

## This Week at Grace Church

### Sunday, March 10

*The First Sunday in Lent*

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

**Not Just Donuts Coffee Hour**

after both services, hosted by:  
8 a.m.: Carla Hildebrandt, Liz Allen  
10 a.m.:

**Nursery**, 9 - 11:30 a.m.

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

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

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

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

**Bishop Search/Holy Listening** at 11:15 a.m.

### Monday, March 11

*Parish office closed on Mondays.*

**Holy Ground** at 6 p.m.

### Tuesday, March 12

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

**Deaf Circle** at 6:30 p.m.

**Grace Vestry** at 7 p.m.

### Wednesday, March 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.

**Wednesdays in Lent** at 6 p.m.

### Thursday, March 14

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

**Lenten Labyrinth Journeys**, 6-8 p.m.

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

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

### Friday, March 15

No church events scheduled

### Saturday, March 16

**Women of Grace Quiet Day** at 8:30 a.m.

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

**Jody Walker Funeral** at 2 p.m.

### Sunday, March 17

*The Second Sunday in Lent*

*Graitude Sunday*

**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.: Vince & Michele Nicosia

**Nursery**, 9 - 11:30 a.m.

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

**Our Journey Continues Q & A** at 9 a.m.

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

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

## Parish Family News

### Happy Birthday:

**March 10** Laney Sward

**March 11** Steve Jianakoplos

**March 12** Norma Leuthauser

**March 13** Alice Stewart

**March 14** Weezer Weir

**March 17** Kevin Curtis



### Happy Anniversary:

**March 16** Susie & Dick Russell



### Grace and Gratitude:

Thanks to the following members and friends for their outstanding service to our community:



- ◆ **The Rev. Virginia Bennett**, for leading the Women of Grace Quiet Day Saturday, March 9.
- ◆ **Dick Entenmann, Chris Ludbrook, Jim Davis, Chris Kurth, Liz Shands, Eric Eickmeyer, Melanie Eickmeyer, Eric Eickmeyer, Jr., Mike Heyer, Tim Engelbrecht, Fr. Todd and Mary Merriweather** for cooking, serving and cleaning up at our fun Shrove Tuesday pancake (and gumbo) dinner.

### Spring Cleaning at Grace

**Saturday, March 16 / 10 a.m.**

Grace's Altar Guild is asking for some help from the parish. We will be cleaning the church and could use any extra hands we can get. We are washing down all of the pews, ironing the wax off of seat cushions and the carpet, and dusting everywhere. Most of it is not strenuous, but takes time unless we get extra helpers. Please contact Rebecca Harrison for more information or to volunteer.

### Information, Please!

⇒ *Are you new to Grace?*

⇒ *Has your contact information changed recently?*

Be sure to send address, phone and email changes to the church office so we can stay in touch with you!

*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 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

#### Wednesday, March 13

Detailed campaign brochures will be mailed. Be sure to take a closer look.

#### Sunday, March 17, 24, 31

Campaign co-chairs Lesley Hoffarth and Tim Engelbrecht will join the Rev. Todd McDowell for casual Q & A sessions in Kean Library, 9 - 10 a.m.

#### Sunday, March 17: Gratitude Sunday

We'll reflect on all our blessings and show our gratitude through a creative display that needs YOUR participation, 8 & 10 a.m.

### Prayers for Our Journey

read

Proverbs 3:5-6

Loving God, help us to seek your guidance in all we do, and to trust and follow your guidance when we find it.

pray

Help us to grow in trust and gratitude and use us to share your goodness with others; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

reflect

Lord, what do you want to do through me?



### Lent at Grace Church

We invite all to the observance of a holy Lent.

#### Sunday Adult Forum: The Journey of Lent and Holy Week Sunday, March 13, 17, 24 / 9 a.m.

Join Mother Ginny in LaVielle Conference Room between services to learn more about how the season of Lent can draw us closer to what it means to be a Christian and how it all makes a difference in our lives.

#### Holy Ground: The Way of Love in Lent

**Monday, March 14 / 6 p.m.**

Holy Ground invites you to a special Lenten exploration as we journey with Jesus and the Way of Love. We'll enjoy a potluck dinner before our program and a casual Holy Eucharist with the Rev. Helen Ludbrook after the program.

#### Lessons from Famous Faith Journeys

**Wednesday, March 13**

⇒ **6 p.m. - Soup & Salad Dinner**

You don't have to bring food, but we're so grateful to those who are able! Sign up in Albright Parish Hall if you can you bring soup, salad, bread or dessert this week (or future weeks).

⇒ **6:30 p.m. - Presentation: Graphic Novelist John Hendrix**

Adults and teens are invited as local author and illustrator John Hendrix discusses his new book, *The Faithful Spy: Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the Plot to Kill Adolph Hitler*.

⇒ **7:45 p.m. - Prayer Service**

We close our evening in prayer to thank God for all our blessings.

