



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 want to alert you that November 22 will be Thanksgiving Sunday at Grace. We used to have a service on Thanksgiving Day that was sparsely attended due to traveling and family and cooking and hosting commitments. So, several years ago I decided to shift our Thanksgiving Worship to a Sunday. That way, we can celebrate Thanksgiving as a whole community of faith at all three services.

Thanksgiving is at the heart of our worship, so much so that our primary worship service, which used to be called Holy Communion, was renamed in the 1979 Book of Common Prayer as The Holy Eucharist. Eucharist comes from a Greek word which means thanksgiving. Therefore, our service of Holy Eucharist is first and foremost a service of thanksgiving to God. Now, the two parts of that service are called The Word of God and The Holy Communion respectively.

I have been thinking lately that there is something counterintuitive about being thankful. I mean you would think that those of us who have so much, who live in arguably the most prosperous country in the world, would be the most thankful for all that we have. However, I have to say that this has not been true in my own experience. In fact, I find myself taking for granted nearly all of my blessings unless I am intentional about

considering them.

For example, when one of our cars breaks down and has been in the shop for a repair, I am apt to complain about how much that car is costing me to repair it. The cost of the repair is my focus rather than giving thanks to God that I am blessed with a good job so that I can handle the cost of the repair.

There is an old Gospel hymn that makes my heart glad whenever I find myself singing it. The chorus goes like this, "Count your blessings. Name them one by one. Count your many blessings and see what God has done!" I commend the words of that song to you and to myself during this Thanksgiving season. Let's take some time between the turkey and the family and the football to count our blessings; to name them one by one; to count our many blessings and see what God has done!

Or what about keeping a journal, and before bedtime, taking five minutes to think of the five things we are most thankful for on that day? Just a thought.

Wishing You and Yours a Blessed and Wonderful Thanksgiving,

Fr. Gary Coffey

“ Let's take some time between the turkey and the football to count our blessings, name them one by one...”

Events at a Glance

Weekly Gospel Bible Study

Mondays, 10:30 a.m., PH

Early Birds Men's Book Study

Tuesdays, 8:15 a.m., LI

Centering Prayer

Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m., OF

Bells and Choir Practice

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

All Saints Day

Sunday, November 1

Generational Healing Eucharist

Tuesday, November 3, 7:00 p.m., CH

TEAM Meeting

Wednesday, November 4, 11:00 a.m., OF

PubSing

Sunday, November 8, Snacks: 5:30 p.m., Singing: 6:00 p.m.

Men of the Church

Tuesday, November 10, 6:00 p.m.

Healing Prayer Services

Tuesday, November 10, 17 & 24, 7:00 p.m., CH

Order of St. Luke Program Meeting

Thursday, November 12, 6:30-8:30 p.m., PH

Steadfast House Meal

Friday, November 13, 6:00 p.m.

Taizé Worship Service

Sunday, November 15, 8:00 p.m., CH

All-Altar Guild Event

Saturday, November 14, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., PH

Vestry Meeting

Monday, November 16, 5:30 p.m., LI

Potluck Brunch and Annual Meeting

Sunday, November 22, 10:00 a.m., PH

Pledge Card Sunday

Thanksgiving Holidays

Thursday and Friday, November 26-27, church office closed

Advent Wreath Making

Sunday, November 29, 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 November 29. 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 décor our Guilds and parish volunteers use to make our sanctuary even more beautiful.

Men of the Church will meet Tuesday, November 10 at 6:00 p.m. The host is Rusty Herman and the cook is Ed Woeckener. Rusty's address is 15 Woodthorn Road, Weaverville. Everyone is welcome. The cost is \$10.00. Please sign up on the blue sheet on the kiosk, where you will also find directions.

Monday morning Bible Study meets on Mondays at 10:30 a.m. in the parish hall. Please join us as Fr. Bob facilitates a study of the gospel for the following Sunday. All are welcome.

