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Parson to Person

Gary Coffey

Dear People of God,

I don't remember where I heard this expression, but what I have to say to you this month is from our "For What It Is Worth Department." Sometimes we can benefit from a mistake made by others and can avoid having to make that same mistake ourselves. I am hoping that you can benefit from one of my mistakes. It has to do with the recent death of my mother. You may have heard me say that it was easier to let my mother go because she had not been doing very well this last year of her life, and that is true. It was a little easier to let go of her knowing that her pain and suffering were coming to an end. But no matter how much easier her frailty and sickness made it for us to let her go, my brother, sister and I still lost our mother. Our children lost their grandmother, and little Stella lost her great-grandmother. The loss was very real.

We used to poke fun at our mother for being a packrat. We would laugh, hopefully with her, about the things that she stashed in drawers and closets thinking that she might need those things sometime. The result of her propensity to hang on to things was that every drawer and closet in her house was full of stuff. That being the case, we knew that we had a big job ahead of us in cleaning out our mother's house. We also had to decide whether or not we were going to clear the furniture out of the house before we sell it. We decided we would remove the extraneous furniture but leave enough in each room to make it look cozy.

Somehow my brother and sister got the impression that it really doesn't matter if there is furniture in the house or not when we sell it. My sister has a wonderful friend who was willing to help her with a garage sale to get rid of our mother's stuff. Suddenly the garage sale was planned for last Saturday, and it was decided that we

might as well include in the sale all the furniture we did not want. I said that was okay with me. I thought it was okay. However I went down to work at the house on my day off last week and discovered in the middle of the day that I was extremely sad. After thinking about why, I realized that I had hoped to keep Mama's house together until we sell it. That way any of us could stay overnight there during that time, or we could just come down for the day, and it would still be our mother's house.

In selling all the furniture so soon, I discovered that for me it was just too soon. I think I would have benefited from having our mother's house intact for the months that it will probably take to sell it. Intellectually I know that it is just stuff. But it was her stuff, stuff that she had saved, stuff that for whatever reason was

somewhat important to her. Of course by the time I figured that out, it was really too late to put on the brakes and do differently. Pretty much everything was

sold last Saturday.

So I offer this experience of mine for what it might be worth to you. What I learned is that each of us is different. Some of us need to grieve a little more slowly than others. If I had it do over again, I would have slowed things way down. We could have sold my mother's things as easily in January as we did last Saturday. We often live our lives in a bit of a hurry even when we don't have to do so. I learned from this experience that I am a person who needs to stop and smell the roses for a while before they are gone. Maybe you can learn something from my experience that will save you some pain around the loss of a loved one. I hope so.

God's Peace and Blessing,
Fr. Gary

" I learned from this experience . . . "

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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.



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TEAM *the Grace*

Parish News

Broughton Lunch. The residents from Broughton are coming for lunch at Grace on Wednesday, August 10. Margaret Dahm is planning and cooking for the event. She will need volunteers for setting tables, serving, icing cakes, mashing potatoes and calling the Bingo game. Please let Margaret know if you would like to help. Her phone number is 254-2772, or you can email her at margaretdahm@yahoo.com. We are looking for Bingo prizes for the lunch. Please help us find fun prizes for our friends from Broughton. Crossword and puzzle books, inexpensive fun jewelry, playing cards and games, candy or Beanie Babies are some suggestions. Nothing sharp, please. Please leave the prizes in the church office or in the box in the foyer. Call Margaret with any questions.



“God Stories” for *TEAM*. Just a reminder. We would like to publish your “God Story” in the Grace *TEAM*. Please share a special happening which was too wonderful to be a coincidence, an answered prayer, or a story about God’s working in your life. You may write it and drop it by the church office or send it by email to graceparish@bellsouth.net.



The **Fall Recall Brunch** will be on Sunday August 28. Kids, grab your parents and join us for Meet the Teacher and then go upstairs for brunch during the Sunday School hour. On Sunday, September 11 we will start classes. See you then!



LunchBunch will meet at Homegrown on Merrimon Avenue on Tuesday, August 9 for good food and fellowship. Meet in the church parking lot at 11:30 a.m. If you have questions, call Georgi at 253-0001.



Men of the Church will meet Tuesday, August 9 at 6:00 p.m. The host and cook is Bob Perry. His address is 25 Wentworth Ave., Asheville. Everyone is welcome. The cost is \$10.00. Please sign up on the blue sheet on the kiosk.



Congratulations to **Charlie and Joyce Milling** on the birth of baby daughter **Annabelle Jeanette Milling**. Annabelle was born on May 13 and weighed

in at six pounds and seven ounces. May God bless little Annabelle.

Congratulations to **Davis and Katie Smith** on the birth of baby daughter **Caroline Reeves Smith**. Reeves was born on July 8 and weighed in at nine pounds and seven ounces. May God bless little Reeves.



