September 25. The children will sing at the 9:00 service. We will rehearse on Sept. 11; we will again utilize the email recording to help them prepare.

God's Love is Like a Banquet. Last year we kicked off the year with a family fish fry focusing on low notes (for our musical theme). This year we hope to build on the concept of God's love being like a banquet, so during the pumpkin season, we will have two chances for children to come by for a "Sweet Treats Banquet" and do music games and activities. Be watching for more information on that as October approaches.

Music Notes

Joel Rogers

We are looking to begin a new program at Grace that will augment our music programs at both services. For many years, I have organized a program for college-aged students call the "Choral Scholars." These young musicians will serve as singers in the Adult Choir at the 11:15 service, and will also be able to sing at several of our special services. Additionally, I would like to have them sing at the 9:00 service and begin to build a musical bridge between these two services.

The students are compensated minimally in the form of an awarded scholarship. They can use those funds to help defray their expenses with their education. Occasionally, we may have students who are still in high school or who recently completed a college degree and are still in a transitional period before graduate school.

At any rate, the ultimate goal is to enrich our music programs and to provide a venue for young musicians to learn the music and traditions of our rich musical heritage. If you would like to contribute to this program, or if you would like more information, please contact me directly at jrogers@mhu.edu.

Urban Garden Work Day, September 17

The Urban Garden Work Day is Saturday, September 17, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Come join members of the Grace Building and Grounds Committee for a morning work day, sprucing up, weeding, trimming and mulching the lovely lower Urban Garden and children's play yard. Please bring gloves, hand tools, and sunscreen.

Rummage Sale, October 22

Please mark your calendars for our sale Saturday, October 22, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., and start saving items that might be useful to others. Helpers are needed to sort and organize Tuesday through Friday, October 18-21. Many hands make light work, so please contact Nancy Remmers at 298-9789 to volunteer or for more information.



Bishop-Elect to Speak at Church of the Advocate Celebration, September 8

*Join us for a Celebration of the Church of the Advocate Thursday, September 8, 5:00-7:30 p.m.
at Trinity Episcopal Church, 60 Church Street, Asheville, NC.*

You are cordially invited to a Celebration of The Church of the Advocate hosted by Travinia Italian Kitchen! Entertainment provided by **Emmy-Nominated Blues Singer Kat Williams**; guest speaker, **The Rev. Canon José McLoughlin, Bishop-Elect**; special honoree, **The Rt. Rev. G. Porter Taylor, Bishop**. Silent Auction bidding begins at 5:00 p.m.

In support of Travinia's generous gift, a \$25 minimum donation is suggested. Wine and beer will be available.

For reservations and information, please email ashevillechurchoftheadvocate@gmail.com. Online registration is available at www.diocesewnc.org.

The Church of the Advocate is dedicated to serving the homeless, the vulnerable, and the street people of Asheville and Buncombe County.

The Pumpkins are Coming October 2

It's almost THAT time of year again!! The PUMPKINS are COMING October 2!

Many thanks again to the Grace community for hosting the Consider Haiti Pumpkin Patch. As most of you know, the Patch is our single biggest fund-raiser of the year and all proceeds go to our programs in Haiti – medical clinics, community health agents, clean water, and sustainable nutrition (think goats!).

How you can help >



1. The pumpkins will arrive on Sunday, October 2, at 12:30! Volunteer to help unload them – the more folks we have, the faster and more fun it will be!!

2. Sign up to tend the Pumpkin Patch for one or more shifts during the month of October. There will be two ways to sign up:

- The sign-up board in the church foyer coming in mid-September;
- On-line sign up through Volunteer Spot, link also coming in mid-September.

Again – thank you for your continued support. We know we are making a difference in the lives of children and families in Montrouis, Fond Baptiste, and Ivoire, Haiti. Please Consider Haiti and consider volunteering a small amount of your time.

Grace Outreach

Sue Thompkins

THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN. The Grace Outreach Committee would like to thank you for your generous donations to both our back-to-school drive for school supplies for foster children and to our food drive for ABCCM.

HELP US HELP. It is often difficult to know how to effectively help others when disaster strikes. As tens of thousands of victims in Louisiana and along the Gulf coast struggle to once again recover from catastrophic flooding, our response as Christians is important.

Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) is encouraging all who are able to donate now to the organization's **US**



Disaster Response Fund, enabling them to respond swiftly to the current Gulf Coast flooding, and other US emergencies, by providing local church partners with essential supplies and resources.

Grace Outreach has sent a \$1000 donation to ERD, confident it will go directly to those with the greatest needs. We hope others will do the same. Twenty dollars each from just one hundred people at Grace would triple our gift.

To learn more about ERD and to donate, visit their website, www.episcopalrelief.org. You may also place a check in the offering plate on Sunday with "ERD-Flooding" on the memo line. Thank you for helping us help.

Feeding Hungry Children

The Grace Outreach Committee has a long-running program, the Grace Back-Packer program, that provides food "packs" to children in need at neighboring Jones Elementary School. The children are identified by the school as those who are eligible for free breakfast and lunch at school during the week, but who may not have access to adequate food on the weekends.

Since the children at Jones are young, carrying one large, heavy bag home each week is too difficult. For this reason, we send smaller, lighter weight bags twice a week. *(Managing the weight of the bags is also the reason we request smaller sizes of food when we occasionally ask you to donate to this project during the school year.)*

So what keeps this program running smoothly? Volunteers keep track of our food inventory at Grace and place special online orders for food from MANNA Food Bank when we run low.

We then have a team of people who take turns picking up pre-bagged food each Thursday at MANNA and bringing it to the church; these same pick-up people also bring our special orders to the church as needed.

In addition to the bags we receive from MANNA, another team of volunteers meets late Thursday afternoon in the Grace kitchen to pack supplemental bags for the second Jones delivery.

Lastly, volunteers deliver the food to Jones Elementary on Thursday afternoons and again on Monday mornings. The school distributes the bags to the students.

Thank you for your prayers and your continuing support as we strive to help provide food to children who are hungry in our own neighborhood.

Become a Grace Back-Packer!

- **If you can help pick up food at MANNA and bring it to the church once a month around noon on Thursday, contact James Cannon, 658-0641. Although David, our sexton, is usually available to help unload, some lifting is required.**
- **To join the packing team on Thursday afternoons at the church, contact Carol Booth, 658-0339, or Kim Hayes, 645-4906. Although the weekly time commitment is not large, regular participation for the entire school year is helpful. With enough packers, we could possibly institute a rotating schedule.**
- **If you can deliver food to Jones, contact Carol or Kim. For parents with children enrolled at Jones, volunteering to deliver might be a convenient way to help out, especially for the Monday delivery.**

In this busy fall season, many organizations and programs host events and ask for our support and participation. Below are several that have come to our attention over the past few weeks. Our kiosk in the foyer is another source of information about noteworthy activities in our community.

ABCCM Transformation Celebration



Your support serves thousands! Please join others who share your commitment to the ABCCM mission on Friday, September 16, 6:00 p.m., at Covenant Community Church for a “Transformation Celebration!” This annual silent auction event includes opportunities to bid on vacation packages, fine art, restaurant and shopping gift certificates, jewelry and much more. There will be live entertainment and delectable fare from local restaurants and ABCCM’s own Culinary Commandos - veterans working toward careers in the culinary field.

Event tickets are \$20.00, or get a group of friends or business associates together and sponsor a table. For complete details, sponsorship prices, and other ways to contribute to the event, contact Mary Sczudlo, mary.sczudlo@abccm.org or 828-398-6603. Be part of the “Transformation Celebration!”

Meals on Wheels “Plate Expectations”

Meals on Wheels is celebrating forty years of providing food and companionship for our elderly neighbors in need with their annual “Plate Expectations” charity auction. The event is Friday, September 16, 6:00 p.m., in the Ballroom at Asheville’s Crowne Plaza Resort and features complimentary beer, wine and hors d’oeuvres plus both silent and live auctions. You can take a sneak preview of the many items up for bid online at www.mowab.org.

Tickets are \$75.00 per person or \$150.00 per couple, and for the cost of just two tickets, Meals on Wheels can feed a senior for an entire month! Please make plans to attend. Tickets are available online at www.mowabc.org, or call the Meals on Wheels office at 253-5286.



Kairos Prison Visitation Program

Would you like to learn more about a Christian-based volunteer program that visits the women who are incarcerated at Swannanoa Correctional? Come join us Friday, September 23, 6:00-9:00 p.m., at St. Eugene’s Catholic Church. We will be serving a spaghetti dinner, and the evening includes information about the Kairos program and ways you can help. We will even have some Swannanoa Correctional residents speaking about their experience in the program.

