



**STAYING IN TOUCH...**  
**HAPPENINGS WITHIN OUR**  
**COMMUNITY OF FAITH**

**Steve's Corner**

**Dear congregation! As we move through Eastertide we are focusing on texts from the Book of Acts. The theme of these weeks is The Church Alive In The Spirit. That is what the Book of Acts is all about, coming alive in the Spirit.**

**This Sunday's sermon is "The Last Conversion Of Peter: Overcoming Religious and Racial Bigotry." Peter, as most of us, needed more than one conversion! And the last one was about overcoming his bigotries. That's what the Spirit of God helps us do; the church alive in the Spirit is working on the prejudices and bigotries of our culture and of our upbringing and which dog our heels. We bring our bigotries to church, and some of them we learned there. Lord have mercy. Simon Peter struggled with his own biases, both religious and racial, and the Spirit came to his aid.**

**The story of Peter's last conversion is what the whole chapter 10 of Acts is about. For worship we will read Acts 10: 9-16 and 44-48. So be brave and show up. The Spirit has issued you and me a special invitation!**

**Steve**

**Calendar**

Sunday School at 10:00 AM  
 Worship at 11:00 AM  
 Wednesdays - Choir rehearsal at 6:30 PM

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**The week of April 21-27, 2024**

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

*Our friends on homebound:*  
*Tressie Starrette, Nancy Milstead,*  
*Clara Rogers.*

*Those issues close to us:*  
*Donna Duncan family,*  
*Jeremy Kalevik family,*  
*The Igano family,*  
*Vera Webster family,*  
*Sarah Adams family, Kirky Kirman,*  
*Brad and Julie Henry, Misty Seavey,*  
*Jean's cousin Amber, Mark Pitts,*  
*Lisa Malone, Regina Shumaker,*  
*Peggy Davis Gold family,*  
*Al Fraley, Christian Viera,*  
*Amber Jordan and family,*  
*The people of Cuba, Kim and Stan.*  
*peoples of the Ukraine,*  
*Cameron Gray, Spencer Cox,*  
*caregivers, healthcare workers,*  
*homeless children, our nations*  
*immigrants.*

*Those facing tough times, those who are mentally ill, those who are affected by violence, those who are incarcerated, children who are a part of the Guardian ad Litem program, local law enforcement officers and fire fighters.*

*Those in the military:*  
*Josh Wingfield, James Pulliam,*  
*Mark Staley, Adam Ivey,*  
*Zach Thompson,*  
*Austin Frutig, Anthony Corcoran,*  
*Mary Jane Johnson, Caleb Sisk,*  
*Kelso Igano, Zach Thompson.*

**NEW PRAYER REQUESTS**

***Celebrations:***

***Birthdays***

**21 - Ruby Angell**  
**25 - Sheri Coarsey**

***Anniversary***

**22 - David and Dawn Bradley**

***Concerns:***

**Racial Healing.**

Our Nation.

There is a need to be "aware" of the gun epidemic going on right now.

School students and staff and the community around these schools.

**Prayers for people who feel unloved.**

**Middle East Crisis.**

Teen's who are considering suicide.

Janna's mom.

Louise's brother is not eating well.

The Family of Susie Wiberg.

Walter Arreaza has esophageal cancer.

Gay Park had a massive stroke and is at Baptist.

Chris Brown's mom is having surgery.

Doris Wilson family.

# April

## Birthdays

11 - John Hendrix  
19 - Steve Shoemaker  
21 - Ruby Angell  
25 - Sheri Coarsey  
30 - Janna Brown

## Anniversaries

5 - David and Phyllis Rogers  
7 - Tom and Susie Wiberg  
22 - David and Dawn Bradley  
28 - Kevin and Marsha Angell

Steve's sermon's are always available  
On Facebook and Youtube.  
You can easily find it at:  
[www.gracestatesville.org](http://www.gracestatesville.org)

## Budget

### BUDGET UPDATE

Needed year to date: \$31,632.00  
Received year to date: \$32,000.93  
OVER budget: \$368.93  
Weekly needs: \$1,977.00  
This Week's Offering: \$894.81



The Stewardship Board is offering a new option for giving to the church. We now have Paypal! You will find a Paypal QR Code in the Midweek, the Sunday bulletin and on the website. This allows you to use your paypal account or credit card to make a donation to the church. Of course we will still be taking cash and checks with the regular offering each Sunday.

## Mission Board News

**Church Maintenance**  
**J. Nicholson**

## Scripture for the Week

Acts 10: 9-16 & 44-48

## Sermon

"The Last Conversion Of Peter:  
Overcoming Religious and Racial  
Bigotry."

## Leader

**Doug Hendrix**

## Reader

**Carole Hendrix**

## \*Upcoming events:

Garden Plots are still available.  
See Janice Comer.

On Sunday, May 12, at 9:30 a.m., the GIFT Committee will present information about the next major project involving the Innovative Ministries Program. In 2022, the Church Cabinet tasked the GIFT Committee with oversight of the Innovation Ministries priorities set by the congregation during the summer "dream" sessions". Grace has established a relationship with Speak Life and Live, providing both volunteer and monetary support. The Art and Soul Program was begun in partnership with the Iredell Arts Council. Come hear about our next exciting endeavor!