The Mountain Chapter of the **Order of St. Luke** will meet on Thursday, August 11 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the parish hall. We will be viewing session four of our exciting DVD-based course, *In His Footsteps*. The session is titled “Jesus in Focus.” It discusses the fact that one major reason for the lack of miracles in the church today is that our image of Jesus, in healing terms, is out of focus. If we have Jesus out of focus, our prayers are less likely to convey the hope and confidence important for healing to occur. If you missed the first three sessions, don’t let that keep you from coming to the August session. You will quickly get caught up.



M³ – Making the Most of the Middle

Join us for a back-to-school lock-in and great times with church friends Friday–Saturday, August 19–20 in the Grace conference room and parish hall. The fun is open to all Grace middle schoolers. While there is no cost for the evening, all interested folks should call Daphne Urquhart at 828-273-0273 to sign up by Tuesday, August 16. The fun begins at 6:00 p.m. on the 19th and ends at 10:00 a.m. on the 20th. Come join the fun as we make the most of the middle!

Pig Pickin’ Coming September 24

The time for our annual barbeque dinner sponsored by Men of the Church is rapidly approaching. The event will be on Saturday, September 24 in the church parking lot as in the past. Music will begin at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:15 p.m. Remember all the fun we had last year and plan to come. Tickets will go on sale at the church soon. Mark your calendars.

Welcome New Members – The Neffs

Grace Church extends to Dan and Linda Neff and their son Daniel a warm welcome as new members. They were received into our fellowship with blessings, prayers, and the Rite of Belonging on Sunday, July 31.

Dan is originally from Covington, KY; Linda is originally from Andalusia, AL; and Daniel was born in Jacksonville, FL. Johnny, their two-year-old golden retriever, was born in Sparta, NC, and has been part of the Neff family since he was six weeks old. Dan and Linda have been married for almost fifteen years, having spent most of that time working with troubled teens in group homes. Currently Linda is working with children with disabilities and Dan is pursuing a writing career (in novels). Dan is a cancer survivor of more than ten years. His experience with cancer was an amazing demonstration of God’s grace and providence, with one miracle after another over the course of a two-year period. Dan wrote and self-published a book about his experience, *God Said, “Not Yet!”- One Man’s Experience with “Terminal” Cancer*. The Neffs have lived in the Asheville area for about a year (North Carolina for two and a half years) and love it.



“God Story” for August

Healing Prayers Answered

My daughter, who is mentally ill, has not been stable for almost two years. I prayed for her at the healing station during church, and she was on the church prayer list. God, working with the doctors, discovered the right combination of medicines to make her stable. I want to thank God and the people of Grace for praying for my daughter. Praise God! **RS**

Healing Prayer Corner

Jeanne Robertson

I cannot tell you how many times I have been inspired to write about a topic after hearing Fr. Gary speak, and this month is no exception. Fr. Gary has challenged us to write up our God incidents and submit them to the Grace *TEAM* for publication. And so the thinking process began within my mind. What could I submit that would be outstanding, wonderful, unusual, bigger-than-life? I thought and thought and came up with nothing. How could everyone else experience such events while I was being left out? Then suddenly the story of Moses and the burning bush came to my mind. That certainly was a “God incident” for Moses. It certainly was an incident that was outstanding, wonderful, unusual and bigger-than-life. But what if God had decided to give Moses his burning bush experience one burning leaf at a time instead of his seeing the whole bush burning at once? Then I realized

that my God incidents didn’t need to be outstanding, wonderful, unusual, or bigger-than-life. They could be the little things in life that remind me that God is watching over me. Maybe I should call those incidents “God realizations.” Now what could I submit? What about the time when I was running late for an appointment and arrived with two minutes to spare and realized that I had not been stopped by any red lights as I drove to the appointment? Or how about the time when I took a very sick friend to the doctor’s office and found only one empty parking space, and it was right by the entrance to his office? Or the time when I started dragging the hose out to water the garden, and it started to rain? I have now decided that my God incidents/realizations are any time anything happens that prompts me to say, “Thank you, God.” How about you? What are yours?

Room In The Inn – What Is It?

Room In The Inn is Homeward Bound's most community-driven program, with more than 2,000 volunteers from over 40 faith congregations mobilized each year!

Room In The Inn partners with local faith communities to provide shelter for up to twelve women each night. Each week faith communities open their facilities to welcome the women as guests, offering a warm, safe place for homeless women who are working hard to move forward to permanent housing. The simple goal is to keep women without homes from sleeping on the street and risking their safety. The greater goal is to build loving relationships with them, one week at a time . . . that is when real ministry occurs.



