



# ALL THE GOOD NEWS

## GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH



April 2025

### Jack-in-the-Pulpit



### HOLY

It all comes down to these three days: Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday.

But what does it mean, if anything?

Suffering serves no purpose, it has no meaning, it is not redemptive.

But suffering can be redeemed.

It is so easy to lose faith and to try to explain suffering, to justify it, to find sense in it, or on the flip side to give in to despair.

Faith calls us to the horror of the cross, to Good Friday, and it bids us stand there and witness and to ask why and to listen to the silence that is all we hear. Faith bids us to abide in the emptiness of hollowed out grief that is Holy Saturday. And then the strangest thing happens on Easter morning. No explanation. Just the world being rewritten, remade. Life. Despite it all. Without any sense. Words, ideas, syntax, perception fail before the holy, where we break bread with the dead man.

I have often wondered which is more terrifying: the cross, or the empty tomb?

Bear witness to the holy.

Lift up your hearts!

Father Jack

### Holy Week Schedule: *Bear Witness.*

Palm Sunday: Procession of the Palms and Passion Narrative at 8 AM and 10:30 AM

Maundy Thursday: 6 PM Eucharist, foot washing, stripping of the Altar.

Good Friday: 11 AM: Stations of the Cross  
Noon: Good Friday Liturgy, Bishop Daniel Preaching

Holy Saturday: 9 AM liturgy followed by preparations for Easter Morning

Easter Sunday: 6 AM Easter Vigil, begins with Easter Fire on the Church Lawn  
8 AM Eucharist with Choir  
9 AM Easter Breakfast in Parish Hall  
9:30 AM Easter Egg hunt  
10:30 AM Eucharist and Baptism with Choir

### Sundays

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

11:30 Coffee Hour



# ACTION!

GRACE

## Saturday Servants

We are gearing up for our next round of Saturday in May. We are seeking donations of the following: creamy peanut butter, grape jam and water. If you would like to make a contribution, please leave it on the table at the back of the Parish Hall. We thank you in advance for your help. We will be looking for volunteers to help make the lunches and deliver them as well. More information on that to follow. If you have any questions, please reach out to Tracey or George Lidlow at [tjlidlow@gmail.com](mailto:tjlidlow@gmail.com)

## St. Catherine's Guild

Join us Monday, April 7th in the Parish Hall at noon for Bingo and fellowship. Drinks, chips, and dessert will be provided, all you need to bring is your sandwich of choice. All ladies are welcome to join.

## Planting Day

Join us Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. to plant our Grace Community Garden. Bring your garden gloves, garden tools for planting, and sunscreen! Contact Danny Ehlert







# GATHERINGS AT GRACE

## **Guys Gathering at Grace**

The next GGG meeting will be Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. to avoid conflict with Maundy Thursday. Chris Hand will be the chef du jour, menu to follow. May will be a special meeting Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup> which is organized by Bryan Harris as a representative "Brotherhood of St. Andrew" format. All Grace men and guests are welcome.

## **Grace Ladies' Prayer Group**

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

## **Open Invitation**

The Mental Wellness group meets once a month. If you are interested in joining or want more information, contact Deacon Marry Jeffers at [jeffers6sc@att.net](mailto:jeffers6sc@att.net)

## **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 you want to work on, or we do have supplies available. For more information contact Lisa Mattison at [lisamattisonrn@gmail.com](mailto:lisamattisonrn@gmail.com)

## **Grief Support**

We will meet Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. in the Parish Library. All are welcome to join, no matter where you are in your 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 and Wisdom**

Our weekly discussion of *The Lemon Tree* by Sandy Tolan continues every Tuesday from 6:30-8 p.m.. Join us for engaging conversation and fellowship.

# Youth Newsletter

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### Open Office - Spring Break

Bored during Spring Break? Come hang out at church! March 31 and April 2, the church will be open from 8am-2pm if you need a place to hang out and connect while school is out. There will be snacks provided. This is also a great time to get service hours if you need them.

