Grace ABOUNDS

January 2023

A Center of Mission and Ministry - Celebrating and Sharing God's Grace!

From Our Interim Pastor

As you read this, our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services have ended. We will have celebrated The Name of Jesus festival service and most likely the Day of Epiphany on Jan. 6. And so, our thoughts turn to the new church year before us. I thought it might be helpful to outline for you where Council and the Wake Up Team are in their work, and current thoughts and plans as we together prayerfully ponder where God is leading Grace congregation in this new year.

The Wake Up Team is aware that our financial giving, including a plan to reduce the debt on the Ministry Center, needs to take top priority. They, along with the Council, are taking a look at God's vision and mission for Grace in the coming years. The Council had planned its annual retreat for Jan. 7, but that is now on hold because of the death and funeral of a dear friend. We plan to have the retreat sometime in February, and we will give you a report on what we do.

At the retreat, our Scripture basis will be the 12th chapter of I Corinthians from Eugene Peterson's *The Message*. I encourage you to read that whole chapter in *The Message*, but I want to share with you two critical verses that will center our conversation at the retreat and beyond. The first is this: "God's various gifts are handed out everywhere, but they all originate in God's Spirit…**Each person is given something to do that shows who God is.** Read that carefully again, for that includes you. **Each person is given something to do that shows who God is.** We need each and every one to share the gift(s) you have been given.

The second reads like this: **But I also want you to think about how this (acknowledgement of the significance of each other) keeps your significance from getting blown up into self-importance. For no matter how significant you are, it is only because of what you are a part of.** How true that is! Pastor, staff, council, ministry teams, teachers, choir, children, youth, young, old and in-between – no one of us is more important than any other. As they say, it takes a village. It takes all of God's children, gathered in a church family called a congregation, to be the body of Christ we are called to be!

And with those two underlying foundational scriptures in mind, we go forward together, hand in hand, becoming the people God is calling us to be – children of God, baptized in His Name and sent out into the world to be His hands, feet, heart, and grace.

A blessed New Year, everyone!

Pastor Jane

Thanks to all who donated poinsettias, decorated the Sanctuary and Chrismon trees, shared seasonal music, and planned worship to glorify God, make our Sanctuary beautiful, and add joy and meaning to our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services.

Contact Pastor Jane by cell phone at 803-530-2045 or by email at pjmitcham@gmail.com

JANUARY Baptisms

1 - Tommy Neel
2 - Suzanne Medlock
5 - Tim Harmon
8 - Jonathan Shealy
13 - Riley Eldridge, Anna Kay Singley
15 - Ronnie Cromer
19 - Joshua Nelson, Jacob Nelson, Charlie Nelson
21 - Nick Long
28 - Richard Mercer, Parker Metts, Elizabeth Warner
31 - Mollie Waters

JANUARY Birthdays

1 - Thomas Mewbourn
Marysue Rivers
3 - Kristen Sandor
7 - Raelynn Wessinger
9 - Kris Lindler
13 - Brittany Templeton
14 - Jessica Culbreth
Donna Hawkins
17 - Robert Neel, Lee Wessinger
18 - Nikki Dominick, Wayne Mitchell
21 - Luke Black, Beverly Hawkins, Craig Metz
23 - Robert Martin
26 - Kay Chandler
29 - Rev. Al Potter

JANUARY Anniversaries

2 - Jordan and Matthew Jackson (2nd)
5 - Lisa and Dave Riley (43rd)
14 - Walt & Clyna Quattlebaum (56th)

Grace People in the News

BAILEY STEWART was inducted into the National Technical Honor Society for Health Sciences.

MATTHEW SHEALY has accepted a position as assistant sports information director with Methodist University in Fayetteville, NC.

IN THE MAIL . . .

Dear Grace Family,
I'd like to offer a quick thank you for the thoughts, cards, and prayers following my recent injury. Your support has been a blessing.

