



the Grace TEAM

to each a ministry

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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,

Don Hawkins and his son David have done a beautiful job building a labyrinth in the Urban Garden, which can be accessed down the stairs off the foyer and straight out through the glass door.

When I was walking our labyrinth recently, I thought about how appropriate it is for Grace Church. It reminded me of walking a hiking trail here in the mountains.

This past Saturday, Tommy Bratton, the Minister of Christian Formation at First Baptist Church in Asheville, led an interesting workshop on labyrinths, and I would like to share with you here some of the things we learned with the hope that you will use our labyrinth as an aid in your walk with Christ.

The following is from a brochure Tommy shared with us from First Baptist, where they have recently completed their own labyrinth.

“What is a labyrinth? A labyrinth is not a maze. There are no tricks to it and no dead ends. It has a single circuitous path that winds its way to the center. The person walking it uses the same path to return from the center and the entrance becomes the exit. The path is in full view, which allows a person to be quiet and focus internally.

“Why would I want to walk a labyrinth? The labyrinth offers us a way of journeying, inviting us into a sacred and quiet place. It is a place where we can abandon the busyness of life. It invites us into the presence of the Holy and to reflect on our inner being. To walk the labyrinth is to make a pilgrimage to discover something about ourselves and God. The labyrinth is full of mystery and produces different results for everyone. A person simply brings

her or his personal thoughts, spiritual needs, or important questions to the journey.

“How do I walk a labyrinth? There is no right or wrong way to walk a labyrinth. The experience is different for each person. Whatever you experience is your experience. Trust the Holy Spirit. Here are some suggestions to make your journey more meaningful. 1. Set an intention (if you have one) for your walk. Remember that you are blessed and beloved. 2. If someone enters in front of you, wait until they have completed three or four turns before you begin. 3. Let your body naturally set the pace. Go slowly

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and reverently, or quickly and playfully, whatever is most comfortable. As you walk inward, **RELEASE** or let go, quietening the mind from distractions. 4. Use everything that occurs on the labyrinth as a metaphor. Allow for surprises and insights. 5. You may carefully pass others who are moving more slowly or step aside

for others to pass you. 6. In the center, **RECEIVE** the deep love and peace of Christ and anything God gives you. Feel free to spend time in meditation and prayer. 7. As you return from the center, **RESOLVE** to do something new or different, experience **REJUVENATION** in your spirit. **RECLAIM** something you have neglected in your soul. Symbolically, and sometimes actually, you are returning to the world that which you have received. Following your walk, **REFLECT** on your experience. Some find it helpful to write down their thoughts. Sharing your experience with someone or listening to another's story about his or her journey can be important.”

I have found it helpful and I commend this experience to you.

Grace and Peace,
Fr. Gary Coffey

Events at a Glance

Weekly Gospel Bible Study

Mondays, 10:30 a.m., PH

Early Birds Men's Book Study

Tuesdays, 8:15 a.m., LI

Centering Prayer

Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m., CR

Bells and Choir Practice

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

Generational Healing Eucharist

Tuesday, November 1, 7:00 p.m., CH

Rummage Sale

Saturday, November 5, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., PH

LunchBunch

Tuesday, November 8, 11:30 a.m.

Healing Prayer Services

Tuesdays, November 8, 15, 22 & 29, 7:00 p.m., CH

Men of the Church

Tuesday, November 8, 6:00 p.m.

TEAM Meeting

Wednesday, November 9, 11:00 a.m., OF

Order of St. Luke

Thursday, November 10, 6:30-8:30 p.m., PH

Diocesan Convention

November 11-13, Kanuga Conference Center

Steadfast House Meal

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

Kids of the Kingdom Rehearsal

Sunday, November 13, during Sunday school hour

PubSing

Sunday, November 13: snacks 5:30 p.m.; singing 6:00 p.m.

Taizé Worship Service

Sunday, November 20, 8:00 p.m., CH

Potluck Supper & Annual Meeting

Sunday, November 20, 5:30-7:30 p.m., PH

Vestry Meeting

Monday, November 21, 5:30 p.m., LI

Advent Wreath Making

Sunday, November 27, 10:00 a.m., PH

Parish News

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

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

The November **LunchBunch** meets at Bellagio's on Tuesday, November 8. You may meet at the church at 11:30 to carpool or join up just before 12 at the restaurant. LunchBunch offers an opportunity to all — men and women from all three services — to have a meal together, to visit, to build community, to make new friends. Please call Kathleen Griffin at 337-8241 or email at gkcgiffin7@gmail.com to let her know you're coming.