### New Beginnings

Please pray for our middle and high schoolers as they participate in and lead the New Beginnings Diocesan Middle School Retreat.

### Diocesan Mission Trip

The Diocese is hosting a youth mission trip to Laurel Ridge, NC July 15-19. Please let Sharon know if you are interested in attending. The cost will be between \$150-200.

### Contact Info

Sharon Dorsey

slgeorge864@gmail.com

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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1-3

Spring Break -  
Open Office

APR

4-6

New Beginnings  
Diocesan Retreat

APR

6

No EYC

APR

20

No EYC

## WAYS TO SERVE

- EYC Meal
- Second Adult
- Chaperone for Events



# Family News

APRIL 2025

## What's Happening

### VBS

It is almost that time of year again! We are looking for volunteers for VBS, which will tentatively be the week of June 9. Please let Sharon know if you can commit to helping in the morning or evening so we can plan the structure of our programming. We are looking forward to serving more families this year!

### Easter Egg Hunt

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be April 20 at 9:30am. There will be a box for candy donations by the Parish Hall. We welcome any and all donations!

## Mom's Meet Up

We've had a great time at our mom's meet up the last few months, and we hope you'll join us in the coming months! The next mom's meet up is April 26, 9:30-11 at eCity Java in downtown Anderson.

## Upcoming Events

- April 13 - Children's Chapel
- April 20 - Easter Egg Hunt, 9:30am
- April 26 - Mom's Monthly Meet Up, 9:30-11am at eCity Java
- April 26-27 - Diocesan Bridge Retreat (5th grade)
- April 27 - Children's Chapel



# APRIL BIRTHDAYS

4th Lang Foster  
5th Violet Clark  
6th Tab Bates  
6th Melissa Roberts  
7th Mary Jeffers  
9th Parker Baker  
10th Tom Pearce  
11th Jennifer Campbell  
13th Charlotte Wilford  
14th Lucine Hohn  
16th Al Sloan  
16th Suzanne Curlis  
16th Janet Rippy  
18th Parker Bates  
24th Dottie Poupalos  
24th Rosemary Digby  
24th Levi Bilbrey  
25th Catherine Campbell  
25th Susan Hardaway  
27th Jacob Arnold



## MEMORIALS

Received February 16, 2025 through March 15, 2025

In Memory of Barbara Curlis to the Pastoral Care  
Fund by: Suzanne Culis

In Memory of Barbara Curlis to the Outreach  
Fund for Saturday Servants by: Suzanne Curlis

In Memory of Ollie Thompson to the Deacon's  
Discretionary Fund by: Charlie & Louise Knisley

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

## STEWARDSHIP

As of 2/28/2025

Deficit \$3,304.00

## EASTER LILIES

If you would like to place  
flowers in the church in  
celebration of the  
Resurrection, complete  
the form located in the  
cloister and outside the  
Parish Office, and return  
them to office by April  
13th.



## Save the Date

- Wednesday Night Dinner: Wed. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 p.m.
- New Beginnings: Sat. 5<sup>th</sup> – Sun. 6<sup>th</sup>
- CPR Training at St. George's: Sat. 5<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- St. Catherine's Guild Meeting: Mon. 7<sup>th</sup> at Noon
- Vestry Meeting: Mon. 7<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.
- Outreach Meeting: Tue. 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.
- AAR&RI Film Screening: Thur. 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.
- Vestry Retreat: Sat. 12<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Planting Day: Sat. 12<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. – Noon
- Palm Sunday: April 13<sup>th</sup>
- Sylivara Communion Visit: Mon. 14<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m.
- Maundy Thursday Liturgy: Thur. 17<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.
- Stations of the Cross: Fri. 18<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m.
- Good Friday Liturgy: Fri. 18<sup>th</sup> at Noon
- DOK Meetings: Sat. 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. – Noon
- Holy Saturday Liturgy: Sat. 19<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m.
- Easter Sunday: Sun. 20<sup>th</sup> 6 a.m. Vigil, 8 a.m. Eucharist, 9 a.m. Breakfast, 9:30 a.m. Egg Hunt, 10:30 a.m. Eucharist
- Griegt Support: Thur. 24<sup>th</sup> 6 p.m.
- Guys Gathering: Thur. 24<sup>th</sup> 6 p.m.
- Moms Meet up: Sat. 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- Bridge Retreat: Sat. 26<sup>th</sup> – Sun. 27<sup>th</sup>



