



the Grace TEAM

to each a ministry

OCTOBER 2013

Parson to Person

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The Grace TEAM
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Sunday Worship

7:45AM - Rite I

9:00AM - Family Eucharist

11:15AM - Festival Eucharist

Healing Prayer

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

Lay Healing Prayer Ministers.

Healing Prayer Services

Tuesdays, 7:00PM - Healing
Prayer Service;
Eucharist with Generational
Healing Service
first Tuesday monthly.

Wednesdays at 12:15PM

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

Taizé

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

Dear People of God,

I recently purchased a copy of *The Little Prince* to reread. As I mentioned in a recent homily, the only thing I really remember from that book is the phrase "matters of consequence." The little prince noticed that some things really didn't matter much at all. But some things, which he called "matters of consequence," were extremely important. In polite conversation, if we are not careful, we will naturally stick to the "safe subjects." We often do that because we don't want to make waves. We are all familiar with the three subjects that are taboo in polite conversation, one of which is religion. As people of faith, it is rather difficult for us to avoid that unmentionable topic, isn't it?

Recently one of our parishioners came to my office to say that she is troubled by the seemingly casual approach being taken today by our society toward the subject of abortion. Tony Campolo wrote a book a while back called *20 Hot Potatoes Christians Are Afraid To Touch*. Surely abortion could have been one of those hot potatoes in his book. I talked with this woman about how to find other Christians who are interested in discussing the issue. We thought of having her write an article for the *Grace Team*, but that seemed too impersonal. So I thought of having at least four evenings in October when anyone who is willing to sit together as brothers and sisters in Christ can do so to consider some of those matters of consequence.

I am reminded of the verse, "Bear one another's burdens and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2). Whether we agree or disagree about those matters of consequence, those hot

potato topics, as brothers and sisters in Christ, we can gather with one another to listen to one another, to love one another, to pray together and listen to God about those important issues. If we can't discuss important issues in the Church, then where *can* we discuss them?

I am inviting anyone who wishes to come together for these listening sessions on four Wednesdays in October **beginning on Wednesday, October 9** (as I will be away on October 2, and I would like to facilitate the meetings). We will meet from **7:00-8:30 p.m.** in the parish hall. What I hope we can do is to create a holy space each week where we can come together to share our

hearts and to listen to each other's hearts. I will develop some guidelines we can agree to follow.

On Wednesday, October 9, our topic will be abortion, women's rights, the rights of the unborn and related issues. At the end of that evening, we will decide if we need to continue with the same topic on October 16 or change to another topic. The group will decide on the next topic to consider. If you are interested in sitting with us on those evenings, please come. If you are not interested in coming, we would ask for your prayers for the gatherings. Also if you have had some experience in facilitating a group like this and/or if you know of some guidelines to recommend, please send those to me as I will be looking for some to use. We will publish the other subjects for the evenings as we decide on them.

Blessings,

Fr. Gary Coffey

"If we can't discuss important issues in the Church, then where *can* we discuss them?"

Parish News

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

Congratulations to Peter and Courtney Booth on the birth of their daughter Hannah Evelyn Booth and to Steve and Carol Booth and Sharon Yost and Wilson Moffett on the birth of their granddaughter. Hannah was born on September 3 and weighed 7 pounds and 14 ounces. May God bless little Hannah.

A special thank you to the ECW for a generous contribution of \$1000 to be used for our Paving-the-Lower-Parking-Lot Fund and for landscaping needs. Those are funds from our Rummage Sale applied to the special needs of our parish.

Guarding Your Child's Heart, the downstairs class facilitated by Fr. Gary, meets Sundays at 10:10 a.m. in the conference room. As parents and grandparents, how can we raise our children and grandchildren to retain the innate spirituality given to them by God at birth? The study includes ways in which we can assist children in connecting with God through Christ throughout their lives with the assurance that God's presence is with them always. All who are interested are welcome. Find details in Fr. Gary's "Parson to Person" in the September *Team*. It is not too late to join us.

The Pretty Good Coffee and Conversation Class meets Sundays in the parish hall at 10:10. We will begin a new study for the month of October on Loving God and will have a Bible study each week on the meditation card for that week. Jim Dahlin will be our facilitator. Everyone is welcome.

The Bible Study Class meets Sundays in the library at 10:10. We are studying the prophetic Book of Isaiah and will resume with chapter 21. Dr. Bill Dismukes is the facilitator. Everyone is welcome.