The November meeting of **Men of the Church** will be held November 8 at 6:00 p.m. Ed Woekner will be our host and chef at his home, 270 Stratford Road. David Ely will handle refreshments to which John Woodson plans to make a special contribution. The cost is \$15, and a sign-up sheet is posted on the kiosk in the foyer. All are welcome.

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

The Mountain Chapter of the **Order of St. Luke** meets Thursday, November 10, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Our program will focus on getting "prayed up" for the holidays. Through a short teaching by our co-chaplain, David Warren, and various prayer experiences, we hope to be more prepared emotionally and spiritually for stressful times in the holiday season. All are welcome. One does not have to be an OSL member to attend. *We will not meet if the Asheville City Schools are closed on November 10 or close early due to inclement weather.*

PubSing is an informal gathering on the second Sunday evening of each month to sing hymns, old-time Gospel, and Americana inspirational music. We will meet this month on Sunday, November 13, at the French Broad Brewery, 101 Fairview Road. You may bring a snack at 5:30 p.m.; singing begins at 6:00. For more information, contact Monty Wooten at montywooten@bellsouth.net or 828-254-1114. Get directions at frenchbroadbrewery.com/directions/.

Another great **Pumpkin Patch!** We thank everyone who has helped make this another great year for the Pumpkin Patch at Grace Church. The weather has cooperated, and as of this report, we have reached previous years' totals averaging about \$7,000 for Consider Haiti and hope to do even better. Be watching for a final tally in the December issue of the *Grace TEAM*.

We offer our thoughts and prayers to the friends and loved ones of Eleanore Brown.

Rummage Sale, November 5, 8AM-3PM



Do you feel like your life is cluttered with STUFF? Well, here is your chance to de-clutter your life for a good cause. Please bring clothes, books, small appliances, jewelry and other items to Grace during times when our sexton David is available to assist you: Monday through Thursday, October 31-November 3, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday, November 4, from 8:00 to 11:30 a.m., or during any church event between now and November 4.

We also need volunteers! If you are interested in organizing, fixing, or cleaning, please come by Tuesday-Friday, November 1-4, starting at 9:00 a.m. Call Mary Ann Warren at 252-5783 or Elly Withers at 712-2194 for more information.

Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.

Luke 12:15

Potluck Supper & Annual Meeting, Nov. 20

Come celebrate with us!

Christ the King Sunday, November 20th, 5:30 - 7:30 PM
The end of our liturgical calendar and the beginning of a
new church year!

Contact Sally Withers (712-1955) for more info

Christmas Eve Pageant Volunteers Needed

Grace families look forward to the annual Christmas Eve Pageant every year. This effort takes a lot of behind-the-scenes work. Thankfully, we have found a Holy Family for this year, but we still need to fill a few slots:

- costume organizer: be sure costumes are organized and in the brown bags ready for families to pick up from the Parish Hall;
- reception director: this can be as simple as buying three dozen cupcakes at Sam's Club (church pays for it), ordering a sheet cake at Ingles, or compiling a smorgasbord of healthy treats with cider. The director decides! Church already has an assortment of paper napkins and so forth for the party. The reception theme is "Birthday Party for Jesus;"
- speaking parts: we have several speaking parts this year;
- group leaders: an excellent job for teens and tweens, leading a group of sheep or angels in when their cue is read.

Together, we can maintain this wonderful tradition at Grace. Please email Joanna at jboymbest@gmail.com if you can help. We need you! Jump on board!



Hurricane Relief. As you all know, Haiti was devastated by Hurricane Matthew, much of the southeast U.S. coast-line also experienced damage, and parts of North Carolina suffered from massive flooding as a result of the hurricane. If you would like to make monetary donations to help with relief for the victims of Hurricane Matthew, you may donate to Consider Haiti, which works exclusively in Haiti, and/or Episcopal Relief and Development for both Haiti and the U.S.

ABCCM Food Drive. We will be holding our last food drive of 2016 for ABCCM on Sunday, November 20. We will be collecting food for the shelters that ABCCM runs and for its food pantries. ABCCM is requesting canned tuna, canned fruit, and canned beef stew. If you need assistance bringing your food donations into the church on Sunday, November 20, we would be happy to help you. Please help us fill their request during this season of Thanksgiving when so many of us have so much for which to be grateful.

