



ALL THE GOOD NEWS

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH



December 2024

Jack-in-the-Pulpit

BELIEF IN JESUS



Hey all,
We begin the Holy Days.
The days are holy because they are set apart and different, we dedicate these days to God's visitation.

We attend to the hope of Advent for the Advent of God's Judgement and the approaching and encroaching fullness of God's reign.

We attend to the awe of Christmas and the arrival of God in the flesh, the full humanity and yet full divinity of Jesus, swaddled glory keeping us awake in the night.

We attend to the brightness of the Epiphany when the light of the world, that fills all things with life, in whom we live and move and have our being, that light is seen bright and clear, light for everyone.

These days are holy because we believe in Jesus. Jesus is who we give our hearts to, our wills, our bodies, our being. That is what the word belief means, "credo", I give my heart.

Because of Jesus I am changed. I think differently, speak differently, act differently, see differently, live differently.

Or do I?

Perhaps I can at best say that I am sometimes different.

Salvation and faith are quirky that way.

Our stuck-ness in not really believing (believing in way that makes me Christ like) but wanting to really believe, is the life of discipleship, of following Jesus, and hopefully slowly becoming what we profess and long for.

Holy Days.

May they rub off on us.

May we find the humor and joy of finding Jesus in our flawed lives.

Hope. Awe. Brightness.

Tis the season of belief in Jesus.

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



PLEASE HELP TAKE CARE OF THE GRACE PARISH HALL

Our newly renovated parish hall is already pretty scuffed up, please help scrub the walls and avoid stacking chairs against the walls, or putting chairs and tables against the walls.

If you remove a table or chair or anything else from the parish hall closet please return it immediately after being used in an orderly way. The default setting for the parish hall is 8 round tables, 4 rectangular tables, and 48 chairs, 6 per table.

The Grace Parish Hall is for everyone, please keep it nice for others to use as well.

Much thanks!



30th ANNIVERSARY Anderson Christmas Lights

150 Rose Valley Blvd. Anderson, SC 29625
Main entrance is on Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd

Thanksgiving Day Thru Christmas Day
Gates OPEN DAILY @ 5:30 pm – 10 pm
Price: \$10.00 per car

MULTI AWARD WINNER

- Best Place to take a date at Christmas (Clemson University)
- #5 Light Show in SC (State Magazine)
- #2 Light Show in SC (Only in Your State)

Lights of Hope Dates

Family Promise, one of the local charities they support, needs volunteers to man the front gate from 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm (you may do all or part of the 5 hours). You will be greeting cars, explaining the process, collecting the admission charge (\$10 per car) and soliciting donations for Family Promise.

December 13th December 15th December 21st

Saint Catherine's Guild News

SAINT CATHERINE'S GUILD NEWS: Our Fall meeting at the church on Monday, November 4th, was attended by nine ladies. We had our usual "bring a sandwich" lunch, and our hostesses, Mary Jane Ames and Anne Martin, provided drinks and dessert. We were thankful to be together, and we shared hurricane stories and discussed plans for our Christmas party, which will be at the church on **Monday, December 2nd, at noon.** We will have a potluck lunch, bring gifts to put in stockings for the home-bound of our church, and will bring a small gift for our gift exchange. We always welcome all ladies in our church to join us! Please call Anne Martin (864-561-2187) if you plan to attend, so we will know how many ladies to expect.

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 6th. Thank you



Newcomer's Jingle Breakfast

Saturday, December 7th from 9-10-30am

Serving warm holiday drinks and breakfast

If you are new to Grace, we would like to get to know you by welcoming you to a family friendly breakfast. Come dressed in holiday wear if you enjoy wearing that ugly sweater or your favorite holiday attire. Father Jack along with several "seasoned" members at Grace will be there to welcome you and answer any questions you may have about Grace. Please contact me at handrab@yahoo.com if you have any questions about the breakfast or if you'd like to help out.

