



# ALL THE GOOD NEWS

## GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH



February 2025

### Jack-in-the-Pulpit



### SONGS OF ASCENT

Hey all,

In the Book of Psalms there is a grouping of 15 Psalms called the Songs of Ascent, Psalms 120 through 134. The common reading through history is that they were read and sung on the annual pilgrimage to Jerusalem by the people of Israel. Pilgrims are on a long walk, done over and over through a lifetime. These psalms are the ancient words of prayer for a pilgrim, on the long walk, a really long walk, done over and over, throughout an entire lifetime, to the city of God.

Pilgrimage. The life of faith and belief and discipleship and service is a pilgrimage. It is more than being spiritual tourists, just passing through. Faith is a long road, walked over and over again, throughout an entire life ascending to God's presence.

Lent starts late this year, early March. Now is a good time to get ready for that pilgrimage. **The Lenten Study** this year will be the Songs of Ascent. There is a book to go along with it, [A Long Obedience in the Same Direction](#) by Eugene Peterson. Order a copy from your favorite book distributor between now and the first Sunday of Lent, March 9<sup>th</sup>.

The class will meet at two different times, Sundays at 9:15 AM and Wednesdays at 6:30 PM. The same material will be covered twice a week. Bring your favorite translation of the Psalms and read a couple of chapters a week of the book. We begin Sunday March 9<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday March 12<sup>th</sup>.

See you along the ascent,

Fr. Jack

P.S. Come celebrate Grace turning 174 on Feb 12th with a 6 PM Eucharist

### Sundays

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

11:30 Coffee Hour





Welcome Steve Grant to Grace!

Steve Grant is our new Organist Choir Master. He will begin Wednesday Jan. 29th in the Choir room, and his first Sunday at Grace will be February 2nd. There will be a reception to welcome him during coffee hour on Feb. 2nd.



### Coats and Blankets for the King

Thank you to everyone who donated coats and blankets during the Epiphany *COATS FOR THE KING* coat and blanket drive. Over 100 coats and over 50 blankets were donated as well as pants, belts, and other clothing items. The coats, blankets, and other items were very much appreciated by Hope Missions, Shalom House, South Main Chapel and Mercy Center, St. John's Clothes Closet and Homeland Park Elementary School.



### Ingathering and Blessing of scarves, blankets, and shawls for Pastoral Care

**Sunday, February 9, 2025.** 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 12, and will be given out to our parish family members who may need a reminder that they are loved, God is with them, and that their Grace Church family keeping them in their thoughts and prayers while they are healing or going through a difficult time.



### Saint Catherine's Guild News

At our next meeting is at noon on **Monday, February 3rd!** Please bring a sandwich and join us at the church for our February meeting while we play Bingo and have a fun afternoon! All are welcome!

# GATHERINGS AT GRACE



## FIBER FRIENDS AND FELLOWSHIP

Join us every **Tuesday at 11 a.m.** as we knit, crochet, chat and get to know one another. Bring any portable project or we do have supplies available. For more information contact Lisa Mattison at [lisamattisonrn@gmail.com](mailto:lisamattisonrn@gmail.com)



## 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](mailto:Jeffers6sc@att.net). All are welcome to join.



## GUYS GATHERING AT GRACE

The next GGG meeting will be **Thursday, Feb. 20th at 6 p.m.** at Grace Church. For More information contact Tom Pearce at [gm.thomas.pearce@gmail.com](mailto:gm.thomas.pearce@gmail.com)

## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

We will meet **Thursday, Feb. 13th at 10 a.m.** All are Welcome to join, no matter where you are on this journey of loss. For more information contact Carol Miller at [carolmiller622@gmail.com](mailto:carolmiller622@gmail.com) or Deacon Mary Jeffers at [Jeffers6sc@att.net](mailto:Jeffers6sc@att.net)



## WOMEN WINE WISDOM

We are currently reading 'The Book of Joy' by Desmond Tutu and the Dalai Lama Led by Carol Miller and Jane Williams. in the Parish Hall at Grace 6:30-8p.m. every Tuesday. Please bring your own book. If you need more information contact Beth Lollis at [elollis@icloud.com](mailto:elollis@icloud.com)



## GRACE LADIES' PRAYER GROUP

The Ladies' Prayer Group meets every **Wednesday, at 10 a.m.** All ladies are welcome to join.