Angel Tree. Our Angel Tree will soon go up to fulfill the Christmas needs of foster children in Buncombe County. Watch for more information coming soon.

A **Backpacker volunteer** is still needed to deliver food bags to Jones Elementary on Monday mornings. If you can help, or if you would like more information, contact Kim Hayes, 645-4906. Thanks!

Notes from Pastoral Care

Prayer Shawl Ministry. There is an interest in revitalizing/revamping/reorganizing our Grace Prayer Shawl Ministry. The participants in this ministry design and make prayer shawls for those in our Grace community and others who have suffered loss or illness. We continue to learn of folks who will benefit from receiving a prayer shawl and we have used up the shawls we had on hand. Beth Woodson has agreed to coordinate this important activity, so if you knit or crochet (or want to learn how) and might be interested in participating, please give Beth a call at 645-4293.

Feed My Sheep. If you are making a dish you'd like to share with parishioners dealing with things such as emergency surgeries or serious but short-term illnesses, make a little extra, put it in a plastic bag with name and date, and leave a message for Jenn Clary at (870) 643-0083.

Cards and Calls Ministry. Pat Anderson (484-8505) and Chal Vaughn (277-0500) head this ministry of care and concern for our members. Let them or Kathleen Griffin (337-8241) know of folks who might appreciate a card.

Order of St. Luke

The Mountain Chapter of the Order of St. Luke extends a special invitation to those worshipping at Grace Episcopal Church to join us for our meetings in this building, the second Thursday of the month (except June, July, December) from 6:30 -8:30 p.m. All are welcome; one does not have to be a member to attend. Our meetings include educational and prayer ministry components. At our November 10 meeting, our program will focus on getting "prayed up" for the holidays. Through a short teaching by our co-chaplain, David Warren, and various prayer experiences, we hope to be more prepared emotionally and spiritually for stressful times in the holiday season.

We also encourage you to participate in our Healing Prayer Services, held every Tuesday from 7:00-8:00 p.m. The first Tuesday of the month includes a Eucharist for the healing of our families. The other Tuesdays include a brief liturgy followed by silent intercessory prayer for each person attending.

The International Order of St. Luke the Physician (OSL) is an ecumenical organization dedicated to the Christian healing ministry. The OSL website, www.orderofstluke.org, is very informative. More information about the Mountain Chapter is on our website, www.AshevilleOSL.org

OSL members are clergy, health professionals, and lay people who feel called to make Jesus' ministry of healing a regular part of their lives. Jesus' ministry of healing was a central way in which He demonstrated that the Kingdom of God is at hand. Jesus expanded His healing ministry by passing along His healing power first to the twelve disciples and then to the seventy-two others. Jesus now calls each of us to continue His healing ministry through the power of the Holy Spirit working through us.

We become more equipped for this ministry by studying the healing ministry of Jesus Himself. Completion of the study of *The Healing Ministry of Jesus* leads to full membership in OSL. Jeanne Robertson, a member of Grace Episcopal, facilitates this study group. She and Ann Robinson, also a member of Grace Episcopal, would be happy to talk further with you about the Order of St. Luke and the Mountain Chapter.

Adventure of a Lifetime

John Woodson

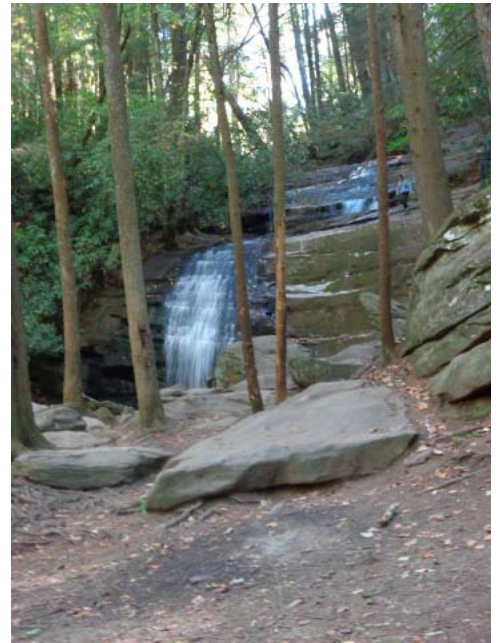
John has completed over 1,200 miles on the Appalachian Trail this year. Many of you have followed his progress on Facebook, but we wanted to share some of his reflections here, as well. Welcome home, John!



