



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,

The air is getting crisp, the leaves are falling, and as always, time is flying! Advent began Sunday, November 30, and the challenge to remain centered in God during the busy-ness of this season is upon us once again.

It will be important for us to block out time for our spiritual disciplines of prayer and worship and reflection. The daily readings in *Forward Day by Day* will be helpful in this regard. Lighting the candles of our family Advent wreaths each evening at our dinner tables and praying our Advent prayers at home will be another way.

We are shifting the day and time of our weekly Taizé Advent Eucharist to Wednesdays at 5:30 with the hope that this earlier time will allow folks to come by the church on their way home from work and make these quiet reflective services part of their Advent offerings to God. Also, rather than having a homily, we will have a brief silence after each reading. What this means is that the service will take about thirty minutes. We hope that the earlier time and the brevity of this service will make it possible for you to join in these special Advent services.

Also, please know that our beloved children are most welcome at this service. They will like the church lit primarily with candles and the opportunity to

light a candle as they come up to receive communion. The beautiful repetitive chants will also be something they can join in singing with us. If you can possibly block out the time, this service is an opportunity to enrich your Advent as a family. In fact,

this service could serve as your "table worship" for Wednesdays each week.

We just spent the month of October thinking of our financial giving to God as a spiritual practice. These ideas of devotional readings, prayers around our family Advent wreaths, and Advent worship opportunities constitute our Advent spiritual practices. They are all about quietly waiting for the celebration of His first Advent on December 25, when He was laid in a manger in a stable. They are also about waiting for His Second Advent, when He will come to gather us to be with Him

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forever.

May God bless us as we embrace the Advent Season and look forward to the Twelve Days of Christmas. Who might you invite to come with you to worship on Christmas? It is an excellent opportunity to introduce someone to Christ through our Christmas worship. Think about it.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Fr. Gary Coffey

Events at a Glance

Weekly Gospel Bible Study

Mondays, 10:30 a.m., PH

Early Birds Men's Book Study

Resumes January 6

Centering Prayer

Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m., OF

Generational Healing Eucharist

Tuesday, December 2, CH

Advent Taizé Worship Services

Wednesdays, December 3, 10, & 17, 5:30-6:00 p.m.

Men of the Church

Tuesday, December 9, 6:00 p.m.

TEAM Meeting

Wednesday, December 10, 11:00 a.m., OF

Steadfast House Meal

Friday, December 12, 6:00 p.m.

PubSing at French Broad Brewery

Sunday, December 14,

5:00 p.m., potluck; 6:00 p.m., singing

Vestry Meeting

Monday, December 15, 5:30 p.m., LI

Cookie Bash for Homebound

Tuesday, December 16, 10:00 a.m. LI

Healing Prayer Services

Tuesday, December 9 & 16, 7:00 p.m., CH

Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, December 21, 1:00 p.m., CH

Taizé Worship Service

Sunday, December 21, 8:00 p.m., CH

Church Office Closed – Christmas Holidays

Wednesday-Friday, December 24-26

Christmas Eve Services

Wednesday, December 24, CH

- Holy Eucharist, Paper Bag Pageant, 4 p.m.

- Choral Prelude, 9:30 p.m.

- Festal Holy Eucharist, 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day Eucharist

Thursday, December 25, 10:00 a.m.

Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 28

Church Office Closed

Thursday, January 1

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 are being accepted by the Flower/Altar Guild. 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.

Lectors, Intercessors and Presenters for the 9:00 service, please email Carol Booth, carolbooth@mindspring.com, if you would like to be added to the list or taken off the list for January, February and March.

The Men of the Church will meet on Tuesday, December 9, at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Larry Harris, 330 Stratford Road, Asheville. Larry will be our host and 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.

The Order of St. Luke will not meet in December.

Our monthly **PubSing**, an informal gathering on the second Sunday evening of each month to sing hymns, old-time Gospel and Americana inspirational music, will meet Sunday, December 14, at the French Broad Brewery, 101 Fairview Avenue. We will enjoy a potluck supper at 5:00 p.m.; singing will begin at 6:00 p.m. For more information, contact Monty Wooten at info@forestguide.com or 828-254-1114. For directions, go to <http://frenchbroadbrewery.com/directions/>.

