



ALL THE GOOD NEWS GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH



January 2025

Jack-in-the-Pulpit



Hey all,
two big things this month to put on our calendars:
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AND BREAKFAST

Sunday January 26th

8:45-9:30 AM Breakfast in Parish Hall

9:30 AM Annual Meeting in the Church

Please attend, enjoy the company, and vote in the elections for vestry, convention delegates, and endowment board. The nominations thus far are posted on bulletin board outside the parish hall.

ANNUAL PARISH SOUP LUNCHEON

Thursday January 23rd

Details coming soon!

Much love,

Fr. Jack

OLLIE STRONG SUPPORT FUND!

Grace is starting a fund to help with the expenses for the Thompson family in caring for their newborn, Ollie, while in MUSC in Charleston. Make checks payable to Grace and note that it is for "Ollie Strong."

Sundays

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

11:30 Coffee Hour



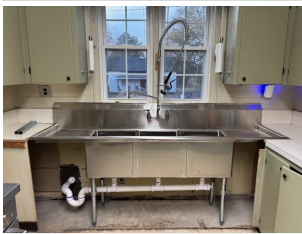
ACTION

GRACE

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



DONATION

This sink was donated by Grace Episcopal Church to South Main Chapel and Mercy Center in honor of Bryan Harris.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who made donations to the Spruce Pine Community! Information about additional support or disaster relief teams going to North Carolina will be communicated when the need arises.

Saint Catherine's Guild News

SAINT CATHERINE'S GUILD NEWS: Our Christmas meeting on Monday, December 2nd, was busy and fun. Twelve ladies attended and enjoyed the potluck lunch. After lunch we held a brief business meeting and decided that our next meeting will be in February. We are still working out details, so more information will come! We donated our year's collected dues, \$225, to Trinity Episcopal Church in Spruce Pine, NC, to help with hurricane recovery efforts. The ladies also brought generous gifts to stuff in twenty stockings for the homebound of our church. We are so thankful to John and Dena Cullen for providing the stockings and delivering them! Our Christmas meeting ended with a gift exchange, and we are all looking forward to meeting again in February!

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who gave gifts to the children in our community for Christmas this year.



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

GUYS GATHERING AT GRACE

Guys Gathering at Grace GGG will resume on **January 16th (third Thursday) at 6 p.m.** in the Parish Hall. All Grace men and guests welcome. Doug Martin will prepare a Sonoran Mexican dinner but would appreciate RSVP by the 14th to have a sufficient food available, E-mail peregrino.doug@gmail.com. Bring a beverage of choice.



Grief Ministry at Grace



The **Grief Support Group** meeting will be held **Thursday, January 16th 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

Our next book; **Starting Jan 7th** *'The Book of Joy'* by Desmond Tutu and the Dalai Lama Led by Carol Miller and Jane Williams in the fellowship hall at Grace **6:30-8:00 p.m. every Tuesday**. This will be a refresher for some of us and new for others. May JOY be a focus for each of us in 2025. Please bring your own book and read up to page 24. If you need more information contact Beth Lollis at elollis@icloud.com.

YOUTH NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2025

Happy New Year!

Spare Time Trip

Youth will be visiting Spare Time on Jan. 18, from 2-6pm. We will eat dinner after leaving. Spare Time has bowling, arcade games, laser tag, and escape rooms. Sign up outside of the Parish Hall. This event is FREE!

High School Retreat

All high schoolers are invited to attend the high school retreat hosted by the diocese from January 31-February 2. Location is tentatively set at Camp Cole (near Columbia). This retreat will include the Bishop's Ball, a dance where the only dress code rule is that it must be something that has been worn before (think old prom dresses, Goodwill tuxes, etc.). Be on the lookout for registration to open.

Camp Gravatt Registration

Remember that registration for summer camp for Camp Gravatt is happening now!

Youth Room

Renovations on the new youth room (located across the hall from the Sunday school rooms) is currently ongoing. Take a peek inside to see the progress on the new space for the youth! You might even be able to catch a game of air hockey soon.

Upcoming Events

- Jan. 18: Spare Time Trip (Greenville, SC)
- Jan. 31-Feb 2: High School Retreat (Details TBD)
- Feb. 2: No EYC

Ways to Serve

- EYC Meals
- Chaperone for Spare Time
- High School Retreat worker

FAMILY NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2025



Happy New Year!

Mommy & Me Mondays

Moms of young children, join us every Monday from 9:30-10:30 for a time where you can meet other moms while your little one is entertained! Meeting in the parlor. Ages 18 months - 4 years.

Moms Meet Up

Once a month, we invite all moms to join us for a time of fellowship and relaxation. The first meeting will be January 23 from 5-7pm. Come for a little bit or stay the whole time. Meeting at eCity Java.