Sincerely, Matt Pridgen

Dear Grace Family,
Thank you so much for your generous Christmas gift; but thank you even more for being Grace congregation. Sharing in ministry these last months has brought so much joy and meaning to my life!

God's blessings, Pastor Jane

Dear Grace Family,
Thank you for your prayers, cards, memorials, and other acts of support following the unexpected passing of our mother and grandmother, Allene Huffstetler. The presence of our church family members at the visitation and funeral brought us comfort at those difficult times. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to each of you. Our loving Lord will continue to hold us up and help us to move forward in the days ahead.

In Christian love, Julie and Dale, Jessica, and Matthew

Dear Grace Congregation,
Thank you for remembering me at Christmas with the generous bonus. As I begin my 13th year as the Grace office secretary, I look forward to another year of ministry with each of you. May God richly bless you in year ahead.

Julie Shealy, Office Secretary

Parish Register

Death: John Henry Cousins, Dec. 13, 2022. **Service:** Dec. 16, 2022, Colony Lutheran Church, Newberry.

Death: Carol Byars Mercer, Dec. 15, 2022.

Enjoy Fellowship at Our Collector / Hobby Fair

Care and Fellowship Team is sponsoring our fourth Collector and Hobby Fair on Sunday, Jan. 22 from 3-5 p.m. in the Ministry Center. This is a fun time to get to know each other a little better and enjoy fellowship.

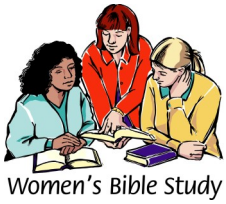
If you would like to share your hobby or collection, please sign up on the narthex board. (If you have more than three of an item, you have a collection to share!) There will be no sales at this event, just an opportunity to share your interests with your fellow church members. To be sure we have enough tables for everyone who wants to have a display, we need to limit each person signed up to one 6 ft. rectangular table (or round table). See Dale Shealy for more information.

If you are neither a collector or a hobbyist, you are encouraged to come and see what others bring to display and enjoy this time of fellowship.

Light refreshments will be provided by the Care and Fellowship Team. However, if baking or cooking is one of your hobbies, you are invited to bring something to share, and we will gladly add your contribution to our refreshments.

RAIN / BAD WEATHER DATE:

If the weather is bad on Jan. 22, we will reschedule for Jan. 29.



Women's Bible Study will not meet in January 2023.

Heartland Conference Lay School of Religion

Four Tuesdays in January

January 10, 17, 24 and 31

7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

at Grace

Jan. 10 and 17 - From Pieces To Peace: The Best Is Yet To Come

Led by Deaconess Dr. Laura Sharp-Waites

As a Pastoral Counselor, Deaconess Laura empowers Christian leaders and congregation members who have experienced sorrow, loss, and trauma so that they can bridge the gaps from heartbreak to happiness, pain to peace, loss to life. In our sessions, we will focus on grief. Any change is loss, and all losses can be grieved.

Jan. 24 and 31 An Introduction to the 5th Gospel

Led by Pastor Bobby Morris

The late Father Bargil Pixner referred to the Holy Land as "the Fifth Gospel," without which the other four contained in the New Testament are left incomplete. Join Pastor and Seminary Professor Bobby Morris, who has traveled and taught in the Middle East for over 20 years, for an encounter with this "5th Gospel" and experience the depth of meaning it can contribute to our understanding of the Scriptures which were birthed there.

Registration Information

Registration forms are on the narthex table near the entrance to the Ministry Center. Place the completed form in the offering plate, give it to the church office, or mail the completed registration to: *Colony Lutheran Church, 48 Colony Church Rd., Newberry, SC 29108.*

The cost is $20. Please bring a check or cash when you check in for your first class.

