



Birthdays for December

- 2nd Larry Bowman, Bill Hinnant
Hampton Twitty
- 3rd Sandy Sloan
- 4th Davis Parrish
- 5th Opie Reed
- 6th Cobb Oxford, Mary Harris, Steve Walker
Cara Foster
- 7th Brenda Bowman
- 9th Pam Herold
- 10th Cathy Foster
- 11th Connie Ormes
- 12th Greta Jacobsen, Nancy Lewis
- 13th Louise Knisley, Bryan Harris
Emma Grace Crenshaw, Sydney Crenshaw
- 15th Lynne Prince, Corrine Foster
- 16th Cindy Baker
- 17th Annie Hughes
- 18th Randy Baker
- 20th Rebecca Dixon
- 22nd Sara Cheek
- 24th Dianne Peeler
- 25th Jimmie McGaw
- 28th Bob Roche
- 29th Barbara Scott, Kevin Legere
- 30th Marian Maxwell, Crawford Knobel
- 31st Caroline Woodson, Wellsley Claire Mize

2017 Pledge Drive—Thank you for turning in your pledge cards thus far. Please continue supporting the ministry of Grace Church and the ministry of your Vestry as they plan for next year.

2017 Week 7	2016 Week 7
\$241,183 pledged	\$231,785 pledged
89 cards turned in	88 cards turned in

Pray for healing and comfort
 John Bostater
 Karlann Bostater -chronic leukemia,cancer
 Leif Jacobsen and Anna May Jacobsen
 Marla Pietrawski-breast cancer
 James Callahan, Jr.
 Pam McGowan
 Keith Betts –cancer
 Lauren –healing
 Wynelle Williamson-pneumonia
 Larry Jordon, Joanie Queen, Thomas DeMichael
 Nita Kelly-cancer, Sandy Kooistra, Chris Wisdom
 Miller Grover—brain tumor
 Brian Dodd-heart
 Rebecca Veeck
 Ardith Speer-breast cancer
 Mrs. Dorothy Wilson-Rousseau
 Suzanne McMahan
 Michael Heath
 Kelly Brunelle
 Tara Driver
 Debi Frantz
 Roger Mudd
 Marcella Gugnoni
 Jeff Makison
 Gerald King-cancer
 Sara Miles
 Phil & Vicky Brown
 Michael Bays, Cancer
 Matthew Sharkey
 Cory Lundeen
 Smith Pruitt-cancer
 David Tyson
 Gerald Hobby
 Lillian Bowers
 Becky & Krysten Pazik
 David & Kendra Patten & Family (adoption)
 Miles Ming Patten (health & healing)
 Judy & Mark Blakenship
 Julie Stevens
 Jamie Prince
 Eddie Frantz
 William Spaulding, Jr, father of Suzanne Turner
 Doug McDougald
 Sydney Clemow
 Dudley Jenkins
 Johnson Jeffers
 Tom Hancock
 Martha Gregory
 Gloria Byrd
 Anne Radnor
 Cameron Miles
 Suzanne Bladen-broken pelvis
 Lee Morris –Cancer
 Gail Hardaway-tumor
 Chris Smith-cancer
 Brad Poore-healing
 Harriett McClain
 Daniel Cheek
 Kristin Hill

Expectant Families– Mark & Vanessa Rettinger
Deaths: Redus Martin

Requested by
 Kathy Bostater
 Kathy Bostater
 Greta Jacobsen

Mary Harris
 Ellie Cooper
 Susan Anderson
 Sharon Homer-Drummond
 Lisa Arnold’s mother
 Don & Patty Cleveland
 Rob Elsner

Nancy Welch
 Ellie Cooper
 Bill Speer
 Tony & Annette Guiseppi-Eli
 Gloria Byrd
 Joe & Carol Ball
 De & Opie Reid
 Jackie Lenhart
 Lisa Tucker

Tony Gugnoni
 Lynne Prince
 Valerie Peterson
 Janet Rippy
 Cindy Baker

Ellie Cooper
 Mary Winiarski
 Mary Harris
 Lisa Tucker
 Linda Hoffman
 Donna LeBrun
 Heather Tucker
 Heather Tucker

