



the Grace TEAM

to each a ministry

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Sunday Worship

7:45AM - Rite I
9:00AM - Family Eucharist
11:15AM - Festival Eucharist

Healing Prayer

Every Sunday at
9:00AM and 11:15AM
there is a Prayer Station available
with
Lay Healing Prayer Ministers.

Healing Prayer Services

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

Taizé

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

Dear People of Grace,

Our Diocese of Western North Carolina has had an Anti-Racism Commission or Ministry for as long as I can remember. One of the things we were asked to do as clergy is to attend an anti-racism workshop which was taught by this commission. When I heard about this, I thought to myself, "Well, I will attend it, but what is there to say about racism? It's like sin, right? We as Christians are against it."

I have to say that I was pleasantly surprised by the anti-racism workshop. They talked about a lot of things that I hadn't thought about previously. They expounded on terms like "the dominant culture" and "white privilege" that I had heard mentioned, but didn't know much about before the workshop. In short, I was glad that I attended the workshop, though truthfully, I probably would not have felt a need to attend it had I not been asked to attend by our bishop.

Some of you know the Rev. Jim Abbott. Jim served as the Rector of St. Matthias Episcopal Church here in Asheville for a number of years. As you may know, St. Matthias is our historically African American congregation here in Asheville. Now, though it may still be predominantly black, I am happy to report that its membership has become racially mixed making it the only Episcopal congregation other than perhaps The Church of the Advocate that is racially mixed to any great extent.

Anyway, about two years ago, I asked Jim Abbott if he could recommend a book we could study in our Adult

Education Class here at Grace that might initiate this conversation about racism and our faith. He said that the Rev. Jim Wallis had written an excellent book on racism and the Christian faith, but that it was only out in hardback. In a year or so, he told me, it would be out in paperback, which would be more affordable.

So, I have been waiting for the book to come out in paperback so that we could study it together. It is now out in paperback and yesterday, the Adult Christian Education Ministry Group here at Grace met to discuss studying the book in adult education. We agreed that it is a timely topic in light of the racial unrest of the last few years. But, I said to them that the timeliness of the book is not why I am recommending it. I am recommending

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this conversation around racism so that we can think about our calling as Christians in the light of this subject. As we better understand racism and our own prejudices, then we can seek God's healing and be empowered to see all people for who they are, God's children, made in God's image. Like the children's song says, "Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in His sight. Jesus loves the little children of the world." The book is called *America's Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege and the Bridge to a New America* by Jim Wallis. Plan to join us on Sunday mornings beginning September 10 in the parish hall for this important conversation.

Grace and Peace,
Fr. Gary Coffey

Events at a Glance

A Quick Review of the Month

Monday Morning Gospel Bible Study

Mondays, 10:30 a.m., PH

Early Birds Men's Book Study

Tuesdays, 8:30 a.m., LI

Holy Eucharist with Prayer for Healing

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

Centering Prayer

Sundays, 5:00-5:30 p.m.; Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m., CR

Choir and Bell Rehearsal

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

An Afternoon of Solo Violin Music

Sunday, September 3, 5:00 p.m., CH

Labor Day Holiday

Office closed Monday, September 4

Generational Healing Eucharist

Tuesday, September 5, 6:30-8:00 p.m., CH

Steadfast House Meal

Friday, September 8, 6:00 p.m.

Pig Pickin'

*Saturday, September 9, parking lot
music at 5:30 p.m.; food at 6:15 p.m.*

Sunday School Begins (all ages)

Sunday, September 10, 10:00 a.m.

PubSing

Sunday, September 10, snacks 5:30 p.m.; singing 6:00 p.m.

Healing Prayer Services

Tuesdays, September 12, 19 & 26, 7:00-8:00 p.m., CH

Men of the Church

Tuesday, September 12, 6:00 p.m.

