



Main Street Mission
704.855.2909

NOW COLLECTING:
Donations for Milk. Because of the need for refrigeration, MSM asks that you make a cash donation (marked donate for Milk) and then they can buy it in bulk.

Drop donations in collection

boxes in the Narthex and by the mailboxes. Look for the label "One Can Do More"

Council Action Report (February 2020)

This Report is for information only. The Minutes for the meeting will be the official record of action taken by the Council. This report shows actions approved at the February 9, 2020 meeting.

- The minutes from the January 12, 2020 regularly scheduled Council meeting were approved with a change to read: The month of December showed \$11,821.51 in the black for the month and \$10,204.46 in the black for the year.
- Pastor requested vacation for May 18-24 and June 22-28. A motion was made to approve Pastor's vacation. The motion passed.
- A motion was made to accept Eric and Beth Ann Stowe as members. The motion passed.
- A motion was made to purchase four offering plates plus a receiving plate at a cost of \$1,580 plus tax and shipping to come out of the Memorial Fund. Discussion followed. The motion was amended to state: Purchase four offering plates plus a receiving plate at a cost of \$1,580 plus tax and shipping to come out of the Sophie Miller Altar Fund. The motion passed with one opposing.
- A motion was made to hold the annual BBQ cook-off on May 9, 2020. The motion passed.
- The Greater Cabarrus Athletic Association has requested to rent the FLC

for dates in July-October 9 on Thursdays and Fridays for volleyball practice or games and would like to charge admission to the games and sell concessions. A motion was made to allow the Greater Cabarrus Athletic Association to rent the FLC on these dates and allow them to charge admission and sell concessions. The motion passed with two opposing.

- A motion was made to send the Lenten offerings to Southside Community Outreach. The motion passed.



MIA (Missions in Action) Committee would like to thank the congregation for their donations of 17 blankets in December. Our next project will be to collect take out plates, cooking oil, sugar, and liquid dish detergent through the months of March and April. Thank you for your continued support.

*Dear Grace Church Members,
Thank you for your prayers, calls, visits and food during my hip surgery. I am doing much better now. Your thoughts mean so much. Thanks for being a loving church family. God bless each one.
Love, Shirley Stiller*

To Our Grace Family,
Thank you for the outpouring of love, cards, memorials, thoughts and prayers. We have been through a double difficult time so knowing all of you were praying means so much. I know both of our dads were loved by so many! They will both be missed so much. Thanks again to everyone,
Joey, Emily, Bayley, Skylar Carter



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**Any address corrections, please submit to Carol in the church office.



Grace Online Giving Options

Have you ever arrived at Church and realized you didn't bring your offering envelope or don't have money or a check? Or have you been on vacation on the

Sunday you usually turn in your monthly offering? Online giving options listed below can make that process a little simpler!

1. **Give Plus Church App** – This is a mobile-based app you can download, enter our church name, set up an account, enter your payment options and select the fund you want to donate to. You may make a one-time donation or recurring donation through this app. The church does incur a small fee, but you can elect to pay that fee.
2. **Church website** – go to www.grace-salisbury.com, click one of the “Donate” links, and follow instructions. You may make a one-time donation or recurring donation through this link. The church does incur a small fee, but you can elect to pay that fee.
3. **Simply Giving** – Fill out the Authorization Form and put it in the Church Treasurer's mailbox. This is primarily for set giving amounts. If you wish to make changes, you have to submit a Change Authorization Form. The church does incur a small fee, but you can elect to pay that fee.
4. **Your Bank** – Although not technically an online option, your bank may offer free Bill Payment options where they send a check on your behalf to the church.

If you have any questions, please see Lynn Lippard.

CEMETERY DUES

It is time to pay the \$5.00 annual cemetery maintenance fee. Each voting member should pay the \$5.00 maintenance Fee.



“Animals, Wells, Irrigation Systems, Seeds, Vegetable Gardens, Fruit-Tree Seedlings, Mosquito Nets, Education, Training, Bibles, and Sunday School Materials”

How Do These Fight World Hunger?

Do you have questions about where our ELCA Good Gifts (Barn Banks) donations go? What are ELCA Good Gifts? What about the animals? How are projects selected and how is it determined that this is the best answer to alleviate hunger in a Community?

What are ELCA Good Gifts?

Good Gifts represent ELCA Ministries in the U.S. and around the World. The Good Gifts Catalogue contains gifts from**God's Global Barnyard**-animals; *Water*-Simple Wells, Irrigation System, Water Filter, and Latrine; *Women and Children*-Education and training for women in farming, small business startups, education for girls, who are not afforded the same opportunities as boys and school supplies; *Agriculture*- Fruit tree seedlings, Manure, Community vegetable garden, seeds and gardening tools; *Health Care*- Mosquito net, Stock a health clinic, Health care for children, Food for orphans and vulnerable children, Vaccinations for a child; *Emergencies*- Support for a refugee family, Warm blankets; *Grow the Christian Church*- Bibles, Sunday School start-up kit; and *Help at Home*-Backpack with Personal and Household necessities for disaster survivors and food for people at soup kitchens.

How are projects selected and how is it determined that this is the best answer to alleviate hunger in a Community? Global projects, and gifts are chosen based on needs identified by the ELCA's companion churches and their communities. Simply, the churches in the area where donations go have identified the need and request these donations. Grants for animals are ***ONLY*** given where they are needed and requested.

What about the animals? Donations are combined to fund areas of work related to livestock, water or healthcare so each donation has the greatest impact. The most popular animals-goats and chickens, don't need special food, but graze on a little grass, sunflowers or corn. Are the animals mistreated? Cruelty to animals is extremely rare. People take care of the animals; it's their livelihood. On -site training and visits are provided.

Beginning Sunday, March 1 through Easter Sunday, Barn Banks are available for you to help fight World Hunger. This year agricultural items were selected: Honeybees and community vegetable gardens, seeds and gardening tools, and fruit tree seedlings.

Our partnership with ELCA World Hunger and global ministries has grown in the last 5 years. Grace has donated \$7,973 using Barn Banks to purchase animals, raised \$7,910 to provide clean water building four wells, irrigation system and emergency water filter systems and we provided \$4,250 in Lutheran Disaster Response donations that supported recovery efforts after Hurricane Irma, Gulf Coast hurricanes, East coast hurricanes and many other areas in the U.S. as well as Haiti Earthquake Relief and Pacific Typhoon Response. We also gave a "Noisy Offering" of \$250 that provided school supplies to a classroom in Nigeria where the teacher is from Salisbury, NC.

Coming soon – a display and information for the ELCA and LWR where YOU, Grace Church, have made a difference.

Sponsored by Grace Stewardship Team



The Evangelism Committee will sponsor a "Bring A Friend To Church Sunday" on March 29th. Please consider a friend or acquaintance you can ask to come to church with you that day. More information will follow in the March 15th and 22nd Bulletins.

J.C. CARSON BIBLE TEACHING ASSOCIATION
****News of an additional "Share Night" with "Sweet Frog of Salisbury" starting this month. 20% Sales goes to support the Carson High School Bible History Class, between the hours of 4-8 pm.**

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