Wiggle Church

We invite you and your family to Wiggle Church, a worship service for the whole family! Children are encouraged to wiggle, sing, dance, and play in this service. Join us for light snacks afterwards. We will meet Jan. 15 at 6pm in the Parlor.



Family Vision Casting

Do you have an event that you want to see at Grace? Join us on January 8 at 6pm for a meal and time of sharing ideas and requests for family-oriented programming at Grace in 2025.

Please RSVP to Sharon by January 5.

Important Dates

- 1/5 - Children's Chapel
- 1/6 - Mommy & Me Mondays
- 1/8 - Family Vision Casting
- 1/13 - Mommy & Me Mondays
- 1/15 - Wiggle Church
- 1/19 - Children's Chapel
- 1/23 - Moms Meet Up
- 1/27 - Mommy & Me Mondays

Contact

Sharon Dorsey

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MARTIN LUTHER KING JR

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Hosted By ACMO

Anderson County Ministerial Organization

"THE ULTIMATE MEASURE OF A MAN IS NOT WHERE HE STANDS IN MOMENTS OF COMFORT AND CONVENIENCE, BUT WHERE HE STANDS AT TIMES OF CHALLENGE AND CONTROVERSY."

MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2025

DOORS OPEN 4:30 PM | PROGRAM STARTS 5PM

ANDERSON SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT CENTER

3027 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BLVD.,
ANDERSON, SC 29625

FREE EVENT



**SUPPORT UNCF AND THE STUDENTS
WE SERVE**

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO UNCF & MAIL TO:
ANDERSON COUNTY MINISTERIAL
ORGANIZATION (ACMO)
P.O. BOX 776
ANDERSON, SC 29622**



**KEYNOTE SPEAKER
MONIFA DRAYTON
CEO OF THE DRAYTON LEADERSHIP
GROUP, LLC**

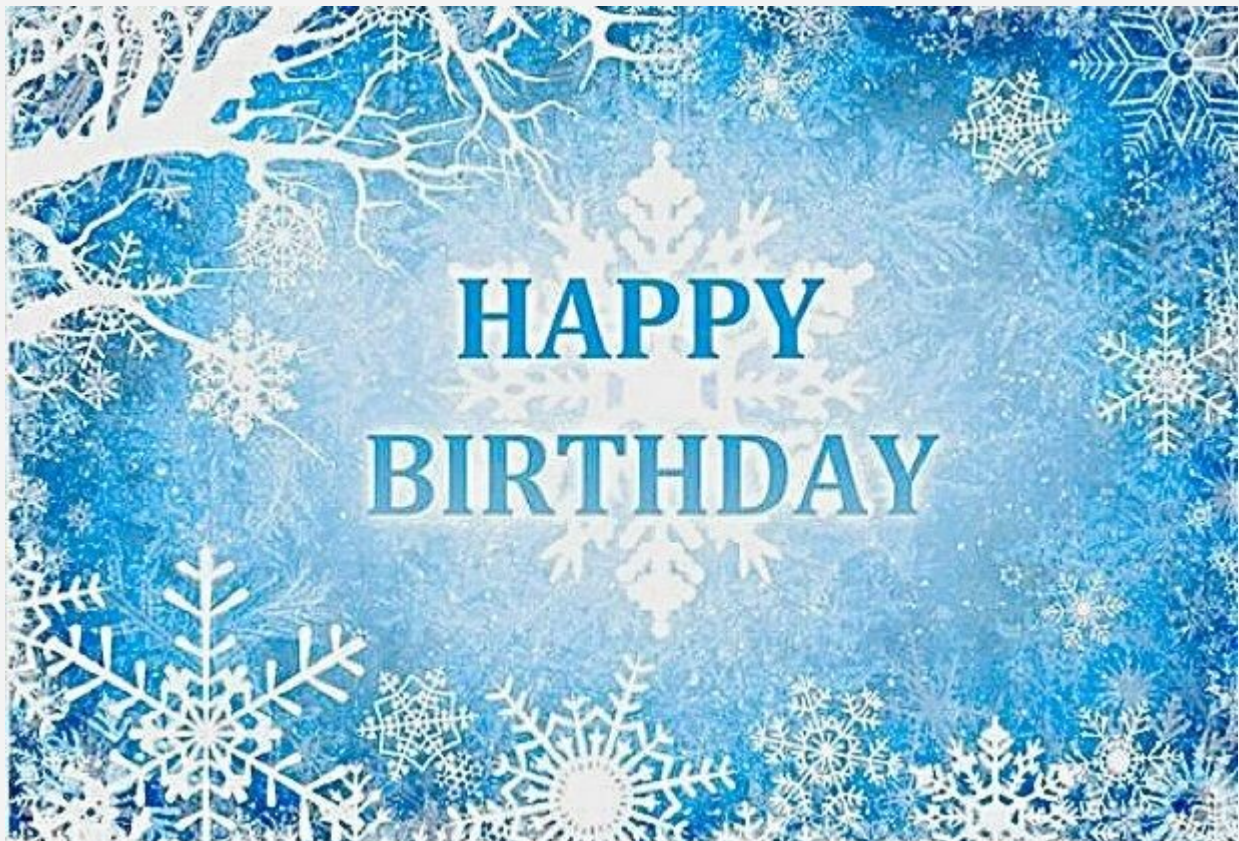
FOR MORE INFORMATION:

ROSALIND.MCGINNIS@UNCF.ORG (864)-649-0663

ELIZABETH M. STRONG ACMO2266@GMAIL.COM (864)-437-0446

January Birthdays

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 White	30 th Baylis Maxwell



Upcoming Events

- Church Office will be closed **January 1st. and 20th.**
- Fr. Jack's Episcopal Christianity class will be **January 5th and 19th.**
- Mommy and Me: **Every Monday from 9:30-10:30 a.m.**
- WWW will start back on **Tuesday January 7th from 6:30-8 p.m.**
- Family Vision Casting: **Wednesday, January 8th at 6 p.m.**
- Pacesetters Square Dancing: **Every Thursday from 7-9:30 p.m.**
- Brookdale Communion Visit: **Monday, January 13th at 11 a.m.**
 - Vestry Meeting: **Monday, January 13th at 6 p.m.**
 - Outreach Meeting: **Tuesday, January 14th at 5:30 p.m.**
 - Wiggle Church: **Wednesday, January 15th at 6 p.m.**
 - Grief Support: **Thursday, January 16th at 10 a.m.**
 - Guy's Gathering at Grace: **Thursday, January 16th at 6 p.m.**
 - EYC Spare Time Trip: **Saturday, January 18th from 2-6 p.m.**
 - Soup Saturday: **Saturday, January 18th.**
- Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration: **Monday, January 20th at 4:30 p.m.**
 - Annual Soup Luncheon: **Thursday, January 23rd**
 - Moms Meet Up: **Thursday, January 23rd from 5-7 p.m.**
 - Annual Parish Breakfast: **Sunday, January 26th at 8:45 a.m.**
 - Annual Meeting: **Sunday, January 26th at 9:30 a.m.**

MEMORIALS

Received November 16, 2024 through December 15, 2024

In Memory of **Dr. Donald Roberts** by:

Norman and Carol Avinger

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

HONORARIUMS

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In Honor of **Nathanael Burden** to the Outreach Fund by:

Cindy & Randy Baker

In Honor of **Debbie Hand** to the Pastoral Care Fund by:

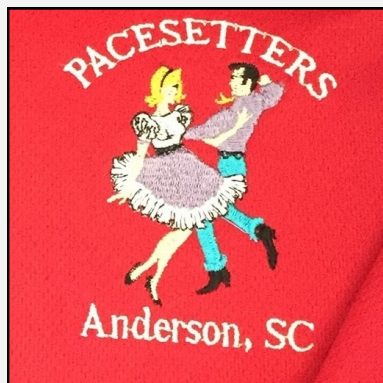
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Stewardship Report

2024 Total as of 11/30/2024

Surplus \$19,257



PACESSETTERS SQUARE DANCING GROUP

Starting Thursday, January 9th 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 7 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.



SOUTH MAIN MERCY CENTER LUNCH



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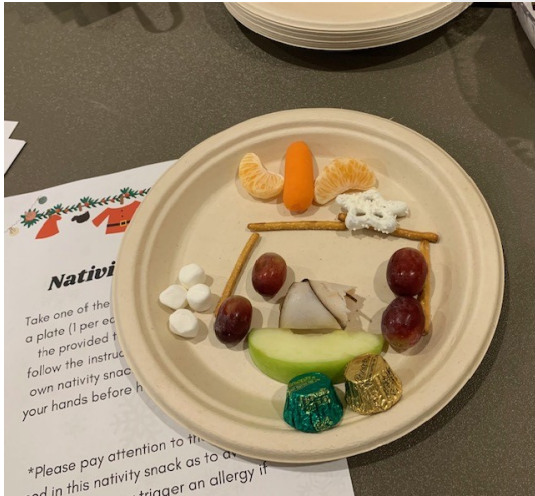
NEWCOMER'S JINGLE BREAKFAST



NEW CHOIR MEMBERS ADDIE, DANNY, AND BRENNEN



STATIONS OF THE MANGER



NATIVITY ACTIVITY



ADVENT ALTAR



**THE REV. TOMMY WATSON'S
ORDINATION**



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