Room In The Inn is a national model, and in our community it was started in 2001 by a few women with a vision. For years it was volunteer-run with an active steering committee, but in 2010 the committee decided to take it to the next level, asking Homeward Bound to manage the program. The goal was to move Room In The Inn from being simply shelter and to transition it to a program that provided solutions for the women it served by focusing on case management and working with the women to move them into permanent housing.

Providing shelter for homeless women is often the first step toward their becoming part of Homeward Bound's successful supportive housing program Pathways to Permanent Housing, through which the women can receive monetary resources to move from shelter into housing with intentional continued relational support to help them maintain that housing long-term.

Room In The Inn works with homeless women who are emotionally stable, not currently affected by drugs or alcohol, and willing to abide by the rules of the program, which prohibit drinking, smoking in the building, weapons, drugs, fighting, foul language or

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someone to pick up the ladies each night and return them downtown each morning. We also need basic supplies such as milk, juice, bread, fruit, and so on.

Our biggest needs are blankets and pillows for the ladies to use during the week. We are looking for new or used blankets and pillows, or you can donate money to help purchase those items. The items will be stored during the year to be used in the future when we host RITI. Mattresses are provided and are transferred from church to church each week. If you are interested in donating any of the items or in helping during the week, please let me know. I will be happy to answer any questions you might have. My phone number is 253-5000.

abuse, ensuring a safe environment for the women and the faith community volunteers.

At 6 p.m. each evening faith community volunteers pick up the women at Homeward Bound and transport them to their host congregation for the week. The host congregation provides dinner and sometimes an activity, and the women sleep in the congregation's building on mattresses owned by Homeward Bound. Two volunteers stay with the women overnight, and the next morning the host congregation provides a simple breakfast and sack lunches for the women to take with them. At 7 a.m. the host congregation takes the women back to Homeward Bound,

where they spend the day going to appointments, connecting with other community agencies, seeking employment, and receiving case management services from the Room In The Inn director.

Each faith community makes a commitment to serve for at least one week. That could mean that a community hosts, provides meals, drives, or stays overnight with the guests. There is also at least one quarterly coordinators' meeting and a training session the week before the congregation hosts. If a faith community can't fully commit to a week, they'll be partnered with another community so that they can work together!

Each Room In The Inn congregation provides an annual stipend of \$1,200, which is key to providing a full-time director who can case-manage the women with a twelve to one ratio. Having a dedicated case manager is a huge advantage; remember that lack of support is what keeps people in the homeless world! In addition the stipend assists with other program needs like showers, laundry, and storage for belongings, which are all accessible at the A HOPE Day Center. Most importantly the funds can be used to help someone move into permanent housing!

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Grace Outreach Notes

Sue Thompkins

Back-to-School Supplies Needed for Foster Children

Can you donate a box of crayons or a notebook or pencils or paper? Would you consider donating a backpack? If so, you can become a part of our village that is coming together to provide school supplies to foster children in Buncombe County. We need your help.

This year we will be collecting back-to-school supplies for foster children in a different way. As you can imagine, with the current state budget cuts to education and to judicial services, the need is greater than ever. Please remember that the children have been removed from the homes of their parents by the courts because the parents were either abusing the children or neglecting them. The stipend given to foster parents to care for the children is often not enough to cover their expenses, especially large expenses like school supplies. If each of us contributes a little, then we will be able to help many children.

This year we are asking you to help bring in basic supplies which can be divided among many children. We also hope that the new way of collecting supplies will give more of you an opportunity to participate in the program because you can donate as few or as many items as you would like (example: one box of crayons or many supplies). We will be collecting items at each service. Please bring all items in **by Sunday, August 7**, so that we will have time to distribute them before school starts.

Here is a list of needed items that you may choose from to help with your shopping:

- Backpacks for all ages
- Writing supplies – blue/black/red pens, pencils, colored pencils, crayons, pencil sharpeners, pencil pouches, highlighters, dry-erase markers, mechanical pencils, pink erasers
- Storage supplies – one-inch three-ring binders with clear pockets on the front; three-inch three-ring binders; spiral notebooks in one-, three- and five-subject sizes; zippered three-ring binders; two-pocket folders with three-ring brackets; two-pocket folders with holes to fit in a notebook; one-and-a-half-inch binders; two-inch binders; white, red, black, and green one-inch binders with see-through insert covers; green, yellow, blue, and red folders with pockets and clips
- Paper – wide-ruled paper and college-ruled paper; composition notebooks with wide-ruled paper; composition notebooks with graph paper; construction paper; copy paper; post-it notes; index cards; green, yellow, blue, and red single-subject spiral notebooks (wide-ruled)
- Miscellaneous – glue sticks (not purple), scissors, clipboards, white Elmer's glue, Purell hand sanitizer

If you have any questions, please call Sue Thompkins at 230-9328. Thank you for caring and for your generosity.