The **Mars Hill University choirs** will present their fall concert at Grace on Sunday, October 20, at 3:00 pm. The Mars Hill Choir and Chamber Singers will perform, and the concert will be the first off-campus performance of the new a cappella quartet *à Quattro*. The concert will feature the music of Bach, Mozart and Pinkham, as well as selections of local folk music and spirituals. The student artists of Mars Hill will be joined by MHU faculty members Cathy Adkins, organist, and Michael Ciavaglia, conductor. The concert is free and open to the public.

Let's Sell Pumpkins!

The pumpkins are unloaded and our Pumpkin Patch is full! Now, we hope you'll help us sell them! We especially need to fill time slots for evenings and weekends. Selling pumpkins under the tent can be a great family activity. Order a pizza or bring your supper.

Remember, all monies raised from pumpkin sales go to **Consider Haiti** for their work feeding malnourished children. Please join in. For your convenience, we also have an electronic sign up calendar this year at <http://vols.pt/g1enj2>.

Our new **Matters of Consequence Prayerful Conversation Group** will begin Wednesday, October 9, 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Everyone is welcome. Fr. Gary will be our facilitator. The topic for our first meeting will be abortion, women's rights, the rights of the unborn and related issues. Please see Fr. Gary's "Parson to Person" for details.

Men of the Church will meet Tuesday, October 8 in the parish hall. Rusty Herman will be our host and Mel Luedtke will be our cook. Everyone is welcome. The cost is \$10.00. Please sign up on the blue sheet on the kiosk.

The **Monday Morning Bible Study** led by Fr. Bob Reese meets from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the parish hall. Each week the study is about the Gospel reading for the coming Sunday. Please join us. All are welcome.

Our **Monday Soup Suppers and Worship Services** have resumed, so please join us. The meal is served each Monday from 4:45-5:45 p.m. with a quiet worship service following at 6:00 p.m. The meal is free of charge. Expenses will be defrayed by a Diocesan grant and by a partnership with Manna Food Bank. All are welcome to come enjoy good food and fellowship with parishioners and others. If you would like to participate in the ministry, please contact Jeannette Reese at 225-6477 or Bill Crownover at 298-0570.

The **Order of St. Luke** will meet Thursday, October 10, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the parish hall. All are welcome. One does not have to be an OS� member to attend. Because of a mix-up, the program publicized for our September meeting will be presented this month. We'll view a DVD from the Bethel Church Sozo Ministry about *Presenting Jesus*—a useful tool in praying for healing for ourselves and others. When we have wounding experiences, especially early in life, our beliefs about those woundings have impacts on our lives today. Jesus helps us to see that He was present during these events or situations. He exchanges truth for lies and heals our wounds. Following the DVD, Ann Robinson will lead the group in a prayer experience to heal memories that continue to affect us.

Purls of Grace meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the library. If you have questions, would like to learn to knit prayer shawls, and/or would like to deliver shawls, contact Jeanne Robertson at jerobertson38@me.com.



Hands of Faith Cancer Training Ministry

Hands of Faith Cancer Training Ministry is equipping the body of Christ to know what the needs are of those on the journey of cancer and how to minister to them. The training has been developed by Dr. David Hetzel, oncology surgeon at the Hope Cancer Center in Asheville. It includes information and instruction on subjects such as what cancer is; what the side effects of treatments are; what the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs that accompany the diagnosis are; and how we can come alongside as Christians, family members and friends to give support. One of the most popular sections of the training is “The Do’s and Don’ts of Conversation.” Often, we do not get involved because we fear not knowing what to say and the awkward feelings that accompany that fear. The training is free and the manual is offered for a donation of \$10.00 for those interested in one. The goal for those who take the course is to be equipped and ready to move forward to meet needs at Grace and even outside the church by possibly hosting a cancer support group. Many who are considered “survivors” have joined the movement to see the church equipped to fulfill in a more powerful way the words of Christ, “I was sick and you visited me.” If you are interested in this ministry and training, please call Becky in the church office at 254-1086. If there is enough interest we could have a training course at Grace.

Children’s Sabbath October 20

Each year, Grace joins thousands of faith communities to participate in the National Observance of Children’s Sabbaths. The Children’s Sabbath brings together Christian, Jewish, Muslim, and Bahá’í communities, as well as multi-faith coalitions, to lift up children in need and answer their own faith traditions’ calls to pursue justice, mercy, and compassion. In observance of this meaningful day, the young people at Grace share their time and talents in our worship services — especially the 9:00 service. If you would like to make sure your child has an opportunity to participate, or if you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Deyton at 337-9065.



