
The Apostle

Monthly news from Grace Episcopal Church
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April 2024



We invite your prayers for:

PARISHIONERS: Elsie Campbell, Lynn Crutchfield, Amy Strickland, Aileen Williamson, Nancy Maiorano and Alice Murphy.

LOVED ONES: Brenda Singletary, Ted Marzullo, Angie Moss, Ruthann Smith, Jeffrey Strickland, Dale Lanier, Gretchen Gault, and Darcy & Will Horne.

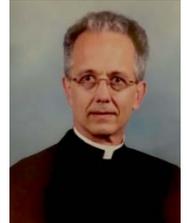
FRIENDS: Brenda Horne, Dorothy Rudd, Kim Worley, Linnie Braswell, Karen Miley, C.G. Townsend, Barbara Nobels, Mary Sue Williamson, and the families of Vodge Wilezynski, Frank Sibbett, and Cary Scott Battle.

Please, submit prayer requests to Connie Ghent.



The Rev. Dave Davis will be our guest celebrant on April 7th and May 5th.

The Rev. Jim Lockley will be our guest celebrant on April 14th.



The Rev. Lowe Davis will be our guest celebrant on April 21st.



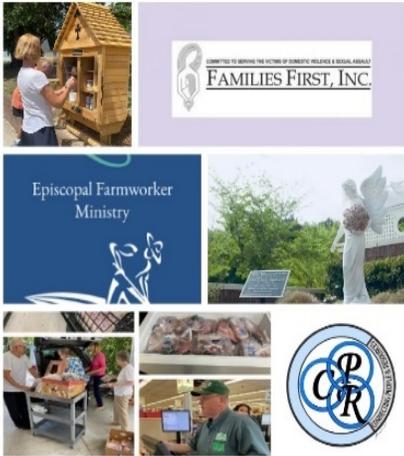
The Rev. Kamila Blessing will be our guest celebrant on April 28th.



Thanks to Justin Smith for this gorgeous image!



Some of the ways YOU can help our community!



In addition to our Little Free Food Pantry and Meat-Give-Away Mondays (on the third Monday of each of each month.

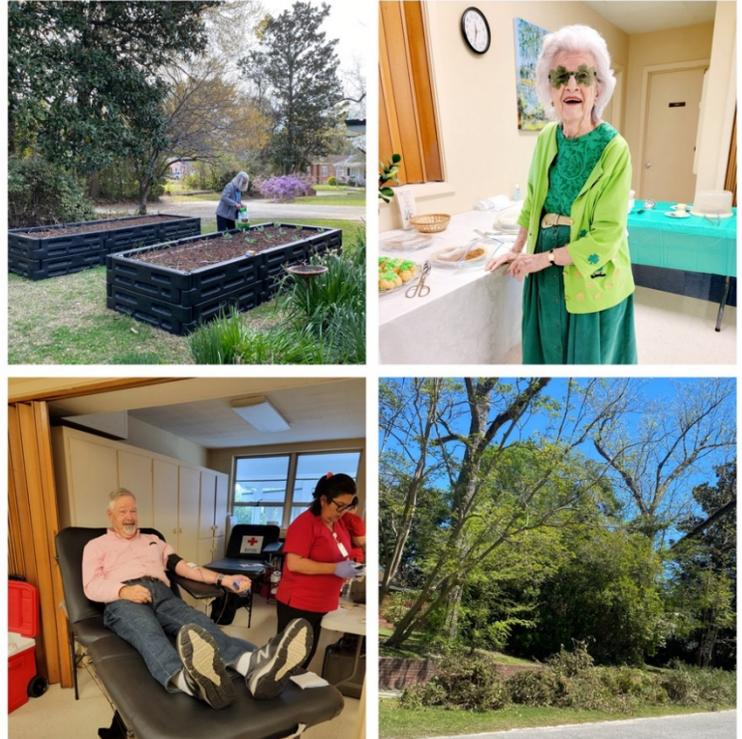
Your contributions also help support [Families First](#), [Angel House Life Care Center](#) and [Community CPR](#).

Remember to bring your used batteries and inkjet/toner cartridges for recycling!



