



the Grace TEAM

to each a ministry

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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 Grace,

I hope you are enjoying this taste of fall as much as I am! I think you would agree that it is a glorious time of year to live in the mountains. The parish is back in full swing after the summer and it is good to have us all back together again.

Yesterday, I heard a friend/parishioner use the phrase "Christian on the spot."

A Christian on the spot is a follower of Jesus who happens to be somewhere where he or she may be the only person around to help. A simple example of this might be you walking down the sidewalk and seeing a very elderly person who has just slipped and fallen. Of course, you would go over to help him or her. In doing so, you would bring glory to God as the Christian or God's representative "on the spot."

In relation to this, I began to think about the phrase from St. Paul's letter to the Colossians, chapter one, where he refers to "this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory." In times past when I heard that phrase, "Christ in you, the hope of glory," I thought of it as Christ's indwelling presence in us and that one day we would be with Him forever in heaven or in glory. I'm pretty sure that this is not what St. Paul meant by that phrase.

When he talks about "Christ in us, the hope of glory," I am pretty sure he means that Christ's presence within empowers us to bring God glory by the way we live our lives. Christ's presence in us is the same as the Holy Spirit's presence in us, because God is One. Therefore, Christ's presence in us produces the fruit of the Holy Spirit,

things like love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, goodness and self-control. These wonderful attributes are not something we have to try harder to produce in ourselves, but are the result of Christ's presence in us. They are imputed or gifted to us by Him.

However, we do have a part in it. We

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must be open to the work of Christ or the work of the Spirit within us. I am reminded of the words of the risen and glorified Christ in the Book of Revelation where He says, "Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me." I was going to refer to "that famous painting of Jesus knocking at the door," but when I went to that source of all knowledge,

the internet, I found about thirty different pictures of Jesus knocking on the door of our hearts and lives! The point is that our part is to fling the door of our hearts and lives open and invite Christ in to fill us with His presence and make us fully human as we were created to be.

So, Christ in us is our hope of bringing glory to God by inviting Him over and over again to fill us afresh with His presence and to bring forth the fruit of the Holy Spirit in our lives. And remember this, wherever you are, you are the "Christian on the spot," or God's means of loving others. It can be done with something as simple as a smile or an encouraging word, by which you will bring glory to God.

Peace and Joy,

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., CR

Bells and Choir Practice

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

Generational Healing Eucharist

Tuesday, October 4, 7:00 p.m., CH

PubSing

Sunday, October 9: snacks 5:30 p.m.; singing 6:00 p.m.

Church Directory Make-Up Session

Tuesday, October 11, PH

LunchBunch

Tuesday, October 11, 11:30 a.m.

TEAM Meeting

Wednesday, October 12, 11:00 a.m., OF

Order of St. Luke

Thursday, October 13, 6:30-8:30 p.m., PH

Steadfast House Meal

Friday, October 14, 6:00 p.m.

Taizé Worship Service

Sunday, October 16, 8:00 p.m., CH

Vestry Meeting

Monday, October 17, 5:30 p.m., LI

Healing Prayer Services

Tuesdays, October 11, 18 & 25, 7:00 p.m., CH

Men of the Church

Tuesday, October 18, 6:00 p.m., PH

The Labyrinth - Walking the Sacred Path

Saturday, October 22, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, PH

Oktoberfest

Friday, October 28, 5:30-7:30 p.m., PH

Children's Sabbath

Sunday, October 30, CH

Parish News

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

Our annual **Children's Sabbath** will be Sunday, October 30. For details or if your child would like to participate, contact Cheryl Deyton, 337-9065.

The **Early Birds** meet in the library Tuesday mornings at 8:15 to learn more about the Word through book studies. All are welcome.

The October **LunchBunch** meets in the church parking lot at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, October 11, to head once again to Marco's near Fresh Market. LunchBunch offers an opportunity to all — men and women from all three services — to have a meal together, to visit, to build community, to make new friends. Please call Kathleen Griffin at 258-2105 or 337-8241 so we can have the right size table reserved or if you have questions. You're invited!

