



ALL THE GOOD NEWS

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH



January 2026

Jack-in-the-Pulpit

WISDOM



A new calendar, flipping the pages of a new year, I have had many calendars, flipping many pages. The calendars have had many different themes and images adorning the passing of time. There are so many ways to fill these days.

I have noticed lately in the media, in its calmer moments, an interest in finding ways to live a meaningful and happy life. It is a quiet under current, one I haven't really noticed in a long time in popular culture.

The themes I have noticed usually gather around four things, conversation, community, serving and gratitude. Good things. Observable patterns and practices, observable and repeatable, enduring patterns passed down from the experience of others to us. There are patterns in life. The wisdom writings of scripture tap into these patterns as an expression of God's presence in the world.

Something to fill the calendar.

Speaking of calendars, save the date for Grace's Annual meeting and breakfast January 11th. Breakfast starts at 8:45 a.m. in the Parish Hall, followed by the annual meeting in the church at 9:30 a.m.. There will be conversation, community, service and gratitude.

Lift up your hearts!

Fr. Jack

Lenten study heads up: our Sunday morning Lenten Study will be Honest to Goodness by Furman Buchanan, copies available in parish office for \$7.00. We begin February 22nd at 9:15 a.m. in the parish library. It is a daily devotional that looks at interesting, curious and humorous scripture verses.

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 NEWS

Our Christmas party at the church was on Monday, December 1st, at noon, and Catherine Cutting set the tables with festive Christmas decorations and gave each lady one of her hand painted gift boxes. She also took many pictures during the party for the Saint Catherine's Guild scrapbook that she is beginning. We brought our sandwiches as we always do, and there were several side dishes, lemonade, and iced tea provided by the hostesses. Although there are no dues required, our ladies always contribute what they can during the year, and we were quite pleased when our treasurer, Catherine Cutting, announced that our total for 2025 is \$726! Catherine and Father Jack presented this amount to Clean Start. The ladies also brought a variety of small gifts to stuff stockings for the homebound in our church. Anne Martin stuffed 22 stockings, and we all are especially thankful to John and Dena Cullen for delivering them for us. We wrapped up our meeting with a gift exchange. Our next meeting will be on **Monday, February 2nd**, at noon at the church. One of our new members, Betty Avarkian, is going to give a presentation on skin care and makeup. We always welcome all of the ladies of our church and their friends, too! For more information call Anne Martin (864-561-2187). We wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a peaceful and happy New Year!

EMANUEL KANT SCHOOL

The diocese has asked Grace to adopt Emanuel Kant School in Cange, Haiti as a mission partner. We have a long relationship with the school of 540 students k-12 and its founder Luke Berno. If you would like to help, click on this link and read about the school's amazing work or contact Powell Hickman at (864) 376-4219.



ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting is Sunday, January 11th at 9:30 a.m. in the church. The Annual Parish breakfast will begin at 8:45 a.m. If you plan to bring anything please let Kirri Kinley know by January 4th (843) 384-5213 or kirrikinley@gmail.com



Grace Annual Soup Luncheon

"The Grace Episcopal Annual Soup Luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, January 29, 2026. For those who have not been involved in the past, we each make the same time-tested soup recipe which are combined in huge pots on Soup Thursday to become the best soup known to Anderson. On that day, we sell soup, cornbread and dessert at a community-building fundraiser to benefit the Soup Kitchen. Your help is needed. Planning, promoting, tickets sales, Soup Saturday participation (on 1/24/2026 from 8-1), set up/clean up, heating, serving, delivery... there are jobs for all (whether you can be there on the day of the luncheon or not). Watch the announcements and leaflet for opportunities. In the meantime, make a batch of this soup for your family and discover why people come running to our event.

Grace Episcopal Beef and Vegetable Soup

3 med onions, chopped
1 cup dry red Burgundy wine
1 lb ground beef
1 cup each: potatoes, carrots, celery (essential for flavor), green beans, okra, corn, butter beans (optional).
4 cans beef bouillon
2 large cans tomatoes, chopped
1 cup water
2 Tbsp. parsley
1 clove garlic, minced
1/2 tsp. basil
1/4 tsp. Thyme
Salt and pepper to taste

BROWN BEEF, ONIONS AND GARLIC. DRAIN TO REMOVE EXCESS FAT. ADD REMAINING INGREDIENTS AND SIMMER 1 1/2 HOURS. MAKES APPROXIMATELY 4 QUARTS."

gatherings at grace

Women Wine and Wisdom

WWW meets Tuesday evenings in the parlor from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Come join us as we continue our discussion of Searching For Sunday.

Ladies Prayer Group

The Grace Ladies Prayer Group meets every Wednesday at 10:00 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, January 22nd at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome to join. For more information contact John Taylor at johntaylor@yahoo.com

Fiber, Friends, Fellowship

We meet every Tuesday at 10:00 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 Guys Gathering

Grace Guys will gather on January 15th at 6:00 p.m. Men of all ages are encouraged to join us!

