



# ALL THE GOOD NEWS

## GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

September 2025



### Jack-in-the-Pulpit



### THE FULLNESS OF LIFE

Hey all,

September brings a lot to the table, even more than football. Life kind of goes into high speed.

Some things to attend to:

**Deacon Mary's** last Sunday at Grace is September 7<sup>th</sup>. Please join us for a festive coffee hour to celebrate her ministry. There are some pretty strict boundaries for when a deacon rotates to another congregation, no interaction for several years. Read Mary's note to the parish in this newsletter.

**Rally Day** is September 14<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30 liturgy, celebrate with a parish lunch. Details found in this newsletter.

**Children's Choir** starts back up this month, the popsicles! Details found in this newsletter.

**October 5<sup>th</sup>:** celebrate Saint Francis with the Animal Blessing at the 10:30 liturgy out on the front lawn, bring a chair or grab a chair from the parish hall.

**October 10-11 Grace BBQ!** See details in this newsletter.

To quote from Ferris Bueller's Day Off, "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it." That is September.

But we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life. Life beckons. See this newsletter for details.

Lift up your hearts!

Much love,

Fr. Jack

### Sundays

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

11:30 Coffee Hour





# ACTION!

GRACE



## ST. CATHERINE'S GUILD

Our first meeting after our summer break will be on Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, at noon in the church parish hall. Bring a sandwich, and drinks and dessert will be provided. Over the years our numbers have dwindled, and we would really love to see more of our church ladies join us. Our meetings are a special time to socialize, and in October we will be planning our December Christmas lunch and stocking stuffing activity for the homebound in our church. If you have any questions, please call Anne Martin 864-561-2187. Please join us!



## BLESSING OF ANIMALS

Blessing of animals will be on Sunday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> during the 10:30 service. The service will be held on the front lawn. All animals are welcomed. Please be sure your four legged furry friend is on a leash or under your control. Share your joy and love for less fortunate animals by bringing dog or cat food, newspapers, paper towels, and toilet paper rolls to donate to PAWS in Aderson. There will be two drop off areas around the church.



PROCLAIMING + CELEBRATING + EMBRACING

**27TH ANNUAL**

**HOLY SMOKE**



Grace Episcopal Church

**BBQ**

ANDERSON COUNTY FARMER'S MARKET  
\$15 per plate | Sit down or carry out

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11TH**  
5PM TO 8PM

BENEFITS GO TO FAMILY PROMISE OF ANDERSON COUNTY

Call or Email the Church Office for Tickets:  
(864) 225-8011  
gracechurchanderson1851@gmail.com

## FALL FESTIVAL

The Fall Festival is fast approaching and we cannot wait! We are in need of sides - both sweet desserts and savory dishes. Please reach out to Kirri Kinley with what you plan on bringing to the festival on 9/14!

Thank You!!

kirrikinley@gmail.com or 843-384-5213.

## News From Deacon Mary

Thank you and Farewell

**My last day serving as Deacon with all of you at Grace Episcopal Church and with the Anderson Community will be September 8, 2025.**

I want to thank Fr. Jack Hardaway and members of Grace Episcopal Church for the Opportunity to serve as deacon and being part of proclaiming God's Love to all people. I have been blessed to be involved with this community. I carry this blessing with me as I listen to God's call to serve with Fr. Dan Wagner and the congregation of St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Easley. May God's Love and Peace be with you all.

## AAR&RI

The Art of Remembering: A Journey Toward Reconciliation  
Honoring the past, inspiring the present, and imagining a just future.

September 22, 25 and 26 at 6:30 p.m.  
at the Anderson Art Center.

