



the Grace TEAM

to each a ministry

NOVEMBER 2014

Parson to Person

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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 God,

As November is the month for thanksgiving, I thought that might be a good direction to turn our thoughts. Is the glass half empty or half full? Our Christian faith tradition would say that it is neither half empty *nor* half full. Our Christian tradition would say that the glass is overflowing — overflowing with God's blessing and abundance.

After all, as the Psalmist reminds us, "The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it and those who dwell therein." The earth is the Lord's and the Lord has shared this beautiful earth with us. We can give thanks for the earth itself.

We also give thanks, as *The Book of Common Prayer* suggests, "for all of the blessings of this life." There is an old Gospel hymn called "Count Your Many Blessings." I remember the chorus, "Count your blessings. Name them one by one. Count your many blessings. See what God has done." How can we possibly count our many blessings? They are innumerable, are they not? From the very air we breathe to the clean water we drink to the abundance of food we enjoy, the list just goes on and on and on. And yet, isn't it true that if we don't count our blessings and thank God for them, we are apt to miss them? I know this is true for me. If I don't acknowledge the blessings I receive each day from God, I take them for granted. And unfortunately, I often *don't* acknowledge them and *do* take them for granted.

This brings up the usefulness of the Morning Prayer service in *The Book of*

Common Prayer and particularly, The General Thanksgiving. If we take time to pray the Morning Prayer service each day, or at least The General Thanksgiving, then we have the opportunity to thank God and acknowledge our many blessings from God. The General Thanksgiving reads as follows:

Almighty God,

*Father of all mercies, we
your unworthy servants
give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and
loving-kindness to us and
to all whom you have
made. We bless you for
our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this
life; but above all for your
immeasurable love in the
redemption of the world
by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and
for the hope of glory. And,
we pray, give us such an
awareness of your mercies,*

*that with truly thankful hearts we may show
forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in
our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service,
and by walking before you in holiness and
righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ
our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy
Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages.
Amen. (The Book of Common Prayer, p. 101)*

"Lord, I pray that you would grant us grace to pray The General Thanksgiving daily as a reminder of your goodness and of all we have received from your gracious hand. Thank you, Lord, for answering this prayer and for helping us become more thankful and more prayerful people. AMEN."

Blessings and Peace,

Fr. Gary

**"Count your
blessings. Name
them one by one.
Count your many
blessings. See
what God has
done."**

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

Generational Healing Eucharist

Tuesday, November 4, CH

French Broad Brewery PubSing

Sunday, November 9,

Potluck, 5:00 p.m.; Singing, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Men of the Church

Tuesday, November 11, 6:00 p.m.

Healing Prayer Services

Tuesday, November 11, 18, 25, 7:00 p.m., CH

TEAM Meeting

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

Order of St. Luke Program Meeting

Thursday, November 13, 6:30 p.m., PH

Steadfast House Meal

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

Youth Game Night

Sunday, November 16, 4:00-7:00 p.m., PH

Taizé Worship Service

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

Vestry Meeting

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

Annual Meeting and Potluck Brunch

Sunday, November 23, 10:00 a.m., PH

Thanksgiving Day & Church Holiday

Thursday and Friday, November 27-28

Advent Wreath Making

Sunday, November 30, 10:00 a.m., PH

Parish News

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

Christmas greens and flower donations for memorials and thanksgivings will be accepted by the Flower/Altar Guild beginning December 1. Watch your pews for envelopes. Memorials and thanksgivings will appear in the *TEAM* after Christmas. Your generous contributions pay for the Hanging of the Greens and all the beautiful Christmas décor our Guilds and many parish volunteers use to make our sanctuary even more beautiful.

A **Flower Donor is needed** for Sunday, November 16. The donation amount is \$45. Please contact Mary Jane Westall at 254-6221 with your memorial or thanksgiving for the bulletin. Thank you for your support of our Flower and Altar Guild.

We need a **Foyer Groups Chairperson** to replace Betsy Sherman, who has moved. These gatherings of couples and singles from all services meet in each other's homes for covered-dish suppers and are a wonderful way to meet people in our parish. But we must have a leader. If you are interested, please contact Becky in the church office.

The **Men of the Church** will meet on Tuesday, November 11, at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Ed Woekener, 270 Stratford Road, Asheville. Ed, assisted by Larry Harris, will cook. The cost is \$10.00. Please sign up on the blue sheet on the kiosk in the foyer.