Lily Hall
 Hugh Osburn

Fr. Jack’s grandmother
 Lynn Prince
 Fr. Jack’s sister-in-law
 Dixie Smith Daughter –In-Law

Patty Cleveland



The Grace Bell



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 Episcopal Church

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“Your very lives are a letter that anyone can read by just looking at you. Christ himself wrote it—not with ink, but with God’s living Spirit; not chisled into stone, but carved into human lives-and we publish it.”
 2 Corinthians 3:2-3



MERRY HALLOTHANKMAS!

The commercial holiday season blends All Hallows Eve, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years. I heard someone refer to it this year as the season of “Hallothankmas.” I thought it was funny, and true. It really does feel like that some times. Our commercial culture has tremendous power over our lives. Which isn’t all bad. Commerce is a big part of being human and of what connects many of our relationships, not to mention putting food on the table. I actually enjoy all the crazy stuff that goes on, as silly and glib as much of it is, it is an attempt to celebrate the sacred and transcendent stuff of being alive.

For the Church this season, or series of sacred events, is much more articulate and connected to the sacred history of God in and for the world. The Trinity, the incarnation, the crucified messiah and the risen Lord who ascends are the unique core of the Christian message from which grows the life of peace, compassion, forgiveness, humility, sacrifice, thanksgiving and joy. For us the season of “hallothankmas” is even more specifically a season of holy mystery and worship. We observe with devotion the Communion Saints on All Saints, the gracious providence of God at Thanksgiving, the presence of God’s kingdom that is in our midst while at the same time longing for the Advent of that Kingdom in the season of Advent and the nativity of God becoming fully human as the Christmas Season begins on the night of December 24th.

There is much to be thankful for in this cram packed sacredness at the end and beginning of the year. Enjoy all the fuss. It is a holy hustle and bustle.

As you are probably aware, Christmas Day is on Sunday this year so our schedule will be different. Our main liturgies as usual will be the night before. Sunday morning we will have only one liturgy, a very simple Morning Prayer liturgy at 10:00 AM.

Lift up your hearts!
 Fr. Jack

Monthly Stewardship Report for October

October 2016 Revenue	\$ 30,993.00
October 2016 Expenses	\$ 30,903.00
October 2016 Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ 90.00
YTD 2016 Revenue (Including Prepaids)	\$ 276,520.00
YTD 2016 Expenses	\$ 285,946.00
YTD Surplus or (Deficit)	(\$ 9,426.00)

YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS

Please remember these guidelines for year end giving in 2016: Checks must be postmarked on or by December 31, 2016. **Any checks received after 12/31/2016 will be posted to your 2017 statement.**

Wednesday Night Dinners

December 7 Spaghetti Chicken
December 14 Pot Pie
December 21 NO MEAL
December 28 NO MEAL



Open invitation

Mental Wellness Group meets the First and Third Fridays of the month in the Parish Library from 1:30 -3:00 pm. For more information speak to Deacon Mary Jeffers. All are Welcome!

On Monday, December 5th at 12 Noon, The St. Catherine's Guild will have their annual Christmas Party luncheon at Grace Church. Members should bring stocking stuffers for the homebound, and a small wrapped gift or white elephant for the gift exchange game. All are welcome to attend!

Parish Life is in need of a new ministry leader. Anyone who is interested, or would like to lead/chair just one Parish Life event in the upcoming year, or simply to learn what it is exactly that this ministry does throughout the year, please contact Rebecca Dixon at [\(864\) 617-4364](tel:8646174364) or leebec-ca31@yahoo.com.

FRUIT FOR OTHERS

TL HANNA BAND FRUIT SALE FUNDRAISER

Consider buying a box or two and Donating it to a local charity of your choice, we will even deliver it for you! Last day to order is **November 28th** and fruit will be here December 9th. If interested please contact Stacy or Sarah Whiffen. 376-6713/ 245-5050. Thank you!

