



# ALL THE GOOD NEWS

## GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH



March 2025

### Jack-in-the-Pulpit



### ASHES, ASHES WE ALL FALL DOWN

There are times to be blunt.

Lent is a blunt time, a blunt instrument.

We are going to die. We have wasted what little time we have on things that are not love. We are going to be judged by the measure that we give, that is what we will receive.

And God can be trusted with the train wreck that we have made of our lives.

This is what we begin on Ash Wednesday, it is the right beginning.

We attempt honesty and candor about our short time left to live, and the power that sin has on our thoughts, words, and actions, the so many ways that we have chosen not to love.

The only reason to even attempt this season of candor is that there is reckless, fearless hope, that the power of love let lose in the world in the resurrection of Jesus is stronger than anything else, stronger than death, stronger than our shame, our pettiness, stronger than our indifference.

The prison has been busted open, we are being set free.

How can I be free to choose love?

Freedom is a harsh and demanding judgement.

Love breaks the chains, all of them.

We see ourselves as we are, and that can be hard, we see ourselves as we will be, and that is where words fail.

I bid you a Holy Lent.

I bid you the power of love.

Much Love,

Fr. Jack

**Lenten Study:** we will be studying Psalms 120-134, the Songs of Ascent. The book is *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction*, by Eugene Peterson. Read two chapters a week. **We meet on Sundays in Lent at 9:15 starting March 9<sup>th</sup>.**

**Ash Wednesday Liturgies: March 5th at Noon & 6 p.m.**

### Sundays

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

11:30 Coffee Hour



# NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

## DAY OF DISCERNMENT

The Day of Discernment is a day-long dive into what the day-to-day experience is like for people being called by God into ordained ministry or lay ministry. This will be held on **Saturday, March 15th from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.** at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral.

## BISHOP'S BIBLE IN A YEAR CHALLENGE

If you are interested in completing or getting more information on the Bishops' Bible in a Year challenge visit the link below.

<https://www.edusc.org/bible-in-a-year/>

## WORLD MISSIONS SYMPOSIUM

Join us for the 2025 World Missions Symposium, recognizing and honoring our 40+ years of partnership with the Central Plateau of Haiti as well as our 25+ years' work in Ecuador and Les Cayes in southwest Haiti. Come learn about the vital projects currently underway with our diocese in partnership with our domestic and international groups. This event will be held at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Columbia, SC on **Saturday, March 29th from 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.** To register for this event visit

<https://www.edusc.org/blog/edusc-announces-world-mission-symposium-march-29/>

## NOTES ALONG THE WAY

Are you interested in getting a weekly Meditation from Bishop Daniel Richards visit: <https://www.edusc.org/notes-from-along-the-way/>. to get registered.



## NEWS FROM DEACON MARY

The Anderson Arts Center is fortunate to partner with the Anderson Area remembrance and Reconciliation Initiative to bring “The Sculpture” to the Arts Center, Join us for film screenings and our Creative Art Group sessions, as we explore the history and start a discussion in our community as a community. These film showings will be held at Atrium Gallery in the Arts Warehouse on **Tuesday, March 13th at 5:30 p.m. and Tuesday, April 10th at 5:30 p.m.**



## OLLIE STRONG

Grace has 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”

# ACTION

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## SAINT CATHERINE’S GUILD NEWS

The ladies met at the church on Monday, February 3rd, at noon. They brought sandwiches, and drinks, chips, and cupcakes were provided. After a brief business meeting, they played Bingo. Since that was so much fun, and since there were still prizes to win, they decided to play again in April. The next meeting will be on Monday, April 7th, at noon in the parish hall. Look for a meeting reminder and more details in the next newsletter. Please join them for a lunch, visit, and Bingo games! All ladies are welcome! For more information, call Anne Martin (864-561-2187).



