



the Grace TEAM

to each a ministry

OCTOBER 2015

Parson to Person

Gary Coffey

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The Grace TEAM
is published monthly.

Sunday Worship

7:45AM - Rite I

9:00AM - Family Eucharist
11:15AM - Festival Eucharist

Healing Prayer

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

Healing Prayer Services

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

Wednesdays at 12:15PM

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

Taizé

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

Dear People of Grace,

The hardest part of my job as your priest is asking you to support Grace Church financially each year by making a financial pledge. Why is that? Well, it's complicated. I suppose part of it has to do with the fact that my salary is paid out of those monies. So, in that way, asking you to make a financial pledge sometimes seems a bit self-serving on my part.

I am reminded of the Blanche Dubois character from Tennessee Williams' play, *A Streetcar Named Desire*, where she often

said that she had always depended on the kindness of strangers. Though you folks are far from strangers, sometimes I feel like Blanche in that I am dependent on your kindness for my livelihood!

On the other hand, as your priest, I don't believe that there is anything that is more important in our spiritual lives than giving to God financially. It is as important as prayer and worship and service. The amount that we give is less important than that we give regularly as we are able. Therefore, I would be totally remiss as your priest if I did not encourage you to give generously to God through the Church and in other ways as the Holy Spirit leads you.

In my personal experience, Astrid and I have found no greater joy than returning to God one tenth of what God

has provided for us for God's work in the Church and the world. Knowing that we are giving to God regularly is of great comfort to us and it always has been. Our giving has nothing to do with our being a clergy family and everything to do with our love for Christ.

“The hardest part of my job as your priest...”

Yes, it stings to write those checks at times. Yes, we could have done a lot of other things with that money over the years. But, if God is God to us, what else could we have done with that money that is more important? Besides, as you have

heard me say before, over and over again, we have seen God meet our needs financially and otherwise.

Scripture abounds with encouragement to return to God with thanksgiving a portion of what we have been given. In Malachi 3:10, we read, “Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing.”

Thank you in advance for your giving to God through a financial pledge to Grace Church for 2016 because you believe that what God is doing through Grace Church is important.

God's Peace and Blessing,

Fr. Gary Coffey

Events at a Glance

Weekly Gospel Bible Study

Mondays, 10:30 a.m., PH

Early Birds Men's Book Study

Tuesdays, 8:15 a.m., LI

Centering Prayer

Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m., OF

Bells and Choir Practice

Wednesdays

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

Generational Healing Eucharist

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

Men of the Church

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

Healing Prayer Services

Tuesday, October 13, 20 & 27, 7:00 p.m., CH

TEAM Meeting

Wednesday, October 7, 11:00 a.m., OF

Order of St. Luke Program Meeting

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

Steadfast House Meal

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

PubSing

Sunday, October 11

Snacks: 5:30 p.m.; singing: 6:00 p.m.

Taizé Worship Service

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

Vestry Meeting

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

Parish News

The Men of the Church will meet Tuesday, October 13, 6:00 p.m. at the home of our host and cook, Bob Turner. His address is 72 Windsor Road, Asheville. The cost is \$10.00. All are welcome. Please sign up on the blue sheet on the kiosk in the foyer.

Monday morning Bible Study will not be meeting on October 5 or 12. We will resume meeting on Monday October 19. We meet at 10:30 a.m. in the parish hall. Please join us as Fr. Bob facilitates a study of the gospel for the following Sunday. All are welcome.

The Order of St. Luke will meet Thursday, October 8, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Our program will be a DVD discussion of the healing of Blind Bartimaeus. We will also watch a DVD clip emphasizing the importance of love and showing a Christian praying for a homeless man with physical issues. All are welcome. One does not have to be an OSL member to attend.

An OSL study group on "**The Healing Miracles of Jesus,**" will be offered by Jeanne Robertson on three Saturdays, October 31, November 14, and November 21 at Grace Church. This is an intensive DVD-based instruction and discussion study which provides a wonderful background and understanding of Jesus' ministry of healing. It prepares people to participate today in this ministry. Please contact Jeanne (683-7701) if you are interested or would like more information.