TEAM Meeting

Wednesday, September 13, 10:00 a.m., OF

Order of St. Luke

Thursday, September 14, 6:30-8:30 p.m., PH

Fence Removal/Replacement

September 15-19, parking lot

Taizé Worship Service

Sunday, September 17, 8:00-9:00 p.m., CH

Vestry Meeting

Monday, September 18, 5:30 p.m., LI

Centering Prayer meets Sundays at 5:00 p.m. and Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in the downstairs conference room. All are welcome.

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

The September meeting of **Men of the Church** is Tuesday, September 12, 6:00 p.m., hosted by Bill Warren, 79 Griffing Boulevard, Asheville. The cost is \$15, and a sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. All men of the church are welcome.

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

The Mountain Chapter of the **Order of St. Luke** will meet on Thursday, September 14, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the parish hall, where we will continue our series *Deepening our Friendship with the Holy Spirit*. Our DVD and discussion will focus on the Holy Spirit as "The Best Bible Teacher." Pastor Jim Cymbala says in the video, "The Bible can only be explained and understood if you're taught by the One who wrote it." We hope you will bless us and be blessed by attending the meeting! All are welcome. One does not have to be an OSL member to attend.



PubSing is an informal gathering on the second Sunday evening of each month to sing hymns, old-time Gospel, and Americana inspirational

music. We will meet this month on Sunday, September 10, at the French Broad Brewery, 101 Fairview Road. You may bring a snack at 5:30 p.m.; singing is 6:00-8:00. For more information, contact Monty Wooten at montywooten@bellsouth.net or 828-254-1114. Get directions at frenchbroadbrewery.com/directions/.

Room in the Inn guests will continue to use our parish hall and downstairs spaces through Sunday, September 3.

Parish News, Updates and Reminders

AN AFTERNOON OF SOLO VIOLIN MUSIC. Sunday, September 3 at 5:00 p.m. in Grace Church, you're invited to enjoy an afternoon of solo violin music! Brazilian-born violinist Moises Bonella Cunha has performed extensively throughout South America, North America, and Europe, including performances with renowned Brazilian orchestras, the University of Georgia Symphony Orchestra, and ARCO Chamber Orchestra. He completed his B.M. and M.M. at the Indiana University School of Music, and now is a Doctoral Candidate at the University of Georgia. In preparation for the Michala Spisak International Violin Competition in September, Moises will be performing works by Bach, Paganini, Ysaye, and Telemann. Please join Moises for an afternoon of virtuosic and elegant solo violin music.



**YA'LL
COME NOW**



THE PIG PICKIN' IS SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9!

Here it comes, folks! **The Annual Pig Pickin' Barbeque Dinner**, sponsored by the Men of the Church, is **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**, with music at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:15 p.m. Tickets are still available at \$12.50 per person or \$37.50 for families of three or more. Admission includes drinks, desserts, and all your favorite pig pickin' trimmings. Leftover pork will be sold as available in quart and gallon bags. Quarts are \$7.50; gallons are \$30.00. Make plans now for this Grace family tradition. Any questions or to order in advance, please call Ron Sims at 255-8894.

DON'T FORGET! SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 10. Thanks to Shannon Townsend, Mark Silvers and David Gentry, who have been hard at work cleaning up, setting up and sprucing up in our downstairs atria classrooms, everything is ready for "Back-to-Sunday-School" on Sunday, September 10 at 10:00 a.m. Parents are encouraged to stop in and take a look around as you drop off your little ones. You're always welcome.

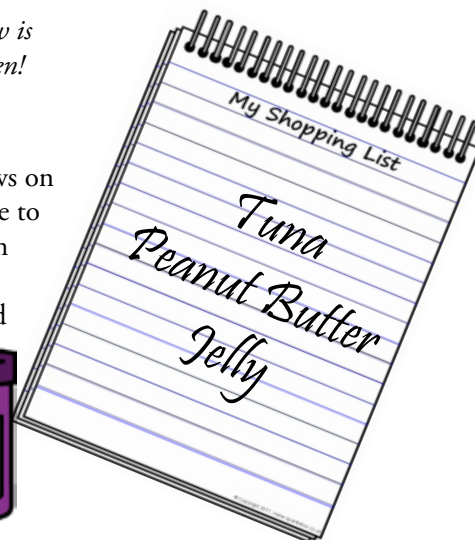


Find more information about the three atria level classes and their teachers on page 6 in our "Grace Ministries in Action" section.

