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the Grace TEAM

to each a ministry
 OCTOBER 2011

Parson to Person

Gary Coffey

Dear People of Grace,

I almost got tickled doing the announcements yesterday as I kept talking about one Outreach ministry after another that is happening in the next thirty days or so. From the Room in the Inn homeless women being with us this week, to the Habitat Episcopal House starting next week, to the pumpkins being unloaded on October 2 to raise money for Mission Manna's ministry to children in Haiti, to the Flea Market on October 8 which raises money for Outreach. And we didn't mention the monthly dinner at Steadfast House or the Backpacker program, both of which are ongoing at this time of year.

It raises the question, "Why are we involved in all of these programs?" It is a good question. Why ARE we involved in all of these programs? The short answer is that we are involved in all of these programs because we are trying to live as modern-day disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are trying to follow Him.

We are reminded of Matthew 25 when Jesus said to his disciples who were gathered at the final judgment, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me."

Then the righteous will answer

him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

Beloved, the reason that we are involved in these outreach ministries to people in need is that according to the Gospels doing these things delights the heart of our Lord Jesus. In fact he says that as we participate in providing for those in need, we are ministering directly to Him, and that of course delights our hearts. Outreach is not the only thing that we do as followers of Jesus.

We worship Him along with the Father and the Holy Spirit. We preach and teach the Scriptures with the hopes of growing in our knowledge and love of Him. We work together to care for people pastorally as we journey through sickness, injury and old age with one another. We work to be good stewards of all God's blessings of time, talent, treasure and this beautiful creation, all gifts from God to be used to glorify Him through our lives. Thank you, Lord, for enriching our lives through this community of faith called Grace Episcopal Church.

Blessings and Peace,

Fr. Gary Coffey

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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

Grace Fun Bridge Group, it's bridge time at 1:30 p.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of the month beginning October 4. Now that fall is here, we need to reactivate our group! It's exercise for your mind and all for fun. Come join us – we need you.



LunchBunch will dine at the Bistro in Black Mountain on Tuesday, October 11. Please join us 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 on Tuesday, October 11 at 6:00 p.m. The hosts and cooks are Rusty Herman and Mel Luedtke. The address is 82 Running Ridge Rd., Asheville. Everyone is welcome. The cost is \$10.00. Please sign up on the blue sheet on the kiosk.



The Order of St. Luke Mountain Chapter will not have an October program meeting, since the Healing Winds Conference will be held this month.



We Welcome Into the Church

Through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism . . .

**Bryn Harriet Whitner,
daughter of Zane and Lindsay Whitner
and granddaughter of Rob and Cheri Potter,
was welcomed into the Church
on Sunday, September 4.**

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

EYC October Goings-On

EYC will meet on Wednesdays from 6-7:30 p.m. at Grace. Mark your calendars.

October 2 - Pumpkin unloading at Grace at 1:00 p.m. with lunch.

October 5 - EYC

October 12 - EYC

October 16 - Service Day, World Food Day – we will join with St. James, Black Mountain to bag lunches for Church of the Advocate.

October 19 - EYC

October 21-23 – Senior High Fall Conference at Valle Crucis, for grades 9-12. <http://www.diocesewnc.org/uploads/File/2011%20Fall%20Conference%20Registration.pdf>

October 26 - EYC

Holiday Craft Fair Coming

Plans are in progress for the second annual Grace Holiday Craft Fair. It will take place on Saturday, December 3 from 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. The fair is an opportunity for the parish family to display and sell their artwork and homemade/handmade crafts. Last year's fair included fine art, silver and glass jewelry, paper craft, stationery, fabric gift wrap, pottery, woodworking, and children's items including doll clothes. In December the fair would like to add among other items quilting, handmade bags,

Christmas decorations, and possibly holiday cookies.

There is space for approximately twenty crafters. The booth fee is a donation to Grace Parish. The Grace family has first chance for spaces; after October 15 others will be considered. Applications are in the foyer. As a reminder any Grace Outreach program can display and sell items without the table charge. For more information call Betsy Sherman, 299-7430, or Deb Gravatt, 712-3582.