Room In The Inn Comes to Grace

Teri Frue

We are fast approaching our first week of hosting Room In The Inn at Grace, which will be the week of September 18-24. It is something I am very excited about! It is a great opportunity to give back to our community and to help in the process of getting women back on their way to a better life.

It may be our first week hosting at Grace, but several folks in our congregation have been involved with RITI for a long time. Last year we celebrated the ten-year anniversary of Room In The Inn, with which Grace has been involved pretty much since the beginning. Jack and I became leaders in 2004, when I was pregnant with our twins who are about to turn seven. Our children have grown up helping with RITI, and they love hanging out with the ladies. In the past we have joined with Groce United Methodist and St. John's in hosting during the year, but I feel that hosting at Grace is the perfect next step. Hosting RITI will be very rewarding, as we can witness firsthand the fruits of our efforts in bettering the lives of the ladies of our community whom we assist through RITI.

With the event approaching, there are some things you might need to know. There will be no more than twelve women staying at the church each night. They will arrive around 6:15 in the evening in time for us to serve them dinner. They will be staying overnight at the church along with two volunteers. The following morning they will need to be up by 6:00 and leave for downtown around 6:30 or 6:45. We provide them with a quick breakfast and send them off with bag lunches.

This month we will be posting a sign-up sheet for you to volunteer and to help with tasks during the week. We will need the following for each day: two people to stay overnight; twelve bag lunches; dinner for each night; and

Mission MANNA Reports

Montrouis Action for Nurturing and Nourishing All

Friends and Supporters of Mission MANNA,

The spring medical team has returned after a busy and rewarding week in Montrouis. Our all-volunteer team of thirteen, including three physicians, two nurse practitioners and four nurses, saw 1384 children in five days of clinics made possible by our dedicated volunteers and your donations. We met our new staff in Franckel, Rosemela, and Garry and worked with our long-term Haitian colleagues Eddy and Givneaud and a team of translators. Those Haitians have a modest income for their families because of your donations.



In the mountain village of Fond Baptiste, where Mission MANNA is the only source of medical care, we met our newest community health agent Rosemela, who works with twenty-one severely malnourished children on a regular basis – an effort made possible by your donations. We had the opportunity there also to meet Franckel, who is in charge of our goat project as part of our sustainable nutrition initiative, and to see his pride in the female goats that have now begun having their first kids – a program made possible by your donations. In the Montrouis community of Shada we visited with Garry, who suggested and is now in charge of our rabbit program. With Garry's knowledge and your donations, Mission MANNA has just begun to provide breeding pairs of rabbits to families identified as especially needy by our community health agents Eddy and Givneaud. After the spring trip, the Mission MANNA board of directors decided to hire another of our Haitian long-term interpreters Thevnell as an apprentice community health agent who will supervise another new initiative – placing biosand water filters in the homes of as many families as possible. We often hear that most Haitians do not have access to clean water, thus continuing the cycle of poor sanitation, parasites, disease, and malnutrition. It is our hope that we can provide a source of clean water to break the cycle. The new project is made possible by your donations.

Mission MANNA's dreams and plans for the programs are true to our core mission: to create awareness of and to solicit resources to address the struggles of those in Haiti. With your generous donations we have been able to

expand our programs to reach more children, while training Haitians to do as much of the work as possible. Our work is far from done and we need your help to continue the efforts. We have no paid staff in the US; we are all volunteers. We document every dollar spent. The members of the spring medical team can tell you where your money went – and can show you photos of the children who saw healthcare providers and received medicine and vitamins.

So yes, we ask again that you consider Haiti and support Mission MANNA. As our programs grow, so does the need for funding. Our budget for the clinics, community health agents, clean water and sustainable nutrition has grown to \$80,000! An additional \$25-30,000 is paid by our volunteers, who pay for their own travel, room and board on clinic trips.

Please consider Haiti and Mission MANNA. You can make a donation via our website at www.missionmanna.org or by mail to P. O. Box 8515, Asheville, NC 28814-8515. Our phone number is (828) 252-7514. We are a non-profit

organization recognized as a public charity under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, so that your contributions are tax-deductible.

An additional opportunity to support Mission MANNA:

John Kelleher is hiking the Pacific Crest Trail – 2650 miles from Mexico to Canada – in support of Mission MANNA, asking for donations of a penny a mile. That's only \$26.50 if he completes the entire trail over the summer. So far he has forty supporters, and it's not too late to help! See his website at www.southernbranches.com/helphaiti/index.htm.

Many thanks for your past and future support for the children of Montrouis.

EYC Summer Goings-On

EYC will resume meeting on Wednesday, September 7 from 6-7:30 p.m. at St. Luke's. Mark your calendars for SPLASH and MidBEGINNINGdle (Beginning in the Middle).

