

## This Week at Grace Church

### Sunday, Jan. 27

*The Third Sunday after the Epiphany*

**Holy Eucharist** at 8 & 10 a.m.

**Not Just Donuts Coffee Hour**

after both services

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.

### Monday, Jan. 28

*Parish office closed on Mondays.*

### Tuesday, Jan. 29

**Women's Book Group** at 10 a.m.

### Wednesday, Jan. 30

**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.

### Thursday, Jan. 31

**Parish Choristers** at 4:15 p.m.

**Christian Yoga** at 6:30 p.m.

**Parish Choir** at 7 p.m.

### Friday, Feb. 1

No church events scheduled.

### Saturday, Feb. 2

**Altar Guild** at 9:30 a.m.

### Sunday, Feb. 3

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## Parish Family News

### Happy Birthday:

Jan. 27 Mary Walker

Jan. 29 Barb Manuel



### Happy Anniversary:

Jan. 27 Jane & Henry Beers

Jan. 30 Elizabeth & Michael Gibbons



### In Sympathy:

The prayers of the parish go to the family and friends of Grace member **Helen Ballard**.

Helen died earlier this month.



### Grace and Gratitude:

*A note from Carla Kurth:*

The parishioners of Grace gifted Michael with a clergy stole from Jerusalem, on the occasion of his ordination. Lyn Ballard and Fr. Todd selected a stole adorned with simple red Jerusalem crosses, and Fr. Michael Bird and our entire group of pilgrims blessed the stole while in the cave of the Chapel at Shepherds' Fields. We were totally surprised and humbled by this loving act!



### 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.

### Winter Weather Policy

If we experience winter weather conditions, we ask you only use the main church entrance at the north side of the building or the handicapped entrance at the south side of the building for entrance or egress. Ice can develop quickly and unexpectedly. The steps outside of Albright Hall and the lower level wing can unexpectedly become icy and dangerous. Be sure to make a visual inspection of any entrance and enter only if it is in a safe, non-hazardous condition.



Visit our website for updated news & events:  
[www.GraceKirkwood.org](http://www.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 officially begins TODAY at our 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.*



### Grace's 160th Annual Parish Meeting

**TODAY! 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!

### Elegant Italian Dinner: Tickets now on sale

**TODAY! Sunday, Jan. 27 / 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. This is a mandatory event for anyone planning to participate in this year's youth mission trip.

### Attention All Federal Furloughed Employees Living Within Kirkwood R-7 School District Area

Kirk Care has been lending a helping hand within our community since 1982. Our mission is to reduce hunger and poverty by feeding the hungry, providing emergency utility assistance and other services to low income families and individuals living within the Kirkwood R-7 School District area.

In line with our mission, Kirk Care is available to lend a helping hand to those federal government employees on furlough during the shutdown. Those interested can contact Kirk Care at [services.kirkcare.org](http://services.kirkcare.org) or (314) 965-0406 for immediate food assistance. For ongoing food and/or utility assistance, please be sure to provide Kirk Care with your government ID, driver's license and the name of the agency where you work.

We know this is a very difficult time for you and we are here to help.

Larry Watson, President  
Kirk Care, Inc.

## Christian Formation and Worship

### 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.

### 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](http://diocesemo.org/youth).**

### Youth Mission Trip: Commitment Deadline

**Sunday, Feb. 3**

All high school students are invited to be a part of Grace's 24th Annual Youth Mission Trip, June 2-9. We'll spend a week serving our community with Habitat for Humanity (location TBA). **If you are interested in being involved as a youth or adult missionary, please contact Janis in the church office no later than February 3.** Students should also submit their \$150 activities (scholarships are available).

### 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.

### First Sundays @ 5: Celebrating Saint Valentine

**Sunday, Feb. 10 / 5 p.m.** *Please note the date change!*

We heard there's a big football game on the FIRST Sunday of February, so we're moving our next alternative worship service to the SECOND Sunday. Join us as we celebrate a saint most associated with love, but whose real life story was not all roses. Members of Grace's Outreach Committee will be providing a heart-warming dinner of hot dogs and mac 'n cheese after the worship service.

### EYC Outreach Event: Souper Bowl of Caring

**Sunday, Feb. 3**

Our middle school and high school students are joining a national effort to collect donations for 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](http://souperbowl.org/welcome).

*Thanks for caring!*

## Spirituality and Fellowship

### Apply for the Bishop Transition Committee

**email application by January 31: [transitioncommittee@diocesemo.org](mailto:transitioncommittee@diocesemo.org)**

### Gathering Retreat: February 15-16

The Diocese of Missouri is looking for people to serve on the Bishop Transition Committee. This group will work with the Standing Committee to organize events for candidate visits, election convention, communications, and the transition of the Bishop-elect. To learn more about this group and how to apply, please visit [www.diocesemo.org/news/2019/01/24/apply-join-bishop-transition-committee-jan-31](http://www.diocesemo.org/news/2019/01/24/apply-join-bishop-transition-committee-jan-31)

### Women's Book Group

**Tuesday, Jan. 29 / 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 30-32). All are invited — even if you don't read the book.

The Women's Book Group selected *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption*, by Bryan Stevenson, as our next book. Please place your orders with Michele Nicosia no later than February 4.

### Grace on the Go: Tour Christ Church Cathedral

**Wednesday, Feb. 6 / 10 a.m.**

Grace on the Go has arranged a private one-hour tour at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 6. Take advantage of this special opportunity to go behind the scenes of our Episcopal cathedral. We recommend a goodwill offering. A la carte lunch at St. Raymond's Cedars Banquet Facility (939 Lebanon Drive) will feature homemade Lebanese and Middle Eastern dishes. (See inexpensive menu online.) Sign up in Albright Hall quickly so we can tell both churches how many plan to attend. Carpools will leave Grace promptly at 9:15.

### A Lenten Pilgrimage to Montgomery, Alabama

**April 3-6**

St. Paul's Episcopal Church and Christ Church Cathedral invite you to join a Motorcoach pilgrimage to Montgomery, Alabama to reflect upon and be transformed by a visit to the **National Memorial for Peace and Justice** and the **Legacy Museum**. The museum and memorial opened in 2018 and is dedicated to the horrible legacy of racially motivated mob violence and lynching of African Americans. The pilgrimage will also include stops at historical Civil Rights locations along the route. The Rev. Rebecca Ragland will lead and facilitate reflections.

The trip costs \$499 and includes lodging (add \$125 for single room), 3 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 1 dinner. Call Directions Tours at 314-577-0077 and tell the receptionist you are with the Diocese of Missouri.

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

Go to [smile.amazon.com/ch/43-0653320](http://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*



Connect gives meaning to membership by helping each of us answer these questions: Where do I fit in? How do I make friends? Is there room for me? Does Grace Church need me? How do I faithfully live into the gifts and talents God has given me? Can I find a place to belong and serve? Am I safe here?

*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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