



"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

The Grace Bell

The Newsletter of Grace Episcopal Church January 2018



Jack in the Pulpit

Time For Soup!

The 67th (or so) Annual Soup Luncheon is scheduled for 1/25/18. Please put that date on your calendar. The committee is continuing the modernization and innovation of our processes. We need YOU to volunteer. To sell tickets and spread the word. To cook soup and desserts. To cut up desserts and cornbread on 1/24/18. To warm soup, serve soup, wash dishes, move furniture, deliver soup, collect money etc on 1/25/18. For this event to be a success we need the support of the entire congregation. If you are willing to volunteer for any of these positions, please notify Mike Rippey (mrippyrevet@gmail.com). If you would like to be involved in planning, please contact Jodie Webb (j.webb@nationwide.com). If you can make soup or desserts, please contact Dixie Harris (dixieandbryan@gmail.com).

Vegetable Soup

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| 3 med onions, chopped | 1 cup dry red Burgundy wine |
| 1 lb ground beef | 2 Tbsp. parsley |
| 1 clove garlic, minced | 1/2 tsp. basil |
| 4 cans beef bouillon | 1/4 tsp. Thyme |
| 2 large cans tomatoes, chopped | 1 cup water |



1 cup each-potatoes, carrots, celery (essential for flavor), green beans, okra, corn, butter beans optional. Salt and pepper to taste.

BROWN BEEF, ONIONS AND GARLIC. DRAIN TO REMOVE EXCESS FAT. ADD REMAINING INGREDIENTS AND SIMMER 1 1/2 HOURS. MAKED APPROXIMATELY 4 QUARTS.

Annual Meeting and Breakfast January 21st. The breakfast will be in the parish hall at 9:00 a.m. The Meeting will be in the Church at 10:00 a.m. We will have elections and reports. All registered members please be there! We need a quorum.

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
 Kathleen Liva-Barbara Davis' daughter
 Robyn Bundy
 Rebecca Veeck
 Amy Jacobs—Heart & Lung Transplant
 Jason
 Suzanne Turner-breast cancer
 De Reed
 Joshua McMillan
 Diane Obright
 Kelly Novak-friend of Father Jack's
 Dearlan Hays
 Don Colman- Knee surgery
 Henry Louttit (Susan Hardaway's father)
 Kevin T. Heeney- John's dad Heart surgery

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
 Mary Jeffers

Jackie Lenhart

Birthdays for January

- 2nd Lang Foster
- 4th William Langford
- 6th Robin Speer, Amalie Huggins
- 11th Anne Radnor, Rodman Foster
- 12th Lisa Tucker
- 13th Elizabeth Thro, Pam White, Bess Boyer
- 15th Bill Harris, Jeremy Kent
- 17th Madelyn Clark
- 18th Em Holman, Patty Cleveland
Lacrecia Bilbrey
- 20th De Reed
- 21st Linda Wilson, Margaret George
- 25th Jan Osburn, Joannie Roberts
- 26th Tony Gugnoni
- 27th John Peebles, Luke Kent
- 30th Baylis Maxwell

2018 Offering Envelopes

Please pick up your 2018 offering envelopes in the Cloister. If you have not been using envelopes and would like to have some, please call the church office.

YEAR END CONTIRBUTIONS

Please remember these guidelines for year end giving in 2017:

Checks must be postmarked on or by December 31, 2017.

Any checks received after 12/31/2017 will be posted to your 2018 statement.

Stewardship Report

November 2017 Revenue	\$ 17,105.00
November 2017 Expenses	\$ 31,101.00
November 2017 Surplus or (Deficit)	(\$ 13,996.00)
YTD 2017 Revenue (Including Prepaids)	\$302,833.00
YTD 2017 Expenses	\$332,978.00
YTD Surplus or (Deficit)	(\$ 30,145.00)
2017 Projected Annual Revenue Budget	\$349,713.00
2017 Annual Expense Budget	\$365,699.00
2017 Projected Budget Deficit	(\$ 15,986.00)

Update from your Wednesday Night Dinner Committee

Our loyal and lovely volunteer Barbara Davis has decided to take a break from collecting the money each week for Wednesday dinner. We will be asking for volunteers to help us each week to collect money from our dinners. We still need you to make your reservation every week by Tuesday at 12 noon and show up on the weeks that you reserve. The schedule for January will include a special New Year's Meal on 1/3/18 by Ken Cauley. There will be no dinner on 1/24/18 because of the Soup Luncheon



Open invitation

Mental Wellness Group meets January 5th and January 19th of the month in the Parish Library from 1:30 -3:00 pm. For more information speak to Deacon Mary Jeffers. All are Welcome!



