

This Week at Grace Church

Sunday, Feb. 10

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Holy Eucharist at 8 & 10 a.m.

Not Just Donuts Coffee Hour
after both services

Italian Dinner leftover sale
after both services (*while supplies last*)

Nursery, 9 - 11:30 a.m.

Youth Confirmation Class at 9 a.m.

Sunday Adult Forum at 9 a.m.

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

Bishop Search: Holy Listening, 11:15 a.m.

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

Trinity Hot Lunch at 1 p.m.

First Sundays @ 5 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 11

Parish office closed on Mondays.

Holy Ground at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 12

Women's Book Group at 10 a.m.

Deaf Circle at 6:30 p.m.

Grace Vestry Meeting at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 13

Men's Group Breakfast at 8 a.m.

Morning Prayer at 9:30 a.m.

Grace Bridge Group at 10 a.m.

Staff Meeting at 10 a.m.

Diocesan ECW Board Meeting at 4 p.m.

St. Dunstons Handbell Choir at 4:30 p.m.

All Saints Handbell Choir at 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 14

Happy Valentine's Day!

Parish Choristers at 4:15 p.m.

Christian Yoga at 6:30 p.m.

Parish Choir at 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 15

No church events scheduled

Saturday, Feb. 16

Altar Guild at 9:30 a.m.

Open Forum: Protecting Children and Youth at 9:30 a.m.

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Outreach Committee Meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Parish Family News

Happy Birthday:

Feb. 10 John Dokos,
Theo Guhr, Ruth Owler



Feb. 11 Leah Giessing, Sandra Guire,
Joel Monson

Feb. 12 Susanne Haring

Feb. 13 Chris Mars, Emmy Nixon,
Sue Nixon

Feb. 15 Doug O'Brien, Chris Pierce

Grace and Gratitude:

Our sincere gratitude goes to everyone who worked on this year's Elegant Italian Dinner, especially: **Liz Shands, Joanie Van Rees, Kathy Davis, Paula Russell and our high school youth.** And thanks to **everyone who supported this fundraiser** for our youth mission trip!



In Sympathy:

Our prayers go to the family and friends of longtime Grace member Dorothy Bardwell, who died February 1. Family members are planning a memorial service for Dorothy at Grace Church in early March.



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.



Winter Weather Policy

If we experience winter weather conditions, we ask you only use the main church entrance at the north side of the building or the handicapped entrance at the south side of the building for entrance or egress. Ice can develop quickly and unexpectedly. The steps outside of Albright Hall and the lower level wing can unexpectedly become icy and dangerous. Be sure to make a visual inspection of any entrance and enter only if it is in a safe, non-hazardous condition.



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.



Grace Episcopal Church is marking our 160th anniversary as a parish in 2019. As we prepare to celebrate that milestone, we are launching plans to carry our church into the future.

Our Journey Continues... is a capital campaign designed to provide a permanence to the care of our buildings and grounds. The majority of the money raised by this campaign will add to our Legacy Fund for the care of our facilities in perpetuity.

We will be presenting a series of special events and presentations in upcoming weeks with details of the campaign and how you can participate.

Your Capital Campaign Prayer Team encourages everyone to keep Grace Church in your prayers throughout this season.

read → 2 Corinthians 9:10-12

pray → Gracious God, we come to you in gratitude for every blessing. Open our eyes and hearts to your will for the future of this parish. We know that without you we can do nothing, but with you, all things are possible; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.

reflect → **Lord, what do you want to do through me?**



The Messenger

Sunday, Feb. 10, 2019

Weekly news of the people and ministries of Grace Episcopal Church

Holy Listening: The Search for Our Next Bishop

TODAY! Sunday, Feb. 10 / 11:15 a.m.

LaVielle Conference Room

The Rt. Rev. Wayne Smith will be retiring as our Bishop in April 2020. The search for the 11th Bishop of the Diocese of Missouri is underway. Members of the Bishop Search/Nominating Committee (including Grace's Dick Entenmann) will be at Grace today for a Holy Listening session. We invite members of all ages to come to discuss how you see our diocese, the work of the Episcopal Church in Missouri, and what you hope for and think we need in a new bishop — consider this question: "Jump ahead to ten years from now. What accomplishments do you hope the bishop will have led us to?"

***Take the online survey:** We encourage *everyone* in our parish to share your thoughts in an online survey. You will find a link to that survey at diocesemo.org.

