

This Week at Grace

Sunday, March 11

Holy Eucharist at 8 & 10 a.m.

Not Just Donuts Coffee Hour after both services:

8 a.m. hosts: Diane Warhover & Mary Merriweather

10 a.m. hosts: Marty O'Leary

Nursery for infants & toddlers, 8:45 - 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, March 12

Parish office closed on Mondays

Holy Ground at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, March 13

Holy Eucharist at 9:30 a.m.

Women's Book Group at 10 a.m.

Labyrinth Open Hours: Noon - 4 p.m.

Grace Vestry Meeting at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 14

Morning Prayer at 9:30 a.m.

Staff Meeting at 10 a.m.

Grace Bridge Group at 10 a.m.

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

Wednesday Lenten Program, 6-8 p.m.

All Saints Handbell Choir at 8 p.m.

Thursday, March 15

Parish Choristers at 4:15 p.m.

Grace Labyrinth Open Hours, 6-8 p.m.

Christian Twist Yoga at 6:30 p.m.

Parish Choir at 7 p.m.

Friday, March 16

Grace Labyrinth Open Hours, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Saturday, March 17

Altar Guild at 9:30 a.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.



Next Sunday at Grace

Sunday, March 18

Bishop Smith visits Grace Church

Holy Eucharist at 8 & 10 a.m.

Not Just Donuts Coffee Hour after both services:

8 a.m. hosts: Mary Merriweather

10 a.m. hosts: Jane Reed

Nursery for infants & toddlers, 8:45 - 11:30 a.m.

Bishop's Forum at 9 a.m.

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

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

Trinity Hot Lunch at 1 p.m.

Parish Family News

Happy Birthday:

March 11	Dan Gottschalk, Steve Jianakolplos	
March 12	Norma Leuthauser, John Waldemer	
March 13	Alice Stewart	
March 14	Weezer Weir	
March 17	Kevin Curtis, Maureen Jennings	
March 18	Dawn Zemper	

Happy Anniversary:

March 16 Susie & Dick Russell



Grace and Gratitude:

Our sincere thanks goes to the following members for their service to our community:



- ◇ **Bill Cadwallader** for cleaning the kitchen and for moving lots of furniture in the office this week as the carpets were cleaned.
- ◇ **Barbara Manuel and everyone from our Holy Ground ministry** for cooking and serving a delicious pasta dinner at last Sunday's Messy Church.

Congratulations:

Congratulations to **Michael Kurth**, who was ordained to the diaconate in the Episcopal Church, Diocese of New York, Saturday, March 10.

The Messenger

Sunday, March 11, 2018

News of the people and ministries of . . .



Sunday Adult Forum From Jesus to Christ: The First Christians

TODAY! Sunday, March 11 / 9 a.m.

Mother Ginny helps us travel back in time to learn about the movement that transformed the world.

Grab a cup of coffee and enjoy this special Lenten series.

Grace Labyrinth: Lent Open Hours

⇒ **Tuesdays: Noon - 4 p.m.**

⇒ **Thursdays: 6 - 8 p.m.***

⇒ **Fridays: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

Spend quiet time with God throughout Lent at our beautiful new labyrinth in Albright Parish Hall. Printed resources will be available to help guide your journey.

*Thursday evenings will include candlelight, soft music and greeters to answer any questions you may have about this contemplative Lenten journey.

Creed: What Christians Believe and Why

Wednesdays in Lent / 6 - 8 p.m.

Now - March 21

Each Wednesday evening in Lent, we will come together for a potluck soup & salad dinner, a special program on what it means when we say, "I believe," and end with a short prayer service.

Fr. Todd and Mo. Ginny will be leading our classes for adults; Wendy & Chris Ludbrook will lead a creative program for children and youth. Please sign up on the bulletin board in Albright Parish Hall to help with the meal.

Bishop Smith Visits Grace Church

Next Sunday, March 18

9 a.m. - Adult Forum

10 a.m. - Preaching & Celebrating Eucharist

11:15 a.m. - Coffee Hour

11:30 a.m. - Vestry Meeting

Please help us welcome our bishop to

Grace Church! The Rt. Rev. George Wayne Smith, Tenth Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri, will make his regular visit to Grace Church next week. All are invited to engage in discussion and worship with the Bishop, who has served the Diocese since 2002.



Overnight Prayer Vigil

March 29 - 30 / 8:30 p.m. - 6:30 a.m.

Chapel of the Apostles

SIGN UP NOW in Albright Parish Hall

Be a part of this meaningful Holy Week tradition at Grace Church. Just as Jesus asked his disciples to stay awake an hour to pray with him in the Garden of Gethsemane, we ask you to spend a one-hour shift praying in our Chapel throughout the night. We begin after the Maundy Thursday worship service Thursday night and end the vigil with Morning Prayer, Friday at 6:30 a.m.

