

This Week at Grace Church

Sunday, Feb. 3

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Holy Eucharist at 8 & 10 a.m.

Not Just Donuts Coffee Hour
after both services

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.

Monday, Feb. 4

Parish office closed on Mondays.

Capital Campaign Leadership Meetings,
5 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 5

Capital Campaign Leadership Meetings,
9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Women's Book Group at 10 a.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 6

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. 7

Parish Choristers at 4:15 p.m.

Italian Dinner Preps at 6 p.m.

Christian Yoga at 6:30 p.m.

Parish Choir at 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 8

No church events scheduled.

Saturday, Feb. 9

Altar Guild at 9:30 a.m.

Italian Dinner Preps, 10 a.m.

Elegant Italian Dinner, 6 p.m.

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 Take 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 Committee: 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.

Parish Family News

Happy Birthday:

Feb. 4 Jane Cenova

Feb. 5 Ted Davis, Becky Hunt,
Martha Johnston, Rachel Major

Feb. 6 Eric Eickmeyer,
Melanie Eickmeyer,
Brian Engelbrecht,
Mike Heyer

Feb. 9 Greg Ludbrook

Feb. 10 John Dokos, Theo Guhr

Happy Anniversary:

Feb. 4 Shari & Wayne Bonham

Personal Items in Kitchen

There are several items left in the kitchen from the holiday sale and other church events. **Please check the kitchen counters and refrigerators today and take home anything that belongs to you.** Anything left will likely be thrown out as we prepare for the Italian Dinner next weekend!

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.

Visit our website for updated news & events:
www.GraceKirkwood.org

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.

We begin with a series of scripture readings, prayers and reflections. We encourage everyone to keep Grace Church in your prayers throughout this campaign.

read → Numbers 13:27-28

Thank You, God, for Your calming voice of faith and hope in the midst of a world filled with fear and anxiety.

pray → Help me in the days that lie ahead to take time and listen for Your voice.

Give me the courage to stand on the side of faith and hope rather than fear and doubt, **Amen.**

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



Sunday Adult Forum: The Holy Eucharist

TODAY! Sunday, Feb. 3 & 10 / 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.

Elegant Italian Dinner

Saturday, Feb. 9 / Social hour at 6 p.m.; Dinner at 7 p.m.

Purchase your tickets today for Grace's biggest social event of the year! The evening begins with a social hour where you can mingle with your friends, bid on silent auction items and purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win great prizes. Then move into Albright Parish Hall, where our youth members will serve you salad, homemade lasagna and fabulous desserts. Child care with pizza dinner is available for children under 12. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$7 for children. All this fun supports our annual **Youth Mission Trip** and the work of Habitat for Humanity.

High School Youth & Parents: We need YOU to make this happen:

- ⇒ Set-up, Decorate & Cooking preps
Thursday, Feb. 7 / 6 p.m.
- ⇒ Waiter Training (*mandatory if you are serving at the dinner*)
Saturday, Feb. 9 / 10 a.m.
- ⇒ The Big Event (*mandatory if you are going on the mission trip*)
Saturday, Feb. 9 / arrive by 5 p.m.

Holy Listening: The Search for Our Next Bishop

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 next Sunday 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?"

⇒ **Holy Listening Session for Youth**

Students in grades 6-12 are welcome to attend the Feb. 10 Holy Listening Session at Grace -OR- they can attend a special session especially for youth:

Saturday, Feb. 9 / 5:30 - 7 p.m.

St. Luke's Episcopal Church / 444 Brightfield Trail, Manchester

Questions? Contact the Rev. Canon Loren Lasch: llasch@diocesemo.org

Christian Formation and Worship

Youth Mission Trip: Commitment Deadline

TODAY! Sunday, Feb. 3

All high school students are invited to be a part of Grace's 24th Annual Youth Mission Trip, June 2-9. We'll spend a week serving our community with Habitat for Humanity (location TBA). **If you are interested in being involved as a youth or adult missionary, please contact Janis in the church office TODAY.** Students should also submit their \$150 activities (scholarships are available).

Sunday School

TODAY! (and every Sunday) / 9:30 a.m. / Lower level classrooms

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.

