



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 God,

Due to a delay in finalizing the Bishop's visitation schedule for 2014, I just heard at the Clergy Conference last week that our Bishop, Porter Taylor, will be visiting Grace in January for his Parish Visitation and Confirmation. That means we only have November and December to prepare folks for Confirmation! Gulp!

Confirmation is the time when two things happen. First and most importantly, people reaffirm their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and vow to follow Him in the Episcopal Church. Secondly, since this is the *Episcopal* Church, people are officially received into this communion through the laying on of hands by a bishop. The Greek word for bishop is *episcopos*, and the *Episcopal* Church is one overseen by bishops.

Two groups of people normally prepare for Confirmation. One is made up of young people for whom it represents a coming of age rite. For our young people from 12-18 years of age, this is the time when they affirm for themselves the faith that was affirmed for them at baptism. This is why, at Confirmation, the question is asked, "Do you *reaffirm* your renunciation of evil and do you *renew* your commitment to Jesus Christ?" The Candidates for Confirmation are *reaffirming and renewing* because this was first done for them at their baptisms. It is an event when young persons say for themselves that they renew their commitment to Jesus Christ and, with God's grace, will follow him as their Savior and Lord. When young people have done this, they become confirmed adult members of the Episcopal Church and are eligible to serve on Vestry and represent us at our Conventions.

The second group of people we

normally prepare for Confirmation consists of those who are either coming to the Christian faith as adults or who have been Christians in another part of Christendom, but were not confirmed by the laying on of hands by a bishop in apostolic succession. The other parts of Christendom whose bishops *are* in apostolic succession, meaning the laying on of hands, can be traced back

to the Apostle Peter. They are the Roman Catholic Church and the Orthodox Church. When someone joins the Episcopal Church from one of these churches, the bishop lays hands on them and recognizes them as "already confirmed members" of Christ's One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church and simply *receives them* into our communion.

If you are an adult or a young person over the age of twelve who has not been confirmed or received,

I would urge you to call me and let's work out a plan to prepare you for Confirmation between now and January, either through classes or independent study. The advantage to taking the classes and/or studying for Confirmation is that it really orients one to the practice of the Christian faith in the Episcopal Church. The study, however it is done, will answer scads of questions – some you may not have even thought of yet.

(Details on p. 4)

Being confirmed will equip you to continue growing in your Christian faith and following Jesus more closely. Young people and adults, please call me at 828-254-1086, ext. 14, and let's get you enrolled in a class or started in independent study.

Blessings,

Fr. Gary

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Parish News

Make your own Advent wreath! The first Sunday of Advent is December 1, and we will be making Advent wreaths in the parish hall beginning at 10:00 a.m. It is a wonderful family event and an opportunity to participate in a centuries-old Christian tradition. Mary Israel and the Flower Guild will guide us as we make our own personal Advent wreaths. All supplies including candles are available for a donation of \$5.00. Candles only may be purchased for \$3.00.

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

Our **Monday Soup Suppers and Worship Services** have resumed. 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 are 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.

Men of the Church will meet on Tuesday, November 12, at 6:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Hosts and cooks are Ron Sims, George Davis, and John Rigsby. 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.

The **Order of St. Luke** will meet on Thursday, November 14, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the parish hall. All are welcome. One does not have to be an OSL member to attend. We will complete our program year studying Sozo tools by revisiting *The Father Ladder*. The tool helps us understand how our own family relationships have influenced our perceptions of each member of the Godhead. We'll experience God/

Jesus/Holy Spirit helping us with earthly relationship concerns and revealing Himself to us in a healing way. We will be using the form of the tool developed by Anna Marie Sheffield, which she presented at our recent Healing Winds conference.

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.