The Order of St. Luke will meet on Thursday, November 12, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the parish hall. All are welcome. Our program will be a DVD discussion of the Gospel accounts of the person who was mute and possessed and the person who was blind, mute, and possessed. We will also watch a DVD clip showing the clash of the Kingdom of God and the kingdom of darkness as Christians pray for persons attending a "new age" festival. *We will not meet if the Asheville city schools are closed that day or will close early because of inclement weather.*

Our monthly **PubSing** is Sunday, November 8. We are an informal gathering on the second Sunday evening of each month to sing hymns, old-time Gospel and Americana inspirational music. We meet at the French Broad Brewery, 101 Fairview Road. Please bring a snack at 5:30 p.m.; singing begins at 6:00 p.m. For more information contact Monty Wooten, info@forestsguide.com or 828-254-1114. For directions go to <http://frenchbroadbrewery.com/directions/>.

The Tuesday morning Early Birds meet at 8:15 on Tuesday mornings in the library and study the Word through book studies. All are welcome.

Condolences and special prayers to Barbara Wilcox on the loss of her brother, Tom Hickey.

Diocesan Convention November 13-15

Please keep Joyce and Walt Noble, our Grace delegates to this year's Diocesan Convention, in your prayers as they head for Kanuga Conference Center November 13-15.

In addition to hearing about what's been going on in our diocese over the past year, at convention the Nobles will also join in conducting necessary business, electing representatives to various councils and committees, and taking part in a variety of excellent workshops.

On Saturday evening, entertainment will be provided by Acts of Renewal, "theater to delight the soul." Between their performances, convention participants will be part of the first-ever convention outreach project, packing meals for Stop Hunger Now. The Summer Chapel Band will provide music for the evening.

All-Altar Guild Event on November 14

In order to be totally prepared for Advent and Christmas, an Altar Guild planning session will be held Saturday, November 14. We will meet in the parish hall from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon 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.

Potluck Brunch & Annual Meeting

Our All-Parish Potluck Brunch and Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, November 22, at 10:00 a.m. Please bring a favorite brunch item and join us in the parish hall to share everyone's tasty treats and great fellowship. Ideas for brunch items include sausage and egg casseroles, pizzas, bowls of fruit, sausage or ham biscuits, coffee cake, danishes and bagels with cream cheese, just to mention a few. A brief business meeting will be held to update you on parish business and to elect a slate of new Vestry members. There will be no Sunday School that day. Children and adults will gather together for the brunch.

Advent Wreath Making November 29

Sunday, November 29, 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 person Advent wreaths. All supplies including candles are available for a donation of \$5.00. Candles only may be purchased for \$3.00.

New Signage Out Front!

Special thanks to Tom Barr for the great look and addition to our Church sign on the front lawn. Tom, we appreciate your gift as well as your hard work.

Thank you to the Gracious and Loving Members of Grace Parish

Thank you for all of the loving kindness you showed Sherry and me during her illness and after her passing. I have never seen such an outpouring of love in the form of telephone calls, cards, flowers, food, etc. Sherry and I truly love Grace Church and all of its members.

Sincerely,
Bill Coward and family



Bishop Taylor to Visit Grace

Our bishop, The Rt. Rev. G. Porter Taylor will be joining us for his visitation and Confirmation on Sunday, April 10, 2016. Most likely this will be Bishop Taylor's last visit to our parish before he retires and his successor is consecrated next October. Bishop Taylor is known as one of the best preachers and teachers in The Episcopal Church. It will be great to have him among us on that day.

About Confirmation/Inquirers Classes

In preparation for the Bishop's visit, Confirmation/Inquirers Classes for both young people and adults will be offered.

We call these classes Confirmation/Inquirers Classes because they are for anyone who wants to know more about the history, worship, sacraments, traditions, practices and polity of The Episcopal Church as well as what it means to follow our Lord Jesus in the Episcopal or Anglican tradition. It is an excellent opportunity for people new to The Episcopal Church to receive an orientation to our practice of the Christian faith. These classes also assist our young people to prepare to affirm the faith at confirmation for themselves that was affirmed for them at their baptisms. It is also open to long-time members who would like to come for a refresher and/or to meet and assist newcomers to The Episcopal Church and to Grace Church in their faith journeys. It is only after being informed through the classes that one makes the decision to be confirmed, which is the formal way of joining The Episcopal Church through the laying on of hands of our bishop.