Monday Morning Bible Study meets 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.

Join us Sunday, November 9, for our monthly **PubSing**, an informal gathering on the second Sunday evening of each month to sing hymns, old-time Gospel and Americana inspirational music. We will meet at the French Broad Brewery, 101 Fairview Avenue, for a potluck supper at 5:00 p.m. followed by singing, 6:00-8:00 p.m. For details, contact Monty Wooten at info@forestguide.com or 828-254-1114. For directions, go to <http://frenchbroadbrewery.com/directions/>.

The **Order of St. Luke** will meet on Thursday, November 13, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Our program will be the Gospel lessons about Jesus healing the centurion's servant and a widow's deceased son. We will also see a video of a South African man who was murdered, came back to life, and was completely healed after he forgave those who had killed him.

All are welcome. One does not need to be an OSL member to attend. We will not meet if Asheville city schools are closed that day or will close early because of inclement weather.

“Giving as a Spiritual Practice” Pledge Campaign for 2015:

1. Members and friends, **THANK YOU** in advance for making a pledge for 2015 to Grace Church.
2. If you have not received a pledge card, call us and we will mail one to you.
3. Please return your pledge card by mail or in the offering plate by Sunday, **NOVEMBER 9**.
4. The **ELECTRONIC TRANSFER** option where your pledge is drafted from your bank account each month is available. This assists the church as your pledge comes in regularly, even when you may be away, and it assists you in not having to remember to pay your pledge each month.
5. If you pledge electronically, you may still wish to bring your offering envelope to church each week **AS A WITNESS** to your children and/or to those around you. You simply write E.T. for electronic transfer on the envelope in the amount space. Your placing an envelope in the plate each week is a witness to those around you that you are supporting God’s church financially and might also be helpful to you in your regular spiritual practice of giving to God. We are a sacramental church, and a tangible thing like the offering envelope is similar to the bread and wine we use for communion and the water we use for baptism.
6. Whether or not you make a pledge to Grace, we are happy to provide offering envelopes for your use. Just let us know that you would like offering envelopes.
7. Even a very modest pledge to Grace will assist us in reaching our goal of 150 pledges for 2015. **PLEASE FILL OUT A PLEDGE CARD** and help us reach our goal.

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Pledging is not about giving. It's about receiving.

Like Holy Communion, prayer or attending worship, pledging is another step that we take to let God work in our lives.

The amount you pledge is less important than opening the door to let God in.

Walk with us . . .

You can make pledging a part of your spiritual practice of giving to God. This year, 138 pledges were made. In 2015, it is our goal as a parish to reach 151 pledges, a ten percent increase.

Be watching for the “Walk with us...” posters in our foyer and around the church. They will track only the numbers of pledges we receive. We believe the total dollar amount will take care of itself.

We do it step by step — as a parish, as individual members of Grace, as children of God.

All-Altar Guild Event Set for November 8

In order to be totally prepared for Advent and Christmas, an Altar Guild planning session will happen Saturday, November 8. We will meet in the parish hall from 9:00-11:00 a.m. to review what needs to be done and when it should be done. We will then try to schedule the work and preparations so that no one Group is overworked. *Remember, if you are not presently on the Altar Guild, but would like to help out during the Advent-Christmas season, you are very welcome to attend. Please save this date.*

M3! / EYC: Upcoming Events

The Grace EYC has teamed up with Children First / Communities in Schools to help in the Family Resource Center at Emma. Our youth spent two Sunday afternoons transforming a jumbled clothes closet into a user-friendly storage system with wheeled wire shelving units. Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make this project a success!



Game Night at Grace is Sunday, November 16, 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Come join the fun as the youth host game night at Grace. Bring the whole family and a snack to share as we play board games, work puzzles, and laugh with our Grace family. All festivities will be in the parish hall. We'll be finished in time for folks to attend the Taizé service at 8:00.

Parish Potluck Brunch & Annual Meeting

We all love those all-parish potluck brunches! The breakfast dishes people bring to share are great! And this month, just for fun, we thought we'd spice things up by adding in the Annual Parish Meeting, too. Enjoy great food *and* elect our new Vestry members for the coming year. By moving the Annual Meeting from February back to November, our new Vestry can hit the ground running in January. So make plans now! It's Sunday, November 23 at 10:00 a.m. in the parish hall. Bring a dish and join us!