The Pumpkin Patch netted a total of \$7,942.50 for children in Haiti through the Consider Haiti ministry. The Board of Consider Haiti would like to thank Grace Episcopal Church for your hard work and continued support of the Pumpkin Patch. This event is the group's single biggest fund-raising effort and over the years has allowed programs in Haiti to reach more children and their families. The support and the many gifts of time that made this once again a successful (and fun) event are appreciated.

Wedding Coordinators are still needed to assist with destination weddings at Grace, which put approximately \$10,000 in our Building Fund each year. Please contact Becky in the church office at 254-1086, and we will put you on the list for those considering serving and/or wanting more information. We would regret having to discontinue this ministry and source of needed funds due to a lack of volunteers. Training and/or information meetings planned for January.

"Let's Begin Again!"

Carol McMichael

First of all, Mike St. Clair and I would like to thank you for allowing us the privilege and honor of representing Grace Church at the Diocese of Western North Carolina 93rd Diocesan Convention, November 14-16.

The Bishop's message throughout the Convention was, "Let's Begin Again!". He stated that his goal is to "leave the building and get out into the world." He plans on visiting every parish in the Diocese. This will allow people to visit with him and to discuss their concerns and hopes. He also stated that the idea of leaving the building and getting out into the world should be our goal, also.

He said the Church is in a state of transition. Our churches should be implementing new programs, educational programs, mentoring, giving people tools and looking for feedback on these new steps, as well as giving grants.

His "Let's Begin Again!" message tells us we have done well! But what else can we do NOW? We should be anchored in tradition, but look forward.

I would urge you to go to the Diocesan web site: www.diocesewnc.org and read the Bishop's sermons from this week-end for yourselves. I guarantee you, they are inspiring reading!

Again, thank you for the opportunity to serve you at the Convention.

Celebrating Two Baptisms

*Through the Sacrament
of Holy Baptism*

Bryan Matthew Milling,
son of Charles & Joyce Milling,
*was welcomed into the Church
on Sunday, November 9
during the 9:00 worship service.*

Bryan

was sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism
and marked as Christ's own forever.

*Through the Sacrament
of Holy Baptism*

James Patrick Carlin,
son of Phillip & Lauren Carlin,
*was welcomed into the Church
on Sunday, November 16
during the 9:00 worship service.*

James

was sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism
and marked as Christ's own forever.

A Successful Rummage Sale

Nancy Remmers

The Rummage Sale was a great success. Thanks to all of the wonderful people who volunteered Tuesday through Saturday; and all who came on Saturday to work the sale and to those who came to clean up. Special thanks to Fr. Coffey who was there at 7:45 a.m. Saturday to "bless our mess" and us; to David Gentry and his brother Dickey for their help. Thanks to God for blessing us with great weather, and I am so blessed to work with so many wonderful people here at Grace. As of now we have made a little over \$2,400 and still have some items on consignment. Looking forward to next year.

And from those who helped out: Thank you, Nancy, for your hard work. You ministered to us all in so many ways.

Ushers Needed

Volunteer ushers are needed for the 9:00 and 11:15 services. Please prayerfully consider volunteering to assist in this ministry. Many of our ushers have retired, and we need others to take their places. If you would like additional information or would like to volunteer, please contact Larry Harris at 258-2170 or email him at harris1335@gmail.com. Training available.

Cookie Bash for the Homebound



Please save an important date!

WHEN?
Tuesday, December 16

WHAT TIME?
10:00 a.m.

WHERE?
The parish hall

WHAT TO BRING?
Enough cookies to give to our homebound friends
and to exchange with each other

Please plan to stay for a cup of hearty soup and cookies for dessert! This annual gathering is a great opportunity for fellowship and community-building. If you have questions, please call Kathleen Griffin at 258-2105 or Georgi Bruce at 669-0993.