More information on Kairos can be found at www.kairosprisonministry.org.

If you would like to attend, email kairossccw@gmail.com or call Mary Ketter at 919-215-8143.

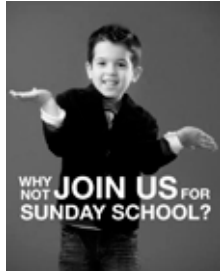


Adult Sunday School: Spirituality and the Twelve Steps

“AA.” “NA.” “Al-Anon.” “Alateen.” “Nar-Anon.” “ACA.” What do all of these have in common? They’re examples of “12-Step” groups, and many of them meet at Grace Church throughout the week. The essential principle of 12-Step groups is the role “a Higher Power” plays in helping individuals heal and address the problems facing them. Come join us between the 9:00 and 11:15 services for our first adult Sunday School course of the academic year, starting Sunday, September 11 and running through October 23, facilitated by Greg Townsend. Through studying Richard Rohr’s *Breathing Underwater: Spirituality and the Twelve Steps*, we’ll explore the scriptural and sacramental connections with the 12 Steps and how each of us can use them to heal and to deepen our own personal spirituality.

Sunday School: Through the Lens of a Child’s Perspective

By Abby Cain, a volunteer instructor in our youth Sunday school program.



“I realized there was nothing more impactful that I could do to teach my children how much I value their Sunday School education.”

When my two boys began attending Sunday School at Grace three years ago, I took the opportunity to enjoy some free time with friends at Edna’s from ten to eleven every Sunday morning. Eventually it occurred to me that my sons had every right to question how important Sunday School really was given my choice to socialize instead of attending myself. That’s when I began attending Sunday School.

Very shortly thereafter, I decided to attend a presentation on what the children were learning in Sunday School because I realized I had no idea what was being taught or how it was being taught in their Sunday School classes. I have learned through volunteering in my children’s regular school classes that my children see how much I value their education when I take an active role in it. I also have seen their self-esteem boosted by my taking an active interest and participating in volunteering in their classes on a regular basis.

So although I was initially hesitant to volunteer in their Sunday School classes, I realized there was nothing more impactful that I could do to teach my children how much I value their Sunday School education. I also began to realize it was another opportunity to spend time with them in a unique setting.

What I didn’t expect is how much I would learn in the classes! When I attended Georgia Tech, we often bragged that we were not just learning facts and data, but we were learning critical problem solving skills, which, if you believe the popular bumper sticker, is “the other national deficit.” I found the method used to teach the children allowed them to critically think about the information being presented, have space to form their own ideas and opinions, hear others’ interpretations, and ultimately be gently guided by their teachers to consider the Truths behind our spiritual teachings.

It is a respectful, engaging, and kind process that teaches our children far more than facts and data about the Bible. I can only imagine the impact on our children if not just every parent, but every member of the church, took advantage of supporting our children by taking an active role in their Sunday School education by volunteering. Not only will it enrich our children’s experience, but it can also enrich our own experience as we revisit Bible lessons through the lens of a child’s perspective.