All-Parish Potluck Brunch November 3

Our next “All-Parish Potluck Brunch,” formerly the 5th Sunday Brunch, is set for Sunday, November 3 at 10:00 a.m. in the parish hall. This potluck brunch is a time of fellowship, regardless of the service you attend. It is also a time to share wonderful food and, above all, a time to welcome our new families. Please come and help celebrate this event. If you go to either of the early services, you may bring your brunch food to the kitchen before you go to church. If you attend the 11:15 service, bring your food and enjoy the brunch before worship.

During each service, Fr. Coffey will offer the *Rite of Belonging* to those wishing to be a part of Grace parish fellowship. There will be no Sunday school on this Sunday, so please join us to enjoy the day.

EYC Is Off ‘n’ Running

The Grace/St. Luke’s EYC had a great turnout for our first meeting on September 15. Fr. Wes Shields, our EYC leader, encouraged parents and young people to make EYC a priority. He also talked about including Confirmation instruction in our Sunday meetings so that any of our youth who wish to be confirmed can do that at the time of Bishop Taylor’s next visitation. We know that he will visit Grace sometime next year.

It is a blessing to have a priest as our youth leader, particularly for things like Confirmation instruction. From our young people’s perspective, Fr. Wes is great fun!

Fr. Wes handed out a calendar outlining EYC meetings for the fall. For the time being, our meetings will be held here at Grace from 4:30-5:30 p.m. each Sunday afternoon.

You can reach Fr. Wes at shields.laura@rocketmail.com. All our young people from the sixth through the twelfth grades are welcome, and you are encouraged to bring your friends along with you.

(All meetings at Grace @ 4:30pm on Sundays unless otherwise noted)

- October 6 — Labyrinth @ 4:30pm/St. Luke’s
- October 13 — Baptism and Confirmation
- October 20 — Baptism and Confirmation
- October 27 — Hike: 12:00 p.m. lunch/depart Grace @ 1:00 p.m.



Fr. Wes Shields

Looking ahead: November 15-17 — Senior High Fall Conference @ KANUGA (*important details on page 7*)

October Meditation Card Scriptures

This month's theme is "Love God." The corresponding weekly verses are below.

MEDITATION FOR WEEK ONE

(This passage for Week One really captures the essence of what we are trying to do with our meditation/memory card practice.)

Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. (Deuteronomy 6:4-9)

MEDITATION FOR WEEK TWO

Jesus said, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love." (John 15:9-10)

MEDITATION FOR WEEK THREE

"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" Jesus said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." (Matthew 22:36-37)

MEDITATION FOR WEEK FOUR

Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them." (John 14:23)

Monthly verses are published in the TEAM for you to preview or to clip and use in case you miss a Sunday.

Grace Outreach Notes

Sue Thompkins

ROOM IN THE INN. We will host Room in the Inn from Sunday, October 13, to the morning of Sunday, October 20. Room in the Inn is a ministry to homeless women that strives to help them find permanent housing and jobs as they complete the program. There will be a maximum of twelve women staying with us.

This year we are blessed to have the members of the Church of the Holy Spirit to help us with Room in the Inn. They will be responsible for half the week when the women stay with us. We will still be responsible for providing breakfasts, bag lunches, dinners, and chaperones for some of the days of their stay.

We will also need breakfast supplies such as milk and cereal if you would like to donate those items. Volunteers will be needed to help set up and make the beds on Sunday, October 13. Another way in which you may serve is to help drive the van we use to transport the women to and from their meeting place in downtown Asheville. There will be an information session for anyone who would like to help, during which any questions you might have will be answered. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer for those of you who are willing to help with the ministry.

EPISCOPAL HOUSE X FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY. We will begin building the Episcopal House X for Habitat for Humanity this month. Grace will partner with other Episcopal churches in the diocese to build the house. Tracey Corn will be the occupant of the house that we will build in Swannanoa. You will have an opportunity to meet Tracey on Sunday, October 27. Grace has been asked to provide two volunteers for each of seventeen days between October 22 and January 4. The sign-up sheet that lists the dates when we need people and the jobs you will be asked to do is in the foyer. Please consider prayerfully your ability to help us move Tracey and his son into permanent housing. We want to make it a successful project. If you have any questions, please call Sue Thompkins at 230-9328 or Henry Watts at 545-9529.