Sunday, August 21 -- EYC Diocesan Splash, Grades 6-12, Youth and Friends, Camp Arrowhead, Tuxedo, 1:00-5:00 p.m., Cost is \$10 per person and includes lunch. Please bring your swimsuit, towel, sunscreen and chips to share. Contact Molly Coffey at 337-4350 by August 12 to register.

September 16-18 -- Beginning in the Middle (midBEGINNINGdle), Grades 6-8, Valle Crucis Conference Center. Cost is \$90 per person before September 5 and \$100 per person after that date. MidBEGINNINGdle (Beginning in the Middle) is a unique retreat designed to respond to the spiritual issues, concerns, and needs of youth in grades six through eight. MidBEGINNINGdle is held once a year at Valle Crucis Conference Center. The retreat begins with check-in on Friday at 5:30 p.m. and concludes with Eucharist on Sunday at 1:00 p.m. Family and friends are encouraged to attend the Eucharist. Talks are given by high school youth, clergy, and adults. Singing, skits and small group discussions are also important when dealing with issues such as, who is Jesus?, peer pressure, parents, prayer, and the Church. Other activities include crafts, field games, hikes, and an open-mike extravaganza for youth, clergy, and adults. Register at [http://www.diocesewnc.org/uploads/File/2011%20midBEGINNINGdle%20Registration\(1\).pdf](http://www.diocesewnc.org/uploads/File/2011%20midBEGINNINGdle%20Registration(1).pdf).

Endowment Fund

Pat Vest

Your Grace Endowment Committee will hold its quarterly meeting at 5:00 p.m. on September 21. Any Grace parishioner is welcome to attend. The Endowment Fund has held its own during the summer doldrums. After reaching its all-time high of \$206,033 in April, the fund saw a downturn to \$203,282 in May, and we have just received notice of our June balance of \$200,223. We have been spoiled for more than two years with steady growth but are now suffering from a little correction in the stock market. We still have a gain of \$14,166 for the year. We have begun to benefit from gifts made directly to the Endowment Fund by friends and parishioners, memorializing friends and family members or

recognizing their achievements. We have received \$4655 so far this year with more forthcoming, which means that Parsec Financial Management Firm has achieved \$9511 in year-to-date growth. We probably can expect the fund to lose a little momentum in July and August (traditionally down months for the stock market). Once again we are appreciative of those of you who are contributing and asking about our program and fund. We stand by to assist you in any way we can, in order to enable the program to strengthen the foundation of Grace now and in future generations. Serving on the committee are Mike Bohan, Annika Brock, Charlotte Chiott, Rusty Herman, Michael Nolan and Pat Vest.

Christian Discipleship Center Offers Two Courses

The Christian Discipleship Center, in which Grace is a participating church along with First Presbyterian, St. Eugene's Catholic, St. Mark's Lutheran, St. Mary's Episcopal and St. Paul's Methodist, will be sponsoring two courses next month.

A course on *The Acts of the Apostles* will meet at Grace on Tuesdays, September 6 – October 25 at 7:00 p.m. Dr. James Aydelotte, a Presbyterian minister in Black Mountain, will lead the course, which follows the development of the church from Pentecost through witnessing Peter's standing up to persecuting authorities and Paul's taking the Gospel to the center of the Roman Empire.

A course on *Early Christian Teachings*, based on

Dr. Doug Johnson's book *The Great Jesus Debates*, will trace the development of the church's doctrines from New Testament times through the development of the major creeds and teachings about grace, the Trinity, and Jesus Christ. Doug, a Lutheran minister, will teach the course, which will meet on Thursdays, September 8 – October 27 at 7:00 p.m.

There are brochures titled "Christian Discipleship Center" in the foyer with details about both courses. To register by email: ChristianDiscipleshipCenter@gmail.com, including your name, phone number, the name of the course and your church affiliation, or you may register by phone by contacting Mary Alice Nard at St. Mary's, 254-5836. Please join us.