# Family News



## COOKIE PARTY!

All families are invited to our first ever cookie party! Join us in the parish hall on February 16 from 9:15-10AM to decorate cookies and celebrate Valentine's Day!



## MOM'S MEET UP

Our monthly mom's meet up will meet on February 27 from 5-7 at eCity Java. Join us for the whole time or drop in to say hey!

This is a great way to connect with other moms in Anderson.



## WIGGLE CHURCH

Let's wiggle and worship! Join us for Wiggle Church on February 19 at 6pm in the Parish Hall. Bring the whole family for dancing, singing, games, and learning about God's love.

## IMPORTANT DATES

February 2  
Children's Chapel

February 3, 10, 24  
Mommy & Me

February 16  
Cookie Party

February 19  
Wiggle Church

February 27  
Mom's Meet Up

## CONTACT ME

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# Youth Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2025



## LEAF

EYC will be attending LEAF (Large Episcopalian Area Fellowship) on February 16th at Christ Church in Greenville. The event lasts from 5-7, and food will be provided. Please let Sharon know by February 8 if your child plans to attend in order to secure transportation. We will meet at the church at 4pm, and will leave at 4:10pm. We will return at approximately 7:50. Please consider driving for this event! This is a great time to connect with other churches!

## SOUPER BOWL SUBS

It's time for our annual Souper Bowl Subs sale! This will take place on February 9 after the 8am and 10:30am services. Subs will be \$5 each. If you have a youth that is not attending the lock-in but would like to help with the subs, please have them at the church by 8am on February 9. Come to church with an appetite that day!



## THIS WEEK

We will be hosting a lock-in for youth on February 8-9, beginning at 6pm on February 8 and lasting until after the 10:30 service on February 9. Youth will enjoy movies, games, snacks, and community. In order for your child to attend, they must have a permission form and a general information form on file for this event by the time the lock-in begins.

Both of these items will be available beginning January 26. Youth will also help with the Souper Bowl Subs before the 8am service.

PARENTS: PLEASE CONSIDER CHAPERONING FOR THIS EVENT! WE ARE IN NEED OF A MALE CHAPERONE.

Contact Sharon at 864-978-6265 if you have any questions.



## IMPORTANT DATES

2/2 - EYC  
2/8-2/9 - Lock-In  
2/9 - Souper Bowl Sunday, NO EYC  
2/16 - LEAF  
2/23 - EYC

## WAYS TO SERVE

Chaperone for Lock-In  
Chaperone/Driver for LEAF  
Meals for EYC (sign-ups by the parish hall)

Thank you for volunteering your time!





## February Birthdays

1st Susan Whatley  
1st Jack Hardaway  
3rd Rylee Simmons  
4th Linda Foley  
4th Jack Mansmann  
4th Lisa Joseph  
5th Ava Camak  
7th Lana Mattison  
9th Bob Earle  
11th Nathan Cox  
12th Nancy Welch  
14th Brady Peebles  
15th Stuart Knobel  
16th David Bradham  
16th Leigh Martin  
17th Maryann Barnwell  
18th Buddy Wade  
20th Margarit Gray  
22nd Buddy Bilbrey  
24th Abby Burden  
26th Mary Jane Ames  
26th Allan Wilford  
26th Taylor Bilbrey  
27th Jackson Potter  
27th Rose Franklin  
28th Jerry Peeler  
28th Rick Stanland  
28th Anna Rose Burden

## Stewardship

Preliminary Annual Giving  
Report for 2024: \$29,860  
Surplus.

## Pledge Drive

Week 12

2025  
pledge: \$332,497  
Cards Turned in: 102

2024  
Pledge: \$345,712  
Cards Turned in: 100

# MEMORIALS

Received December 16, 2024 through January 15, 2025

In Memory of Barbara Scott to the Deacon's Discretionary Fund by: Tony & Annette Guiseppi-Elie

In Memory of Dr. Jerry Powell to the Deacon's Discretionary Fund by: Tony & Annette Guiseppi-Elie

# HONORARIUMS

In Honor of Bill Scott to the Deacon's Discretionary Fund by: Tony & Annette Guiseppi-Elie

In Honor of Gill Powell to the Deacon's Discretionary Fund by: Tony & Annette Guiseppi-Elie

In Honor of Jim & Kathe Harris to the Deacon's Discretionary Fund by: Tony & Annette Guiseppi-Elie

In Honor of Lily Roland Hall to the Deacon's Discretionary Fund by: Tony & Annette Guiseppi-Elie

In Honor of Father Jack Hardaway to the Rector's Discretionary Fund by: Tony & Annette Guiseppi-Elie

# SAVE THE DATE

Feb 2nd Candlemas

Feb 2nd Daughters of the King Meeting 9:15 a.m.