Classes for Youth

In preparation for the Bishop's visit, Confirmation/Inquirers Classes for Young People ages 12-18 will most likely be held on Sunday from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. beginning Sunday, February 21, and continuing through Sunday, April 3 (with the exception of March 27, which is Easter Sunday). We will also meet on Saturday morning, April 9, at 10:00 a.m., the day before Confirmation, for Confirmation rehearsal.

Classes for Adults

Confirmation/Inquirers Classes for Adults (and any make-up classes for our young people) will be held on six consecutive Wednesday evenings beginning Wednesday, February 24, through Wednesday, April 6, (with the exception of Wednesday, March 30, during Easter week). Confirmation rehearsal for adults will also be held on Saturday, April 9, at 10:00 a.m., the day before Confirmation.

Fr. Coffey will be leading these classes with help from lay people as needed. Please contact him at garycoffey77@gmail.com with questions and with the names of students for the class.

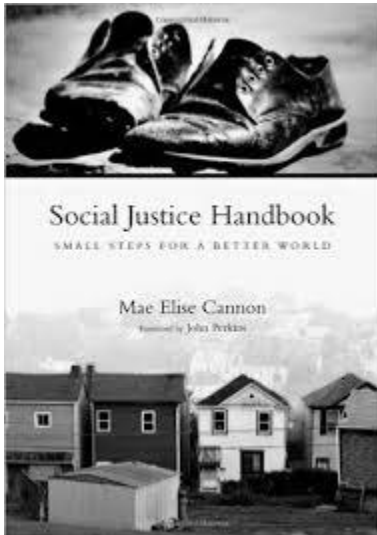
THANK YOU! The members of the Outreach Committee would like to thank the parish for its support of our recent food drive for ABCCM and for all of your support and work in building the Drake house for Habitat for Humanity. Thank you!

COAT DONATIONS. As you know, we are approaching winter with its cold weather. Many of our fellow citizens here in this area are less fortunate than we are and are in need of warm coats for the season. We will be placing the barrel in the foyer to collect coats. If you would like to donate, please put them in the barrel. You may bring in gently used or new coats, fleece, sweatshirts, any warm clothes. The items in the barrel will be available to anyone who would like to take them. If you or someone you know has a need for a warm coat, please feel free to help yourself. We appreciate your support of this project.

COMING SOON. We will once again be providing toys and clothes to needy children through our Angel Tree program. The names of the children and the items they need will be provided by Caring for Children again this year. Please watch the bulletins, foyer, and December TEAM for more information. We will also be having another food drive for ABCCM in December.

“Social Justice Handbook: Small steps for a better world”

A book review by Margaret Dahm



At the last Mission & Ministry conference the Bishop recommended this book and I bought a copy. I'm donating it to our library at Grace because, while it's a great book for one person, it's really more of a parish resource. I hope we can use it to help realize some of our hopes of helping people in our community.

We all want the world to be fair. We hate to see injustice, inequity, prejudice. This is not how the world should work. I imagine most people feel frequent waves of compassion which we hope will somehow impel us into action. The problem often seems to be how to get from the compassion to the action. Should we help as individuals, groups, in person or remotely, by donating money or time? It's confusing enough to turn the compassion into inaction much of the time.

This book is an amazing resource. It breaks that inchoate longing we all have down into specific, realistic goals and plans. It's great just to browse through. Mae Cannon has brought together a history of Christian social justice with an incredibly useful listing of many programs already in place to help work toward justice in our communities. From practical exercises to suggestions for projects to involvement in existing agencies, there is a wealth of potential ways to act in this book. She's included spiritual practices in the book which can help move us from helplessness to action. From our desk at home to the other side of the world, this book can help people ready to do something to help.

A Rummage Sale “Thank You”

From Nancy Remmers and Mary Jane Westall, Rummage Sale Co-Chairs

A big heartfelt “Thank you!” to everyone who worked on the rummage sale and all who made donations. Some of the comments we heard: “You have such nice things,” “This is the best rummage sale I have ever been to,” “Your prices are affordable.” We do work hard, but we have fun, too. So if you have never helped with a sale, please consider helping next time.

Thanks to David Gentry and his brother Dicky Gentry and to all who helped with clean-up, too. It went smoothly and quickly, and Goodwill was here right on time.

In spite of all the rain, we had a good crowd and made more than \$2,200.