Special Thanks to **Mimi Shackelford** for her contribution of artwork for our new and beautiful Rummage Sale signs, and thanks to **Catherine Godfrey** for undertaking this project.

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.

Our prayers and condolences go to Pat Anderson on the loss of her husband, David J. Anderson, Jr. and to Tricia Trinite on the loss of her father. David went to be with the Lord on Monday, August 31.

Our prayers and condolences also go to Bill Coward. His beloved Sherry went to be with our Lord on Saturday, September 12. A memorial service with a reception following will be on Monday, October 5 at 2:00 p.m.

Grace Outreach

Sue Thompkins

FOOD DRIVE FOR ABCCM. We will be having a food drive for ABCCM on Sunday, October 25. The bags for your use will be available on October 18 and the food is due back at the church on October 25. This time we are trying something a little different for a format. We are asking you to bring specific foods to donate during October. Bill Crownover has checked with ABCCM, and the food pantry is in need of the following three items: **DRIED PINTO BEANS** (not canned), **CANNED FRUIT**, and **SPAGHETTI SAUCE** (just sauce; no pasta is needed). Please buy as many of these three items as you can put into your bag and return it to the church. Thank you for your continuing support of these special Sundays at Grace.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY. We are actively participating in building the Episcopal House in the Hudson Hills area of West Asheville for the Drake family. The Drakes were so happy to visit with us back on August 30 to tell you directly how much having a home means to them and to thank you for your support. If you would like to help, please sign up on the sheet in the foyer or call Sue at 230-9328. Thank you to all of you who are helping with the build, those who are making financial contributions, and those who are keeping this project in your prayers.

BACKPACKING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. The new school year is now well underway and once again, the number of school children at Jones Elementary who need food assistance is growing. By providing bags of food for take-home on Fridays and again on Mondays, our Grace Backpackers have been able to help diminish that need. We have a team of folks who pick up food at MANNA Food Bank, a team that packs the bags, and a team that delivers the bags to Jones. In addition, we try to send weekly snacks to Asheville High School for use in the guidance office.

If you would like to join one of our backpacker teams (we're particularly interested in finding a person to deliver to AHS), please contact Carol Booth at carolbooth@mindspring.com or Kim Hayes at kimhys53@gmail.com.

The Pumpkins Are Here!

Our Pumpkin Patch is a huge annual outreach commitment made by Grace Church in support of Consider Haiti. Each year, we raise \$5000 to \$7000, all of which assists in feeding and giving medical assistance to malnourished children in Haiti. This is the main fund-raiser for Consider Haiti, and once again, we need your help to make it another successful outreach event.

We still need *lots* of volunteers to help sell pumpkins in our patch. The patch has become well-known in Asheville, bringing folks back year after year both to support the children in Haiti and to enjoy a fun outing with family and friends. It's a delight to watch the children search for the perfect pumpkin as their parent snaps photos.

Our volunteer sellers watch over the patch and sell pumpkins and gourds under the tent in shifts (there are 3 shifts a day: 10-1, 1-4 and 4-7). We have a large Sign-Up Calendar in the church foyer where you may sign up for a shift, or several shifts, if possible. Also, there are bookmarks on the table with a website address for online volunteer signup.

Our volunteers make this such a fun and successful event, so please join in. And when you come for your shift, remember to bring a jacket for those cooler days.

Thank you for your support of this worthy project.