< The only thing missing now is lots of happy Grace children!

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

As always, thank you for your support. It makes an important difference for families in need.



A NOTE FROM MARGARET ABOUT ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL BROUGHTON LUNCH.

“We all worked hard and had a good time at the Broughton lunch this year. An early arrival meant flipping the bingo and a tiny rush but gave us time, afterwards, for some unexpected and very, very sweet singing. The time we spend with our guests each year is always a real blessing.” ~ Margaret

Thank you so much, Margaret Dahm, for coordinating this luncheon each year. And thank you to all who give their time to help prepare this special meal and host our guests. Pictured here are Walter and Joyce Noble and James Cannon, busy in the kitchen.



LET’S GET THOSE PUMPKINS UNLOADED SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1! Here we go again! The pumpkins are coming Sunday, October 1, and as always, volunteers are needed to unload the truck.

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

So, are there ways to get involved? Absolutely!

1. As noted above, the pumpkins will arrive on Sunday, October 1, at 12:30 p.m. Consider volunteering to help unload them. The more folks we have, the faster the job goes and the more fun it will be!

2. You can also 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:

a. the sign-up board in the church foyer; look for it in mid-September; and

b. on-line sign up through Volunteer Spot; a link will come to you in mid-September.

Again – thank you for your continued support. By hosting the Consider Haiti Pumpkin Patch, the Grace community is making a real difference in the lives of children and families in Montrouis, Fond Baptist, and Ivoire, Haiti.

Please Consider Haiti and consider volunteering a small amount of your time.



THE ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE, NOVEMBER 4, HOSTED BY THE GRACE CHURCH ECW, is close enough now for you to start doing some serious de-cluttering! If you’ve already started cleaning out clothes, books, small appliances, jewelry and other items, you have the option of donating early. Just check with the church office for times when our sexton David is available to assist you. And of course, volunteers are also needed! If you are interested in organizing, fixing, or cleaning, please contact Nancy Remmers, 298-9789.



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

Taizé: Gentle Ministry in Troubling Times

For many years now, Grace Church has offered worshipers from all faiths a time and a place within which to pray, to find rest and quiet, to seek healing, and to draw closer to God. Our Taizé service, held in the church each third Sunday of the month at 8:00 p.m., is described as “a service attended by an ecumenical congregation who enjoy the reflective form of worship using candles, incense, chants, meditative readings, and prayers.”

(Compiled in part from information in an article written by Natalie Saar, <http://peopleof.oureverydaylife.com/taize-worship-6605.html>)

A BRIEF TAIZÉ HISTORY

In 1940, Brother Roger, a monk originally from Switzerland, settled in Taizé, France, where he felt called to help refugees during World War II. The religious community he eventually started there welcomed all, regardless of belief or culture. That community still exists, receiving thousands of visiting worshipers annually. The peaceful style of prayer and worship Brother Roger practiced has since spread beyond Taizé into places of worship worldwide.

MORE ABOUT THE TAIZÉ SERVICE

Repetition. Repetition is an important part of Taizé worship. Repetitive prayers have historically been used in liturgy and hymns, which Taizé emphasizes. According to the official Taizé Community, the repetitive songs allow people to continue to pray the songs in their heads even after the service is over.

Silence. While worship services rely on song, silence is also an important part of the Taizé services. At planned times, the music ceases and allows the congregation to think about what they have just been singing and saying.

