



The Means of Grace

The Newsletter of Grace Episcopal Church

December 2011

“Your very lives are a letter that anyone can read by just looking at you. Christ himself wrote it—not with ink, but with God’s living Spirit; not chisled into stone, but carved into human lives—and we publish it.”

2 Corinthians 3:2-3

Sundays

- 8:00 am HE Rite I
- 9:00 am Sunday School
- 10:00 am HE Rite II with Choir
- 10:30-11:30ish Coffee Hour
- 11:15 am HE Rite II with music and hymns

Christmas Eve Services

- 5:00 pm Children’s Pageant
- 8:00 pm Eucharist
- 10:00 pm Music
- 10:30 pm Eucharist

Christmas Day

- 10:00 am—Morning Prayer

New Year’s Day

- 11:15 am Hymn Sing

From Grace Church Outreach Ministry

THE ADVENT OF OUTREACH

As you should know Grace Church is looking at some new ways to be servants reaching out beyond this parish.

Our Outreach ministry is discerning how Grace Church as a congregation can serve the poor in a more meaningful way. The “Butterfly” approach is how we have been doing it for a long time, fluttering from project to project and touching down lightly. What if the parish took a long term approach more like our thirty year ministry in Haiti? The ownership, the generosity, the commitment, the relationships, and the knowledge base of each parishioner would be much greater.

In this light The Grace Church Outreach Ministry is looking at a new focus of **making disciples**:

- 1) By leading the parish to serve
- 2) By inviting the parish to serve
- 3) By providing opportunities for the parish to serve
- 4) By building up the community of the parish by serving together.

It is in serving the poor that we go out to find and meet Jesus, this is where we find the Advent of Christ. Because of this the Outreach Ministry is involved in discerning a long term ministry that will involve at least a three to five year commitment and will involve every member of the parish.

The criteria for this ministry are:

- 1) That it is connected to our neighborhood, our location on the edge of a vast and extremely poor neighborhood is something we are committed to paying attention to.
- 2) That it addresses Basic Needs such as food, shelter and clothing, things that this parish has consistently shown interest.
- 3) That this ministry has a history with this parish.
- 4) That families can be involved.
- 5) That the many “groupings” in the parish will have opportunities to be involved.

The Ministries that meet these criteria that we are currently discerning are A.I.M., Meals on Wheels and The Westside Community Center. We are currently visiting each of these agencies and bringing \$2000.00 checks from The Oxford Endowment.

Pray for us in this exciting time of discernment!

God’s Peace

Your Outreach Ministry Team

Also: Starting December WEDNESDAY NIGHT EUCHARISTS at 5:30 with prayers for healing and celebrating the feast days of the Saints.

Also Also: CHRISTMAS DAY is on a Sunday this year. The only liturgy that morning will be a simple Morning Prayer service without music at 10:00 AM.



Say hello to Leigh Burns. Leigh is from Anderson and graduated from Anderson College with a major in Human Resources. She works for TTI as an Import Buyer for power tools. Leigh is going back to AU for a degree in Economics planning for a career as a CPA or Forensic Auditor. Leigh is the sister of Johnny Martin and looking forward to the upcoming wedding of Johnny and Kellie. Leigh and her husband, Dave, (who is a Clemson graduate) enjoy tailgating at Clemson football games. The Burns's have a 14 year Welsh Terrier-X dog for a pet. Leigh also enjoys reading, baking, and spending time with family and friends. Leigh was confirmed here at Grace by Bishop Waldo last year. She has participated in the Stewardship Ministry, Pastoral Care, and Environmental Action Awareness.

St. Catherine's Guild

The ladies of St. Catherine's will meet on Monday, December 5, 2011 at noon for their Annual Holiday Dinner. The meeting will take place at the home of Dena Cullen, 211 Canebrake Drive in Anderson at Noon. All ladies should bring a dish to share and stocking stuffers for our homebound. Hostess will provide the turkey and drinks. We will have a short meeting, then food, fun and festivities. All ladies are welcome. Questions, call Dena Cullen at (864) 222-9425.