Steadfast House is an ABCCM homeless shelter for women and children. Our Grace Outreach cook teams provide a meal once a month for the shelter. We currently need a leader and folks interested in being on a cook team. There are four cook teams, so each team cooks three times a year. The leader simply organizes the families on the team, and the cooks then combine forces to prepare and serve meals for the 40-50 residents of Steadfast House. It is fun, quick and easy, and a great way to get to know other members of Grace while helping folks in our community. Also, it is not a huge commitment since you will cook only three times in 2014! Please contact Katherine Kaderabek, katherine@beverly-hanks.com, for additional information.

A **Service of Remembrance** will take place Saturday, November 2, at 5:00 p.m. The service is for all who have suffered losses of loved ones and would like to remember them. It will be a simple service of readings and prayers. Worshipers will have the opportunity to come forward and light candles in remembrance of loved ones. All are welcome.

Our **United Thank Offering** envelopes and boxes are on the table in the foyer. The more than 200-year-old offering for the mission work of the church is dependent on your thank offerings that are collected every year. The monies provide for small and large projects in parishes and dioceses and around the world. The offering will be collected this month.

Potluck Brunch and Rite of Belonging

Our All-Parish Potluck Brunch on Sunday, November 3, at 10:00 a.m. in the parish hall, is a time of fellowship for people from all services. It is also a time to share good food and, above all, a time to welcome our new families, both at the brunch and in worship. There is a brief part of the worship services called the *Rite of Belonging* during which we pledge our support to our newcomers and they to us. If you are new or relatively new, we would love to introduce you to the congregation and to include you in the *Rite of Belonging* on Sunday, November 3. Please give Fr. Coffey or Fr. Reese a call, and we will put your name on the list. There are also forms in the foyer that you may fill out and hand to Fr. Coffey or Fr. Reese.

If you attend either of the early services, simply bring your brunch food to the kitchen before worship. If you attend the 11:15 service, bring your food and enjoy the brunch before worship. There will be no Sunday school.

Foyer Groups Sign-Up Time

Now is the time to sign up for a Foyer Group. Our foyer groups are gatherings of couples and singles from all services. Each group is made up of eight to ten people, and we meet in each other's homes for covered-dish suppers. It is a wonderful way to get to know people from other services. The groups start meeting in December with each group deciding on a start date. A kick-off get-together will be held on Sunday, December 15, at 5:30 p.m. in the newly-renovated church conference room. Details will follow. Mark your calendars and join us. A sign-up sheet is in the foyer. For more information call Betsy Sherman, 299-7430.

Our Convention Delegates

Our Diocesan Convention will be held November 14-16 at Kanuga Conference Center, and Grace will be represented by our clergy plus two delegates, Corinne Spencer and Ann Robinson. Corinne and Ann were approved by our vestry at the October 21 meeting, and they go with our prayers and deep gratitude for their willingness to serve in this way.

This will be the 92nd annual convention of the Diocese of Western North Carolina. The theme for this year is *Walk in the Way, Widen the Walls, Wake Up the World!* and features guest speaker the Right Reverend Sean W. Rowe, Bishop of the Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania.

Be watching for a report from our delegates in the December *TEAM*.

Camp Henry 2014 Registration Open



Here's exciting news for Camp Henry campers, parents and patrons! After an absolutely fantastic 2013 summer, Camp Henry has been awarded the prestigious American Camping Association Accredited Camp designation to confirm that it is among the very best camps in the world! This is a HUGE deal and could not have been accomplished if not for the care and passion of everyone involved with Camp Henry. This is a very exciting and special time for the health and growth of camp. The 2014 summer registration is now open and below is the Camp Henry schedule:

June 11-18:	Staff Training; Counselor in Training Sessions
June 19-21:	Parents & 1st Timers
June 22-28:	Sr. High
June 29-July 5:	3-5th Grade
June 29-July 12:	CIT Session I
July 6-12:	6-8th Grade
July 13-15:	All staff off
July 16-19:	Mini Camp
July 20-26:	4-6th Grade
July 20-Aug 2:	CIT Session II
July 27-Aug 2:	7-9th Grade

Camp Henry Outdoor School Sessions:	
June 22-28:	CHOS Middle School
July 6-12:	CHOS High School
July 16-19:	CHOS Adult (30+)
July 20-Aug 2:	CHOS Amplified



For more information and to register, visit the Camp Henry web site at www.camphenry.net

EYC Schedule for November

EYC meets at Grace at 4:30 on Sundays unless otherwise indicated.

