



ALL THE GOOD NEWS GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH



January 2024

Jack-in-the-Pulpit



THE GATHERING

Beginnings are exciting.

I've been trying to imagine the excitement for Grace in the 1950's when the original parish house and parish hall, and then the kitchen and current parish hall, were built. We have another beginning as all those old gathering spaces get a long awaited renewal and update. And starting mid-January the 1903 Church Nave will get an update as well. Gathering space. Space to gather. To-gether.

It's important, being able to gather, and the reason that we gather is even more important. God gathers us. The Good News of God gathers us. Jesus gathers us. That God-gathering of us is so important that we become the body of Christ in the world. I have always found being the body of Jesus in and for the world to be a truly daunting mystery.

We gather this month for our **Annual Meeting, January 14th**: reports, elections, looking back, looking forward, breaking bread together in Eucharist, and in fellowship.

Let's gather. The Parish Hall will be ready: the **Parish Breakfast** will be there at **8:45 AM**; **Feel free to bring a favorite breakfast food** to share. The **Annual Meeting** follows at **9:30 AM** in the church. We have a reason to gather, we have the reason to gather. It is very good.

Pax,

Fr. Jack

The Annual Soup Luncheon!

Another reason to gather, since maybe even before the original Parish House was first built in 1950: **GRACE SOUP! The Soup Luncheon:** will be both in person and delivery this year, so save the date **January 25th**. See the newsletter for further details.

Catechism Part II: class focusing on the second half of the Catechism, for all who are interested in Christian belief and teaching, Sunday's 9:30 AM in Fr. Jack's Study, on January 7th, 21st, 28th, February 4th and 11th.

Sundays

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

11:30 Coffee Hour





Annual Soup Luncheon

"The 74th Grace Episcopal Annual Soup Luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, January 25, 2024. For those who have not been involved in the past, we each make the same time-tested soup recipe which are combined in huge pots on Soup Thursday to become the best soup known to Anderson. On that day, we sell soup, cornbread and dessert at a community-building fundraiser to benefit the Soup Kitchen. Your help is needed. Planning, promoting, tickets sales, Soup Saturday participation (on 1/20/2024 from 8-1), set up/clean up, heating, serving, delivery... there are jobs for all (whether you can be there on the day of the luncheon or not). Watch the announcements and leaflet for opportunities. In the meantime, make a batch of this soup for your family and discover why people come running to our event.

Grace Episcopal Beef and Vegetable Soup

3 med onions, chopped
1 cup dry red Burgundy wine
1 lb ground beef
1 cup each: potatoes, carrots, celery (essential for flavor), green beans, okra, corn, butter beans (optional).
4 cans beef bouillon
2 large cans tomatoes, chopped
1 cup water
2 Tbsp. parsley
1 clove garlic, minced
1/2 tsp. basil
1/4 tsp. Thyme
Salt and pepper to taste

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

Saint Catherine's Guild News

Saint Catherine's Guild News: On Monday, December 4th, we gathered in the parlor for our Christmas lunch. Our hostesses, Deacon Mary and Catherine Cutting, provided festive decorations and red velvet cake, and as usual, we brought our sandwiches. We donated the \$309 from the Christmas tree skirt raffle to the Shalom House Ministries, and we decided that at our next meeting at noon on Monday, February 5th, we would donate most of the money in our account to other charities — a February love offering! We were so pleased to have Connie Whiteside attend our party and sing for us! After lunch we stuffed stockings for the Homebound and played our gift exchange game. We were all especially thankful that we could be together! Please bring a sandwich and join us at the church for our February meeting. Judy Parham and Suzanne Curlis will be our hostesses, and we will have a fun afternoon!



Coats (and Blankets) for the King

We will be collecting new or gently used coats and blankets for our community friends in need of such items. Coats and blankets may be brought to the church by January 7th. Thank you

GATHERINGS AT GRACE

Grace Ladies' Prayer Group

The Ladies' Prayer Group will only meets every Wednesday, at 10:00 am.



KNITTING CIRCLE



Meets will resume meets on Tuesday January 9th. We meet every Tuesday at 11:00 am and every Thursday at 6:30 pm. Join us as we knit, crochet*, chat, and get to know one another. If you want to learn knitting or crocheting, we will help you and provide materials. * Bring any portable project of handcrafting. **ALL ARE WELCOME!** For more information contact Kay Martin at kaymartin-ster@gmail.com or Lisa Mattison at lisamattisonrn@gmail.com

Open Invitation

The **Mental Wellness Group** will meet Friday, January 12th at 1:30 pm. For more information contact Deacon Mary Jeffers at Jeffers6sc@att.net. All are Welcome to join.



Grief Support Group



Grief Ministry at Grace

The **Grief Support Group** meeting will be held **Thursday, January 18th at 10:00 am.**

All are welcome; it does not matter where you are on this journey of loss. If you have any questions or would like more information you can contact Carol Miller at carolmiller622@gmail.com, (303) 507-8816 or Deacon Mary at jeffers6sc@att.net. If you are not able to attend, but have interest in the group, please let one of us know. Feel free to invite friends who may be interested.

Pastoral Care

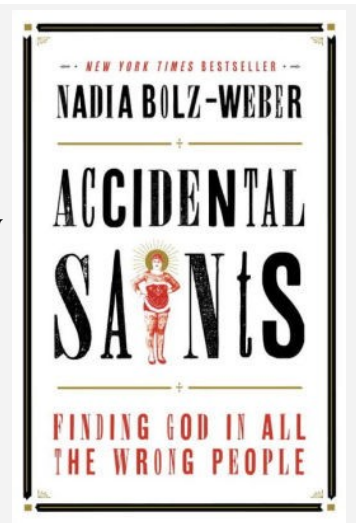
We will have a meet Sunday, January 21st at 9:30 am in the Parlor. All members and parishioners with interest may join.