Children's Sabbath is Sunday, October 18



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

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

October Ministry Schedule

Date	Service Time	Acolyte C	Acolyte G	Acolyte E	Lector, Intercessor & Presenters	Healing Team	Ushers	Chalicians	Coffee Hour	Scripture	Lesson
4-Oct											
	7:45						Ed Duncan	Jack Frue			
	9:00	Cade Wooten	Cheryl Deyton	Cuyler Dupree	L, I, P - Walt Noble, Bill Crowmover, Noble Family	Louise Wernicke Patricia Hargrove	Ray and Wendy Kuykendall	1. John Woodson 2. Debbie Jones	Paul Vest	Genesis 2:18-24	1st Lesson & 9:00
	11:15	Cheryl Aull	Sally Withers	Bob Grimes	L, I, P - Kristin Dusenbery Jenny Thomas, Alternate	Karen Compton Pat Davis	Larry and LuAnn Harris	1. Carol McMichael 2. Sally Withers	Sallie Hunter	Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12	2nd Lesson
11-Oct											
	7:45						Steve Jones	James Cannon			
	9:00	Harrison Best	Andrew Best	Maira Stewart	L, I, P - Paul and Daphne Urquhart	Alternate and Jeanne Robertson	Doug Haldane Jim Siemens	1. Anne Simmons 2. Scott Best	Katherine Kaderabek	Amos 5:6-7, 10-15	1st Lesson & 9:00
	11:15	Mark Silvers	Jonah Silvers	Eric Howell	L, I, P - Rusty McCredie, Nancy Clark & Alternate	Mary Israel Corinne Spencer	Ron Sims Arnold Clark	1. Eric Howell 2. Mark Silvers	Volunteer	Hebrews 4:12-16	2nd Lesson
18-Oct											
	7:45						Andrew Dahm	Margaret Dahm			
	9:00	Gavin Knapp	Alternate	Zoe Davis	L, I, P - Debbie Jones, Angie Cullen, Jones Family	Pat Davis Jane Whitman	Tom and Liz Barr	1. Greg Townsend 2. Jenny Knapp	Micki Newton	Isaiah 53:4-12	1st Lesson & 9:00
	11:15	Rusty McCredie	Sally Withers	Bob Grimes	L, I, P - Cal and Nancy Remmers	Sonny Rawls Karen Compton	Elaine Potter Henry Watts	1. Charles Carter 2. Kimberly Kneier	Georgi Bruce	Hebrews 5:1-10	2nd Lesson
	Taizé 8:00 PM				L - Monty Wooten P - James Cannon	Deb Gravatt					
25-Oct											
	7:45						Ed Duncan	Jack Frue			
	9:00	Laura Ellington	Liesl Ellington	Alternate	L, I, P - John and Beth Woodson	Jeanne Robertson Shari Lane	Derek and Wade Edwards	1. Daphne Urquhart 2. Ann Robinson	Elaine Dephouse	Jeremiah 31:7-9	1st Lesson & 9:00
	11:15	Mark Silvers	Jonah Silvers	Grace Miller	L, I, P - Mark Silvers, Elaine Potter & Alternate	Sonny Rawls Mary Israel	Paul Stewart Bob Turner	1. Bill Warren 2. Sally Coburn	Beth Woodson	Hebrews 7:23-28	2nd Lesson

Date	Counters	Depositors	Date	Flower Arrangers	Altar Guild
4-Oct	Steve Birkhofer	James Cannon	4-Oct	Dawson, Buchanan	Group 1 - Oct 3 - Oct 9
11-Oct	Martha Boyette	Judy Bohan	11-Oct	Jones, Davis; Wedding: Miller Bates	Group 2 - Oct 10 - Oct 16
18-Oct	Sally Withers	Chal and Hugh Vaughn	18-Oct	Jones, Davis;	Group 3 - Oct 17 - Oct 23
25-Oct	Georgi Bruce	Anne Simmons	25-Oct	Newton, Israel; Wedding: Edling, Krulikas	Group 4 - Oct 24 - Oct 30
					Group 5 - Oct 31 - Nov 6

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 may contact that person if you desire.

For Parishioners: **Walter Adamson; Pat Anderson; Jo Brokenshire; Chris Carson** (son of Martha & Randy); **The Rev. Gary Coffey; Ed Denison; Kristin Dusenbery; Eunice Ferguson; Catherine Godfrey; Jess Gregory; Olivia & the Haller family; Mary Hayes; Wendy Kuykendall; Michelle Lee; Linda & Rusty McCredie; Nancy Porter; Doris Rigsby; Corey & Tsz-yan Snyder & family; Corinne Spencer; Lucinda Watkins; Chuck Wilcox.**