Smoke Alarm Safety Class

Anderson County Library
—Room B&C:

Wednesday, **December 4th at 1 p.m.** The City of Anderson, Community Housing Resource Board

along with the City of Anderson Fire Department will be

hosting a Smoke Alarm/Carbon Monoxide Safety Class-Workshop.

For more information you may contact the Community

Development Office at (864) 231-2231

Cuthbert Cross

Congratulations to Deacon Mary on receiving the Cuthbert Cross from Bishop Daniel Richards at the Diocesan Convention.

Thank you from Deacon Mary for all your wonderful comments after I received the Cuthbert Cross.



GATHERINGS AT GRACE



Fiber Friends and Fellowship

We will be taking a break from meeting until January. For more information contact Lisa Mattison at lisamattisonrn@gmail.com

GRACE GUYS GATHERING

We will not meet in December, our next meeting with me in January. If you have any questions please contact Tom Pearce at gm.thomas.pearce@gmail.com



Grief Support Group



Grief Ministry at Grace

The **Grief Support Group** meeting will be held **Thursday, December 19th 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** meets once a month. If you are interested in joining or want 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

WWW will be taking a break until after the new year. If you need more information contact Beth Lollis at elollis@icloud.com.



Blue Advent Service

Wednesday, December 18, 2024

Grace Episcopal Church at 11:00 am

Healing Service and Holy Eucharist

At a time of year when so many experience feeling of grief, loss, and hardship the Blue Advent Service invites us into hope and healing. All are welcome to join.



DECEMBER NEWSLETTER YOUTH

EYC CHRISTMAS PARTY

EYC will be having their annual Christmas party on December 8 in the Parish Hall.

Wear your favorite Christmas attire (ugly sweaters and appropriate Christmas pjs are encouraged!) and join us for games and snacks. Please also bring a \$5-\$10 gift for the white elephant gift exchange. If you are interested in providing a snack/food for this event, please contact Sharon.

EYC CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The youth will be performing a Christmas program on December 22 at 5pm in the parish hall. All are welcome! Light refreshments will be provided. If your teen is interested in being a part, please contact Sharon.

IMPORTANT DATES

Dec 8

Children's Chapel
EYC Christmas Party - 5pm

Dec 15 - NO EYC

Dec 18

Stations of the Manger - 6pm
Parish Hall

Dec 20

Family Night at Ice in the Park - 5pm
Carolina Wren Park

Dec 22

Children's Chapel
EYC Christmas Program - 5pm

Dec 29 - NO EYC

SUMMER CAMP FOR ALL

It may seem too early to start thinking about summer camp, but not for Gravatt! Summer camp registration is now OPEN! See the next page for dates, rates, and ages of the different camps. Scholarships are available, and families can take advantage of Gravatt's tiered pricing system, which offers subsidized options for campers and their families. Remember that spots fill up quickly, so register soon! Please visit <https://campgravatt.org/camp/dates-rates/> for more information and to register.

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

for Families

FAMILY NIGHT IS BACK!

Join us for another Family Night event, and bring your jackets! The City of Anderson will be transforming Carolina Wren Park into an ice skating rink beginning December 2, and we'd like to help you bring the whole family for ice skating fun! On December 20, bring your family any time after 5pm and we will cover the cost of your entry to the skating rink. Ice in the Park is open from 5-9pm. Come out and celebrate the season!

STATIONS OF THE MANGER

An Event for the Whole Family

December 18 at 6pm in the Parish Hall

It can be easy to be swept up in the business of the holiday season, and it can be hard to find time to spend as a family. Join us for our first Stations of the Manger event, which is designed to allow families to spend time together creating and reflecting upon the holidays. Join us to create snacks themed around the nativity, craft a Jesse tree for your home, and make Christmas cards to be delivered to those who are in nursing homes. We will also be collecting non-perishable food items for AIM.

NEW YEAR, NEW INFORMATION!