Advent Wreath-Making

Sunday, November 30, we will be making Advent wreaths in the parish hall beginning at 10:00 a.m. This 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.



Kids of the Kingdom Music

Joanna Best

We are so proud of the children and youth who participated in worship music on Sunday, October 26. A schedule hangs in the Sunday School hall of our future singing Sundays. Nurturing contributions to worship through music is an exciting responsibility with our children and youth. Thank you for all the encouragement to them and the program.

Grace Outreach

Sue Thompkins

The members of the Grace Outreach Committee would like to thank everyone in the parish who donated food to ABCCM in our fall food drive. We would also like to thank all who donated a coat to be given to someone in need in Buncombe County this winter. Thank you for your support of our outreach initiatives.



Upcoming Events. We will once again be sponsoring the **Angel Tree** to collect presents for needy foster children in Buncombe County. This year, in addition to having names and wishes of individual angels, we will also have a box for donations of toys that you may help us fill if you are unable to take a name from the tree. Look for the tree in the foyer and for more information in your bulletins and the December *TEAM*.

We will be doing our **last food drive of 2014 for ABCCM** during the early part of December. Watch your bulletin and the *TEAM* for details.

October — busy as always. . .

Our annual Rummage Sale was a great success. Thank you to the hard-working volunteers, the shoppers, and the donors of all that wonderful “stuff!” The unofficial total at the end of the day was \$2,372.



The month-long Pumpkin Patch was fun for all (we even made it on WLOS’s “Never Stop Learning”) and raised funds to help children in Haiti through the Consider Haiti organization. The sale, which continues through October 31, had raised \$7,144.52 as of Sunday, October 26.

Healing Prayer Corner

Jeanne Robertson

The Healing Winds Conference has come and gone. It was a glorious conference with many opportunities for learning and praying and healing. This year we had eleven Grace Healing Prayer Ministers attending. Seven of the team stayed in one of the rental houses which created a wonderful opportunity for community-building. I told them they were pioneers as the Healing Winds Conference next year will be the same weekend as another Lake Junaluska event and housing will fill up fast. The leadership team is suggesting that any group from a church rent a house for the group instead of staying at the hotel. It is the desire of our Grace group that many more of our Grace family will be able to join us next year at the Conference. It is not just for Healing Prayer ministers, but rather for everyone.

Next year we will have a woman priest from Florida as a keynote speaker. Her name is Sharon Lewin and she is someone who has been instrumental in my own spiritual journey. It is my prayer that she can be that person in your life also. So mark your calendars for September 25-27, 2015, and plan on joining us for a spirit-filled weekend filled with as many blessings as your life can possibly hold.

Wedding Coordinators Needed



This is a vital ministry to Grace Parish and has been for the past four years. Our ministry of allowing non-member couples to have an Asheville wedding in our beautiful church has raised more than \$40,000 over the past four years. It is also a blessing to the couples and their families, and they are very grateful and glad to pay our fees. These funds go to the Building Fund and assist with needed repairs and expenses connected with our building and our nave and sanctuary, which are over 100 years old. The funds are mostly used for maintenance costs and expenses not in our budget.

Please consider serving as one of our wedding coordinators. No experience is needed. Extensive training and notes are provided, and you always have another volunteer working with you. Try starting with the training. It will help you decide if this ministry is for you.

We have lost half of our volunteers and would regret ending this ministry and source of needed funds. Please call the church office, 254-1086, and leave your name and phone number. We will put you on our list for questions and/or training, and you will be contacted in a few weeks.

A God Story

Sally Withers

Our family has been very blessed and touched by our Lord in a special way regarding our daughter Mary's upcoming wedding. As you read our story, keep in mind that all of the following were divine appointments – not coincidences. My daughter Mary is getting married this month, and her father and I feel we have been so blessed by angels masquerading as friends and neighbors without whom this wedding would not have been possible. It began with an old friend I ran into as I walked my dogs at Warren Wilson College; he insisted that I accompany him to his office to get the name of the coordinator of events for the college on the off-chance Mary might want to have her reception there. She did.

My co-worker, upon hearing we needed a band to play for a contra dance, volunteered her services and called her friend then and there, who filled out the rest of the musicians. My former co-worker just happened to have a catering business using local, organic food, which our daughter wanted, and the cost was half the price of other caterers. The florist was recommended by a friend we happened to run into at the Black Mountain Farmers' Market. My niece married into a family of cake bakers. My friend's grandmother alters wedding dresses. And finally, there were our angels at Grace: Becky Barker and Kathleen Griffin, who volunteered to help keep the reception running smoothly; also, Cherie Potter, Mary Israel and Fr. Coffey, who calmed the bride's and groom's nerves on more than one occasion. Thank you, everyone, for all your support.



