

## This Week at Grace

### Sunday, Dec. 9

*The Second Sunday of Advent / Saint Nicholas Sunday*

**Holy Eucharist** at 8 & 10 a.m.

**Not Just Donuts Coffee Hour** after both services

8:00 hosts: Mary Merriweather

10:00 hosts:

**Nursery** for infants & toddlers, 9 - 11:30 a.m.

**Trinity Hot Lunch:** cook at 9 a.m.; serve at 1 p.m.

**Sunday Adult Forum** at 9 a.m.

**Youth Confirmation Class** at 9 a.m.

**Sunday School** at 9:30 a.m.

**Youth Mission Trip Kick-Off Event** at 11:15 a.m.

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

### Monday, Dec. 10

*Parish office closed on Mondays.*

**Ornament Exchange** at 6 p.m.

(Engelbrecht residence)

### Tuesday, Dec. 11

**Holy Eucharist** at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel

**Women's Book Group** at 10 a.m.

**Grace Vestry Dinner & Meeting** at 6 p.m.

(Johnson residence)

### Wednesday, Dec. 12

**Men's Group Breakfast** at 8 a.m. (Steak 'N Shake)

**Holiday Sale Boutique Prep** at 9 a.m.

**Grace Bridge Group** at 10 a.m.

**Staff Meeting** at 10 a.m.

**Diocesan Episcopal Church Women** at 4 p.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, Dec. 13

**Parish Choristers** at 4:15 p.m.

**Advent Labyrinth Walk**, 6 - 8 p.m.

**Christian Yoga** at 6:30 p.m.

**Parish Choir** at 7 p.m.

### Friday, Dec. 14

No church events scheduled.

### Saturday, Dec. 15

**Altar Guild** at 9:30 a.m.

## Next Sunday at Grace

### Sunday, Dec. 16

*The Third Sunday of Advent*

**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 Speaker Series** 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.

**Christmas Pageant Rehearsal** at 11:15 a.m.

## Parish Family News

### Happy Birthday:

Dec. 9	Krista Crump, Elizabeth Harding, Steven Mika, Brian Roche	
Dec. 12	John Cullinane, Jason Engelbrecht	
Dec. 13	Luke Bennett, Ethel Cromwell	
Dec. 14	Tom Howell	
Dec. 15	Megan Aylsworth, Andy Miller, Bill Nix	
Dec. 16	Paul Allmon, Patrick Moley	

### News from the Bishop's Search Committee:

Grace member **Dick Entenmann** is serving on the Search/Nomination/Discernment Committee for the 11th Bishop of the Diocese of Missouri. The group met for the first time last weekend and will meet every other week during the coming months to establish official communication methods, information gathering initiatives, and Diocesan profile parameters. The calendar will be established to present a slate of candidates to the Standing Committee in the September time frame. This will lead to the election of our next Bishop at the Diocesan Convention next November. Updates will be provided as progress is made.



*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](mailto:janis.greenbaum@gracekirkwood.org).

# The Messenger

Sunday, Dec. 9, 2018

*News of the people and ministries of . . .*



## The Giving Tree

### Pick up gift suggestion ornaments in Albright Parish Hall

Share your blessings this holiday season by purchasing gifts for those less fortunate. Select an ornament from the tree to benefit:

- Youth in detention (*Episcopal City Mission*)
- Women who have survived sexual exploitation, violence and addiction (*Bravely*)
- A local family that needs a helping hand (*Meacham Park Neighborhood Improvement Association*).

### Returning your gifts:

- ⇒ Place all gift cards in the envelopes supplied and return to Shari in the church office or drop in the Sunday collection plates.
- ⇒ Place unwrapped gifts under the tree in Albright Parish Hall.
- ⇒ **Meacham Park gifts due TODAY;** ECM and Bravely gifts due Dec. 16.

## Scarf Sale for Gun Locks

### Sunday, Dec. 16 / after both services

- *Are you looking for a beautiful Christmas gift idea?*
- *Are you looking for a way to contribute to the safety of our community?*

Grace Church will once again be selling cashmere scarves, imported from the Holy Land, that make perfect gifts for yourself or a loved one this Christmas. Each \$30 sale will fund the purchase of a gun lock, which will be distributed by *Women's Voices Raised*, free of charge to anyone with an unsecured handgun in the home. Cash, checks or credit cards will be accepted.

## Women of Grace Holiday Sale

### Leftover Sale: TODAY! Sunday, Dec. 9

Thanks to everyone who baked cookies, set up tables, worked at the event and attended yesterday's Holiday Sale! Any items remaining are available today in Albright Parish Hall and Kean Library. Proceeds will be split among Women of Grace outreach projects and a special project for Grace.

## Saint Nicholas Sunday

### TODAY! Sunday, Dec. 9 / 10 a.m.

The real Saint Nicholas dedicated his life to serving God. He was known for his generosity to those in need and his love for children. We celebrate his Feast Day (Dec. 6) by inviting children of all ages to the altar rail this morning to learn the real story behind this legend.