Thanks be to God!

Giving in Thanksgiving

We have shifted our 2016 Pledge Drive to November this year to tie it in with the Thanksgiving season. We do people such a disservice if or when we approach them to give to God out of obligation or guilt. If we have ever done that here at Grace Church, we apologize. Rather, we are asking you to get in touch with the deep river of gratitude that is within all of us.

God continues to bless our ministry together here at Grace in countless ways as a result of your prayers, worship, service and giving. The pledge cards and letters will be mailed out on Monday, November 2. Thank you in advance for getting them back to us by Thanksgiving Sunday, November 22, so we can give thanks for them in worship.

A “God Story” About Giving

Kim Hayes

This is a story about a story about doing the right things for the right reasons. It was originally shared with me by my friend and mentor, Bill Murdock, the CEO of Eblen Charities. To start, I’ve borrowed here from the Eblen web site:

The work of Eblen Charities began with a golf tournament in 1990 to raise money for Cystic Fibrosis. After the second year of the tournament, a member of the golf committee received a phone call from a father who had a young daughter who had Cystic Fibrosis. He and his wife needed to take her to Duke University Hospital the following day and had no money to do so. He had called most of the large organizations in our area, but since he and his wife both worked and had insurance, they were denied any help.

Even though the parents were employed they still did not have the funds to make the trip and pay for the gas, food, and lodging they would need. The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation was contacted and they explained that their funds were used for research. Upon explaining this to the father he said, “Research is important, but what do I do about tomorrow if I can’t take my daughter to the hospital?” Joe Eblen, through Biltmore Oil Company, had been sponsoring the tournament and when contacted, he paid for the family’s expenses out of his own pocket. Shortly thereafter, when meeting with the golf committee he questioned the wisdom of sending money away when there were families in need in our own community.

After researching many organizations in western North Carolina, and not finding one that would meet the needs of families regardless of income, he asked, “Why not just set up our own?”

From that, a yard sale was held, \$400 was raised, and Eblen Charities was created.

But, to quote Paul Harvey, “Now for the rest of the story.” Bill shared more. If memory serves me correctly, he told me that the \$400 raised by the yard sale was immediately used to help a desperate family buy a \$400 (to the penny) wheel chair for their sick child. The Eblen start-up money was in the bank and then, in the blink of an eye, it was gone again.

Back to square one, no one would have blamed Joe for dropping the idea, but he didn’t. Somehow, he just knew he had done the right thing for the right reason. As he saw it, \$400 was what he needed, and \$400 was exactly what he had.

As his organization kept growing, the premise played out again and again. Joe kept on believing (and taught the people around him to believe) that, when the money or the volunteers or the school supplies or the winter coats or the medicine is needed, as long as the right thing is being done for the right reason, those needs will be met.

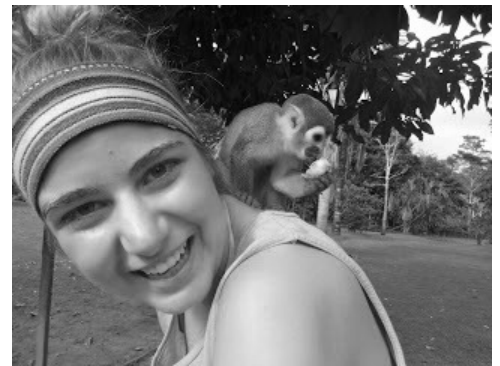
Considering the tens of thousands of people right here in our area who are now being assisted by Eblen Charities two and a half decades later, it’s easy to see how generously God blesses our *own* kindness and generosity!

So, all that to say this one small last thing. For me, giving away *anything* takes some faith. And quite frankly, giving away *everything* - like the whole \$400 in the case of Eblen - takes a kind of holy recklessness I’m not sure I’ll ever have. But I’ll keep working at it. And as I consider my pledge to Grace for the coming year, I’ll think about the right-ness of what so many people in our parish are doing in their ministries. God is blessing them with or without my support. But why not help out? For me, with God’s help, maybe that’s what will be exactly the right thing for exactly the right reason.

