This Week at Grace

Sunday, Nov. 12
Holy Eucharist at 8 & 10 a.m.
Not Just Donuts Coffee Hour after both services
8 a.m. hosts: Lucy & Ron Ryan
10 a.m. hosts:
Nursery for infants and 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.
Mission Trip Leader Meeting at 11:15 a.m.
Trinity Hot Lunch at 1 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 13
Parish office closed on Mondays.
Holy Ground at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 14
Holy Eucharist at 9:30 a.m.
Women's Book Group at 10 a.m.
Women of Grace at Noon
Grace Vestry at 7 p.m.
Kirk Care Board Meeting at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 15
Morning Prayer at 9:30 a.m.
Staff Meeting at 10 a.m.
St. Patrick Training Choir at 4:15 p.m.
St. Dunstan Handbell Choir at 4:30 p.m.
All Saints Handbell Choir at 7 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 16
Parish Choristers at 4:15 p.m.
Christian Twist Yoga at 6:30 p.m.
Parish Choir at 7 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 17
Diocesan Convention (in Hannibal)

Saturday, Nov. 18
Diocesan Convention (in Hannibal)
Altar Guild at 9:30 a.m.

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Next Sunday at Grace

Sunday, Nov. 19
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 and toddlers, 8:45 - 11:30 a.m.
Sunday Speaker Series at 9 a.m.
Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.
Gloria Deo Handbell Choir at 11:15 a.m.
Outreach Committee Meeting at 11:15 a.m.
Fall Clean-up & Chili Cook-off at 11:15 a.m.

Parish Family News

Happy Birthday:

Nov. 12	Jason Hoffarth, Gretchen Logue, Joe Reis
Nov. 14	Laura Meixner
Nov. 15	Andrew McDowell, James Pierce Schuyler Smith
Nov. 17	Chris Hirschi, Sam Voller
Nov. 18	Thomas Kuntz
Nov. 19	Christine Brenner

Happy Anniversary:

Nov. 13	Christie & Stan Boyle
Nov. 15	Nancy & Paul Latt

Birth Announcement:

Congratulations to Grace members **Susan and Tom Lauber** on the birth of granddaughter, Anne Rebecca. Annie was born November 6 to parents Elizabeth (Lauber) and Jon Sarrazin of Atlanta.

Check your contact information, please!

We are making final edits to our new directory and want to be sure we have the most updated info possible. Please review your listing in the printed directories in the Narthex or Albright Parish Hall today and correct any address, phone or email mistakes.

Thank you for your help!

The Messenger

Sunday, November 12, 2017

News of the people and ministries of . . .

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Evensong
Led by our children's choir

TONIGHT! Sunday, Nov. 12 / 5 p.m.
St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Ladue
You are invited to a service of Choral Evensong sung by the young choristers of Grace and St. Peter's Episcopal Churches. Phillip Brunswick will direct the choirs, accompanied by St. Peter's organist. Please come and support our youth at this beautiful service.

Holy Ground

Monday, November 13 / 6:30 p.m.
Feed your body and your spirit with this monthly gathering of women at Grace Church. We begin with a potluck supper in Albright Parish Hall. This month's program features Grace member Mary Merriweather, who will be showing us the benefits of essential oils and aromatherapy. Our evening ends with an informal Eucharist led by the Rev. Helen Ludbrook. All are invited.

Women of Grace: Learning about Buddhism

Tuesday, Nov. 14 (Note date change)
Lunch at Noon; Program at 1 p.m.
Continuing our theme of "Seeking God – Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow" we will explore the beliefs and practices of Buddhism. Our guest, Don Sloan, has practiced meditation and Buddhism for nearly 50 years. He is ordained in both Theravadin and Chan (Zen) traditions. A former Washington University professor, he is currently Director of the Center of Cognitive Behavioral Therapy in Chesterfield. All are welcome. Bring your lunch and join us at noon (drinks and dessert provided) or just come for the program.

Grace Family Fun Event: Fall Clean-up and Chili Cook-off

Sunday, Nov. 19 / 11:15 a.m.

All ages are invited to dress down for church next Sunday and stay to rake leaves and play games on the church lawn.

When you get cold and tired of working/playing outside, come inside to warm up at our chili cook-off. All wanna-be chefs are invited to bring a pot of your favorite chili. Everyone is invited to taste-test and vote for your favorite. The winner will get a $50 gift card from Amazon.com!

Contact Chris & Wendy Ludbrook for more info or to help at this fun event.

Sunday Speaker Series: Ask the Rector

Sunday, Nov. 19 / 9 a.m.
LaVielle Conference Room
Fr. Todd invites your questions about Diocesan Convention, new projects at Grace, the coming season of Advent, and any other topics you want to know more about. Grab a cup of coffee and join the discussion between services.

