

This Week at Grace Church

Sunday, Jan. 13

The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Holy Eucharist at 8 & 10 a.m.

Not Just Donuts Coffee Hour
after both services

8:00 hosts: Mary Merriweather, Diane Warhover,
Carol Rush

10:00 hosts:

Nursery, 9 - 11:30 a.m.

Sunday Adult Forum at 9 a.m.

Youth Confirmation Class at 9 a.m.

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

Gloria Deo Handbell Choir at 11:15 a.m.

Church School Workshop at 11:15 a.m.

Grace Vestry Meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Monday, Jan. 14

Parish office closed on Mondays.

Holy Ground at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 15

Women's Book Group at 10 a.m.

Women of Grace at Noon

Wednesday, Jan. 16

Men's Group Breakfast at 8 a.m.

Morning Prayer at 9:30 a.m.

Staff Meeting at 10 a.m.

St. Dunstons Handbell Choir at 4:30 p.m.

All Saints Handbell Choir at 7 p.m.

Endowment Fund Committee at 7 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 17

Parish Choristers at 4:15 p.m.

Christian Yoga at 6:30 p.m.

Parish Choir at 7 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 18

No church events scheduled.

Saturday, Jan. 19

Altar Guild at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, Jan. 20

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

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Parish Family News

Happy Birthday:

Jan. 13 Susan Boyle, Debby Hand

Jan. 14 Helen Ludbrook

Jan. 15 Kathleen Cookson, Forest Fitzroy,
Chris Ludbrook, Jo Musson

Jan. 16 Joan Sale

Jan. 17 Charlotte Sehie

Jan. 18 Owen Pluhar

Happy Anniversary:

Jan. 18 Pat Lynn & Forrest Fitzroy

Jan. 19 Liz Shands & Eric Eickmeyer

Congratulations:

Congratulations to Grace member

Jane Reed, whose art was selected to be shown as part of the Ann Metzger Memorial National Biennial Exhibition at the St. Louis Artists Guild in Clayton.

An awards presentation was held Jan. 11; a gallery talk will be held Jan. 30 at 7 p.m.

Birth Announcement:

Congratulations to Grace members

Shari & Wayne Bonham, whose daughter, Elizabeth Bonham Bradford and husband Jimmy Bradford became grandparents this week. 7-pound **Melanie** was born Jan. 7.

In Sympathy:

The sympathy of the parish goes to former member Susan Leach, whose husband **Walter Leach** died Jan. 5. You can send condolences to:

Susan Leach
1377 Marseille Lane
Roseville, CA 95747

Office Notes:

We have installed a new secure drop-box on the wall across from the main church office. Please use this box to leave any financial transactions when Shari Bonham, Director of Development and Ministries Coordinator, is not available. Shari and Fr. Todd are the only staff members who can unlock the box.

Visit our website for updated news & events:
www.GraceKirkwood.org

The Messenger is a weekly publication of Grace Church. If you have information you would like included, please contact Janis in the church office: janis.greenbaum@gracekirkwood.org.



Grace Episcopal Church is marking our 160th anniversary as a parish in 2019. As we prepare to celebrate that milestone, we are launching plans to carry our church into the future.

Our Journey Continues... is a capital campaign designed to provide a permanence to the care of our buildings and grounds. The majority of the money raised by this campaign will add to our Legacy Fund for the care of our facilities in perpetuity.

This campaign will officially kick-off at our January 27 Annual Meeting.

Capital Campaign Leadership Team

Rector: The Rev. Todd McDowell

Campaign Co-chairs: Lesley Hoffarth & Tim Engelbrecht

Coordinators: Susanne Haring & Shari Bonham (staff support)

Communications: Dianne Casey & Janis Greenbaum (staff support)

Lead Gifts: Brent VanConia

Advance Commitments: Amy Shands & Becky Engelbrecht

Celebration Team: Paula Russell & Karen Wallach

Prayer Team: Barbara Manuel & Sara Losse

Youth & Children: Joanie Van Rees & Janis Greenbaum (staff support)

Gratitude & Ministry: Carla Kurth & Phillip Brunswick (staff support)

Connection Team: Lyn Ballard & Mike Heyer

Our thanks to everyone helping to launch this campaign.

Watch for more news coming soon!



Sunday Adult Forum: The Gospel of Luke

TODAY! Sunday, Jan. 13 / 9 a.m. / LaVielle Conference Room

The Church focuses on the Gospel of Luke in this new year. It is the longest book in the New Testament. Mother Ginny gives us a closer look at the major points of Luke's Gospel to help us prepare for the year ahead. Grab a cup of coffee and join the discussion between services today!