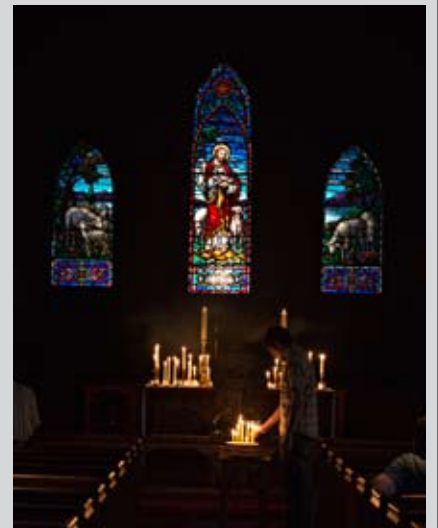
Music. The music is simple in Taizé worship, and the singing is more like a chant than a melodious song. Simple, powerful phrases are focused on and repeated. Essentially, the lack of complex songs allows people to focus on what they are saying and not what is coming next.

TAIZÉ AT GRACE CHURCH

Visualize the sanctuary at Grace on a Sunday evening, quiet, candle lit, peaceful. As worshipers filter in, they sit in silence, shedding stress, feeling God’s welcome as they quietly pray. Through simple sung chants and hymns, scripture readings, prayers and periods of deep silence, the service offers space and time for each one present to seek and find that place of repose where the small, still voice of God’s Spirit might be heard.

In a letter from a worshiper at the Taizé service at Grace, Coni writes: “I just wanted to tell you how very much I have enjoyed the Taizé services at your church over the years. I have tried to go as often as I could. There are a couple of other churches that have the Taizé service, but I like the one at Grace Episcopal Church the best.”

Coni is one of so many, young and old, who have been moved by the Taizé service at Grace. In these often troubling times, we invite you to experience this gentle ministry for yourself.



A Message from Our Bishop

This is an excerpt and details from a recent email sent to our diocese by Bishop José A. McLoughlan.

“We have all seen the devastation that Hurricane Harvey and the resulting tropical storm have caused in Texas, and it appears Louisiana is next in line for destructive flooding. Although we don’t know the full impact yet, it is certain that many of our brothers and sisters are experiencing extreme hardship, suffering, and loss, which will only increase over the coming days. I ask that you add to your prayers the people of Texas, Louisiana, and all those who have come from near and far to assist them in their time of need.”

Bishop McLoughlan goes on to recommend these resources for helping through Episcopal Relief and Development, which is partnering with dioceses in the affected areas:

- Find prayers for those in need at <http://www.episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/worship-resources/prayers-and-liturgies>;
- To make a cash donation, go to <http://www.episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-harvey-response/?ID=LB17-1>. (Note: They ask that you do not send food, clothing or other items to the affected communities, as they have very limited resources to receive and distribute them.)

“Through our prayers and actions,” the Bishop concludes, “we can show the people of Texas and Louisiana that they are not alone, and that the peace and nourishment of God are always near.”

Grace Ministries in Action

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

MINISTRY LEADERS

ADULT FORMATION: Greg Townsend, gwtownsend@outlook.com

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BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Bill Crownover, billcrownover@gmail.com

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CHOIR: Rusty McCredie, rebscape@att.net

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ENDOWMENT: Mike Nery, mnery.nam@att.net

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW): Mary Ann Warren, maandwrw@gmail.com; and Nancy Remmers, 298-9789

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MEN OF THE CHURCH (MOC): Jim Compton, j.t.compton@gmail.com

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PASTORAL CARE: Kathleen Griffin, gkcgiffin7@att.net