Lots of Taizé Changes

Advent Taizé Worship services will be take place on Wednesdays, December 3, 10 and 17 at 5:30 p.m. It is a great time to enjoy fellowship with one another and worship during the Advent Season. We have changed the time and length of the service with the hope that this earlier time will allow folks to come by the church on their way home from work and make these quiet reflective services part of their Advent offerings to God. Also, rather than having a homily, we will have a brief silence after each reading. What this means is that the service will take about 30 minutes. We hope that the earlier time and the brevity will make it possible for you to join in these special Advent services.

Hanging of the Greens

Calling all "Hanging of the Greens" helpers and decorators! We need you Sunday, December 21, at 1:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars now and plan to come help with this tradition of Grace Church. We also need assistance decorating the trees and preparing the Crèche. If you can join us for this special event at Grace, please call Jean Haldane at 253-9083 to let her know.

Christmas Eve Paper Bag Pageant, 4 p.m.

Stars, shepherds, animals and angels! Come participate in the traditional Grace Christmas Pageant on December 24 at 4:00 p.m. If you are new to Grace, come join a long tradition. Bring your little ones to the parish hall at 3:15, and they can participate in our special pageant. Simple costumes are in paper bags, and volunteers help the children with selections and getting dressed. Children sit with family during the service and go to the back of the church when instructed. At the end of the service, the costumes are returned to the paper bags in the parish hall. No rehearsals are necessary. Bring your children and grandchildren to create lasting memories of Christmas at Grace.

Prelude and Services

This year's Christmas Eve Prelude is a special gift from the Choirs of Grace. The Adult Choir, the Handbell Choir and our organist Cathy Adkins will present a special service beginning at 9:30 p.m. Please join us to spend some quiet time listening to beautiful music in preparation for the Feast of the Nativity that begins at 10:00 p.m. On Christmas day, our Eucharist will be at 10:00 a.m.

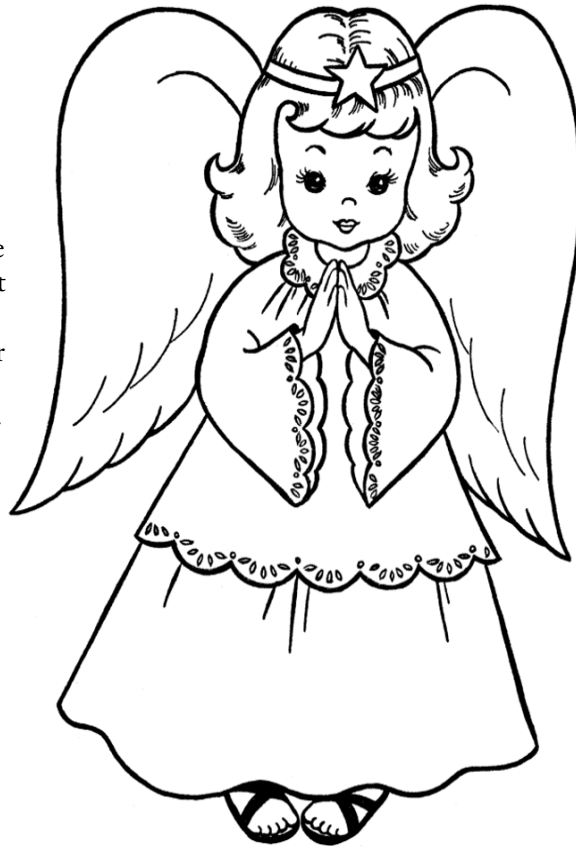
Grace Outreach

Sue Thompkins

The Angel Tree is once again set up in the foyer thanks to the efforts of Monty Wooten and Cheryl Deyton. This year, the names of the children who are in need of presents are being provided to us by Caring for Children and the Foster Parents Association. Many but not all of these children have been removed from their homes by the courts and are in the custody of the Department of Social Services. None of these children are now living with their families. The children in both the Family Foster Care and Therapeutic Foster Care programs are in long-term placements and usually have little or no contact with their families. Children in the PERCS foster care program have been removed from their families and are awaiting long term placement. PERCS is an emergency program.

