The Messenger

Sunday, February 4 2018

News of the people and ministries of . . .

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

This Week at Grace

Sunday, Feb. 4
Holy Eucharist at 8 & 10 a.m.
Not Just Donuts Coffee Hour after both services:
8 a.m. hosts: Betty Bowersox
10 a.m. hosts:
Nursery for infants & toddlers, 8:45 - 11:30 a.m.
Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.
Gloria Deo Handbell Choir at 11:15 a.m.
Messy Church at 4:15 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 5
Parish office closed on Mondays.

Tuesday, Feb. 6
Holy Eucharist at 9:30 a.m.
Women's Book Group at 10 a.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 7
Morning Prayer at 9:30 a.m.
Grace Bridge Group at 10 a.m.
Staff Meeting at 10 a.m.
St. Dunstan Handbell Choir at 4:30 p.m.
All Saints Handbell Choir at 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 8
Parish Choristers at 4:15 p.m.
Italian Dinner Preps at 6 p.m.
Christian Twist Yoga at 6:30 p.m.
Parish Choir at 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 9
No church events scheduled
Diocesan Youth Lock-In at 7 p.m. (at the Cathedral)

Saturday, Feb. 10
Italian Dinner Preps at 9 a.m.
Altar Guild at 9:30 a.m.
Elegant Italian Dinner at 6 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 11
Holy Eucharist at 8 & 10 a.m.
Not Just Donuts Coffee Hour after both services:
8 a.m. hosts: *Please sign up*
10 a.m. hosts: *in Albright Parish Hall!*
Nursery for infants & toddlers, 8:45 - 11:30 a.m.
Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.
Gloria Deo Handbell Choir at 11:15 a.m.

Parish Family News

Happy Birthday:

Feb. 4	Jane Cenova
Feb. 5	Joey Bentler, Ted Davis, Becky Hunt, Martha Johnston, Rachel Major
Feb. 6	Ed Bland, Brian Engelbrecht, Melanie Eickmeyer, Eric Eickmeyer, Mike Heyer
Feb. 8	Jake Bentler, Sabine McDowell
Feb. 9	Greg Ludbrook
Feb. 10	John Dokos, Theo Guhr, Ruth Owler, Terry Suhre
Feb. 11	Leah Giessing, Sandra Guire, Joel Monson

Happy Anniversary:

Feb. 4 Shari & Wayne Bonham

Parish Directory Update:

Thanks to everyone for your patience as our new pictorial directories are produced. We expect a proof to be delivered mid-February. We'll check it for mistakes and send it back for final printing. We hope to be distributing the new booklets by Easter.

A Reminder:

We have several tins and plastic containers left in the kitchen following the December Holiday Sale. If you brought items for the sale, please check the pile and take home anything that belongs to you. *Thank you!*

Advent Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Begins November 24, 2018
Take this trip of a lifetime as Fr. Todd leads another pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Plans are being made to travel with members from Christ Church, Bronxville, NY. Everyone is invited — all costs and details will be announced soon.

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.

Elegant Italian Dinner

Saturday, Feb. 10
Social hour: 6 p.m. / Dinner served: 7 p.m.

Today is your last chance to get tickets to Grace's social event of the year!

Grace's high school youth are serving up a wonderful evening to raise money for our 2018 mission trip.

We'll begin at 6 p.m. with a social hour, followed by a homemade lasagna dinner served at 7 p.m. While you enjoy dinner and live music, you'll also have the chance to win tickets to a Cardinals game and many more fabulous prizes.

Tickets are $15 for adults and $7 for children. Child care will be available, but you must reserve a spot. Buy your tickets from a youth member today in Albright Parish Hall!

High School Youth Event: Elegant Italian Dinner Preps

Thursday, Feb. 8 / 6 - 9 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 10 / 9 - 11 a.m. + 4:30 - 10 p.m.
All hands on deck! We need ALL high school students to help make the Elegant Italian Dinner a success.

We'll be decorating the parish hall and prepping the lasagna Thursday evening. Saturday morning will be server training, with the big event Saturday evening.

Whether you are going on the mission trip or not, come and be a part of this fun event! Contact Janis Greenbaum or sign up on the bulletin board in Albright Parish Hall if you can help (parental support is also appreciated).

Messy Church

TODAY! Sunday, Feb. 4 / 4:15 p.m.
You're invited to a faithful pre-game party at Grace with our monthly Messy Church! This alternative worship experience is open to all ages. Our theme this month is "Following Jesus."

- 4:15 p.m. - Crafts and activities
- 5:00 p.m. - Family-friendly worship
- 5:30 p.m. - Spaghetti dinner (provided by the Acolyte Guild)

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, Feb. 13 / 5:30 - 7 p.m.
Burning of the Palms Prayer Service / 6:30 p.m.
Bring your family and friends to indulge in a traditional Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at Grace Church! We'll be serving up pancakes, sausage and apple sauce. Meals are $5 for adults and $3 for children under 12 ($15 family max).

Fr. Todd will lead a prayer service at 6:30 to prepare ashes for our Ash Wednesday service. Bring any palm fronds you saved from last year to add to the fire.