Please say hello to Robin Speer and her mother, Marjorie Pitts. Marjorie was born in Wales, UK and served in the British Land Army as a teenager. She married an American GI and came to America after World War II. She has lived in Anderson for about fifty years. Marjorie was a Licensed Practical Nurse and worked at Ellensburg Nursing Home and Anderson Hospital before her retirement. Marjorie has two sons and one daughter all living in Anderson. She enjoys mystery books and shows such as Agatha Christy and Mystery Theater on PBS. Marjorie also likes to knit and crochet.

Robin earned her undergraduate degree from Southern Wesleyan and her Masters from Clemson. She taught elementary school for District 5 in Anderson and is retired now. Robin has a son and granddaughter in Anderson and a daughter in Charlotte. Her husband, Bill, works in computers for Greenville Water. She has trained for Guardian Ad Litem where she serves as an advocate for children going through court cases and Foster Care offering counseling and suggestions. Robin enjoys RV camping, reading, yoga, and containment gardening. She and her mother, Marjorie, have been coming to Grace Church for about a year and a half.

Tip of the Verge !

Barbara Scott, Verger

Blessed Nativity

May you and those you hold dear enjoy a blessed and joyous Christmas season. Give, receive, and offer thanks!



SIGN UP FOR THE NEXT CURSILLO!!!

February 9-12 2012 at Camp Gravatt
<http://www.edusc.org/Cursillo/Candidateapplication>.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Sunday November 27th we will gather in the parish hall to make **Advent wreaths**. This a great family event. Advent materials are available in the cloister and parish hall-an assortment with some geared toward families with children. Additional age specific advent materials are in the children's classrooms.

The children's Pageant on Christmas will be at 5:00pm. Please sign children up in the classrooms. We will assign roles and try on costumes on December 4th.

Godly Play will meet on December 11th and 18th.

There will be no Sunday School on Christmas Day or New Year's Day. Christmas Day we will have Morning Prayer at 10:00. There will be **no nursery** for that service. On **New Years Day** the only service will be at 11:15-a hymn sing and Eucharist. The nursery will be open on New Years Day.

We will have two additional adult options coming next year. Beginning January 15th will be Out Live your Life by Max Lucado. This class will be coordinated by Buddy Bilbrey.

Then for Lent the Environmental ministry will host a study and discussion of Einstein's God: Science, Faith and the Life of Wonder.

Mark your calendars!! Parish Family Weekend is March 16-18, 2012 at Kanuga. Children will attend at no cost.

EYC

Christmas Trees and Wreaths will be delivered to the church by 9:00am starting November 27th.. We can still take orders (thru November 27th) for items to be picked up on December 11th.

The ski trip will be January 27-29th Please see Lyn Merchant or Brett Dixon if you plan to participate.

DYLTC is February 3-5th. Registration deadline is January 20th. This is open to all high school students.

OUTREACH

Outreach will disburse their checks from the BBQ and The Oxford Endowment Fund on:

Monday, November 21st

9:30 am—Meals on Wheels -\$2000 from the Oxford Endowment Fund

10:30 am –Cancer Association of Anderson -\$7109.25 from the BBQ

Monday, November 28th

4:00 pm– AIM– \$2000 from the Oxford Endowment Fund

Tuesday, November 29th

4:00 pm—Westside Community Center-\$2000

AIM FOOD PANTRY MOST NEEDED ITEMS

Food needs:

Peanut butter & jelly, canned meats, sugar & flour, grits/oatmeal/cereal, rice & dried beans, macaroni & spaghetti, tomatoes & sauces, canned soups, crackers, canned fruits, canned veggies.

Non-Food Needs: toilet tissue (#1 request), soap/deodorant, shampoo, toothbrush/paste, dish detergent, laundry detergent.