- November 3 — topic: "Bible" from book *My Faith, My Life*
- November 10 — topic: "Bible" from book *My Faith, My Life*
- November 17 — Senior High Fall Conference @ Kanuga (no evening meeting)
- November 24 — topic: "Our History" from book *My Faith, My Life*



With God's help, I reaffirm, I renew...

Adult Confirmation/Inquirers' Classes

Adult Confirmation/Inquirers' classes will be held on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. beginning November 5. Each class will last one hour. These classes will continue through Tuesday, December 12. If you are a couple with children and this interferes with evening activities and bedtimes, one member of the couple may attend the classes for both of you, you may alternate coming to the classes week by week. These are also called Inquirers' classes because they are a way to learn about the faith as practiced by Episcopalians, with no obligation to be confirmed at the end of the process.

Since the classes are only one hour long, they will be action-packed! It's guaranteed that no one will fall asleep! We will use our time wisely and will cover a lot of ground at each class. As Fr. Gary said in this issue's "Parson to Person" article, knowing more about the practice of the Christian faith as Episcopalians will help you grow in your Christian faith. It will also ground you in the particularly Episcopal practice of the faith. Please call Fr. Gary at 828-254-1086, ext. 14, and he will get you enrolled in the class.

Confirmation Classes/Study for Youth

With the hectic schedules of this age group, we are going to have to build the airplane while we are flying it. So, if your young person, age 12-18, would like to be confirmed, please call Fr. Gary at 828-254-1086, ext. 14. Once we have the names of our Candidates, we will plan a class time that will work for everyone. There is also the independent study option that we can work out where parents can work with their children and/or Fr. Gary can meet with the young people and/or parents periodically as well. Remember, anything worth doing is worth doing well and worth the effort it takes us to get it done. Confirmation is definitely one of those things as it will prepare our young people for their lives as adult Episcopalians. Every person needs a home in the Church (with a capital "C"), and we believe that the best home is the Episcopal Church. Let's ground our young people in the Episcopal Church while God has entrusted them to our care.

A "God Story" to Share

Barbara Wilcox



Last week while doing my errands, I stopped at Dunkin Donuts on Merrimon Avenue to buy a half-dozen doughnuts for my sweet-toothed husband. A young couple arrived just a tad ahead of me and held the door for me, asking me to go ahead. I insisted that they go first as they had arrived first, so they reluctantly did so. They gave and received their order, so I stepped up to give mine. I suddenly realized that they had stepped aside but were still standing at the counter. Suspecting that they had forgotten to order something, perhaps a latté, I apologized and stepped back, asking them to go ahead and make their request so that they could be on their way. They declined and sweetly urged me to complete my own purchase. When I saw the total and took out my money, the clerk refused it, saying that it had "already been took care of." I protested, as I hadn't yet paid a dime; but he wouldn't take my money. When I asked how it had been taken care of, he grinned and nodded toward the young couple, who burst out laughing at my open-mouthed, stunned expression and fled to their car. I ran out after them, but they were already speeding off, giggling merrily all the way. I had the distinct feeling that God was chuckling, too!

Grace Outreach Notes

Sue Thompkins

ABCCM FOOD DRIVE. We will hold our final food drive of the year for ABCCM this month. In the pews Sunday, November 10, look for grocery bags with lists of items needed for the food pantry and for the shelters. We will then collect and bless the bags you fill at all three services on Sunday, November 17. As you have probably read in the newspaper, this year has seen a big increase in the number of people who are using food pantries and other agencies to obtain food for their families. During the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons, let's come together to provide as much as we can to help these hungry residents of Western North Carolina.