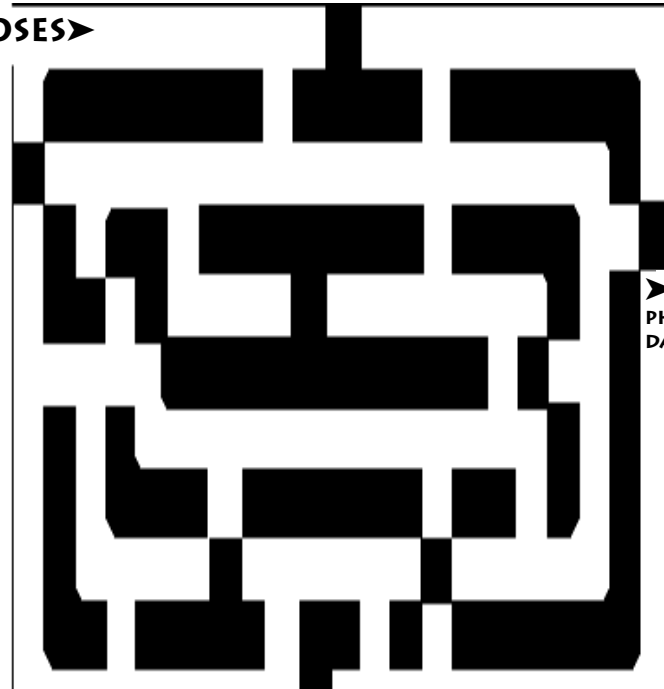


Activities are drawn from the
Lectionary reading
for August 21 –
Exodus 1:8 - 2:10

“When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river.”

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PHARAOH'S DAUGHTER

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We publish the Parish Prayer List each month so that you may include those listed in your daily prayers. We have included the last names of people with their permission, so that you will have a better idea for whom you are praying and so that you can contact that person if you desire.

For Parishioners: Jo & Richard Brokenshire; Emily Fisk; Merrell Gregory; Olivia & Haller family; Mary Hayes; Maria Mason & Paul Schierhorn; Dot Morgan; Helen Powers; Cal Remmers.

For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities: Henny Caldwell; Frances Payne; Jeanne Galyean; June Kelley; Gordon MacRae; John Sumner; Laura Stephens; Gem Sullivan; Lee Watts.

For Others (names to stay on for four weeks; call the church office to keep names on the list for a longer time): Jerry Allen (cousin of Alice Moriarity); Martha Stoney Anderson (mother of Lani Anderson); Pat Anderson (mother of Tricia Trinite); Patti Auble (sister of Al & Julia Anne Dawson); Mary Lou Baker (friend of Barbara Wilcox); Holly Barker (daughter of Becky Barker); Ed Bishop (father of Sue Thompkins); Clint Blankenship (son-in-law of Glenda & Bill Sanderson); Stuart Coleman (friend & family of Mary Israel); David Denison (brother of Ed Denison); Margie Eblen (daughter of Joe & Bobbie Eblen); Sarah Fergusson Garcia (daughter of Nancy Fergusson); Bart Gardin (cousin of Angela Taylor); Billy Gentry (brother of David Gentry); Natt Hall (brother of Nora Jones); Judy Hinman (sister of Barbara Wilcox); Jackson Israel (grandson of Mary Israel); Maria Metakis (friend of Nancy Ackermann-Cole); Betsey Parker (friend of Barbara Wilcox); Gail Purdy (niece of Earlyn Hart); Forrest Renfro (grandson of Becky Barker); Beverly Roberts (cousin of Barbara Wilcox); Jennifer Svenstrup (friend of Paul & Vicki Vest); Bonnie Wiggen (daughter of Nancy Remmers); Alicia; Alyona (friend of Jean & Doug Haldane); Brian & Tara (son-in-law & daughter of Shari Lane); Julie (daughter of Rita Spragg); Elizabeth; Rachel & Judah; Sue; Susan; Will; for those among us who are cold, hungry or homeless and for all people 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.

For Those in Service to Our Country: Mic Ball (grandson of Judy & Ralph Morris); Andrew Blackwell (nephew of Ron & Jeanne Sims); Stephen Grenier (son-in-law of Jean & Doug Haldane); Adam Hardesty (grandson of Hugh and Chal Vaughn); Austin Harrison (grandson of Joan Sanderson); Jon Holland (parishioner); Spencer & Erica High; Matthew Jackson (son of Marcia Jackson); Courtney Lattimore (friend of Linda Nye); Cliff Newton (son of Betsy Schieber); David Norris (friend of Cal & Nancy Remmers); Daniel Schultz (son of Judy Rhodes); Michael Sumner (son of Nancy Porter); Kevin Quinn; Karl Tenney (nephew of Chuck & Barbara Wilcox); Roscoe Woodard; Fr. Rick Tiff (friend of Ray & Jeanne Robertson).

For Those Who Have Died and Their Families: Betty Hall (wife of Bob Hall).

For Our President Barack Obama and his Cabinet, for Congress, and for all elected and appointed officials.

For peace and resolution of conflict in the Middle East and throughout the world; for the people of Haiti; for those who bring rescue and relief and for raising world awareness.

For victims of the earthquake and tsunami in Japan and other areas.

For rain across the earth; for better stewardship of water.

For those in our country who have suffered from recent severe storms and flooding.