October: Generosity Month at Grace Church

During the month of October, we will hear stories of what God is doing here at Grace because of your generosity in faithfully supporting our stewardship ministry. If you have a story that you would like to share please let Fr. Gary know, and he will work with you to find a way to share it with the community. We are particularly interested in stories about how God through the ministry of Grace is bringing about positive change in people's lives, whether it is in the lives of our members or in the lives of others.

Service of Remembrance on All Souls' Day Fr. Gary

On Wednesday, November 2 at 7:00 p.m. we will hold a service of remembrance here at Grace that will be open to the public for those who have suffered the loss of loved ones in the past whom they would like to remember. It will be a simple service of readings and prayers. We will not have Holy Communion but

will provide an opportunity for worshipers to come forward to light candles in remembrance of their loved ones. Carol Booth attended a service like this in England and found it very helpful. Our hope is to offer this to anyone for whom it might be helpful. Help us to get the word out! Thanks!

"God Story" for October

Grace Moves to UNC

My God moment involves my daughters Mary and Elly and UNC-Chapel Hill. At one of the Fifth-Sunday brunches, Beth McKinsey excitedly told me about another family at Grace whose daughter Sarah also attends UNC. "I'm going to hook you up!" she said knowing that Mary was involved in Episcopal Campus Ministries there. I enjoyed meeting the Wilkeys but didn't hold out much hope for getting the two girls together. An earlier attempt to get Elly involved with Phil and Grace Walker's UNC-bound granddaughter hadn't progressed past an occasional Facebook post.

Fast-forward to UNC move-in day in August. Mary's new apartment has six roommates, five of whom she knew and one from a friend's soccer team. As we pulled up to the building just off Franklin Street, I thought the other family moving in their daughter looked familiar.

The Wilkeys! Now UNC has 29,000 students: what are the odds that two from Grace would unknowingly move into the same small apartment? Oh, and P.S. – guess whose granddaughter ended up in Elly's dorm? *SW*

Like to Be a Diocesan Convention Delegate?

Would you like to be one of our two delegates to this year's diocesan convention? Being a delegate to the diocesan convention is a great way to gain familiarity with the larger Episcopal Church. In recent years without exception those who have been delegates have enjoyed the opportunity. In order to be eligible you must be a confirmed communicant who is active at Grace. This year's convention will be Thursday - Saturday, November 10-12. Grace Church covers the expenses for our delegates to attend. Please get in touch with Fr. Gary if you are interested in attending on our behalf. Thank you for considering the important service to our parish and diocese.

Last Fifth-Sunday Brunch for the Year

Our last Fifth-Sunday Brunch for this year will be on Sunday, October 30. We have had three other brunches this year, and each one has been well-attended by parishioners from all three services. The food of course has been fantastic, and our new members at Grace have been formally introduced. All in all the Fifth-Sunday Brunches have worked

well. Let's make our brunch on October 30 equally as grand. Please bring your favorite brunch food; drinks will be provided. Sunday school will not meet on that day. Mark your calendars, and don't miss our next Fifth-Sunday Brunch. If you have questions or would like to help, please contact Mary Cozine at 298-2368.

Pumpkins Arrive on October 2

Please help us with our traditional pumpkin unloading and cookout after services at 1:00 p.m. on October 2. Many folks are needed to get the Pumpkin Patch ready for selling every day in October. All monies raised go to Mission Manna and their work feeding malnourished children in Haiti. Please sign up or show up at 1:00 p.m. on October 2 for a rewarding opportunity to help those in need. We also have a sign-up calendar in the foyer for shifts working in the patch. Selling pumpkins under the tent can be a great family event. If you have questions about working in the Pumpkin Patch, call the church office at 254-1086.

Endowment Fund

Pat Vest

We are pleased that Annika Brock has written the following article. She has summarized the fund's progress for the year. Besides singing in the 11:15 choir, she has made terrific contributions to the Endowment Committee and the Vestry of Grace.

The dip in the stock market in August affected our Endowment Fund, which will certainly bounce back with time and prayer. Our current balance is \$185,765.94, which is just shy of our starting value for the year. Grace continues to be blessed with gifts to the fund from family and friends of the church, the fund having received \$5155 so far this year.