OPERATION SHOEBOX. Once again we will be collecting shoeboxes for Christmas for children who live in poverty overseas. There will be a display in the foyer with information on what to put in your shoebox and how to pack it. Items such as school supplies (pencils, paper, crayons), hygiene items (toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs), and small toys are examples of gifts that can be packed in the box. The shoeboxes will be collected on Sunday, November 17. This is a great project to share with your children.

ANGEL TREE. Can you believe that it is already time to put up our Angel Tree in the foyer and find Christmas gifts for foster children in Buncombe County? The tree, which will go up around Thanksgiving, will be decorated with angels, each with the name and age of a child and that child's Christmas wishes. Remember as you take the name of a child that the list is "wishes." You do not have to buy everything on the list, just as you would not buy everything your child or grandchild has asked for. But please note, the number of children who have come into custody and foster care as a result of abuse and neglect during 2013 is the largest ever for the foster care system here, and although foster parents *do* get a stipend for the children's care, it does not include money for things like Christmas presents.

Since Christmas falls on a Wednesday this year, the Department of Social Services has requested that presents be returned the week of December 16. Please return your gifts to the church by **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15**. Remember to include your angel with the presents to make sure we get the gifts to the child who requested them. If you are unable to take an angel but would like to bring in one or more presents for a child, please label them and bring them to the church and we will get them to a child who wants them. If you have any questions, please call Sue Thompkins at 230-9328.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY. We continue to build Episcopal House X in partnership with Habitat and area Episcopal churches. The sign-up sheet and other information you would need is in the foyer, and we are always looking for volunteers. You may call Sue Thompkins at 230-9328 if you have any questions. Remember that one of the best holiday gifts you can give a family is a house of their own.



The Pumpkin Patch was a huge success! Thanks to all of you who so generously helped unload the pumpkins, volunteered in the Pumpkin Patch, and purchased your holiday pumpkins from us. As of this printing, we have cleared well over \$6,000, which will be used by Consider Haiti to help Haitian children. Watch for final totals in the December *TEAM*, and for more information about Consider Haiti, please visit their web site at www.considerhaiti.org.

Healing Prayer Corner

Jeanne Robertson

The Healing Winds Conference for 2013 is over, and it was a spiritually fulfilling weekend. Seven members of Grace attended. You will notice that I said members, not Healing Prayer Ministers. That is because the focus of the conference is healing, and anyone interested in healing is invited to attend. Mark your calendars now for the next Healing Winds Conference, September 26-28, 2014, at Lake Junaluska.

Our speakers this year were the Rev. Jack and Anna Marie Sheffield. Jack is the North American Director of the Order of St. Luke the Physician, an ecumenical organization dedicated to the Christian healing ministry. Their teaching focused on the theme *Living Radiantly in Dark Times*. Another blessing was the music of Marji Elzy, whose ministry includes music, mime and storytelling as well as writing and recording her own music. Marji will also provide music for next year's conference.

Next year, the conference speakers will be the Rev. John Rice and the Rev. Josh Acton. It will be a celebration of the 20th anniversary of Healing Winds. If you plan to attend a Healing Winds Conference, this will be the one to attend. If you have any questions about the conference, please talk with any of the Healing Prayer Ministers at Grace, or contact me, Jeanne Robertson, at 828-683-7701 or jrobertson38@me.com.

Planned Giving & Endowment

Fr. Alex Comfort

Years ago my attorney told me that I should update my will at least every five years. At the time I thought about my mechanic's saying that I should change my oil every 3000-5000 miles. I thought then (and now) that I would choose the 5000-mile option.

But then I hauled out our will and looked it over. And what do you know?! Some very important things had changed. Yes, it costs me some money to re-do it every five years, but I also believe in the "bus theory" – any of us can be hit by a bus at any time, and we should be ready.