I started back at Fontana Dam on September 23 and arrived at Springer Mountain, Georgia, on Monday, October 10; and then hiked on to Amicalola Falls State Park on Tuesday the 11th, to finish off my Appalachian Trail hike which I have been doing this year since late March. Although I didn't end up hiking the whole trail as I had originally intended, I was able to complete over 1,200 miles of actual hiking, and followed along the trail by car for another 500 miles through New England after getting off near the NH/ME border in August. I want to thank everyone at Grace Church for your prayers and moral support as I made my way along the trip, with its ups and downs (literal and figurative, both). Especially to be thanked are my wife Beth and daughter Jade, as they allowed me the opportunity to take the year off and follow my dream of a lifetime in attempting to hike the whole

trail. Beth mailed my food drops to post offices along the way, and drove to meet me at several places along the southern half of the trail. She picked me up and brought me home from Virginia when my knee got inflamed and swollen in May, and then took me back to the trail after a couple of weeks recuperating at home. Jade provided a way for me to communicate my whereabouts along the way by taking my text and picture messages and posting them on Facebook for me, so that my other family and friends could track my progress on an almost daily basis.

The experience was so awesome that I am still overwhelmed with the magnitude of what I was able to accomplish, and totally blown away by what other hikers are accomplishing as they complete the whole trail. I met many wonderful people along the way, and there certainly is a "trail community" that provides support for each other all the way from Maine to Georgia. It will take me some time to reflect on all my experiences and realize what it all has meant to me, and what my greatest lessons were. I have always felt closer to God when I have been out in His natural creation, but never spent this much continuous time in such close Communion. It certainly has had one effect, and that is to make me much more appreciative of the creature comforts we have in our civilized society, and aware of what it must be like for those who have nothing but what they are carrying, wherever they may be. Let us keep them all in our thoughts and prayers.



A Note from Beth's Perspective

As you can imagine, John's wife, Beth, had her own challenges. Thank you, Beth, for taking such good care of John and for sharing your thoughts here.

I am certainly thankful to have John safe at home and only a little worse for the wear. I missed him a lot both emotionally and practically. I really hate mowing the lawn because of a mower accident when I was young that left a large scar on my leg. Grace Church has been so supportive, especially the PubSing group. I appreciate everyone's prayers and concern. Our daughter, Jade, and dog, Moses, have been comforts to me. Text messages and Jade's posts kept me assured that he was well. I had some long days and lonely times. I probably didn't get enough sleep and definitely not enough exercise. We now have to decide what retirement has in store for us together. I am quite sure that John will get the urge to spend a few days on the trail from time to time. And that will be OK.

Diocesan Convention, November 11-13



On behalf of Bishop José McLoughlin and the parishes of the Western Deanery, we are excited to welcome you to the 95th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Western North Carolina to be held Friday evening, November 11, through Sunday morning, November 13 at Kanuga Conference Center. Bishop McLoughlin, diocesan staff, Kanuga staff, and clergy and laity of the Western Deanery hope that our time together will be both enjoyable and productive.

As we have for the past two years, our convention begins late Friday afternoon in an effort to make participation more manageable for lay delegates, deacons and volunteers. We ask that those attending convention please make arrangements that may be needed in order to participate in Holy Eucharist with our new bishop on Sunday, November 13.

During our time together, we will conduct the business of convention, foster relationships and birth new ones, learn about and connect with ministries within our diocese and the larger body of the Episcopal Church, and nurture our faith together through prayer and worship.

On Saturday evening, we will gather for a time of service and fun. Stop Hunger Now will be with us to provide an opportunity for the gathered to serve Christ in others. Live music will be provided by the band Gnarly Fingers, a favorite of the Western Deanery region.

Please know that your participation in our annual convention is deeply appreciated by your friends in the Western Deanery. To all those who have offered their time and talent as volunteers, workshop leaders, guides, participants in worship, and elsewhere, I give you our heartfelt thanks.

