This Week at Grace

Sunday, Jan. 21
Holy Eucharist at 8 & 10 a.m.
Not Just Donuts Coffee Hour after both services:
8 a.m. hosts: Diane Warhover, Mary Merriweather
10 a.m. hosts:
Nursery for infants & toddlers, 8:45 - 11:30 a.m.
Sunday Adult Forum at 9 a.m.
Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.
Gloria Deo Handbell Choir at 11:15 a.m.

Monday, Jan. 22
Parish office closed on Mondays.

Tuesday, Jan. 23
Holy Eucharist at 9:30 a.m.
Women's Book Group at 10 a.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 24
Morning Prayer at 9:30 a.m.
Staff Meeting at 10 a.m.
St. Dunstan Handbell Choir at 4:30 p.m.
All Saints Handbell Choir at 7 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 25
Parish Choristers at 4:15 p.m.
Christian Twist Yoga at 6:30 p.m.
Labyrinth Committee Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
Parish Choir at 7 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 26
No church events scheduled.

Saturday, Jan. 27
Altar Guild at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, Jan. 28
Holy Eucharist at 8 & 10 a.m.
Not Just Donuts Coffee Hour after both services:
8 a.m. hosts: Mary Merriweather, Betty Bowersox
10 a.m. hosts:
Nursery for infants & toddlers, 8:45 - 11:30 a.m.
Grace Annual Meeting at 9 a.m.
(child care available 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. 23	Hank Caby, MJ Stricker
Jan. 25	Chloe Poe
Jan. 26	John Adams, Barbara Berry, Paula Russell, Sam Russell
Jan. 27	Mary Walker

Happy Anniversary:

Jan. 27 Jane & Henry Beers

Your Shopping $$$ Support Grace!

⇒ **Grocery Shopping:**

Grocery cards are available for sale in Albright Parish Hall for Dierberg's, Shop 'N Save and Schnucks. Use the cards like cash at your favorite store and up to 5% comes back to Grace Church!

⇒ **Online Shopping:**
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.

Parking Lot Safety

Please remember to always lock your car doors while parked in the Grace lot. Although we are in a safe neighborhood, we have had some reports of attempted break-ins. We encourage everyone to always put safety first and if you experience any problems, please notify the church office.

Visit our website for updated news & events:
www.GraceKirkwood.org
See our online photo gallery:
www.flickr.com/GraceChurchKirkwood/albums

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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.

The Messenger

Sunday, January 21, 2018

News of the people and ministries of . . .

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Elegant Italian Dinner Tickets on sale TODAY!

Dinner: Saturday, Feb. 10

You're invited to Grace's social event of the year!

Grace's high school youth are serving up a wonderful evening to raise money for their 2018 mission trip.

The evening begins at 6 p.m. with a social hour, followed by dinner served at 7 p.m. The menu includes salad, homemade lasagna, dessert and drinks. While you enjoy dinner and live music, you'll also have the chance to win fabulous raffle prizes.

Prices are $15 for adults and $7 for children. Child care will be available, but you must reserve a spot.

Youth members will be selling tickets for the next three weeks in Albright Parish Hall. Invite your friends and family to support our youth mission trip and enjoy this Grace tradition!

Ordination Service

Friday, Feb. 2 / 6 p.m.
Christ Church Cathedral
Your prayers and presence are joyfully requested as Bishop Wayne Smith will ordain **Kevin Selle** and **Richard Wiskus** to the Sacred Order of Deacons. This ordination to transitional deacons happens before being ordained to the priesthood, some months the road.

Grace Annual Meeting

Sunday, Jan. 28 / 9 a.m.
We encourage everyone to attend our 159th annual parish meeting. We'll come together in the Nave between worship services to review our 2018 budget, hear from ministry leaders and elect new members to our Vestry. Child care will be available in LaVielle Conference Room at 9 a.m., with Sunday school beginning at 9:30.

Labyrinth Dedication

Sunday, Jan. 28 / at end of 10 a.m. service

Celebrate with us as we dedicate our beautiful new indoor labyrinth. As our 10 a.m. service ends, we will process into Albright Parish Hall for a special dedication ceremony. A reception will follow.

This contemplative space is made possible by a generous grant from the Diocese of Missouri and will be available to all members of our parish, our diocese and our community.

Labyrinth Committee Meeting

Thursday, Jan. 26 / 6:30 p.m.
Kean Library
We are beginning a new ministry to care for and manage our beautiful new labyrinth. Activities will include inviting and welcoming the community, keeping track of the labyrinth's use and planning special events (like our dedication next week!).

If you are interested in being part of this ministry, please plan to attend this meeting. Contact Lyn Ballard at **lynballard@att.net** for more info.

