



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

**Steve's Corner**

Dear Grace, this Sunday, the 11th, is the last Sunday of Epiphany, and next Sunday, the 18th, is the first Sunday of Lent. The theme of Lent this year is The Greening Of Our Faith. As the spring comes and the fields are awakening, we will ponder together the greening of our faith, and how we might prepare our gardens for growth in faith.

This Sunday's sermon is based on Psalm 73. The Psalms are neglected by many churches, even though it is the songbook not only of Israel but also of the church. This one is an important one for our spiritual health and emotional well being and our engagement with the world. It talks about how envy, cynicism and despair about the world can trip us up. Interested?

Looking ahead, there are two wonderful offerings for Lent outside Sunday worship. The first is a five week study of the Enneagram on Sundays at 4:30, a powerful tool for self understanding and spiritual growth. It will be led by Rev. Carrilea Hall who has led a number of such growth groups using the Enneagram. See elsewhere in this week's Midweek her invitation and explanation. Childcare will be provided.

The second is a two-session supper and discussion on "This Thing Called Grace" scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 28 and March 6, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. It is an introduction to who we are as a church, our history, how we work together and what makes us tick. It is open to everyone: folks interested in becoming part of Grace in a more formal way, those who are just curious, old members, newer members - ANYONE! Sign up in the back of the sanctuary so we can plan for meals and childcare!

Calendar

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

Contact us at [gracestatesville@gmail.com](mailto:gracestatesville@gmail.com) or visit us at [www.gracestatesville.org](http://www.gracestatesville.org).

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The week of February 4-10, 2024

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

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

*Those issues close to us:*  
*Misty Seavey, Jean's cousin Amber,*  
*Mark Pitts, Guy Haddix family,*  
*Lisa Malone, Regina Shumaker,*  
*Peggy Davis Gold family,*  
*Amber Jordan and family,*  
*Barbara Lynch, Gina Starrette,*  
*Sharon Westbrook, Bill Mashburn*  
*family, Clara Rogers,*  
*The people of Cuba, Kim and Stan.*  
*Vera Webster, 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,*  
*Zach Thompson, Brian Saxton,*  
*30th Brigade.*

**NEW PRAYER REQUESTS**

*Celebrations:*  
**Birthdays**

- 4 - Grady Lippard, Jr.
- 9 - Janice Comer
- 10 - LeAnda Barnard
- 10 - Lydia Comer

*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.

Justice, child who is living with the Hall family.

Vera Webster now has Hospice care in her home.

Sarah Adams family.

Kirky Kirman.

Brad and Julie Henry.

Kimberly Comer has Pneumonia.

Sheri's students returning to regular schools.

# February

## Birthdays

- 4 - Grady Lippard, Jr.
- 9 - Janice Comer
- 10 - LeAnda Barnard
- 10 - Lydia Comer
- 13 - Korbin Anderson
- 13 - Brooke Bradley
- 13 - Cameron Bradley Alexander
- 15 - Patti West
- 18 - Vincent Toups
- 18 - Linda Marshall
- 19 - Jo Salisbury
- 19 - Autumn Tilley
- 25 - Ayden Johnson
- 28 - Haley Hendrix Williams
- 29 - Hollace Scanlan

## Anniversary

- 14 - Mike and Gay Shaver

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: \$9885.00  
Received year to date: \$13,720.23  
OVER budget: \$3835.23  
Weekly needs: \$1977.00  
This Week's Offering: \$2271.33



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. As a reminder, our giving to date is way behind. We need all to join in and give for the well being of our church..

## Mission Board News

Forty blessing bags were delivered to NCFeed from the people of Grace.

As many of you know, we made extra bags which are available to be given out by the congregation and friends. You will find a box of them by the door to the parking lot.

Thanks to everyone, young and old, who participated in any way. Pray that each person who receives one feels the love of God and Grace.

## Church Maintenance Wardo

## Scripture for the Week

Psalm 73

## Sermon

"I Had Almost Slipped!: On Envy, Despair and Trust."

## Leader

Doug Hendrix

## Reader

Marsha Angell

## \*Upcoming events:

Ash Wednesday Service  
February 14th at 6pm.



Enneagram Lenten Study  
Led by Rev. Carrilea Hall

Do some soul work this Lenten season and join us for a 5-week exploration of the Enneagram. Sunday afternoons at 4:30 from Feb 18 to March 24 (excluding March 3). Together we will learn some of the basics of the enneagram, the 9 different personality types, the underlying motivations that drive our thoughts, emotions, and actions, and how this tool can be used for self-growth and transformation. Richard Rohr describes the enneagram as "a wonderful tool that can help us see and let go of the false self—which masks the image of God within us—and allow us to live from our True Self—the unique manifestation of Love that God intends us to be."

Recommended book if you are not familiar with the enneagram. It is definitely not required, and it won't be necessary for the group but it is a great resource.

[https://www.amazon.com/Road-Back-You-Enneagram-Self-Discovery/dp/0830846190/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?hvadid=580635115185&hvdev=c&hvlocphy=1021322&hvnetw=g&hvqmt=e&hvrnd=390964655266647178&hvtargid=kwd-274206948445&hydadcr=22565\\_13493330&keywords=the+road+back+to+you+book&qid=1706729576&sr=8-1](https://www.amazon.com/Road-Back-You-Enneagram-Self-Discovery/dp/0830846190/ref=sr_1_1?hvadid=580635115185&hvdev=c&hvlocphy=1021322&hvnetw=g&hvqmt=e&hvrnd=390964655266647178&hvtargid=kwd-274206948445&hydadcr=22565_13493330&keywords=the+road+back+to+you+book&qid=1706729576&sr=8-1)