August Anniversaries

Ray and Jeanne Robertson	3
Bill and Corinne Spencer	3
Roger and Rita Lyda	5
Cal and Nancy Remmers	5
Derek and Elaine Dephouse	6
Paul and Vicki Vest	6
Chappell Carter and Mica Waters-Carter	10
Gary and Astrid Coffey	11
Paul and Sarah Wolfe	11
Bill and Glenda Sanderson	25

August Birthdays

3 Alyce Patrick	19 Lewis Dahm
4 Bill Coward	19 Bill Sanderson
4 Patrick Doran	20 Jean Haldane
5 Peter Sprague	20 Hunter Israel
6 Ella Doran	20 Wendy Kuykendall
6 Elaine Potter	20 Carl Loftin
6 Beth Stahl	21 Brad Thorne
8 Hamilton Cort	24 Will Israel
8 Harper Dechant	25 Lisa Clark
8 Clara Engelbrecht	25 Dot Morgan
9 Cuyler Dupree	26 Carla Standingdeer
10 Glenn Cullen	26 Henry Watts
10 Todd Kaderabek	27 Jack Frue
10 Micki Newton	27 Ryan Hamner
11 Kenny Rutland	27 Jack Rutland
12 Rita Lyda	28 Gem Sullivan
12 Carl Markey	29 Anna Hamner
12 John Rigsby	29 Mary Regal
12 John Rutland	29 Ron Sims
14 Karen Compton	30 Joe Bennett
15 Martha Bell	30 Lucinda Watkins
17 Cheryl Aull	30 Logan Scott Wolfe
18 Caeden Carter	

August Events at a Glance

Bible Study Group – Weekly Gospel

Mondays, 10:30 -11:30 a.m., LI

Early Birds Men's Book Study

Tuesdays, 8:00 a.m., LI

Centering Prayer

Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m., LI

Generational Healing Eucharist

Tuesday, August 2, 7:00 p.m., CH

Adult Christian Education Meeting

Monday, August 8, 5:30 p.m., Office

LunchBunch

Tuesday, August 9, 11:30 a.m.

Men of the Church

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

Healing Prayer Services

Tuesdays, August 9, 16, 23, 30, 7:00 p.m., CH

Grace TEAM Meeting

Wednesday, August 10, 11:00 a.m., Office

Broughton Lunch

Wednesday, August 10, 11:00 a.m., PH

Order of St. Luke Program Meeting

Thursday, August 11, 6:30 p.m., PH

Steadfast House Meal

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

Vestry Meeting

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

M³ – Middle School Sunday School Group

Friday, August 19, 6:00 p.m., CR – Saturday, August 20, 10:00 a.m., PH

Taizé Worship Service,

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

Fall Recall Brunch

Sunday, August 28, 10:00 a.m., PH

Gifts for All of Us to Appreciate

The August Aumbry Candle is given to the Glory of God by Dot Morgan in thanksgiving for her grandchildren's birthdays: Dr. Brant Oelschlager on August 10 and Dr. Anne Marie Oelschlager on August 20.

The flowers for August are given to the Glory of God

by Vicki and Paul Vest in celebration of their marriage and in thanksgiving for their children;

by Katie and Mike Nery in thanksgiving for their daughters Natalie and Olivia;

by Joe Aull in thanksgiving for Cheryl, Michael, Bill, Debbie, Harrison, and Mallory;

by Georgi Bruce in memory of her husband Robert Bruce;

by Grace Miller in loving memory of Kimberley Michele McFarland;

in loving memory of Theresa Sabo.



I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW A BENEVOLENT GOD CAN LET BACK-TO-SCHOOL HAPPEN TO GOOD PEOPLE

Summer Slowdown Is Showing

Pledges were down \$8,000 for the month of June, but \$3,000 was transferred from prepaid pledges. That still made pledges \$5,000 short of plan, but our year-to-date is in line with budget. Non-pledged offerings continue to be above plan, which helps in our overall income. Year-to-date total income is still \$3,000 ahead of budget. Expenses continue to stay in line, thanks to all those concerned with budgeted spending.

Your Vestry

Statement of Activities - Grace Church			
Year to Date - June 2011			
	Actual	Budget	Over/ Under
Income:			
Pledges	187,271	187,500	(229)
Non-pledged Offerings	19,777	15,000	4,777
Open Offering	5,430	4,000	1,430
Interest	124	137	(13)
Misc.	6,211	9,151	(2,940)
Total Income:	218,813	215,788	3,025
Expenses:			
Outreach/Mission	23,750	27,550	(3,800)
Parish Programs	5,744	9,505	(3,761)
Operations	28,566	31,575	(3,009)
Personnel	147,640	146,558	1,082
Total Expenses:	205,700	215,188	(9,488)
Income - Expense:	13,113	600	12,513