MILESTONES & MEMORIALS



Birthdays for November 20-December 20

November

20th Jerry Welch
 21st Julie Bates
 26th Jody Bauknight
 29th Anna George
 30th Daryl Kress, Amanda Knobel,
 Anthony Eady

December

3rd Sandy Sloan
 5th Opie Reed
 6th Cobb Oxford, Cara Foster
 7th Brenda Bowman
 9th Pam Herold
 10th Cathy Foster
 11th Connie Ormes
 12th Greta Jacobsen, Nancy Lewis
 13th Louise Knisley,
 15th Lynne Prince, Sara Maxwell,
 Clint Bates, Corinne Foster
 16th Cindy Baker, Brad Tarbert
 17th Anne Hughes
 18th Randy Baker, Emerson Tarbert
 20th Rebecca Dixon

Prayers

Pray for healing and comfort

Julie Kent
 John Bostater
 Karlann Bostater -chronic leukemia,cancer
 Josey family
 Leif Jacobsen
 Anna May Jacobsen
 Barb Flagel
 David Rutledge
 Jesse Cheek-health issues
 Wendie Cheek -cancer
 Rita Swofford
 Lucas Swann
 Sharon Reynolds
 Don Ross
 Margie Osburn
 John Aronson
 Ross Hutcherson
 Marla Pietrawski-breast cancer
 Dorothy McClain
 Margie Williams-cancer
 Jo Walgate-kidney failure
 Betty Martin
 Stephanie Brumeloe
 Betty Ward
 Stan Kesterson-cancer
 Leslie Albergotti-brain tumor
 JoAtha Cheek
 Chris Bodenheimer -recovery from stroke
 Don Holton-cancer
 Rita Townsend
 Cathy Phillips
 Shelia Holcomb, cancer
 Tony Osborne-cancer
 Bob Peeler-cancer
 Emma Kate Potter-kidney
 Jim Hewlitt-cancer
 Richard Hellstrom
 Scott Bostater

Requested by

Kathy Bostater
 Kathy Bostater
 Linda Hoffman
 Greta Jacobsen
 Greta Jacobsen

 Anne Radnor
 Family
 Sara Cheek
 Don Cleveland
 Suzanne Turner
 Suzanne Turner
 Sara Cheek

 Hugh Osburn
 Nancy Welch

 Linda Hoffman
 Betty Williams
 Leigh Burnes
 Barbara Scott
 Toni/Stu Smith

 Cindy Baker
 Lila Albergotti
 Sara Cheek
 Lisa Bodenehimer
 Jo and Bill Trent
 Pat deVarenes
 Anne Radnor
 Don Cleveland
 Don Cleveland
 Don Cleveland
 Andy Potter
 Ellie Cooper
 Janie Hellstrom
 Kathy Bostater

Expectant Families: Lacreacia & Buddy Bilbrey, Jennifer and Darrell Burgess.

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Monthly Stewardship Report for October

October 2011 Revenue	\$ 37,149.00
October 2011 Expenses	\$ 33,493.00
October 2011 Surplus or (Deficit)	3,656.00
YTD 2011 Revenue (Including Prepays)	262,102.00
YTD 2011 Expenses	270,710.00
YTD Surplus or (Deficit)	(8,608.00)
2011 Annual Revenue Budget	\$320,472.94
2011 Annual Expense Budget	\$328,066.00
2011 Budget Deficit	(\$ 7,593.06)

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MEMORIALS

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In Memory of *Tom Lewis* to the Memorial Fund by:

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Bill Ducworth

HONORARIUMS

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In Honor of the *Ministry of Pat Larsen at Grace Church* to the Good Shepherd Campaign by:
Susan & Jack Hardaway

In Honor of *Mark Rowland* to the Choir/Music Fund by:
Bill Ducworth

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

December Wednesday Suppers

December 7th—Heavy Hors d'oeuvres and Desserts with liquid refreshments. Everyone bring your favorite dish to share with others as well as copies of your recipe to share. For those who do not bring a dish, a donation would be appreciated.

December 14th—Chicken Enchilada Casserole, Rice, Beans, Dessert and Beverages..
Hosted by the George's, Bilbrey's and Peterson's.

December 21st— Meat Loaf, Rice Pilaf with gravy, Chef's choice veggie, Bread and butter, Dessert and Beverages.
Hosted by Barbara Scott.

\$6 per person. \$3 for children under 10. Family of 4 or more \$20. Please call the church office by Tuesday at noon for reservations.