Lutheroad Day Camp: July 16-21

Mt. Tabor, Grace, and Mt. Pilgrim

December Memorials and Honorariums

Gifts to the Building Loan Fund

In memory of Allene Huffstetler *(Julie Shealy's mother)*

By: Lynn and Larry Wessinger
Judy Bedenbaugh
David and Edna Riley
Glenda and Everett Crafts
Buck Black

In memory of Jamie Medlock *(Jeremy's father)* by the Fricks

In memory of Carol Mercer

By: Edd Wicker
Edwina Wicker
Emmett Wicker

In honor of Edd Wicker by John and Becky Pugh

In memory of Bill Ackerman by Billy Ackerman

In honor of Matthew and Jessica leading the youth by Bob and Heather Harris

In memory of Terry Shaver by Peggy Hendrix

In memory of all Grace members who have passed to life in the Church Triumphant by Anonymous

Gifts to the Campership Fund

In memory of Ludy Werts and Woody Berley by Lynn and Larry Wessinger

In honor of Papa Edd, Emmett, and Edwina by Phil and Deborah

Gifts to the Bedenbaugh - Chariker Scholarship Fund

In memory of Allene Huffstetler *(Julie Shealy's mother)* by Chop and Teresa Cooper

In honor of Tara and Greg Stewart on their anniversary (12/23) and in honor of Tara Stewart for her birthday (12/27) by Lynn and Larry Wessinger

Gift to the Sydney Shealy Memorial

In memory of Sydney Shealy by Phil and Deborah Ruff

Gifts to the Current Budget Fund

In memory of Allene Huffstetler *(Julie Shealy's mother)*

By: Ronnie and Linda Cromer
The Fricks
Beverly Hawkins
James and Nancy Derrick
Phil and Deborah Ruff

In memory of Jamie Medlock *(Jeremy's father)* by Phil and Deborah Ruff

In memory of Ronnie Caudill *(Meggie Kendrick's father)* by Phil and Deborah Ruff

In memory of Joe Counts by Charlsie Doolittle

In memory of Beverly and Robert Myers by James and Roberta Capó

In memory of Hunter and Louwilla Fellers by James and Roberta Capó

In honor of church leaders by Bob and Heather Harris

In memory of Carol Mercer by Judy Bedenbaugh

In memory of Ethel Rawls *(Greg Stewart's grandmother)* by Judy Bedenbaugh

Gifts to Youth Ministry

In memory of Allene Huffstetler *(Julie Shealy's mother)* by Mike Shealy

In honor of Raelynn Wessinger on her 8th birthday 1/7 by Lynn and Larry Wessinger

Alternative Designation

Alternative Designation forms are on the narthex table for those who would prefer a portion of their offering not be forwarded to the ELCA. If you desire alternative designation, a new form must be completed each year. Return the completed form to the office with your first donation of 2023.

Adult Sunday School Books, Christ in Our Home Devotionals

Christ in Our Home devotional books for January - March 2023 are available on the narthex table. Pick up a copy for yourself and one to share with a friend. *Augsburg Adult Bible Studies* Sunday School books for December-February are also on the table.

Annual Reports Due Jan. 15

Year-end annual reports from all church groups, teams, and treasurers are due in the church office by Sunday, Jan. 15. Each team chair is responsible for seeing that their team reports are submitted.

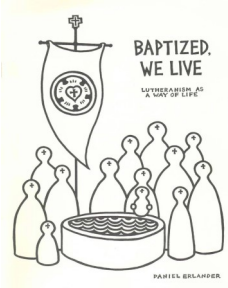
Reports are published in the annual *Grace Yearbook* and serve as a record of the ministries at Grace during the year. Your help is appreciated (and needed) in compiling this important information. We need reports from those listed below:

Council Chair
Care and Fellowship Team
Good News Team
Lifelong Ed. Team
Youth Team
Christian School Board
Worship Team
Facilities Team/Haggai
Finance Team
Sunday School
Grace Youth
Women's Bible Study
Financial Secretary