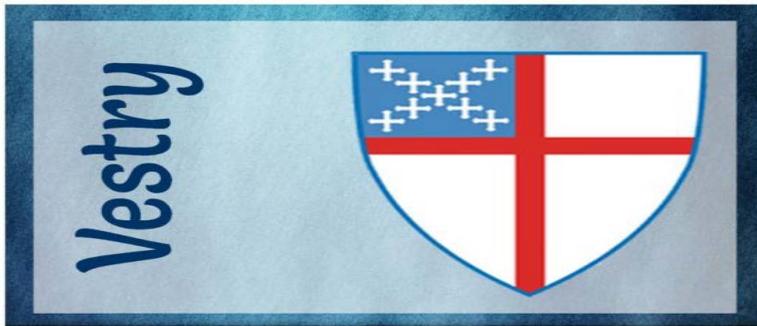
Patricia Woodard continues to offer yoga classes at 9:30 am on Friday mornings.

SO many great things are happening at Grace! Here are a few images from our St Patrick's Day lunch, how beautifully our garden is growing, our recent very successful American Red Cross Blood Drive, and just some of the results of our Clean-Up Day. HUGE THANKS to ALL involved!



The Southeastern Oratorio Society, now in its fifty-second year, is offering a program change on Monday, April 15th when their Spring concert features popular tunes from Broadway!

The program begins at 7:30pm at First Presbyterian Church in Whiteville.



The Vestry of Grace Episcopal Church met on March 20, 2024, at 10 am in the Parish Hall. The following members were present: Connie Ghent, Bill Horne, Dan Smith, Mazie Smith, Treasurer Connie Ghent, and Clerk Margaret Palmer.

Bill Horne opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the February meeting were read. The motion to accept was made by Mazie Smith, seconded by Dan Smith: motion carried.

Senior Warden – Bill Horne stated that we have a busy week ahead.

Junior Warden – Dan Smith reported:

- An estimate has been obtained for a new Parish Hall roof for \$17,800 from Jerry Hawks. Extra for drive thru covered walk: cost \$3,500.00
- He is trying to obtain additional estimates.
- Top Security is coming tomorrow to check the motion lights at Grace House and to check on possible camera placements.
- Mr. Nye will give an estimate for the removal and trimming of dead trees at Grace House.

Treasurer: Connie Ghent gave the February report. The motion to accept was made by Mazie Smith, seconded by Dan Smith: motion carried.

Commissions

Christian Education

- Bible Study will start on Tuesday, April 2 at 12 pm.
- The Blood Drive will be on March 28 from 10 am – 3 pm.

Outreach: Susan and Larry Sparrow have planted the first crop in the raised garden beds.

Communications: Easter cards will be mailed to the shut-ins.

Fellowship: Thank you to Carol Brack and everyone who helped with the Saint Patrick Day lunch.

Old Business

- The Parochial Report will be sent to the diocese.
- Natalie McPherson was unable to attend the meeting but sent a brochure of school needs.
- Audit Committee: Willie Wood (Chair), Lisa Richey, and Carol Brack.
- Workday: April 6 – starting at 9 am.
- The Parochial Report was approved by the Vestry and will be entered online.

New Business

- The Vestry unanimously agreed to request donations for Jamie Faulk for a 10-year anniversary gift to be presented on Palm Sunday.
- Community Grant: Connie Ghent will obtain the information needed for Mazie Smith to complete the report.

The Vestry adjourned. The next meeting will be April 16, 2024, at 10 am.

The St. James Speaker Series: Bonhoeffer in a Time of Responsibility

Tuesdays, April 16 - May 7, 2024 | 6:00 - 7:30 PM

The St. James Speaker Series is pleased to announce a very special upcoming four-part evening series on the writings and work of theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Led by Bonhoeffer scholar, Dr. Wayne Floyd (husband of The Rev. Dr. Nancy Jose), we invite you to join us on Tuesdays, beginning April 16 for Bonhoeffer In a Time of Responsibility, a present-day deep dive into the wisdom of one of Christian history's most important figures.

Series installments for April will be held in the Great Hall, 6:00-7:30pm, and will begin with a light dinner, followed by Wayne Floyd's presentation and concluding with a time for questions and brief closing Compline. The May 7 installment will be in the Lippitt Room over hors d'oeuvres and will be an open group discussion/overview of the prior presentations; how Bonhoeffer's teachings share parallels with our current culture and "time of responsibility" as fellow Christians.

