



*“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

March 2018



## Sundays

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

### 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  
 Henry Louttit (Susan Hardaway’s father)  
 Kevin T. Heeney– John’s dad Heart surgery  
 Barbara Earle  
 Sandy Moore—Kathy Bostater’s sister  
 Ruth Hopkins  
 Kaylee Muthart

### 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

Diann Simms

**Deaths:** Bill Ducworth, Bill Albergotti

- Birthdays for March**
- 1st Kate Williams
  - 2nd Caroline Kerley, Caroline Foster
  - 5th Lebrina Campbell, Darrell Burgess
  - 7th Lukas Bostick
  - 8th Maxwell Jeffers
  - 10th JoAtha Cheek
  - 11th Pat Tucker, Carter Knobel
  - 14th Emiline Hughes
  - 15th Gill Powell, Ben Hardaway
  - 17th Dole Baker
  - 19th Nita Colman, Sharon Homer-Drummond
  - 20th Emerson Cox
  - 22nd Kelly Peebles, Donna LeBrun
  - 23rd Masters Campbell
  - 24th Randy Sexton, Calhoun Mize
  - 26th Kelly Potter, Michelle Kent
  - 29th Katie Tillman
  - 30th Charlie Knisley



## JOIN THE CAUSE

Hey all,

Lent is well under way and we are now looking forward to Holy Week and Easter. The death of those we love makes this season even more poignant, to love this precious time we have together, to choose love in the midst of all the confusion and conflict of life and to always, always look forward to a miracle that is beyond our capacity to grasp.

**Holy Week** is the last week of March, **Easter** begins April 1<sup>st</sup>. Observe these holy days as we walk with our Lord to the Cross and beyond.

This year **Bishop Waldo** will be joining us for our **Maundy Thursday** Dinner and Eucharist for a time of fellowship. Bring a dish to share as we observe the mandate to love one another and to be in fellowship.

Below is the sermon for Bill Ducworth’s burial liturgy. A loss that we will feel for a long time and it comes with a challenge to honor Bill by joining the cause of God’s glory in the world.

To have known Bill Ducworth is to have been simultaneously in love and infuriated pretty much all the time.

He had this manic vitality that was catching, always on the verge of tipping over the edge into neurotic distraction, well maybe a little over that edge, especially sometimes.

Bill was always recruiting people for the cause, inviting, encouraging, training. The cause was much bigger than the adult or children’s choir, or how to decorate and design, or make music.

Those were all outward and visible signs of an inner and spiritual calling.

The cause was the glory of God, the beauty of God, to attend to that singular Beauty, to praise that beauty that brings vitality to all living things and to in turn make beauty ourselves.

The cause of the beauty of God shaped and moved his life.

It was a sort of a spiritual obsessive compulsive disorder for him, and for the rest of us it was a lot fun and frustration to be caught up in his wake.

That kind of vitality, it’s so easy to fool ourselves into thinking it can’t end, it can’t run out, it can’t die. It is always a shock when such liveliness ends.

Death, that thief in the night, it really caught us all off guard this time.

There was so much more to do, and say, and talk about, to give and forgive, to finish and begin. And that time is past. It is now time to let go.

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Stewardship Report	
January 2018 Revenue	\$ 21,496.00
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**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 March 18th.**  
 Minimum contribution for flowers is \$20.

Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

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So as Southerners, we tend to elevate our dead to the point of worship, to cling to them. It is a habit that we have that is hard to break.

The challenge of Christian faith is to step that adoration down to veneration, to letting go and finding in this particular, unique human image the image of God.

Our faith requires us to do more than remember, more than grieve, more than celebrate and give thanks. We do all those things, but we also find God and how God was made known to us in this person.

The Gospel according to Bill.

The beauty of God, it just dances, for the sake of being. There is no utility about it. It just is.

In beholding the beauty of God we are all made more alive.

Bill reminded us of that cause that brings life, that is vivacious.

The vitality of God, it shown through Bill.

The beauty of God- it dances us all into life- it wakes us from our sleep.

Bill is dancing into that life, the dance of resurrection that is the fullness of the Beauty of God, that Beauty that is Jesus the Risen Lord.

**The St. Catherine's Guild** will meet in the Parish Hall on Monday, **March 5th, from 2:00-4:00 PM**. Brian Scott, historian, will present a program about Bishop Ellison Capers, 7th Episcopal Bishop of South Carolina, also known as "The Soldier Bishop". All are welcome to attend this historical program. After the program, we will assemble Easter Baskets for our homebound. Please bring Easter candy, small dog treats, personal care items, and small stuffed toys for the baskets.

