

This Week at Grace Church

Sunday, Feb. 17

The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Holy Eucharist at 8 & 10 a.m.

Not Just Donuts Coffee Hour

after both services, hosted by:

8 a.m. Harriet Foiles

10 a.m. Jenn & Jim Wethington

Nursery, 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.

Outreach Committee Meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Monday, Feb. 18

Parish office closed on Mondays.

Community of Hope at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 19

Women's Book Group at 10 a.m.

Women of Grace at noon

Capital Campaign Leadership Meetings,

5-9 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 20

Men's Group Breakfast at 8 a.m.

Morning Prayer at 9:30 a.m.

Staff Meeting at 10 a.m.

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

All Saints Handbell Choir at 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 21

Parish Choristers at 4:15 p.m.

Christian Yoga at 6:30 p.m.

Parish Choir at 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 22

No church events scheduled

Saturday, Feb. 23

Altar Guild at 9:30 a.m.

Diocesan Metro III meeting at 10 a.m.

Sunday, Feb. 24

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Visit our website for updated

news & events:

www.GraceKirkwood.org

Parish Family News

Happy Birthday:

Feb. 20 Garrett Owler

Feb. 21 Mike Fitzgerald

Feb. 24 Ronald Cobb,

Lynn Schmittgens,

Alex Van Rees



Happy Anniversary:

Feb. 22 Marilyn & Kent Wilton

Feb. 24 Alice & Ron Jones



Grace and Gratitude:

Our sincere thanks goes to the following for going above and beyond the call of duty in service to our community:



◆ **Greg Ludbrook**, for repairing the broken plastic handbell risers that hold our music folders (so we don't have to buy an expensive new one!).

◆ **Joanie Van Rees, Liz Shands, Paula Russell, Peggy Capriglione, Kathy Davis** and all the adults who organized, cooked, set up, and cleaned up last week's Elegant Italian Dinner.

◆ **Our high school youth members** who so graciously served as at the Elegant Italian Dinner.

◆ **Everyone who came to the Elegant Italian Dinner** to support our Youth Mission Trip. The event raised more than \$4,500!

In Sympathy:

Our prayers go to the family and friends of longtime Grace member **Jody Walker**, who died February 10. A funeral service for Jody will be held at Grace Church, **Saturday, March 23 at 2 p.m.**, with a reception following in Albright Parish Hall.

A funeral service for **Dorothy Bardwell**, another longtime Grace member who recently died, is *tentatively* scheduled for **Saturday, March 9 at 2 p.m.**



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.

Upcoming Events:

March 13:

Detailed campaign brochure will be mailed.

Sunday, March 17, 24, 31:

All are invited as campaign co-chairs Lesley Hoffarth and Tim Engelbrecht will join the Rev. Todd McDowell for casual Q & A sessions in Kean Library from 9 until 10 a.m.

Prayers for Our Journey:

read → John 3:16

Loving and giving God,

We thank you for loving the world so much that you gave your only Son that we may live.

pray → Help us, O God, to give like you. Help us to give with a generous and loving heart.

Open our eyes to a world that stands in desperate need of your wondrous love; through Jesus Christ our Lord,

Amen.

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

Need some sweet inspiration?

Pick up a S'mores prayer packet on your way out of church today!



Sunday Adult Forum: The Holy Eucharist

TODAY! Sunday, Feb. 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.

Bishop Search: Take the Survey!

<https://www.diocesemo.org/news/2019/01/31/survey-eleventh-bishop-here>

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 want to hear what's important to you in that search. **We invite everyone to complete a survey**

on the diocesan website (detailed link listed above). The survey will be

available until February 24. You will have another in-person opportunity

to let your voice be heard at our **Holy Listening session at Grace, Sunday,**

March 10 after the 10 a.m. worship service. (This event was originally

planned for last Sunday, but was canceled due to bad weather.)

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.

Count Your Blessings: United Thank Offering

United Thank Offering is a ministry of the Episcopal Church that provides grants to

important projects in the St. Louis area, around the country, and around the world.

Grace Church raised **\$649** for UTO at our 2018 ingathering. This is a year-round

ministry — we encourage everyone to pick up a UTO box in the Narthex and start

collecting for 2019. Drop in a coin every time you recognize a blessing in your life.