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August 2011

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	7:45am -9:00 YOGA:PH 10:30am AA Good Livers:CR 10:30am Monday Morning Bible Study:LI 12:30pm - 1:30 NA:PH 6:00pm - 7:00 AA::PH 6:00pm - 7:00 Al-Anon :CR	8:00am Early Birds Men's :LI 10:30am - 12:00 OA:PH 12:15pm AA G.Livers:PH 6:00pm Mission Manna:CR 7:00pm Generational Healing Service:CH	7:45am -9:00 YOGA:PH 12:15pm EUCHARIST & PRAYER:CH 12:30pm - 1:30 NA:PH 5:30pm Centering Prayer:LI	7:45am -9:00 YOGA:PH 12:15pm AA G.Livers:PH 6:00pm - 7:30 P.M. Smart Recovery:CR	9:30am Reunion Group:LI 12:00pm AA Around Room:LI 12:30pm - 1:30 NA:PH 5:00pm cWED REHEARSAL MILLS LAWTON:CH 7:00pm - 8:30 ACOA ::LI	9:00am Altar Guild:CH 9:00am -11:00 Flower Guild:KI 10:00am - 11:00 Al-Anon:CR 5:00pm cWEDDING MILLS LAWTON:CH
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August 2011 Ministry Schedule

Date	Service Time	Acolyte C	Acolyte G	Acolyte E	Lector, Intercessor & Presenters	Healing Team	Ushers	Chalichists	Coffee Hour	Service Time	Date
August 7											August 7
	7:45					Deb Gravatt	Ed Duncan	James Cannon		7:45	
	9:00	Zoe Davis	Moira Stewart	Cuyler Dupree	L - Bill Crownover I - Greg Plank P - Plank Family	Louise Wernicke Patricia Hargrove	Green Family	1. Tom Bell 2. Greg Townsend	Katherine Kaderabek	9:00	
	11:15	Sally Withers	Grace Miller	Elly Withers	L, I, P - Cynthia & Michael Nolan	Pat Davis Karen Compton	Ed Woeckener John Churchill	1. Mary Cozine 2. Eric Howell	Grace Walker	11:15	
August 14											August 14
	7:45					Deb Gravatt	Steve Jones	James Cannon		7:45	
	9:00	Theda Rudd	Sadie Rudd	Louise Wernicke	L -Barbara Wilcox I - Anne Simmons P - Barbara and Anne	Jane Whitman Jeanne Robertson	Jim Siemens Ray Kuykendall	1. Cuyler Dupree 2. Alternate	Paul Vest	9:00	
	11:15	Cheryl Aull	Mel Luedtke	Lani Anderson	L, I, P - Charles Carter and Kimberly Kneir	Mary Israel Corinne Spencer	Henry Watts John Rigsby	1. Michael Nolan 2. Sally Coburn	Sallie Hunter	11:15	
August 21											August 21
	7:45					Deb Gravatt	Andrew Dahm	Margaret Dahm		7:45	
	9:00	Cade Wooten	Noah Clary	Cuyler Dupree	L - Greg Townsend I - Sherry Coward P - Sherry & Bill Coward	Pat Davis Jane Whitman	Vicki & Paul Vest	1. George Davis 2. Carol Booth	Elaine Dephouse	9:00	
	11:15	Rusty McCredie	Bob Grimes	Eric Howell	L, I, P - Nancy & Cal Remmers	Karen Compton Rita Spragg	Bob & Jeanne Perry	1. Bill Spencer 2. Mary Israel	Carol MacRae	11:15	
	Taizé 8:00 PM				L - Henry Watts I - James Cannon	Ingrid Adelsbach				Taizé 8:00 PM	
August 28											August 28
	7:45					Deb Gravatt	Jim Black	Jack Frue		7:45	
	9:00	Zoe Davis	Sam Ellington	Cuyler Dupree	L -Greg Townsend I - Beth Woodson P - Beth & John Woodson	Jeanne Robertson Shari Lane	Kaderabek Family	1. John Woodson 2. Ann Robinson	Cuyler Dupree	9:00	
	11:15	Mel Luedtke	Bob Grimes	Sally Withers	L, I, P - Jenny Thomas and Vicki Vest	Corinne Spencer Sonny Rawls	Elaine Potter Paul Stewart	1. Sally Withers 2. Bill Warren	Lelia Cort	11:15	

Date	Counters	Depositors
August 7	Joy Markey	James Cannon
August 14	Georgi Bruce	Judy Bohan
August 21	Sally Withers	Anne Simmons
August 28	Maryli Perkins	Anne Simmons

Date	Flower Arrangers	Altar Guild
August 7	Israel, Cozine - Sat Aug 6 Wedding Mills/Lambert	Group 1 - Aug 6 - Aug 12
August 14	Israel, Nery, Cozine	Group 2 - Aug 13 - Aug 19
August 21	Davis, Buchanan	Group 3 - Aug 20 - Aug 26
August 28	Davis, Buchanan	Group 4 - Aug 27 - Sept 2