So please take out your will to find out if some things have changed and then go get it revised. And, while you are at it, think about leaving something to Grace Church. It will need your help in thirty-seven or so years when your will is activated.

One with Christ

Noah Clary

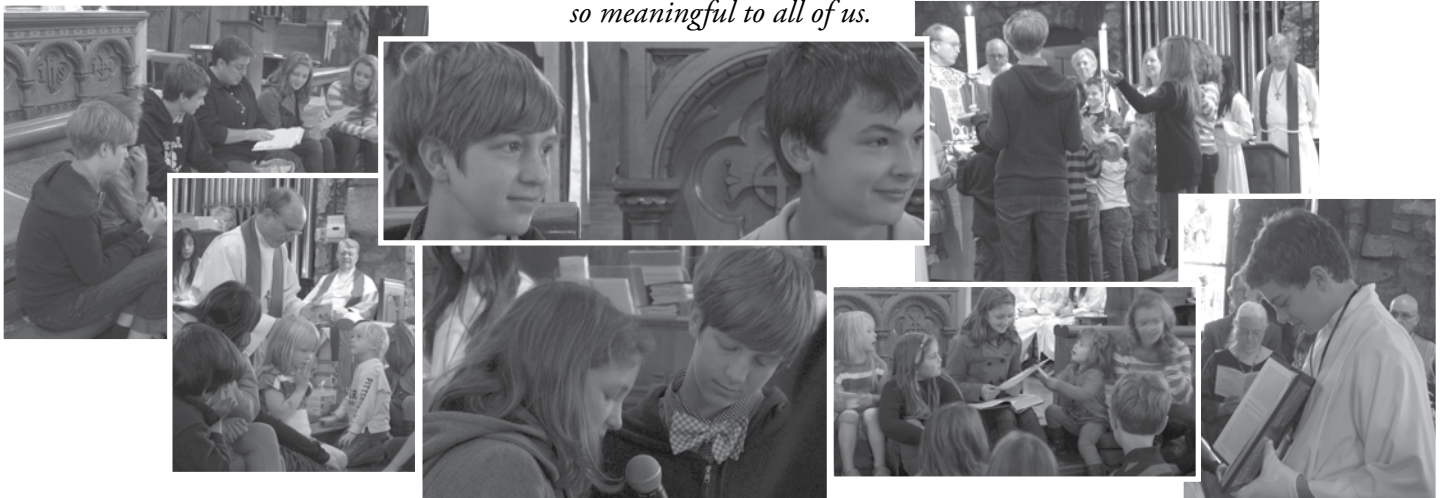
Tenth-grader Noah Clary was the guest preacher on Sunday, October 20, as we celebrated National Children's Sabbath.

Many of you have requested the following transcript of his homily.



Hello. My name is Noah Clary and I have been attending Grace Church for 4 years. I am in the 10th grade. Today I want to simplify the readings to a few basic ideas, and then explain how to use them in our everyday lives. The first reading today tells about sitting at the side of God in heaven. The disciples James and John asked to sit at the right and left hand sides of Christ. However, in the book of Revelation, it talks about how we are the "bride" of Christ. We will all sit at the right hand side of Christ as one. James and John got their wish, but we will also inherit their gift. We must remember that we should attempt to act like one with Christ in all that we do, and that even when there might not be any consequences, we are still representing our God. The second part of the reading talks about not being great by surpassing others, but that how, by being a servant to all, we are great. There are a great many ways to serve people around the world, from providing food to giving care. Christ teaches how if we do not serve others like he serves us, we will never learn of his grace to us. We should serve not only who we know, but those in need who we don't know. Grace Church, in particular, has always, from my perspective, done everything it can to give to the community around it. We do many projects such as the Backpacker Program, Steadfast House, and Room at the Inn. We have many groups of people, like those who attend service regularly, those who lead service projects and teach Sunday schools, and those who lead the church as a whole such as Father Gary. We do it to see the appreciation and love on the faces of those we have helped. By helping in our everyday community and giving to others, we represent Christ's love for us. The big question to everyone in this congregation is, how much can you give to the people around you?