Grace's **Men of the Church** gather monthly, usually on the 2nd Tuesday (this month is an exception!), at 6:00 p.m., generally at the home of a member. A sign-up sheet is posted in the foyer, with the address of our host. At the meeting, following drinks and dinner, participants are given an opportunity to contribute \$15 to offset the host's costs.

The annual Pig-Pickin' is the chief source of revenue for Men of the Church, with members donating materials and labor. Throughout the rest of the year, the group also works quietly behind the scenes with Father Gary seeing that the good works of our church carry on, and that an adequate response is made to those in need.

Jack Frue is this month's host on Tuesday, October 18, 6:00 p.m., in the parish hall.

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

The Mountain Chapter of the **Order of St. Luke** meets Thursday, October 13, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Our program will be a DVD discussion of the Gospel account of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. We'll also watch a DVD clip of Christians leading a Navy Seal in inner healing prayer which helps him move into new life. All are welcome. One does not have to be an OSL member to attend. *We will not meet if the Asheville City Schools are closed on October 13 or close early due to inclement weather.*

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, October 9, at the French Broad Brewery, 101 Fairview Avenue. You may bring a snack at 5:30 p.m.; singing begins at 6:00. For more information, contact Monty Wooten at montywooten@bellsouth.net or 828-254-1114. Get directions at frenchbroadbrewery.com/directions/.

DON'T GET LEFT OUT! Call the church office today to schedule (or re-schedule) your church directory photo session! There's still time!

Our New Directory Won't Be Complete Without You!

An up-to-date church directory can be such a valuable tool. Can't place a name with a face? Look it up in the directory. Need a phone number, an address or an email? Find it fast in the directory.

But here's the problem — a church directory is only as informative and useful as we, the members of the church, make it. When faces are missing, it's just not the same.

If you haven't updated your contact information and had your photo made for the new Grace Church directory yet, please, *please* do it now. Sessions are still open on **Saturday, October 1**, and on **Tuesday, October 11**. Simply call Kathleen Griffin, 337-8241; Valerie in the office, 254-1086; or go online to tinyurl.com/gracephotosession to sign up.

Our new directory just won't be complete without your smiling face.



The Labyrinth — Walking the Sacred Path October 22, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

The labyrinth is an ancient archetypal imprint that is gaining recognition as an effective meditation practice with many applications. Walking a labyrinth gets us moving, reminds us to look around, to remember life events, to explore metaphor, to listen. It can help us quiet our minds, reduce stress, find forgiveness or discern the response to a question. It can open our hearts in compassion or give us insight into conflicts and ways to deepen and enrich our lives. It can be used as a path of prayer or a way to encounter parts of ourselves that seem to be out of control. In our time together we will review the basics of labyrinth walking and then look into the wisdom that is evoked by walking the labyrinth together in community.

Our leader for this special workshop at Grace will be Tommy Bratton, Minister of Christian Formation at the First Baptist Church here in Asheville. Tommy has a certification in Labyrinth Facilitation from Veriditas.

Oktoberfest! Friday, October 28

Ever wondered what an Asheville Oktoberfest is all about? Look no further. Grace Church brings back the tradition with a covered dish supper and taste tour of Asheville's brew scene. Are you a home brewer or just interested in different types of beer? Join brew-master John Lyda of AB Tech and our own Eric Howell as they let you in on the secrets of a successful batch. Bring your best bratwurst and sauerkraut and mark your calendars for Friday, October 28, 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the parish hall. For more info, contact Sally Withers (828) 712-1955 or the Fellowship Ministry.



Pumpkins for Sale!

Every October, the front lawn of Grace Episcopal Church becomes the pumpkin patch *everyone* wants to visit. Folks take pictures. They let the children romp around. And best of all, they buy lots and lots of pumpkins to benefit the medical and nutrition programs of Consider Haiti.

So how about spending some time "minding the patch?" Pumpkin sellers are needed, and signing up is easy. Simply go to the Grace web site online at www.graceepiscopalchurch.us and click on the pumpkin icon, or sign up on the poster in the foyer at church. It's fun. It's rewarding. It's an easy way to help a great cause.



October Sunday School News

Adult Sunday School. This month, we'll continue our course on the scriptural and sacramental connections with the 12 Steps and how each of us can use them to heal and to deepen our own personal spirituality. Course leaders Jeanne Robertson and Mickey Trinite will lead us in discussing Richard Rohr's *Breathing Underwater: Spirituality and the Twelve Steps*. Come join us between the 9:00 and 11:15 services in the parish hall.