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 by **January 7**. Men's, women's and children's coats are being collected. Thank you.

Needed Scarves and Prayer Shawls for Pastoral Care



There will be an ingathering for the Blessing of prayer shawls and scarves in February. Free yarn is available and is located in the parish library-Please help yourself!

The Worship Committee Thanks You!!! The worship committee is making great progress with filling our volunteer positions of Altar, Lector, Intercessor, Chalice Bearer, Ushers, Presenters, Torch Bearers, Crucifers, Gospel Bearer and Server (acolyte). Thank you all for attending the training sessions! We have additional robes for our children servers (thank you for the donations).

COMMUNITY MARTIN LUTHER KING OBSERVANCE

Join the observance of the life and witness of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. with other community churches at the Anderson Civic Center on **Monday January 15th at 5:45 PM**. Father Jack will be giving the invocation. An offering will be made for the United Negro College Fund.

CHURCH SECURITY TRAINING: The Anderson County Sheriff's Office is offering a free training session about church security on **January 13, 2018** at Concord Baptist Church. See the flyer on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. If you are interested in attending, please contact Furman Walter at 224-9979.

Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina to host All Our Children National Symposium
January 16 - 18, 2018
Trinity Episcopal Cathedral
Columbia, SC

+REGISTER and for more information go to [edusc.org](http://edusc.org/aoc2018.org)
aoc2018.org

All Our Children: The Church's Role in Education Equity is an ecumenical learning event focusing on the urgency of quality public education for all children and lifting up how communities of faith are already strengthening public education in their cities, states, and across the nation.

***Wednesday, January 17 at 7:30pm Keynote by Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry**

If you are not able to attend the conference you are invited and encouraged to come hear Presiding Bishop Michael Curry. If you have any questions or would like more information, you may contact Deacon Mary Jeffers at jeffers6sc@att.net.

Greater Anderson Interfaith Network's Finding Common Ground project aims to build bridges of understanding between residents and visitors within the greater Anderson community. This program is sponsored by Islamic Society of Clemson in cooperation with GAIN, Anderson County Human Relations Council and Anderson County Library.

Join us for a heartfelt panel discussion with local Muslims on common misconceptions about Islam in general and Muslims in particular. Each panelist will offer her own perspective on a range of topics and then answer questions from the audience. Light refreshments will be served.

Saturday, January 13, 2:00 PM at Anderson County Library, [300 N. McDuffie Street, Anderson](http://300.N.McDuffieStreet,Anderson).

Christian Formation

Save the Date June 23-24th 2018 VBS

We will return to Oconee State park for a one night camping, faith building experience. Cabins will be available on a first come first serve basis.

All Sunday school classes will meet **January 7th at 9:30**

Episcopal Christianity—This class is led by Father Jack for new members, anyone interested in baptism or confirmation and anyone interested in learning more about the Episcopal Church and the Christian faith. This class will start on Sunday, **January 7th**, and will meet in Father Jack's office. At 9:30 a.m.

Mark your Calendars Safe church training January 14th 1-4pm

We will host a Safe Church training at Grace on January 14th from 1-4pm. This program provides the skill to recognize abuse victims and protect against abuse occurring in both children and adult populations. The training is free. It is required for vestry members, Eucharistic visitors, youth coordinators and staff and is recommended for committee chairs [Email Lyn Merchant to sign up](mailto:Lyn.Merchant@graceepiscopal.org)

Youth

Jan. 14- EYC 5-7 at church
Jan. 21- EYC 5-7 at church
Jan 28- Fellowship Fun Sunday TBD

Super Bowl Subs
February 4th 2018

Ecuador Fundraiser

Valentine's Day dinner and auction is **Feb. 10**. Tickets are \$30 per person. See Samantha Colman or Carly Campbell for purchase. All proceeds go to the Ecuador mission team!

MEMORIALS

Received November 16, 2017 through
December 15, 2017

In Memory of **Lena Chapman** to the Grace Endowment Fund by:

Pete & Phyllis Crosby
The Happy Group, St. John's United
Methodist Church
Pat Larsen
Royce & Bunny Brown
Lily Hall
St. Catherine's of Grace Episcopal Church
Gill Powell
Nancy Lewis

In Memory of **Lena Chapman** to the Good Shepherd Fund by:

Ken & Melissa Langford

In Memory of **Jerry C. Gambrell** to the Good Shepherd Fund by:

Ken & Melissa Langford

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

HONORARIUMS

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In Honor of **Jim Boyer** to the Outreach Fund by:
Gill Powell

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