For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities: **Henny Caldwell; Bob Hall; Betty & Rusk Henry; June Kelley; Neill Mason; Fred Motney; Maryli Perkins; Martin Shaw; Laura Stephens; Pat Woodard.**

For Others (names to stay on the list for four weeks; call the church office to keep names on the list for a longer time): **Nancy Bailey** (friend of Barbara & Chuck Wilcox); **Carolyn & Winn Baker** (friends of Bob & Jeannette Reese); **Nancy Battaile** (sister of Chuck Wilcox); **Stephanie Blackwell** (sister of Jeanne Simms); **Debbie D.** (friend of Lynda McCredie); **Bob Dahm** (brother of Andrew Dahm); **Kelli Davis** (daughter of George & Pat Davis); **Carrie Edwards** (friend of Nora Jones); **Kacie Epley** (cousin of Vicki & Paul Vest); **Margaret Frazier** (friend of Karen & Jim Compton); **Bill & Mary Hayes** (parents of Rick Hayes); **the Tom Hickey Family** (brother of Barbara Wilcox); **Donald Israel** (brother-in-law of Mary Israel); **Donna Johnson** (friend of the family of Doug and Suzanne Bowie); **Kathleen Johnson** (friend of Barbara & Chuck Wilcox); **Meg Karayiannis** (niece of Nancy Ackermann Cole); **Ted Oesterlin; Monte Pepper** (nephew of Alice Moriarty); **Erik & Susan Stoops** (brother-in-law & sister of Wendy Kuykendall); **Jennifer Svenstrup** (friend of Paul & Vicki Vest); **Sydnor Thompson III; Suzanne Woodhouse; Alicia; Ashley** (daughter of Henry Watts); **Elizabeth; Lou** (mother of Kim Hayes); **Pam** (friend of Cheryl Aull); **Richard; Sue; Susan; Ted & Aline; for all those affected by our struggling economy.**

For Those Who have Died and their Families: **David Anderson** (husband of Pat and father of Tricia Trinite); **Sherry Coward** (wife of Bill Coward); **Betsey Parker** (friend of Barbara Wilcox); **Lori Shorgi** (friend of Barbara & Bill Crownover).

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

For Those in Service to Our Country: **Tommy & Danny Brown** (grandsons of Ed & Marla Woeckener); **Matthew George** (son of Zoe Davis); **Steven Grenier** (son-in-law of Jean & Doug Haldane); **Austin Harrison** (grandson of Joan Sanderson); **Jon Holland** (parishioner); **Spencer & Erica High; Gregory Melson** (grandson of Charlotte Melson); **Jason Marino** (son of Lynda McCredie); **Daniel Schultz** (son of Judy Rhodes); **Karl Tenney** (nephew of Chuck & Barbara Wilcox); **Caitlin Vest** (niece of Vicki & Paul Vest).

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

A God Story

Karen Compton

Prayers are needed for my unborn great nephew. His name is Hawkins and he is due in about six weeks. A sonogram and follow-up examinations this week revealed he has a heart defect that will require surgery very soon after he is delivered. This surgery may fix the problem or additional surgery may be needed later.

Please pray for Hawkins and his parents, my nephew Jason Hood and his wife Staci. Jason and Staci are very spiritual and are praying and asking for prayers and putting this in God's hands.

Jason shared with me what Jeanne Robertson calls a "God moment." While they waited over an hour for the sonogram that first detected the problem, he was getting impatient and irritated that they were having to wait so long. He had to get back to work and had things he needed to do, etc.

There was a man watching his young son play in the waiting room, and Jason started talking with him. Jason told him he was having a son and that he was going to be running and playing like the young boy soon. The father replied, "You would never know it now, but when he was born, he had a heart defect."

Jason believes it was the Lord's way of saying "I am ahead of you and I've got this."