For more information visit  
<https://remembranceanderson.org/>

Want to learn more about helping with Sunday Worship? Anyone twelve and older is welcome to become a Crucifer, Torch Bearer or Server/Gospel Bearer. Youth are welcome, but these roles are NOT just for kids. Confirmed members over eighteen can also serve as Eucharistic Ministers (Chalice Bearers) We have openings for all roles at both the 8:00 and 10:30 services. Please contact Abigail Burden at [Mrs\\_Burden@yahoo.com](mailto:Mrs_Burden@yahoo.com) or Kathe Harris at [kbeach4s@charter.net](mailto:kbeach4s@charter.net) for more information.



# Gatherings at Grace

## Women Wine and Wisdom

We begin a new read on Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>: "Everything Happens for a Reason (And other Lies I've Loved)" by Kate Bowler. We'll be reading and discussing it throughout the month of Sept. All women are warmly invited to join us for thoughtful conversation and community! We meet every Tuesday from 6:30 - 8 p.m. For more information email Beth Lollis at [gracewomenwineandwisdom@gmail.com](mailto:gracewomenwineandwisdom@gmail.com)

## 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, September 25th at 10 a.m. All are welcome to join. For more information contact John Taylor at [newberryjohn@charter.net](mailto:newberryjohn@charter.net)

## Guy's Gathering at Grace

Grace Guys will gather on Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. Men of all ages are encouraged to join us! Chris Hand will be cooking his delicious baked siti for us!! Come and share a meal and fellowship with us. RSVP to Chris at 316-253-7570 by Tuesday, Sept. 16th.



## 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.

## Fiber Friends and Fellowship

We begin meeting again on Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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 [lisamattison@gmail.com](mailto:lisamattison@gmail.com)



## Communion Visit

The next Sylvara Communion Visit will be Monday, Sept. 8th at 11 a.m. All are welcome to join.



## Saints and Sinners for Fall 2025

The Saints and Sinners dinner groups will start up in the fall September. This is a great way for adults, whether newcomers or long-time parishoners, couples or singles, to get to know wach other better through sharing fellowship and food. The groups meet in each other's homes for dinner, or you can go out for a meal or any activity of your choosing.

If you participated in Saints and Sinners Summer 2025, you will automatcially be included in the new fall groups. If you cannot particpate or you are new and would like to join a group or have questionsd, contact wither Nikki in the Church Office 864-225-8011, or Debbie Hand at handrab@yahoo.com. We will be delighted to talk with you. "Fall" participates are asked to RSVP no later than September 11<sup>th</sup> to Nikki or Debbie and provide name, email and phone number. We look forward to another seacon of fellowship together. A list of gourps will be avaiable at the Fall Festival on September 14<sup>th</sup>. If you are unable to attend the Fall Festival, your group information will be e-mailed September 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Tips about Saints ans Sinners

- The groups are composed of adults, whether couples or singles.
- There are usually 6 to 8 poeple in a group
- If singels, the singels can join together to coordinate one of the dinners
- The dates of meals/gatherings are up to each group. "Fall" groups are encouraged to meet at least twicw and hopefully three times during the fall sesaon.
- The purpose is for parishioners to get to know each other through sharing a meal and spending time together
- if a meal if at one of the participants home, usually the host provides a main dish (e.g. hamburgers) and the other participatns bring appwtizer, salad, dessert, etc.
- The groups always have the option to go out to dinner and is the "Call" of who is hosting. If going out, participants pay for their own meals.
- Likewise, groups can do any activity, e.g., go to the museum, movie, day trip, etc.
- If you are new to the Parish, you are welcome to join a groip for one gathering without making a commitment.



## Music Ministry at Grace

The music ministry at Grace church is growing. Starting Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:15 to 5:45 in the parlor the POPSICLE CHOIR will begin rehearsals. This choir is for boys and girls who are in grades 2 through 6. There are no auditions. Parents are welcome to come and observe. We have enough robes for 20 children or grandchildren. our goal will be to sing in the Church Service once before Chirstmas, once before Easter and on Mother's Day 2026.



Thank you to Rita Dunn for playing the Harp at Grace on August 10<sup>th</sup>.