PUBSING: Monty Wooten, montywooten@bellsouth.net

STEWARDSHIP: Kimberly Kneier, kkneier@yahoo.com

TAIZÉ: James Cannon, imjcannon@frontier.com

YOUTH FORMATION: Elaine Potter, elaine@graylineasheville.com

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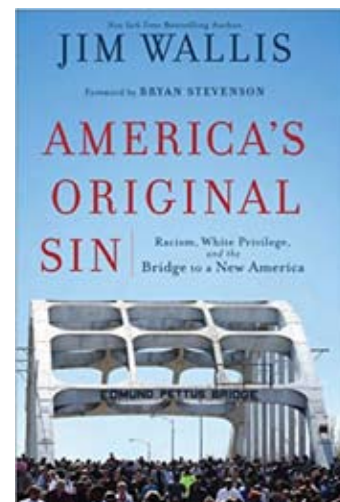
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Adult Formation

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10! One

question we all face today is "how do we live as Christians in a multicultural world?" Jesus' message to us is clear: "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

In *America's Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege, and the Bridge to a New America*, Jim Wallis (the author of *God's Politics: Why the Right Gets It Wrong and the Left Doesn't Get It*) addresses the challenges of living out Jesus' commandment to us in our loud, fractious, and increasingly tribal society. Join us Sundays this fall (starting on Sunday, September 10) as we explore what it means to love one another in today's America.



Buildings & Grounds

FENCE WORK ABOUT TO HAPPEN! The wooden fence bordering the back of the lower parking lot will be removed and replaced September 15-19.

Coming sometime in mid-October, the entire lower parking lot will be removed and repaved. An all-parish email will be sent out when dates are firm.



Child Formation

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS SEPTEMBER 10! Welcome back, Grace children! It's that time of year when we gather in the atria downstairs to investigate, learn, and grow in our faith! Level I (age 3-Kindergarten) will be guided by Mrs. Shannon Townsend, Level II (age 6-9/1st-3rd grade) will be guided by Mr. Mark Silvers, and Level III (4th-5th grade) will be guided by Mr. Matthew Engelbrecht. It is our sincere hope that you will come explore the atria with us as we examine lessons like **practical life** (polishing silver, arranging flowers, etc.), **Christ's birth narratives** (annunciation, visitation, and birth), **Liturgy** (vestments, baptism, and gestures) and much more. It all begins Sunday, September 10 at 10:00 a.m. Parents, you are welcome to attend. Volunteers are needed as well as appreciated! We can't wait to see you all!



YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL for grades 6-12 starts up on Sunday, the 10th, too, and we are excited to welcome Neil Bowen, the teacher for what promises to be a wide-open, anything-is-possible class for our young people!

Grace Ministries continued on the next page >>>

Fellowship

LOTS OF FUN HAD AT THE 5TH SUNDAY BRUNCH! There was a wonderful turn-out for the July 5th Sunday Brunch! Thanks to everyone who brought the delicious casseroles, fruit and sweet breads. It was a great time for meeting and socializing with folks from all three services. Here are a couple of photos from the brunch:



Outreach

THANK YOU FOR THE SUPPLIES! Thanks to all who contributed to our back-to-school supply drive for local foster kids. Every pencil, every ream of paper, every box of crayons, every backpack — everything you donated was a blessing for these children and their caregivers!

UPCOMING PROJECTS! Please include tuna, peanut butter and jelly on your shopping list for the fall ABCCM food drive. Grocery bags will be in the pews Sunday, September 10, and groceries should be brought back to church by Sunday the 17th. Your quarterly gifts help fill the ABCCM pantry!

Also coming soon, Backpacking for a new school year. Within the next couple of weeks, we'll coordinate with Jones Elementary to start sending food bags to children in need. Volunteers are always needed to pick up food at Manna Food Bank, to pack bags, to deliver to the school and to place Manna orders. For more information about the Grace Backpackers Project, email Cheryl Deyton, cheryldeyton@bellsouth.net or Kim Hayes, kimhys53@gmail.com.

Wedding Ministry

We continue to share testimonials from volunteers who host and help the couples who choose Grace as their wedding venue. This month, who better to share her insight than recently “retired” coordinator, Jean Haldane?