With a new year comes a need to update our records! If your information has changed or you have never given any information to Sharon about your family, please fill out the following form to keep you up to date: <https://forms.gle/hKf2rGmjnvR3jihK6>



2025 Summer Camp Dates

SESSION	DATES	TIER 1	TIER 2	TIER 3
Family Camp (Ages 1-100)	May 23-25	\$185/adult, \$145/child	N/A	N/A
All Ages 1 (Rising 1st-9th)	June 2-8	\$765	\$845	\$925
LIT 1 (Rising 10th- 11th)	June 2-16	\$1295	\$1395	\$1525
Elementary 1 (Rising 1st-6th)	June 10-16	\$765	\$845	\$925
Junior High 1 (Rising 7th-9th)	June 18-27	\$1075	\$1155	\$1225
Explorers 1 (Rising 10th-College Freshmen)	June 18-27	\$1145	\$1265	\$1395
Elementary 2 (Rising 1st-6th)	June 30-July 6	\$765	\$845	\$925
LIT 2 (Rising 10th- 11th)	June 30-July 14	\$1295	\$1395	\$1525
Elementary 3 (Rising 1st-6th)	July 8-14	\$765	\$845	\$925
Junior High 2 (Rising 7th-9th)	July 16-25	\$1075	\$1155	\$1225
Explorers 2 (Rising 10th-College Freshmen)	July 16-25	\$1145	\$1265	\$1395
All Ages 2 (Rising 1st-9th)	July 27-Aug 2	\$765	\$845	\$925

Happy Holidays

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2nd Larry Bowman
2nd Bill Hinnant
3rd Sandy Sloan
4th Mark Conyers
4th Julie Willis
5th Opie Reed
6th Cobb Oxford
6th Mary Harris
7th Bren Bowman
8th Scott Mattison
8th Kate Wilford
9th Debbie Hand
9th Lucy Bates
9th Pam Herold
9th Lucy Bates
10th Cathy Foster
11th Connie Ormes
12th Grata Jacobsen
13th Louise Knisley
13th Bryan Harris
15th Lynne Prince
15th Corrine Foster
16th Cynthia Baker
17th Annie Hughes
18th Randy Baker
20th Rebecca Dixon
20th Warren Hohn
21st Brianna Arnold
22nd Sara Cheek
23rd Talin Keyfer
24th Dianne Peller
25th Jimmie McGaw
27th Chase Arnold
30th Marian Maxwell
31st Caroline Woodson

HONORARIUMS

Received October 16, 2024
through November 15, 2024

In Honor of Bill Scott's Birthday
to the Organ Fund by:
Mike & Janet Rippy

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

PLEDGE DRIVE

Week 4

2025

Pledged: \$230,830
Cards Turned In: 69

2024

Pledged: \$258,392
Cards Turned In: 70

STEWARDSHIP

2024 Total as of 10/31/2024
Surplus \$9,150



UPCOMING EVENTS

December 2024

- 1st South Main and Mercy Center Lunch
- 2nd St. Catherine's Guild Meeting
- 4th Smoke Alarm Safety Class
- 6th Feast of St. Nicholas Advent Lessons and Carols
- 7th Newcomers Jingle Breakfast
- 9th Brookdale Communion Visit
- 10th Outreach Meeting
- 11th Staff Christmas Lunch
- 13th Lights of Hope
- 15th Lights of Hope
- 16th Vestry Meeting
- 18th Blue Advent Service
- 18th Stations of the Manger
- 19th Grief Support
- 20th Family Ice Skating Event
- 21st Lights of Hope
- 24th Christmas Eve
- 25th Merry Christmas
- 25th and 26th Church Office closed
- 31st New Years Eve

Episcopal Christianity Class

DEC
8

DEC
15

DEC
22

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve

5:00 p.m.

10:30 p.m.