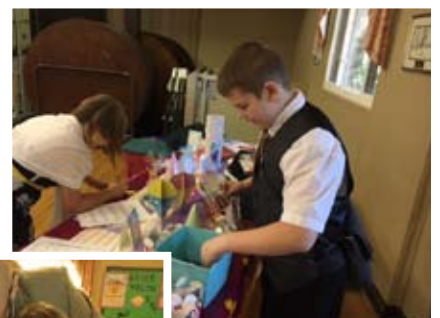
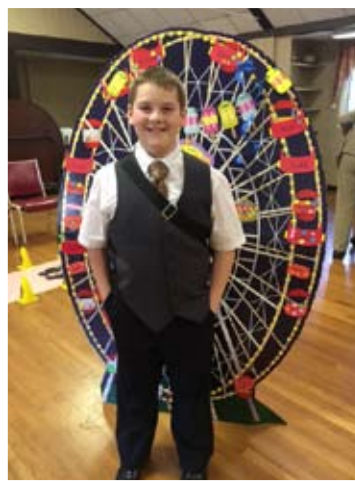
The Reverend Bill Breedlove, Dean, Western Deanery

Shannon and Greg Townsend are our delegates to convention this year. Thank you so much for your willingness to serve in this way. We look forward to hearing your report Sunday, November 20, during the adult Sunday school hour.

Kids of the Kingdom Reminder

Kids of the Kingdom Choir will combine with adults at both the 9:00 and 11:15 services on December 18 for Lessons and Carols. Rehearsals for this will be held on November 13 and December 11 during the Sunday school hour.

We also thought you might enjoy seeing some photos from the recent "Kids of the Kingdom Sweet Treats Banquet."



November 2016 Ministry Schedule

Date	Service Time	Acolyte C	Acolyte G	Acolyte E	Lector, Intercessor & Presenters	Healing Team	Ushers	Chalicians	Coffee Hour	Scripture	Lesson
Nov 6											
	7:45				Deb Gravatt		Steve Jones	James Cannon			
	9:00	Garvin Knapp	Cuyler Dupree	Maira Stewart	L, I, P - Walt Noble, Ray Kuykendall, Kuykendall Family	Louise Wernicke Patricia Hargrove	Doug Haldane Tom Barr	1. Jenny Knapp 2. John Woodson	Katherine Kaderabek	Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18	1st Lesson
	11:15	Mark Silvers	Ellie Silvers	Jonah Silvers	L, I, P - Carol McMichael Jenny Thomas	Pat Davis Karen Compton	Ron Sims Rusty Herman	1. Cliff Albertson 2. Bill Spencer	Volunteer	Ephesians 1:15-23	2nd Lesson 9:00 Lesson
Nov 13											
	7:45				Deb Gravatt		Andrew Dahm	James Cannon			
	9:00	Cade Wooten	Cheryl Deyton	Daphne Urquhart	L, I, P - Vicki Vest, Bill Crownover, Vest Family	Jeanne Robertson Kathy Oesterlin	Paul and Vicki Vest	1. Carol Booth 2. Debbie Jones	Micki Newton	Isaiah 65:17-25	1st Lesson 9:00 Lesson
	11:15	Rusty McCredie	Sally Withers	Eric Howell	L, I, P - Sally Coburn Kristen Dusenbery	Marzy Israel Corinne Spencer	Paul Stewart Bob Turner	1. Ely Withers 2. Eric Howell	Volunteer	II Thessalonians 3:6-13	2nd Lesson
Nov 20											
	7:45				Deb Gravatt		Ed Duncan	Margaret Dahm			
	9:00	Liesl Ellington	Maya Bell	Laura Ellington	L, I, P - Paul and Daphne Urquhart	Pat Davis Jane Whitman	Ray Kuykendall Paul Vest	1. Cuyler Dupree 2. Ann Robinson	Elaine Dephouse	Jeremiah 23:1-6	1st Lesson
	11:15	Cheryl Aull	Olivia Nery	Grace Miller	L, I, P - Joel P. Rogers Mark Silvers	Sonny Rawls Karen Compton	Ed Woekener Paul Stewart	1. Carol McMichael 2. Bill Warren	Georgi Bruce	Colossians 1:11-20	2nd Lesson 9:00 Lesson
	Taizé 8:00 PM				I - James Cannon L - Monty Wooten	Deb Gravatt					
Nov 27											
	7:45				Deb Gravatt		Steve Jones	Jack Frue			
	9:00	Zoe Davis	(alternate)	Cuyler Dupree	L, I, P - Cuyler Dupree Louise Wernicke	Jeanne Robertson Shari Lane	Derek and Wade Edwards	1. Greg Townsend 2. Cuyler Dupree	Cuyler Dupree	Isaiah 2:1-5	1st Lesson
	11:15	Bob Grimes	Ely Withers	Sally Withers	L, I, P - Cal Remmers Kimberly Kneier	Marzy Israel Sonny Rawls	Larry and LuAnn Harris	1. Charles Carter 2. Kimberly Kneier	Mary Ann Warren	Romans 13:11-14	2nd Lesson 9:00 Lesson
Altar Guild											
Date	Counters	Depositors	Date	Flower Arrangers	Altar Guild						
6-Nov	Steve Birkhofer	James Cannon	6-Nov	Davis	Group 1 - Nov 5 - Nov 11						
13-Nov	Martha Boyette	Judy Bohan	13-Nov	Davis	Group 2 - Nov 12 - Nov 18						
20-Nov	Sally Withers	Chal & Hugh Vaughn	20-Nov	Jones	Group 3 - Nov 19 - Nov 25						
27-Nov	Georgi Bruce	Anne Simmons	27-Nov	Jones	Group 4 - Nov 26 - Dec 2						

