



ALL THE GOOD NEWS

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH



August 2025

Jack-in-the-Pulpit



BLESSINGS ALONG THE WAY

School starts early this year. Summer travel plans are finishing up. The heat of summer is still with us as we start looking toward the fall. It is August.

I love the heat of summer, and I love following the shade around, and the eternal song of the cicadas screaming all day. One of my favorite times of the day is when the afternoon starts heading into early evening, the sun lingers on the horizon, and as the cicadas are finishing up for the day the katydids and tree frogs start up. For a little while the song of the day and the song of the night fills the air. It is an overwhelming wave of sound washing us over.

There are blessings along the way, like the songs of nature, and the patterns of life, back to school. Students, teachers, parents, all the parts and people that keep the schools going start to pick up speed. The pattern repeats and never grows old, like a wave washing over and over.

We have the blessing of the backpacks, students, and teachers at Grace this month on August 3rd. The patterns of life help to make sense of the world, when everything goes crazy, we still have the songs of day and night and children preparing to learn.

Thank God who creates and holds us all.

Lift up your hearts!

Fr. Jack

The **Last Confirmation Class** before Bishop Richards's visitation on November 2nd begins Sunday August 3rd at 9:15 a.m. in the parish library. The class meets every Sunday and concludes Sept. 14th.

Fifth Sundays: Something New Starting this month on fifth Sundays our Sunday liturgies will be a little different, the first portion of the liturgy will be Morning Prayer followed by Eucharist. This will give our Lay Readers (also known as Worship Leaders) a chance to lead the liturgy. Fr. Jack will still be preaching and celebrating as usual.

Sundays

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

11:30 Coffee Hour



ACTION!

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St. Catherine's Guild

The ladies brought their sandwiches on Monday, June 2nd for lunch. Catherine Cutting and Mary Jane Ames were the hostesses and provided lovely table decorations and dessert.

Our next meeting will be in October, and we will begin to plan our end-of-the-year activities including stocking gifts for our homebound, a Christmas party, and a discussion of our yearly donations to local charities. We wish all of you a happy summer, and we welcome all ladies to join us for our October lunch and get-together!

Prayer Scarves and Shawls

Needed: Scarves and Prayer Shawls for Pastoral Care and for the woman of AIM's Women and Children's Succeeding Program. Everyone who would like to knit, crochet, or create scarves, prayer shawls, or lap blankets is invited to participate in this ministry. The shawls and blankets for Pastoral care will be given to people are going through a difficult time and need a reminder that their Grace Episcopal Church family is with them in prayer. The scarf, prayer shawl, or lap blanket will also be a sign of comfort and support. If you have any questions about this ministry or would like to help, please contact Deacon Mary at jeffers6sc@att.net. Free yarn is available. There will be an Ingathering and Blessing of the scarves, shawls, and blankets on **Sunday, August 17th during the 10:30 liturgy.**

The ladies of Saint Catherine's Guild wants to thank you all so much for your generous gifts to the veterans at Richard Campbell Veterans Nursing Home! We also want to thank Bryan Harris and Guys Gathering at Grace for announcing the drive and for delivering the gifts. They were an enormous help! Our congregation has loyally supported this gift drive for many years, and not only do the veterans need our gifts, but they appreciate knowing that we are thankful for their service to our nation.



Thank You

Thank you to everyone who helped deliver food, books, popsicles, snacks, and school supplies to the children in our neighborhoods. Thank you as well to those who donated the books, snacks, and school supplies.



Wednesday Night Dinner

Thank you to everyone that attended the July dinner, it was a wonderful turn out. Our next Wednesday Night Dinner will be August 13th at 6 p.m. Get your gear ready for a luau themed night. More information to come,



News from Deacon Mary

The Rev. John Nieman spoke about Labyrinths in a sermon he gave at Grace Episcopal Church in June. Labyrinths can be used as a method for prayer, meditation, and reflection. The labyrinth path is a single path to the center and then a single path out, unlike a maze with many paths and dead ends. There are several labyrinths in the area. Trinity Episcopal church in abbeville has a labyrinth that includes benches giving opportunities to rest and reflect along the way. There are also labyrinths at North Anderson Community Church, the Episcopal Church of the Ascension in Seneca, and at the Hart County Botanical Garden in Hartwell GA. There is an app that can locate labyrinths in the area and can be used to find labyrinths when you travel.