September 2016 Ministry Schedule

Date	Service Time	Acolyte C	Acolyte G	Acolyte E	Lector, Intercessor & Presenters	Healing Team	Ushers	Chalicians	Coffee Hour	Scripture	Lesson
Sept 4											
	7:45					Deb Gravatt	Ed Duncan	James Cannon			
	9:00	Cade Wooten	Cheryl Deyton	Louise Cate	L, I, P - Jeanne Robertson, Vicki Vest, Jeanne and Ray Robertson	Louise Cate Patricia Hargrove	Mickey and Tricia Trinite	1. Cuyler Dupree 2. Greg Townsend	Micki Newton	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	1st Lesson 9:00 Lesson
	11:15	Rusty McCredie	Sally Withers	Grace Miller	L, I, P - Carol McMichael Elaine Potter	Pat Davis Karen Compton	Paul Steward Bob Turner	1. Cliff Albertson 2. Sally Withers	Volunteer	Philemon 1:21	2nd Lesson
Sept 11											
	7:45					Deb Gravatt	Steve Jones	James Cannon			
	9:00	Gavin Knapp	Helena Cullen	Zoe Davis	L, I, P - Robert Green, Green Family	Jeanne Robertson Kathy Oesterlin	Ray and Wendy Kuykendall	1. Cuyler Dupree 2. Jenny Knapp	Elaine Dephouse	Exodus 32:7-14	1st Lesson 9:00 Lesson
	11:15	Cheryl Aull	Olivia Nery	Eilly Withers	L, I, P - Jenny Thomas Sally Coburn	Mary Israel Corinne Spencer	Elaine Potter Rusty Herman	1. Charles Carter 2. Kimberly Kneier	Volunteer	1 Timothy 1:12-17	2nd Lesson
Sept 18											
	7:45					Deb Gravatt	Andrew Dahm	Margaret Dahm			
	9:00	Daphne Urquhart	Alternate	Maira Stewart	L, I, P - Anne Simmons, Walt Noble, Simmons Family	Pat Davis Jane Whitman	Paul and Vicki Vest	1. Greg Townsend 2. Cuyler Dupree	Cuyler Dupree	Amos 8:4-7	1st Lesson 9:00 Lesson
	11:15	Bob Grimes	Eilly Withers	Eric Howell	L, I, P - Joel Rogers Kristern Dusenbery	Sonny Rawls Karen Compton	Larry and LuAnn Harris	1. Mark Silvers 2. Sally Coburn	Georgi Bruce	1 Timothy 2:1-7	2nd Lesson
	Taizé 8:00 PM				I - James Cannon L - Monty Wooten	Deb Gravatt					
Sept 25											
	7:45					Deb Gravatt	Ed Duncan	Jack Frue			
	9:00	Lisle Ellington	Maya Bell	Laura Ellington	L, I, P - Greg Townsend, Louise Cate, Townsend Family	Jeanne Robertson Shari Lane	Derek and Wade Edwards	1. Ann Robinson 2. Daphne Urquhart	Paul Vest	Amos 6:1a, 4-7	1st Lesson
	11:15	Mark Silvers	Ellie Silvers	Jonah Silvers	L, I, P - Cal and Nancy Remmers	Mary Israel Sonny Rawls	Elaine Potter Paul Stewart	1. Carol McMichael 2. Bill Warren	Mary Ann Warren	1 Timothy 6:6-19	2nd Lesson 9:00 Lesson
Sept 25 - Sept 30											
Date	Counters	Depositors	Date	Flower Arrangers	Altar Guild						
4-Sep	Steve Birkhofer	James Cannon	4-Sep	Dawson/Buchanan	Group 1 - Sept 3 - Sept 9						
11-Sep	Martha Boyette	Judy Bohan	11-Sep	Dawson/Buchanan	Group 2 - Sept 10 - Sept 16						
18-Sep	Sally Withers	Chal & Hugh Vaughn	18-Sep	Davis/Jones	Group 3 - Sept 17 - Sept 23						
25-Sep	Georgi Bruce	Anne Simmons	25-Sep	Davis/Jones	Group 4 - Sept 24 - Sept 30						

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; Chris Carson** (*son of Martha & Randy*); **Dave & Peg Carey; Molly Coffey; Barbara Crownover; Nathan Crownover** (*son of Bill & Barbara Crownover*); **Carol; Ed Denison; Dave Ely; Eunice Ferguson; Rebecca Harris; Mary Hayes; Mary Israel; Wendy Kuykendall; Nancy Porter; Elaine Potter; Doris Rigsby; Corey & Tsz-yan Snyder; Barbara & Chuck Wilcox.**