Anderson Interfaith Ministries Christmas Project

Each year we provide Christmas for the children of AIM, an organization with which we have a long and successful history. Parishioners are asked to sign-up for individual gifts, or to sponsor all the needs of a child. This list of needs will be in the Cloister on Sundays and at Wednesday night suppers. Any committee or group wishing to sponsor an individual child should contact Jan Osburn or Jim Boyer of the Outreach Committee. Please bring items (unwrapped and clearly labeled) to the Parish Hall on or before November 30. Gift receipts for clothing and shoes are encouraged. Gift cards, checks or cash will help provide larger items, such as expensive requests and Bikes. Keep in mind that we are the only Santa Claus most of these children will have this year.

Good News!! Our nursery is growing and frequently we need an extra pair of hands. We are inviting parishioners to sign up to nurture in the nursery. You may volunteer on a regular basis or just one Sunday to keep in touch with the young families at Grace. A quarterly sign up sheet is outside the nursery.



SAVE THE DATE!

**Annual Parish
Soup Luncheon
Thursday
January 26, 2017**

Christmas Flowers

Please complete and return to the parish office no later than **December 15**. The minimum suggested donation is \$20.

Given to the Glory of God and in:

Memory of _____

Honor of _____

Given by _____

Christian Formation

Happy Advent! Advent materials to help you focus on each day and sharing the love of Christ are available in the cloister. Children will receive information to take home in Sunday school classrooms too!

We will make Advent wreaths on **Sunday November 27th** in the parish hall at 9:30. Bring greenery, berries and a pair of clippers. All ages welcome! Wreath forms and candles provided. Receive the daily AdventWord meditation by email and respond this link <http://www.anglicancommunion.org/adventword>.

Another option for the Advent season is the Reverse Calendar. This flips the idea of counting down the days of Advent and instead you build up. Grab a basket or box and each day leading up to Christmas, add something useful to the box (packaged food items, cleaning stuff, toys, soap, toothbrushes, whatever you think would be welcome), and donate the entire basket. We will have lists of items in the cloister and parish hall that different charities have indicated as needs. An alternative to this is to collect items in the basket/box for each of the Twelve Days of Christmas.

Save the Date Friday January 6th 6pm

We are having an Epiphany Celebration with dinner and lights on the playground. *You may bring your Advent baskets/bags to this event and we will distribute them to the different agencies.*

No Sunday school on December 25th or January 1st.

Youth

Youth group will meet on November 27th at the church, 5-7, and on December 11th at the home of the Whiffen's for our Christmas gathering! Remember your Christmas sweaters!!!

MEMORIALS

Received October 16, 2016 through November 21, 2016

In Memory of **Reid Arnold** by:
Philip & Mary Nan Hulsey
Rob & Betsy Elsner

In Memory of **Jo Zeffiro** by:
Lily Roland Hall
Joe & Linda Wilson
Ada Moorhead
Pat Larsen
Randy & Cindy Baker
George & Anne Sullivan
John & Betty Gurrad
Rob & Betsy Elsner
Lena Chapman

In Memory of **Jo Zeffiro** to the Good Shepherd Fund by:
Jim & Kathe Harris

In Memory of **Jo Zeffiro** to the Rector's Discretionary Fund by:
Hugh & Jan Osburn

In Memory of **Julie Kent** to the Parish Life Fund by:
Hugh & Jan Osburn

In Memory of **Julie Kent** to the Pastoral Care Fund by:
Gill Powell

In Memory of **Julie & Jesse Kent** to the Grace Endowment Fund by:
The John G. Heeney Family

In Memory of **Julie Kent** to the Choir Fund by:
Lily Roland Hall

In Memory of **Julie Kent** by:
Andy & Diane Rice
Betty Ezelle
Ada Moorhead
Pat Larsen
Frank & Flossie Bonner
George & Anne Sullivan
John M. Holland, Jr.

In Memory of **Ann Maxwell** to the Outreach Fund by:
Gill Powell

In Memory of **Redus Martin** by:
Pat Larsen
Betty Ezelle
Roger Anderson
Marshall & Betty Keys
Marguerite Rice
Argo & Associates
Lena Chapman

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