



Birthdays for February

- 3rd Judy Fletcher
- 4th Barbara Earle, Leanne Ramey
- 5th Ava Camak
- 6th Jeremy Turner
- 7th Clay Crenshaw
- 9th Bob Earl
- 11th Nathan Cox
- 12th Nancy Welch
- 14th Brady Peebles
- 15th Stuart Knobel
- 16th David Bradham, Leigh Martin
- 17th Sarah Whiffen
- 22nd Buddy Bilbrey
- 23rd Tom Hancock
- 24th Abigail Burden
- 26th Taylor Bilbrey, Beverly Peterson
- 27th Jackson Potter
- 28th Jerry Peeler, Rick Stanland, Anna Rose Burden

Pray for healing and comfort

- John Bostater
- Karlann Bostater -chronic leukemia,cancer
- Leif Jacobsen and Anna May Jacobsen
- Marla Pietrawski-breast cancer
- Lauren –healing
- Nita Kelly-cancer, Sandy Kooistra, Chris Wisdom
- Sam Crane-throat cancer
- Ardith Speer-breast cancer
- Mrs. Dorothy Wilson-Rousseau
- Suzanne McMahan
- Kelly Brunelle
- Debi Frantz
- Marcella Gugnoni
- Jeff Makison
- Gerald King-cancer
- Phil & Vicky Brown
- Michael Bays, Cancer
- Matthew Sharkey
- Gerald Hobby
- Lillian Bowers
- Becky & Krysten Pazik
- David & Kendra Patten & Family (adoption)
- Miles Ming Patten (health & healing)
- Judy & Mark Blakenship
- Terry Anderson
- Doug McDougald
- Sydney Clemow
- Dudley Jenkins
- Zachery Jeffers
- Tom Hancock
- Anne Radnor
- Cameron Miles
- Lee Morris—Cancer
- Gail Hardaway-tumor
- Harriett McClain
- Patrick Nelson Brooks– son of Diann Sims
- Stephanie Flaherty -Jackie Lenhart’s sister
- Kathleen Liva-Barbara Davis’ daughter
- Robyn Bundy
- Dennis Hayes
- Rebecca Veeck
- Amy Jacobs– Heart & Lung Transplant
- John Cullen
- Mary Winiarski—Healing

Requested by

- Kathy Bostater
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- Greta Jacobsen

- Sharon Homer-Drummond
- Rob Elsner
- Ken Cauley
- Bill Speer
- Tony & Annette Guiseppi-Eli
- Gloria Byrd
- De & Opie Reid
- Lisa Tucker
- Tony Gugnoni
- Lynne Prince
- Valerie Peterson
- Cindy Baker

- Lisa Tucker
- Linda Hoffman
- Donna LeBrun
- Heather Tucker
- Heather Tucker

- Greta Jacobsen
- Lily Hall
- Hugh Osburn

- Lynn Prince
- Fr. Jack’s sister-in-law

- Stuart & Gail Adamo
- Bill Ducworth
- Ellie Cooper
- Jerry Peeler

- Dena Cullen



The Grace Bell



Sundays

- 8:00 am HE Rite I
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am HE Rite II
- 11:30 am Coffee Time

The Newsletter of Grace
Episcopal Church

February 2017

“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

THIS AND THAT

CRAZY CHRISTIANS! During the four Sundays of February the Rector will be leading a discussion about the book by Michael Curry (the Presiding Bishop) titled Crazy Christians. We gather at 9:30 in the Rector’s office, bring your own copy, read ahead. We will cover three chapters a week. We need some Crazy Christians!

Save the date:

Sundays During Lent: (Ash Wednesday is March 1st), study the faith Sunday mornings in the Rector’s office at 9:30. Perfect for those who want to deepen their faith, prepare for Baptism, Confirmation or Holy Matrimony.

Take a Retreat! On Saturday **March 4th** at St. Peter’s in Greenville, a Lenten quiet day is planned with reflections given by Fr. Jack. The topic is Every Day is a Parable: the surprise of God in our lives.