SOIL AND SACRAMENT: A SPIRITUAL MEMOIR OF FOOD AND FAITH,

by Fred Bahnson

Review by Monty Wooten

I was completely unfamiliar with the “Food and Faith” movement when I opened the recent release by Duke Divinity School graduate and local author Fred Bahnson. What I expected was a series of somewhat dry essays explaining how the earth, the environment and the food we eat are linked and how as believers we are called to protect those resources. However what I found was a book of stories — stories of people throughout the country and beyond who have been changed and who have intentionally sought a closer walk with their Creator through the simple act of growing food.

I met Emma, a recluse and watermelon thief, who became a vital member of a community garden. Then there is Zach, who makes the journey from cooking meth to roasting organically-grown coffee beans. Bahnson travels among Trappist monks in South Carolina; Pentecostals in Washington State; Mayans in Chiapas, Mexico; Jewish farmers in Connecticut; and even our neighbors down the road in Fairview. He shares his own soul-searching throughout his writing.

I found the book to be quite readable and thought-provoking. The characters populating Bahnson’s book seek God not only through growing food but also through the simple and mundane acts of daily living. It is not only working the soil that is sacramental but also preparing a meal, repairing a tool, sharing a warm cup of coffee with a friend on a cool morning. It’s fair to say that Bahnson’s God is not high above in the heavens but rather is down to earth in the very soil upon which we walk.

Healing Prayer Corner

Jeanne Robertson

We are now into October. Winter is approaching, and it is the time of year that I call the gentle time. But we humans can make it a time of confusion and chaos. The holidays are here and expectations are high. Family dynamics can create a less-than-gentle atmosphere. It is a time when we need to double our efforts to remain spiritually connected, to spend quiet time with our Lord. The quietness can wash over us and erase the negative influences that stress brings into our lives. Here at Grace, we are fortunate to have four prayer services to help us accomplish our goals. Each week there is a Monday evening service with Healing Prayer at 6:00 p.m., a Tuesday evening Healing Prayer service at 7:00 p.m. and a Wednesday Eucharist with Healing Prayer at 12:15 p.m. We also have a Taizé service with Healing Prayer on the third Sunday evening of each month at 8:00 p.m. I urge all of you to take advantage of those times of quietness to rest and to renew gentleness in your lives.

Planned Giving & Endowment

Fr. Alex Comfort

Over 90 percent of all the planned giving arrangements in the United States are made in wills with charities being named as beneficiaries (we'll also be talking about that idea). That's why we are talking so much about your will. Fundamentally, the question boils down to the following: **Do I/we think enough of Grace Church and its importance to leave a gift to it in my/our will or estate plan?** If you are like most people, you think about your will only periodically. Please don't be annoyed if we ask you to consider it — we're looking for the right moment when each family makes a will or revises it.

We would like for you to consider leaving a gift to Grace, and we are ready to help you talk about that idea. Call us before you make a trip to your attorney or estate advisor. We can give you some tips to maximize the effect of such a gift.

October Is Pledge Month

October is Pledge Month for 2014 at Grace. As most of you know, Grace Church is supported financially each year by its members and friends. Through your financial commitments to Grace, over \$400,000 is raised annually to fund our ministry together. Last year we conducted a simple, straight-forward, no-frills pledge campaign, and once again the people of Grace responded beautifully. That is the plan for this year as well. You will receive a letter with a financial pledge form for 2014. You may fill it out and mail it back to the church, or you may bring it with you to worship on Pledge Sunday, October 27. On that day, we will ask God's blessings upon our pledges for 2014, both the ones received by mail and those brought to worship. Thank you in advance, people of Grace, for your boundless generosity!



Come and See! Our New Web Site Is Up!



New research indicates that 36 percent of all persons in a church for less than a year found their church on the internet. With that in mind, our new web site, www.graceepiscopalchurch.us (same as the old site), not only provides invaluable information to existing members but is also geared in large part to those searching the web for a new church home and includes a lot of information for those seekers who are relocating or are outside our tradition.

Accolades go to our own Eric Howell of LaunchPadDesign Studios, who developed the site's fresh, bright, welcoming, user-friendly look free of charge. In addition, we thank James Cannon for his willingness to keep the site up-to-date. "We are committed to maintaining the week's current events with postings that are up-to-the-day, if not up-to-the-minute," said James.

