



### Birthdays for January

- 2nd Lena Chapman, Lang Foster
- 4th Heiko Erlenkeuser, William Langford
- 6th Robin Speer
- 11th Anne Radnor, Rodman Foster
- 12th Lisa Tucker
- 13th Elizabeth Thro, Pam White, Bess Boyer
- 15th Bill Harris, Jeremy Kent
- 17th Maddie Clark
- 18th Em Holman, Patty Cleveland, Lacreacia Bilbrey
- 20th De Reed
- 21st Linda Wilson, Maggie George
- 24th Jared Mize
- 25th Jan Osburn, Joanie Roberts
- 26th Tony Gugnoni
- 27th John Peebles, Luke Kent
- 30th Baylis Maxwell

### 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  
 Patrick Nelson Brooks– son of Diann Sims  
 Chuck deVarennes  
 Stephanie Flaherty -Jackie Lenhart’s sister

**Expectant Families**– Mark & Vanessa Rettinger, Clint & Megan Bates, Will & Abby Rishovd.

**Deaths:** Norman Klabuhn, custodian at Grace Episcopal Church for 20 years.

### 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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*“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



Jack in the Pulpit

### WORSHIP

Another calendar year ends and begins with thanksgivings, regrets, letting goes, reconsidering-s and anticipations. May 2017 be a year, not of bitter retrenchment and mockery, but of hearts open to the Holy Spirit and real ministry to the pain in the world.

We are all familiar with garden clubs that don’t garden and book clubs that don’t read books and prayer groups that don’t pray. The Church, the body of Christ, has similar temptations to make a mockery of its vocation.

We are about the worship of God. This is where it begins and ends. Not just another place to volunteer or be community minded but of serving God with the ministry of Word and sacrament, of praise and prayer, of repentance and absolution, of listening and lifting up our hearts. True and right worship builds a community that serves the pain in the world, it is known by this fruit. We worship a suffering Messiah who is risen. To be spiritual is to be deeply involved in all the goings on in the world. Faith is not an escape from the pain and frustrations and politics of life, it is what finds meaning and purpose and direction and hope in the tangled knots of our world. Worship that does not lead to this breaks the commandment of not using the Lord’s name in vain. Do we worship in vain? For vain purposes? To hide? To justify our indignation and hate? To dance before the idol of fear that consumes our country?

May 2017 be a year where we recommit to the ministry that is worship, where we remember why we are Church and attend to the pain in the world.

One of the things we are working on in relation to this is to encourage, invite and challenge people under the age of fifty to serve in the ministry of worship as readers, chalice bearers, intercessors, ushers, altar guild, choir and acolytes. Please invite those who you would like to see in these ministries. They are noticeably absent! This is for everyone. We all participate in the divine nature.

One of the long, long standing ways that Grace has helped serve the pain in the world is through our annual Soup Lunch. We serve up miracles again this month. This year we are raising funds, awareness and connections for Meals and Wheels. Keep an eye out for how to participate in the divine nature!

Also, remember the annual parish breakfast and meeting, where we have our elections and celebrate the year past and anticipate the year to be. We need a quorum so show up and again participate in the divine nature.

Lift up your hearts!  
 Fr. Jack

**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.

<b>2017 Week 11</b>	<b>2016 Week 11</b>
\$269,453 pledged	\$263,345 pledged
101 cards turned in	101 cards turned in

### 2017 PLEDGE UPDATE

We are still missing 17 financial pledges for 2017! Thanks to all who have already made their pledge. If you have not made a financial pledge please consider doing so. Grace Church needs you!

### 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.**

### Monthly Stewardship Report for November

November 2016 Revenue	\$ 23,778.00
November 2016 Expenses	\$ 30,226.00
November 2016 Surplus or (Deficit)	(\$ 6,448.99)
YTD 2016 Revenue (Including Prepaids)	\$ 300,299.00
YTD 2016 Expenses	\$ 316,173.00
YTD Surplus or (Deficit)	( \$ 15,874.00)

## Wednesday Night Dinners

January 4	Beef Taco Bake, black beans, rice
January 11	Chicken Cordon Bleu Casserole, rice, green beans
January 18	BBQ Meatballs, corn on the cob, baked beans, sandwich rolls
January 25	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!



**Thank you** to everyone who donated water and snacks for the fire fighters who were fighting the wildfires in the Table Rock area.



## Coats for the King

We will be collecting new or gently used coats for our community friends in need of coats and blankets. Coats and blankets may be brought to the church for the Epiphany Celebration on January 6 or to the church by January 8. Men's, women's and children's coats are being collected. Thank you.

## Christmas Families

Thank you to everyone that participated in this year's Christmas Families gifts. We were able to fill the wishes of 15 children and contributed an additional \$600 to Anderson Interfaith Ministries to assist them with other children in need.