## News From Deacon Mary

The AAR&RI will have a film screening of *History in the Shadows – Morris Street Cabins*. This is a story of the “Slave Cabins” in Anderson. this showing will be at the Carnegie building (405 N. Main St. Anderson) on Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

## Altar Guild

Do you want to be involved in the church but in a more behind the scene manner once a month? Do you want to learn more about our Ministry? Do you want to hangout with the coolest people at Grace? The Altar Guild is seeking new recruits. See Jodie Webb 864-380-1683 if you are interested in checking out what we are about and see if you are a good fit.



# WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER













# Prayer List

Matthew Sharkey  
Susan Fullerton  
Linda Wilson  
Cameron Miles  
Joe Ball  
Mason Winarski  
Joshua McMillan  
Susan Anderson  
Amelia Hanks  
Diane Obright  
Connie Whiteside  
Kaylee Muthart  
Alex Gundry  
Missy Parson  
JoAnn Watson  
Kervin Family  
Bill Speer  
Eddie Benenati  
Sandy Sloan  
Catherine Campbell  
Greta Jacobsen  
Bob Cooper  
Suzanna McMahan  
Vivan Fink  
Gary Bechert  
Lib Christeson  
Frederick Hall  
Sarah Reeder  
William Moore  
Elli Ripley  
Rick Schlup  
Keisha Owens  
Debi Frantz

John Bostater: by Kathy Bostater  
Karlann Bostater: by Kathy Bostater  
Bill & Anne Jameson: by Kathe Harris  
Michael Bays - Cancer  
Jean Wilson: by Pam Herold  
Judy and Mark Blakenship  
Sharon Honeycutt - Jodie Webb's Mother  
Robyn Bundy: by Stuart & Gail Adamo  
Mary Oppermann: by Joey Opperman  
Matt McAlister: by Marty Jenkins  
Anne Martin - Recovering  
Mary Anna Scott - Pat Bradham's Sister  
Mitchell Fullerton: by Susan & Steve Fullerton  
Dewell Garner: by Linda Hoffman  
Tammy Chamblee: by John Heeny  
Lake Morris: by Lynne Prince  
Carroll Price: by Heather Morhardt  
Doctor Rajeev Malik: by Gill Powell  
Rogers' Family: by Sara Cheek  
Stephen Heeney: by John Heeney  
Bonita Glover - Healing: by John Heeny  
Erwin Karl: by Pam Herold  
Beckham Owens: by Maxwell Jeffers  
Rudy: by Mary Jeffers  
Julius Darius Jones: by Mary Jeffers  
Stephanie Flaherty: By Jackie Lenhart  
Larry Strong: by Jodie Webb  
Mike Rose: by Pam Herold  
Lola Josey: by Linda Hoffman  
Noah Holman: by Janet Rippy  
Millie Chamberlean: by Lisa Tucker  
Elaine Junkins-Suzanne McMahan's sister  
David Bradham: by Pat Bradham  
Sutton Jeffers: by Mary Jeffers  
Karen Ostrea: by Pam & Joe  
Jim & Ruby Eppler: by Cindy Baker  
Maxine Urquhart: by Carol Miller  
Riley Gilbert: by Jackie Lenhart  
Bill Shaver: by Linda Hoffman  
Jeff Nelson: by Kirri & Brent Kinley





## **Office Hours**

Monday 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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