All treasurers:
Current Fund
Sunday School
Building Loan Fund
Maintenance Fund
Comm. Service Fund
Scholarship Fund
Campership Fund
Christian Schools
Schools Education Fund
Family Ministry Fund
World Series, One Goal
Youth
Leisure Hour

New Sunday School Class

Pastor Jane and Pastor Timothea will be leading a new adult class titled *Baptized We Live* beginning Sunday morning, Feb. 5 at 9:30 a.m. and continuing each Sunday in February. This booklet, written by Dan Erlander, highlights the strengths and gifts of our Lutheran liturgical worship that has been ours since the early days of the Protestant Reformation, pointing out that Lutheran Christianity is a way of seeing, a way of hearing, a way of teaching and a way of following. All ages, middle school and up, are invited! Please join us on these February Sunday mornings for interesting insights and discussions about "what is a Lutheran?" Breakfast is served at 9:15 a.m.



2023 Budget Adopted, Officers

At the annual congregation meeting on Dec. 11, Susan Dawkins was re-elected congregation vice president, and Deborah Ruff was re-elected congregation secretary. Each of these positions have voice and vote on Council.

At this meeting, the congregation also adopted a 2023 ministry budget of $160,122.75. An additional $56,638 will be needed to meet our Ministry Center building loan payments.

At the Dec. 11 Council meeting, the following were elected as Council officers: Deborah Ruff, chair; Susan Dawkins, vice chair; and Christina Henricks, secretary. We give thanks for their willingness to serve in these leadership positions and to all who serve on Council.

Update Your Info for New PoG

In January, we will be printing a new *People of Grace* directory. If your contact information or a family member's information has changed in 2022, please call or email the office or drop off a note by Sunday, Jan. 15. We really need our directory to be as accurate as possible.

If you have not been receiving emails from Grace, we likely don't have an accurate email address for you. Please share your email address with us as we often send last minute details about events and reminders by email.

Also, please let us know if you no longer have a home telephone number so we can delete it from your listing. If you would like your cell phone number included in the directory and it isn't already listed, please let us know that, too. Thank you!

January Manna House Item of the Month

Canned Soup

Donations can be left in the Manna House box in the narthex. Thank you for supporting Manna House!

Serving in January

Assisting Ministers

1 - Candace Frick
8 - Johnny Merck
15 - Judy Bedenbaugh
22 - Susan Dawkins
29 - Ronnie Cromer

Altar Flowers

1 - Poinsettias and Trees
8 - Epiphany Trees
15 - Epiphany Trees
22 - Epiphany Trees
29 -

Communion Assistant
Lynn Wessinger

Communion Preparation
Mike Whitlock

Communion Clean Up
Judy Bedenbaugh, Andrea Lewis

Acolyte
Allie Waters

Crucifer - Jan. 8
Hunter Hall

Torchbearers - Jan. 8
Thomas Mewbourn, Jonathan Shealy

Ushers
Nathan Shealy (head), Deborah Ruff, Phil Ruff, Camryn Shealy

Greeters
Deborah Ruff, Camryn Shealy

Offering Tabulators
Deborah Ruff (head), Phil Ruff, Camryn Shealy, Nathan Shealy

Front Sign
Dale and Julie Shealy

Altar Guild
Deborah and Phil Ruff, Camryn Shealy

Pew Rack Helper
Nancy Derrick

Altar Flower, Lamp Sign Up

The 2023 Altar Flower and Sanctuary Lamp Chart is posted on the narthex board. Sign up on the chart or contact the church office by phone or email to reserve your special dates. These dates will be published in the 2023 Yearbook.

During the month of January, the Sanctuary Lamp burns to the glory of God and in remembrance of the January birthdays of my niece Alice Shaver and my husband John by Judy Bedenbaugh.