We offer our sincere gratitude to all who have contributed to the fund or who have included the fund in your estate plans. If you have not yet included the fund in

your estate plans, please consider doing so for the benefit of our children and grandchildren here at Grace. If you would like additional information about how to give to the Endowment Fund, please feel free to speak with any member of the committee, including Pat Vest (chairman), Mike Bohan, Charlotte Chiott, Rusty Herman, Michael Nolan and Annika Brock. Assistance is also available to anyone interested in including the Endowment Fund in your estate plans. – Annika

Flea Market – October 8

The Men of the Church will hold a flea market on Saturday, October 8 to raise funds for the Grace Outreach program. In order for the flea market to be a successful fundraiser for outreach, we need help from the entire village of Grace Church. The money that we raise will be donated to local non-profits to help them with their missions of taking care of “the least of these.” We will need many skills, and there are many ways in which you can help. Between Tuesday, October 4 and Friday, October 7 we will need people to sort donated items, help to price items, display items for sale, transport large items, and DONATE

ITEMS. On the day of the sale October 8 we will need people to assist shoppers. We will be looking for the following kinds of donations: furniture, books, CD's and DVD's, appliances, household goods, toys, sporting goods, garden equipment, and working electronics. Please save your clothing for the rummage sale. You may bring your donated items to the church beginning Tuesday, October 4. We can provide pick-up for large items if you need it. If you have questions, please contact Ron Sims at 242-1967 or by email at ronjeannesims@charter.net.

Habitat for Humanity – Episcopal House

Once again Grace is helping to build the Habitat for Humanity Episcopal House. The Campos-Ramirez family of five will be the new residents of the house when it is completed. We are asking for volunteers to help with building the house from the last week in September through the third week in November. Please see the sign-up sheet in the foyer for the dates that Grace has been assigned to work. The work day is from 8:15 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. You are asked to bring your own lunch and snacks. No experience is necessary, and you will be given training at the jobsite. Young people over the age of sixteen may volunteer if they have waivers signed by their parents. The house is located at 11 Chapel Park Place in the Shiloh community of Asheville (directions in the foyer). There is an information sheet in the foyer with the sign-up sheet. If you have questions, please call Sue Thompkins at 230-9328.

Our Prayer List

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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; Olivia & Haller family; Mary Hayes; Marion Mayfield-Johnson; Carl Markey; Maria Mason & Paul Schierhorn; Dot Morgan; Helen Powers; Nancy.**

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 Moriarty); **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); **Clint Blankenship** (son-in-law of Glenda & Bill Sanderson); **Arnold Clark** (former parishioner); **Stuart Coleman** (friend of Mary Israel); **David Denison** (brother of Ed Denison); **Margie Eblen** (daughter of Joe & Bobbie Eblen); **Sarah Fergusson Garcia** (daughter of Nancy Fergusson); **Billy Gentry** (brother of David Gentry); **Katharine Guerrant** (daughter of Bishop & Mrs. Johnson); **Natt Hall** (brother of Nora Jones); **Judy Hinman** (sister of Barbara Wilcox); **Maria Metakis** (friend of Nancy Ackermann Cole); **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); **Amanda Eller Williams** (stepdaughter of Lynda McCredie's sister); **Alicia; Alyona** (friend of Jean & Doug Haldane); **Brian & Tara** (son-in-law & daughter of Shari Lane); **Elizabeth; Julie** (daughter of Rita Spragg); **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 Who Have Died and Their Families: **Bart Gardin** (cousin of Angela Taylor).

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 Chal & Hugh 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); **Robert Reese** (son of Bob Reese); **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 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.