Annual Meeting and Vestry News: We broke last year’s record for the biggest annual meeting in the parish’s history. We had 124 ballots cast! Elected to the vestry were: Elliott Holman (our new Jr. Warden), Patty Cleveland (her first time), Masters Campbell (back on the vestry after a 35 year break), and Louis LeBrun (his first time). Our new Senior Warden is Janet Rippy (her second year in a row), Bill Harris is our new Treasurer (first time) and Ken Cauley is our new Clerk of the Vestry (first time for him). Our Delegates to Convention are Melissa Langford and Barbara Scott. Our Alternates to convention (in order) are Jane Williams, Rob Homer-Drummond, Connie Pearce and Thomas Pearce. Elected to the Endowment Board were Justin Durham and Matthias Klock.

Lift up your Hearts!

Fr. Jack

**Good Shepherd Campaign Update
As of December 31, 2016**

Total Amount Pledged	\$443,125
Pledges + Overpaid Pledges Received	430,565
Unpledged Gifts/Memorials/Honorariums Received	35,783
Abney Foundation Gifts Received	120,000
Oxford Endowment Disbursements Received	349,979
Total Good Shepherd Receipts thru 12/31/2016	936,327
Outstanding Pledges Due through 12/2016	40,253
Balance Due on Loan as of 12/31/2016	317,705

Monthly Stewardship Report for December

December 2016 Revenue	\$ 47,176.00
December 2016 Expenses	\$ 27,558.00
December 2016 Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ 19,618.00
YTD 2016 Revenue (Including Prepaids)	\$ 347,475.00
YTD 2016 Expenses	\$ 343,730.00
YTD Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ 3,745.00

Wednesday Night Dinners

February 1	Pork Tenderloin
February 8	Lasagna
February 15	Chicken Pot Pie
February 22	Chicken & Dumplings

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!



Ingathering and Blessing of scarves, blankets, and shawls for Pastoral Care will be Sunday, February 12, 2017

Anyone who has knitted, crocheted, or created scarves, blankets, or shawls for Pastoral Care may bring their creations to the church and place them in the baskets in the cloister. They will be blessed on Sunday **February 12**, and will be given out to our parish family members who may need a reminder that their Grace Church family is holding them in their thoughts and prayers while they are healing or going through a difficult time.

Use of the Church Parlor and Parish Hall

“Beginning the New Year, 2017, a new rule has been implemented for use of the parlor and the parish hall for non-church events. A **\$100 refundable deposit** is required as well as a completed form. All event food **should not** be left in either refrigerator or supply closet, but taken home. If the set guidelines are met, your \$100 deposit will be returned to you.”

Volunteers for Easter Breakfast

Anyone interested in helping with the Easter Breakfast, please contact Patty Cleveland at 864-940-2232 or ownlakehartwell@yahoo.com

Outreach

The Outreach Committee will be meeting on Saturday **February 18 from 9-12** to plan the coming year. This is not a closed meeting but open to everyone. We promise we will not exceed the allotted time. We will meet at the lodge at Oxford Farms, you may contact Jim Boyer @ 617 -0653 to get updated as plans finalize. Hope to see you there.

Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support Family Promise of Anderson County. Come in to the **Chipotle at 3556 Clemson Blvd** in Anderson on **Thursday, February 9th between 5:00pm and 9:00pm**. Flyers will be available but you only have to tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 50% of the proceeds will be donated to Family Promise of Anderson County.

Save the dates:

Maundy Thursday Agape Meal April 13
International Food Festival April 30
Family Promise Bowl-a-Thon May 21

Thank you to everyone who donated coats and blankets during the Epiphany COATS FOR THE KING coat drive.

Men's Bible Study Changing for 2017!