For honorary or memorial information to be included in the newsletter and bulletin, information and $30 donation should be received by the office by the last Sunday of the month prior to the month you sponsor.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	Sanctuary	* Online	Total
12/4	69	12	81
12/11	73	16	89
12/18	102	24	126
12/24 (4:00)	33	*Not streamed*	33
12/24 (10:30)	48	16	64
12/25	44	*Not streamed*	44

** Total Online viewers = Peak views x 2 per SC Synod instructions.*

Sunday School ATTENDANCE

12/4	28
12/11	26
12/18	25
12/25	*Not offered*

Preschool Christmas Program: 318 attending

youth MINISTRY
FAITH · FELLOWSHIP · FUN

First Monthly GYM TIME
Sunday, January 22
5:30-7 p.m.
Faith, fellowship, fun, and food!!

Bring your calendar to help us set Youth Sunday and Youth Room makeover activities for dates that work for you!

Youth Sunday Postponed

Youth Sunday was scheduled for Jan. 22, but has been postponed because several youth already had plans for this date and could not be present. Be ready to discuss a new date at our January meeting.

Feb. 12 - Souper Bowl Collection

Feb. 26 - Monthly GYM Time
5:30 - 7 p.m.
Faith, fellowship, fun, and food!

Youth Sunday - TBD

Room Makeover - TBD

Grace Youth enjoyed Christmas caroling to several of our members on Friday, Dec. 16. Here carolers take time to pose for a photo with Mr. Edd Wicker after sharing carols.

Grace Youth sponsored Grace's float in this year's Prosperity Christmas Parade on Sunday, Dec. 4. Youth got together on Saturday, Dec. 3 for a brief meeting, lunch, and float decorating.

New Youth Room Update: We have Furniture!

We have received donations of furniture for our Youth Room! George Dawkins has donated a sofa; Leon and Brenda Fulmer donated connected chairs; and Edna and David Riley have donated a chair. We extend a huge thank you to these folks for their donations and support of our Youth! At our January GYM Time, we will talk about how we want to decorate the Youth Room (the former Grace Sease classroom across from the office) and make it "ours" with guidance from our youth advisors - Jessica, Andy, and Kim. Room makeover activities coming in early 2023!

Don't forget to check the bulletin board in the narthex for 2023 ministry assignments, including acolyte, torchbearer, and crucifer schedules!

DON'T FORGET

Our Offerings for December

Thru Dec. 31 - Includes Dec. EFTs

MINISTRY BUDGET *Our Monthly Need: $12,676*
Given during month $17,807.17
Given year-to-date $134,802.69
Goal through Dec. 31 ..... $152,112.00

BUILDING LOAN FUND *Our Monthly Need: $4,720*
Given during month $9,933.71*
Given year-to-date $55,016.27*
Required through Dec. 31 ..... $56,638.00
** Does not include $37,582.89 gift toward principal*

MAINTENANCE/UPKEEP FUND
Given during month $1,590.00
Given year-to-date $7,735.00

FRONT DOOR FUND
Given during month $00.00
Given year-to-date $2,351.38
Fund Balance, Dec. 31 ..... $13,716.38

PARSONAGE FUND
Given during month $00.00
Given year-to-date $176.38
Fund Balance, Dec. 31 ..... $4,294.69

SUNDAY SCHOOL
Given during month $71.00
Given year-to-date $973.05

SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Given during month $135.00
Given year-to-date $505.00

CAMPERSHIP FUND
Given during month $185.00
Given year-to-date $766.38

COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND
Community Assistance $40.00
Given year-to-date $555.00
Bookbag Food Ministry $00.00
Given year-to-date $50.00
Thanksgiving Meal $00.00
Given year-to-date $615.00
Total year-to-date $1,220.00

SPECIAL 2022 OFFERINGS
Lutheran Disaster Response *(Ukraine)* $2,750.00
World Hunger $2,450.00
Ukraine Bucket Offering $2,146.00
Lutheran Disaster Response $1,275.00
Lutheran Disaster Res. *(Hurricanes)* $985.00
Grace Christian School $725.00
Youth Ministry $587.30

BUDGET Update

MINISTRY BUDGET

Needed Thru Dec. 31:	$152,112
Given thru Dec. 31:	$134,803
Amount Behind Goal:	***$ 17,309***

BUILDING LOAN

Required Thru Dec. 31:	$56,638
Given thru Dec. 31:	$55,016
Amount Below Goal:	***$ 1,622***

2023 Offering Envelopes

2023 offering envelopes have not yet been received from our printer. Church Budget Envelope Company cites supply chain issues with machinery parts, paper, etc. for the delay. They hope to have our envelopes here by the end of January.