What can *you* do to help make special occasions like this memorable? Call the church office, 254-1086 to learn more.

The Gift of Giving

Give out of love, not obligation.

Give when it's least expected.

Give without strings attached.

Give from your heart.

Give of yourself.

Give to show that you care.

Give help without causing helplessness.

Give something that takes personal sacrifice.

Give to make a difference.

Give without keeping score.

Give for no reason at all.

Give a little if you can't give a lot.

Give without attracting attention to yourself.

Give without being asked.

Give of your experience.

Give to those who need it most.

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November 2014 Ministry Schedule

| Date | Service Time | Acolyte C | Acolyte G | Acolyte E | Lector, Intercessor & Presenters | Healing Team | Ushers | Chalicians | Coffee Hour | Scripture | Lesson |
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| Nov. 2 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 7:45 | | | | | | Jim Black | James Cannon | | | |
| | 9:00 | Cade Wooten | Helena Cullen | Cuyler Dupree | LIP - Bill Crowover and Barbara Wilcox I - Ray Kuykendall P - Kuykendall Family | Louise Wernicke Patricia Hargrove | Tom and Liz Barr | 1. John Woodson 2. Greg Townsend | Paul Vest | Revelation 7:9-17 | 1st & 9:00 Lesson |
| | 11:15 | Rusty McCredie | Bob Grimes | Eric Howell | LIP - Charle Carter and Kimberly Kneier | Pat Davis Karen Compton | Ron Sims Rusty Herman | 1. Sally Coburn 2. Nancy Clark | Sallie Hunter | I John 3:1-3 | 2nd Lesson |
| Nov. 9 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 7:45 | | | | | | Steve Jones | Jack Frue | | | |
| | 9:00 | Harrison Best | Andrew Best | Zoe Davis | L - Hugh Vaughn I - Ray Kuykendall P - Kuykendall Family | Sherry Coward Jeanne Robertson | Ray and Wendy Kuykendall | 1. Cuyler Dupree 2. Scott Best | Katherine Kaderabek | Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-18 | 1st Lesson |
| | 11:15 | Mark Silvers | Jonah Silvers | Lani Anderson | LIP - Jenny Thomas and Nancy Remmers | Mary Israel and Corinne Spencer | Ed Woeckner Paul Stewart | 1. Bill Spencer 2. Mary Cozine | Lelia Cort | I Thessalonians 4:13-18 | 2nd & 9:00 Lesson |
| Nov. 16 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 7:45 | | | | | | Andrew Dahm | Margaret Dahm | | | |
| | 9:00 | Cheryl Deyton | Laura Ellington | Cuyler Dupree | L - Greg Plank I - Louise Wernicke P - Plank Family | Pat Davis Jane Whitman | Paul and Vicki Vest | 1. Carol Booth 2. Ann Robinson | Elaine Dephouse | Judges 4:1-7 | 1st Lesson |
| | 11:15 | Cheryl Aull | Sally Withers | Grace Miller | LIP - Rusty McCredie & Kristen Dusenbery, Sally Coburn & Peggy Grimes | Sonny Rawls Karen Compton | Henry Watts Elaine Potter | 1. Mark Silvers 2. Bill Warren | Peggy Grimes | I Thessalonians 5:1-11 | 2nd & 9:00 Lesson |
| | Taizé 8:00 PM | | | | P - Nancy Whittacre I - Dan McCurry | Deb Gravatt | | | | | |
| Nov. 23 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 7:45 | | | | | | Ed Duncan | James Cannon | | | |
| | 9:00 | Andrew Best | Harrison Best | Louise Wernicke | LIP - Paul and Daphne Urquhart | Jeanne Robertson Shari Lane | Kaderabek Family | 1. Cuyler Dupree 2. Scott Best | Cuyler Dupree | Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 | 1st Lesson |
| | 11:15 | Scott Best | Harrison Best | Andrew Best | LIP - Sally Coburn and Beth Stahl and Alternate | Sonny Rawls Mary Israel | Larry Harris John Rigsby | 1. Carol McMichael 2. Nancy Clark | Georgi Bruce | Ephesians 1:15-23 | 2nd & 9:00 Lesson |
| Nov. 30 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 7:45 | | | | | | Steve Jones | Jack Frue | | | |
| | 9:00 | Gavin Knapp | Moir Stewart | Cuyler Dupree | L - Jeanne Robertson I - Vicki Vest P - Robertson Family | Brenda Haller Ann Robinson | Larry Harris Jim Siemens | 1. Daphne Urquhart 2. Anne Simmons | Micki Newton | Isaiah 64:1-9 | 1st & 9:00 Lesson |
| | 11:15 | Rusty McCredie | Elly Withers | Sally Withers | LIP - Cal and Nancy Remmers | Mary Regal Alternate | Ed Woeckner Ron Sims | 1. Charles Carter 2. Kimberly Kneier | Georgi Bruce | I Corinthians 1:3-9 | 2nd Lesson |
| Altar Guild | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Date | Counters | Depositors | Date | Flower Arrangers | Altar Guild | | | | | | |
| 2-Nov | Steve Birkhofer | James Cannon | 2-Nov | LeAnn Shearouse | Group 1 - Nov 1 - Nov 7 | | | | | | |
| 9-Nov | Martha Boyette | Judy Bohan | 9-Nov | Jones, Newton - Wed Withers Do Flowers, Candles & Window Greenery | Group 2 - Nov 8 - Nov 14 | | | | | | |
| 16-Nov | Sally Withers | Chal and Hugh Vaughn | 16-Nov | Jones, Davis | Group 3 - Nov 15 - Nov 21 | | | | | | |
| 23-Nov | Georgi Bruce | Anne Simmons | 23-Nov | Israel, Newton - Nov 22 Wed. Newton + Wed Flowers & ThanksGiv: Switch TG for Wed | Group 4 - Nov 22 - Nov 28 | | | | | | |
| 30-Nov | Georgi Bruce | Anne Simmons | 30-Nov | Israel, Newton-ADVENT Greenery & Helpers for Wreath Making Julia for Adv W. | Group 5 - Nov 29 - Dec 5 | | | | | | |