A special thank you to all the young people of Grace and their adult helpers who made the Children's Sabbath so meaningful to all of us.



November Meditation Card Scriptures

This month's theme is "Loving Others." The corresponding weekly verses are below.

MEDITATION FOR WEEK ONE

Jesus said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets" (Matthew 22:37-40).

MEDITATION FOR WEEK TWO

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things (I Corinthians 13:4-7).

Love never gives up. Love cares more for others than for self. Love doesn't want what it doesn't have. Love doesn't strut, doesn't have a swelled head, doesn't force itself on others, isn't always "me first," doesn't fly off the handle, doesn't keep score of the sins of others, doesn't revel when others grovel, takes pleasure in the flowering of truth, puts up with anything, trusts God always, always looks for the best, never looks back, but keeps going to the end (I Corinthians 13:4-7--*The Message*).

MEDITATION FOR WEEK THREE

Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another (John 13:34-35).

MEDITATION FOR WEEK FOUR

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:43-45a).

Jesus said, "You are familiar with the old written law, 'Love your friend,' and its unwritten companion, 'Hate your enemy.' I'm challenging that. I'm telling you to love your enemies. Let them bring out the best in you, not the worst. When someone gives you a hard time, respond with the energies of prayer, for then you are working out of your true selves, your God-created selves (Matthew 5:43-45a--*The Message*).

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

November 2013 Ministry Schedule

Date	Service Time	Acolyte C	Acolyte G	Acolyte E	Lector, Intercessor & Presenters	Healing Team	Ushers	Chalicians	Coffee Hour	Scripture	Lesson
3-Nov											
	7:45				L - Barbara Wilcox I - Bill Crownover P - Barbara & Bill	Louise Wernicke Patricia Hargrove	Ed Duncan Paul & Vicki Vest	James Cannon 1. John Woodson 2. Greg Townsend	Cuyler Dupree	Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9	1st Lesson
	9:00	Zoe Davis	Moirra Stewart	Cuyler Dupree							
	11:15	Rusty McCredie	Mei Luedtke	Sally Withers	L, I, P - Rusty McCredie and Mary Cozine	Pat Davis Karen Compton	Paul Stewart Elaine Potter	1. Carol McMichael 2. Sally Withers	Sallie Hunter	Revelation 21:1-6a	2nd Lesson & 9:00 Lesson
10-Nov											
	7:45						Steve Jones	James Cannon			
	9:00	Catherine Cullen	Andrew Best	Louise Wernicke	L - Haig Rudd I - Ray Kuykendall P - Rudd Family	Sherry Coward Jeanne Robertson	Kaderabek Family	1. Cuyler Dupree 2. Scott Best	Paul Vest	Job 19:23-27a	1st Lesson & 9:00 Lesson
	11:15	Cheryl Aull	Bob Grimes	Lani Anderson	L, I, P - Mark Silvers and Jenny Thomas	Mary Israel Corinne Spencer	Mark and Jonah Silvers	1. Eric Howell 2. Sally Coburn	Lelia Cort	II Thess. 2:1-5, 13-17	2nd Lesson
17-Nov											
	7:45						Andrew Dahm	Margaret Dahm			
	9:00	Cade Wooten	Alyssa Jones	Daphne Urquhart	L - Greg Plank I - Vicki Vest P - Plank Family	Pat Davis Jane Whitman	Ray & Wendy Kuykendall	1. Cheryl Deyton 2. Debbie Jones	Katherine Kaderabek	Isaiah 65:17-25	1st Lesson
	11:15	Rusty McCredie	Mei Luedtke	Sally Withers	L, I, P - Nancy & Cal Remmers	Lyn Burkett Karen Compton	Larry Harris Rusty Herman	1. Mary Cozine 2. Bill Spencer	Peggy Grimes	II Thess. 3:6-13	2nd Lesson & 9:00 Lesson
	Taizé 8:00 PM				L - Dan McCurry P - Nancy Whitacre	Deb Gravatt					
24-Nov											
	7:45						Ed Duncan	Jack Frue			
	9:00	Sam Ellington	Harrison Best	Cuyler Dupree	L - Paul Urquhart I - Daphne Urquhart P - Urquhart Family	Jeanne Robertson Shari Lane	Tricia & Mickey Trinite	1. Carol Booth 2. Ann Robinson	Micki Newton	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	1st Lesson & 9:00 Lesson
	11:15	Sally Withers	Grace Miller	Eric Howell	L, I, P - Lyn Burkett and Kristen Dusenbery	Sonny Rawls Lyn Burkett	Ron Sims Ed Woeckener	1. Sally Coburn 2. Bill Warren	Georgi Bruce	Philippians 4:4-9	2nd Lesson
Altar Guild											
Date	Counters	Depositors	Date	Flower Arrangers	Altar Guild						
3-Nov	Steve Birkhofer	James Cannon	3-Nov	Dawson, Buchanan WED Brush/Ederle - Existing Flowers	Group 1 - Nov 2 - Nov 8						
10-Nov	Martha Boyette	Judy Bohan	10-Nov	Israel, Buchanan	Group 2 - Nov 9 - Nov 15						
17-Nov	Sally Withers	Chal and Hugh Vaughn	17-Nov	Jones, Cozine	Group 3 - Nov 16 - Nov 22						
24-Nov	Georgi Bruce	Anne Simmons	24-Nov	Jones, Cozine	Group 4 - Nov 23 - Nov 29						