“Biblical Prophecy for Our Time” with Dr. Bill Dismukes: Are you interested in biblical prophecy, or is there something else you'd rather study? Bill is open to your input, and is available to resume **adult Bible study** in the library of the church, starting on Sunday, October 16, at 10:10 a.m. Through his study, Bill has discovered that “things that have happened, have happened according to what Scripture has said.” He has found this to be a consistent truth, including the prophecy about the coming of the Messiah. He will also lead an examination of how many Jewish holidays are important to Christians, with some related to the first coming of Christ, and others related to the prophesied second coming. This topic of prophecy will bring an enlivening discussion to all who attend. Contact Bill to let him know a) if you'd like to attend the study group; b) ideas about what you'd like to study, and c) if you'd like to participate with planning and presenting. Please call between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. at 258-8886, or email w.dismukes@att.net.

Youth Sunday School. Youth Sunday school starts for 6th-12th grade youth in the kitchen after the 9:00 service. That's right. About the time your stomach starts rumbling at the end of worship, you can do something about it with a fun program of chatting and cooking in the Grace kitchen with Mrs. Townsend. After the stomachs get fed, everyone heads downstairs to do a little feeding of the soul with some exploration of our Anglican faith and history while helping out in the atria. Yum!

Space for a Prayer Table *Mark Silvers & the Catechists*

Items needed: lovely rug, low table, a cloth that corresponds to the color of the liturgical season, ornate or beautifully bound Bible, candle, a sacred image (photo or statue of Jesus), some type of flowers or greenery, and a cushion.

I know what you're probably thinking. Why would I put a prayer table in my home? Well, in this busy world, our families are often involved with so many activities that it takes a toll on our physical and spiritual well-being. Also as our children grow and develop, we want to assist them with one of the most crucial parts of their religious lives — prayer. We, however, must understand what that is. Prayer is not offering God our grocery list of wants, wishes, needs, and concerns. Prayer is taking time to stop and listen to Him, to create a silent place where we can meet and reflect on Him. Certainly all of those items are appropriate for prayer. However, for the young child, silence and wonder will be the most profound prayer they can offer. Why not create a place where they can be invited to do so?

Begin by placing your lovely rug in the area you choose for your prayer table. Then add a low table to make it accessible for the child. Next, set the table with a cloth that corresponds to the liturgical seasonal color (green, blue, white, purple, or red). Your cloth can be as simple or elaborate as you like. Then, place a nicely bound Bible in the middle of the table where it will invite reading. Also add your candle and sacred image (to help pause and reflect). Last, place your flowers or greenery. Now your table has been set! The very last item on your list will be a cushion on which the child or you may sit or kneel to create that much-needed silence for prayer.

This is a great family project that can be done with all ages of children. Allowing the child to be involved in the selection of the items will create a sense of ownership. I am reminded by this table, as stated so eloquently in the book *Listening to God with Children*, that “Our prayer is both preparation and a vehicle for arriving at the greatest prayer of thanksgiving: the Eucharist.”

Soles for Hope Project for Children's Sabbath

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

This year, as part of our annual Children's Sabbath, Sunday, October 30, we are once again joining in a partnership with the organization “Soles for Hope.” By collecting old denim jeans (to be used in making the uppers for the shoes) and plastic file folders and gallon milk jugs that are cut into pieces to give the shoes their shape, we can contribute to shipments being sent to Africa where tailors and shoemakers will craft shoes that are then given away at medical clinics.

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

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

Grace Outreach

Sue Thompkins

The Grace Outreach committee would like to thank all the members of the parish who responded to our challenge and donated to ERD for flood relief in Louisiana. This is an ongoing need, and if you have not made your donation but would like to do so please go to their website (episcopalrelief.org) or put a check in the offering plate with “flood relief” or “ERD” on the memo line. THANK YOU!

Feed My Sheep

Jennifer Clary

He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep. John 21:17

The Pastoral Care Committee will soon offer an updated version of “Feed My Sheep.” The program will provide immediately-available emergency meals to those dealing with situations such as emergency surgeries or short-term but serious illnesses.

