

This Week at Grace Church

Sunday, March 3

The Last Sunday after Epiphany

Holy Eucharist at 8 & 10 a.m.

Not Just Donuts Coffee Hour

after both services, hosted by:

8 a.m.: Mary Merriweather

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.

First Sundays @ 5 p.m.

Monday, March 4

Parish office closed on Mondays.

Grace Executive Committee at 4 p.m.

Capital Campaign Leadership Meeting

at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, March 5: Shrove Tuesday

Women's Book Group at 10 a.m.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 6: Ash Wednesday

Men's Group Breakfast at 8 a.m.

Staff Meeting at 10 a.m.

Holy Eucharist at Noon

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

Holy Eucharist at 7 p.m.

Thursday, March 7

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 8

No church events scheduled

Saturday, March 9

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

Altar Guild at 9:30 a.m.

Dorothy Bardwell Funeral at 2 p.m.

(tentative)

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.

Parish Family News

Happy Birthday:

Feb. 3 Harey Aylsworth,
Lincoln Aylsworth,
Eddie Barnard



Feb. 4 Chris Dalton, Shirley LaVielle

Feb. 6 Tom Grossman, Barbara Woehle

Feb. 8 Adrienne Ward

Feb. 10 Laney Sward

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.

Fill the Hunger Barrel

Please remember our neighbors in need. Drop your non-perishable food items in Grace's red hunger barrel in Albright Parish Hall each Sunday. Your donations will be distributed through food pantries at Kirk Care and Trinity Episcopal Church.

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 online 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.

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.

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.

Upcoming Events:

March 13:

Detailed campaign brochures will be mailed.

Sunday, March 17, 24, 31:

All are invited as campaign co-chairs Lesley Hoffarth and Tim Engelbrecht will join the Rev. Todd McDowell for casual Q & A sessions in Kean Library from 9 until 10 a.m.

Prayers for Our Journey:

read → **Exodus 4:10**

O God, help us to know in our hearts that you have brought us to this time and place, and that you will provide what we need to accomplish your task.

pray → Help us to have open hearts, eyes and hands. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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



Sunday Adult Forum: Invite Welcome Connect

TODAY! Sunday, March 3 / 9 a.m. / LaVielle Conference Room

We are pleased to welcome Invite Welcome Connect founder, Mary Parmer, to Grace Church today. Mary will share her transformational ideas that encourage churches to become places of genuine connection for inviting the faith journeys and stories of everyone, enabling deeper journeys of Christian discipleship and enabling the Spirit of Christ to be at the heart of each church's hospitable mission of spreading the Good News. All are invited to her class; Mary will also be preaching at both worship services this morning.

First Sundays @ 5: Mardi Gras

TODAY! Sunday, March 3 / Albright Parish Hall

Crafts @ 4:30 p.m. / Worship @ 5 p.m. / Dinner @ 5:30 p.m.

Prepare for the upcoming season of Lent with a Mardi Gras theme at this month's alternative worship service. Come a little early to make a Mardi Gras mask and a special "Alleluia" poster (to hide in Lent and return at Easter). We'll celebrate with a casual worship service including Holy Eucharist, and wrap up the evening with dinner (gumbo, salad and King's cake) served by the Acolyte Guild. All ages are invited to enjoy an evening of faith, food and fun!

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper & Burning of the Palms

Tuesday, March 5 / 5:30 - 7 p.m. / Albright Parish Hall

All are invited for our traditional pancake supper. Meals are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12 (\$15 family max). Volunteers are needed: please sign up on the bulletin board in Albright Parish Hall to help set-up, cook, and serve.

** Don't forget:* bring any palm fronds you saved from last year for our Burning of the Palms prayer service to create ashes for Ash Wednesday.

Lent at Grace Church

We invite all to the observance of a holy Lent.

⇒ **Ash Wednesday / Wednesday, March 6 / Noon & 7 p.m.**

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

Mark the beginning of the Lenten season with Holy Eucharist and the Imposition of Ashes.

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

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

⇒ **Quiet Day - Hungry for God: Beginning Again and Anew in Prayer / Saturday, March 9 / 8:30 a.m. - Noon**

Women of Grace invite all to engage in a quiet morning of prayer. Come at 8:30 a.m. to enjoy juice, coffee, snacks and fellowship. The Rev. Virginia Bennett begins prayer activities at 9 a.m.

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

Christian Formation and Worship

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

TODAY! Sunday, March 3 / 9 a.m. / Youth Room

Our confirmation students and mentors come together to learn about the structure of the Episcopal Church and how we live out our mission in the world.

Grace Youth Mission Trip: Commitment Deadline

TODAY! Sunday, March 3

Mission Trip: June 2-9, 2019

All high school youth are invited to be part of this Grace Church tradition! Spend a week working with Habitat for Humanity while you live, play and pray with friends. **\$150 activity fee must be paid by March 3.** Please contact Janis in the church office: janis.greenbaum@gracekirkwood.org.

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. A \$50 deposit is required; total trip cost is \$600. Contact the Rev. Canon Loren Lasch at llasch@diocesemo.org or 314-255-1383 with questions.

Month of Grace + Prayer: A Retreat in Everyday Life

March 16 - April 13

Eden Theological Seminary & Peace United Church of Christ

Become more aware of God's presence in your daily life! Individuals or couples meet privately with a spiritual companion once a week and then pray on your own every day. There is no registration fee, but retreatants are invited to share the costs of the retreat as they are able. Contact Jen Einspahr at churchoffice@peaceucstl.org or 314-968-1727 to register by **March 7.**

A Lenten Pilgrimage to Montgomery, Alabama

April 3-6

St. Paul's Episcopal Church and Christ Church Cathedral invite you to join a motor coach 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**, 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 and some meals. **Call Directions Tours at 314-577-0077** and tell the receptionist you are with the Diocese of Missouri.

Spirituality and Fellowship



The Search for our Next Bishop:

Let your voice be heard!

Holy Listening at Grace: Sunday, March 10 / 11:15 a.m.

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 will be at Grace Church NEXT SUNDAY and want to hear what's important to you in that search.

Women's Book Group

Tuesday, March 5 / 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.

Friday Lecture and Lunch at the Shepherd's Center

Friday, March 8 / 11:30 a.m. / Webster Hills UMC (1333 W. Lockwood)

Join friends for a lecture by Jim Merkel, author of *The Making of an Icon: The Dreamers, The Schemers and the Hard Hats that Built the Gateway Arch*. The lunch menu includes chicken alfredo pasta and salad. Pre-registration with payment (\$12) is required - call 314.395.0988 for details. The Shepherd's Center provides programs and services for adults 55 and older in our community.

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.

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

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.

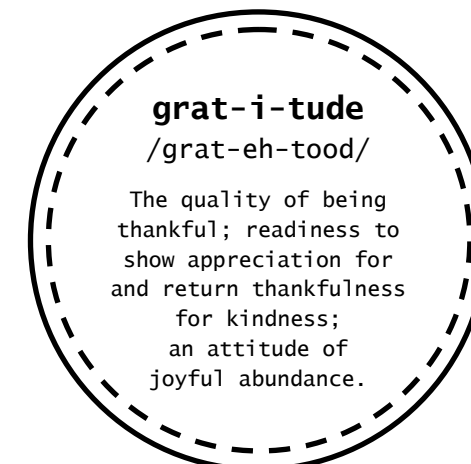
Please contact Ruth Moore to add a name to our confidential Prayer Chain.

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).



When gratitude becomes an essential foundation in our lives, miracles start to appear everywhere. I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all the marvelous things you have done.

*A message from your
Capital Campaign Gratitude Team*