Outreach Committee Meeting

Sunday, Nov. 19 / 11:15 a.m.
LaVielle Conference Room
Come together to help plan ways for our parish to serve God and our community at this quarterly committee meeting.

Christian Formation

Sunday Adult Forum: Painting the Stars

Sundays / 9 a.m. / LaVielle Conference Room

Our series about science, religion and an evolving faith has stirred a great deal of interest and questions. Mother Ginny will lead a final day of discussion on the issues. Everyone is encouraged to share what you've learned and ask any questions you have as we conclude this series.

Grace Sunday School

Sundays / 9:30 a.m. / Lower level classrooms

Students in Pre-K through High School are invited to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord!

Grace Online Academy: Introducing the Washington National Cathedral

Contact janis.greenbaum@gracekirkwood.org to enroll

Experience the history and the beauty of our National Cathedral with Dean Randy Hollerinth. Learn about one of the world's most important places of worship and be encouraged by its mission of openness and acceptance.

Advent Quiet Morning

Saturday, Dec. 9 / 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Mercy Conference Center
Registrations due November 22

The Rev. Susan Skinner will present a series of meditations focused on the themes of repentance and rejoicing, hope and expectation, waiting and watching. The cost for the day is $20, which includes a continental breakfast and snacks. Register at **confluencespirituality.org** or contact Susie at **susiecskinner@gmail.com.**

We are so grateful to all who have made a financial pledge to Grace Church for 2018! As of November 9, we have received 92 pledge forms. If you have not yet made a pledge, please prayerfully consider the mission of our church and make an offering today.

Spirituality and Fellowship

Women's Book Group

Tuesdays / 10 a.m.

Our Book Group continues discussion of *The Girl with Seven Names: A North Korean Defector's Story,* by Hyeonseo Lee and David John. Please read chapters 29 - 36 / pages 150-193 this week.

Women of Grace Holiday Sale

Saturday, Dec. 2 / 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Get ready for loads of cookies, books, jewelry, decorations and Christmas cheer to descend upon our church as the Women of Grace host our 2017 Holiday Sale! This popular event brings people from throughout our community to Grace Church and supports our outreach projects.

Here's how you can support the sale:

⇒ **Donate homemade cookies, candies or other baked goods.** Our wonderful volunteers will be calling soon to ask for your help! Contact Cookie Chairs Becky Engelbrecht (314-283-4828) or Sandi Adams (314-517-3764) with questions.

⇒ **Donate gently used fiction and non-fiction books and movies.** No textbooks, magazines or maps, please. Leave your donations in boxes on the stage in Albright Parish Hall. Contact Anne Perkins (aperkins56@aol.com) with questions.

⇒ **Donate jewelry** you no longer wear, broken jewelry, single earrings and old interesting buttons. Also cookie tins/boxes, lapel pins, Christmas décor and ornaments, plus all-season holiday items. Please drop your donations in the tin in Kean Library. Contact Michele Nicosia (nicosmb@att.net) with questions.

⇒ **Volunteer** to work at the sale.

⇒ Mark your calendars, invite your friends and **shop at the sale** on December 2!

Outreach and Social Justice

Youth Mission Trip

Leaders' meeting TODAY: Sunday, Nov. 12
11:15 a.m. / Kean Library

Serve God and your community by being a part of our 2018 Youth Mission Trip, June 3-9. The trip is open to all high school students. **If you are interested** in being a part of this Grace tradition, please sign up in Albright Parish Hall or contact Janis in the church office.

Social Justice Workshop

Saturday, Dec. 2 / 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Ellisville

The Diocesan Dismantling Racism Commission is hosting a workshop for anyone interested in addressing the sin of racism. Hear from other parishes already engaged in social justice discussions and learn how to we can continue the path of reconciliation. No cost; lunch provided; RSVP at **https://www.diocesemo.org/ministries/dismantling-racism-commission/**

Help with Medicare Open Enrollment

Now through December 7

Do you need assistance selecting a Medicare plan or lowering your Medicare-related costs?
CLAIM is a state health insurance assistance program. This nonprofit organization provides free, unbiased information about Medicare to Missourians. CLAIM provides local counselors to help you get the most from your Medicare benefits. Visit **www.misouriclaim.org** or call **314-615-4014** for more information.

Invite · Welcome · Connect

The easiest way to really connect with someone, and often the most effective, is when one person who loves and cares for another shares what is important in their lives. Is Grace Church important in your life?

Intercessory Prayer List

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

Jean Ashworth
Dorothy Bardwell
Lorette Billings
Phyllis DeCristo
Ellen Friedla
Mary Etta Heggie
Martha Johnston
John Mann
Patricia McCormack
JoAnn Overall
Gracie Rodgers
Elaine Alexander
Barry Bell
Angie Cross
Karen Diane DeLucio
Claire Gurley
Bob Hoeken
Shirley LaMier
Jocelyn Merriweather
Ed Mills
Mary Ransdell

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).