October Anniversaries

Doug and Linda Mahin	2
Travers and Charlotte Chiott	5
Steve and Nora Jones	16
Michael Raymond & Vicky Lopez	17
Bill and Mary Ann Warren	25
Watson and Meghan Jordan	26

October Birthdays

1 Suzanne Bowie	18 Caleb Cochran
1 Lelia Cort	19 Roberta 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
8 Grace Green	22 Robert Carlton
8 Shannon Townsend	23 Angela Hall
9 Martha Boyette	23 Mary Hayes
9 Georgi Bruce	24 Margaret Grimes
9 Ann Robinson	24 Anna Hamrick
9 Laura Snyder	25 Jeremy Cress
10 Jonah Silvers	25 Liz Krueger
12 Lauren Ward	26 Robert Potter
13 Graham Hunter	27 Maggee Anderson
13 Amy Lyda	27 Earl Leininger
13 Daphne Urquhart	29 Cleo Doran
14 Maggie Green	30 Jacob Haller
16 Robert D. Porter	

Gifts to Appreciate

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

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by

Ed Duncan in memory of Dick L. Drake;

Charlotte and Travers Chiott in thanksgiving for their many blessings;

Bobbie Eblen in gratitude for her great grandchildren;

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

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;

Beth and Pat McKinsey in memory of Beth's brother, Bill Murtiashaw, Beth's parents, Eva Gary and Charlie Murtiashaw; and Pat 's father, Patrick McKinsey.



Endowment

Kay Winebrenner in memory of Sherry Coward.

Shortfall Greater Than Expected

Statement of Activities - Grace Church Year to Date - August 2015

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Income:			
Pledges	216,330	234,621	(18,292)
Prior Year Pledges	2,315	-	2,315
Non-pledged Offerings	28,015	40,989	(12,974)
Open Offering	6,011	12,820	(6,809)
Interest	35	100	(66)
Misc.	11,831	8,184	3,647
Total Income:	264,536	296,715	(32,179)
Expenses:			
Outreach/Mission	32,055	38,088	(6,033)
Parish Programs	7,607	9,967	(2,360)
Operations	43,871	50,215	(6,344)
Personnel	192,912	198,446	(5,533)
Total Expenses:	276,445	296,715	(20,270)
Income Less Expenses:	(11,909)	(0)	(11,909)

Pledge receipts through the end of August totaled \$216,330 compared to projected pledges of \$234,621. Considering all income sources, income for the first eight months totaled \$264,336; while we projected income to be \$296,715. We ended August with a negative variance in overall income of \$32,179.

The negative income variance for the first eight months was offset by expenses in these months which were less than budgeted amounts by \$20,270. When added to the negative income variance of \$32,179, year-to-date income less expenses resulted in a deficit of \$11,909 for our first eight months. At this point in 2014, we experienced a positive balance of \$15,117.

We have experienced a shortfall income for three consecutive months and this is a

worrying trend. While our expenses continue to offset the shortfall in income to some extent, our overall financial position continues to deteriorate. This year's shortfall is significantly greater than expected and we continue to encourage prayer and attention to our stewardship efforts.

Your Vestry

Camp Henry Wish List 2016

As we gear up for another exciting year at Camp Henry, you have some opportunities to help out. Please take a look at the Camp Henry Wish List and assist wherever you can. All donations are tax deductible. To arrange pick up, call 828-646-0095 (May-July) or 828-225-6656 (August-April).

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vacuum cleaners <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Costumes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Zodiac Rescue Boat <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small sailboats <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Golf carts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Window air-conditioning unit(s) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Camp truck/vehicles <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kayak and canoe paddles <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Life jackets (in good shape, please!) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 13-15 passenger vehicle(s) for transporting CHOS campers and gear <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Craft supplies: tie dye, glue, poster board, Tempura paint and other types of paint, hemp, | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> picture frames, etc. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stand-up paddle board(s) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Washing machine and dryer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rain barrels <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sports equipment: tennis balls, frisbees, disc golf discs, disc golf baskets, basketballs, soccer balls, footballs, dodge balls <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cleaning supplies: booms, dust pans, mops <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Random things: glow sticks, shelves, plastic containers for organizing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gifts for staff (things college-age kids need/want): laundry detergent, school supplies, gift cards, etc. |
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**On behalf of everyone who is involved with Camp Henry,
we thank you for your love, care, support and prayers.**

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