

This Week at Grace Church

Sunday, March 17

*The Second Sunday in Lent
Gratitude 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.

Monday, March 18

Parish office closed on Mondays.

Community of Hope at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, March 19

Women's Book Group at 10 a.m.

Women of Grace at Noon

Kirk Care Board Meeting at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 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.

Wednesdays in Lent at 6 p.m.

Thursday, March 21

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 22

No church events scheduled

Saturday, March 23

Altar Guild at 9:30 a.m.

Jody Walker Funeral at 2 p.m.

Sunday, March 24

The Third Sunday in Lent

Ministry Sunday

Holy Eucharist at 8 & 10 a.m.

Not Just Donuts Coffee Hour

after both services, hosted by:

8 a.m.:

10 a.m.: Susanne Haring

Nursery, 9 - 11:30 a.m.

Sunday Adult Forum at 9 a.m.

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

Youth Confirmation Class 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 17 Kevin Curtis

March 18 Dawn Zemper

March 19 Jackson Atkinson,
A.J. Wallach

March 20 Jerome Atkinson,
Henry Beers, Justin Mars

March 21 Alex Glover, Anne Perkins,
Ben Voller

March 22 Dylan Hart, Bert Hitchings

March 23 Ian Reno

March 24 A.J. Burklow,
Grace Eschenroeder,
Michael Gibbons

Happy Anniversary:

March 21 Lisa & Brent Dudley

March 22 Deborah & Hank Caby,
Jill & Lewis Lueking

Grace and Gratitude:

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

◆ **Harriet Foiles, Sara Losse, Amy Kilpatric, Betty Bowersox, Ella Heigham, Dick & Becky Entenmann and Vince & Michele Nicosia** for providing food for our Lenten program, Wed., March 13.

◆ **Grace's Altar Guild and friends** for their spring cleaning in the church this weekend.

Your Online Shopping \$\$\$

Support Grace Church

Go to smile.amazon.com/ch/43-0653320

and support Grace Episcopal Church through your Amazon account. Amazon will donate a portion of your purchase back to our church. Tens of thousands of items are eligible for this program!

**Please note:* Use the complete online address listed above to be connected to our church account.

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

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.

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 & 11:15 a.m.

Sunday, March 24: Ministry Sunday

We recognize and honor Grace's many ministries doing God's work in the world, 8 & 10 a.m.

Prayers for Our Journey

read

John 3:16

O God, we have so much for which to be thankful. You have blessed us in ways that are too numerous to count.

Forgive us for not always being grateful. Forgive us for focusing on what we do not have, instead of all that you have given us.

pray

Fill our hearts with gratitude and show us how we can give with generosity and sacrifice.

This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

reflect

Lord, what do you want to do through me?



Gratitude Sunday

We celebrate 160 years of Grace today by creating a unique "Gratitude Cross." You will find colorful circles in your service bulletin. As you listen to the Bible readings and the sermon, and as you receive Holy Eucharist, we ask you to reflect on your personal blessings and the blessings you've experienced through Grace Church. Then record your blessings on the circles, beginning with something like:

"I am thankful for..."

"I am grateful for..."

"I love Grace Church because..."

As you leave today, drop your circles into the basket in the back of the church. Our Capital Campaign Gratitude Committee will add your circles to the cross begun by our students in the Narthex to create our Gratitude Cross.

Our Journey Continues...

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 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.

Lessons from Famous Faith Journeys

Wednesday, March 20

⇒ **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: Mortality and Hope**

Mother Ginny introduces us to the works of writer/journalist Malcolm Muggeridge and gives us a closer look at his views on mortality and hope.

⇒ **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.

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: Spring Break Special

TODAY! / 9:30 a.m. / Youth Room

All students in pre-K through high school are invited to come together today as we learn about Saint Patrick in a special combined lesson and activities. Our class overlaps 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 to discuss how Christianity fits into the puzzle of other religions of the world.

Church School Committee Workshop

Sunday, March 31 / 11:30 a.m. / Youth Room

Parents, grandparents, Sunday school teachers and assistants, and anyone who is interested in our children’s and youth ministries are invited to this quarterly workshop. Our agenda includes making plans for Easter and the completion of this school year. For more information, contact Janis in the church office.

Ecumenical Taizé Prayer Service

Sunday, March 31 / 7 - 8 p.m. / Mercy Conference and Retreat Center

Enter into the spirit of Lent with Song, Silence and Scripture in the style of Taizé. *What is Taizé prayer?* The simple and beautiful chant music of Taizé monastery in France is dedicated to the renewal of spirits and the healing of our planet. The repetitive nature of the chanted prayer can promote a kind of inner unity of the person, allowing the spirit to be more open and more attentive to what is essential. Silence is a fundamental part of the Taizé service.

Mercy Conference and Retreat Center: 2039 N Geyer Rd.

Please visit www.mercycenterstl.org for more information.

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.

Spirituality and Fellowship



Women’s Book Group

Tuesday, March 26 / 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. Discussion begins April 2.

Diocesan Youth Acolyte Festival

Saturday, March 30 / 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Church of St. Michael & St. George, Clayton

Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to participate in a day of worship, learning, games and fellowship at this diocesan event. Whether you’ve been an acolyte for years or are just starting out, there’s something for you! In addition to acolyte training, we’ll also have workshops for those wanting to learn about being a reader, Eucharistic Minister, altar guild member, usher and more. Participants will leave the Acolyte Festival ready to help lead worship in their home parishes! This event is led by **the Rev. Canon Loren Lasch**: llasch@diocesemo.org or 314-255-1383. **Register at diocesemo.org/youth**

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

Alternative Stations of the Cross

Chapel of the Apostles

**Parental Discretion is Advised*

Artist Gwyneth Leech offers us a contemporary experience of Stations of the Cross in a 2004 series commissioned by St. Paul’s on the Green in Norwalk, CT. Leech uses the story of Jesus’ suffering and death on the cross as a metaphor for suffering in today’s frightening world of war, violence and terrorism. Copies of Leech’s artwork are available to experience in the Chapel of the Apostles (downstairs) during office hours in Lent.

THE *Episcopal* CHURCH

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	Bryan Miller
Lucille Miller	Marilyn Monson	Chloe Poe
Simoney Roatcap	Heather Schmitt	Alinda Sledge
Fred Taussig	Kathryn Theis	Linda Ustruck
Bob Waechter	Blake Walker	Diane Warhover
Lucas Woehle	Kent & Marilyn Wilton	

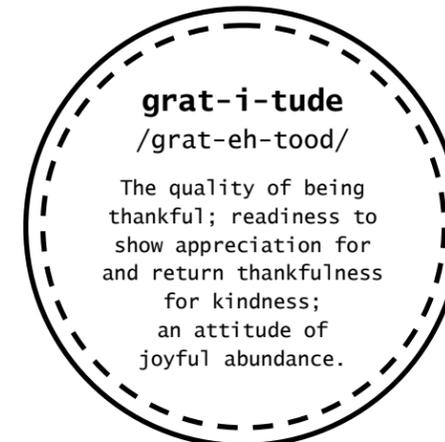
Please contact Janis in the church office to update this list.

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).



Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow.

Be grateful for the opportunity to connect today and transform tomorrow.

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good. His steadfast love endures forever.

*A message from your
Capital Campaign Gratitude Team*