Christmas Day

No Services

Christmas Flowers

Flower Forms are available for pick up. Please have these tuned in by December 15th



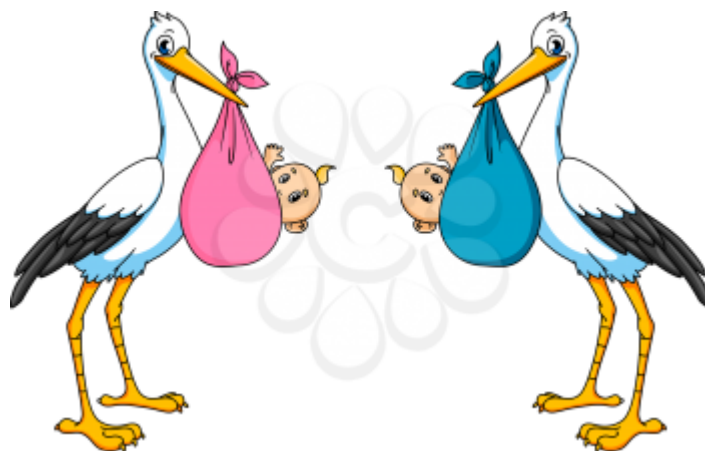



Pray for healing and comfort

John Bostater: **by Kathy Boaster**
Karlann Bostater: **by Kathy Bostater**
Lauren - healing: **by Sharon Homer-Drummond**
Debi Frantz
Michael Bays - cancer
Matthew Sharkey
Judy and Mark Blakenship
Cameron Miles
Robyn Bundy: **by Stuart and Gail Adamo**
Joshua McMillan
Diane Obright
Kaylee Muthart
Mary Anna Scott - Pat Bradham's sister
Mitchell Fullerton: **by Susan and Steve Fullerton**
Missy Parsons
JoAnn Watson
Lake Morris: **by Lynne Prince**
Carroll Price: **by Heather Morhardt**
Kervin Family
Rogers' Family: **by Sara Cheek**
Stephen Heeney: **by John Heeney**
Bill Speer
Eddie Benenati
Sandy Sloan
Rudy: **by Mary Jeffers**
Julius Darius Jones: **by Mary Jeffers**
Stephanie Flaherty: **by Jackie Lenhart**
Larry Strong: **by Jodie Webb**
Catherine Campbell
Bob Cooper
Noah Holman: **by Janet Rippy**
Millie Chamberlean: **by Lisa Tucker**
Suzanna McMahan
Gary Bechert
Lib Christeson
Frederick Hall
Jim and Ruby Eppler: **by Cindy Baker**
Maxine Urquhart: **by Carol Miller**
Riley Gilbert: **by Jackie Lenhart**
Bill Shaver: **by Linda Hoffman**
Lola Jasey: **by Linda Hoffman**
Bill and Anne Jameson: **by Kathe Harris**
Susan Fullerton
Linda Wilson
Jean Wilson: **by Pam Herold**
Joe Ball
Mason Winarski
Michael Wellborn
Sharon Honeycutt - Jodie Webb's mother: **by Jodie Webb**
Susan Anderson
Amelia Hanks
Mary Oppermann: **by Joey Oppermann**
Connie Whiteside
Matt McAlister: **by Marty Jenkins**
Alex Gundry
Fred Wiese: **by Barbara Renaud**
Anne Martin - Recovering
Dewell Garner: **by Linda Hoffman**

Tammy Chamblee: **by John Heeny**
Doctor Rajeev Malik: **by Gill Powell**
Bonita Glover - Healing: **by John Heeny**
Erwin Karl: **by Pam Herold**
Beckham Owens: **by Maxwell Jeffers**
Greta Jacobsen
Mike Rose: **by Pam Herold**
Lola Josey-Linda Hoffman's Sister
Vivan Fink
Mitch Bargelt-Kathy Bostater's God Son: **by Kathy Bostater**
Elaine Junkins-Suzanne McMahan's Sister
David Bradham: **by Pat Bradham**
Sutton Jeffers: **by Mary Jeffers**
Oliver Thompson
Karen Ostrea: **by Pam & Joe**
Jeff Nelson: **by Kirri and Brent Kinley**
Sarah Reeder

Congratulations to Jon and Sarah Owens on the birth of their daughter Eloise Caroline Owens on November 18th 2024.





Blessed Feast of the Nativity of your Lord!

OFFICE HOURS

Monday 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Tuesday 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Wednesday 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Thursday 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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