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; Betsy Buchanan; Chris Carson (son of Martha & Randy); **Dave & Peg Carey; Molly Coffey; Barbara Crownover; Nathan Crownover (son of Bill & Barbara Crownover); **Carol; Ed Denison; Eunice Ferguson; Rebecca Harris; Mary Hayes; Mary Israel; Wendy Kuykendall; Straudia & Mel Luedtke; Maria Mason; Nancy Porter; Elaine Potter; Sonny Rawls; Nancy Remmers; Doris Rigsby; Leeann Shearouse; Laura & Tsz-yan Snyder; Rita Spragg; Mike St. Clair; Harrison Taylor; Barbara & Chuck Wilcox.******

For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities: **Henny Caldwell; Bill & Mary Hayes** (parents of Rick Hayes); **Lou** (mother of Kim Hayes); **Rusk Henry; Donald Israel** (brother-in-law of Mary Israel); **June Kelley; Neill Mason; Joan Sanderson; Mary Ida Sprague; 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): **Deane Boggs** (sister of Joyce Noble); **Steve Boggs** (nephew of Joyce Noble); **Jenn Chenowith** (friend of Joyce & Walt Noble); **Ryan Conrad** (friend of Julia Anne Dawson); **Lyman Coxe** (friend of Liz and Tom Barr); **Debbie D.** (friend of Lynda McCredie); **Kelli Davis** (daughter of George & Pat Davis); **Chuck Dill** (son of Nancy Remmers); **Austin Drum** (brother of Nancy Clark); **Kacie Epley** (cousin of Vicki & Paul Vest); **Al Fadel** (friend of Nancy & Arnold Clark); **Danny Hall** (brother-in-law of David Gentry); **Priscilla Hickey** (sister-in-law of Barbara & Chuck Wilcox); **Kathleen Johnson** (friend of Barbara & Chuck Wilcox); **Jeff Johnston** (cousin of Eva Dupree); **Jim Monroe** (friend of Jeannette & Bob Reese); **Allen Singer; Jennifer Svenstrup** (friend of Paul & Vicki Vest); **Nancy Temple** (friend of Billy Gray); **Lara Weaver** (daughter of Jackie Schauer); **John Whitman** (son of Jane Whitman); **Kelly Wiggen** (granddaughter of Nancy Remmers); **Hershel & June Williams** (friends of Kathleen Griffin); **Tim Yehl** (son-in-law of Jeanne & Ray Robertson); **Vincent** (friend of Jeannette & Bob Reese); **Elizabeth; Pam** (friend of Cheryl Aull); **Stan; Sue; Susan.**

For Those in the Episcopal Church: **Michael, our presiding Bishop; José, Porter & Robert, our Bishops; the clergy; the vestry; the staff; the ministries and people of this parish; Church of the Advocate.**

For Outreach Agencies through which We Minister: **ABCCM; Consider Haiti; Episcopal Relief and Development; Food for the Poor; Habitat for Humanity; Manna Food Bank; Meals on Wheels.**

For Those Who Have Died and Their Families: **Eleanore Brown; George Michael Buckley** (brother of Carole Hudson).

