

This Week at Grace Church

Sunday, Jan. 20

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Holy Eucharist at 8 & 10 a.m.

Not Just Donuts Coffee Hour

after both services

8:00 hosts: Lucy & Ron Ryan

10:00 hosts:

Nursery, 9 - 11:30 a.m.

Sunday Speaker Series 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.

Monday, Jan. 21

Parish office closed on Mondays.

Tuesday, Jan. 22

Women's Book Group at 10 a.m.

Kirk Care Board Meeting at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 23

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. 24

Parish Choristers at 4:15 p.m.

Christian Yoga at 6:30 p.m.

Parish Choir at 7 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 25

No church events scheduled.

Saturday, Jan. 26

Altar Guild at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, Jan. 27

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8:00 hosts: Charles Wesley Proctor

10:00 hosts: Susie Reis, Lyn Ballard

Nursery, 9 - 11:30 a.m.

Annual Parish Meeting at 9 a.m.

(child care in LaVielle Conference Room)

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

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

Parish Family News

Happy Birthday:

Jan. 21 Darren Cookson

Jan. 23 Hank Caby,
MJ Stricker

Jan. 24 Kathleen McDonald

Jan. 25 Chloe Poe

Jan. 26 Paula Russell, Sam Russell,
John Adams

Jan. 27 Mary Walker



In Sympathy:

The prayers of the parish go to Grace member John Dotson, whose brother **Tom Dotson** died January 17.



Candidates for Grace Vestry:

Grace's Vestry is made up of nine members who serve as the lay leadership of our parish. We elect three members each year, each serves a 3-year term. Elections will be held at our January 27 Annual Meeting. The following members are running for Vestry this year:

- Mike Casey
- Pat O'Brien
- (still open)

Candidates for Diocesan Convention Delegate:

Diocesan Convention Delegates meet throughout the year to discuss issues to be presented at our annual Diocesan Convention. Grace has four delegates and one alternate delegate, serving 3-year terms. Elections will be held at the January 27 Annual Meeting. The following members are running for Diocesan Convention Delegate this year:

- Lyn Ballard (1st term)
- Betty Bowersox (2nd term)
- John Dotson (2nd term)
- Chris Ludbrook (Alternate / 1st term)

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.

Our Campaign Prayer:

Lord, what do you want to do through me?

Bountiful God,

We come together in gratitude for your generations of blessings to us at Grace Episcopal Church.

Mindful always of your abundant love, in which we already possess all that we need,

We ask you:

Open our eyes and hearts to your will for the future of this place.

Stir in us a passion, courage, and commitment for the work ahead.

Keep us respectful of one another, all who join us in this effort, and all who ---for whatever reason---may not take up the invitation.

Let zeal for your house consume us, not for our glory but yours, not for pride in leadership but for joy in service, not for monuments of brick and mortar but for a legacy of faith.

Remind us that without you we can do nothing, and with you, nothing is impossible.

This we pray in the name of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

Amen.



Sunday Speaker Series: Stories from the Holy Land

TODAY! 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.

Elegant Italian Dinner: Tickets now on sale

TODAY! Sunday, Jan. 20 / Albright Parish Hall

Event: Saturday, Feb. 9 / Social hour at 6 p.m.; Dinner at 7 p.m.

Purchase your tickets today for Grace's biggest social event of the year! The evening begins with a social hour where you can mingle with your friends, bid on silent auction items and purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win great prizes. Then move into Albright Parish Hall, where our youth members will serve you salad, homemade lasagna and fabulous desserts. Child care with pizza dinner is available for children under 12. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$7 for children. All this fun supports our annual Youth Mission Trip and the work of Habitat for Humanity.

⇒ **Youth & Parents:** All high school youth and parents are encouraged to participate in this fundraiser. Please contact Janis in the church office to see how you can help.