There will be five or six easy to re-heat and serve menu items — soups or one-pot meals — available in the church freezer at all times. The meals will be available in one-quart disposable freezer bags so no dishes will need to be returned to the church. Depending on the number of meals needed, multiple bags could be taken at one time. It is preferred that meals be picked up from the church when possible, but delivery will also be available.

Menu options will be selected and prepared by the Feed My Sheep committee based on seasonal availability of ingredients, current donations or personal whim. Yes, we plan to have fun and might just get a hankering for some home-cooked chili or a seasonal butternut squash soup!

When a need arises, parishioners will simply need to call Mary Jane Westall at 254-6221 or 273-1857. Mary Jane will provide a listing of our current options (recipes will be available for review in case of food allergies) and will arrange for pick-up or delivery with the rest of the Feed My Sheep team.

While full menu options won't be available until October, there are already meals available, so please don't hesitate to contact us if you find yourself in need. Current selections include a kale, white bean and sausage stew as well as an Italian sausage tortellini soup.

Several parishioners have volunteered to assist on the committee. If you are one of those volunteers, thank you. We'll be contacting you soon to find out how you'd like to help. If, as you're reading this, you feel called to assist, please contact Jennifer Clary at jenn_clary@yahoo.com or at 870-643-0083, or call Cheryl Deyton at 337-9065.

Rummage Sale Postponed

The Rummage Sale, originally set for October 22, and then November 5, is now being postponed until further notice. Nancy Remmers, who heads up this sale, had an unpleasant fall and will take some time to heal. Let's all send prayers for her speedy and complete recovery.

Meanwhile, if you're interested in helping make plans for a future sale, please contact Nancy at 298-9789. We're happy to continue accepting your items for the sale and will store them here in anticipation of the next sale.

Thank you, Nancy. And thank you to all who contribute and volunteer for our Rummage Sale.

Tour Guides for Brides

Weddings at Grace Church continue gaining in popularity, averaging about one per month. Usually, as the bride plans her wedding, she requests a visit to the church, and the Grace wedding coordinators are looking for extra “tour guides” to help them “show off” our beautiful church.

If you have some free time, consider volunteering for this pleasant and rewarding activity. You'll be provided with written instructions explaining what to show, and how to answer some of the questions that will come up. If you are interested in learning more about this unique opportunity, please call Jean Haldane at 253-9085, or Valerie, at the church office.

At our next wedding, October 8, the bride and groom are having photos made with our Pumpkin Patch in the background!

Back Home from Panamá

Elly Withers



My blisters have calloused over, but all of my memories from Panamá this year working with the nonprofit PROMESA are still fresh in my mind. I had a wonderful year serving in the Young Adult Service Corps in Panamá as a missionary for the Episcopal Church. This year gave me the opportunity to lead and facilitate projects with indigenous and farming communities throughout the country. I am so grateful for my experiences with the people from la Comarca Kuna de Madungandi, las Tierras Collectivas de Embera, and the district of Coclé, and I know that I will never forget them.



Julio Cesar, farmworker from PROMESA, who we built a tilapia pond with during my project “Pescado Para Tod@s,” told me before I left that he wanted me to come back to Panamá in four years. In four years, he told me, he would not only have the one pond that we helped construct with him and the other farmworkers, but four ponds. Four ponds, filled with carp and shrimp, in addition to tilapia, that he plans on selling to his entire community. He also wants to adopt the sustainable system that we encouraged during the farm-exchange and grow pigs next to the ponds along with a vegetable garden in the space where the water leaves the ponds. The pigs produce fertilizer for the pond that grows algae and feeds the fish. The water that leaves the pond is also laced with fertilizer and provides a moist space to grow tomatoes, cucumbers, lettuce, onions, carrots, and beets. Julio Cesar has big dreams for his fishpond! It is so satisfying to know that my projects have not just ended with my return to the U.S., but are still being carried on by all of the farmers back in Panamá. This is just one example of the many projects that I helped facilitate in Panamá.



None of this would have been possible without the enormous support and encouragement that I received from Grace Church. I am so thankful for my church family here, for believing in my dreams, and encouraging me to chase after them. Thank you for loving me, so that I could go out and love in Panamá.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.”