Sunday Speaker Series: Stories from the Holy Land

Sunday, Jan. 20 / 9 a.m. / LaVielle Conference Room

All are invited to hear the stories and see the pictures from Fr. Todd and all of the pilgrims who were part of Grace's Holy Land trip during Advent.

Ministry Annual Reports

Due Wednesday, Jan. 16

All ministry leaders are encouraged to share news, pictures and stories of our ministry work in 2018 with the congregation through our special Annual Report which will be distributed at our **Jan. 27 Annual Meeting**.

Send your information to Janis in the church office no later than January 16 to be included in this year's report: janis.greenbaum@gracekirkwood.org.

Get Ready for Grace's Elegant Italian Dinner!

Saturday, Feb. 9

Enjoy a delicious lasagna dinner and a fun evening with friends while you help raise funds for our annual Youth Mission Trip.



The evening begins with a social hour and silent auction at 6 p.m. Doors open for dinner at 7 p.m., with salad, lasagna and desserts served by our youth. Child care with pizza is available for children under 12.

Tickets available beginning Sunday, Jan. 20:

\$15 for adults

\$7 for children under 12

All proceeds benefit Grace's Youth Mission Trip

High School Youth & Parents:

We encourage all high school students and parents to be involved in this fundraiser, even if you are not attending this year's mission trip. Please mark your calendar and contact Janis in the church office to get involved:

⇒ **Sunday, Feb. 3**
\$150 mission trip fees & commitments due (scholarships available).

⇒ **Thursday, Feb. 7 / 6 - 9 p.m.**
Set-up, decorate the parish hall, cooking preps

⇒ **Saturday, Feb. 9 / 10 a.m. - Noon**
Server training & final preps

⇒ **Saturday, Feb. 9 / 5 - 10 p.m.**
The Big Event!

Christian Formation and Worship

Confirm Not Conform

Sunday, Jan. 13 & 20 / 9 a.m. / Youth Room

Our youth confirmation program takes a closer look at what we truly believe and how we put that faith into action as we continue our journey toward confirmation.

Sunday School

Every Sunday / 9:30 a.m. / Lower level classrooms

All students in pre-K through high school are invited to follow Jesus and the way of love in our weekly Christian formation programs. Classes overlap with our 10 a.m. worship service, with children returning to church in time to share Holy Communion with their families.

Church School Workshop

Sunday, Jan. 13 / 11:15 a.m. / Youth Room

All Church School teachers and assistants, parents and grandparents, and anyone interested in our children's and youth ministries are invited to attend our planning workshop. Grab a cup of coffee after the service and join us.

Diocesan Youth Event: Cathedral Lock-In

February 1-2 / 6 p.m. - 9 a.m. / Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis

Youth from around the diocese will come together for a night filled with food, fun, games, and prayer! We'll tour the Cathedral, ring the bells, play Sardines at midnight, and worship on the roof on Saturday morning. This event is open to all students in grades 6-12 and is a mandatory event for Grace's confirmation students. Contact Janis in the church office for more info.

Register at diocesemo.org/youth.

Epiphany Good Book Club: Paul's Letter to the Romans

Now - May 6 / Independent Study

Join Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and Episcopalians around the world as we read, reflect and pray on a small section of the Book of Romans each day (except Sundays) throughout the season of Epiphany. Visit GoodBookClub.org to download a reading schedule and find other resources to guide your journey, including videos, podcasts and study guides.

Dismantling Racism Workshop

Jan. 19 & 20

Episcopal Church of the Holy Communion, University City

Registration deadline extended to Jan. 14

The Diocesan Commission for Dismantling Racism offers this 2-day workshop focused on recognizing and eliminating institutional racism in the Church. This workshop is open to all; it is required for clergy, vestry and many lay leaders. There is no cost for this workshop. **Registration is required.** Learn more and register at diocesemo.org/ministries/dismantling-racism-commission.



*Thank God, from whom
all blessings flow...*



Grace's pledge entry for this year's budget has now been finalized. Any late 2019 pledges will still be joyfully welcomed to help mitigate any unexpected emergencies.

Many thanks to all!



Welcome to Grace Church!

If you are new or just visiting today, we hope you enjoy your time with us and find peace, love and strength in this house of worship. If you have any questions or would like more information about us, please ask an usher, a clergy member, or the person sitting next to you!

If you are already a member or have worshiped with us before, you may notice a change in this weekly announcement sheet. We are experimenting with new designs to better accommodate our communications needs. Feedback is always welcome!