Sunday Adult Forum: The Holy Eucharist

TODAY! Sunday, Feb. 10 & 17 / 9 a.m. / LaVielle Conference Room

If you've ever felt like you don't understand why we do what we do in our worship services, come and find out why liturgy is so important and what the signs and symbols actually mean. Grab a cup of coffee and join Mo. Ginny between services.

First Sundays @ 5: Celebrating Saint Valentine

TODAY! Sunday, Feb. 10 / 5 p.m.

We've moved our February alternative worship service to the SECOND Sunday to avoid last week's sporting conflicts... and to celebrate LOVE! Members of Grace's Outreach Committee will be providing a heart-warming dinner of hot dogs and mac 'n cheese after the worship service.

Invite Welcome Connect Workshop

Saturday, March 2 / 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. / Albright Parish Hall

Grace is pleased to join forces with the Diocesan Standing Committee to present this special event. You'll learn about the theology of welcome, how welcome is everyone's ministry, and the transformation that happens when we welcome all as Christ. Full of personal stories and inspiration, this workshop is for those serving in leadership, welcome, or anyone who wants to learn concrete ways to open our doors wider, intentionally connect with newcomers, and empower the laity for ministry. The workshop will be led by Mary Parmer, the founder of *Invite Welcome Connect*. Everyone is invited, but you must **register with Shari Bonham in the church office no later than February 22.**

Christian Formation and Worship

Welcome Our Guest Musicians

TODAY! / Sunday, Feb. 10 / 10 a.m.

Cellist Marian Drake returns to Grace along with violinist Hannah Frey. They will join Phillip in playing Telemann's *Sonata in G* for the Opening Voluntary. Hannah will be accompanying the choir at the Offertory and Marion will be playing the Dupré *Cantiléne* during communion. We are grateful to Grace's Legacy Music Fund for making today's presentation possible.

Sunday School: Service Sunday

TODAY! / 9:30 a.m. / Youth Room

All students in pre-K through high school are invited to follow Jesus and the way of love in our weekly Christian formation programs. Today we're coming together as a group for a special lesson about hunger and then creating special Valentine's Day treat bags to be distributed at Trinity Hot Lunch. Classes overlap with our 10 a.m. worship service, with children returning to church in time to share Holy Communion with their families.

Youth Confirmation Class: Confirm Not Conform

TODAY! Sunday, Feb. 10 / 9 a.m. / Youth Room

Our confirmation students come together to discuss what we truly believe and how to put our FAITH into ACTION. We'll also be serving our neighbors in need at Trinity Hot Lunch this afternoon.

Updating Policies for the Protection of Children and Youth

Saturday, Feb. 16 / 9:30 a.m. / LaVielle Conference Room

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. Please visit our website to review current Grace and Diocesan policies.

Grace Online Academy: Walk in Love

Covering the core beliefs and practices of the Episcopal Church

Free online program

Contact janis.greenbaum@gracekirkwood.org to enroll

Engage in Christian formation programs on your own time and in your own space! This video series is presented by the Rev. Scott Gunn and the Rev. Melody Shobe, authors of the award-winning book *Walk in Love*. The curriculum is ideal for new Episcopalians, for people who want to learn more about the church and its practices, and for long-time Episcopalians who would like a fresh perspective on the church's basic tenets and practices.

*If you are interested in participating in a group study with this program, please contact Janis in the church office.

A Lenten Pilgrimage to Montgomery, Alabama

April 3-6

St. Paul's Episcopal Church and Christ Church Cathedral invite you to join a Motorcoach pilgrimage to Montgomery, Alabama to reflect upon and be transformed by a visit to the **National Memorial for Peace and Justice** and the **Legacy Museum**, dedicated to the horrible legacy of racially motivated mob violence and lynching of African Americans. The pilgrimage will also include stops at historical Civil Rights locations along the route. The Rev. Rebecca Ragland will lead and facilitate reflections. The trip costs \$499 and includes lodging and some meals. **Call Directions Tours at 314-577-0077** and tell the receptionist you are with the Diocese of Missouri.

Spirituality and Fellowship

Invite • Welcome • Connect



Invite Welcome Connect is about carrying out the Great Commission: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you."

- Matthew 28:19-20

Grace is pleased to host an **Invite Welcome Connect Workshop**,
Saturday, March 2.