#### Lenten Labyrinth Journeys / Thursdays in Lent / 6 - 8 p.m.

Grace's beautiful indoor labyrinth is open each Thursday evening in Lent.

Drop in to quiet your mind and spend time with God. Members of Grace's Labyrinth Committee will be on hand to help guide your journey.

*Please see the purple brochure for more Lenten and Easter programs and worship services at Grace.*

### The Search for our Next Bishop: Let your voice be heard!

**Holy Listening at Grace: TODAY! Sunday, March 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 and Nominating Committee are at Grace Church today and want to hear what's important to you in that search. Join the discussion in LaVielle Conference Room after the 10 a.m. worship service.



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## Christian Formation and Worship

### Changes in our Worship Services during Lent

The word Lent comes from an Old English word meaning, “lengthen.” Just as spring brings both the last bleak days of winter and the first green promise of summer, Lent brings a season of austerity and hope to Christians.

The forty days of Lent, beginning on Ash Wednesday and ending with Easter Day (excluding Sundays), call us to self-denial and discipline, a solemn preparation for the celebration of Easter. We mark this season at Grace Church by taking a more solemn and formal tone in our worship services, using the traditional language of Rite I instead of the more contemporary language of Rite II.

You can learn more about our liturgies in the Book of Common Prayer (the red book in your pew) or by talking with Fr. Todd.

### 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

**Sunday, March 24 / 9 a.m. / Youth Room**

Our confirmation class meets again in two weeks to discuss how Christianity fits into the puzzle of other religions of the world.

### Grace Online Academy: Walk in Love

**Covering the core beliefs and practices of the Episcopal Church**

**Free online program / Contact [janis.greenbaum@gracekirkwood.org](mailto: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.

### 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](http://diocesemo.org/youth). A \$50 deposit is required; total trip cost is \$600. Contact the Rev. Canon Loren Lasch at [llasch@diocesemo.org](mailto:llasch@diocesemo.org) or 314-255-1383 with questions.

## Spirituality and Fellowship

### Invite • Welcome • Connect



More than 100 people from 29 parishes in the Diocese of Missouri (including more than 30 from Grace) attended the Invite Welcome Connect Workshop at Grace Church, Saturday, March 2. We are grateful to ministry founder Mary Parmer for her vision and leadership, and to Grace Church member/staff member Shari Bonham for her organization of the event.

We are looking forward to engaging our entire congregation in this ministry — watch for ways you can be a part of the Invite Welcome Connect ministry at Grace Church!

*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 on the Go: Tour the Holocaust Museum

**Monday, March 11 / 9:30 a.m. / carpools leave Grace at 9 a.m.**

Join Grace on the Go for a guided tour of the Holocaust Museum in Creve Coeur. The Holocaust Museum & Learning Center preserves the legacy of the Holocaust, educates about its causes and empowers visitors to make the world a more tolerant place by rejecting all forms of hate, racism, and bigotry. Following the tour, the group will enjoy lunch together at the Shack on Lindbergh. Sign up in Albright Parish Hall.

### Women’s Book Group

**Tuesday, March 12 / 10 a.m. / Kean Library**

The Book Group continues 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.

\*The group’s next featured book will be *Why We Sleep: Unlocking the Power of Sleep and Dreams*, by Matthew Walker, PhD. Sign up with Michele Nicosia to order a copy by March 19. Discussion begins April 2.

### Chef Wars: Fundraising event for the Shepherd’s Center

**Sunday, April 14 / 5:30-8 p.m.**

**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](http://shepherdscenter-wk.org)

### 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!*

## 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:*

Elaine Alexander	Vernon Balster	Carroll Bollard
DC Bollard	Chris Bongo	Kathy Bradford
Marilyn Brown	Paris Coffey	Katie Conrad
Janie Cooper	Ellen Friedla	David Fly
Craig Franklin	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	Bob Waechter	Blake Walker
Diane Warhover	Lucas Woehle	Kent & Marilyn Wilton

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

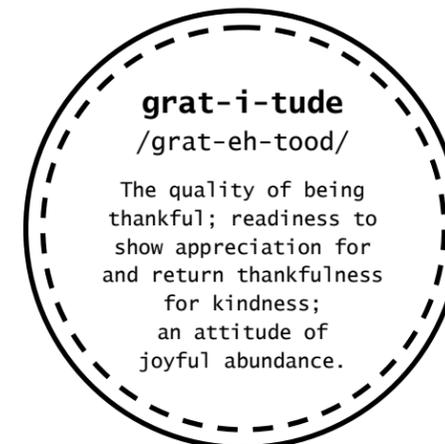
*Please contact Ruth Moore to add a name to our confidential Prayer Chain.*

## 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).



Acknowledging the good that is already in your life is the foundation of all abundance. Gratitude opens your eyes to the limitless potential of the universe. Whatever is good and perfect is a gift coming down to us from God our Father.

*A message from your  
Capital Campaign Gratitude Team*