Trinity
Episcopal
Church



North
Anderson
Community
Church



GATHERINGS AT GRACE

Women Wine and Wisdom

Our fall book poll results are in! We'll be reading *Everything Happens for a Reason (And Other Lies I've Loved)* by Kate Bowler, *Holy Envy* by Barbara Brown Taylor, and *Searching for Sunday* by Rachel Held Evans. Join us in September as we start with *Everything Happens for a Reason*. Save the Date: Our next social will be Tuesday, August 19th at 6:30 p.m. If you would like to be added to the email list, please contact Beth Lollis at gracewomenwineandwisdom@gmail.com

Guys Gathering at Grace

The next Guys Gathering at Grace dinner will be **Thursday, August 21st at 6 p.m.**

Fiber Friends and Fellowship

We took a break for the summer but we will begin meeting again on **September 2nd**. We meet **every Tuesday, at 10 a.m.** in the Parish Hall. Join us 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

Grace Ladies Prayer Group

The Grace Ladies Prayer Group meets every **Wednesday at 10 a.m.** in the Parish Library. All are invited to join us in prayer.

Grief Support

Grace Grief Support welcomes anyone who may be in a journey of loss to meet once a month at Grace for a time of conversation, fellowship, and sometimes lunch. Our next meeting will be **Thursday, August 28th at 10 a.m.** All are welcome to join. For more information contact Deacon Mary at jeffers6sc@gmail.com

Communion Visit

The next Sylvara Communion Visit will be **Monday, August 11th at 11 a.m.** All are welcome to join.



Grace Episcopal Church
711 S. McDuffie St
Anderson, SC 29624



AUTUMN Market

SEPTEMBER 6

Join us for an autumn market featuring vendors from around the upstate!

10AM-2PM - Free Entry!

Interested in being a vendor? Contact Sharon Dorsey at slgeorge864@gmail.com



SAVE THE DATE

Free! **FALL KICKOFF FESTIVAL**
Music - Food - Fun

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025
11:30 AM
GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
711 S. MCDUFFIE ST
ANDERSON, SC 29624

The Last Confirmation Class Before Bishop Richards Visit meets every Sunday in August and early September.

Sunday, August 3rd : Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, August 3rd: Outreach Meeting after 10:30 Liturgy

Monday, August 4th : Vestry Meeting at 6 p.m.

Monday, August 11th : Sylvara Communion Visit at 11 a.m.

Wednesday, August 13th : Wednesday Night Dinner 6 p.m.

Sunday, August 17th : Ingathering and Blessing of scarves, shawls, and prayer blankets

Tuesday, August 19th : WWW Summer Social

Thursday, August 21st : Guys Gathering at Grace at 6 p.m.

Saturday, August 23rd : EYC Big Air Night at 4 p.m.

Thursday, August 28th : Grief Support Meeting 10 a.m.

Saturday, August 30th : Moms Meet-Up at 9:30 a.m. at E-City Java

Sunday, August 31st : Morning Prayer with Eucharist

FAMILY NEWSLETTER

August 2025

Grace on the Go!

Be on the lookout for our NEW program for families that will start in September! This new program called Grace on the Go! will allow you to spend time growing closer to God as a family. Each Grace on the Go! bag will be hand delivered to your door, and will include 2 lessons and activities for you to do as a family.

In order for us to prepare enough Grace on the Go! bags, we ask that you pre-register with your family's information, as each bag will be customized to your family. Bags will be delivered the last week of August. A link will be included in the Grace code, or you can follow the link below to reserve your bag:

<https://forms.gle/jKxaQe45QgYGc9u89>

Family Fun Night

Family Fun Night is back! Join us for a jumping good time at Big Air of Anderson on August 23 at 4pm to celebrate back to school. We'll cover one hour of jump time for the whole family, so bring money for snacks!

