



**Birthdays for February**

- 1st Jack Hardaway
- 4th Barbara Earle
- 5th Ava Camak
- 7th Clay Crenshaw
- 9th Bob Earle
- 11th Nathan Cox
- 12th Nancy Welch
- 14th John Peebles
- 15th Stuart Knobel
- 16th David Bradham, Leigh Martin
- 17th Sarah Whiffen
- 22nd Jerry Bilbrey
- 23rd Tom Hancock
- 24th Abigail Burden
- 26th Taylor Bilbrey, Beverly Peterson
- 27th Jackson Potter
- 28th Jerry Peeler, Rick Stanland, Anna 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
- Ardith Speer-breast cancer
- Mrs. Dorothy Wilson-Rousseau
- Suzanne McMahan
- Debi Frantz
- Marcella Gugnoni
- 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
- 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
- Bill Ducworth
- Barbara Earle

**Requested by**

- Kathy Bostater
- Kathy Bostater
- Greta Jacobsen
  
- Sharon Homer-Drummond
- Bill Speer
- Tony & Annette Guiseppi-Elie
- Gloria Byrd
- Lisa Tucker
- Tony Gugnoni
- 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



*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

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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*

**HEADS UP!**

Hey all,

Lent comes early this year with **Ash Wednesday** sharing the calendar with Valentine’s Day, **February 14th**. What to do with that? Be in love with God!

**Shrove Tuesday Change:** the day before Ash Wednesday is Shrove Tuesday (also Fat Tuesday) where we enjoy the fat and the sweet before the fast begins. This year we join with other area Churches for an ecumenical Pancake Supper at Boulevard Baptist Church from 4 to 7. Tickets are \$5 and are available at the door or for sale in our parish office. The proceeds benefit Family Promise, the Soup Kitchen and the Developmental Center for Exceptional Children.

**Lenten Studies:**

If you are looking for a **good personal Lenten discipline** studying and reflecting on scripture is an excellent Lenten choice. A good short book for this by Rowan Williams is **Meeting God in Mark: Reflections for the Season of Lent**.

If you are looking **to join in a study group** for Lent our parish intern Garrett Ayers (see next page) will be having a book study. The class will be on Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the parish library starting **February 18<sup>th</sup>** called **New Testament Suffering and Black Experience**. The study will be on James H. Cone’s *The Cross and the Lynching Tree*. Cone’s book is an extended discussion about lynching in the south and suffering in the Black Religious experience. See further detail in this newsletter. Bring a copy of the book, read one chapter a week.

Also to go with the wilderness theme of Lent Fr. Jack will be offering a talk on the pilgrimage walk in Spain often called **“The Camino”**. This is part of the City of Anderson’s International Festival’s celebration of Spain. It will be in the Church at 7 PM on Thursday February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Meet Garrett Ayers!** Garrett is a senior at Clemson and is in discernment for ordination to the priesthood. Part of the discernment process involves doing an internship in a parish. Grace is blessed to have Garrett for his internship which lasts until this summer. Give him a warm welcome.

Lift up your hearts!  
Fr. Jack

**Good Shepherd Campaign Update  
As of 12/31/2017**

Total Amount Pledged	443,135
Pledges +Overpaid Pledged Received	430,565
Unpledged Gifts/Memorials/Honorariums Received	39,661
Abney Foundation Gifts Received	120,000
Oxford Endowment Disbursements Received	409,772
Total Good Shepherd Receipts thru 12/31/17	1,000,598
Outstanding Pledges due through 12/31/2017	40,253
Balance Due on Loan as of 12/31/2017	256,475

**Stewardship Report**

December 2017 Revenue	\$ 58,177.00
December 2017 Expenses	\$ 29,774.00
December 2017 Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ 28,403.00
YTD 2017 Revenue (Including Prepaids)	\$361,010.00
YTD 2017 Expenses	\$362,752.00
YTD Surplus or (Deficit)	(\$ 1,742.00)

## A LENTEN BOOKSTUDY

### New Testament Suffering and Black Experience

Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the parish library starting February 18<sup>th</sup>.

As a Lenten course in preparation for Good Friday, and Easter we will BE doing a book study on James H. Cone's *The Cross and the Lynching Tree*. Cone's book is an extended discussion about lynching in the south, suffering in the Black Religious experience through American history, and the suffering of Christ on the cross—our most compatible referent for the horror of lynching. Cone believes that the two events inform one another, as we learn about the horror of lynching from the cross, and the horror of the cross from lynching. In conjunction with this, we will pair chapters from Cone's book with selections from Paul's letters which take up suffering as a discipline and as participation in Christ, and we will take up selections from the Letter of James which concern care for others outside of the Church. Our hope is to have a space for honest and difficult discussion, all in the hope of learning more about what was that great suffering that Christ offered on our behalf, and how we can participate in his work. Bring a copy of the book, read the first chapter for the first class.