Children and Youth

Sunday Adult Forum: The Gospel of Mark
Sunday, Jan. 21 / 9 a.m.
Who was Mark and why is his gospel so important to the New Testament?
Grab a cup of coffee between services and join Mother Ginny in LaVielle Conference Room for a deeper look inside the Gospel of Mark, our appointed gospel for the new church year.

Sunday School
Sundays / 9:30 a.m.
Students in Pre-K through High School are invited to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord in our weekly Sunday school classes on the lower level.

Cathedral Youth Lock-In
Feb. 9 - 10 / 7 p.m. - 9 a.m.
Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis
All youth in grades 6 - 12 are invited to a night of fun activities, worship, prayer and discussion with youth from around our diocese. Dinner and breakfast provided. Cost is $10 per person. Please register at **diocesemo.org/youth**.

Summer Mission Trips for Youth
Serve your community, learn new skills, have fun!

⇒ **Grace Mission Trip: Habitat for Humanity**
- June 3-9
- Iowa City, Iowa
- Open for students in 9-12 grades
- Contact Janis Greenbaum in the church office

⇒ **Diocesan Mission Trip: Kingdom House**
- June 24-29
- City of St. Louis
- Open for students in 8-12 grades
- Register at **diocesemo.org/youth**

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Spirituality and Fellowship

Women's Book Group
Tuesdays / 10 a.m. / Kean Library
Our Book Group continues discussion of *Barefoot: A Story of Surrendering to God*, by Sharon Garlough Brown. Please read through page 283 for our next gathering.
* Our February book selection is *Bel Canto*, a novel by Ann Patchett. Contact Michele Nicosia no later than January 22 to order a book. (nicosmb@att.net).

The Good Book Club
Lent—Easter 2018
Episcopalians around the world will read the **Gospel according to Luke** during Lent and the **Book of Acts** during Eastertide this year. Grace Church is pleased to take part in this study sponsored by Forward Movement. We will publish a reading schedule and will hold weekly group discussions for anyone who would like to participate. Learn more at **goodbookclub.org**

Advent Pilgrimage to the Holy Land
Begins November 24, 2018
Take this trip of a lifetime as Fr. Todd leads another pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Plans are being made to travel with members from Christ Church, Bronxville, NY. Everyone is invited — all costs and details will be announced soon.

Not Just Donuts Coffee Hour
Do you enjoy coffee hours after our worship services? Consider hosting for an upcoming Sunday… it's easy and fun! Please sign up on the sheet in the kitchen.

Invite • Welcome • Connect

Invitation is not only about inviting people into a relationship with you and others in the congregation, but rather it is about inviting them into a relationship with God through Jesus.

Outreach and Social Justice

English Citizenship Tutors Needed
Bilingual International Assistant Services (BIAS) is in need of men and women volunteer tutors to help refugee clients pass their citizenship test in English. The work requires one hour during the day or early evening, one or two times a week, in the client's home. Training, materials and ongoing supervision are provided. For more information, please contact: Elise Silvestri, Citizenship Educator, Bilingual International Assistant Services at elisesilvestri10@gmail.com or 314-707-0887

Raising Anti-Racist Children:
A workshop for parents and children
Saturday, Feb. 10 / 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Ellisville
Join the Diocesan Commission on Dismantling Racism for a child-friendly workshop with hands-on activities to help families explore how to build an anti-racist, beloved community together. Lunch is provided. There is no cost; registration is required. Register at **tinyurl.com/ajones2018**.This workshop is part of the annual celebration of Absalom Jones, the Episcopal Church's first African American priest.

Outreach Committee Meeting:
Sunday, Feb. 18 at 11:15 a.m.
LaVielle Conference Room
Help our parish do God's work in the world. All are invited!

Treasurer's Report:
End of year revenues were $614,855, which was $289 below our budgeted amount of $615,144.
End of year expenses were $599,433, which was $15,711 or 2.6% below our budgeted amount of $615,144.
Net Revenue YTD was $15,421 or $15,421 above our budgeted amount of $0.

Intercessory Prayer List

Remember in your prayers for health and strength our brothers, sisters, friends and family at Grace:

Elaine Alexander	Dorothy Bardwell
Barry Bell	Lorette Billings
Angie Cross	Phyllis DeCristo
Karen Diane DeLucio	Harriet Foiles
Arlene Frazier	Ellen Friedla
Claire Gurley	Mary Etta Heggie
Bob Hoeken	Martha Johnston
Shirley LaMier	John Mann
Patricia McCormack	Lucille Miller
Ed Mills	Bill & Connie Nix
JoAnn Overall	Mary Ransdell
Gracie Rodgers	Paula Russell
Jeff Sims	Lucas Woehle

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.

Sacraments

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism is administered four times each year at Grace Church:
- The Great Vigil of Easter (March 31, 2018)
- Pentecost (May 20, 2018)
- All Saints' Sunday (Nov. 4, 2018)
- The First Sunday after Epiphany/ Baptism of our Lord (Jan. 6, 2019)

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).