Our Prayer List

November

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; Sherry Coward; Jim Dahlin; Eunice Ferguson; Joe & Jill Frazier; Catherine Godfrey; Suana Gentry; Buddy Greenwood; Jess Gregory; Olivia & the Haller family; Mary Hayes; Shari Lane; Nancy Remmers; Barbara Seagraves; 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; 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); **Kelli Davis** (daughter of George & Pat); **Deane** (sister of Joyce Noble); **Debbie D.** (friend of Lynda McCredie); **Jean & Mary Dee** (sister & cousin of Walt Noble); **Margie Eblen** (daughter of Bobbie); **Steve & Karin Ellis** (neighbors of Sue Thompkins); **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); **Gerald Edward Jenkins, Jr.** (friend of Kathleen Griffin); **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); **Bonnie Wiggen** (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); **Priscilla** (mother of Judy Bohan); **Richard; Sue; Susan; Bob Walz** (family of the McCredies); **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 Cate** (mother of Louise Cate Wernicke).

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

November Anniversaries

John and Lelia Cort	14
Peter and Mary Ida Sprague	24
Jim and Beth Stahl	24
Sam and Anna Hamrick Snead	26

November Birthdays

2 Mary Cozine	17 Betsy Buchanan
2 Thorsten Path	17 Henny Caldwell
3 Spencer Vallely	18 Bryan Burkett
4 Jo Brokenshire	18 Travis Hall
4 David Carey	18 William Potter
4 John Lyda	19 Walt Noble
4 Paul Taylor	20 Rainey Smith
5 Georgia Scales	20 Mary Ann Warren
6 Sherry Coward	21 Jim Stahl
6 Meghan Dephouse	22 Graham Calabria
6 Vicki Vest	22 Judy Morris
6 Mary Jane Westall	22 Bill Warren
8 Jess Gregory	23 Paul Vest
9 Jackie Schauer	24 Astrid Coffey
10 Olivia Haller	24 Sue Thompkins
10 Paul Stewart	25 Shirley Turner
11 Peggy Sutton	26 Lauren Carlin
12 Ashley Hacklander	26 Grace Wallace
13 Pascale Hunter	27 Mica Waters-Carter
14 Doug Haldane	28 Earlyn Hart
14 Margee Moncure	28 Doris Lederer
14 William Townsend	28 Forrest Taylor
14 Powers Wartman	29 Sam Sparger
15 Carol-Ann Carlin	29 Will Sparger
16 Angela Sanderson	29 Jo-An Ward
16 Phil Walker	

Gifts for All of Us to Appreciate

The Aumbry Candle is given to the Glory of God in memory of John L. Simmons and Virginia L. Simmons, parents of Anne Simmons.