Feb 3rd St. Catherine's Guild Noon

Feb 8th Daughters of the King Orientation 10 a.m. - Noon

Feb 8th-9th EYC Lock In

Feb 9th Ingathering of Prayer shawls

Feb 9th Souper Bowl Subs

Feb 10th Brookdale Communion Visit 11 a.m.

Feb 10th Vestry Meeting 6 p.m.

Feb 11th Outreach Meeting 5:30 p.m.

Feb 12th Happy Birthday Grace Eucharist 6 p.m.

Feb 13th Grief Support 10 a.m.

Feb 15th and 22nd Daughters of the King Study Session 10 a.m. - Noon

Feb 16th Cookie Party 9:15 a.m.

Feb 16th EYC LEAF 4-8 p.m.

Feb 19th Wiggle Church 6 p.m.

Feb 20th Guys Gathering at Grace

Feb 24th - 26th Clergy Pre-Lenten Retreat

Feb 27th Moms Meet up 5-7 p.m.

# **NAMI FAMILY-TO-FAMILY EDUCATION PROGRAM**

**FREE** for \*family members and significant others  
of an adult individual with

**Major Depression  
Bipolar Disorder (Manic Depression)  
Schizophrenia and Schizoaffective Disorder  
Borderline Personality Disorder  
Panic Disorder and Obsessive Compulsive Disorder  
Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)  
Co-occurring Brain Disorders and Addictive Disorders**

A series of 8 sessions designed to help families understand and support their loved one while maintaining their own well being. Participants improve their self-care and communication skills, learn problem-solving techniques, and how to advocate for their family member. The course is taught by a team of trained NAMI family member volunteers who, also, have loved ones affected by these brain disorders. You are not alone!

**The course is FREE, and you will receive new materials each week.  
Pre-registration is required.**

## **Clemson, SC**

**February 16- April 6, 2025**

**Every Sunday from 2:30 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.**

**Contact: Michelle Ready**

**864-882-5131 (landline- no texts)**

**michelleready@hotmail.com**

**\*For parents, spouse/significant other, siblings, or adult children of a person (age 17 or older) with a mental illness. Class size limited to 20 persons.**

This NAMI Family-to-Family Education Program is sponsored and funded by NAMI SC and the NAMI Anderson-Oconee-Pickens affiliate. **[www.namiaop.org](http://www.namiaop.org)**



## DAUGHTERS OF THE KINGS

On Feb 2nd there will be a meeting for questions and answers about Daughters of the King at 9:15 a.m. in the Parlor.

On Feb 8th from 10 a.m. - Noon there will be an Orientation Tea and Service for those women interested in discerning their call to the Order of the Daughters of the King. The discernment process entails a three month study of various topics to guide participants during the discernment process.

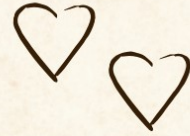
Starting Feb 15th from 10 a.m. - Noon there will be a Study Session of Daughters of the King every Saturday in the Library. For more information contact Debbie Hand at [handrab@yahoo.com](mailto:handrab@yahoo.com)

## PACSETTERS SQUARE DANCING GROUP

Starting Thursday, January 9th through August the Pacesetters Square Dancing Group will begin holding their weekly class in the Parish Hall at Grace. All ages are welcome to join as long as they can follow the direction of the caller Mike Cox. They will meet every Thursday from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. You do not have to have a partner or know how to Square dance. The kind people in this group will teach you how.



# EYC SPARE TIME 2025







Soup Kitchen Staff and Volunteers





## **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 Josey: **by Linda Hoffman**  
Bill and Anne Jameson: **by Kathe Harris**  
Susan Fullerton  
Linda Wilson  
Jean Wilson: **by Pam Herold**  
Joe Ball  
Mason Winarski  
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  
William Moore