



**Birthdays for September**

- 2nd Dixie Harris
- 3rd John Cullen, Lucas Peterson, Nolan Bostick
- 4th John Fletcher
- 6th Martha Gregory, Joshua Whiffen
- 9th Meredith Edmondson, Beth Cheek  
Garrett Whiffen
- 11th Jane Smith
- 12th Gloria Byrd, Jesse Stallo,  
Emerson Potter
- 13th Dena Cullen, David Burden
- 14th Jimmy Sellers, Harold Threlkeld  
Charles Miller, Fay Theriot  
Rob Elsner, Dylan Bilbrey,  
Nathanael Burden
- 15th Don Roberts, Norman Avinger,  
Nancy Devine, Carol Baker
- 16th Pete Crosby, Royce Brown
- 18th Linda Hoffman, Lawrence McMillan,  
Julien LeBrun
- 19th Jim Boyer, Brett Dixon, Joey Oppermann
- 21st Betty Gurrad, Jane Williams
- 22nd Barbara Threlkeld
- 23rd Carly Campbell
- 27th Jeri Sellers
- 28th Elisa Turner
- 29th Don Cleveland
- 30th JT Cooper

**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  
 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  
 Bobby Murrell  
 Don Colman

**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  
 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

Tari Prince



*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

**Sundays**

8:00 am HE Rite I  
 9:15 am Sunday School  
 10:30 am HE Rite II  
 11:30 am Coffee Time

**HOLY EROSION**

What we study and what we do shape and form us over the long term. As Christians we are formed by what I call "holy erosion". The life of faith and its many parts wears us down to the image of Christ. Worship, community, prayer, study, service over and over and over for years and years eventually changes us. As Christians we are more than born anew, we are formed by life with God together. Grace is a good place for Holy Erosion. Take advantage of the weather, the elements and the time!

**Christian Formation**

*"Christian faith formation is a lifelong journey with Christ, in Christ, and to Christ. Lifelong Christian faith formation is lifelong growth in the knowledge, service and love of God as followers of Christ and is informed by scripture, tradition and reason."*

**What Makes a Difference in Faith Growth?**

Research show that the primary influence is *Parents and the Family* and that the *Congregation and Significant Adults* are a secondary influence

1. God Invites All People – into the Christian life
2. God Inspires All People – to worship, study Scripture, to learn, to serve
3. God Transforms All People – to do the work of Jesus, to be a loving and witnessing community.

We offer opportunities for formation for all ages. The nursery nurtures children from 6 weeks until their fifth birthday when most are ready to participate in the worship service with their family. We offer Sunday school for ages three through high school grouped by age. Father Jack regularly offers classes for adults. Additionally, there are a number of groups which meet regularly that support faith development. **Rally Day** is an opportunity to explore all of these options and more. Join us as we journey with Christ, in Christ and to Christ.

**Stewardship Report**

July 2017 Revenue	\$ 34,314.00
July 2017 Expenses	\$ 30,171.00
July 2017 Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ 4,143.00

YTD 2017 Revenue (Including Prepaids)	\$210,890.00
YTD 2017 Expenses	\$209,745.00
YTD Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ 1,145.00

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

## Wednesday Night Dinners

- September 6th Meatloaf, green beans, mashed potatoes, cornbread and dessert.  
September 13th Mexican turkey lasagna, sweet corn salad, chips, cheese and dessert  
September 20th Chicken Spaghetti, a side dish, bread and dessert  
September 27th Baked Zita with salad and bread sticks dessert

Catered by: Lacreacia Bilbrey



## Open invitation

**Mental Wellness Group** meet September 1st and September 15th of the month in the Parish Library from 1:30 -3:00 pm. For more information speak to Deacon Mary Jeffers. All are Welcome!

## Ladies of Grace Bible Study/Prayer Group

The Ladies of Grace Bible Study/Prayer Group will resume their weekly meeting on September 6th, 11:00 am-12:30 p.m. Our Bible study this year will begin with the healings of Jesus. We will look at each healing using the five questions of Who? What? When? Where? And How?

All ladies of Grace are welcome. Questions? Call Sara Cheek 226-4498.

