

Birthdays for June/July

June

1st Pat deVarennes, Vanessa Rettinger
 3rd Craig Bostick
 4th Donna Fillingham, Sam Baker
 5th Ava Bostick
 6th Dan Fleming
 7th Kellie Martin
 8th Madeline Baker, Sydney Baker
 9th Brooks Simms, George Burgess
 10th Norma Strang, Bob Prince, John Woodson
 11th Marcella Gugnoni, Andy Prince
 12th Donald McGaw, Grace Kerley, Jane Hughes
 13th Justin Durham
 15th Lillian Elsner, Anna Woodson
 16th Samantha Colman, Jacqueline Stallo
 18th Joe Maxwell
 20th Shane Ramey
 21st Elizabeth Elsner
 24th Lyn Merchant
 25th Sophia Kloeck
 26th Jacob Crenshaw
 27th Julia Woodson
 28th Caitlin Baker
 29th Bill Bauknight, Sally Hancock
 Sarah Kloeck, Ellis Ripley
 30th Alex Gundry, Kelsey Oxford

July

1st Lawren Campbell
 2nd John Heeney
 3rd Pat Larsen
 4th John Kerley
 5th Powell Hickman, Alexandra Rettinger
 6th Jim Fillingham, Liz Lawton,
 Catherine Jeffords, Heather Tucker
 7th John Gurrad
 10th Cary Hughes
 11th Courtney Foster
 12th Lila Potter
 13th Lily Hall, Ken Langford
 14th Lauryn Arnold
 15th William Johnson
 16th Betty Martin, Ken Cauley
 17th Melissa Langford
 18th Jennifer Burgess
 20th Howard Tallent, Renee Potter,
 Jeff Hohn, Frances Hardaway, Ben Dixon
 22th Furman Walter, Melissa Cashman
 29th Alicia Hack
 30th Nancy Maxwell
 31st Lila Albergotti

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
 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
 Rebecca Veeck
 Amy Jacobs-Heart & Lung Transplant
 Paul Garrich-colon cancer
 Mary Lynne Hardaway-breast cancer
 Jason
 Suzanne Turner-breast cancer
 De Reed
 Joshua McMillan

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
 Ellie Cooper
 Jerry Peeler
 Jackie Lenhart
 Fr. Jack's mother
 Mary Jeffers



The Grace Bell



Sundays

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

"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

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Jack in the Pulpit

*People were also bringing babies to Jesus for him to place his hands on them. When the disciples saw this, they rebuked them. But Jesus called the **children** to him and said, "Let the little **children** come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. — Matthew 18:1-5*

An open letter to the parents who bring their children to church on Sundays from the congregation of Grace church:

We know parenting is tiring. We remember the days of trying to get our families to church when we just wanted to sleep in. Finding clean clothes that no one has outgrown. Rushing out the door with wet hair. Slinking into church after the priest processes down the aisle. Pulling baby, toddler, and diaper bag past 4 people to get to an empty space in the middle of the row to sit on either side of the donkey (new word -that wooden piece in the middle of the row is a donkey). Rifling through purses to find something to entertain the children because we didn't grab the children's entertainment bag in the Narthex. Shushing the toddler's loud whispers or an older child's "how much longer." Somewhere between the late arrival and the wiggly, giggly kids, the eyes of the congregation can seem so harsh, even if they are not meant to be.

So do you leave church thinking "Did I hear a thing that was said? Was it worth all the trouble? Do they want us here?" Parents, the answer is a resounding yes.

Your children fill our church with joyful noise. They remind us that we worship as a community where all are welcome. They don't need to wait until they can pray or worship in a certain way to join us each Sunday. They are wonderful just the way they are. It heartens our congregation to see and hear young people clamoring to sit by Father Jack for the children's sermon and to hear their hilarious answers to his questions. You give us hope that these pews won't be empty in 10 years when your kids can sit quietly during church or in 25 years when they return with children of their own.

So, thank you for bringing your children to worship with us. Your family's exuberance and noisy commotion are not a bother but rather an essential part of our community that is the Body of Christ.