-John 15 12-19

Diocesan Fall Conference for High School Youth, October 21-23

On the weekend of October 21-23, high school youth from all over western North Carolina will gather at Valle Crucis Conference Center to relax, play, rest, dance, pray, and worship together. This weekend away is a chance share questions, concerns, and experiences in regard to where and how God is in our lives and in our world. Gather with friends and make new ones for the journey.

Fall Conference is a chance to get away in the beautiful mountains we call home with other high schoolers in the Diocese. We get to reconnect with old friends and make new ones, while talking about the struggles and joys of our lives and growing in our faith. Whether you're strong in your faith and well-connected with your parish, feel disconnected from God or church, or are somewhere in between, you'll be welcome and encouraged on your journey no matter where it is taking you. Please join us this year! If you would like to attend from Grace, please contact Fr. Coffey.

Kids of the Kingdom 2016-17

Joanna Best

Kids of the Kingdom. . . That's What We Are. I grew up with a rich church music experience as a child. From Bible School singing, to family weekends, to the more formal songs in the choir at church, music was a huge part of my faith-shaping experiences and my own personal contributions to worship.

I'm so happy to have the chance to try and enable similar experiences for the children of Grace. This will be my final of three years working to grow our children's and youth music culture. In the spring of 2017, we will begin interviewing candidates for an internship in children and youth music leadership (more about that in the spring).

The first thing I did was decide our program needed a name. So I borrowed a phrase from a song I learned at Bible School when I was eight (and that the children sing here when we meet at the base of the stairs to sing). Children have the chance to sing in worship once a month, and our rehearsals occur during Sunday school on a set schedule.

I am always so happy to have young voices singing praises, prayers and offering their hearts to worship. A schedule is below and please let me know if you have any questions about Kids of the Kingdom Music Outreach at Grace.

Oct. 9/Level I: Sweet Treats Music Banquet 11-2 drop-in

Oct. 16/Level II/III: Sweet Treats Music Banquet 11-2 drop-in

Oct. 30: CHILDREN SING AT 9:00 service, "Ubi Caritas"

Nov. 6: Youth Music

Nov. 13: Levels I, II/III practice with adults at 10:15

Nov. 20: Family Wreath-Making; Kids of Kingdom Robe Fitting

Dec. 4: Level I Music

Dec. 11: Levels I, II/III practice with adults at 10:15

Dec. 18: LESSONS AND CAROLS, Children sing at 9:00 and 11:15 with adult choir

Jan. 1: Youth Music

Jan. 8: Level I Music

Jan. 15: Level II/III Music

Jan. 22: Children sing at 9:00 service "God Is Never Late"

Jan. 29: 5th Sunday Brunch; Ducky Awards

Feb. 5: Level I Music

Feb. 12: Level II/III Music

Feb. 19: Youth Music

Feb. 26: YOUTH SING at 9:00 service

March 5: Level II/III Music

March 12: Level I Music

March 19: Level II/III Music

March 26: CHILDREN SING at 9:00 service "God's Promise"

April 2: Level II/III Music

April 23: CHILDREN SING at 9:00 service "Springtime Birds"

April 30: 5th Sunday Brunch; Ducky Awards

May 7: Youth Music

May 14: Level I Music

May 21: Level I sings at 9:00 (pre-school - 2nd grade)

We will schedule one date each in the months of June, July, and August for intern auditions. To do this, we will need children to sing on each of those dates. Be watching for more information as time passes.

Calling All Grace Shutterbugs and Movie-Makers!

So much happens at Grace Church, and nothing tells a story better than a great photo or video from the event. These days, with the help of social media and our smart phones, we can be more connected than ever, not only within our parish, but beyond, as well. The Good News can be spread in many ways, so let's put that technology to work for us!

If you attend an activity at Grace, take some photos or a brief video with your phone. Then, simply text them as attachments **with a short description** to this special phone number: (828) 367-7525. Or email them to this special email address: share.via.grace@gmail.com. As things come in, we'll look for opportunities to use them for all kinds of parish communications including the *Grace TEAM*, our web site, Facebook, and Twitter.