# GATHERINGS AT GRACE

## GUYS GATHERING AT GRACE

The next GGG meeting will be **Thursday, March 20th at 6 p.m.** in the Parlor. For more information contact Doug Martin at [peregrino.doug@gmail.com](mailto:peregrino.doug@gmail.com)

## WOMEN WINE AND WISDOM

WWW is wrapping up our discussion of The Book of Joy and preparing to begin a new read together. Here's what's coming up in March: **Tuesday, March 4**, NO WWW meeting due to Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. Enjoy the fellowship and delicious pancakes! **Tuesday, March 11**, Our final discussion of The Book of Joy. Join us as we reflect on the insights and wisdom we've gained. **Tuesday, March 18**, We begin our next book, The Lemon Tree by Sandy Tolan. Cindy Baker and Anne Cook will be leading us through this thought-provoking read. We hope you will join us for meaningful discussion and fellowship. For more information, reach out to Beth Lollis at [elollis@icloud.com](mailto:elollis@icloud.com)

## 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)

## GRACE LADIES' PRAYER GROUP

The Ladies' Prayer Group meets **every Wednesday at 10 a.m.** in the Parish Library. All ladies are welcome to join!

## GRIEF SUPPORT

We will met **Thursday, March 27th at 10 a.m.** in the Parish Library. 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)

## 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!





# YOUTH & FAMILY NEWSLETTER

## Upcoming Events

### Pancake Dinner

All are invited to join us for the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner. Youth should arrive at 5pm to assist with cooking the pancakes. The dinner will be held in the Parish Hall. As always, there is no charge, but donations are appreciated! Donations go to EYC.

### New Beginnings

New Beginnings is the diocesan retreat for middle schoolers. It will be held April 4-6 at Camp Gravatt. Registration will run from March 1-31. Please let Sharon know if you need assistance in covering the fee for the retreat.

### Mom's Meet Up

The Mom's Meet Up for March will be Saturday, March 15 at eCity Java. Join us from 9:30-11!

## Diocesan Design Teams

The Diocese is using "Design Teams" to run diocesan events. If your teen would like to be on one for New Beginnings or Bridge Retreat, please visit <https://www.edusc.org/discipleship/formation/youth-formation-and-mission/>

## Upcoming Events

- 3/2: Children's Chapel
- 3/4: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner
- 3/9: Confirmation
- 3/15: Mom's Monthly Meet Up
- 3/16: Children's Chapel
- 3/30: Children's Chapel
- 3/1-3/31: New Beginnings Registration



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## March Birthdays

1st Kate Williams	
2nd Anne Martin	17th Dole Baker Jr.
2nd Rame Campbell	19th Nita Colman
2nd Caroline Kerley	20th Emerson Cox
2nd Caroline Foster	21st George Lidlow
3rd Serra Erlenkeuser	22nd Kelly Peebles
5th Lebrina Campbell	22nd Donna LeBrun
5th Darrell Burgess	23rd Masters Campbell
6th Kylie Willis	24th Randy Sexton
7th Lukas Bostick	24th Christopher Wilford
8th Maxwell Jeffers	26th Kelly Potter
9th Lisa Mattison	26th Michelle King
11th Lee Simon	26th Ella Erlenkeuser
12th Daniel Klimek	27th Beth Lollis
14th Emi Hughes	28th Hanna Erlenkeuser
14th Baker Mosteller	30th Arne Troelstra
15th Gill Powell	30th Charles Knisley

## Memorials

In Memory of Dr. Donald Roberts and Colin Roberts by:  
Alexandria P. Stathakis  
If donors prefer to remain anonymous, please indicate this with your Memorial or Honorarium

## STEWARDSHIP

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- Vestry Meeting: Monday, March 3rd at 6 p.m.
- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner: Tuesday, March 4th at 6 p.m.
- Ash Wednesday Liturgies: Wednesday, March 5th at noon & 6 p.m.
- DOK meeting every Saturday in March from 10 a.m. - Noon
- Outreach Retreat: Saturday, March 8th from 8 a.m. - Noon
- Daylight Savings: Sunday, March 9th
- Lenten Study Begins: March 9th at 9:15 a.m.
- The Bishop will be at St. George on Sunday, March 9th.
- Sylvara Communion Visit will be Monday, March 10th at 11 a.m.
- Outreach will meet Tuesday, March 11th at 5:30 p.m.
- Day of Discernment: Saturday, March 15th from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Moms Meet Up: Saturday, March 15th from 5-7 p.m.
- Guy's Gathering at Grace: Thursday, March 20th at 6 p.m.
- Grief Support: Thursday 27th at 10 a.m.
- World Mission Symposium: Saturday, March 29th from 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

# Save the Date





**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  
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  
Ellis Ripley