As in years past, please remember that you do not need

to purchase every item on the list. These are "wishes." We also encourage you to partner with friends or



co-workers to provide gifts. Sue Thompkins is willing to shop for you if you are unable to do so. However, she must do it early this year, so please call her NOW at 828-230-9328 if you want her to assist you. Make a check out to Grace Episcopal Church and put Angel Tree on the memo line; then tell Sue how much you want her to spend. If you cannot take an angel but would like to help, purchase a gift, place it under the tree, and we will get it to a needy child. If you wrap your gifts, please label each one so the foster parent will know what is in the package. Please return your "angel" (the ornament you took from the Angel Tree) with the presents. Thank you in advance for your support of our efforts to provide presents for needy children at Christmas! **Please return gifts to the church no later than Sunday, December 14.**

ABCCM Food Drive. We will be holding our final food drive of the year for ABCCM on Sunday, December 14. We will place bags in the pews on Sunday, December 7, for your use. Each bag will have a list of needed food items for the ABCCM food pantries. Please return the bags to the church at all services on Sunday, December 14. Let's come together to provide lots of food to hungry people in Buncombe County during the holiday season.

An Outreach Ministry Opportunity. As most of you know, our Backpacker program provides food for the weekend to potentially hungry children who are students at Jones Elementary. We are currently providing food to forty-eight children on a weekly basis. Throughout the years that the Grace Outreach Committee has been doing this program, we have had a dedicated group of parishioners who make it work. This group has recently lost of couple of members who helped pack the food. We are currently looking for one or two dedicated people who can work in the church kitchen at 4:30 p.m. on Thursdays for thirty to forty-five minutes to help pack bags of food. If you are interested in helping us address the issue of hunger among local children, please contact Carol Booth at carolbooth@mindspring.com.

Healing Prayer Corner

Jeanne Robertson

Christmas Blessings for all of you. Advent is a wonderful time of the year to reflect on our blessings that God has provided and to focus on a faith-filled life. Unfortunately, it is also a time of shopping, decorating and preparing for family visits. Along with all of this comes stress and with the stress comes memories of past failures and events which you have found impossible to forgive. Fortunately, Grace has many opportunities to begin the forgiveness process before the guests arrive. Every Tuesday night there is a healing service at 7:00 p.m. and every Wednesday, a healing service at 12:15 p.m. The only exception is that there will be no healing service on the Tuesdays of December 23 and 30.

The process of forgiving is the first step toward healing. I urge all of you to begin that healing process, letting our Lord Jesus Christ take the burden you carry when you find it impossible to forgive a family member or friend. May all of you begin the journey toward healing, experiencing the blessings that this special time of the year can bring.

Tuna, Too? A Special Request



It's a busy season. It's a giving season.

And we, the followers of Jesus at Grace Church, spend a huge amount of the Advent season *busily giving*: granting foster

children's Christmas wishes, brightening the days of our own homebound parishioners with cookies, making sure the pantry at ABCCM is full, packing bags of weekend food for hungry grade-schoolers.

So now - tuna, too?

Grace Outreach has an unexpected need. Canned tuna is a protein mainstay in the bags we pack for children in need at Jones Elementary. And for the first time in our experience with MANNA Food Bank, tuna is scarce. Really scarce.

Can you help us? Whenever you shop for groceries, could you just pick up a few regular-size cans of tuna and bring them to church? We'll put a basket in the foyer for your donations, and we'd love to fill it up several times in the next few weeks.

As busy as you are, we hope you'll include tuna, too.

And on behalf of our Backpacker kids, we thank you for your generosity.

And An Urgent Reminder

WHAT? Packing food bags for youngsters in need.

WHEN? Weekly on Thursday afternoons at 4:30 p.m. for 30-45 minutes.

WHERE? The kitchen in the parish hall.