## Thank you from Deacon Mary

Thank you to everyone for the **SURPRISE** appreciation! I am still overwhelmed by the beautiful bouquet of roses, the gift, and the very generous donation to the Deacon's discretionary fund, which will be used to help many people who are in need. I am thankful and feel very blessed to be a part of the Grace Church Family serving with all of you and Fr. Jack Hardaway. May we continue to spread God's light, message of hope, and gift of LOVE.



## The 2017 Annual Soup Luncheon will be held

**Thursday, January 26.** This luncheon has been held for over 50 years and is being sponsored by our Outreach Committee. Anderson Meals on Wheels will be the recipient of the proceeds raised by the luncheon.

This is an opportunity to join a group of volunteers who do many jobs- selling tickets, cooking soup/desserts, warming soup, serving soup, bussing tables, cutting desserts, washing dishes, directing parking, preparing to-go meals, or moving tables. Some of our members have been working in the same role for 30 years. A few are ready to retire and let someone new take over their position. New or old, come get involved in this exciting project. This year's Soup Luncheon committee members are Mike Rippy, Dixie Harris and me. Starting January 1, Mike will be signing up volunteers, Dixie will be soliciting soup and dessert donations and I will be promoting the event.

Here is the "secret" (until published in the paper) recipe for the soup which was developed by members of the church.

### Grace Episcopal Soup

3 medium onions, medium dice  
1 pound 80/20 ground beef  
1 clove fresh garlic, finely minced  
3 cans beef bouillon  
2 large cans diced tomatoes  
1 cup dry red Burgundy wine  
1 cup water  
1 cup each, diced - potatoes, carrots, celery (essential for flavor), green beans, okra, corn, butter beans  
2 Tablespoons dried parsley  
½ teaspoon dried basil  
¼ teaspoon dried thyme  
Salt and pepper to taste

Brown the beef in a large skillet. Drain, leaving 2 tablespoons of fat in the skillet. Transfer beef to soup pot. Saute onions in reserved beef fat until translucent. Saute minced garlic and cook for 30 seconds. Add onions and garlic to the soup pot. Add remaining ingredients and simmer for 1 1/2 hours, stirring occasionally. Makes approximately 4 quarts.

Sincerely,  
Jodie Webb Johnson

## Christian Formation

**Mark your Calendar January 6<sup>th</sup> Epiphany Celebration!** 6-8 pm A celebration of Epiphany with a playground full of lights, candles, sparklers, a white elephant gift exchange, Christmas carols and maybe even a mannequin challenge. We will have dinner of chili, stuffed baked potatoes, salad and dessert along with loads of fun!!

We will **not have Sunday school on December 25<sup>th</sup> or January 1<sup>st</sup>.** January 15th is the Annual meeting following breakfast. Children and youth **will** have Sunday school but adults will attend the meeting.

**Grandparents, empty- nesters and all others** who love spending time with children are invited to sign up to assist in the nursery one Sunday during the worship time. You will be able to hear the service as you help with the little ones. Also, you are able to leave to participate in the Eucharist. Sign up sheet is ne the nursery door. Contact Lyn if you have any questions.

Calling **ALL** families. Everyone can play a part at the church to share the glory and joy of Grace. We want families to participate as greeters on Sunday mornings, simply arrive by 10:15 and welcome parishioners and guests until just before the worship starts; or serve as presenters by simply going to the back of the church at the peace and then bringing the elements, wine and host, to the altar for the Eucharist. Ushers can be families serving together or parents serving while their children are acolytes. We want this to be *fun and easy* for families. Send [Lyn Merchant an email](#) to be added to a list with instructions to be scheduled as a family or to ask to be scheduled when your children are serving.

## Youth Group

We will be meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup> and January 22<sup>nd</sup> 5-7pm at the church.

## MEMORIALS

Received November 22, 2016 through December 15, 2016

In Memory of *Jo Zeffiro* by:  
Nancy Lewis  
Dr. & Mrs. Daniel Fleming

In Memory of *Julie Kent* by:  
Donna F. Anderson  
Mary H. Derrick  
Dr. & Mrs. Daniel Fleming

In Memory of *Redus Martin* by:  
Nancy Lewis  
Stuart & Amanda Knobel  
Lily Roland Hall  
George P. Hammett  
Dr. & Mrs. Russell Street

*If donors prefer to remain anonymous, please indicate this with your Memorial or Honorarium.*

## HONORARIUMS

Received November 22, 2016 through December 15, 2016

In Honor of *Ken Langford* to the Grace Endowment Fund by:  
Gail Carnes

*Clary's Rhythm of the Lights on North Avenue in Anderson*

*Thanksgiving Weekend through New Year's Day*

*Watch the lights dance to music on 95.7 FM. Donations help homeless families find hope.*