There is also a Google Calendar link for postings outside the current week. Additionally, the calendar shows all the various groups the church hosts during the week and the portion of the building they use. There are pages for services and times and outreach opportunities as well as a listing of all the major groups Grace offers for getting involved. Miss a service and you can listen to Fr. Gary's or Fr. Bob's homily for that Sunday. Looking for a back issue of the *Team*? Find single page PDFs posted in an archive for easy printing. As a referencing resource, find a large "Links" collection featuring many

great sites for your exploration.

The new Grace web site is a viable, growing, ever-evolving entity. Please visit often and let us know your thoughts. As the site invites: "Come and See!"

www.graceepiscopalchurch.us

Convention Delegates Needed Nov. 14-16

Our Diocesan Convention will be held as always in November at the Kanuga Conference Center in Hendersonville. Convention is a wonderful way to get a view of the wider church and to see first-hand how we are connected to our brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the Diocese of Western North Carolina, from Belmont to Murphy. There are always interesting displays and discussions. Bishop Taylor will give his annual address at the Convention. If you have ever heard him speak, you know that it is worth the trip just to hear him. Each congregation may send two delegates to Convention.

Our Vestry will be approving two delegates for Grace at its meeting on October 21. Please call Fr. Gary at 273-0635 if you are interested in representing us at Convention. Our parish covers our delegates' expenses. Delegates report to Convention by 6:00 p.m. on Thursday evening. Convention ends around noon on Saturday. You may commute if you would prefer.



SENIOR HIGH FALL YOUTH CONFERENCE

A note from Osondu McPeters, Missioner for Youth, College & Young Adult Ministries with the Episcopal Diocese of WNC

Hello, All:

I hope that everyone is now getting into the swing of things with school and EYC starting back. Just wanted to give you an update on the **Senior High Fall Youth Conference** this year.

Earlier this year, the Bishop changed the date for the Diocesan Convention (which is held at Kanuga) and moved it back a week, which is now the same weekend that the Senior High Fall Youth Conference is planned. After meeting with the Commission on Youth Ministries and the Diocesan Youth Council, we have agreed to (1) keep the date of the conference the same weekend as Convention but (2) move the location of the youth conference from Valle Crucis Conference Center to Kanuga Conference Center.

This decision was made so that (A) there is still a youth presence at Convention this year, (B) representatives at Convention can see parts of what a youth conference looks like (this is especially good for parishes who aren't connected with diocesan youth ministries), and (C) we can try something new and different to see if it helps get more participants to the weekend event.

In addition, after experimenting with a one-night event last year, we decided that we wanted more time to build community with one another, so we are going to change the structure back to a two-night weekend in 2013. The theme for the weekend is "Come With Me Bro" and will focus on how we can be more inclusive of everyone's beliefs so that together we can all spread the "Good News." The Diocesan Youth Council will lead the discussions and activities.

I hope that everyone will be supportive of these changes. We are planning a FRESH conference and we look forward to a great turnout from our EYC! See information below:

SENIOR HIGH FALL YOUTH CONFERENCE

November 15-17, 2013

Kanuga Conference Center, Hendersonville

All Youth Grades 9-12 & Friends

Theme: "Come With Me Bro"

Cost is \$95.00 per participant if registration is received by November 4 and \$105.00 afterwards.

For flyer, registration (including online registration) and additional information, go to

www.diocesewnc.org/digital_faith/events/3157852.

Registration deadline is Monday, November 11, 2013

Don't forget to share this information with your clergy, youth, their parents, and your congregation, and let me know if you have any questions.