October Anniversaries

Doug and Linda Mahin	2
Travers and Charlotte Chiott	5
Patrick and Laura Doran	12
Steve and Nora Jones	16
Don Cole and Nancy Ackermann Cole	22
Bill and Mary Ann Warren	25
Watson and Meghan Jordan	26

October Birthdays

1 Lelia Cort	18 Chloe Carter
2 Roger Snyder	18 Merrell Gregory
3 Jan Grimes	18 Margaret Perkins
5 Henning Ervin	19 Bobbie Eblen
5 Steve Jones	19 Greg Townsend
6 Corinne Spencer	20 Becky Hannah
7 Cody Webb	20 Paul Urquhart
8 Grace Green	21 Sallie Hunter
8 Shannon Townsend	21 Caroline Jordan
9 Martha Boyette	22 Larry Goldenberg
9 Georgi Bruce	23 Mary Hayes
9 Ann Robinson	24 Peggy Grimes
9 Laura Snyder	25 Imogene Brown
10 Theda Rudd	25 Liz Krueger
10 Lena Scott	25 Denise MacMillan
11 Camille Sluder	26 Sarah Clark
11 Cappy Tosetti	26 Rob Potter
12 Lauren Potter	27 Maggee Anderson
13 Graham Hunter	28 Nancy Ackermann Cole
13 Amy Lyda	29 Cleo Doran
13 Daphne Urquhart	29 Claire Webb
14 Maggie Green	30 Jacob Haller
15 Hamilton Gregory	31 Ty Hamilton Gregory
16 Robert Porter	31 Jordan Harris
16 Will Schierhorn	

October 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

EYC

Wednesdays, 6:00-7:30 pm., Grace

Pumpkin Unloading & Cookout

Sunday, October 2, 1:00 p.m.

Flea Market Set-Up & Bring Your Items

Tuesday-Friday, October 4-7

Generational Healing Eucharist

Tuesday, October 4, 7:00 p.m., CH

Fun Bridge in the Library

Wednesday, October 5, 1:30 p.m., LI

Flea Market Sale

Saturday, October 8, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Adult Christian Education Committee

Monday, October 10, 5:30 p.m., OF

LunchBunch

Tuesday, October 11, 11:30 a.m.

Men of the Church

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

Healing Prayer Services

Tuesdays, October 11, 18, 25, 7:00 p.m., CH

Grace TEAM Meeting

Wednesday, October 12, 10:00 a.m., OF

Order of St. Luke Program

Will Not Meet in October

Steadfast House Meal

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

Children's Sabbath

Sunday, October 16

Taizé Worship Service,

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

Vestry Meeting

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

Fun Bridge in the Library

Wednesday, October 18, 1:30 p.m., LI

Daughters of the King

Tuesday, October 19, 6:30 p.m.

Fifth-Sunday Brunch

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

Gifts for All of Us to Appreciate

The October Aumbry Candle is given to the Glory of God by Don Hawkins in memory of Martie and Lee Hawkins and Carol and Betty Goodman.

The flowers for October are given to the Glory of God by

Vicki and Paul Vest in loving memory of Angie Vest and in thanksgiving for her life;

Sarah Burnham in memory of her mother Susan Barnes Burnham;

Bobbie Eblen in gratitude for her new great-granddaughters Juliet, Evie, and Emma;

Mary Ann and Bill Warren in thanksgiving for their 30th anniversary and in loving memory of their parents Felcie and Junis Warren and Andrew Marion and Abbie Jean Jowers Lynn;

Beth McKinsey in memory of her mother Eva Murtiashaw and her brother Bill Murtiashaw.



Pledges Down for Month of August

Pledges were down in excess of \$7000 for the month of August and non-pledged offerings were up \$4482. Total August contributions were \$5600 behind budget but year to date they are ahead of plan by \$11,000. If pledges and other income increase as they usually do in the fall, we should end the year on a positive note.

Your Vestry

Statement of Activities - Grace Church Year to Date - August 2011

	Actual	Budget	Over/ Under
Income:			
Pledges	252,297	250,000	2,297
Non-pledged Offerings	27,111	20,000	7,111
Open Offering	7,228	5,333	1,895
Interest	182	183	(1)
Misc.	9,848	12,200	(2,351)
Total Income:	<u>296,667</u>	<u>287,716</u>	<u>8,950</u>
Expenses:			
Outreach/Mission	31,000	36,733	(5,733)
Parish Programs	6,385	12,673	(6,288)
Operations	34,752	42,100	(7,348)
Personnel	199,795	196,826	2,968
Total Expenses:	<u>271,932</u>	<u>288,333</u>	<u>(16,401)</u>
Income - Expense:	24,735	(617)	25,352

