



ALL THE GOOD NEWS

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

August 2024



Jack-in-the-Pulpit

THANKFUL HEART



I've told the story before. Years ago during a health crisis I passed some quick fatherly advice to my son just encase things didn't turn out so well, I had to come up with something pretty quickly, "Be sure to die with a thankful heart."

I think it made a bigger impression on me than anybody else, just speaking the words seemed to change something, the heart beat differently afterwards. Thanksgiving comes up in the oddest places sometimes. It's much more than a pleasantry, it comes with a shift and deepening of perspective. It means leaving who we used to be behind, it can be a sort of dying.

Thank you for my sabbatical, the gift of time came with some eye opening and some heart changing. Thank you also for having me for your priest for now just over 20 years, that gift of time has come with much eye opening and much heart changing as well.

During these years I've seen Jesus in you. The good news of God shows in you.

I know this sounds strange, but the majority of my ministry here has been with those who are dying and the families and the community in grief, hundreds of funerals of those I've known and loved. It has been an overwhelming honor. It has been a turbulent time for our country and the world over the past twenty years, but I've been so immersed in things that involve death, that I honestly couldn't give it much attention, and most of the time my thoughts about current events have been that we are paying attention to the wrong things. Life is shorter than we want and pain wears us down, and God is found in our flickering lives, and finding the Holy One always draws us back to love and thanks. We rage and storm about the wrong things.

Ok, so I've gone down the rabbit hole with this letter, thanks for indulging my flight.

Some Other Things of Note:

Rodney Cleveland, our much loved organist and choir master, is moving on this month. I will really miss him. And I am thankful for the time we have shared together. He isn't going too far away though...

School starts really early this year, prayers and hopes and dreams as we send our children back to school.

Live with a thankful heart,

Much love,
Fr. Jack



Sundays

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II
11:30 Coffee Hour



OUR NEW PRESIDING BISHOP



The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe

The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe, of Northwest Pennsylvania and bishop provisional of Western New York, was elected and confirmed June 26 at the 81st General Convention to serve as the 28th presiding bishop [#presidingbishop](#) [#episcopalchurch](#) [#episcopal](#)[#educ](#) [#episcopalians](#)



Saint Catherine's Guild News

Saint Catherine's Guild News: The ladies of Saint Catherine's Guild wants to thank the members of our congregation so very much for their generosity! The donations for the Richard Campbell Veterans Nursing Home filled two carts to overflowing! Our veterans will be thankful for all of your thoughtful gifts and for your appreciation of their service to our country. We also want to thank the men's group, Guys Gathering at Grace, for joining with us to make this annual drive a success and for delivering your gifts. Thank you all!



South Main Chapel and Mercy Center

Outreach with Jim Boyer will be serving lunch at South Main Chapel and Mercy Center on **Sunday, August 18th**. All are welcome to join, we need people to prepare and serve the meals at South Main.

Needed: Scarves and Prayer Shawls for Pastoral Care and for the women of AIM's Women and Children's Succeeding Program

Everyone who would like to knit, crochet, or create scarves, prayer shawls, or lap blankets is invited to participate in this ministry. The shawls and blankets for Pastoral Care will be given to people who are going through a difficult time and need a reminder that their Grace Episcopal 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 Deacon Mary at

jeffers6sc@att.net. *Free yarn is available.*

There will be an ingathering and Blessing of the scarves, shawls, and blankets on a Sunday in September.



Community Garden

We will work with each we will work side by side and they will know we are Christians by your love.

Our neighbors, First Baptist Church and St. John's Methodist Church have joined Grace Episcopal Church in caring for the Community Garden which is providing fresh produce for members of our community. All are invited to help with the Garden on Saturday mornings at 8 a.m. For more information contact Danny Ehlert at (864) 276-2579.



St. John's Methodist Church



First Baptist Church

Summer Food For Kids

Thank you to everyone who donated books and school supplies for children in our nearby neighborhoods. Special thanks to Cindy Baker, Kirri Kinley, Cindy Dougherty, Tracey Lidlow, Debbie Hand, Louise Knisley, Joanie Roberts, Nancy Maxwell, Ellis and Brock Ripley, Bess Boyer, MaryAnn Barnwell, Lisa Arnold, Sandra Souther, Sharon George and several friends who helped distribute the food packs from AIM, books, water, popsicles, and school supplies to the children. Every Friday in June and July (9 weeks total) 50 bags of food and books were given out each week.

Thank you!



Little Free Pantry and Library

Thank you to Addie Ehlert for making this wonderful pamphlet for us.

**711 S MCDUFFIE ST,
ANDERSON, SC 29624**

Grace Episcopal Church
on Facebook

Look up
gracechurchanderson.com
online

2 charging stations
and many benches for seating!

Come with a chord
to charge your
electronic device!

**Grace Episcopal
Garden,
Little Free
Library,
and Little Free
Pantry**

**ALL ARE
WELCOME!**

EVERYTHING here
is for the PEOPLE

**LITTLE FREE
LIBRARY**

**The
Community
Garden**

As the community garden flourishes, all are
welcome to pick its produce!
You will discover many...