### Sunday afternoon Movie "42"

Come to the Parish Library on **Sunday, March 4 at 1:30pm to see the movie 42** (The Jackie Robinson story) starring Chadwick Boseman from Anderson, SC. For more information contact Deacon Mary at 864-650-4266 or at [jeffers6sc@att.net](mailto:jeffers6sc@att.net). **ALL ARE WELCOME!!!!**

### Wednesday Night Dinner

March 7th Beef Stew over Rice—Pam Garrett  
March 14th Country Style Steak—Pam Garrett  
March 21st Baked Pork Chops – Pam Garrett  
March 28th NO WEDNESDAY SUPPER  
Please call the church office by Noon on Tuesday for reservations.

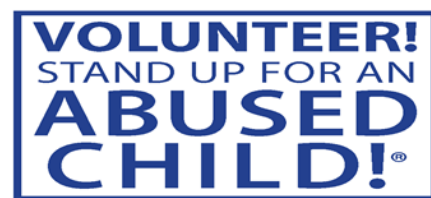


### Open invitation

**Mental Wellness Group** meets March 9th and March 23rd of the month in the Parish Library from 1:30 -3:00 pm. For more information speak to Deacon Mary Jeffers. All are Welcome!

**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 the Baha'is of Anderson County in cooperation with GAIN (Greater Anderson Interfaith Network), Anderson County Human Relations Council and Anderson County Library.

The next event will be *Misconceptions of the Roman Catholic Faith* on Saturday, March 17, 2018.



**Guardian ad Litem Program—Anderson County**  
1107 N. Fant Street

### Who Can serve as a volunteer GAL?

GAL volunteers are people like you. Some volunteers work full time, some are retired, some are students, some are teachers, some are grandparents; but they are all extraordinary people who want to make the voices of abused and neglected children heard.

Cicely Sloan, County Coordinator  
Email: [cicely.sloan@admin.sc.gov](mailto:cicely.sloan@admin.sc.gov)  
Phone: (864) 225-2348  
[www.Anderson.scgal.org](http://www.Anderson.scgal.org)

## Christian Formation

### Family Activities

**Starting March 4th** - Meals on Wheels activity. We will be collecting rice to be donated to Meals on Wheels. We will be collecting rice each Sunday throughout March. A collection basket will be in each classroom and in the parish hall.

### March 25th - Palm Sunday

Joyful Noise Choir sings  
(No Joyful Noise practice on March 28th or April 4th)



Grace Goes Green is active again. Please join for one of two events this month.

**March 3rd** The Clemson Food Summit will be at the Clemson University Core Campus. [You can register for the event here](#). The keynote speaker is from Truly Living Well, a center for urban agriculture.

**March 31st** We are planning an outing to Farm Day at the SC Agriculture Museum. We will gather at the museum at 10am. At noon, we will gather for a picnic lunch, build community and share information about our future activities. This event requires a [registration](#). See Lyn Merchant for more information.

Many THANKS to Frances Hardaway for our new logo!!  
**Save the Date April 22nd.** Earth Day! Details of activities to come!

### Lenten Study - *New Testament Suffering and Black Experience*

The study is being led by Garrett Ayers and meets in the library at 9:30. The study is on James H. Cone's *The Cross and the Lynching Tree* which is an extended discussion about lynching in the south and suffering in the Black Religious experience. Bring your copy with you each Sunday.

### Youth

We will meet **March 11th** (Glenda Swinford Host), **18th** (Homer-Drummonds Host) and 25th .

### Volunteers for Parish Easter Breakfast— April 1st 9:15 a.m.

Anyone interested in helping with the Easter Breakfast, please contact Patty Cleveland at 864-940-2232 or [ownlakehartwell@yahoo.com](mailto:ownlakehartwell@yahoo.com)

## MEMORIALS

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In Memory of **De Reed** to the EYC Fund by:  
Bob & Lynne Prince

In Memory of **De Reed** to the Grace Endowment Fund by: Gill Powell

In Memory of **De Reed** by:  
Gordon & Trudy Brown  
Royce & Bunny Brown  
Herb Purvis  
Pat Larsen  
Marie & Donald Lynn  
Bush Brothers & Company  
Hugh & Jan Osburn

In Memory of **De Reed** to the Memorial Garden Fund by:  
Ken & Sara Cheek  
Barbara Davis  
Jim & Donna Fillingham

In Memory of **De Reed** to the Good Shepherd Fund by:  
Ken & Melissa Langford

In Memory of **Father Tom Davis** to the Grace Endowment Fund by:  
Gill Powell

In Memory of **Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Batkin** to the Ecuador Mission Trip Fund by:  
John Taylor

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John Taylor

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Ken & Melissa Langford

In Memory of **Nick Fleming** to the Good Shepherd Fund by:  
Ken & Melissa Langford

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