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

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

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

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

November Anniversaries

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

November Birthdays

2 Thorsten Path	17 Betsy Buchanan
4 Jo Brokenshire	17 Henny Caldwell
4 Dave Carey	18 Travis Hall
4 John Lyda	18 Carole Hudson
4 Paul Taylor	18 William Potter
5 Aeron Scales	19 Walt Noble
6 Meghan Dephouse	20 Mary Ann Warren
6 Vicki Vest	21 Jim Stahl
6 Mary Jane Westall	22 Judy Morris
8 Jess Gregory	22 Bill Warren
9 Alfonso Ponce	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
13 Pascale Hunter	28 Earlyn Hart
14 Doug Haldane	28 Bryan Milling
14 William Townsend	28 Forrest Taylor
15 Carol-Ann Carlin	30 Nancy Baker
16 Susannah Wall	

Special Gifts

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 their family;

Sally and David Withers in honor of their daughters
Mary and Elly;

the family in memory of Phil, Grace and Pete Walker;

Cheri Potter in thanksgiving for her husband Robert
and their children Lindsay, Zane, Lauren, Casey,
Michael, and Grayson and their granddaughters Bryn
and Blakely, and their grandson Remi;

Bobbi Eblen in loving memory of her mother Jerry
Simmons;

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

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.



Advent Wreath Making, November 27

Sunday, November 27, 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. You will be guided to make your own personal Advent wreaths. All supplies including candles are available for a donation of \$5.00. Candles only may be purchased for \$3.00.

This year, Adult Sunday School is taking this on as a special project and could use your help with the following:

- cutting greenery to the appropriate size on either Friday, 11/25, or Saturday, 11/26;
- collecting money and handing out supplies on Sunday, 11/27; and
- circulating and helping people with supplies, greenery, etc. on Sunday, 11/27.

If you can help, please email Greg Townsend at gwtownsend@outlook.com and let him know what you can do.

Moving in a Positive Direction

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

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Income:			
Pledges	265,495	246,750	18,745
Prior Year Pledges	5,190	3,367	1,823
Non-pledged Offerings	33,811	30,896	2,915
Open Offering	12,873	7,832	5,041
Interest	40	52	(13)
Misc.	9,770	12,942	(3,172)
Total Income:	327,178	301,840	25,339
Expenses:			
Outreach/Mission	34,169	38,560	(4,391)
Parish Programs	8,264	9,046	(782)
Operations	55,135	52,097	3,038
Personnel	204,837	202,136	2,701
Total Expenses:	302,405	301,840	566
Income Less Expenses:	24,773	0	24,773

Pledge receipts through the end of September totaled \$265,495, compared to projected pledges of \$246,750. Considering all income sources, income received to date totaled \$327,178, while we projected income to be \$301,840. We ended the month with another positive variance in overall projected income of \$25,339. We continue to experience a very positive trend in overall income.

The positive income variance thus far was reduced somewhat by expenses, which were greater than budgeted amounts by \$566. When subtracted from the positive income variance of \$25,339, our income less expenses resulted in a surplus of \$24,773 for the year.

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

Your Vestry

Pledging from the Heart

Charles Carter

On behalf of the Stewardship Committee of Grace, I ask that you prayerfully examine what you are giving to the Church. As Episcopalians, we are all called to give a percentage of our household income. Therefore, after you determine the percentage that best represents your household income, we hope that you will consider adjusting your pledge to also, more fully, represent your thankfulness to God for all that God gives to you. Furthermore, if you are not currently pledging, please join us in this wonderful aspect of God's calling to the members of Grace.

As Episcopalians, tithing has led many to new spiritual joy in their lives. We hope that, through tithing, you will join the Stewardship Committee, in experiencing those added joys to your spiritual life. The leadership of our parish commends you to tithe as a way in which to give sacrificially, meaningfully, and joyfully.

Soon you will receive a letter asking you to pledge. Remember that pledging not only allows Grace Church to continue to expand our mission in serving God in our community, but it also keeps the lights on and pays for the maintenance of our beautiful parish. Your pledge allows our church to fulfill the mission that God has for us. Please join us in this aspect of Grace's spiritual life and pledge today!

Like humility, generosity comes from seeing that everything we have and everything we accomplish comes from God's grace and God's love for us... Certainly it is from experiencing this generosity of God and the generosity of those in our life that we learn gratitude and to be generous to others. - *Desmond Tutu* -

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