

This Week at Grace

Sunday, Nov. 26

Holy Eucharist at 8 & 10 a.m.

Not Just Donuts Coffee Hour after both services

8 a.m. hosts: Mary Merriweather

10 a.m. hosts: Lisa Jianakoplos & Barb Manuel

Nursery for infants and toddlers, 8:45 - 11:30 a.m.

No Christian Formation Classes

Gloria Deo Handbell Choir at 11:15 a.m.

Monday, Nov. 27

Parish office closed on Mondays.

No church events scheduled.

Tuesday, Nov. 28

Holy Eucharist at 9:30 a.m.

Women's Book Group at 10 a.m.

Holiday Sale: Jewelry Sorting at Noon

Wednesday, Nov. 29

Holiday Sale: Jewelry Boutique Set-up (all day)

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, Nov. 30

Holiday Sale Preps (all day)

Parish Choristers at 4:15 p.m.

Christian Twist Yoga at 6:30 p.m.

Parish Choir at 7 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 1

Holiday Sale Preps at 9 a.m.

Saturday, Dec. 2

Holiday Sale at 9 a.m.

Altar Guild at 9:30 a.m.

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Next Sunday at Grace

Sunday, Dec. 3

Holy Eucharist at 8 & 10 a.m.

Not Just Donuts Coffee Hour after both services

8 a.m. hosts:

10 a.m. hosts: Dianne Casey & Mike Johnson

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.

Messy Church at 4:15 p.m.

Parish Family News

Happy Birthday:

Nov. 26	Gracie Curtis, Drew Dryden
Nov. 27	Don Woehle
Nov. 28	Wheeler Compton, Lucy Ryan
Nov. 29	Kurt Feigley
Nov. 30	Shaun Reno
Dec. 1	Andy Haddock, Amy Kilpatric, Heather Monnig, Julie Park
Dec. 2	Tori Giessing
Dec. 3	Steve Sehie



Happy Anniversary:

Nov. 26	Leah & Skip Giessing, Michell & Phillip Morrow
Dec. 1	Lucinda & Ronald Cobb



Grace and Gratitude:

A heartfelt thanks to all those who helped rake leaves and supply chili for our church clean-up last Sunday:

- Chris, Henry & Turner Ludbrook
- Michael, Dianne, Lucas & Peter Casey
- Mike & Yvonne Johnson
- Karen Wallach
- Doug O'Brien



The Messenger

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The Giving Tree

Pick up tags NOW

Return unwrapped gifts Dec. 4 - 17

Grace's Outreach Committee invites you to help make this a merry Christmas for everyone in our community by purchasing gifts to be distributed to Episcopal City Mission, Grace Hill Settlement House and Magdalene St. Louis. Pick up a tag today with gifting instructions on the metal tree in Albright Parish Hall.

Advent at Grace Church

The new church year begins December 3

We'll kick off the season of Advent with special events for the entire family to prepare for the coming of our Lord:

⇒ **Sunday Adult Forum: The Gospel of Mark 9 a.m. / LaVielle Conference Room**

As we begin the season of Advent and the new church year, Mother Ginny introduces us to the Gospel of Mark. We'll explore this saint and why his gospel is so important in Christian history.

⇒ **Children's Homily: Saint Nicholas Sunday 10:30 a.m.**

All elementary students are invited to come to the altar after Sunday school for a special visit from Saint Nicholas!

⇒ **Messy Church: Advent Event 4:15 p.m.**

Get ready for Christmas with fun holiday crafting, Holy Eucharist, and breakfast for dinner! Grace's Church School Committee hosts this month's alternative Sunday worship event. All ages are welcome!

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 hosts 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:

⇒ **Shop at the sale THIS SATURDAY!**

Mark your calendars and invite your friends.

⇒ **Donate homemade cookies, candies or other baked goods.** Our wonderful volunteers will be calling soon to ask for your help! Contact Cookie Caller 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 on the stage in Albright Parish Hall. Contact Anne Perkins (314-962-6142) 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 before, and/or during the sale and at coffee hours.

Thank you for supporting this Grace tradition!

Christian Formation

Children's Christmas Pageant Sign up Today!

Rehearsal: Sunday, Dec. 17 / 11:15 a.m.

Pageant: Sunday, Dec. 24 / 4 p.m.

Calling all angels, sheep and shepherds: It's time to sign up for this year's Christmas Pageant!

Children of all ages are encouraged to be part of this fun Grace tradition! Older children read the Christmas story while younger children create the Christmas tableau. Jennifer Sisul is directing this year's extravaganza. Additional parents are also needed to help with costumes and general sheep wrangling! Sign up on the bulletin board in Albright Parish Hall.

Grace Sunday School: No Classes Today!

Classes for all ages resume Sunday, Dec. 3

We give thanks to all our Sunday school teachers by taking a break over this holiday weekend. Be sure to join us next Sunday at 9:30 a.m. as we kick off the Advent season with lots of special events!

Youth Mission Trip: Informational Meeting Sunday, Dec. 10 / 11:15 a.m.

LaVielle Conference Room

We're making plans for our 2018 Youth Mission Trip and we want YOU to be involved! All youth, parents and adults interested in learning more about this Grace tradition are invited. A light lunch will be served: please RSVP to Janis in the church office: janis.greenbaum@gracekirkwood.org

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.

Spirituality and Fellowship

Holiday Brass Concert & Party Monday, Dec. 4

If you have not yet picked up your pre-ordered concert tickets, please see Stan or Christie Boyle or Jim or Ruth Moore. Be sure to sign up for the after-concert party at the Boyles' and note which type of dish you will be able to bring: side/salad or dessert. If you need a ride, please let Christie know. Better yet, ask someone to pick you up.

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 37-44 / pages 197-240 for our next gathering.

⇒ The group is now taking orders for our next book, *Barefoot*, by Sharon Garlough Brown. This is book three in the *Senisble Shoes* series. Contact Michele Nicosia by November 28 to order your copy (nicosmb@att.net).

Advent Quiet Morning

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

Mercy Conference Center

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.

Invite • Welcome • Connect



Practice the "Circle of Ten." Personally greet everyone – member or guest, adult or child who sit within ten feet of you on Sunday. Everyone appreciates being personally recognized and a simple smile and greeting is often the first step towards a life-changing connection.

Outreach and Social Justice

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.misouricclaim.org or call **314-615-4014** for more information.

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.

On November 10, Grace Treasurer Tim Engelbrecht reported the following in his monthly update to the vestry:

YTD Total Revenues were \$506,601, which was \$16,364 or 3.3% above our budgeted amount of \$490,237.

YTD Expenses were \$487,098, which was \$224,290 or 4.7% below our budgeted amount of \$511,388.

Net Revenue YTD was \$19,504 or \$40,654 above our budgeted amount of (\$21,150).



Intercessory Prayer List

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

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

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).