News from Elly Withers

Our own Elly Withers continues her year of service in Panama with the Young Adult Service Corp through the Episcopal Church (YASC). We thought you might enjoy a few highlights from workshops she attended the week of October 10. For more, Elly is blogging regularly at ellypanamoniun.blogspot.com.

I went to two different workshops with Promesa this week. The first one was at the beach in Santa Clara and the second one was in Santiago. It was really inspirational to see all of the different indigenous and campesino groups from across Panama come together to talk about their rights as people, their shared love for the environment, and ideas for how to improve in the future.



Gume from the Comarca Kuna. She also helps lead a youth group in her community.

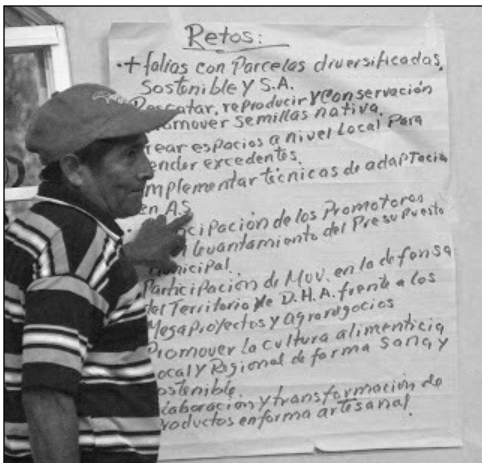
Water: Water may soon be privatized and if this happens, these rural communities will soon have to pay 5 times what they are paying now.

Land: The government wants to start taxing the land where these groups live. These populations own a lot of land in Panama, millions and millions of dollars worth. The indigenous populations will not be able to pay these taxes and will lose their land. However much of the land has been passed down through generations and has been inhabited by these people even before Panama was a country. This land is also these peoples' livelihood because it is where they grow crops.

Megaprojects: Several corporations have started building on indigenous territories without their permission.

Agroquimicos: It is important to diversify crops and use natural herbicides and other agricultural practices in order to keep the land fertile and uncontaminated.

Climate change: Panama's climate has changed a lot in the past few years. There has been a significant decrease in rainfall and because of this farmers need to adapt their crops to vegetables and fruits of drier climates.



Orlando, also from the Comarca Kuna and one of my favorite farmers. He has also been teaching me all of the different produce names of Panamanian fruits and veggies. There are a lot of vegetables I didn't even know existed!

These are some really big problems that the communities are facing right now. The purpose of these workshops is really to introduce communities to each other and show them that they are not alone. It is a chance for them to come together, learn, and get support. The workshops also give them a space to celebrate their different cultures. We had a danza that was performed by the Comarca Ngobe Bugle, a play performed by the territories of Madugandi and Coclé, and folk stories told by different Campesino groups. I felt so in my element at these workshops. They talked about topics that I feel passionately about and really made me feel like I was where I was needed to be. Throughout any agricultural or community project that I might lead in these communities, it will be important to keep in mind the underlying political issues that are at play and that are affecting these groups.



The group from the workshop in Santa Clara.