For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities: **Henny Caldwell; Rusk Henry; Donald Israel** (*brother-in-law of Mary Israel*); **June Kelley; Rita Lyda; Neill Mason; Joan Sanderson; Mary Ida Sprague; 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): **Ashley** (*daughter of Henry Watts*); **Deane Boggs** (*sister of Joyce Noble*); **Steve Boggs** (*nephew of Joyce Noble*); **Jenn Chenowith** (*friend of Joyce & Walt Noble*); **Ann Coffey** (*mother of Laura Snyder*); **Ryan Conrad** (*friend of Julia Anne Dawson*); **Debbie D.** (*friend of Lynda McCredie*); **Kelli Davis** (*daughter of George & Pat Davis*); **Austin Drum** (*brother of Nancy Clark*); **Kacie Epley** (*cousin of Vicki & Paul Vest*); **Danny Hall** (*brother-in-law of David Gentry*); **Bill & Mary Hayes** (*parents of Rick Hayes*); **Priscilla Hickey** (*sister-in-law of Barbara & Chuck Wilcox*); **Donna Johnson** (*friend of Suzanne & Doug Bowie*); **Kathleen Johnson** (*friend of Barbara & Chuck Wilcox*); **Jeff Johnston** (*cousin of Eva Dupree*); **Jim Monroe** (*friend of Jeannette & Bob Reese*); **Jennifer Svenstrup** (*friend of Paul & Vicki Vest*); **Nancy Temple** (*friend of Billy Gray*); **Lara Weaver** (*daughter of Jackie Schauer*); **Vincent** (*friend of Jeannette & Bob Reese*); **Dee & Cindy** (*friends of Kathleen Griffin*); **Elizabeth; Lou** (*mother of Kim Hayes*); **Pam** (*friend of Cheryl Aull*); **Sue; Susan.**

For Those in the Episcopal Church: **Michael, our Presiding Bishop; José, our Bishop-elect; 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: **Ben Sharp** (*son of Dave & Peg Carey*); **George Michael Buckley** (*brother of Carole Hudson*).

In Thanksgiving: **For Those Who Serve to Protect Our Way of Life.**

For Those in Service to Our Country: **Tommy & Danny Brown** (*grandsons of Ed & Marla Woekener*); **Matthew George** (*son of Zoe Davis*); **Austin Harrison** (*grandson of Joan Sanderson*); **Jon Holland** (*parishioner*); **Spencer & Erica High; Jason Marino** (*son of Lynda McCredie*); **Daniel Schultz** (*son of Judy Rhodes*); **Caitlin Vest** (*niece of Vicki & Paul Vest*).

For our President 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 crises throughout our world.

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

September Anniversaries

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

Special Gifts

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;

Bill Coward in loving memory of Sherry Coward;

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

Sylvia and Buddy Greenwood in thanksgiving for their 47th wedding anniversary;

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

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



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Consecration of Our New Bishop Saturday, October 1

Consecration of the Rev. Canon José A. McLoughlin as the Seventh Bishop of the Diocese of Western North Carolina will take place Saturday, October 1, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at UNCA's Kimmel Arena. Be watching for more information in the weeks to come.

A Healthy Surplus

Statement of Activities - Grace Church Year to Date - July 2016

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Income:			
Pledges	215,713	191,917	23,796
Prior Year Pledges	5,190	2,619	2,571
Non-pledged Offerings	27,811	24,030	3,781
Open Offering	10,098	6,092	4,007
Interest	40	41	(1)
Misc.	7,112	10,065	(2,953)
Total Income:	265,964	234,764	31,200
Expenses:			
Outreach/Mission	25,804	29,991	(4,187)
Parish Programs	6,111	7,036	(925)
Operations	41,028	40,520	508
Personnel	164,047	157,217	6,830
Total Expenses:	236,990	234,764	2,226
Income Less Expenses:	28,974	(0)	28,974

Pledge receipts through the end of July totaled \$215,713 compared to projected pledges of \$191,917. Considering all income sources, income received to date totaled \$265,964, while we projected income to be \$234,764. We ended the month with another positive variance in overall projected income of \$31,200. We continue to experience a very positive trend in overall income.

The positive income variance thus far was reduced somewhat by expenses which were greater than budgeted amounts by \$2,226. When subtracted from the positive income variance of \$31,200, our income less expenses resulted in a still healthy surplus of more than \$28,974 for the year.

While we are still moving in a positive direction, we continue to encourage prayer and attention to our stewardship efforts.

Your Vestry

HELPING THOSE IN NEED

On the third Sunday of each month, we collect the funds from our Loose Plate Offering for our Parish Ministry Fund to help people who come to us unexpectedly with needs.

Schedule Your Photo Session

It's time for a new pictorial directory at Grace, and we want everyone to be included! We need you and your family to come to the church to meet with a professional photographer on September 7, 8, 9, 10, 29, or 30 or October 1, from 2-8:30 p.m. on weekdays and 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on Saturdays. Please sign up ASAP online at <http://tinyurl.com/GracePhotoSession>, or by calling the church office at 254-1086. Also, check in the foyer at church on Sundays for a signup table.



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