

This Week at Grace

Sunday, Dec. 30

The First Sunday after Christmas Day

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, 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Monday, Dec. 31

Parish office closed on Mondays.

New Year's Eve Taize at the Cathedral at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 1

Parish office closed for the holiday

Wednesday, Jan. 2

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.

Finance Committee at 4 p.m.

All Saints Handbell Choir at 7 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 3

Parish Choristers at 4:15 p.m.

Capital Campaign Leadership Team at 6 p.m.

Parish Choir at 7 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 4

Capital Campaign Leadership Training,

8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 5

Altar Guild at 9:30 a.m.

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: *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.

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.

Parish Family News

Happy Birthday:

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| Jan. 1 | Lisa Dudley, David Fly,
Kenneth Hand |
| Jan. 2 | Rebecca Bond-Williams,
Betty Shepherd |
| Jan. 3 | Audrey Casey |
| Jan. 4 | Wes Proctor |
| Jan. 5 | Crockett Gardner |
| Jan. 6 | Dickey Davis |



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!

Women of Grace Holiday Sale Recap

Over past years the Holiday Sale has attracted the greater community. Many thanks to all the donors of time, talent and treasure for their generous support. Special thanks to raffle item donors Barbara McRobie for her Christmas Gems tree and Deborah Caby for the Christmas door decoration. Net proceeds will be split between Women of Grace outreach programs and a special project for Grace.

An efficient email and telephone campaign, effective publicity, a reputation for affordable food, books, jewelry and holiday items, and a quality raffle contributed to outstanding results. Thanks to donations from the parish we had many delicious cookies and Country Store items to sell but **ran out of cookies by 10:30 a.m.** and nearly all Country Store goodies by the close. Please offer suggestions to **Debby Pidgeon** and her board to increase our cookie production so we avoid disappointing our loyal supporters. The board will meet in January to brainstorm ideas for 2019.

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.



The Messenger

Sunday, Dec. 30, 2018

News of the people and ministries of . . .



Celebrating The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Sunday, Jan. 6

Join us next Sunday as we celebrate the 12th Day of Christmas and the coming of the Magi to witness the manifestation of Christ. Along with our 8 & 10 a.m. worship services and Sunday school, all are invited to enjoy 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.

⇒ **First Sundays @ 5**

Epiphany Celebration

All ages are invited to our monthly alternative worship service. We'll engage in a casual Holy Eucharist service and enjoy a free shared meal.

Christmas Message from Presiding Bishop Curry

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry talks of good news of great joy in his Christmas message:

"Someone once said, in a Christmas poem, 'Love came down at Christmas.' That's what love is. To give, and not to count the cost. To give, not for what one can get, but for what the other can receive. That's what love is. God so loved the world, that he gave."

Watch Bishop Curry's complete message at:

www.episcopalchurch.org/library/video/2018-christmas-message-presiding-bishop-michael-curry

New Year's Eve Taize

Monday, Dec. 31 / 6 p.m.

Christ Church Episcopal Cathedral, St. Louis

Enjoy a quiet, contemplative service of prayer, scripture, silence and chant that invites us to be still and know that God is God. This year's music will be under the direction of *David Sinden*, Director of Music at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Ladue. We will conclude with a toast to the New Year (choice of champagne or non-alcoholic beverage). All are welcome! Free off-street, lighted, secure parking is on the south side of the cathedral for your comfort. This event is co-sponsored by: *Confluence, a Center for Spirituality* and *Christ Church Cathedral*.

Episcopal Youth Group Event: Upper Limits

Friday, Jan. 4 / 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Grace's youth group is planning an evening of fun at Upper Limits rock climbing gym, located at Page and Lindbergh. This event is open to all students in grades 6-12. **Please contact Lesley Hoffarth to RSVP: hoffal1@yahoo.com.** Parental consent forms must be completed and signed before participating. Parents are also needed to serve as drivers/chaperones.

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 Grace's Advent Holy Land pilgrimage.

Christian Formation & Worship

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.

Month of Grace + Prayer

Jan. 13 - Feb. 12

First Congregational Church, Webster Groves

Take a spiritual retreat in everyday life with this month of guided prayer. The event begins and ends with group sessions. You'll be assigned a spiritual guide to meet privately with each Tuesday at your convenience. You'll enrich your spirit by learning how to incorporate different methods of prayer into your everyday life. Learn more and register at momentsofgraceandprayer.org or contact Clarence Heller at clarenceheller@gmail.com or 314-258-9066. Please register by Jan. 4.

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.

Updating Policies for the Protection of Children and Youth

Saturday, Feb. 16 / 9:30 a.m.

We are obligated as Christians to create a safe and welcoming space for all children and youth in our community as well as those engaged in ministry to prevent abuse. Christian Formation Director Janis Greenbaum and Vestry Member Chris Ludbrook invite all to have their voices and concerns heard as we update our parish policies for the protection of children and youth.

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.

Jesus IS the Reason for the Season!

But with your help, Grace makes the Giving Season year-long.

Please complete any outstanding 2018 pledges.

And we're still looking for a few more pledge commitments to help make our desired 2019 budget balance!



Spirituality and Fellowship

Women's Book Group

Tuesday, Jan. 8 / 10 a.m. / Kean Library

The Book Group takes a Christmas and New Year's break, but returns Jan. 8 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.

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.

Invite • Welcome • Connect

Connect begins with offering a safe space where both newcomers and long-term members share their stories of what brought them to Grace. Through holy listening we can discern their giftedness and encourage them in their journey of faith. Connect offers clear pathways to belonging where newcomers are guided through their faith journey into the life of the congregation. Connect empowers each of us to live out our baptismal covenant by offering individual gifts and talents to God. It helps individuals hear God's call in their lives.

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).