We are going to move in a different direction this new year! We will still meet at The Pompous Pig once a month on selected Thursdays at 6:30pm, but we are going to focus on Bible study to give our time together a little more sense of purpose. We are going to be studying Saint Paul's letter to the Ephesians. Our first meeting of the new year will be on Thursday, January 26th at 6:30. (*Please note—this has been changed from Thursday, January 19th on the original schedule.) We will certainly continue to fellowship as well and eat great food together. There is no change there!

For the initial meeting, we will look at Ephesians Chapter 1-2. Please read over the chapters several times before the study and come with your comments and questions. Here is the schedule for the rest of the Spring:

Thursday, January 26th (Ephesians 1-2)
Thursday, February 16th (Ephesians 3)
Thursday, March 23rd (Ephesians 4)
Thursday, April 20th (Ephesians 5)
Thursday, May 25th (Ephesians 6)

We look forward to this change and hope you will come to spend some time with us and study Paul's letter to the Ephesians!

Youth



February 5th Mark your calendars for the Super Bowl activities! Our youth group will be participating in Super Bowl of Caring. We will collect dollars after both services. These funds will be shared with The Anderson Soup Kitchen and Meals on Wheels.



We will sell Super Bowl subs for \$5.00 each and will be available at 8:45.

Shrove Tuesday, February 28th

Youth will be serving pancakes for Shrove Tuesday, February 28th, 6pm. \$4.00 per person. Pancakes, sausage, apple, juice and coffee. Come ready to celebrate

Mardi Gras !!!

Youth group will meet on February 12th and 26th at the church 5-7pm

Christian formation

Please check the calendar on the nursery door and sign up for an hour of fun. The VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY is available to grandparents, empty nesters, parents. It is a fun way to connect with the children at Grace.

2017 March 12 – Amy-Jill Levine

Phil Silverstein Memorial Lectures



Book Study Prior to the 12th:

Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi
Lecture One (How Jews and Christians Read Scripture Differently) at 2:30 p.m.

Lecture Two (Hearing Jesus' Parables: Of Pearls and Prodigals) at 4:30 p.m.

**Boulevard Baptist Church
700 Boulevard, Anderson, SC 29621**

MEMORIALS

In Memory of all the loved ones lost in 2016 by:
Tony & Annette Guiseppi-Elie

In Memory of **Jo Zeffiro** by:
Dr. & Mrs. David deHoll

In Memory of **Jo Zeffiro** to the Good Shepherd Fund by:
Jeff & Michelle Ricketson

In Memory of **Julie Kent** by:
Her Family

In Memory of **Elizabeth Ambrose Kress** to the Choir Fund by:
Lily Roland Hall

In Memory of **Dr. Jerry Powell** to the Playground Fund by:
Lyn Merchant & Powell Hickman

In Memory of **Redus Martin** by:
Ernest & Louise Trammell
Mr. & Mrs. Robert C. Daniel
Dr. & Mrs. Hugh Osburn
Carol & Norman Avinger

In Memory of **Dr. Jerry Powell** by:
Barbara, Harold & Preston Threlkeld

HONORARIUMS

Received December 15, 2016 through January 15, 2017

In Honor of **Brett & Rebecca Dixon** to the Parish Life Fund by:
Lily Roland Hall

In Honor of **Jim & Bess Boyer** to the Outreach Fund by:
Lily Roland Hall

In Honor of **Tom & Lee Hancock** to the Outreach Fund by:
Lily Roland Hall

In Honor of **Jerry & Nancy Welch's Wedding Anniversary** to Pastoral Care Fund by:
Lily Roland Hall
Gill Powell

In Honor of **Jerry & Nancy Welch's Wedding Anniversary** to the Rector's Discretionary Fund by:
Dr. & Mrs. Dan Fleming

In Honor of **Jerry & Nancy Welch's Wedding Anniversary** to the Christian Formation Fund by:
Rob & Betsy Elsner

In Honor of **Jerry & Nancy Welch's Wedding Anniversary** by:
Randy & Cindy Baker

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