In the meantime, you can find white My Offering envelopes for the Current Fund and blue Building Fund envelopes in the pew racks. These and other fund envelopes can be found behind the guest register in the narthex. In addition, you may use "leftover" envelopes from 2022 until 2023 envelopes arrive. Any envelope you have on hand can be used - just be sure to include your name and the fund to which you are contributing on the outside of the envelope.

Electronic giving is another option. Scan the QR Code at right or go to graceluth.org.

SPECIAL 2022 OFFERINGS continued
Advent/Christmas Offering *(LDS)* $455.50
Lenten Offering *(Interfaith Comm. Services)* .. $433.00
Bereavement Meal Ministry $412.05
ELCA Good Gifts Bucket Offering $411.55
Christmas Poinsettias $336.33
Adult Choir Music Fund $325.00
VBS Offering *(ELCA Good Gifts)* $304.00
MCHS Football Team Meal $266.93
Easter Lilies $237.25
Manna House *(Preschool Christmas Program)* $187.00
Youth Ministry *(Thrivent)* $185.00
Lutheran Disaster Res. *(US flooding)* $175.00
Pentecost Geraniums $175.00
Facilities Use Reimbursement $152.75
Lutheran World Relief $100.00
Lutheran Disaster Res. *(US tornadoes)* $50.00
Manna House $40.00

Congregation Council Meeting - December 11, 2022

Susan Dawkins gave an update from the Wake Up Team, which is currently meeting on a regular basis and discussing concerns, ideas, and suggestions moving forward. The focus of the group has shifted from money to ministry. The team will continue to meet and provide feedback to the congregation.

Council Officers for 2023 were elected. Deborah Ruff will serve as Council Chair; Susan Dawkins will serve as Vice-Chair; and Christina Hendricks will serve as Secretary.

Ministry Teams will be discussed further with the Wake-Up Team. Updates and additional information will be shared at the January Retreat. Focus areas will be Leadership Responsibilities and moving forward to a Task Force Format. The Wake Up Team will review the ministry teams according to the guidelines in the Constitution.

Tuesday, Jan. 10
7 p.m.

Treasurers will be asked to serve for the upcoming year. Linda Cromer has agreed to serve one more year in her current position.

The pastor's housing designation was discussed and approved for Pastor Jane.

A Stewardship Symposium is scheduled for Jan. 27, 2023. Members that will attend are as follows: Linda Cromer, Jessica Shealy, Julie Shealy, Deborah Ruff, Sue Mitchell, and Pastor Jane. More information will be shared following the symposium.

Facilities Team shared several updates. The new front doors are installed, and the lock has been re-keyed. The church bus has been inspected. The broken back door in the Ministry Center near the kitchen has been repaired.

The Community Hope Team shared flyers with families that used the parking area for the Shoppers Walk. Mugs have been delivered for the team to begin distributing to visitors.

Christian Schools reported that there was a great turnout for the Preschool Christmas Program. The event was shared to Facebook.

Council's January Retreat is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 7.

School of Religion is scheduled for Jan. 10, 17, 24, and 31.

Updates were shared regarding members on the Prayer List before Council dismissed in prayer, and the meeting was adjourned.