Let Freedom Ring: A MLK Celebration

Monday, Jan. 21 / 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. / Christ Church Cathedral

In honor of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr's birthday, Christ Church Cathedral holds a daylong community reading of his writings and speeches -- from the very pulpit where he preached in 1963 -- so his own words can reenter our consciousness and continue to form us today.

This is the tenth year of this event, and if you've not yet participated, people come and go, some to listen to his words being read, some read. It's a profound experience to hear these words resonate in this space.

Grace's 160th Annual Parish Meeting

Sunday, Jan. 27 / 9 a.m.

Join us as we mark our 160th year as a parish! Lay and ordained leaders will review the past year and lay the ground work for the year ahead. We'll vote for new Vestry members, announce our 2019 budget, and officially kick-off our new capital campaign. Child care will be provided in LaVielle Conference Room and the Nursery. Please come and support our parish life together!

Altar Flower Sponsors Needed

Sign up TODAY in Albright Parish Hall

Help us adorn our worship space in 2019 by sponsoring altar flowers. Sign up for a week on the bulletin board in Albright Parish Hall. Your donation can be made in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a special occasion. Kirkwood Florist will contact you for payment.

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[GraceChurchKirkwood](https://www.facebook.com/GraceChurchKirkwood)



Christian Formation and Worship

Confirm Not Conform

TODAY! Sunday, Jan. 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

TODAY! (and 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

TODAY! Sunday, Jan. 20 / 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. (*Rescheduled from last Sunday.*)

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.

A Liberating Presence: 200 Years of Black Episcopal Witness in Missouri

Saturday, Feb. 9 / 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. / Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis

The 2019 Absalom Jones Commemoration is a Eucharistic celebration, in conjunction with our Cathedral's 200th anniversary celebration. The featured speaker will be Dr. Priscilla A. Dowden-White, history professor, author, and missionary in the African Methodist Episcopal Church. This event celebrates the life of the Rev. Absalom Jones, our first African American priest, who was ordained in 1802.

EYC Outreach Event: Souper Bowl of Caring

Sunday, Feb. 3

Grace's Episcopal Youth Community invites you to change the nation's biggest weekend of football into the biggest weekend of caring!

Our middle school and high school students are joining a national effort to collect donations for local food pantries in our area.

Our students encourage EVERYONE in our parish to bring non-perishable food donations on Super Bowl Sunday (or before).

Our collections will be distributed through Kirk Care and Trinity Food Pantry. Please leave your donations at the red Hunger Barrel in Albright Parish Hall.

Learn more about this event at souperbowl.org/welcome.

Thank you for caring!

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

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Now - January 25

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an international Christian ecumenical observance kept annually between January 18 and January 25. The theme of the 2019 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is, "Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue," (Deuteronomy 16:18-20). Presiding Bishop Michael Curry joins leaders from the Anglican Church of Canada, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to develop joint statements on issues of common concern and provided shared devotional materials for the four Churches. Find those resources at:

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/library/document/daily-devotions-week-prayer-christian-unity-2019>

Women's Book Group

Tuesday, Jan. 22 / 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. Blaimie (chapters 26-29). All are invited — even if you don't read the book. Contact Michele Nicosia for more information.

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.

Your Online Shopping \$\$\$ Support Grace Church

Go to smile.amazon.com/ch/43-0653320 and support Grace Episcopal Church through your Amazon account. Amazon will donate a portion of your purchase back to our church. Tens of thousands of items are eligible for this program!

***Please note:** Use the **complete** online address listed above to be connected to our church account.

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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	Ellen Friedla	David Fly
Craig Franklin	Betty French	Lisa Hale-Waechter	
Mary Etta Heggie	Cindy Hein	Cathy Hilton	Jay & Friends
Martha Johnston	Alice Jones	Carolyn Klebolt	Opal Lackey
Avery Link	Chris Meyer	Kit Mills	Lucille Miller
Marilyn Monson	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



For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us.

- Romans 12:4-6

Grace is pleased to host an Invite Welcome Connect Workshop, Saturday, March 2.

*Contact Shari Bonham if you would like more information:
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