Women Wine Wisdom

WWW has collected donations for Anderson County Diaper Bank and your response has been tremendous! Many thanks to all who have given so generously during this holiday season.

We will wrap up our final book of 2023 about Mary Magdalene and begin a new book January 9th - Accidental Saints by Nadia Boltz-Weber. If you are interested in joining us, we have a social (no reading required!) on January 2nd at 6:30 pm. For more info, please ask Dixie Harris dixieandbryan@gmail.com or Beth Lollis elollis@icloud.com

Lastly, thanks to all who show up, read, participate, laugh, cry, be a safe space, learn and grow together. May your 2024 be filled with MERCY.



January Birthdays



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| 1 st Eli Colman | 13 th Bess Boyer |
| 2 nd Lang Foster | 13 th Michelle Ricketson |
| 2 nd Lisa Stoner | 15 th William Harris |
| 4 th Katey Yeats | 17 th Kirri Kinley |
| 4 th Heiko Erlenkeuser | 17 th Maddie Clark |
| 4 th William Langford | 18 th Lacreacia Bilbrey |
| 6 th Robin Speer | 18 th Patty Cleveland |
| 7 th Connor Buckless | 19 th Deborah Conyers |
| 7 th Madeline Rishovd | 21 st Linda Wilson |
| 11 th Rodman Foster | 21 st Maggie George |
| 12 th Lisa Tucker | 25 th Jan Osburn |
| 12 th Anna Swinford | 25 th Joanie Roberts |
| 12 th Brianna Swinford | 27 th John Peebles |
| 13 th Barbara Crawford | 27 th Luke Kent |
| 13 th Pam Whie | 30 th Baylis Maxwell |

Upcoming Events

- Church Office will be closed January 1st and 15th.
- WWW New Years' Social, January 2nd at 6:30 pm.
- Brookdale Eucharist January 8th at 11 am.
- Outreach meeting January 9th at 5:30 pm.
- Knitting Group starts back January 9th at 11 am.
- Mental Wellness January 12th at 1:30 pm.
- Parish Breakfast January 14th at 8:45 am .
- Annual Meeting January 14th at 9:30 am \
- Martin Luther King Day January 15th.
- Grief Support January 18th at 10 am.
- Grace Guys Gathering January 18th at 6:00 pm.
- Soup Saturday January 20th from 8 am -1 pm.
- Annual Soup Luncheon January 25th from 11 am - 1 pm.

Pledge Drive As of Week 11

2024

Pledged: \$345,712
Cards Turned In: 100

2023

Pledged: \$286,684
Cards Turned In: 92

Stewardship Report

2023 Total as of 12/20/2023

YTD 2023 Revenue \$388,600

YTD 2023 Expenses \$374,650

YTD 2023 Surplus \$13,950

(due to being one staff member
short)

GRACE FOR ALL REFRESH AND RENEW CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Total as of 12/20/2023

Total Pledged Commitments
\$239,575

Total Commitment Cards Received
77

Total Commitments Received
\$138,388



St. Catherine's



Thanksgiving at the Soup Kitchen



EYC Christmas Party



Pray for healing and comfort

John Bostater
Karlann Bostater
Lauren - healing
Debi Frantz
Michael Bays - cancer
Matthew Sharkey
Judy and Mark Blakenship
Cameron Miles
Robyn Bundy
Joshua McMillan
Diane Obright
Kaylee Muthart
Mary Anna Scoot - Pat Bradham's sister
Mitchell Fullerton
Missy Parsons
JoAnn Watson
Lake Morris
Carroll Price
Kervin Family
Rogers' Family
Stephen Heeney
Dicky Anderson
Bill Speer
Eddie Benenati
Sandy Sloan
Rudy
Julius Darius Jones
Stephanie Flaherty
Larry Strong
Catherine Campbell
Bob Cooper
Noah Holman
Millie Chamberlean
Suzanna McMahan
Gary Bechert

Requested by

Kathy Bostater
Kathy Bostater
Sharon Homer – Drummond

Stuart and Gail Adamo

Susan and Steve Fullerton

Lynne Prince
Heather Morhardt

Sara Clark
John Heeney
Gill Powel

Mary Jeffers
Mary Jeffers
Jackie Lenhart
Jodie Webb

Janet Rippy
Lisa Tucker

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Lib Christeson
Frederick Hall
Jim and Ruby Eppler
Maxine Urquhart
Riley Gilbert
Bill Shaver
Lola Jasey
Bill and Anne Jameson
Susan Fullerton
Rob Homer - Drummond
Linda Wilson
Jean Wilson
Joe Ball
Mason Winarski
Michael Wellborn
Sharon Honeycutt - Jodie Webb's mother
Elizabeth Thro
Susan Anderson
Amelia Hanks
Mary Oppermann
Connie Whiteside
Matt McAlister
Alex Gundry
Fred Wiese
Anne Martin - Recovering from Abdominal Surgery
Dewell Garner
Tammy Chamblee
Doctor Rajeev Malik

Cindy Baker
Carol Miller
Jackie Lenhart
Linda Hoffman
Linda Hoffman
Kathe Harris

Pam and Joe Herold

Jodie Webb

Joey Oppermann
Jim Fillingham
Marty Jenkins

Barbara Renaud

Linda Hoffman
John Heeney
Gill Powell