

Birthdays for April

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| 4th | Lang Foster |
| 5th | Violet Clark |
| 6th | Tab Bates |
| 7th | Elliott Holman |
| 9th | Parker Baker |
| 10th | Chuck deVarennes |
| 11th | Andrea Buckless |
| 12th | Betty Ezelle, Stacy Whiffen |
| 14th | Lucine Hohn, Courtland Hack, George Hack |
| 15th | Bill Trent |
| 16th | Bill Albergotti, Al Sloan, Janet Rippy |
| 17th | Bryan Whiffen, John Martin, Galina Hack |
| 19th | Amy Huggins |
| 23rd | David Smith |
| 24th | Dorothy Poupalos, Rosemary Digby Sam Elsner, Levi Bilbrey |
| 25th | Susan Hardaway |
| 26th | Burns Knobel |
| 27th | Jacob Arnold |
| 28th | Valerie Peterson |

Pray for healing and comfort

John Bostater
 Karlann Bostater -chronic leukemia,cancer
 Leif Jacobsen and Anna May Jacobsen
 Marla Pietrawski-breast cancer
 Lauren -healing
 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 Pazik
 David & Kendra Patten & Family (adoption)
 Miles Ming Patten (health & healing)
 Judy & Mark Blakenship
 Terry Anderson
 Dudley Jenkins
 Zachery Jeffers
 Tom Hancock
 Anne Radnor
 Cameron Miles
 Harriett McClain
 Patrick Nelson Brooks- son of Diann Simms
 Stephanie Flaherty -Jackie Lenhart's sister
 Kathleen Liva-Barbara Davis' daughter
 Robyn Bundy
 Dennis Hayes
 Rebecca Veeck
 Amy Jacobs—Heart & Lung Transplant
 Mary Winiarski-Healing
 Paul Garrich—colon cancer
 Mary Lynne Hardaway—breast cancer
 Jason
 Suzanne Turner-breast cancer
Expectant Families- Mark & Vanessa Rettinger.

Congratulations to Clint & Megan Bates on the birth of their baby girl, Dorothy Anne. Born March 12, 2017 and weighing 7.2.

Requested by

Kathy Bostater
 Kathy Bostater
 Greta Jacobsen
 Sharon Homer-Drummond
 Bill Speer
 Tony & Annette Guiseppi-Elie
 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

Stuart & Gail Adamo
 Bill Ducworth
 Ellie Cooper
 Jerry Peeler

Jackie Lenhart
 Fr. Jack's mother
 Mary Jeffers



The Grace Bell



The Newsletter of Grace
 Episcopal Church

April 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

St. Catherine's will meet on Monday April 3rd at 2:00 p.m. Please bring items to fill Easter Baskets for our homebound.

HONORARIUMS

Received February 15, 2017 through March 21, 2017

In Honor of **Jerry & Nancy Welch's Wedding Anniversary** by: Hugh & Jan Osburn

In Honor of **Daryl Kress** by: Chip & Dixie Smith

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

Stewardship Report

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| February 2017 Revenue | \$ 24,704.00 |
| February 2017 Expenses | \$ 36,427.00 |
| February 2017 Surplus or (Deficit) | (\$ 11,723.00) |

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| YTD 2017 Revenue (Including Prepaids) | \$ 60,250.00 |
| YTD 2017 Expenses | \$ 62,476.00 |
| YTD Surplus or (Deficit) | (\$ 2,225.00) |

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| 2017 Annual Revenue Budget | \$ 349,713.00 |
| 2017 Annual Expense Budget | \$ 365,699.00 |
| 2017 Budget Deficit | (\$ 15,986.00) |

Sundays

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

**Holy Week Schedule
 And Easter Day**

**April 9 Palm Sunday -
 Palm Procession**

April 13 Maundy Thursday
 6:00 pm Agape Fellowship Meal
 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Eucharist and washing of the feet

April 14 Good Friday
 11:00 am Stations of the Cross
 12:00 Good Friday Liturgy

April 16 Easter Sunday
 8:00 am HE Rite I
 9:15 am Breakfast
 10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt
 10:30 am HE Rite II



Jack in the Pulpit

RESURRECTION

Holy week and Easter are almost here. These are traditions and habits of observing, honoring and worshiping God's presence in the world. All faith comes from and is lived in a community that is part of a tradition. It is part of being the human image of God.

Does that mean the resurrection is traditional? Nothing that trite or domesticated. The mystery and the power of God are found most fully in the darkness and betrayal of the cross. Easter comes from that dark place, that crowded pit. If anything, the Resurrection is untraditional, a break from what we know. Observing and living with this harsh glory, this tenacious beauty is an un-tradition-ing tradition.