Lenten Quiet Day: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John

Saturday, Feb. 17 / 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
The Women of Grace invite all to a half-day retreat to deepen your relationship with God. The Rev. Melanie Jianakoplos Slane will lead the event at Grace Church. A continental breakfast, Holy Eucharist and lunch will all be served. Sign up on the bulletin board in Albright Parish Hall.

Children and Youth

Sunday Adult Forum: The Gospel of Mark
Sunday, Feb. 4, 11 / 9 a.m.
Who was Mark and why is his gospel so important to the New Testament? Grab a cup of coffee between services and join Mother Ginny in LaVielle Conference Room for a deeper look inside the Gospel of Mark, our appointed gospel for the new church year.

Sunday School
Sundays / 9:30 a.m.
Students in Pre-K through High School are invited to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord in our weekly Sunday school classes on the lower level.

Cathedral Youth Lock-In
Feb. 9 - 10 / 7 p.m. - 9 a.m.
Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis
All youth in grades 6 - 12 are invited to a night of fun activities, worship, prayer and discussion with youth from around our diocese. Dinner and breakfast provided. Cost is $10 per person. Please register at **diocesemo.org/youth**.

Raising Anti-Racist Children: A workshop for parents and children
Saturday, Feb. 10 / 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Ellisville
Join the Diocesan Commission on Dismantling Racism for a child-friendly workshop with hands-on activities to help families explore how to build an anti-racist, beloved community together. Lunch is provided. There is no cost; registration is required. This workshop is part of the annual celebration of Absalom Jones, the Episcopal Church's first African American priest. Register at **tinyurl.com/ajones2018**.

Visit our website for updated news & events:
www.GraceKirkwood.org
See our online photo gallery:
www.flickr.com/GraceChurchKirkwood/albums

Spirituality and Fellowship

Women's Book Group
Tuesdays / 10 a.m. / Kean Library
Our Book Group begins discussion of pages 1 - 67 of *Bel Canto* by Ann Patchett this week. But remember — you don't have to read the book to be a part of this group! All are welcome to enjoy time with friends at Grace.

Prayer Service
Kirkwood Tragedy: 10 Year Anniversary
Wednesday, Feb. 7 / 7:30 p.m.
Kirkwood United Methodist Church
Gather with the community for a time of reflection, discussion and prayer as we remember the deadly City Hall shooting in 2008. The event features the Community Gospel Choir of St. Louis and the Kirkwood UMC Chancel Choir.

Grace on the Go: Eugene Field House and New Museum
Friday, Feb. 23 / Carpool leaves at 9:15 a.m.
Grace on the Go will tour the Eugene Field House and new Museum. Perhaps you have childhood memories of hearing/reading "The Gingham Dog and the Calico Cat," "Wynken, Blynken and Nod," "Little Boy Blue," and many more of his famous children's poems. See old-time toys, games, books at the house and museum downtown. Tour begins at 10 a.m. Cost: $9, in advance. Lunch at 11:45: Old Spaghetti Factory on Laclede's Landing.

Invite · Welcome · Connect

Practice the "Circle of Ten." Personally greet everyone—member or guest, adult or child—who sits within ten feet of you on Sunday. Everyone appreciates being personally recognized and a simple smile and greeting is often the first step towards a life-changing connection.

Outreach and Social Justice

Sunday Speaker Series: The Rev. Chester Hines and the Diocesan Dismantling Racism Commission
Sunday, Feb. 18 / 9 a.m.
LaVielle Conference Room
All adults and youth are invited to our monthly speaker series as we deepen our understanding of racism, prejudice and privilege. The Commission is led by Deacon Chester Hines, who will also be preaching at both worship services. Our 9:00 forum will be facilitated by Grace member John Dotson and other visiting members of the Dismantling Racism Commission.

Outreach Committee Meeting
Sunday, Feb. 18 / 11:15 a.m.
LaVielle Conference Room
Help our parish do God's work in the world! All are invited.

Diocesan News

Merger of Episcopal Churches
Bishop Smith is blessing the merger of All Saints Episcopal Church and The Episcopal Church of the Ascension at a service of unification this morning in St. Louis. The combined parish will be known as The Episcopal Church of All Saints and Ascension. They are located at 4520 Lucas and Hunt Road in Northwoods.

Offerings to Outreach
As you pass the offering plate down the pews today, please share your blessings with those in need. All loose plate offerings (those not designated to our annual fund) will go to Grace's outreach ministries, helping us to do God's work in the world.

Thanks for your generosity!

Intercessory Prayer List

Remember in your prayers for health and strength our brothers, sisters, friends and family at Grace:

Elaine Alexander	Dorothy Bardwell
Barry Bell	Lorette Billings
Angie Cross	Phyllis DeCristo
Karen Diane DeLucio	Harriet Foiles
Arlene Frazier	Ellen Friedla
Claire Gurley	Mary Etta Heggie
Bob Hoeken	Martha Johnston
Shirley LaMier	John Mann
Patricia McCormack	Lucille Miller
Ed Mills	Marilyn Monson
Bill & Connie Nix	JoAnn Overall
Mary Ransdell	Gracie Rodgers
Paula Russell	Jeff Sims
Lucas Woehle	

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 Great Vigil of Easter (March 31, 2018)
- Pentecost (May 20, 2018)
- All Saints' Sunday (Nov. 4, 2018)
- The First Sunday after Epiphany/ Baptism of our Lord (Jan. 6, 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).