Please pick up a purple trifold brochure in the Narthex for a complete listing of our Lenten & Easter services, programs and events.

All events are also listed on our website: GraceKirkwood.org.



Christian Formation

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. Be sure to join us next Sunday for an age-appropriate lesson on the Stations of the Cross.

Lenten Almsgiving Project: Puerto Rico Hurricane Relief

Take home an ERD Hope Chest (available in the Narthex and Sunday school classrooms) and place it in a prominent spot. Every time you turn on a light, enjoy a hot meal or play a video game, drop a coin in the box and think about all those in Puerto Rico who still have no power following last summer's hurricane. Bring your filled boxes back on the first Sunday after Easter and we will send all donations to Episcopal Relief & Development in Puerto Rico.

Camp Phoenix: Registration Now Open! July 29 - August 4

Campers ages 8 to 15 are invited to seven days and six nights of fun and adventure at DuBois Center in Illinois. This Episcopal camp has traditional camp activities like horseback riding, swimming, archery and campfires along with creative daily spiritual sessions and cabin prayers every evening. Everyone, regardless of religious background, is welcome to attend. Learn more and

Spirituality and Fellowship

Holy Ground

Monday, March 12 / 6 p.m.

Women of all ages are invited to enjoy a potluck dinner, discuss the season of Lent, and make Easter cards for our shut-in members. The evening ends with an informal Eucharist, led by the Rev. Helen Ludbrook.

Women's Book Group

Tuesdays / 10 a.m. / Kean Library

Our Book Group begins discussion of *The Underground Railroad*, by Colson Whitehead. All are invited to enjoy fellowship in this weekly gathering - even if you don't read the book!

Grace on the Go:

Sappington House Museum

Wednesday, March 21

Grace on the Go will tour the Thomas Sappington House Museum. An outstanding example of Federal architecture, this style is extremely rare in Missouri. Cost: \$4, at the door (cash or check). Lunch at 12:15 at The Barn of Crestwood on the grounds. Car pools leave Grace at 10:45 for the 11 am tour. Sign up in Albright Parish Hall.

Holy Week Quiet Morning

Saturday, March 24 / 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Mercy Center / 2039 Geyer Road

The Rev. Susie Skinner helps us prepare for Holy Week with meditations, prayers and walking the gardens and labyrinth at Mercy Center. Cost is \$20; a light snack is provided. The event is hosted by Confluence: A Center for Spirituality. RSVP to susiecskinner@gmail.com or 314-965-9155.

Messy Church Dinner Hosts Needed

April 8 and May 6

Be a part of our alternative Sunday worship experience! We're looking for two more Grace ministries to host our Messy Church meals this year. It's easy and fun — contact Janis in the church office for more information.

Sacraments

The sacraments are outward and visible signs of inward and spiritual grace, given by Christ as sure and certain means by which we receive that grace.

Holy Baptism and the Holy Eucharist are the two great sacraments. Other sacramental rites include confirmation, ordination, holy matrimony, reconciliation of a penitent, and unction.

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)

Reconciliation of a Penitent is available to all who desire it. Lent is a particularly appropriate time to privately confess any sins troubling the conscience. Fr. Todd will offer counseling and encouragement before pronouncing absolution. The secrecy of a confession is morally absolute for the confessor.

Holy Unction is the rite of anointing the sick with oil, or the laying on of hands for the healing of spirit, mind and body. Unction is offered on the first Tuesday of every month at Grace Church, during our 9:30 a.m. worship service in the Chapel of the Apostles.

Please contact the church office to arrange for a baptism or marriage, request the reconciliation of a penitent or holy unction.

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

Please remember in your prayers:

Elaine Alexander	Vernon Balster
Dorothy Bardwell	Barry Bell
Lorette Billings	Angie Cross
Phyllis DeCristo	Ron Dickinson
Harriet Foiles	Sonja Freeman
Ellen Friedla	David Fly
Gordon Gurley	Mary Etta Heggie
Martha Johnston	Kelsey Jones
John Mann	Lucille Miller
Ed Mills	Marilyn Monson
Jim Moore	Bill & Connie Nix
JoAnn Overall	Chloe Poe
Ann Rinehart	Gracie Rodgers
Jeff Sims	Colleen Schmittgens
Chris Sommers	Lucas Woehle

This list is updated monthly. Please contact Janis in the church office to add or remove a name on this list.

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.

Vestry News

We have posted pictures of a new landscaping improvement proposal on the 4-sided rolling bulletin board in Albright Parish Hall. Please take a look and give the Vestry your feedback! You'll also find a listing of all Vestry members and highlights from recent Vestry meetings posted on that bulletin board.

Invite • Welcome • Connect



Guests typically leave the building within three minutes after the service. Follow the *Rule of Three*: Devote the first three minutes after the service and/or coffee hour to speaking with someone you don't know before speaking with friends. It doesn't matter if that person is new, someone you just don't know or someone you haven't connected with for a long time.