

This Week at Grace

Sunday, Jan. 6

The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Holy Eucharist at 8 & 10 a.m.

Not Just Donuts Coffee Hour after both services

8:00 hosts:

10:00 hosts:

Nursery for infants & toddlers, 9 - 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.

First Sundays @ 5: Epiphany Celebration at 5 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 7

Parish office closed on Mondays.

Tuesday, Jan. 8

Women's Book Group at 10 a.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 9

Men's Group Breakfast at Steak 'n Shake at 8 a.m.

Morning Prayer at 9:30 a.m.

Staff Meeting at 10 a.m.

Grace Bridge Group at 10 a.m.

Diocesan Episcopal Church Women at 4 p.m.

All Saints Handbell Choir at 7 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 10

Parish Choristers at 4:15 p.m.

Parish Choir at 7 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 11

No church events scheduled.

Saturday, Jan. 12

Altar Guild at 9:30 a.m.

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.



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Next Sunday at Grace

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: *Please sign up*

10:00 hosts: *in the kitchen!*

Nursery for infants & toddlers, 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 Committee Workshop at 11:15 a.m.

Grace Vestry Meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Parish Family News

Happy Birthday:

Jan. 6

Dickey Davis

Jan. 7

Sophie Mars

Jan. 8

Jim Davis, Molly Giessing,
Katherine Spung

Jan. 10

Dorothy Bardwell

Jan. 11

Sara Barnard, Janet Mika

Jan. 12

Tom Coulter, Kristin Frisch

Jan. 13

Susan Boyle, Debby Hand



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.

Information, Please!

⇒ *Are you new to Grace?*

⇒ *Has your contact information changed recently?*

Be sure to send address, phone and email changes to the church office so we can stay in touch with you!

The Messenger

Sunday, Jan. 6, 2019

News of the people and ministries of . . .



Celebrating The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ

TODAY! Sunday, Jan. 6

As we come to the end of the Christmas season, we look with joy to our Savior, revealed by the star that shone at his birth. Along with our 8 & 10 a.m. worship services and Sunday school, all are invited to celebrate with these special events:

Adult Forum / 9 a.m.

Epiphany: More than Wise Men

Mother Ginny takes a closer look at the importance this special day. Grab a cup of coffee and join us between services in LaVielle Conference Room.

First Sundays @ 5

Epiphany Celebration

All ages are invited to our monthly alternative worship service in Albright Parish Hall:

⇒ **4:30 p.m.** - Come early to have fun making crowns and stars.

⇒ **5:00 p.m.** - Engage in a casual worship service with Holy Communion.

⇒ **5:30 p.m.** - Enjoy dinner served by Grace's Holy Ground Ministry.

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. Grab a cup of coffee and join us between services!

Ministry Annual Reports

Due Wednesday, Jan. 16

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

- *What were the highlights, accomplishments, challenges and joys of your ministry in 2018?*
- *What are your goals or missions for 2019?*

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

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

Begins Jan. 7

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. Anyone interested in having small group discussions at Grace should contact Christian Formation Director Janis Greenbaum in the church office.



Christian Formation & Worship

Sunday School

Every Sunday / 9:30 a.m.

Lower level classrooms

All students in pre-K through high school are invited to follow the way of Jesus 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.

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

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.

Youth Mission Trip

Commitments Due Feb. 3

All high school students are invited to serve God, serve your community, and have a great time at our 24th annual Youth Mission Trip. This year's trip will be June 2-8 and we will again be working with Habitat for Humanity (location TBA).

We ask for a **\$150 activity fee** per student.

Scholarships are available. All missionaries will also be working at our major fundraiser, the

Elegant Italian Dinner, Feb. 10.

Please contact Christian Formation Director Janis Greenbaum if you would like to be a part of this Grace tradition (additional adult missionaries are also needed): janis.greenbaum@gracekirkwood.org.

Diocesan and Community News

Young Adult Service Corps

Applications Due January 11

The Young Adult Service Corps is a ministry for Episcopalians ages 21-30 who are interested in exploring their faith in new ways by living and serving in communities around the world.

Applicants must have a high degree of maturity and possess a faith commitment, the willingness to be a humble guest, and the ability to be an authentic companion. The Deaconess Anne House in Old North St. Louis is a branch of the YASC. Learn more at www.episcopalchurch.org/young-adult-service-corps.

Dismantling Racism Workshop

Jan. 19 & 20

Episcopal Church of the Holy Communion, University City

The Diocesan Commission for Dismantling Racism offers this 2-day workshop focused on recognizing and eliminating institutional racism in the Church. It is REQUIRED for all clergy and persons seeking ordination, youth workers, employees, and wardens. It is suggested training for any lay leadership in the Diocese of Missouri. There is no cost for this workshop. **Registration is required by Jan. 11.** Learn more and register at diocesemo.org/ministries/dismantling-racism-commission.

Giving to Grace

We are still hopeful that those members who have not yet submitted a 2019 pledge will do so by Sunday, Jan. 13.

The Finance Committee is trying hard to close a \$21,000 gap between Grace's projected 2019 income and an already-frugal 2019 draft budget before presenting it to the vestry. The parish WILL be presented with a balanced budget at the January 27 Annual Meeting.



Spirituality and Fellowship

New Year...

New Volunteer Opportunities!

New schedules are posted in Albright Parish Hall to sponsor **altar flowers** and host **coffee hours**. Please look on the bulletin board and in the kitchen and sign up to be a part of these worship and hospitality ministries!

Women's Book Group

Tuesday, Jan. 8 / 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 18-22).

Grace on the Go:

100 Years of Muny History

Thursday, Jan. 11 / 10 a.m.

Grace on the Go will experience a curator's talk and a self-guided tour on "100 Seasons Between the Oaks: The Muny in Forest Park" at the Missouri History Museum. Cost is \$5, payable by **January 6**. Sign up as soon as possible; checks should be placed in an envelope with your name and "Grace on the Go" in the wall lockbox next to the mailboxes. Carpools leave Grace at 9:15 a.m. Lunch follows at noon at Café St. Louis.

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?

Mark your calendar for our **Invite Welcome Connect Workshop, Saturday, March 2**. Watch for more details coming soon!

Intercessory Prayer List

Please remember 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
Mary Etta Heggie	Cathy Hilton	Martha Johnston
Carolyn Klebolt	Opal Lackey	Walter Leach
Avery Link	Chris Meyer	Kit Mills
Lucille Miller	Marilyn Monson	Johnnie Nelson
Michele Nicosia	Chloe Poe	Heather Schmitt
Alinda Sledge	Kathryn Theis	Linda Ustruck
Beth VanConia	Bob Waechter	Blake Walker
Jodie Walker	Lucas Woehle	Kent & Marilyn Wilton

Contact Janis in the church office to update this list.

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 Baptism of our Lord (Jan. 13, 2019)
- ◆ The Great Vigil of Easter (April 20, 2019)
- ◆ Pentecost (June 9, 2019)
- ◆ All Saints' Sunday (Nov. 3, 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).