

This Week at Grace

Sunday, Jan. 7

Holy Eucharist at 8 & 10 a.m.

Not Just Donuts Coffee Hour after both services:

8 a.m. hosts: Sara Losse

10 a.m. hosts: Susie Reis, Lyn Ballard

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.

Messy Church at 4:15 p.m.; worship at 5 p.m.;
dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 8

Parish office closed on Mondays.

Holy Ground at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 9

Holy Eucharist at 9:30 a.m.

Women's Book Group at 10 a.m.

Grace Vestry at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 10

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. 11

Parish Choristers at 4:15 p.m.

Christian Twist Yoga at 6:30 p.m.

Parish Choir at 7 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 12

No church events scheduled.

Saturday, Jan. 13

Altar Guild at 9:30 a.m.

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.



Next Sunday at Grace

Sunday, Jan. 14

Holy Eucharist at 8 & 10 a.m.

Not Just Donuts Coffee Hour after both services:

8 a.m. hosts: *Please sign up*

10 a.m. hosts: *in Albright Parish Hall*

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.

Church School Committee Workshop at 11:15 a.m.

Trinity Hot Lunch at 1 p.m.

Parish Family News

Happy Birthday:

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

Jan. 14 Helen Ludbrook



In Sympathy:

The prayers of the parish go to the family and friends of Grace member **Bob Nellums**, who died Monday, Jan. 1. The family is planning a memorial service at Grace. Details will be announced soon.



Annual Reports Due January 10

All ministry leaders are encouraged to share your ministry's accomplishments from 2017 and goals for 2018 in your annual report. Reports are due to Janis in the church office no later than January 10. The reports will be distributed at Grace's Annual Meeting, Sunday, Jan. 28 at 9 a.m.



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

See our online photo gallery:
[www.flickr.com/
GraceChurchKirkwood/albums](http://www.flickr.com/GraceChurchKirkwood/albums)

The Messenger

Sunday, January 7, 2018

News of the people and ministries of . . .



Messy Church

TODAY! Sunday, Jan. 7

4:15 p.m. - Crafts & Activities

5:00 p.m. - Worship

5:30 p.m. - Dinner

Celebrate Epiphany with us at this alternative worship experience. Take a pilgrimage on our new labyrinth, follow the stars on a scavenger hunt through the church, engage in our Wise Men Worship and feast with your family and friends. All ages are invited. Come for the whole event, or just the parts you want. Thanks to Grace's Community of Hope for sponsoring our January event and dinner.



Sunday Adult Forum: The Gospel of Mark

Sunday, Jan. 7, 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.

Youth Scholarship Contest: Win a trip to Washington, D.C.

Essays due by Jan. 15

Christ Church Cathedral is sponsoring a scholarship contest to fund one diocesan youth and their parent or guardian to be a part of their bus trip to our nation's capitol July 12-16. Youth ages 8-15 are invited to apply — get details about the contest and the trip from Janis Greenbaum or on the bulletin board in Albright Parish Hall.

Grace on the Go: Civil Rights Tour & Talk

Thursday, Jan. 11 / 10 a.m.

Join Grace on the Go to experience a self-guided tour and a curator's talk on "#1 in Civil Rights: The African American Freedom Struggle." Cost is \$5, payable in advance. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside Albright Parish Hall; checks may be placed in the envelope in Grace on the Go mailbox now or give cash to a chairperson. Car pools will leave Grace at 9:15 a.m. Lunch will follow at CJ Muggs.

Sunday Speaker Series: The Rev. Marc Smith on Gun Violence

Sunday, Jan. 14 / 9 a.m.

LaVielle Conference Room

St. Louis is known as America's "murder capital" with more killings per capita than any other major city. The Rev. Marc Smith serves as the Bishop's Deputy for Gun Violence Prevention. He will be here to discuss initiatives to treat gun violence as a public health issue and coordinate community resources to take action against this overwhelming problem.

Sign up for Altar Flowers

2018 Dates Now Available

Help us adorn our worship space in 2018 by sponsoring altar flowers. We still have several weeks available in January & February! 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.

Children and Youth

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 sign up in Albright Parish Hall or contact Janis Greenbaum if you plan to attend.

Elegant Italian Dinner:

Youth Servers Needed!

Sign up now in Albright Parish Hall

Dinner: Saturday, Feb. 10

All high school students and parents are invited to lead Grace's social event of the year! We'll be cooking and serving a delicious dinner for our parish family and friends. It's tons of fun and is the primary fundraiser for our youth mission trip. Please sign up in Albright Parish Hall if you want to be a part of this event. Ticket sales begin soon!

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

Spirituality and Fellowship

Holy Ground

Monday, Jan. 8 / 6 p.m.

Women of all ages are invited to enjoy a potluck dinner, spirited discussion and an informal Eucharist, led by the Rev. Helen Ludbrook.

Women's Book Group

Tuesday, Jan. 9 / 10 a.m.

Our Book Group continues discussion of *Barefoot: A Story of Surrendering to God*, by Sharon Garlough Brown. Please read through page 205 for our next gathering.

Christian Twist Yoga at Grace Church

Thursdays / 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

All ages are invited to strengthen your body, mind and spirit with our weekly yoga classes. Instructor Risha Hoffman leads a class suitable for all ages, strength and flexibility. Try a class in January for FREE and see if you like it!

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.

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.

Invite • Welcome • Connect



Have you missed seeing a friend at church? Winter is often cold, dark and can be depressing for all of us. Connect with that person. Give them a call, drop them a note or better yet, bring them to church. Let them know they are important in your life and that you care.

Outreach and Social Justice

Dismantling Racism Training

January 13-14

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Ferguson

Would you like to see more peace and reconciliation in the New Year? You can work toward that goal by attending the next Dismantling Racism event. This workshop is required of all ordained and lay leaders, and is open to everyone who is interested in social justice. Get more information and register at GraceKirkwood.org/dismantling-racism-training.

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.

Fill the Hunger Barrel

Please remember our neighbors in need. Drop your non-perishable food items in Grace's red hunger barrel in Albright Parish Hall each Sunday. Your donations will be distributed through food pantries at KirkCare and Trinity Episcopal Church.

Offerings to Outreach

As you pass the offering plate down the pews today, please share your blessings with those in need. All loose plate offerings (those not designated to our annual fund) will go to Grace's outreach ministries, helping us to do God's work in the world. *Thanks for your generosity!*



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
Ellen Friedla	Claire Gurley
Mary Etta Heggie	Bob Hoeken
Martha Johnston	Shirley LaMier
John Mann	Jocelyn Merriweather
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 First Sunday after Epiphany/ Baptism of our Lord (Jan. 7, 2018)
- ◆ The Great Vigil of Easter (March 31, 2018)
- ◆ Pentecost (May 20, 2018)
- ◆ All Saints' Sunday (Nov. 4, 2018)

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).