**Y Mentor** is an offshoot of Upstate Mentor and its administration is being done by the Pickens, Easley, and Powdersville YMCA offices. They are seeking mentors for Anderson 1 students grades K4 through High School. They are asking for a 1 year commitment, 30 minutes a week at school breakfast or lunch, and offer training and support. Their primary goal is to "develop resilience" and provide coping skills to mostly "at risk" youth, not academic tutorial services. An introductory 2 hour class is available. If you might be interested check Y Mentor online or call Christy Coffee at (864) 433-1882.

## SAVE THE DATE! October 21, 2017 Grace Episcopal BBQ



### Knitting, crocheting, and creating scarves for Pastoral Care

Everyone who would like to knit, crochet, or create scarves, prayer shawls, or lap blankets is invited to participate in this ministry. The scarves for the Pastoral Care will be given to people who are going through a difficult time and need a reminder that their Grace Church family is with them in prayer. The scarf, prayer shawl, or lap blanket will also be a sign of comfort and support. If you have any questions about this ministry or would like to help, please contact Mary Jeffers at [jeffers6sc@att.net](mailto:jeffers6sc@att.net) or at 864-650-4266.

**The next Ingathering and Blessing of scarves, prayer shawls, and blankets will be Sunday, September 3, 2017.**



Anderson Forum  
For Progressive  
Theology

Providing a forum for interfaith dialogue on theological topics  
by bringing inspirational and challenging speakers to the community

Featuring Ruby Sales



**Public Theologian, Historian, Activist, Social Critic,  
and Educator**

Founder, Director-The SpiritHouse Project, Atlanta

"Biblical and Theological Roots of Social Activism"

"Social Activism in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century"

Sunday Afternoon, October 1, 2017

3:00 p.m.

Wilson Calvary Baptist Church

1401 N. Murray Ave., Anderson, SC

Two talks with feedback, conversation, and networking with friends  
who would like to make a difference in the Anderson Community

Save the Date    Invite a Friend    Attend and Participate

## Christian Formation

It looks like an exciting year with lots of opportunities for growing in faith. We are seeking volunteers to assist in Sunday School in the elementary age group and upper grades. Please stop by and talk with some of teachers and let them tell you about their experience. Teaching is a great way to learn! We also need volunteers to assist our paid nursery staff. Having a second set hands and eyes in the nursery provides extra comfort and safety. Contact [Lyn Merchant](#) for more information.

**September 10th** Sunday School kicks off new program year at 9:15am

**October 1st** is The Blessing of the Animals

**October 8th** Bishop Waldo will be at Grace for Baptisms and Confirmations

## EYC Information:

We are very excited to get this year started! We would like to thank Father Jack, Lyn Merchant and the Vestry for giving us the opportunity to serve as Youth Ministers. We have a lot of new and fun ideas in store for our middle school and high school students. The first EYC meeting is September 10 at Grace from 5-7. We would like for the parents to join us in our kick-off celebration.

## EYC Calendar for September (time 5-7 P.M.):

10<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> EYC of the new school year. (Parents will need to attend)

17<sup>th</sup> – EYC

24<sup>th</sup> - EYC

All EYC meetings will be at Grace unless otherwise noted. We are looking forward to this EYC year! Samantha and Carly

## Ecuador Trip 2018

On August 6<sup>th</sup>, Grace had a visit from Brenda Martinez. She lives in Quito, Ecuador and she served as one of the team host of the Ecuador Mission Team last year. She is a recipient of Education= Hope Scholarship. For more information on Brenda or Education= Hope, go to <http://educationequalshope.org/>. Summer 2018 we are planning on taking another group from Grace to Quito, Ecuador! If you have completed the 9<sup>th</sup> grade and are interested, please contact Carly or Samantha. More to come...

## MEMORIALS

Received July 16, 2017 through August 15, 2017

In Memory of **David Smith** to the Pastoral Care Fund by:  
Gill Powell

In Memory of **David Smith** to the Good Shepherd Fund by:

Bob & Lynne Prince  
Al & Sandy Sloan

In Memory of **David Smith** by:

Roni & Mike Boyd  
Pat Larsen

Nancy Lewis  
Lena Chapman  
Elizabeth Morris Jones

Linda Hoffman

In Memory of **Ashe Ashton** by:

Nancy Lewis  
Lena Chapman

In Memory of **Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Batkin** to the Good Shepherd Fund by:

Al & Sandy Sloan

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

**"The St. Catherine's Guild** will meet at Grace on September 11th from 2:00- 4:00 pm, program TBA. All women are welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be served."