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 may contact that person if you desire.

For Parishioners: **Jo Brokenshire; Randy Carson; Sherry Coward; Mary Cozine; Ed Denison; Eunice & Rhea Ferguson; Catherine Godfrey; Buddy Greenwood; Jess Gregory; Olivia & the Haller family; Mary Hayes; Michelle Lee; Nancy Porter; Leeanne Shearouse; Tsz-yan Snyder & family; Corinne Spencer; Donna Trimnal; Lucinda Watkins; the Woeckner family; Chuck Wilcox.**

For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities: **Henny Caldwell; Bob Hall; June Kelley; Neill Mason; Maryli Perkins; Martin Shaw; Laura Stephens; John Sumner; 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): **Roberta Alexander; Jerry & Mary Auliffe (friends of Barbara Wilcox); Nancy Bailey & daughters, Allison & Kristen (friends of Barbara Wilcox); Carolyn & Winn Baker (friends of Bob & Jeannette Reese); Robert Baker (father of Donna Trimnal); Bethany (daughter of Joan); Bobbie Bradshaw (grandmother of Geoff Bradshaw); Chris Carson (son of Martha & Randy); Jim Chlopek (neighbor of Sue Thompkins); Gladys, Bill & Steve Creasman, Carolyn Creasman (friends of Barbara & Chuck Wilcox); Debbie D. (friend of Lynda McCredie); Kelli Davis (daughter of George & Pat Davis); Kaci Epley (cousin of Vicki & Paul Vest); Emily Fisk (former parishioner); Margaret Frazier (friend of Jim & Karen Compton); Bill & Mary Hayes (parents of Rick Hayes); Meg Karayiannis (niece of Nancy Ackermann Cole); Roger & Sherry Martin (parents of Wendy Kuykendall); Fr. Tim McRee (friend of Grace Church); Ann Sparks (mother of Angela Taylor); Erik & Susan Stoops (brother-in-law & sister of Wendy Kuykendall); Jennifer Svenstrup (friend of Paul & Vicki Vest); Kathy Taylor (friend of Barbara Wilcox); Harriet & Sydnor Thompson (mother & father of Sydnor Thompson); Helen Watson; Alicia; Ashley (daughter of Henry Watts); Don & Patricia; Elizabeth; Linda; Mary Dee (cousin of Walt Noble); Melissa; Judah & Rachel; Julie (daughter of Rita Spragg); Richard; Sue; Susan; Will; for all those affected by our struggling economy.**

For Those Who Have Died and Their Families: **Charles Nesbitt (friend of Jack & Mary Jane Westall).**

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: **Ryan, 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); Fr. Rick Tiff (friend of Ray & Jeanne Robertson); 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.