- **Special Service Event: Feb. 10** - All our Sunday school students will come together next Sunday for a special lesson about hunger and to create Valentine's Day treat bags to be distributed at Trinity Hot Lunch.

First Sundays @ 5: Celebrating Saint Valentine

Sunday, Feb. 10 / 5 p.m. *Please note the date change!*

We heard there's a big football game on the FIRST Sunday of February, so we're moving our February alternative worship service to the SECOND Sunday. Join us as we celebrate a saint most associated with love, but whose real life story was not all roses. Members of Grace's Outreach Committee will be providing a heart-warming dinner of hot dogs and mac 'n cheese after the worship service.

A Liberating Presence: 200 Years of Black Episcopal Witness in Missouri

Saturday, Feb. 9 / 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. / Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis

The 2019 Absalom Jones Commemoration is a Eucharistic celebration, in conjunction with our Cathedral's 200th anniversary celebration. The featured speaker will be Dr. Priscilla A. Dowden-White, history professor, author, and missionary in the African Methodist Episcopal Church. This event celebrates the life of the Rev. Absalom Jones, our first African American priest, who was ordained in 1802.

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.

EYC Outreach Event: Souper Bowl of Caring

Sunday, Feb. 3

Our middle school and high school students are joining a national effort to collect donations to feed the hungry.

Thanks to our STUDENTS and EVERYONE in our parish for bringing non-perishable food donations on this Super Bowl Sunday.

Our collections will be distributed through Kirk Care and Trinity Food Pantry. Please leave your donations at the red Hunger Barrel in Albright Parish Hall.

Learn more about this event at superbowl.org/welcome.

Spirituality and Fellowship

Women's Book Group

Tuesday, Jan. 29 / 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 33-36). 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. Please place your orders with Michele Nicosia no later than February 4.

Grace on the Go: Tour Christ Church Cathedral

Wednesday, Feb. 6 / 10 a.m.

Grace on the Go has arranged a private one-hour tour at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 6. Take advantage of this special opportunity to go behind the scenes of our Episcopal cathedral. We recommend a goodwill offering. A la carte lunch at St. Raymond's Cedars Banquet Facility (939 Lebanon Drive) will feature housemade Lebanese and Middle Eastern dishes. (See inexpensive menu online.) Sign up in Albright Hall quickly so we can tell both churches how many plan to attend. Carpools will leave Grace promptly at 9:15.

Hospice Volunteers Needed

Mercy Hospice South, formerly known as St. Anthony's Hospice, is seeking volunteers to offer support and comfort to patients and families in our community. Volunteers are matched with opportunities to serve according to their schedules, skills, comfort levels and geographic area. Volunteer opportunities include: caregiver relief, emotional support, administrative assistance, and more. Please contact Cathy Sandy, Volunteer Coordinator, at **314-525-7368** or cathy.sandy@mercy.net.

Volunteer Cookie Bakers Needed: Gifts for First Responders

The Shepherd's Center is looking for 15 volunteers to bake cookies to give to our local first responders. If you would like to help, please call **314-395-0988** and deliver your cookies to **the Shepherd's Center** (1333 W. Lockwood Ave.) on Feb. 6 or 7. Please bring the cookies in sealed Tupperware or Ziploc bags.

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**. The museum and memorial opened in 2018 and is 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 (add \$125 for single room), 3 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 1 dinner. **Call Directions Tours at 314-577-0077** and tell the receptionist you are with the Diocese of Missouri.

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.

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	Dorothy Bardwell	Carroll Bollard	DC Bollard
Kathy Bradford	Marilyn Brown	Chris Clark	Jackson Clark
Paris Coffey	Janie Cooper	Ellen Friedla	David Fly
Craig Franklin	Betty French	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

Names remain on this list for one month, unless otherwise requested.

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

Please contact Ruth Moore to add a name to our confidential Prayer Chain.

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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The ministry of lay persons is to represent Christ and his Church, to bear witness to him wherever they may be; and, according to the gifts given them, to carry on Christ's work of reconciliation in the world, and to take their place in the life, worship, and governance of the Church.

- The Book of Common Prayer

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

Contact Shari Bonham if you would like more information:
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