We invite you to share in this unique opportunity to hear and learn about Dietrich Bonhoeffer from one of the theologian's foremost authorities. While the series is open to all, reservations for dinner (\$15 per person) are required. RSVP instructions coming soon!



Look for God in nature.

- **Walking a Christian journey doesn't have to begin in a building.** "In fact, having now dedicated my life to helping build up these communities, it was the last place I wanted to be in the beginning. It took God's glorious creation to show me his majesty and to help me see myself through his eyes."
- **Get out into the world** in which we are stewards and find God among the rocks, leaves, animals, chirps, rain, rocks and rivers. God's creation is all around us. We only need to look. It is his gift to us, if only we can open our eyes and hearts to see its beauty.
- **God's works are found in big cities too.** If you look closely, even in the densest concrete jungle, you can find vibrant life in the cracks: small window gardens three stories up on an apartment balcony, a neighborhood garden squeezed in an alley way, a seedling pushing up through a crack in the concrete reaching up toward the sun.

Read the full article on ECF Vital Practices: [Holy Hikes and Thin Spaces](#) by Haley Bankey.

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OUR MARCH STEWARDSHP

DATE	ATTENDANCE	OFFERING	SPECIAL GIFTS	
03/03/24	17	\$ 2,094.00	DFMS – Good Friday	\$ 75.00
03/10/24	19	\$ 944.00	Families First	\$ 45.00
03/17/24	25	\$ 114.00	Food Pantry	\$ 857.80
03/24/24	32	\$ 39.00	Fellowship	\$ 20.00
03/31/24	40	\$ 1,530.00	Flowers	\$ 320.00
Total		\$ 4,721.00	* Total	\$ 1,317.80

Our weekly Ministry needs are \$ 1,239.67	\$ 6,198.35	Budget needs YTD	\$ 16,115.71
	\$ 1,477.35 Short	*YTD Undesignated	\$ 15,358.00

APRIL - EARLY MAY SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

Day/Service	Lectors	Usher	Altar Guild	Fellowship*	Vestry POD
April 7 2 Easter H.E. II 10:30. <i>The Rev Dave Davis</i>	Lisa R©. Jacqui L	John D.	Susan W Margaret G	Jamie F	John D Mazie S
April 14 3 Easter H.E. 10:30 <i>Pastor Jim Lockley</i>	Kay H © Patricia W.	Bill H	Jacqui L. Carol B	Patricia W	Bill H John D
April 21 4 Easter H.E. I 10:30 <i>The Rev Lowe Davis</i>	Connie G ©. Dr Ray Thigpen	Dan S	Same as. above	Carol B	Margaret P Dan S
April 28 5 Easter H.E. II 10:30 <i>The Rev Kamila Blessing</i>	Shirley Jo S© Katie G	Willie W	Shirley Jo S Lisa R.	VOLUNTEER.	Connie G Mazie S
May 5 6 Easter H.E. II 10:30 <i>The Rev Dave Davis</i>	Lisa R© Jacqui L	John D	Same as above	Lisa R	John D Margaret P

If you can't serve on your scheduled Sunday, THANKS for finding a replacement and letting Connie know.



April 2024

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
	1	2 12:00 PM 	3	4	5 9:30 AM 	6 9:30 AM
7 2 EASTER 10:00 CHOIR 10:30 HE II	8 The Annunciation of our Lord Jesus Christ to the Blessed Virgin Mary	9 12:00 PM 	10 H BIRTHDAY KENNY MOSS LISA RICHEY	11	12 9:30 AM 	13 **14** HAPPY BIRTHDAY HILLIE HUGHES
14 3 EASTER 10:00 CHOIR 10:30 AM LBW HC	15 10:00 AM PROTEIN PANTRY DAY	16 10:00 VESTRY MTG 12:00 PM 	17	18	19 9:30 AM 	20
21 4 EASTER 10:30 HE I	22	23 12:00 PM 	24	25 SAINT MARK THE EVANGELIST	26 9:30 AM 	27
28 5 EASTER 10:00 CHOIR 10:30 HE II	29	30 12:00 PM 				