Just a reminder, this phone number and email address are for event photos and videos only, **not** for church business. Use the regular contact information (828-254-1086 and grace.pariah@att.net) to reach the church office.

A picture really is worth a thousand words. Let's get those photos and videos coming in!



October 2016 Ministry Schedule

Date	Service Time	Acolyte C	Acolyte G	Acolyte E	Lector, Intercessor & Presenters	Healing Team	Ushers	Chalicians	Coffee Hour	Scripture	Lesson
Oct 2											
	7:45					Deb Gravatt	Steve Jones	Jack Frue			
	9:00	Cade Wooten	Cheryl Deyton	Daphne Urquhart	L, I, P - Nancy Walters, Jenny Knapp, Knapp Family	Louise Wernicke Patricia Hargrove	Tricia and Mickey Trinite	1. John Woodson 2. Carol Booth	Katherine Kaderabek	Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4	1st Lesson
	11:15	Rusty McCredie	Olivia Nery	Grace Miller	L, I, P - Rusty McCredie Sally Withers	Pat Davis Karen Compton	Paul Stewart Bob Turner	1. Bill Warren 2. Bill Spencer	Volunteer	2 Timothy 1:1-14	2nd Lesson 9:00 Lesson
Oct 9											
	7:45					Deb Gravatt	Andrew Dahm	James Cannon			
	9:00	Harrison Best	Andrew Best	Zoe Davis	L, I, P - Paul & Daphne Urquhart	Jeanne Robertson Kathy Oesterlin	Doug Haldane Jim Siemens	1. Greg Townsend 2. Scott Best	Micki Newton	2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c	1st Lesson 9:00 Lesson
	11:15	Mark Silvers	Ellie Silvers	Jonah Silvers	L, I, P - Jenny Thomas Mark Silvers	Mary Israel Corinne Spencer	Ron Sims Rusy Herman	1. Charles Carter 2. Kimberly Kneier	Volunteer	2 Timothy 2:8-15	2nd Lesson
Oct 16											
	7:45					Deb Gravatt	Ed Duncan	Margaret Dahm			
	9:00	Gavin Knapp	(alternate)	Louise Wernicke	L, I, P - Debbie Jones, Angie Cullen, Jones Family	Pat Davis Jane Whitman	Ray Kuykendall Tom Barr	1. Daphne Urquhart 2. Jenny Knapp	Elaine Dephouse	Jeremiah 31:27-34	1st Lesson 9:00 Lesson
	11:15	Bob Grimes	Sally Withers	Eric Howell	L, I, P - Ely Withers Kristen Dusenbery	Karen Compton Sonny Rawls	Elaine Potter Paul Stewart	1. Sally Withers 2. Eric Howell	Georgi Bruce	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5	2nd Lesson
	Taizé 8:00 PM				L - James Cannon I - Monty Wooten	Deb Gravatt					
Oct 23											
	7:45					Deb Gravatt	Steve Jones	James Cannon			
	9:00	Lisle Ellington	(alternate)	Laura Ellington	L, I, P - John and Beth Woodson	Jeanne Robertson Shari Lane	Derek and Wade Edwards	1. Greg Townsend 2. Ann Robinson	Cuyler Dupree	Sirach 35:12-17	1st Lesson 9:00 Lesson
	11:15	Mark Silvers	Ellie Silvers	Jonah Silvers	L, I, P - Cal Remmers Carol McMichael	Marzy Israel Sonny Rawls	Larry and LuAnn Harris	1. Cliff Albertson 2. Mark Silvers	Mary Ann Warren	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18	2nd Lesson
Oct 30											
	7:45					Deb Gravatt	Andrew Dahm	Jack Frue			
	9:00	Zoe Davis	Maya Bell	Daphne Urquhart	L, I, P - Barbara Wilcox and Hugh Vaughn	Brenda Haller Ann Robinson	Paul and Vicki Vest	1. John Woodson 2. Cuyler Dupree	Paul Vest	Isaiah 1:10-18	1st Lesson 9:00 Lesson
	11:15	Cheryl Aull	Olivia Nery	Ely Withers	L, I, P - Joel P. Rogers Kimberly Kneier	(alternates)	Arnold Clark Bob Turner	1. Ely Withers 2. Sally Coburn	Volunteer	2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12	2nd Lesson
Altar Guild											
Date	Counters	Depositors	Date	Flower Arrangers	Altar Guild						
2-Oct	Steve Birkhofer	James Cannon	2-Oct	Newton/Israel	Group 1: Oct 1 - 7						
9-Oct	Martha Boyette	Judy Bohan	9-Oct	Newton/Israel	Group 2: Oct 8 - 14						
16-Oct	Sally Withers	Chal & Hugh Vaughn	16-Oct	Shearouse	Group 3: Oct 15 - 21						
23-Oct	Georgi Bruce	Anne Simmons	23-Oct	Dawson/Buchanan	Group 4: Oct 22 - 28						
30-Oct	Georgi Bruce	Steve Birkhofer	30-Oct	Dawson/Buchanan	Group 5: Oct 29 - Nov 4						