IT IS IMPOSSIBLE NOT TO SHARE THEIR HAPPINESS... Yes, I have “retired” from being the Wedding Coordinator. I am glad to be relieved of the paper work and email questions. But I will miss working with the couples. There is a part of working with them as they plan their wedding that is joyful, sweet, and a pleasure to share.

One thing I like is showing our church to couples. They view the church, see the rooms they will use, and at last, walk into the sanctuary. Then is the moment when they walk down the aisle and up the steps to face the Altar and suddenly look at each other with happy smiles, as if to say: “This is real, this is really going to be us! We are getting married!”

As they leave the church, I suggest they try out the tower bells, which they can ring on their wedding day. Another joyful moment. The groom-to-be especially seems to enjoy ringing – long and loud.

It is impossible not to share their happiness and anticipation.



When you need a treat, push your chores aside and volunteer to be the next person to “show the church.” Just call the church office. There is a booklet to go by, and if asked, I will gladly share some useful tips.

September 2017 Ministry Schedule

Date	Service Time	Acolyte C	Acolyte G	Acolyte E	Lector, Intercessor & Presenters	Healing Team	Ushers	Chalicians	Coffee Hour	Scripture	Lesson
September 3											
	7:45						Ed Duncan	James Cannon			
	9:00	Maya Bennett	Aleena Bennett	Maira Stewart	L, I, P - Anne Simmons Nancy Walters	Louise Wernicke Patricia Hargrove	Tricia and Mickey Trinite	1. Carol Booth 2. Greg Townsend	Micki Newton	Jeremiah 15:15-21	1st Lesson
	11:15	Cheryl Aull	Sally Withers	Grace Miller	L, I, P - Elaine Potter Kristen Dusenbery	Pat Davis Karen Compton	Larry and LuAnn Harris	1. Bill Warren 2. Sally Coburn	Volunteer	Romans 12:9-21	2nd Lesson
September 10											
	7:45						Steve Jones	Susan Robinson			
	9:00	Zoe Davis	Lauren Kuykendall	Louise Wernicke	L, I, P - Robert Green Green Family	Allyn and Joan Aldrich	Will Israel Tom Barr	1. Daphne Urquhart 2. Debbie Jones	Elaine Dephouse	Exodus 12:1-14	1st Lesson
	11:15	Jonah Silvers	Mark Silvers	Ellie Silvers	L, I, P - Steve Parker Eric Howell	Marzy Israel Corinne Spencer	Bob Turner Elaine Potter	1. Rusty McCredie 2. Elaine Potter	Pat Stafford	Romans 13:8-14	2nd Lesson 9 a.m. Lesson
September 17											
	7:45						Jim Black	Margaret Dahm			
	9:00	Carsten Path	Tessa Path	Daphne Urquhart	L, I, P - Jeanne Robertson Barbara Wilcox	Pat Davis Jane Whitman	Paul and Vicki Vest	1. Cuyler Dupree 2. Nancy Walters	Cuyler Dupree	Exodus 14:19-31	1st Lesson
	11:15	Bob Grimes	Sally Withers	Eric Howell	L, I, P - Mark Silvers Jenny Thomas	Sonny Rawls Karen Compton	Ed Woeckener Elaine Potter	1. Cliff Albertson 2. Carol McMichael	Georgi Bruce	Romans 14:1-12	2nd Lesson 9 a.m. Lesson
	Taizé 8:00 PM				I - James Cannon L - Monty Wooten						
September 24											
	7:45						Ed Duncan	Jack Frue			
	9:00	Zoe Davis	Aleena Bennett	Laura Ellington	L, I, P - Greg Townsend Louise Wernicke Townsend Family	Jeanne Robertson Shari Lane	Derek and Wade Edwards	1. Greg Townsend 2. Ann Robinson	Paul Vest	Exodus 16:2-15	1st Lesson
	11:15	Rusty McCredie	Olivia Nery	Eric Howell	L, I, P - Eric Howell Mark Silvers	Marzy Israel Sonny Rawls	Ed Woeckener Bob Turner	1. Charles Carter 2. Kimberly Kneier	Mary Ann Warren	Philippians 1:21-30	2nd Lesson 9 a.m. Lesson
September 24											
Date	Counters	Depositors	Date	Flower Arrangers	Altar Guild						
3-Sep	Steve Birkhofer	James Cannon	3-Sep	Newton - Wedding - flowers and candles	Group 1 - September 2 - September 8						
10-Sep	Martha Boyette	Judy Bohan	10-Sep	Davis	Group 2 - September 9 - September 15						
17-Sep	Sally Withers	Chal & Hugh Vaughn	17-Sep	Davis	Group 3 - September 16 - September 22						
24-Sep	Georgi Bruce	Anne Simmons	24-Sep	Israel and Willis	Group 4 - September 23 - September 29						