From Minutes Submitted by Susan Dawkins, Council Vice-Chair, Acting Secretary

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November Financial Reports

	Balance, 11/1	Received	Disbursed	Balance, 11/30	Additional Information
Current/Budget Fund	$62,601.13	$15,201.97	$13,189.47	$53,481.07*	$11,051.61 CD
Building Loan Fund	$31,394.40	$ 3,381.08	$ 4,719.85	$30,055.63	*($203,643 balance owed)*
Maintenance Fund	$ 8,580.84	$ 626.01	$ 568.64	$ 8,638.21**	n/a
Sunday School Account	$ 3,098.82	$ 315.00	$ 257.89	$ 3,098.82	n/a
Christian Schools Account	$18,323.99	$ 5,525.74	$ 7,210.94	$ 16,638.79	n/a
Schools Educational Fund	$ 8,016.59	$ 00.00	$ 434.43	$ 7,582.16	n/a

* Current Fund Balance does not include designated monies for the LED Bulb Fund ($534.37); Sound System Fund ($335.39); Choir Fund ($325); Bereavement Meal Fund ($1,450.41); or Sydney Shealy Memorial Gift ($5,505.68) contained within the Current Fund Checking Account. **Maintenance Fund balance does not include Parsonage Fund ($4,320.38) or Front Door Fund ($13,716.38) contained within the Maintenance Fund Checking Account.

Giving Financially To Grace

Grace does not have a "unified budget" but individuals can support the following list of funds and ministries at Grace. Envelopes for specific funds and ministries are located in the pews and in the narthex behind the guest register. For memorials or honorariums, please designate on the envelope and/or on the check in whose memory or honor the donation is being made.

CURRENT AND BENEVOLENCE FUND: Also known as the ministry budget or "regular" offering, this includes not only staff salaries, electricity, and insurance, but also social ministry, evangelism, benevolence, Christian Education and other ministries, all directed toward making a difference in people's lives.

BUILDING LOAN FUND: In 2009, Grace dedicated its new Ministry Center. We continue to work to pay off our loan for this building, which has provided expanded opportunities for service through projects like the Community Thanksgiving Meal, additional room for congregational fellowship, and a bad-weather playroom for the Preschool.

MAINTENANCE FUND: This fund provides for routine maintenance and improvements to Grace facilities.

PARSONAGE FUND: While a new roof was installed on the parsonage in 2020, there is more work to be done for it to be used for any purpose. Donations to this fund are for future repairs and improvements.

COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND: Through this fund, Grace congregation provides help to families and individuals in our community and congregation in times of crisis or tragedy. This fund also retains donations for the Backpack Ministry for Prosperity-Rikard Elementary and the annual Community Thanksgiving Meal.

WICKER CAMPERSHIP FUND: The goal of the Campership Fund is to make sure that no young person at Grace misses the life-changing experience of Christian camp or day camp due to the cost. The Wicker Campership Fund offers camp scholarships to all baptized Grace youth attending Lutheridge/ Lutherock in North Carolina or Lutheroad Day Camp in Newberry County.

BEDENBAUGH-CHARIKER SCHOLARSHIP FUND: Since its inception in 1997, the Bedenbaugh-Chariker Scholarship Fund has provided scholarships for active Grace members enrolled in a post-high school degree program. Scholarship applications invite students to reflect upon God's calling and work in their lives.

GRACE CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS FUND: This account provides financial support for Grace Christian Preschool, which offers a Christian environment for the first educational experience of 2, 3-, and 4-year-olds.