WHY? Because there *is* hunger in western North Carolina — right here in our own neighborhood, in fact. Some of the hungriest children identified at neighboring Jones Elementary School take home bags of food packed on Thursdays by parishioners at Grace. In just the half hour or so it takes to pack those bags, the Grace Backpackers, in partnership with MANNA Food Bank, make it a little less likely that a child will go hungry over the weekend.

As a new year begins, we desperately need additional packers. Could you help?
For details, please email Carol Booth, carolbooth@mindspring.com.

Vestry Election - November 23, 2014

We would like to thank the persons rotating off the Vestry for faithful service rendered: Jean Haldane, Daphne Urquhart, Paul Vest, and Bill Warren. And we welcome our new Vestry members:

Kimberly Kneier. Kimberly is a native of Knoxville, TN, and attended Knoxville Catholic High School; her alma mater is the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Kimberly received a Bachelor's in the College of Human Ecology, in the Department of Child and Family Studies, with a specialization in Family and Human Development and a minor in Psychology.

Kimberly has been in Real Estate Development at Jason's Deli since 2011 with a primary focus of expanding corporate restaurants in a twelve state territory. Prior to Jason's Deli, her most recent involvement in the restaurant segment of the commercial real estate industry came from six years of experience at Ruby Tuesday corporate office in Maryville, TN.

Currently Kimberly sits on the Board of the Verner Center for Early Learning in Asheville. Among other projects, Kimberly is working closely with the Executive Director of Verner in expanding the "RIMT" program nationwide. The program teaches nutritional eating habits to Verner students and their families, who are of a lower economic background, as well as providing them with whole-foods-based meals. Kimberly is also active with ABCCM in the Our Circles Program and is an Ally to a single mother of lower economic means.

Finally, Kimberly is very active in the Asheville tennis community. She has been playing for fourteen months and was Captain of three teams in the 2014 USTA League Season. Two of Kimberly's teams placed first in WNC and played in the NC State Championships.

Kimberly looks forward to using her experiences and/or God-given gifts in any way to assist the Vestry and Grace parish.

Mickey Trinite. Tricia and I have attended Grace for five years, since we moved here from the Washington, D.C. area. We looked around a bit for a church when we first got here, but we never really considered anywhere but Grace. We were married thirty-six years ago at a Grace Episcopal church in Michigan. It was a gray stone church with a prominent red door. I have enjoyed the spiritual leadership of Gary, Bob and Jeanette. The Pretty Good Cup of Coffee Sunday School program has been a wonderful time for me. I am retired and have the time to help out as Jr. Warden and I consider it an honor to do so.

Mark Silvers. My journey of faith started on a farm in East Tennessee. My father worked at a local factory as an unofficial engineer, and my mother worked in the election commission. Everyone worked at the farm when we were home. Sometimes my mother and I would come spend the weekend in Asheville with my grandfather, in the house where my family and I now reside. My family and I attended the local Missionary Baptist church, where I was baptized at the age of six in usual Baptist tradition. When

I was thirteen or so, I taught the lower level Sunday school and began learning to play the piano and filling in for the regular pianist.

My first job, at sixteen, was Assistant Activities Director of the Long Term Care unit in the local hospital, where I developed a love for the elderly, the disenfranchised, and the wonderful knowledge they possess. Meanwhile, the local Presbyterian Church, which my grandparents attended, lost their pastor, pianist, and organist all at the same time. I was asked to fill in as pianist, and later asked to stay. My piano teacher arranged a meeting with the organist of the downtown church, who instructed me on the organ, and I later became the organist. Then at age eighteen, I was ordained an elder of the Presbyterian Church. I was lured into teaching Sunday school again, which I so enjoyed — this time for a group ranging from fifty to eighty five. This was a big jump! I served in most of these capacities for ten years.

At twenty I became a father! Jonah was born and I began to understand, as feeble as it was, another dimension of love our God has for us as Heavenly Father. Four years later Ellie was born! These have been the two greatest gifts and joys of my life! A little over a year later my father passed away from cancer, I was going through a divorce, and my family, as we knew it, was gone. I took some time apart from everyone to examine the direction in which I should go. Where was I being called?