Peace,

Osondu McPeters

October 2013 Ministry Schedule

Date	Service Time	Acolyte C	Acolyte G	Acolyte E	Lector, Intercessor & Presenters	Healing Team	Ushers	Chalicians	Coffee Hour	Scripture	Lesson
6-Oct											
	7:45				L - Vicki Vest I - Hugh Vaughn P - Vest Family	Louise Wernicke Patricia Hargrove	Ed Duncan	James Cannon			
	9:00	Sadie Rudd	Keith Rudd	Louise Wernicke			Rusty Herman Jim Siemens	1. John Woodson 2. Cuyler Dupree	Paul Vest	Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4	1st Lesson
	11:15	Rusty McCredie	Grace Miller	Sally Withers	L, I, P - Charles Carter and Kimberly Kneier	Pat Davis Karen Compton	Larry Harris John Churchill	1. Bill Warren 2. Carol McMichael	Sallie Hunter	II Timothy 1:1-14	2nd Lesson & 9:00 Lesson
13-Oct											
	7:45				L - Charles Milling I - Joyce Milling P - Milling Family	Rita Spragg Jeanne Robertson	Steve Jones	James Cannon			
	9:00	Catherine Cullen	Helena Cullen	Cuyler Dupree			Mickey and Tricia Trinite	1. Carol Booth 2. Zoe Davis	Katherine Kaderabek	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7	1st Lesson
	11:15	Cheryl Aull	Bob Grimes	Lani Anderson	L, I, P - Nancy and Cal Remmers	Mary Israel Corinne Spencer	Mark and Jonah Silvers	1. Sally Coburn 2. Eric Howell	Lelia Cort	II Timothy 2:8-15	2nd Lesson & 9:00 Lesson
20-Oct											
	7:45				L - Debbie Jones I - Melissa Comer P - Jones Family	Pat Davis Jane Whitman	Andrew Dahm	Margaret Dahm			
	9:00	Zoe Davis	Maira Stewart	Cuyler Dupree			Ray and Wendy Kuykendall	1. Greg Townsend 2. Anne Simmons	Micki Newton	Jeremiah 31:27-34	1st Lesson
	11:15	Mel Luedtke	Eily Withers	Eric Howell	L, I, P - Elaine Potter and Mary Cozine	Lyn Burkett Karen Compton	Ron Sims Ed Woockener	1. Mary Cozine 2. Sally Withers	Peggy Grimes	II Timothy 3:14-4:5	2nd Lesson & 9:00 Lesson
	Taizé 8:00 PM				L - James Cannon P - Monty Wooten	Deb Gravatt					
27-Oct											
	7:45				Jack Frue		Ed Duncan	Jack Frue			
	9:00	Sam Ellington	Gavin Knapp	Louise Wernicke	L - Beth Woodson I - John Woodson P - Woodson Family	Jeanne Robertson Shari Lane	Tom and Liz Barr	1. Ann Robinson 2. Jenny Knapp	Elaine Dephouse	Joel 2:23-32	1st Lesson
	11:15	Sally Withers	Grace Miller	Bob Grimes	L, I, P - Jenny Thomas and Mark Silvers	Sonny Rawls Lyn Burkett	Henry Watts John Churchill	1. Bill Spencer 2. Bill Warren	Georgi Bruce	II Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18	2nd Lesson & 9:00 Lesson

Date	Counters	Depositors	Date	Flower Arrangers	Altar Guild
6-Oct	Steve Birkhofer	James Cannon	6-Oct	Israel	Group 1 - Oct 5 - Oct 11
13-Oct	Martha Boyette	Judy Bohan	13-Oct	Israel - 12 Wedding	Group 2 - Oct 12 - Oct 18
20-Oct	Sally Withers	Chal and Hugh Vaughn	20-Oct	Dawson, Newton	Group 3 - Oct 19 - Oct 25
27-Oct	Georgi Bruce	Anne Simmons	27-Oct	Dawson, Newton	Group 4 - Oct 26 - Nov 1

Our Prayer List

October

We publish the Parish Prayer List each month so you may include those listed in your daily prayers. We have included the last names of people with their permission, so you will have a better idea for whom you are praying and so you can contact that person if you desire.

For Parishioners: **Jo Brokenshire; Sally Coburn; Sherry Coward; Jim Dahlin; Eunice Ferguson; Catherine Godfrey; Buddy Greenwood, Jess Gregory; Olivia & the Haller family; Mary Hayes; Ashley Israel; Shari Lane; Barbara Seagraves; Carla & Jim Standingdeer; Grace Walker; Lucinda Watkins.**

For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities: **Elizabeth Butler; Henny Caldwell; Edith Cook; Jeanne Galyean; Bob Hall; June Kelley; Frances Kennickell; Neill Mason; Dot Morgan; Frances Payne; Helen Powers; Maryli Perkins; Laura Stephens; John Sumner.**