Daughters of The King

DoK is meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, January 19th in the parlor. If you are thinking of joining or have questions, please join us.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1st Eli Colman
2nd Lang Foster
4th Katey Yates
4th Heiko Erlenkeuser
6th Robin Speer
7th Olivia Rishovd
11th Rodman Foster
12th Anna Swinford
12th Brianna Swinford
13th Barbara Crawford
13th Bess Boyer
13th Michelle Ricketson
15th Bill Harris
17th Kirri Kinley
17th Maddie Clark
18th Patty Cleveland
18th Lacreacia Bilbrey
19th Debra Conyers
21st Linda Wilson
21st Maggie George
22nd Brennan Ehlert
25th Jan Osburn
25th Joanie Roberts
27th John Bradford
27th Luke Kent
30th Baylis Maxwell

January NewBirth Dates

1st Norm Avinger
1st Carol Avinger
1st Tab Bates
1st Lisa Bodenheimer
1st Kathy Bostater
1st Lawrence Campbell
1st Lib Christeson
1st Don Cleveland
1st Patty Cleveland
1st Donvan Colman
1st David deHoll
1st Janie Fleming
1st Noah Parker
1st Ronnie Hopkins
1st Ken Murch
1st Judy Murch
1st Janice Pennell
1st Joanie Roberts
1st Bill Scott
1st Glenda Swinford
1st Nancy Welch
1st Mary Winiarski
6th Julie Bates
6th Alexander Burgess
7th Mark Conyers
8th Rebecca Dixon
10th Serra Erlenkeuser
10th Maggie George
10th Anna Kloeck
11th Caroline Ripley
14th Lily Hall
15th Sandy Sloan
29th Lyn Merchant
26th Greg Souther



YOUTH AT GRACE



JANUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER

WHAT'S HAPPENING

The diocese is hosting a **high school retreat** on February 21-22 at St. Matthew's in Spartanburg. Please make plans for your teen to attend this wonderful overnight experience with food, fun, and fellowship.

The diocese is also hosting a **young adult retreat** 1/30-2/1 at Camp Gravatt in Aiken, SC. All young adults ages 18-30 are invited to attend. Please talk to Sharon if you're interested!

<https://www.vancoevents.com/us/events/landing/60867?>

MEAL SIGN UPS

Help us feed our teens! Please consider providing a meal for EYC. Sign ups will be on the bulletin board outside of the parish hall.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1/30-2/1: Young Adult Retreat
- 2/1: No EYC

MISSION TRIP

Registration has opened for the summer diocesan mission trip to Laurel Ridge, NC. It will be June 20-26. Please see Sharon for more info.



FAMILY NEWSLETTER

January 2026

An Epiphi-party!

Join us on January 3rd to learn about the feast of the Epiphany! In the parlor from 10-11am, we will learn about the wisemen and what Epiphany means, with donuts, coffee, and juice. This event will happen no matter how many people sign up, but the more the merrier, so invite your neighbors, friends, and family members to join us!

Please sign up using this link:

<https://forms.gle/vQ8iAiTcNsnXE8rZA>

Mom's Monthly Meet Up

Mom's Monthly Meet Up is back! Join us January 17 at **Figs Cafe and Farmacy** from 9:30-10:30am to connect with other moms in the parish over breakfast and coffee. Note the change in our location!

Upcoming Events

- January 3: Epiphi-party
- January 17: Mom's Monthly Meet Up

Contact Info

Email: slgeorge864@gmail.com

Phone: 864-978-6265



MEMORIALS

Received November 15, 2025 through December 15, 2025
In Memory of Robert Mangum to the Pastoral Care Fund
By: Jeff & Vanette Wilson
If donors prefer to remain anonymous, please indicate this
with your Memorial or Honorarium

Pledge Drive

Week 10
2026
Pledged: \$348,487
Cards turned in: 107
2025
Pledged: \$322,344
Cards turned in: 101

Stewardship

As of 11/30/2025
YTD 2025 Revenue: \$368,645
YTD Expenses: \$394,032
YTD Deficit: \$25,387

Expectant Parents

Parker and Caroline Bates
Brent and Kirri Kinley
Donovan and Erin Colman
Sam and Cayce Baker





SAVE THE DATE

Church Office Closed Monday, 1st
Epiphany-party Saturday, 3rd, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Episcopal Christianity Class, Sunday, 4th, 18th,
25th at 9:15 a.m.

Outreach Meeting Sunday, 4th

Vestry Meeting Tuesday, 6th

Pacesetters meets every Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

Annual Parish Breakfast Sunday 11th at 8:45 a.m.

Annual Meeting Sunday 11th at 9:30 a.m.

Guys Gathering at Grace Thursday, 15th at 6:00
p.m.

Moms Meet-Up Saturday 17th at 9:30 a.m.

Church Office Closed Monday, 19th

Martin Luther King Jr Day Monday, 19th

Daughters of the King meeting Monday, 19th at
10:00 a.m.

Grief Support meeting Thursday, 22nd at 10:00
a.m.

Soup Saturday, Saturday 24th 8:00 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Annual Parish Soup Luncheon Thursday, 29th

11:00 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Young Adult Retreat January 30th – February 1st

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
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
Stephanie Flaherty: By Jackie Lenhart
Larry Strong: by Jodie Webb
Irene & Rose: by Pam & Joe Herold
Lola Josey: by Linda Hoffman
Noah Holman: by Janet Rippey
Millie Chamberlean: by Lisa Tucker
Elaine Junkins-Suzanne McMahan's
sister
David Bradham: by Pat Bradham
Sutton Jeffers: by Maxwell Jeffers
BHS' 67 gals: 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
Sam & Cayce Baker by Cindy Baker
Jeane Dixon by Brett & Rebecca Dixon

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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The Grace Code

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