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by

Ed Duncan in memory of Dick Drake;

Carol and Steve Booth in memory of David, Emily and Peter Booth, Jean and Norman Twine, and Barbara Foster;

Grace and Phil Walker in memory of their son Pete;

Joanna and Scott Best in thanksgiving for Grace Church;

Betsy Buchanan in memory of her mother Betty Whorton;

Eva Dupree in memory of her cousin Moss Yater.



November 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 the following parishioners:

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 Healing Worship 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

Service of Remembrance

Saturday, November 2, 5:00 p.m., CH

Rite of Belonging Services

Sunday, November 3, 7:45, 9:00, 11:15 a.m., CH

All-Parish Potluck Brunch

Sunday, November 3, 10:00 a.m., PH

Generational Healing Eucharist

Tuesday, November 5, 7:00 p.m., CH

Men of the Church

Tuesday, November 12, 6:00 p.m., PH

Healing Prayer Services

Tuesdays, November 12, 19, & 26, 7:00 p.m., CH

TEAM Meeting

Wednesday, November 13, 11:00 a.m., OF

Order of St. Luke Program Meeting

Thursday, November 14, 6:30 p.m., PH

Steadfast House Meal

Friday, November 15, 6:00 p.m.

Taizé Worship Service

Sunday, November 17, 8:00 p.m., CH

Vestry Meeting

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

Endowment Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 20, 5:00 p.m., LI

Thanksgiving Holidays (Church Office Closed)

Thursday-Friday, November 28-29

A Healthy September Rally

September proved to be a healthy month with Pledges of \$36,797, bringing year-to-date Pledges to \$270,737 or \$737 over budget. This is very encouraging as we move into the last quarter of the year. When combined with all other income, September's Income totaled \$45,222, bringing year-to-date Total Income to \$333,022. Since total budgeted Income for the first nine months was \$334,968, a negative variance of (\$1,946) resulted. This is a mix of under budget Open Offerings and Building Income.

September Expenses totaled \$32,500 and were \$4,719 under-budget, primarily due to the timing of Operations and quarterly Personnel costs. Since September Income of \$45,222 exceeded September Expenses of \$32,500, a surplus of \$12,821 resulted for the month. This positive variance brought year-to-date operations to a healthy positive variance of \$13,191.

Budgeted expenses left to be paid in the remaining months of this year total \$111,656. It is our continued prayer offerings will meet those needs.

Your Vestry

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

	Actual	Budget	Over/Under
Income:			
Pledges	270,737	270,000	737
Prior Year Pledges	1,030	-	1,030
Non-pledged Offerings	40,934	38,156	2,778
Open Offering	6,907	9,000	(2,093)
Interest	122	188	(65)
Misc.	13,292	17,625	(4,333)
Total Income:	333,022	334,968	(1,946)
Expenses:			
Outreach/Mission	35,311	43,637	(8,325)
Parish Programs	9,274	10,875	(1,601)
Operations	52,504	50,550	1,954
Personnel	222,743	229,907	(7,164)
Total Expenses:	319,832	334,968	(15,137)
Income - Expense:	13,191	(0)	13,191

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- In This Issue Look for:*
- All-Parish Potluck Brunch, Rite of Belonging
 - Confirmation Classes
 - Children's Sabbath Homily, Photos
 - Upcoming Advent Activities
 - And of course, "Parson to Person"

NOVEMBER 2013

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