For Others (names to stay on for four weeks; call the church office to keep names on the list for a longer time.):
Thomas Barr (son of Tom & Liz Barr); **David Bell** (brother of Tricia Hargrove); **Margaret Buncick** (mother of Marella Buncick); **Chris Carson** (son of Martha & Randy); **Debbie D.** (friend of Lynda McCredie); **Kelli Davis** (daughter of George & Pat); **Margie Eblen** (daughter of Bobbie); **Sonny Enloe** (friend of Mary Israel); **Veronica Fisher** (friend of Kathleen Griffin); **Wesley Garbee** (friend of Charlotte & Travers Chiott); **Sarah Garcia** (daughter of Nancy Fergusson, niece of John & Lelia Cort); **Steve & Janet Gordon; Karen Kaforey** (daughter of Micki & Fred Newton); **Meg Karayiannis** (niece of Nancy Ackermann Cole); **Don & Kristi Kitchens** (brother & sister-in-law of Cheryl Aull); **Tommy Masters & Robert Baker** (father & son of Donna Trimnal); **Jim & DiAnne Monroe; Howard Parr; Forrest Renfro** (grandson of Becky Barker); **Ann Sparks** (mother of Angela Taylor); **Erik & Susan Stoops** (brother-in-law & sister of Wendy Kuykendall); **Jennifer Svenstrup** (friend of Paul & Vicki Vest); **Harriet & Sydnor Thompson** (mother & father of Sydnor Thompson); **Sandra Tweed** (friend of Katherine Kaderabek); **Bonnie Wigger** (daughter of Nancy Remmers); **Alicia; Colin; Tara** (daughter of Shari Lane); **Clyde; Ellen; Elizabeth; Evelyn** (friend of Jim & Karen Compton); **Julie** (daughter of Rita Spragg); **Lisa** (niece of Betsy Sherman); **Richard; Sue; Susan; Will; for those among us who are cold, hungry or homeless; for all those affected by our struggling economy.**

For Those in the Episcopal Church: **Katharine**, our Presiding Bishop; **Porter & Robert**, our Bishops; **the clergy; the vestry; the staff; the ministries of this Parish; Church of the Advocate; ABCCM; Consider Haiti; Episcopal Relief & Development; Food for the Poor; Manna Food Bank; Meals on Wheels.**

For Those Who Have Died and Their Families: **Louise Manget Cate** (mother of Louise Cate Wernicke); **Amanda Williams** (Niece of Linda McCredie).

For Those in Service to Our Country: **Ryan & Danny Brown** (grandsons of Ed & Marla Woeckener); **Matthew George** (son of Zoe Davis); **Steven Grenier** (son-in-law of Jean & Doug Haldane); **Austin Harrison** (grandson of Joan Sanderson); **Marty Hawks** (son-in-law of Joy & Carl Markey); **Jon Holland** (parishioner); **Spencer & Erica High; Gregory Melson** (grandson of Charlotte Melson); **Daniel Schultz** (son of Judy Rhodes); **Karl Tenney** (nephew of Chuck & Barbara Wilcox); **Fr. Rick Tiff** (friend of Ray & Jeanne Robertson); **Caitlin Vest** (granddaughter of Pat Vest, niece of Vicki & Paul Vest).

For our President Barack Obama, his Cabinet, Congress & our country; for Sandy Hook and other shooting victims, survivors and families; for peace & resolution of conflict in the Middle East & throughout the world; for victims of Hurricane Sandy & the Oklahoma tornadoes; for the people of Haiti & Durgapuh, India; for those who bring rescue & relief; for raising world awareness; for victims of the disaster in Russia & the earthquake & tsunami in Japan & other areas; for rain across the earth; for better stewardship of water; for resolution of the political crisis in our country.

October Anniversaries

Doug and Linda Mahin	2
Travers and Charlotte Chiott	5
Steve and Nora Jones	16
Bill and Mary Ann Warren	25
Watson and Meghan Jordan	26

October Birthdays

1 Lelia Cort	19 Bobbie Eblen
2 Roger Snyder	19 Greg Townsend
3 Jan Grimes	20 Becky Hannah
4 Jack Westall	20 Paul Urquhart
5 Steve Jones	21 Sallie Hunter
6 Corinne Spencer	21 Caroline Jordan
7 Cody Webb	23 Angela Hall
8 Grace Green	23 Mary Hayes
8 Shannon Townsend	24 Peggy Grimes
9 Martha Boyette	24 Anna Hamrick
9 Georgi Bruce	25 Imogene Brown
9 Ann Robinson	25 Jeremy Cress
9 Laura Snyder	25 Liz Krueger
10 Walter Deyton	25 Denise MacMillan
10 Jonah Silvers	26 Sarah Clark
12 Lauren Potter	26 Rob Potter
13 Graham Hunter	27 Maggee Anderson
13 Amy Lyda	27 Earl Leininger
13 Daphne Urquhart	28 Frances Kennickell
14 Maggie Green	29 Cleo Doran
15 Hamilton Gregory	29 Claire Webb
16 Bob Porter	30 Jacob Haller
18 Chloe Carter	

Gifts for All of Us to Appreciate

The Aumbry Candle is given to the Glory of God by Deb Pegel in thanksgiving for Grace Parish and for her family.