As I passed the majestic Grace Church upon the hill day by day, I wondered what was the inside like? What were the people like? One Sunday I decided to go and see. Wow! Truly a light on the hill. What a wonderful place full of the presence of God! What a balm for the soul that Grace offered to me and my family. I was home! I am so glad God led us to the Grace Parish! I have made great friends! Jonah now contributes to worship as an acolyte and has ushered. Ellie cannot wait for the chance to start! I cannot express how thankful I am for your faithfulness to God. Thank you for allowing me to serve our Lord with you all.

Nora Jones. I am an Asheville native, growing up and living in North Asheville most of my life. My husband Steve and I moved to Crowfields three years ago; it makes leaving for our beloved 7:45 a.m. service a challenge. We've attended Grace since the early eighties. Our daughter Claire lives in Flat Rock, so we are fortunate to see both her and our grandson Walker often. As an active civic volunteer, I've been involved with Children's Welfare League, the Asheville Art Museum Auxilliary and the Nature Center. With Grace, I am a member of our Flower Guild, Daughters of the King, and the Altar Guild, which I will chair in 2015. My hobbies are knitting, needlepoint and reading, but my favorite past-time is skeet shooting.

December 2014 Ministry Schedule

Date	Service Time	Acolyte C	Acolyte G	Acolyte E	Lector, Intercessor & Presenters	Healing Team	Ushers	Chalichists	Coffee Hour	Scripture	Lesson
December 7											
	7:45				Deb Gravatt		Steve Jones	James Cannon			
	9:00	Noah Clary	Carsten Path	Cuyler Dupree	L - Cuyler Dupree I - Jenny Knapp P - Knapp Family	Louise Wernicke Patricia Hargrove	Tricia & Mickey Trinite	1. Jennifer Clary 2. Carol Booth	Elaine Dephuse	Isaiah 40:1-11	1st Lesson & 9:00 Lesson
	11:15	Cheryl Aull	Sally Withers	Bob Grimes	L, I, P - Beth Stahi, Jenny Thomas	Pat Davis Karen Compton	Henry Watts Elaine Potter	1. Carol McMichael 2. Bill Spencer	Sallie Hunter	II Peter 3:8-15a	2nd Lesson
December 14											
	7:45				Deb Gravatt		Ed Duncan	James Cannon			
	9:00	Gavin Knapp	Faith Valley	Louise Wernicke	L - Robert Green I - Robert Green P - Green Family	Sherry Coward Jeanne Robertson	Ray and Wendy Kuykendall	1. Jenny Knapp 2. Cuyler Dupree	Paul Vest	Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11	1st Lesson & 9:00 Lesson
	11:15	Rusty McCredie	Grace Miller	Lani Anderson	L, I, P - Elaine Potter and Sally Coburn	Mary Israel Corinne Spencer	Larry Harris Paul Stewart	1. Mark Silvers 2. Mary Cozine	Lelia Cort	I Thessalonians 5:16-24	2nd Lesson
December 21											
	7:45				Deb Gravatt		Andrew Dahm	Margaret Dahm			
	9:00	Maira Stewart	Laura Ellington	Cuyler Dupree	L - Anne Simmons I - Greg Townsend P - Townsend Family	Pat Davis Jane Whitman	Larry Harris Jim Siemens	1. Debbie Jones 2. Anne Simmons	Katherine Kaderabek	II Samuel 7:1-11, 16	1st Lesson & 9:00 Lesson
	11:15	Mark Silvers	Jonah Silvers	Eric Howell	L, I, P - Rusty McCredie, Jenny Knapp, Alternate	Karen Compton Sonny Rawls	John Rigsby Rusty Herrman	1. Eric Howell 2. Nancy Clark	Peggy Grimes	Romans 16:25-27	2nd Lesson
	Taizé 8:00 PM				I - Dan McCurry, P - Nancy Whitacre	Deb Gravatt					
December 24											
	4:00	Cade Wooten	Helena Cullen	Zoe Davis	L - Angie Cullen I - Angie Cullen P - Cullen Family		Kaderabek Family	1. Daphne Urquhart 2. Cuyler Dupree		Isaiah 9:2-7 Titus 2:11-14	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson
	9:15 PM 10:00 PM	Rusty McCredie	Grace Miller	Scott Best	L, I, P - Kristen Dusenbery, Carol McMichael, Mike St. Clair		Ron Sims Ed Woekener	1. Charles Carter 2. Kimberly Kneier		Isaiah 9:2-7 Titus 2:11-14	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson
December 25											
	10:00 AM	Sally Withers	Elly Withers	Mary Bates	L, I, P - John and Beth Woodson		Paul and Vicki Vest	1. Sally Coburn 2. Sally Withers		Isaiah 9:2-7 Titus 2:11-14	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson
December 28											
	7:45				Deb Gravatt		Ed Duncan	James Cannon			
	9:00	Maira Stewart	Alternate	Cuyler Dupree	L - Sherry Coward I - Sherry Coward P - Coward Family	Jeanne Robertson Shari Lane	Tricia & Mickey Trinite	1. Anne Simmons 2. Greg Townsend	Micki Newton	Isaiah 61:10-62:3	1st Lesson & 9:00 Lesson
	11:15	Mark Silvers	Elly Withers	Bob Grimes	L, I, P - Cal Remmers, Sally Coburn and Alternate	Mary Israel Sonny Rawls	Henry Watts Elaine Potter	1. Nancy Remmers 2. Mark Silvers	Georgi Bruce	Galatians 3:23-25, 4:4-7	2nd Lesson
Flower Arrangers											
Date	Counters	Depositors	Date	Alter Guild							
7-Dec	Steve Birkhofer	James Cannon	7-Dec	Group 1 - Dec 6 - Dec. 12							
14-Dec	Martha Boyette	Judy Bohan	14-Dec	Group 2 - Dec 13 - Dec 19							
21-Dec	Sally Withers	Chal & Hugh Vaughn	21-Dec	Group 3 - Dec 20 - Dec 23							
28-Dec	Georgi Bruce	Anne Simmons	Dec 22, 28 (maintain)	Group 4 - Dec 27 - Jan 2							