Grace Leaders

Congregational Officers

Susan Dawkins, vice president
Deborah Ruff, secretary

Congregation Council

Deborah Ruff, chair
Susan Dawkins, vice chair
Christina Henricks, secretary

Ronnie Cromer
George Dawkins
Lisa Farr
Candace Frick
Beverly Hawkins
Robert Martin
Sue Mitchell
Nathan Shealy
Brad Waters
Lynn Wessinger
Camryn Shealy *(youth)*

Wake Up Team

Susan Dawkins, Robert Martin, Deborah Ruff, Jessica Shealy, Nathan Shealy, Pastor Jane

Church Staff

Julie Shealy, Office Secretary
Eddie Rivers, Choirmaster/Organist
Chop Cooper, Preschool Administrator
Tim Harmon, Janitorial Services Contractor
Craig Farr, Groundskeeper Contractor

Fund Treasurers

Linda Cromer, Current Fund/SS
Kim Metz, Building Fund
Edwina Wicker, Maintenance Fund
Julie Shealy, Community Service Fund
Teresa Cooper, Campership Fund
Candace Frick, Scholarship Fund

More Grace Funds

BEREAVEMENT MEAL FUND: This fund provides a catered meal to the bereaved family of a congregation member upon their death.

YOUTH MINISTRY FUND: Gifts support the projects and learning and fellowship opportunities of Grace's Youth Ministry.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Donations go toward purchasing supplies to further the mission of the Sunday School program to nurture faith in children and youth and to encourage lifelong learning among adults.

January 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 *Name of Jesus* Breakfast - 9:15 a.m. Sunday School - 9:30 Worship - 10:30 a.m.	**2** ***Office Closed***	**3** *Regular Office Hours Resume*	**4** Adult Choir - 7:30 p.m.	**5** Newsletter Team - 9 a.m. Bulletin Deadline - 9 a.m.	**6** *Epiphany*	**7**
8 *Baptism of Our Lord* Breakfast - 9:15 a.m. Sunday School - 9:30 Confirmation - 9:30 Worship - 10:30 a.m. Wake Up Team - after worship	**9**	**10** Congregation Council Retreat - 7 p.m. Heartland Conference School of Religion - 7 p.m. - 8:30	**11** *Ministry Center Reserved for Beverly Hawkins*	**12** Bulletin Deadline - 9 a.m.	**13**	**14**
15 *2nd Sunday after Epiphany* Breakfast - 9:15 a.m. Sunday School - 9:30 Worship - 10:30 a.m. **Due:** **Year-end Reports and Updated Contact Info**	**16** Worship Team - 7 p.m.	**17** Heartland Conference School of Religion - 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at Grace	**18** Adult Choir - 7:30 p.m.	**19** Bulletin Deadline - 9 a.m.	**20**	**21**
22 *3rd Sunday after Epiphany* Breakfast - 9:15 a.m. Sunday School - 9:30 Confirmation - 9:30 Worship - 10:30 a.m. Collector/Hobby Fair - 3-5 p.m. Monthly GYM Time (Youth) - 5:30-7 p.m.	**23** *Newsletter Deadline*	**24** Heartland Conference School of Religion - 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at Grace	**25** Adult Choir - 7:30 p.m.	**26** Bulletin Deadline - 9 a.m. .	**27**	**28**
29 *4th Sunday after Epiphany* Breakfast - 9:15 a.m. Sunday School - 9:30 Worship - 10:30 a.m. Collector/Hobby Fair - 3-5 p.m. *(rain/snow date)*	**30**	**31** Newsletter Team - 9 a.m. (Ministry Center) Heartland Conference School of Religion - 7 p.m. - 8:30	**1** FEBRUARY 2023 Adult Choir - 7:30 p.m.	**2** Bulletin Deadline - 9 a.m.	**3**	**4**

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January Highlights

School of Religion

Jan. 10, 17, 24, 31

Due Jan. 15

Year-End Reports From Ministry Team Chairs, Fund Treasurers and Other Leaders

Updates for Telephone, Email, and Mailing address for your family

Collector/Hobby Fair

Fellowship Event

Sunday, Jan. 22

3-5 p.m.

First Monthly
GYM Time

Sunday, Jan. 22

5:30 - 7 p.m.
Faith, fellowship, fun, and food!

Looking Ahead

Shrove Tuesday Feb. 21

Ash Wednesday Feb. 22

First Sunday in Lent Feb. 26