Spirituality and Fellowship

Holy Ground

Monday, Jan. 14 / 6 p.m. / LaVielle Conference Room

Women of all ages are invited to enjoy a potluck dinner and fellowship at our monthly spirituality gathering. Our program this month will be creating our annual report the Annual Meeting. We will end the evening with an informal Eucharist led by Rev. Helen Ludbrook. During dinner we will discuss new program ideas and topics. Contact Barb Manuel for more information.

Women's Book Group

Tuesday, Jan. 15 / 10 a.m. / Kean Library

The Book Group returns this week to continue their discussion of *The Accidental President: Harry S. Truman and the Four Months That Changed the World*, by A.J. Blaine (chapters 23-25). All are invited — even if you don't read the book. Contact Michele Nicosia for more information.

Women of Grace: Be Bear Aware

Tuesday, Jan. 15 / Lunch at noon; program at 1 p.m.

LaVielle Conference Room

All are invited to this month's Women of Grace program. Bring your own lunch at noon (beverages & desserts are provided). Speakers from the Powder Valley Nature Center will have a presentation on the impact of the arrival of bears in Missouri.

Christian Yoga at Grace

Thursdays / 6:30 p.m. / LaVielle Conference Room

Strengthen your body, mind and spirit with the practice of yoga. Our classes are led by certified instructors Darlene Bry and the Rev. Emily Hillquist Davis (on a rotating basis). All ages and abilities are welcome. Your **FIRST CLASS is FREE**... come give it a try!

Grace Community Labyrinth

Take a contemplative journey with God at our beautiful indoor labyrinth. Individuals are welcome any time the parish hall is not in use. Contact the church office to schedule group time.

New Year... New Volunteer Opportunities!

New schedules are posted in Albright Parish Hall to **sponsor altar flowers** and **host coffee hours** in 2019. Please look on the bulletin board and in the kitchen and sign up to be a part of these worship and hospitality ministries — they can't happen without you!

THE *Episcopal* CHURCH

Pastoral Care

Grace's clergy are available by appointment to discuss personal, pastoral or spiritual matters; please call or email the clergy directly.

In case of a pastoral emergency, please call the parish office at 314-821-1806. For pastoral emergencies after office hours, call the parish office and press "7" to be connected to the priest-on-call 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

In case of severe illness, hospitalization, when a person is near death or at the death of a member of the church, please notify the clergy as soon as possible in order to secure the ministrations of the church.

Intercessory Prayer List

Please remember the following members and friends in your prayers:

Vernon Balster	Dorothy Bardwell	Carroll Bollard	DC Bollard
Kathy Bradford	Marilyn Brown	Chris Clark	Jackson Clark
Paris Coffey	Janie Cooper	Tom Dotson	Ellen Friedla
David Fly	Craig Franklin	Betty French	Lisa Hale-Waechter
Mary Etta Heggie	Cathy Hilton	Jay & Friends	Martha Johnston
Carolyn Klebolt	Opal Lackey	Avery Link	Chris Meyer
Kit Mills	Lucille Miller	Marilyn Monson	Johnnie Nelson
Chloe Poe	Heather Schmitt	Alinda Sledge	Kathryn Theis
Linda Ustruck	Beth VanConia	Bob Waechter	Blake Walker
Jodie Walker	Lucas Woehle	Kent & Marilyn Wilton	

Names remain on this list for one month, unless otherwise requested.

Please contact Janis in the church office to update this list.

Please contact Ruth Moore to add a name to our confidential Prayer Chain.

Sacraments

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism is administered four times each year at Grace Church:

- ◆ The Great Vigil of Easter (April 20, 2019)
- ◆ Pentecost (June 9, 2019)
- ◆ All Saints' Sunday (Nov. 3, 2019)
- ◆ The Baptism of our Lord (Jan. 12, 2020)

Please contact the church office to arrange for a baptism or marriage, request the Reconciliation of a Penitent (confession) or Unction (anointing of the sick).

Invite • Welcome • Connect



Connect begins with offering a safe space where both newcomers and long-term members share their stories of what brought them to Grace. Through holy listening we can discern their giftedness and encourage them in their journey of faith. Connect offers clear pathways to belonging where newcomers are guided through their faith journey into the life of the congregation. Connect empowers each of us to live out our baptismal covenant by offering individual gifts and talents to God. It helps individuals hear God's call in their lives.

*Mark your calendar for our **Invite Welcome Connect Workshop, Saturday, March 2.***

Watch for more details coming soon!