Our Prayer List

December

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; Gary Coffey; Sherry Coward; Mary Cozine; Ed Denison; Eunice & Rhea Ferguson; Catherine Godfrey; Buddy Greenwood; Jess Gregory; Olivia & the Haller family; Mary Hayes; Wendy Kuykendall; Michelle Lee; Charlotte Melson; Nancy Porter; Tsz-yan Snyder & family; Corinne Spencer; Lucinda Watkins; Mary Jane Westall; 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 McAuliffe (friends of Barbara Wilcox); Nancy Bailey & daughters, Allison & Kristen (friends of Barbara Wilcox); Carolyn & Winn Baker (friends of Bob & Jeannette Reese); Bethany (daughter of Joan); Bobbie Bradshaw (grandmother of Geoff Bradshaw); Chris Carson (son of Martha & Randy); 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 & Beverly McRee (friends of Grace Church); Deane Boggs (sister of Joyce Noble); 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; Alan & Melissa Wood; Alicia; Ashley (daughter of Henry Watts); Dan; Don & Patricia; Elizabeth; Linda; Lou (mother of Kim Hayes); 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 in the Episcopal Church: **Katharine, our Presiding Bishop; Porter & Robert, our Bishops; the clergy; the vestry; the staff; the ministries of this Parish; Church of the Advocate; ABCCM; Consider Haiti; Episcopal Relief & Development; Food for the Poor; Manna Food Bank; Meals on Wheels.**

For Those Who Have Died & Their Families: **Bud Carson (father of Randy Carson).**

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.