Upcoming Events

- Family Fun Night: August 23
- Mom's Monthly Meet Up:
August 30 at eCity Java from
9:30-10:30am

Contact Info

Email: slgeorge864@gmail.com

YOUTH NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2025

EYC RETREAT 2025

We will be staying in Harbor Island (near Beaufort) for our annual youth retreat. If your student is interested in going, please let Sharon Dorsey know so she can give you the required forms. Information packets are located near the parish hall. The total cost is \$150 per student, and financial assistance is available. A \$75 deposit is due on August 3rd. Students are required to have a health form, permission slip, and community covenant agreement to go. We hope you'll join us!



UPCOMING EVENTS

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Retreat deposit due

SEP

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Final retreat payment due

SEP

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LEAF @ Grace Episcopal Church

REMINDERS

Blessing of the Backpacks is on August 3rd. Please tell your student to bring their bookbag to church as we prepare for a great new school year.

WAYS TO SERVE

- EYC Meal
- Second Adult
- Chaperone for LEAF

CONTACT INFO

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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

2nd Kathy Bostater
2nd Jodie Webb
2nd Grethcen Foster
3rd Judy Simon
3rd Greg Southr
4th Eric Kent
6th Carmie Trotter
8th Pat Bradham
12th Nikki Price
13th Mike Cheek
15th Mike rippy
15th Andy Potter
16th Kathy Morris
17th Amy Cox
18th Janie Fleming
18th Jeff Ricketson
19th Mike Digby
19th Micheal Lollis
20th Emma Potter
21st Julian George
23rd Tracey Lidlow
26th Jimmy Poupalos
26th Sandy Kress
26th Caroline Ripley
26th Robert George
27th Maxine Urquhart
27th Glenda Swinford
28th Jane Kelly
28th Diann Simms
29th Jackie Lenhart
29th James Pennell

Stewardship

As of 6/30/2025
Deficit \$13,751

MEMORIALS

Received May 16, 2025 through July 15, 2025

In Memory of Constance "Bunny" Hurt and
Frank J. Hurt by:
Dan & Ninevah Murray
Mebane Ham
Cheryl & Mark Kendrick
Angie Hurt

HONORARIUMS

In Honor of Lily Hall's birthday to the
Choir/Music Fund by: Bob & Lynne Prince

In Honor of Lily Hall's birthday to Family
Promise by: Tony & Annette Guiseppie-Elie
In Honor of Lily Hall's birthday by:
Joanie Roberts

In Honor of Jim & Kathe Harris's Anniversary to
Family Promise by:
Tony & Annette Guiseppie-Elie

In Honor of Gill Powell to Family Promise by:
Tony & Annette Guiseppie-Elie

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

AUGUST BAPTISMAL NEWBIRTH DAYS

1st Leigh Ellen Martin
1st Sara Owens
1st Mendi Sandoz
12th Heather Morhardt
15th Frances Hardaway
17th Brent Kinley
18th Sally Hancock
18th Lebrina Campbell
21st Amanda Knobel
26th Cindy Hopkins

PRAYER LIST

John Bostater: by Kathy Bostater
Karlann Bostater: by Kathy Bostater
Bill & Anne Jameson: by Kathe Harris
Michael Bays - Cancer
Jean Wilson: by Pam Herold
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 from surgery
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 Heeney
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
Maxine Urquhart: by Carol Miller
Riley Gilbert: by Jackie Lenhart
Bill Shaver: by Linda Hoffman
Jeff Nelson: by Kirri & Brent Kinley
Pam Herold: by Joe Herold

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
Vivian Fink
Gary Bechert
Lib Christeson
Frederick Hall
Sarah Reeder
William Moore
Ellis Ripley
Rick Schlup
Debi Frantz
Judy and Mark Blakenship
Ruby Eppler: by Cindy Baker



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SUMMER AT GRACE



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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The Grace Code



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