November Anniversaries

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

November Birthdays

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|----------------------|--------------------|
| 2 Mary Cozine | 16 Susannah Wall |
| 2 Thorsten Path | 17 Betsy Buchanan |
| 3 Spencer Valley | 17 Henny Caldwell |
| 4 Jo Brokenshire | 18 Bryan Burkett |
| 4 David Carey | 18 Travis Hall |
| 4 John Lyda | 18 William Potter |
| 4 Paul Taylor | 19 Walt Noble |
| 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 Sarah Godfrey |
| 13 Pascale Hunter | 26 Grace Wallace |
| 14 Doug Haldane | 28 Earlyn Hart |
| 14 Margee Moncure | 28 Doris Lederer |
| 14 William Townsend | 28 Forrest Taylor |
| 15 Carol-Ann Carlin | 29 Sam Sparger |
| 16 Angela Sanderson | 29 Will Sparger |
| 16 Phil Walker | 29 Jo-An Ward |

Gifts 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;

Phil Walker in memory of Grace and of their son, Pete;

Betsy Buchanan in memory of her mother, Betty Whorton;

Eva Dupree in thanksgiving for the Grace Church Family.



Endowment Gifts

The estate of Dot Morgan

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End of Third Quarter Brightening

Your Vestry

September pledge receipts of \$35,715 brought year-to-date pledges to \$266,001 with budgeted pledges of \$269,252. This is a bright light as we begin our fourth and final quarter for this year. Considering all other income sources, income for the first nine months totaled \$336,678, resulting in a negative variance of (\$4,137).

The negative total income variance for the first nine months was offset by under-budget Mission & Outreach costs of \$7,428, under-budget Parish Programs costs of \$411, under-budget Operations costs of \$9,104 and under-budget Personnel costs of \$13,508. These positive variances total \$30,451 and when offset against the negative income variance of (\$4,137), year-to-date income less expenses at the end of September totaled \$26,313.

We are prayerful as we begin the last quarter of this year that all needs will be met with continued offerings.

Statement of Activities - Grace Episcopal Church Year to Date: Jan - Sept 2014

| | Actual Jan - Sept | Budget Jan - Sept | Budget Jan - Dec | Percent of Total Budget Received | Income Left to Receive |
|------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| Income: | | | | | |
| Pledges | 266,001 | 269,252 | 359,003 | 74.09% | 93,002 |
| Prior Year Pledges | 6,510 | - | - | 0.00% | - |
| Non-pledged Offerings | 36,645 | 46,113 | 61,484 | 59.60% | 24,839 |
| Open Offering | 6,607 | 7,500 | 10,000 | 66.07% | 3,393 |
| Interest | 39 | 113 | 150 | 26.15% | 111 |
| Misc. | 20,875 | 17,837 | 23,782 | 87.77% | 2,907 |
| Total Income: | 336,678 | 340,814 | 454,419 | 74.09% | 117,742 |
| Expenses: | | | | Percent of Total Budget Expended | Expenses Left to Cover |
| Outreach/Mission | 35,421 | 42,849 | 57,132 | 62.00% | 21,711 |
| Parish Programs | 9,339 | 9,750 | 13,000 | 71.84% | 3,661 |
| Operations | 45,363 | 54,487 | 72,650 | 62.44% | 27,287 |
| Personnel | 220,220 | 233,728 | 311,637 | 70.67% | 91,417 |
| Expenses to be Classified | 20 | - | - | 0.00% | 20 |
| Total Expenses: | 310,364 | 340,814 | 454,419 | 68.30% | 144,055 |
| Income Less Expenses: | 26,313 | 0 | - | | |

Our Promise of Financial Support

Your Vestry

As you can see, giving at Grace was particularly strong in the month of September. We're only about \$4,100 behind in our receipts for the year and are hoping that this faithful giving will continue.

Between now and the end of the year, there are parish programs and outreach efforts that will need significant financial support. Please take a close look at your original promise of financial support for Grace for 2014. Your faithfulness in fulfilling (or even exceeding) that promise is much appreciated by everyone who is touched by the ministries of Grace.

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