Contact Shari Bonham if you would like more information:
shari.bonham@gracekirkwood.org

Italian Dinner Leftover Sale

TODAY! After both services (while supplies last) / Albright Parish Hall

Did you miss last night's Elegant Italian Dinner? Did you attend and can't wait to have another piece of delicious homemade lasagna? Either way, come to the parish hall after worship services today and purchase a meal (or two) to take home. Dinners are \$8 each. Money raised from this fundraiser supports our Youth Mission Trip. Thanks to everyone for supporting this great ministry!

Social Justice Prayer Vigil

TODAY! Sunday, Feb. 10 / 7 p.m. / Kirkwood United Methodist Church

The Kirkwood Social Justice Coalition invites everyone in the community to gather for a time of prayer, remembrance and reflection as we look back and consider ways to move our community forward, free from violence and injustice.

Holy Ground

Monday, Feb. 11 / 6 p.m. / LaVielle Conference Room

Women of all ages are invited to this monthly gathering. We begin with a potluck dinner. Our program this month will be sharing about our "loves" for Valentine's Day. (This could be a romantic love but it doesn't have to be romantic.) We will end the evening with an informal Eucharist led by the Rev. Helen Ludbrook.

Women's Book Group

Tuesday, Feb. 12 / 10 a.m. / Kean Library

The Book Group concludes their discussion of *The Accidental President: Harry S. Truman and the Four Months That Changed the World*, by A.J. Blaine (chapters 37 - end). All are invited — even if you don't read the book. The Women's Book Group selected *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption*, by Bryan Stevenson, as our next book. Discussion begins Feb. 19.

Women of Grace: Exploring Oasis

Tuesday, Feb. 19 / lunch at noon; program at 1 p.m. / LaVielle Conf. Room

Oasis is a pioneer in healthy aging, encouraging a three-fold approach that makes getting older interesting and productive: lifelong learning, active lifestyles and volunteer engagement. On Tuesday, February 19, 1:00 p.m., Deborah Abbott, an Oasis volunteer, and Sharon Hales, Community Outreach Manager, will describe this nationwide organization headquartered in St. Louis. Bring a lunch at 12 noon (beverages and desserts available). A short Holiday Sale roundup and business meeting starts at 12:30.

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.

Intercessory Prayer List

Please remember the following members and friends in your prayers:

Vernon Balster	Carroll Bollard	DC Bollard
Kathy Bradford	Marilyn Brown	Chris Clark
Jackson Clark	Paris Coffey	Janie Cooper
Ellen Friedla	David Fly	Craig Franklin
Betty French	Carol & Ted Guarino	Lisa Hale-Waechter
Mary Etta Heggie	Cindy Hein	Cathy Hilton
Jay & Friends	Martha Johnston	Alice Jones
Carolyn Klebolt	Opal Lackey	Avery Link
Chris Meyer	Kit Mills	Lucille Miller
Marilyn Monson	Chloe Poe	Heather Schmitt
Alinda Sledge	Kathryn Theis	Linda Ustruck
Beth VanConia	Bob Waechter	Blake Walker
Jodie Walker	Lucas Woehle	Kent & Marilyn Wilton

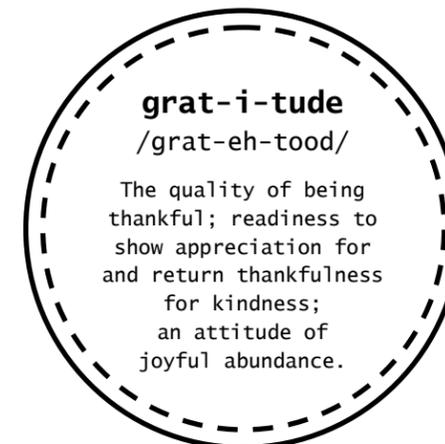
Please contact Janis in the church office to update this list.

Sacraments

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism is administered four times each year at Grace Church:

- ◆ The Great Vigil of Easter (April 20, 2019)
- ◆ Pentecost (June 9, 2019)
- ◆ All Saints' Sunday (Nov. 3, 2019)
- ◆ The Baptism of our Lord (Jan. 12, 2020)

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).



Be generous and kind, reasonable, forgiving, loving, big-hearted, and most of all, grateful for each blessing in your life. God fills our lives with good things.

*A message from your
Capital Campaign Gratitude Team*