**THE LITTLE FREE
PANTRY**

The Little Free Pantry at Grace Episcopal
is for all who are in need of food and
other supplies. You can find canned
goods, peanut butter, and other slowly
perishable items! You may also find
hygienic products and
essentials. Any
person can
add items to
the pantry,
and any
person can
take the items
for their
personal need!

Tomatoes
Okra
Cucumbers
Zucchini
Herbs
Green Beans
Spinach
Lettuce
Flowers (not to take)

Thanks to our
abundance of
helpers from
Grace Episcopal
and other
churches in
Anderson, the
community
garden is well
taken care of and
set for the
season!

At the Little Free Library,
you may come to exchange
books! Find your next read,
and let others find their's
with your contribution.

Come also to place a
prayer note into the Prayer
Box!

Let's keep the Blessing Box/Little Food Pantry filled!!!

Suggested items: Pull-top cans, if possible-All foods must be non-perishable-No glass items

Food

Bottled Water
Powdered Baby Formula
Canned Vegetables, Meats, Pasta
Refried Beans, Chili, Boxed Rice Mixes
Boxed Noodle Mixes, Ramen Noodles
Peanut Butter & Jelly, Crackers
Soups, Gravy, Stuffing Mixes
Canned Fruit, Individual Serving Fruit
Jello and Pudding
Granola Bars/Small-box cereals
Canned Nuts
Potato Chips, Popcorn

Hygiene Items

Shampoo and Conditioner
Deodorant
Tooth Brush and Toothpaste
Comb and Brush
Bar Soap, Liquid Hand Soap
Detergent, Dishwashing liquid
Tissue wipes
Toilet Paper (2 rolls in a plastic bag)
Tampons, Sanitary pads
Diapers (size 1-4)

GATHERINGS AT GRACE

GRACE GUYS GATHERING



We will meet **Thursday, August 15th at 6:00 p.m.** If you have any questions please contact Tom Pearce at

gm.thomas.pearce@gmail.com

Fiber Friends and Fellowship



We meet every **Tuesday at 11:00 a.m.** 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

Grief Ministry at Grace

The **Grief Support Group** meeting will be held **Thursday, August 15th at 10:00 a.m.** 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.



Open Invitation

The **Mental Wellness Group** will meet **Friday, August 9th at 1:30 p.m.** For more information contact Deacon Mary Jeffers at Jeffers6sc@att.net. All are Welcome to join.



Grace Ladies' Prayer Group



The Ladies' Prayer Group meets every **Wednesday, at 10:00 a.m.**

Women Wine Wisdom

Women, Wine & Wisdom (WWW) is a book study group that explores our faith practice through readings and group discussion. We meet every Tuesday night from September through May at church from 6:30-8:00 pm. During the summer months, we break from our book discussions and gather just for socials once a month.

Our August Summer Social will be Tuesday, August 20th from 6:30-8:00 pm at Vine and Barrel on Hwy 81. If you are interested in meeting up, you don't need to bring a thing or even RSVP. Bring yourself and join us!

WWW has started a list of books that MIGHT be discussed starting in September. We are asking for either a person or co-leaders to guide discussions of the books we wind up picking. So far, we have suggestions for:

Freeing Jesus by Diana Butler Bass

The Lemon Tree by Sandy Tolan

Braving the Wilderness by Brene Brown

The Book of Joy by Dalai Lama & Desmond Tutu (Carol Miller & Jane Williams to co-lead in 2025)

The Sin of Certainty by Peter Enns

We usually read between 30-60 pages each week, depending how heavy the topic turns out to be. This format gives us time to really discuss what's in the book. We do make time for fellowship before and after our book discussions as well. It's a wonderful environment for fellowship.

AUGUST NEWSLETTER

HEADING BACK TO SCHOOL

Please keep all our students, teachers, and parents in your prayers as they begin this school year.

SAVE THE DATES

EYC Lock-In: August 3-4

- Permission slip required
- Saint Bartholomew's (North Augusta)

Youth Retreat Forms Due: August 14

- Permission slip, health form

RADA Cutlery Fundraiser Ends: August 14

- All checks, money, order forms due by this date
- Checks can be made to Grace Episcopal Church

YOUTH FUNDRAISER

Our youth are selling RADA Cutlery to raise funds for their retreat in October. Please see a youth or Sharon for more information. RADA also offers cookbooks, recipe mixes, and other kitchenware.

More fundraising opportunities will be announced in September.

CHILDREN & FAMILY

We had a great time at VBS! I hope you were able to join us. We are beginning Children's Chapel again! We will have children's church on the following dates: **August 11 & 25**. We hope you will join us as we learn about Bible stories based on our emotions!

WHAT ARE WE LEARNING ABOUT?

Youth: We are continuing our series entitled Trash Talk: The Biggest Heresies We May Still See. We are studying ancient heresies and how they are still present in our culture.

Children: We are beginning a 5-week series on Emotions: Bible Lessons Based on Feelings We All Have!

WAYS TO SERVE

- Children's Church (1 Sunday/month)
- EYC Meals & Second Adult
- Chaperone for Lock-In (Aug. 3-4)
- Chaperone for Retreat (Oct. 4-7)



Thank you to Alex Baron for serving as our supply clergy in June

All Are Welcome!