# SEPTEMBER

## Family Newsletter

### IMPORTANT INFO:

Happy fall! We have a lot of fun activities coming up that are great for families. Make plans to join us for our **Autumn Market on Sept. 6 from 10-2pm**, which supports our EYC Retreat. We will continue with our **Mom's Monthly Meet Up on Sept. 27 from 9:30-10:30AM at eCity Java**. Don't forget our **Fall Kickoff Festival on Sept. 14**, which will have tons of activities for the whole family!



### WAYS TO SERVE:

Are you looking for a way to get involved? We are in need of the following volunteers:

- EYC Meals (Every Sunday night, approx. 12 people)
- Chaperone/Driver for events (on an as needed basis) - requires Safe Church certification

### DO YOU HAVE AN IDEA?

I'm always open to hearing your ideas about family and children's events. If you have an idea for any event for families in the parish, I'd love to talk to you about it! Feel free to contact Sharon Dorsey at [slgeorge864@gmail.com](mailto:slgeorge864@gmail.com) and we'll get connected!



### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **9/6 - AUTUMN MARKET**
- **9/14 - FALL KICKOFF FESTIVAL**
- **9/27 - MOM'S MONTHLY MEETUP AT ECITY JAVA, 9:30-10:30AM**



# YOUTH NEWSLETTER

## SEPTEMBER 2025

### What's Happening?

#### LEAF

Grace is very excited to host LEAF (Large Episcopal Area Fellowship) on September 28 from 4-6pm! We will have EYC groups from around the upstate joining us for food, games, and a lesson. This is also a great time to hear about the activities for youth at the Diocesan level. Please make plans for your youth to join us for this exciting night! Food will be provided.

#### Converge Oct. 18-19

Converge is a middle school diocesan retreat that is at St. Albans in Lexington from Oct. 18-19. Participant registration is open now until Oct. 3. If you have a high schooler who would like to be on the design team, applications are due Sept. 5. The link can be found on the diocesan website.

### Retreat 2025

If your student is going on the fall EYC retreat, please be on the lookout for important updates from Sharon leading up to this weekend. Remember that all payment is due by September 7, unless you have made other arrangements.

### Upcoming Events

- 9/7 - Payment for Retreat Due
- 9/28 - LEAF
- 10/3 - Converge Application Due

### Contact Info

Phone: 864-978-6265

Email: slgeorge864@gmail.com

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

# Free! FALL KICKOFF FESTIVAL

Music - Food - Fun

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025  
11:30 AM

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
711 S. MCDUFFIE ST  
ANDERSON, SC 29624

## SAVE THE DATE

- 1<sup>st</sup> Office Closed Labor day
- 2<sup>nd</sup> FFF begins meeting again at 10 a.m
- 2<sup>nd</sup> WWW begins meeting again at 6:30 p.m.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Choir being back: Kids at 5:15 p.m. and Adults at 6:15 p.m.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Anderson Forum for Progressive Theology at 5:30 p.m.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Autumn Market at Grace 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Outreach Meeting after 10:30 service
- 7<sup>th</sup> Blessing of the Choir Robes during 10:30 liturgy
- 7<sup>th</sup> Deacon Mary Jeffers Sending Forth Party after 10:30 Service
- 8<sup>th</sup> Sylvara Communion Visit at 11 a.m.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Vestry Meeting 6 p.m.
- 14<sup>th</sup> Fall Kick Off Festival 11:30 a.m.
- 18<sup>th</sup> GGG will meet at 6 p.m.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> AAR&RI Event 6:30 p.m.
- 25<sup>th</sup> Grief Support meets at 10 a.m.
- 25<sup>th</sup> AAR&RI Event 6:30 p.m.
- 26<sup>th</sup> AAR&RI Event 6:30 p.m.
- 27<sup>th</sup> Moms Meet-Up 9:30 a.m.
- 28<sup>th</sup> LEAF 4-6 p.m.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to all who  
responded to our  
request for new Books  
of Common Prayer.  
We have ordered 70+  
new prayer books and  
they will be in the  
pews very soon.  
--Grace Vestry