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by

Jack and Mary Jane Westall in thanksgiving for the marriage of their son Jack Wiley Westall, III, and his bride Margaret Grace Sparger on September 28.

Bobbie Eblen in loving memory of her husband Joe.

Mary Ann and Bill Warren in thanksgiving for their wedding anniversary and in loving memory of their parents Felcie and Junius Warren and Andrew Marrion and Abbie Jean Jowers Lynn.

Sarah Burnham in memory of her mother, Susan Barnes Burnham.

Beth and Pat McKinsey in memory of Beth's brother, Bill Murtiashaw, her mother Eva Murtiashaw and Pat's father Patrick McKinsey.

The flowers are also given in joyful celebration of the marriage of Kevin Vest and Jessie Oates.



October Endowment Fund Contributors

Grace Church is a truly generous community of faith. It is from the income from the Endowment Fund that distributions will be available for needs that fall outside the church's annual operating budget. We gratefully recognize the gifts of:
Walt and Joyce Noble.

Events at a Glance

EYC

Sundays, 4:30 p.m., PH

Weekly Gospel Bible Study

Mondays, 10:30 a.m., PH

Monday Soup Supper

Mondays, 4:45 – 5:45 p.m., PH

Monday Worship Healing Service

Mondays, 6:00 p.m., CH

Early Birds Men's Book Study

Tuesdays, 8:00 a.m., LI

Centering Prayer

Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m., OF

Purls of Grace

First & Third Thursdays, 6:30 p.m., LI

Generational Healing Eucharist

Tuesday, October 1, 7:00 p.m., CH

Men of the Church

Tuesday, October 8, 6:00 p.m. PH

Healing Prayer Services

Tuesdays, October 8, 15, 22 & 29, 7:00 p.m., CH

TEAM Meeting

Wednesday, October 9, 11:00 a.m., OF

Matters of Consequence Prayerful Conversation Group

Wednesdays, October 9, 16, 23, & 30, 7:00-8:30 p.m., PH

Order of St. Luke Program Meeting

Thursday, October 10, 6:30 p.m., PH

Steadfast House Meal

Friday, October 11, 6:00 p.m.

Room in the Inn

Sunday, October 13 – Sunday, October 20

Children's Sabbath

Sunday, October 20

Taizé Worship Service

Sunday, October 20, 8:00 p.m., CH

Vestry Meeting

Monday, October 21, 5:30 p.m., LI

Pledge Sunday (Pledges & Prayer)

Sunday, October 27

Leaner than Anticipated August

Total Income for August of \$32,201 was under budget by \$5,018 and included Combined Offerings of \$31,640 and Building/Other Income of \$561. Year-to-date Total Income at the close of August was \$287,800 or \$9,949 below targeted income of \$297,749.

Total Expenses for August of \$32,726 were \$4,493 under budget, primarily due to the timing of Operations and Personnel costs. Since August Expenses of \$32,726 exceeded August Income of \$32,201, Grace operated at a deficit for the month of (\$525). Year-to-date Total Expenses at the close of August were \$287,332 or \$10,418 under budget, primarily due to the timing of Outreach commitments and Personnel costs.

Budgeted expenses to be paid in the remaining months of this year total \$148,874. It is our prayer offerings will meet those needs.

Your Vestry

Statement of Activities - Grace Church Year to Date - August 2013

	Actual	Budget	Over/Under
Income:			
Pledges	233,940	240,000	(6,060)
Prior Year Pledges	1,030	-	1,030
Non-pledged Offerings	35,695	33,916	1,779
Open Offering	6,467	8,000	(1,533)
Interest	109	167	(58)
Misc.	10,560	15,667	(5,106)
Total Income:	287,800	297,749	(9,949)
Expenses:			
Outreach/Mission	31,555	38,788	(7,233)
Parish Programs	8,624	9,667	(1,043)
Operations	46,357	44,933	1,424
Personnel	200,796	204,362	(3,565)
Total Expenses:	287,332	297,750	(10,418)
Income - Expense:	469	(0)	469

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- In This Issue Look for:*
- *Matters of Consequence Conversations*
 - *Pumpkin Selling Time*
 - *Children's Sabbath*
 - *Room in the Inn*
 - *And of course, "Parson to Person"*

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