November 2015 Ministry Schedule

Date	Service Time	Acolyte C	Acolyte G	Acolyte E	Lector, Intercessor & Presenters	Healing Team	Ushers	Chalicians	Coffee Hour	Scripture	Lesson
1-Nov											
	7:45						Steve Jones Kaderabek Family	James Cannon			
	9:00	Alternate	Alternate	Cuyler Dupree	LIP - Barbara Wilcox, Hugh Vaughn, Bill Crownover	Louise Wernicke Patricia Hargrove		1. Scott Best 2. Greg Townsend	Paul Vest	Wisdom of Solomon 25:6-9	1st Lesson
	11:15	Rusty McCredie	Sally Withers	Grace Miller	LIP - Carol McMichael, Jenny Thomas & Alternate	Pat Davis Karen Compton	Elaine Potter Henry Watts	1. Bill Spencer 2. Eric Howell	Sallie Hunter	Revelation 21:1-6a	2nd Lesson
8-Nov											
	7:45						Ed Duncan	Jack Frue			
	9:00	Faith Valley	Helena Cullen	Zoe Davis	L - Ray Kuykendall I - Cuyler Dupree P - Kuykendall Family	Alternate Jeanne Robertson	Doug Haldane Jim Siemens	1. Cuyler Dupree 2. Sarah Valley	Katherine Kaderabek	I Kings 17:8-16	1st Lesson & 9:00
	11:15	Mark Silvers	Jonah Silvers	Sally Withers	LIP - Elaine Potter, Kristen Dusenbery & Alternate	Mary Israel Corinne Spencer	Bob Turner Paul Stewart	1. Sally Withers 2. Nancy Clark	Volunteer	Hebrews 9:24-28	2nd Lesson
15-Nov											
	7:45						Andrew Dahm	Margaret Dahm			
	9:00	Cade Wooten	Cheryl Deyton	Louise Wernicke	L - Vicki Vest I - Walt Noble P - Vest Family	Pat Davis Jane Whitman	Ray & Wendy Kuykendall	1. Daphne Urquhart 2. Carol Booth	Micki Newton	Daniel 12:1-3	1st Lesson
	11:15	Rusty McCredie	Sally Withers	Bob Grimes	LIP - Cal and Nancy Remmeers	Sonny Rawls Karen Compton	Larry and LuAnn Harris	1. Charles Carter 2. Kimberly Kneier	Mary Ann Warren	Hebrews 10:11-25	2nd Lesson & 9:00
	Taizé 8:00 PM				L - Monty Wooten I - James Cannon	Deb Gravatt					
22-Nov											
	7:45						Steve Jones	James Cannon			
	9:00	Liesl Ellington	Laura Ellington	Zoe Davis	LIP - Daphne and Paul Urquhart	Jeanne Robertson Shari Lane	Derek and Wade Edwards	1. Greg Townsend 2. Ann Robinson	Elaine Dephouse	Joel 2:21-27	1st Lesson & 9:00
	11:15	Mark Silvers	Jonah Silvers	Eric Howell	LIP - Joel Rogers, Mark Silvers & Alternate	Sonny Rawls Mary Israel	John Rigby Rusty Herman	1. Sally Coburn 2. Carol McMichael	Georgi Bruce	I Timothy 2:1-7	2nd Lesson
29-Nov											
	7:45						Ed Duncan	Jack Frue			
	9:00	Gavin Knapp	Alternate	Molra Stewart	L - Jenny Knapp I - Louise Cate P - Knapp Family	Brenda Haller Ann Robinson	Tom & Liz Barr	1. Anne Simmons 2. Jenny Knapp	Cuyler Dupree	Jeremiah 33:14-16	1st Lesson & 9:00
	11:15	Sally Withers	Grace Miller	Bob Grimes	LIP - Jenny Thomas, Nancy Clark & Alternate	Sonny Rawls Alternate	Ed Woeckener Ron Sims	1. Bill Warren 2. Elaine Potter	Georgi Bruce	I Thessalonians 3:9-13	2nd Lesson
Flower Arrangers											
Date	Counters	Depositors	Date	Flower Arrangers	Altar Guild						
1-Nov	Steve Birkhofer	James Cannon	1-Nov	Newton, Israel	Group 1 - Nov 7 - Nov 13						
8-Nov	Martha Boyette	Judy Bohan	8-Nov	Shearouse, Wed: Akerman/Caudill Use Sunday Arrangements)	Group 2 - Nov 14 - Nov 20						
15-Nov	Sally Withers	Chal and Hugh Vaughn	15-Nov	Dawson, Buchanan	Group 3 - Nov 21 - Nov 27						
22-Nov	Georgi Bruce	Anne Simmons	22-Nov	Dawson, Buchanan	Group 4 - Nov 28 - Dec 4						
29-Nov	Georgi Bruce	Anne Simmons	29-Nov	Davis, Jones 1st Sunday Advent - Wreath Making							

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

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

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

For Those Who have Died and their Families: **Sherry Coward** (*wife of Bill Coward*); **Bob Hall; Tom Hickey** (*brother of Barbara Wilcox*).