Coffee Hour just after the 10:30 Service, in the Parish Hall..... Join US, Everyone is Welcome!

Save the Date

Choir

Bill Scott will start choir practice back on **Wednesday, August 7th at 6:30 p.m.**

Farewell

There will be a farewell reception for Rodney Cleveland on **Sunday, August 4th** during coffee hour. Join us as we send him forth on his new adventures!

August Birthdays

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| 1 st Katie Homer-Drummond | 17 th Amy Cox |
| 2 nd Kathy Bostater | 18 th Janie Fleming |
| 2 nd Jodie Webb | 18 th Jeff Ricketson |
| 2 nd Gretchen Foster | 19 th Mike Digby |
| 2 nd Sean Tucker | 19 th Michael Lollis |
| 3 rd Judy Simon | 20 th Emma Kate Potter |
| 3 rd Greg Souther | 21 st Julian George |
| 4 th Eric Kent | 26 th Jimmy Poupalos |
| 6 th Carmie Trotter | 26 th Sandy Kress |
| 8 th Pat Bradham | 26 th Caroline Ripley |
| 8 th Bruce Buckless | 26 th Robert George |
| 12 th Skyler Guinn | 27 th Maxine Urquhart |
| 12 th Nikki Price | 27 th Glenda Swinford |
| 13 th Mike Cheek | 28 th Jane Kelley |
| 15 th Mike Rippy | 28 th Diann Simms |
| 15 th Andy Potter | 29 th Jackie Lenhart |
| 16 th Kathy Morris | 29 th James Pennell |



MEMORIALS

Received May 16, 2023 through July 15, 2024

In Memory of **John R. "Buck" Fulp, Jr.** to the EYC Fund by:

Ken & Melissa Langford

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

HONORARIUMS

Received May 16, 2024 through July 15, 2024

In Honor of **Gill Powell** to the Playground Fund by:

Baylis and Nancy Maxwell

In Honor of **Lily Hall's birthday** to the EYC Fund by:

Bob & Lynne Prince

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

Stewardship Report

2024 Total as of 7/24/24

YTD 2024 Revenue \$245,839

YTD 2024 Expenses \$229,316

YTD 2024 Deficit \$16,523

Upcoming Events

- EYC: Lock-In** August 3rd and 4th
- Reception for Rodney Cleveland:** Sunday, August 4th during coffee hour
- Choir Practice Returns:** Wednesday, August 7th at 6:30 p.m.
- Mental Wellness:** Friday, August 9th at 1:30 p.m.
- Brookdale Eucharist:** Monday, August 12th at 11:00 a.m.
- Outreach:** Tuesday, August 13th at 5:30 p.m.
- Grief Support:** Thursday, August 15th at 10:00 a.m.
- Grace Guys Gathering:** Thursday, August 15th at 6 p.m.
- Vestry Meeting:** Monday, August 19th at 6 p.m.
- WWW Summer Social:** Tuesday, August 20th at 6:30 p.m.
- Outreach Serving Lunch:** Sunday, August 18th
- Diocesan General Convention Event:** (Details on the way) Saturday, August 24th



Nathanael Burden's Ceremony



**Worship Leaders
Kathe Harris, Annette Guiseppi-Elie, and Cory Trotter**



EYC Serving Lunch



Food Truck Festival

**Farewell to the Homer-Drummonds
and Meredith Byrd**

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
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
Lib Christeson
Frederick Hall
Jim and Ruby Eppler
Maxine Urquhart
Riley Gilbert
Bill Shaver
Lola Jasey
Bill and Anne Jameson

Requested by

Kathy Bostater
Kathy Bostater
Sharon Homer-Drummond

Stuart and Gail Adamo

Susan and Steve Fullerton

Lynne Prince
Heather Morhardt

Sara Cheek
John Heeney

Mary Jeffers
Mary Jeffers
Jackie Lenhart
Jodie Webb

Janet Rippy
Lisa Tucker

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

Susan Fullerton	
Linda Wilson	
Jean Wilson	Pam and Joe Herold
Joe Ball	
Mason Winarski	
Michael Wellborn	
Sharon Honeycutt - Jodie Webb's mother	Jodie Webb
Susan Anderson	
Amelia Hanks	
Mary Oppermann	Joey Oppermann
Connie Whiteside	Jim Fillingham
Matt McAlister	Marty Jenkins
Alex Gundry	
Fred Wiese	Barbara Renaud
Anne Martin - Recovering	
Dewell Garner	Linda Hoffman
Tammy Chamblee	John Heeney
Doctor Rajeev Malik	Gill Powell
Bonita Glover - Healing	John Henney
Erwin Karl	Pam Herold
Beckham Owens	Maxwell Jeffers
Greta Jacobsen	
Mike Rose	Pam Herold
Lola Josey-Linda Hoffman's Sister	
Jimmie McGaw Heart Surgery	
Vivan Fink	

Expecting Families: Brent and Kirri Kinley, and Kevin and Samantha Thompson