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

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

For Others (names to stay on the list for four weeks; call the church office to keep names on the list for a longer time): **Holli (friend of Cheryl Aull); Drew (nephew of Cheryl Aull); Teresa Anderson (mother-in-law of Betsy Buchanan); Chris Boehme (son-in-law of Mary Alice Nard); Deane Boggs (sister of Joyce Noble); Sullivan Bull (friend of Ron & Jeanne Sims); Norma Carter (mother-in-law of Valerie Heavens); Rocky Cunningham; Kelli Davis (daughter of George & Pat Davis); Stephanie Dill (friend of Julia Anne Dawson); Kacie Epley (cousin of Vicki & Paul Vest); Al Fadel (friend of Nancy & Arnold Clark); Joanne Giezentanner Greene (friend of Nancy & Arnold Clark); Danny Hall (brother-in-law of David Gentry); Priscilla Hickey (sister-in-law of Barbara Wilcox); Kathleen Johnson (friend of Barbara Wilcox); Jeff Johnston (cousin of Eva Dupree); Cline Keith (friend of David Gentry); Phyl Mathias (friend of Don Wills); Jim Monroe (friend of Jeannette & Bob Reese); Luke (kindergarten student of Vicki Vest); Allie Pannell (niece of Ron and Jeanne Sims); Janice Ribet (former parishioner); Dick Senneff (friend of Don Wills); Marcus Trinite (son of Mickey and Tricia Trinite); Lara Weaver (daughter of Jackie Schauer); Janet Waters (daughter of Cal and Nancy Remmers); Wayne Wills (brother of Don Wills); Rick Wrenn; Elizabeth; Pam (friend of Cheryl Aull); Meg; Patricia; Steve; Sue; Susan, June (friend of Barbara Wilcox.)**

Prayers of Thanksgiving: **Barbara Crownover; Elaine Potter; Fred Macon (friend of Don Wills); Dawn Ale Yerkes and Noah (friends of Don Wills).**

For Those Who Have Died and Their Families: **Louise Calderback (friend of Don Wills); Jenn Chenowith (friend of Joyce & Walt Noble); June DeHart; Judy Herman Hall (sister of Rusty Herman); Rusk Henry; Dot Marlow (friend of Don Wills); Doris Rigsby.**

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

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

For our President Donald Trump, Congress and our country; for victims of violence across the world; for local agencies & those who work for relief of the poor; for better stewardship of water; for resolution of crises throughout our world; for those affected by Hurricane Harvey and for all who are helping them.