May the surprise of resurrection always break the tradition of despair and rage at the pain in the world. May Easter be the tradition that finds hope for the faint, water in the dry place and faith in the unlikely and ill prepared.

Christ is Risen. Christ is Lord.

Lift up your Hearts!

Fr. Jack

ANGLICAN CLASSICS –a new class, reading and talking about some of the classics of Anglican creative and spiritual writing. We start with a non-Anglican, George McDonald, who “baptized” C.S. Lewis's imagination. We will read his well known children's book The Princess and the Goblin. We meet 4 times, **April 30th, May 7th, 14th and 21st**. We will cover eight chapters a week. We gather on Sundays at 9:30 in Fr. Jack's office.

Easter Flowers
If you would like to place flowers in the church in celebration of the Resurrection, complete the form and return to the parish office by April 9th

Minimum contribution for flowers is \$20.

Memory of _____

Honor of _____

Given by _____

Amount enclosed _____

Wednesday Night Dinners

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| April 5 | Chicken Spaghetti |
| April 12th | No Dinner (Maundy Thursday meal) |
| April 19th | Parmesan Crusted Tilapia |
| April 26th | Chili Rubbed Pork Tacos |

Summer Suppers are Coming Soon!

It's hard to believe, but our Summer Wednesday Night Dinners are just around the corner! We're looking for Ministries and Families or Friends to volunteer to host and/or prepare our Summer Suppers. If you sign up to host, you can choose whether to cook your favorite homestyle food, or have us order from restaurants such as Mama Penn's, Little Pigs, the Olive Garden, and Chili's!

Agape Fellowship Meal

Agape is the highest form of love ... the love that GOD has for us and all of his creation. It is the kind of love that Jesus demonstrated at the Last Supper when he washed the feet of his disciples. It is the kind of love that we demonstrate when we care for each other, laugh and play with each other, support each other and engage in fellowship together.

Please come and enjoy the fellowship of an Agape meal in the Parish hall at **6:00 p.m. on Maundy Thursday, April 13th**. This will be in place of our usual Wednesday Night Supper. The Agape meal is a potluck. White is the color of Maundy Thursday in the Episcopal Church and most others, so please bring white (or white-ish) food – a dish to share.

Mmmmm, a few things I can think of ... coconut, cream cheese, navy beans, white asparagus, chick peas, white chocolate, chicken, pasta Alfredo, enchiladas Suiza, vanilla ice cream ... get creative and have fun with it!

Please contact Janet Rippey: (843) 290-4221 or jfmr0416@gmail.com and let her know what you would like to bring, or if you can help with set-up or clean-up.

Volunteers for Easter Breakfast

Anyone interested in helping with the Easter Breakfast on April 16th at 9:15 a.m., please contact Patty Cleveland at 864-940-2232 or ownlakehartwell@yahoo.com

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!



Saturday Servants

Grace Church will be making sandwiches for 300 bag lunches every Saturday in **May**. Saturday Servants is a shared ministry with churches in the City of Anderson to serve lunches to our community friends who usually receive their lunch on weekdays at the Soup Kitchen. Please mark your calendars and come join us from 9:30 – 10:30 AM. **Donations of peanut butter and grape jam** (easier to spread than jelly) are also needed and may be left in the cloister or in the parish hall. Thank you.



Need a reminder for when you serve as acolyte, usher, lector, have coffee hour....Send [Lyn Merchant an email](mailto:Lyn.Merchant@gracechurch.org) with REMINDER LIST in the subject line and include your cell phone number if you would prefer a text reminder rather than email reminder.

International Festival for Global Missions

Grace Church will be having an International Festival for Global Missions on **April 30th**. This event will be for the benefit of our missions in Haiti and Ecuador. It will be held at the church following the 10:30 service. This will be a family friendly event with food from around the world, especially Haiti and Ecuador. In addition to raising money for these missions, we hope to increase the awareness of the importance of our efforts in these countries.

The festival will be immediately following the **10:30 service**. Free-will donations will be accepted for the food and all proceeds will go to these missions. We hope that those of you who enjoy cooking will help with the diversity of foods. Volunteers are needed to prepare an international dish. Prepare your favorite item. If you would like to participate in this event, please contact Connie Pearce @ 864-634-4728, Powell Hickman @ 864-376-4219, Jim Boyer @ 617-0653 or call the church office.