## Finding Common Ground:

*"Two Hundred Years of Vision:*

*A Film and Discussion about the Baha'i Faith"*

Join us on Sunday, February 25 at 2:30 pm at the Anderson County Library for a film and discussion of the Baha'i faith. This is the second event in a series which is a part of the Greater Anderson Interfaith Network's *Finding Common Ground* project. The project aims to build bridges of understanding between residents and visitors within the greater Anderson community. This program is sponsored by GAIN (Greater Anderson Interfaith Network), Anderson County Human Relations Council and Anderson County Library.



## Ingathering and Blessing of scarves, hats, blankets, and shawls- for Pastoral Care will be Sunday, February 11, 2018

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 11, 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.

## Wednesday Night Dinner

February 7th Steak, potatoes, salad— Ken Cauley  
February 14th Ash Wednesday—No Supper  
February 21st— Pam Garrett  
February 28th— Pam Garrett  
Please call the church office by Noon on Tuesday for reservations.



## Open invitation

Mental Wellness Group meets February 2 and February 16th of the month in the Parish Library from 1:30 -3:00 pm. For more information speak to Deacon Mary Jeffers. All are Welcome!



Grace Episcopal Church  
Valentine's Day Dinner  
February 10, 2018  
Cost: \$30

6:00P.M. Social Time and Auction Viewing  
Dinner will be served at 6:30 P.M.

Location: Grace Episcopal Church Parish Hall  
Silent Auction  
Babysitting

Contact:  
Samantha Colman (864)-933-3677  
Carly Campbell (864)-353-5384

\*Supporting the Mission Trip to Ecuador

## Christian Formation

HUGE Thank You to the Christmas Pageant team for a faith filled Christmas Eve pageant telling the Story of the Good News. Heather Tucker was the director assisted by outstanding producers Donna LeBrun, Janie Fleming, Kelly Fleming, Abby Burden, and the Choir team of Alicia Hack, Nita Colman, and Lee Hancock. Well done good and faithful!!

The Christian Formation committee will meet after the 10:30 worship on **January 28th**. All are welcome.

## Join the Good Book club for Lent

### What is the Good Book Club?

The Good Book Club is an invitation to all Episcopalians to join in reading the Gospel of Luke and the Book of Acts during Lent-Easter 2018. Episcopalians will start reading Luke on Sunday, February 11 and read a section of Luke's Gospel every day through the season of Lent. The entire season of Easter will be devoted to daily readings from the Book of Acts. Already, individuals, congregations, and organizations are committed to being a part of the Good Book Club, and we hope you'll join the journey too!

[Forward Movement](#) has created a set of [daily readings](#) to divide Luke and Acts into 50 days each. Each day, participants will read a few verses of Luke or Acts. Readers of *Forward Day by Day* can easily follow along, with Luke and Acts guiding the reflections during Lent-Easter 2018. If you would like to be a part of a group at Grace, reading together contact [Lyn Merchant](#).

Grace will be participating with the Anderson County Ministerial Association Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner at Boulevard Baptist Church.

## 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.

## Youth

### February 4th 2018

Super Bowl Subs \$5 for 6 inch sub. No need to pre order. Just stop by the parish hall and pick up as many as you need. Subs will be ready by 8:45 am so we encourage the 8 o'clockers to come by too!

## Ecuador Fundraiser

Valentine's Day dinner and auction is **Feb. 10th at 6:00**. Tickets are \$30 per person. See Samantha Colman or Carly Campbell for purchase. All proceeds go to the Ecuador mission team!

## Meeting dates

February 11, 18, 25 5:00—7:00 p.m.



## Diocesan Events

### Smash High School Retreat (Feb. 23-25, 2018)

Smash is an event being held for High School Youth at Camp Bob, Kanuga from Friday, February 23-25, 2018. The theme for this year's Smash Retreat is Mark 8:31-38, focusing on reconciliation and new life.

## MEMORIALS

Received December 16, 2017 through January 15, 2018

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

Margaret King  
Jeanne B. Bouton  
Hugh & Jan Osburn

In Memory of **Jerry Powell** by:

Tony & Annette Guiseppi-Elie

In Memory of **Margaret Bates** by:

Tony & Annette Guiseppi-Elie

In Memory of **Nick Fleming** to the Grace Endowment Fund by: Gill Powell

In Memory of **De Reed** by:

Nancy Lewis

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## HONORARIUMS

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In Honor of **Lyn Merchant, Bill Ducworth & Bill Scott** by:

Tony & Annette Guiseppi-Elie

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