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

September Anniversaries

Al and Julia Anne Dawson	2
Patrick and Nancy Walters	2
John and Beth Woodson	7
Jarod and Molly Coffey	13
Mel and Straudia Luedtke	14
Tom and Elizabeth Barr	15
Monty Wooten and Cheryl Deyton	20
Eric and Karen Howell	25

September Birthdays

1 Pat Anderson	16 Emeline Scales
1 John Cort	17 Angie Cullen
2 O. E., IV Starnes	17 Patricia Hargrove
3 Hannah Evelyn Booth	20 Bob Reese
3 Zane Whitner	20 Beckett Southwell
3 Beth Woodson	21 Pat Davis
4 Julia Anne Dawson	22 Jessica Gentry
4 Naomi Green	23 Glenn Haller
5 Pat Parker	24 Bailey Frue
5 Marla Woeckener	24 Cameron Frue
7 Lynda McCredie	25 Maya Bell
10 Bobbie Webster	25 Peggie Carey
12 Devin Engelbrecht	26 Annika Brock
12 James Engelbrecht	26 Valerie Rains
14 Rankin Bohan	26 Rita Spragg
14 Alex Comfort	30 Holden Israel
14 Charlie Scales	30 Don Martin
14 Mark Silvers	

Special Gifts

The Aumbry Candle is given to the Glory of God by Teresa Cantrell in loving memory of her husband Cecil Cantrell.



The flowers are given to the Glory of God by

- Marion Mayfield-Johnson in memory of her husband Edward "Mack" Johnson;
- Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church "Room in the Inn" Team in thanksgiving to Grace Church for providing shelter while their church is being renovated;
- Mary Israel in loving memory of her father, William F. Krause;
- Bill Coward in loving memory of his wife, Sherry Coward;
- Mary Ann and Bill Warren in loving memory of Lucretia Rhodarmer Warren;
- Rita Lyda in loving memory of Elroy Krestensen and James Krestensen.

On August 27, 2017 we welcomed
 Guy Walker Wrenn Jr.,
 son of Guy Walker and Lindsey
 Kate Wrenn,
 into the church through the
 sacrament of Holy Baptism.
 Walker has been sealed by the
 Holy Spirit in Baptism
 and is marked as
 Christ's own forever.



Our thoughts and prayers are with the families, loved ones and friends of Louise Calderback (friend of Don Wills); Jenn Chenowith (friend of Joyce & Walt Noble); Jay Cullen (brother of Glenn Cullen); June DeHart; Judy Herman Hall (sister of Rusty Herman); Rusk Henry; Dot Marlow (friend of Don Wills); and Doris Riggsby.

Surplus Result of Reduced Spending

Pledge receipts through the end of June totaled \$200,074, compared to projected pledges of \$200,108. Considering all income sources, income received for the year totaled \$245,391 while we projected income to be \$247,881. We ended the month with a negative income variance of \$2,491.

The negative income variance was reduced by expenses less than budgeted amounts by \$9,596. When these savings were applied to the negative income variance of \$2,491, our income less expenses resulted in a surplus of \$7,106 at the end of July.

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

Your Vestry

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

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Income:			
Pledges	200,074	200,108	(35)
Prior Year Pledges	550	4,626	(4,076)
Non-pledged Offerings	31,441	26,920	4,521
Open Offering	5,114	7,482	(2,369)
Interest	35	23	11
Misc.	8,178	8,722	(544)
Total Income:	245,391	247,881	(2,491)
Expenses:			
Outreach/Mission	25,892	28,602	(2,710)
Parish Programs	7,525	8,061	(536)
Operations	37,659	40,679	(3,020)
Personnel	167,209	170,539	(3,330)
Total Expenses:	238,285	247,881	(9,596)
Income Less Expenses:	7,106	(0)	7,106

CRAZY CHRISTIANS. *We borrowed this from Bishop Michael Curry's "Crazy Christians" address to the 2012 General Convention of the Episcopal Church in Indianapolis:*

"We need some Christians who are as crazy as the Lord. Crazy enough to love like Jesus, to give like Jesus, to forgive like Jesus, to do justice, love mercy, walk humbly with God like Jesus. Crazy enough to dare to change the world from the nightmare it often is into something close to the dream that God dreams for it. And for those who would follow him, those who would be his disciples, those who would live as and be the people of the Way? It might come as a shock, but they are called to craziness."

Have a safe and fun Labor Day Weekend!