MEALS ON WHEELS As an outreach to Meals On Wheels Grace Church is now delivering for MOW the first and fourth Monday of each month. Anyone interested in signing up for a delivery day should contact Mike Rippey 843-290-4220 or mrrippy@gracechurch.org The route takes about an hour and is a great way to serve those that need it most.

UTO ingathering is June 4, 2017.

More details closer to date. Don't forget to pick up your coin box!



SAVE THE DATE

June 3, 2017

Annual Garage Sale– with a preview Wednesday Night Sale for Grace members. Enjoy light appetizers and wine then shop, yes you will pay double, but its for The Anderson County Cancer Society. We will begin collecting items in early May, so save your goodies! Call Dena or John Cullen for more information (864) 222-9425.

Christian Formation

March 22nd - Wednesday night dinner at 6:00pm and **Alms Event** with a tour at 6:30 of Meals on Wheels and delivery of shelf-stable meals.

World Water Day

March 25th Meals on Wheels Connector Run 8:00 am

March 26th Sunday 9:30 Sunday school **Adult options 5 Marks of Love Lenten Study** meeting in the library and **Episcopal Christianity** meeting in Father Jack's office and **Synoptic Gospels** in the parlor with Rob Elsner

April 1st - Saturday Mountain Hike

April 2nd Sunday 9:30 Sunday school. **Adult options 5 Marks of Love Lenten Study** meeting in the library and **Episcopal Christianity** meeting in Father Jack's office and **Synoptic Gospels** in the parlor with Rob Elsner . Joyful Noise Choir Sings at 10:30am

April 5th - Wednesday night dinner and **Alms Event** Prepare Homeless Bags

April 9th Sunday 9:30 Sunday school **Adult options 5 Marks of Love Lenten Study** meeting in the library and **Episcopal Christianity** meeting in Father Jack's office and **Synoptic Gospels** in the parlor with Rob Elsner

April 13th – Agape dinner and MAUNDY THURSDAY service with foot washing

April 16th - EASTER

Easter Egg Hunt will be at 10:00. We will **not** have Sunday School. Under age 4 will hunt eggs in the Memorial Garden; age 4 through 1st grade will hunt eggs on the playground, and 2nd through 5th grade will hunt eggs on the front lawn. Remember your baskets!

April 23rd Sunday 9:30 Sunday school. **Synoptic Gospels** in the parlor with Rob Elsner

April 30th Sunday 9:30 Sunday school. **Adult options ANGLICAN CLASSICS** meeting in Father Jack's office **Synoptic Gospels** in the parlor with Rob Elsner

Lenten Activities Continue...



Each Sunday of Lent Adult Sunday

School Options Each week will explore the Anglican Marks of Mission (Tell, Teach, Tend, Transform and Treasure) through videos, questions and exercises so we can speak more clearly and act truthfully, motivated always by hearts marked by God's love.

YOUTH

March 27, 2017 DYLC Applications Due

April 7th Deadline for New Beginnings Applications Due

April 9th Youth group meets at the church 5-7pm

April 23rd Youth group meets at the church 5-7pm

DYLC Youth retreats in the Diocese of Upper South Carolina are planned by the Diocesan Youth Leadership Committee (DYLC). This group of high school youth and adults from throughout the Diocese assist in the creation and implementation of youth events and help in setting the policies and procedures for governing them. Applications for DYLC are accepted during the Spring semester of each school year. We are particularly seeking representation from congregations not currently represented on DYLC. The application is available

here: [DYLC Application 2017-18](#). **Application and reference deadline for the 2017-18 school year is March 27th, 2016**

New Beginnings Event Date: **April 28-30, 2017** **Registration Deadline: April 7, 2017**

This weekend retreat at Camp Gravatt for youth in grades 6 - 8 provides opportunities to build new relationships and renew old ones. The weekend draws youth into a deeper walk with Christ while exploring healthy relationships with God, self, others and creation. The fee includes dinner Friday through lunch on Sunday. Registration begins at 6:00 pm on Friday. The weekend ends at 1:00 pm on Sunday. Location: Camp Gravatt, Aiken, SC

[Flyer: New Beginnings 2017](#) + [Register for the 2017 New Beginnings Retreat](#)

Grace Goes Green April 30th after

the service **Focus on Food** Plant a container garden and pick ideas for growing vegetables at home or find local sites to purchase fresh vegetables and fruit this summer. We will have information about composting so you can recycle your unused peels, cores, and other items to replenish the nutrients in your soil for next season's planting. We will have other activities coming in the summer-keep alert for details!!