December Anniversaries

Jim and Betsy Dreger	3
Randy and Susan Smith	8
Charles and Barbara Wilcox	17
Rusty and Lynda McCredie	19
Paul and Daphne Urquhart	19
David and Sally Withers	20
Sue and William Thompkins	21
Hugh and Chal Vaughn	21
Mickey and Tricia Trinite	23
Rick and Kim Hayes	27
Fred and Micki Newton	29
Steve and Carol Booth	30

December Birthdays

3 Beth McKinsey	20 Elizabeth Barr
3 Aidan Sailer	20 Derek Edwards
3 Bob Turner	21 Jonathan Cort
4 Joyce Noble	21 Lucie Holland
5 Suzy Young	22 Robert Green
7 Sylvia Greenwood	22 Charles Wilcox
9 Peter Booth	22 Ed Woekener
10 Ed Duncan	23 Nora Jones
11 Don Hawkins	24 Natalie Nery
14 Scott Best	24 Olivia Nery
15 Katie Nery	27 Tom Barr
16 Eva McKinsey	27 Courtney Bell
16 Kristin Perez	28 Doris Cummings
17 Kate Young	29 Helena Cullen
19 Carsten Path	29 Alice Moriarty

Gifts to Appreciate

The Aumbry Candle is given by Nora and Steve Jones in celebration of the birthday of their grandson, Walker Webb.

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

Eva Dupree in memory of her grandmother Aegina Derieux and her uncle and aunt John and Jean Gantt;

Sylvia Greenwood in memory of Lou and Calvin Morrow and Garnet and Gordon Greenwood;

Heather and Thorsten Path in celebration of twenty years of marriage.

The flowers are given to the glory of God by

Nancy and Cal Remmers in thanksgiving for their children and grandchildren;

Deb Pegel in memory of her husband Louis.

The beautiful Christmas greens and flowers are given to the Glory of God by the generous donors of Grace Parish.

The Christmas trees are given to the Glory of God by James Cannon in memory of his wife Bobbi.



Endowment Gifts

Given by Georgi Bruce in honor of the Grace Altar Guild, Becky Barker, and Fr. Gary for all of their hard work in making the wedding and reception of my granddaughter, Mary Withers, and her new husband, Kevin Bates, go so well.

Prayerful as Year-End Nears

Your Vestry

Pledge receipts of \$28,762 in October brought year-to-date pledges to \$294,764 compared to budgeted pledges of \$299,169. Considering all other income sources, income for the first ten months totaled \$370,766, resulting in a negative variance of (\$7,916).

The negative income variance for the first ten months was offset by under budget Mission & Outreach costs of \$8,432, under budget Operations costs of \$8,128 and under budget Personnel costs of \$13,860. These positive variances total \$30,420, but this number is reduced somewhat by over-budget expenses of \$2,277 in Parish Programs, giving us total savings from budgeted expenses of \$28,143. When applied to the negative income variance of (\$7,916) and adjusted for suspended costs of \$480, year-to-date income less expenses at the end of October totaled \$19,747.

We are prayerful as we continue toward year-end that all needs will be met with continued offerings.

Statement of Activities - Grace Church Year to Date - October 2014

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Income:			
Pledges	294,764	299,169	(4,405)
Prior Year Pledges	6,510	-	6,510
Non-pledged Offerings	39,640	51,237	(11,597)
Open Offering	7,566	8,333	(768)
Interest	39	125	(86)
Misc.	22,248	19,818	2,429
Total Income:	370,767	378,683	(7,916)
Expenses:			
Outreach/Mission	39,178	47,610	(8,432)
Parish Programs	13,110	10,833	2,277
Operations	52,413	60,542	(8,128)
Personnel	245,838	259,698	(13,860)
Suspense Acct-credit card charges to be coded	480	-	480
Total Expenses:	351,020	378,683	(27,663)
Income Less Expenses:	19,747	-	19,747



The Greening of the Lawn

Watch for the beautiful posters around the church which Margaret Dahm made to track our pledge campaign for 2015. She will be coloring in the stones and the grass leading up the church to signify the number of pledges received. So far, we have received 120 pledges toward our goal of 151 pledges. Thanks so much to all of you who give to God through Grace Church!

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