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: **Jo Brokenshire; Chris Carson** (son of Martha & Randy); **Dave & Peg Carey; Molly Coffey; Barbara Crownover; Nathan Crownover** (son of Bill & Barbara Crownover); **Carol; Ed Denison; Eunice Ferguson; Rebecca Harris; Mary Hayes; Mary Israel; Wendy Kuykendall; Maria Mason; Nancy Porter; Elaine Potter; Nancy Remmers; Doris Rigsby; Corey & Tsz-yan Snyder; Rita Spragg; Mary Ida Sprague; Michael St. Claire; Barbara & Chuck Wilcox; Don Wills.**

For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities: **Henny Caldwell; Bill & Mary Hayes** (parents of Rick Hayes); **Lou** (mother of Kim Hayes); **Rusk Henry; Donald Israel** (brother-in-law of Mary Israel); **June Kelley; Rita Lyda; Neill Mason; Joan Sanderson; Laura Stephens; Pat Woodard.**

For Others (names to stay on the list for four weeks; call the church office to keep names on the list for a longer time): **Ashley** (daughter of Henry Watts); **Deane Boggs** (sister of Joyce Noble); **Steve Boggs** (nephew of Joyce Noble); **Jenn Chenowith** (friend of Joyce & Walt Noble); **Ryan Conrad** (friend of Julia Anne Dawson); **Debbie D.** (friend of Lynda McCredie); **Kelli Davis** (daughter of George & Pat Davis); **Chuck Dill** (son of Nancy Remmers); **Austin Drum** (brother of Nancy Clark); **Kacie Epley** (cousin of Vicki & Paul Vest); **Al Fadel** (friend of Nancy & Arnold Clark); **Danny Hall** (brother-in-law of David Gentry); **Priscilla Hickey** (sister-in-law of Barbara & Chuck Wilcox); **Donna Johnson** (friend of Suzanne & Doug Bowie); **Kathleen Johnson** (friend of Barbara & Chuck Wilcox); **Jeff Johnston** (cousin of Eva Dupree); **Jim Monroe** (friend of Jeannette & Bob Reese); **Jennifer Svenstrup** (friend of Paul & Vicki Vest); **Nancy Temple** (friend of Billy Gray); **Lara Weaver** (daughter of Jackie Schauer); **Kelly Wigger** (granddaughter of Nancy Remmers); **Vincent** (friend of Jeannette & Bob Reese); **Dee & Cindy** (friends of Kathleen Griffin); **Elizabeth; Pam** (friend of Cheryl Aull); **Stan; Sue; Susan.**

For Those in the Episcopal Church: **Michael, our Presiding Bishop; José, 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: **Mariza Adamson; Ann Coffey** (mother of Laura Snyder).