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1<sup>st</sup> Cory Trotter  
1<sup>st</sup> Seth Poole  
2<sup>nd</sup> Dixie Harris  
2<sup>nd</sup> Nicole Lent  
3<sup>rd</sup> John Cullen Jr.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Scott Taylor  
3<sup>rd</sup> Nolan Bostick  
6<sup>th</sup> Martha Gregory  
7<sup>th</sup> Erik Erlenkeuser  
9<sup>th</sup> Beth Cheek  
9<sup>th</sup> Donovan Palmer  
11<sup>th</sup> Dixie Smith  
12<sup>th</sup> Gloria Byrd  
12<sup>th</sup> Emerson Potter  
13<sup>th</sup> Dena Cullen  
13<sup>th</sup> David Burden  
14<sup>th</sup> Fay Theriot  
14<sup>th</sup> Dylan Bilbrey  
15<sup>th</sup> Norm Avinger  
15<sup>th</sup> Nancy Devine  
15<sup>th</sup> Cari Baker  
15<sup>th</sup> Teagan Roberts  
16<sup>th</sup> Pete Crosby  
16<sup>th</sup> Royce Brown  
17<sup>th</sup> Zoe Willis  
18<sup>th</sup> Linda Hoffman  
18<sup>th</sup> Julien LeBrun  
18<sup>th</sup> Nathanael Burden  
19<sup>th</sup> Jim Boyer  
19<sup>th</sup> Joey Oppermann  
19<sup>th</sup> Brett Dixon  
21<sup>st</sup> Betty Gurrad  
21<sup>st</sup> Jane Williams  
23<sup>rd</sup> Rosalind Hammett  
23<sup>rd</sup> Carly Campbell  
25<sup>th</sup> Brent Kinley  
27<sup>th</sup> Jeri Sellers  
29<sup>th</sup> Don Cleveland  
29<sup>th</sup> Vicki Raymond  
30<sup>th</sup> JT Cooper

## Memorials

Received July 16, 2025 through August 15, 2025

In Memory of Carroll Hart Sr. by:  
Mary Harris Edwards

In Memory of Mary Burgess by:  
Linda Wilson

In Memory of Dr. Donnie Roberts to the  
BBQ Fund by:

Alexandria Stathakis

In Memory of Arthur & Em Holman to  
the Prayer Book Fund by:

Anonymous

In Memory of Dave & Polly Chapman to  
the Prayer Book Fund by:  
Edward & Tanya Pusey

## Honorariums

In Honor of Dr. Dennis Chipman to the  
Prayer Book Fund by:  
Sandra Chipman

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

## September Baptismal Newbirth days

1<sup>st</sup> Parker Bates  
1<sup>st</sup> Beth Cheek  
1<sup>st</sup> Sara Clark  
1<sup>st</sup> Dixie Harris  
1<sup>st</sup> Jackie Lenhart  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lukas Bostick  
10<sup>th</sup> Cary Hughes  
11<sup>th</sup> Melissa Langford

12<sup>th</sup> Amy Cox  
13<sup>th</sup> Amy Cullen  
15<sup>th</sup> Beth Ehlert  
15<sup>th</sup> Jack Heeney  
15<sup>th</sup> Tracey Lidlow  
17<sup>th</sup> Ben Dixon  
19<sup>th</sup> Pat Bradham

## Stewardship

As of 7/31/2025

Deficit \$17,555



# 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 & Joe 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 & Joe 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 & Joe 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

# Office Hours

Monday 8:10 a.m. - 2:10 p.m.

Tuesday 8:10 a.m. - 2:10 p.m.

Wednesday 8:10 a.m. - 2:10 p.m.

Thursday 8:10 a.m. - 2:10 p.m.



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