Your small tokens of gratitude add up to big opportunities to others in need!

Contact **Shirley Browne** for more information about this ministry.

Thank you for your generosity!

Christian Formation and Worship

Sunday School

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. 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. 17 / 9 a.m. / Youth Room

Our confirmation students come together to discuss what we truly believe and how to put our FAITH into ACTION.

Grace Online Academy: Walk in Love

Covering the core beliefs and practices of the Episcopal Church

Free online program / Contact janis.greenbaum@gracekirkwood.org

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 motor coach 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.

Grace Youth Mission Trip

June 2-9, 2019

Commitment deadline extended to March 3

All high school youth are invited to be part of this Grace Church tradition! Spend a week working with Habitat for Humanity while you live, play and pray with friends. **\$150 activity fee must be paid by March 3.** Please contact Janis in the church office: janis.greenbaum@gracekirkwood.org.

Diocesan Youth Summer Mission Trip: Appalachia Service Project

July 13-20, 2019

Sign up Deadline: March 15

Youth who have completed grades 8-12 are invited to be a part of a week of service in the Appalachian Mountains this summer. The Rev. Canon Loren Lasch is leading a trip in partnership with the Appalachia Service Project to work with families in Central Appalachia to make homes warmer, safer, and drier. There will be jobs for all skill levels in this ministry. Space is limited! Register online at diocesemo.org/youth. A \$50 deposit is required; total trip cost is \$600. Contact the Rev. Canon Loren Lasch at llasch@diocesemo.org or 314-255-1383 with questions.

Spirituality and Fellowship

Invite • Welcome • Connect



Invite Welcome Connect has been described as a three-legged stool. Take one part away and it fails. "Each of the three components are connected, and transformation will only happen when we intentionally address all of these essentials. As we live into these practices and move from maintenance to mission, we are transformed. Just as the sacraments are outward and visible signs of inward and invisible grace, the action steps of Invite Welcome Connect are outward and visible signs. The inward and spiritual grace is the deeper, inner truth of people's connection with Christ and with the world. This is where real transformation occurs."

Women's Book Group

Tuesday, Feb. 17 / 10 a.m. / Kean Library

The Book Group begins discussion of *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption*, by Bryan Stevenson. All are invited to enjoy fellowship — even if you don't read the book.

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. Deborah Abbott, an Oasis volunteer, and Sharon Hales, Community Outreach Manager, will be here at 1 p.m. to 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.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, March 5 / 5:30 - 7 p.m. / Albright Parish Hall

All are invited for our traditional pancake supper. Meals are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12 (\$15 family max). Volunteers are needed: please sign up on the bulletin board in Albright Parish Hall to help set-up, cook, and serve at this fun event!

Month of Grace + Prayer: A Retreat in Everyday Life

March 16 - April 13

Eden Theological Seminary & Peace United Church of Christ

Become more aware of God's presence in your daily life! Individuals or couples meet privately with a spiritual companion once a week and then pray on your own every day. There is no registration fee, but retreatants are invited to share the costs of the retreat as they are able. Contact Jen Einspahr at churchoffice@peaceucstl.org or 314-968-1727 to register by March 7.

Chef Wars: Fundraising event for the Shepherd's Center

Sunday, April 14, 5:30-8 pm

Kirkwood Community Center (111 S. Geyer, Kirkwood, 63122)

Relax and enjoy some of the finest dishes prepared by executive chefs from our most prestigious senior living communities. Silent Auction and 50/50 too! Tickets are \$40/person (food, beer/wine included). This delicious event raises money for the Shepherd's Center, inspiring dynamic living among older adults through volunteerism, enrichment and community connection.

Call 314-395-0988 or buy a ticket online: shepherdscenter-wk.org

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	Simoney Roatcap
Heather Schmitt	Alinda Sledge	Kathryn Theis
Linda Ustruck	Beth VanConia	Bob Waechter
Blake 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).

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/grat-eh-tood/

The quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and return thankfulness for kindness; an attitude of joyful abundance.

To be grateful is to recognize the love of God in everything. It is an expression of our faith. Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances.

*A message from your
Capital Campaign Gratitude Team*