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

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

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

The Bulletin and TEAM prayer list is one of many prayer lists at Grace. For this list, please get permission from anyone you would like to add and then contact Kathleen Griffin at gkcggriffin7@gmail.com or the church office at grace.parish@att.net

October Anniversaries

Doug and Linda Mahin	2
Travers and Charlotte Chiott	5
Steve and Nora Jones	16
Michael Raymond and 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 Bobbie Eblen
2 Roger Snyder	19 Greg Townsend
3 Jan Grimes	20 Becky Hannah
4 Jack Westall	20 Paul Urquhart
5 Steve Jones	21 Caroline Jordan
6 Corinne Spencer	22 Robert Carlton
8 Grace Green	22 Ann Jarema
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 Kreuger
12 Lauren Ward	26 Rob 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 Porter	

We offer our thoughts and prayers to the friends and loved ones of those in and near to our Grace family who have recently passed: Carolyn Baker (friend of Jeannette & Bob Reese), Chad Lovett (friend of Tom & Liz Barr), Charlotte Melson, Ben Sharp (son of Dave & Peg Carey), George Michael Butler (brother of Carole Hudson), Ann Coffey (mother of Laura Snyder), Bob Henry (former parishioner, husband of Annette Henry), and Mariza Adamson.

Special Gifts

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 memory of her daughter Margie and her husband Joe;
- 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 Marion 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.



For the Love of Grace and Flowers

Once again, I want to thank our parishioners for their unbelievable support for the "Flowers to the Glory of God." As with many in-church groups, our numbers have dwindled a little because of health issues and other unexpected circumstances. Our loyal group will certainly go on as before, but hopefully with the inclusion of new pairs of hands and a love of growing things.

Just the creation of our sanctuary decorations at Christmas brings one into an unbelievable sense of joyful team work. Our schedules are not overbearing and all are extremely flexible with trading dates and times with one another. We will work with you, individually, for as long as you wish.

Please contact me, or one of the other Flower Guild members: Julia Ann Dawson, Nora Jones, Pat Davis, Micki Newton, or Leeann Shearouse. I look forward to hearing from some of our fellow "flower lovers."

Many Blessings,

Mary Israel (828) 253-2167, (828) 230-1396, tobarranged@bellsouth.net

Another Positive Variance

Pledge receipts through the end of August totaled \$246,475, compared to projected pledges of \$219,333. Considering all income sources, income received to date totaled \$301,986, while we projected income to be \$268,302. We ended the month with another positive variance in overall projected income of \$33,684. We continue to experience a very positive trend in overall income.

The positive income variance thus far was reduced somewhat by expenses which were greater than budgeted amounts by \$3090. When subtracted from the positive income variance of \$33,684 our income less expenses resulted in a still healthy surplus of more than \$30,594 for the year.

While we continue to move in a positive direction, your prayers and attention to our stewardship efforts are still encouraged.

Your Vestry

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

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Income:			
Pledges	246,475	219,333	27,142
Prior Year Pledges	5,190	2,993	2,197
Non-pledged Offerings	30,550	27,463	3,087
Open Offering	11,375	6,962	4,413
Interest	40	46	(7)
Misc.	8,355	11,504	(3,149)
Total Income:	301,986	268,302	33,684
Expenses:			
Outreach/Mission	30,487	34,276	(3,789)
Parish Programs	6,796	8,041	(1,245)
Operations	49,534	46,309	3,225
Personnel	184,576	179,677	4,899
Total Expenses:	271,392	268,302	3,090
Income Less Expenses:	30,594	(0)	30,594

More Than Just a Volunteer

When is a volunteer more than just a volunteer? When the work is a freely, joyfully given gift. When the time spent is genuine and heart-felt. When the reason for doing it is bigger than a single individual, more meaningful than personal gratification.

Reading the lessons or ushering on Sunday morning involve such a little bit of time, but are such important ministries in the life of our church family. Delivering bags full of food to kids at Jones once a week or cooking up a batch of chili for homebound members of our own parish both have an impact on other lives, but require such a small piece of our own lives. Helping with Sunday school; arranging flowers for the altar; assisting in the church office; minding the Pumpkin Patch; gardening; acolyting or serving as a lay Eucharistic minister; helping coordinate weddings; using your computer savvy to improve communications — these are just *some* of the many ways in which we can invest ourselves in the Grace Church family.

Ask yourself. Ask God. What are you called to do here at Grace? Where can you commit a bit of your time and energy? The next time you're at church, take a look at the display case in the foyer and see who heads each of the Grace Ministries. What captures your imagination or touches your heart? Make a call and see where you fit in as a Grace volunteer.

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 - *Labyrinth Workshop*
 - *Oktoberfest*
 - *Feed My Sheep*
 - *and of course, "Parson to Person"*

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