Stewardship Report

April 2017 Revenue	\$ 36,617.00
April 2017 Expenses	\$ 31,135.00
April 2017 Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ 5,482.00
YTD 2017 Revenue (Including Prepaids)	\$125,684.00
YTD 2017 Expenses	\$120,194.00
YTD Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ 5,490.00
2017 Annual Revenue Budget	\$349,713.00
2017 Annual Expense Budget	\$365,699.00
2017 Budget Deficit	(\$ 15,986.00)

Wednesday Night Dinners

June 7	Chicken Fingers, Green Beans, Potato Wedges-WNS
June 14	Baked Ham, Basmati Rice, Vegetables, Banana Pudding- Barbara Scott Host: Furman Walter, Ken Cauley
June 21	Breakfast for dinner-Christian Formation
June 28	Little Pigs BBQ- Host: Pam Herold, Patty Cleveland



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!

SAVE THE DATE

June 3, 2017

Annual Garage Sale- with a preview Wednesday Night Sale-May 31st. for Grace members. Outreach will be hosting the Wednesday Night Dinner that night. Enjoy light appetizers and wine then shop, yes you will pay double, but it's 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.



Set up for the sale will be May 29 from 2-5pm and on May 30th from noon until 5:00 pm. The last day for set up is May 31 from 9 until noon. All volunteers are welcome and needed.

Food, Books, and Volunteers are Needed for Children and Youth For AIM's Food 4 Kids Summer Program



As part of our summer food drive for Anderson Interfaith Ministries there is a need for individual packaged juices and snack items for the Food 4 Kid's Program. We are also collecting **new or gently used books** that can be given to the children and youth when they receive their packed lunches. Donated items may be brought to the church and left in the Parish Hall or on Sundays in the cloister area. Thank you.

If you would like to volunteer:

Volunteers are needed at AIM at the food bank building on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Volunteers are also needed to help distribute the food on Friday mornings. **Grace Episcopal Church is adopting the Friendship Court site on Mauldin Road.** The program begins June 9 and is held every Friday during the summer except July 7. Food needs to be picked-up at the AIM Food Pantry and taken to Friendship Court where the food is distributed to the children and youth who come for lunch. **Families, couples, pairs of friends can all participate.** Sign-up sheets are located in the cloister and in the parish hall. If you have any questions or would like more information contact Deacon Mary at jeffers6sc@att.net. **Thank You!**



Thank you to everyone who donated bicycle locks for South Main Chapel and Mercy Center.



The United Thank Offering ingathering is June 4th. Envelopes are available on the table in the cloister. A basket will be placed in the cloister on **June 4th** for your offering. The offering will be brought to the altar for a sending forth blessing. Please recycle your box and continue to add your blessings for next year's ingathering. Thank you for supporting the UTO! Lynne and V.V

Christian Formation

Mark your calendars! We will host three family events during the summer.

June 3rd will be at the Foster's home. It will be an adult only gathering of parents. They will provide hotdogs and burgers and each couple is asked to bring a side dish.

July 21st we will meet at the Roper Mountain Science Center.

August 13th we will host an ice cream social after church. We will invite families to sign up for various flavors and share in the parish hall and the play ground.

Although camping received the most for votes in our survey, we were unable to secure a suitable camping spot for this year. We have already begun the search for next summer. If you happen upon a great camping site in your travels this summer please let me know. Hope to have information on this event at Rally Day (August 27th)!

Christian formation will host the Wednesday night dinner **June 21st**. We will have breakfast items. Please watch your email for a food sign-up sheet.

We had a great program year! Thank you Rebecca, Ellie, Cindy, Heather, Caroline, Bess and Jodie. A special thank you to Donna, who has taught and served as Christian Formation chair person.

A **HUGE** thank you to Rob Elsner for his many years of teaching the wonderful lessons on the Synoptic Gospels. Thank you for your commitment and the wealth of knowledge you generously shared with the class!

Watch for announcements about summer pick up activities!

Youth who are 15 and are juniors in high school or older who wish to be confirmed will need participate in a class starting in August. The Bishop will be here in October. Details will be in the August newsletter

A **VERY special thank** you to Sunday school teachers for another outstanding year. Quinn Camak, Sarah Whiffen, Rebecca Dixon, Donna LeBrun, Heather Tucker, Cindy Baker, Ellie Cooper, Jodie Webb, Caroline Ripley, Bess Boyer, Rob Elsner and Father Jack.

MEMORIALS

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In Memory of **Betty Ann Perkins** (Bess Boyer's mother) to the Outreach Fund by:
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