## Youth Mission Trip Kick-Off

### TODAY! Sunday, Dec. 9 / 11:15 a.m.

All high school youth are invited to be a part of Grace's 24th Annual Youth Mission Trip. Students interested in participating and parents should attend this important event to get our calendar of events and details about this year's trip. A light lunch will be provided.

## Advent Labyrinth Evenings

### Thursday, Dec. 13, 20 / Doors open 6 - 8 p.m.

You are invited to calm your senses during this holiday season at Grace's indoor labyrinth. Come to get away from the crowds and enjoy candlelight, soft music and time alone with God.

## Christian Formation & Worship

**Adult Forum: Chaos & Christmas**  
Sunday, Dec. 9 / 9 a.m.

**LaVielle Conference Room**

Mother Ginny uses a little comedy to find faith in our daily lives. Join us between services to watch holiday episodes of the classic TV sitcom *M\*A\*S\*H* and have fun discussing how we can reconcile the chaos of the season with Christmas.

**Sunday Speaker Series: Christmas Trivia**  
Sunday, Dec. 16 / 9 a.m.

**LaVielle Conference Room**

Grace is pleased to welcome the Rev. Susie Skinner for a light-hearted lesson in holiday history. Join us between services for a fun exploration of Christmas trivia.

**Children's Christmas Pageant Rehearsal**  
Sunday, Dec. 16 / 11:15 a.m.

**LaVielle Conference Room**

Children of all ages are invited to be part of our traditional Christmas Pageant, to be presented at our 4 p.m. service on Christmas Eve. Speaking and non-speaking roles are available. We also need adults to help shepherd our flocks! Please sign up on the bulletin board in Albright Parish Hall.

## Christmas at Grace Church

**The Eve of the Nativity**  
Monday, Dec. 24

**3:30 p.m.: Service of Carols**  
with Choir and Brass Quartet

**4 p.m.: Choral Eucharist**  
with Children's Christmas Pageant

**10 p.m.: Candlelight Christmas Eucharist**  
with Cantor and Oboe

**The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ**  
Tuesday, Dec. 25

**10 a.m.: Christmas Eucharist**

## Holiday Outreach and Fun

**Reverse Advent Calendar**

**Now - Sunday, Dec. 23**

Grace's Outreach Ministry invites us to remember the needs of others as we wait to celebrate the birth of Christ! Every day in Advent, set aside one non-perishable food item. Collect your items at home with your family and bring them to Grace on the Fourth Sunday of Advent (Dec. 23). We'll send the food to Kirk Care and Trinity Food Pantries to help our neighbors in need this holiday season.

**Ornament Exchange Party**

**Monday, Dec. 10 / 6 p.m.**

**Engelbrecht residence: 414 E. Madison**

Enjoy a fun evening with friends at Grace's Ornament Exchange Party. This year's event is hosted by Becky Engelbrecht, Sandi Adams and Ann VanConia. Dinner and dessert will be served. **Bring one wrapped ornament and \$20 to the party.** All proceeds go to Grace's Outreach Ministry. Sign up today in Albright Parish Hall.

**Holiday Gift Wrapping Party**


**Monday, Dec. 17, 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

**Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Webster Groves**

Come help make Christmas a reminder of God's lavish, unconditional, limitless and abundant love for the children in detention during the holidays. **Episcopal City Mission** ensures each child they serve has at least one gift to unwrap. The message they receive is the true gift: That they are beloved children of God and that someone cares about them and believes they have the power to change their life's path. A light lunch will be provided.

**RSVP to 314-436-3545 or**  
**ecmdirectorstl@gmail.com**

*Invite • Welcome • Connect*

 Welcome on another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. *Romans 15:7*

## Spirituality and Fellowship

**Women's Book Group**

**Tuesdays / 10 a.m. / Kean Library**

The Book Group continues their discussion of *The Accidental President: Harry S. Truman and the Four Months That Changed the World*, by A.J. Blaimie (chapters 10-13). All are invited to come for the fellowship - even if you don't read the book.

**Holy Ground**

**Monday, Dec. 17 / 6 p.m.**

Enjoy fellowship and worship with your friends at this special holiday event. We'll begin with a potluck supper, then spread holiday cheer by making cards for our shut-in friends and discussing holiday traditions. The evening ends with an informal Eucharist. All are invited!

**Festival Flower and Music Offering**

**Due Sunday, Dec. 16**

Make a special donation as a memorial gift or a gift of thanksgiving to help us adorn the church with beautiful decorations and provide guest musicians for our worship services. Special envelopes and forms are available on round table in the Narthex.

**The Hanging of the Greens**

**Sunday, Dec. 23 / 11:15 a.m.**

All ages are invited to stay after the 10 a.m. worship service to enjoy a pizza lunch and help decorate our church for Christmas.

## IRA Charitable Rollovers

If you are 70 1/2 or older, you can make a contribution to Grace Church directly from your Traditional IRA as a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). Your gift will not count as taxable income and will count toward your minimal distribution requirements for 2018. Best of all, you'll help Grace's ministries do God's work in the world! Please talk with your financial advisor to learn more or contact the church office for assistance.



## 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
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
Kent & Marilyn Wilton		Lucas Woehle

*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).