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

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

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

November Anniversaries

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

November Birthdays

2 Mary Cozine	16 Angela Sanderson
2 Thorsten Path	16 Phil Walker
3 Spencer Vallely	16 Susannah Wall
4 Jo Brokenshire	17 Betsy Buchanan
4 David Carey	17 Henny Caldwell
4 John Lyda	18 Travis Hall
4 Paul Taylor	18 William Potter
5 Georgia Scales	19 Walt Noble
6 Sherry Coward	20 Mary Ann Warren
6 Meghan Dephouse	21 Jim Stahl
6 Vicki Vest	22 Graham Calabria
6 Mary Jane Westall	22 Judy Morris
8 Jess Gregory	22 Bill Warren
9 Jackie Schauer	23 Paul Vest
10 Olivia Haller	24 Astrid Coffey
10 Paul Stewart	24 Sue Thompkins
11 Peggy Sutton	25 Shirley Turner
13 Pascale Hunter	26 Lauren Carlin
14 Douglas Haldane	26 Sarah Godfrey
14 Margee Moncure	26 Grace Wallace
14 William Townsend	28 Earlyn Hart
15 Carol-Ann Carlin	28 Bryan Milling
15 Esther Mwilima	28 Forrest Taylor

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:

Katie and Mike Nery in thanksgiving for our family;
Sally and David Withers in thanksgiving for the first anniversary of their daughter Mary and her husband, Kevin Bates;

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

Phil Walker in memory Grace and of their son, Pete;
Cheri Potter in thanksgiving for her husband Robert, and their children Lindsay, Zane, Lauren, Casey, Michael, and Grayson and their granddaughter Bryn;

Bobbi Eblen in loving memory of her sister Jeanne Galyean.

Anna Hamrick and Sam Snead and their daughters Georgia, Grace, and Carolyn in thanksgiving for the Grace Church Family.

Betsy Buchanan in memory of her mother, Betty Whorton;

Eva Dupree in memory of Sherry Coward, Doris Lederer, and Bob Hall.

The Advent Wreath is given to the Glory of God by:

Sylvia and Buddy Greenwood in memory of Roy Wilson Rhodes, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Greenwood, and Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Morrow;

Heather and Thorsten Path in memory of their fathers, Ellison Capers Johnson Jr. and Heinz Jurgen Path.

Endowment

In Memory of Sherry Coward by:

Mike and Judy Bohan, Kenneth and Marilyn Miller, Mary Ann and Bill Warren, Richard and Elizabeth Krueger, Pat and George Davis, Barbara Lackey, Bill and Corinne Spencer, RPC General Contractors, Inc., Bill and Sue Dismukes, William Mashburn, Kay Winebrenner, Norman Anderson, Kenneth Miller, and Sue Thompkins. Ikebana Friends of Sherry: Norma Bradley, Suzanne Dillingham, Lynn Forby, Nancy Gettys, Louise Glickman, Patti Hill, Terri Todd, and Mike Traber.

Current Budget Deficit Over \$5K

Pledge receipts through the end of September totaled \$253,138 compared to projected pledges of \$263,949. Considering all income sources, income for the first nine months totaled \$307,984; while we projected income to be \$333,804. We ended September with a negative variance in overall income of \$25,820.

The negative income variance for the first nine months was offset by expenses in these months which were less than budgeted amounts by \$20,690. When added to the negative income variance of 25,580, year-to-date income less expenses resulted in a deficit of \$5,130 for our first nine months.

We are currently experiencing a deficit of \$5,130 while at this point in 2014 we experienced a positive balance of \$26,313.

While income this month did increase in comparison with the past several months we continue to experience shortfalls in this area. Our expenses continue to offset the shortfall in income to a great extent, but we are still in a deficit situation. We continue to encourage prayer and attention to our stewardship efforts.

Your Vestry

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

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Income:			
Pledges	253,138	263,949	(10,811)
Prior Year Pledges	2,315	-	2,315
Non-pledged Offerings	32,620	46,113	(13,493)
Open Offering	6,620	14,423	(7,803)
Interest	35	113	(78)
Misc.	13,257	9,207	4,050
Total Income:	307,984	333,804	(25,820)
Expenses:			
Outreach/Mission	35,811	42,849	(7,038)
Parish Programs	8,510	11,213	(2,702)
Operations	49,181	56,492	(7,311)
Personnel	219,611	223,251	(3,640)
Total Expenses:	313,114	333,804	(20,690)
Income Less Expenses:	(5,130)	(0)	(5,130)

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 - Bishop Visitation Planned
 - Budget Update
 - and of course, "Parson to Person"

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