

This Week at Grace Church

Sunday, May 12

Holy Eucharist at 8 & 10 a.m.
Not Just Donuts Coffee Hour
after both services
8 a.m. hosts: Harriet Foiles
10 a.m. hosts: Barb Manuel, Lisa Jianakoplos
Nursery, 9 - 11:30 a.m.
Sunday Adult Forum at 9 a.m.
Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

Monday, May 13

Parish office closed on Mondays.
Holy Ground at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, May 14

Holy Eucharist at 9:30 a.m.
Women's Book Group at 10 a.m.
St. Thomas Deaf Circle at 6:30 p.m.
Grace Vestry at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 15

Men's Group Breakfast at 8 a.m.
Morning Prayer at 9:30 a.m.
Staff Meeting at 10 a.m.
St. Dunstan Handbell Choir: Pizza Party
at 4:30 p.m.
Invite Welcome Connect: Greeter Training
at 6:30 p.m.
St. Thomas Bible Study at 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 16

Parish Choristers at 4:15 p.m.
Christian Yoga at 6:30 p.m.

Friday, May 17

No church events scheduled.

Saturday, May 18

Altar Guild at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, May 19

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: Jane Reed, Church School Cmte.
Nursery, 9 - 11:30 a.m.
Sunday Adult Forum at 9 a.m.
Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.
Youth Sunday at 10 a.m.
Ice Cream Social at 11:15 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.

Parish Family News

Happy Birthday:

- May 12** Michael Boyle,
Quinn Callaway,
Karen Wallach,
Terry Weir,
Ted Zemper
- May 14** Carla Kurth
- May 15** John Dotson,
Vince Nicosia,
Ryan Voller
- May 16** Christian Davis,
Laura Geisel,
Nick Van Rees
- May 17** Corinne Eschenroeder,
Doug Mars
- May 18** Jack Russell



Happy Anniversary:

- May 19** Katie & Jay Friar



In Sympathy:

The prayers of the parish go to the family and friends of **David Paul Early**, who died May 6. David was a beloved member of St. Thomas Deaf Church. The Rev. Emily Hillquist Davis will lead a memorial service for David **Saturday, May 18** at 2 p.m. at Grace.



Grace Community Labyrinth

Take a contemplative journey with God at our beautiful indoor labyrinth. Individuals are welcome any time the parish hall is not in use. Contact the church office to schedule group time.

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!

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Grace Episcopal Church is marking our 160th anniversary as a parish in 2019. As we celebrate that milestone, we have launched 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.

We now move from the inspirational/discernment phase of the campaign into fulfilling our commitments over the next three years.

First Fruits Sunday: May 19

Honor the Lord with your wealth,
with the first fruits of all your crops.

(Proverbs 3:9)

The concept of first fruits began in biblical times when people lived in an agrarian society. The idea was to give the first yield of your harvest — the first fruits — to God as an offering.

Although we no longer live in an agrarian-based society, we still use the idea of first fruits when we talk about giving to the church. Giving our first fruits reminds us that God is our ultimate priority. Being generous in this way shows that we are grateful for all God has given to us.

If you are able, please make the first installment of your pledge — your first fruits — no later than Sunday, May 19. This offering will allow us to begin making our improvements to the lighting in the church nave.

If you have not yet made a commitment, there's still time! Pledge cards are available in the pews today. Fill one out and drop it in the offering plate.

If you would like a campaign brochure packet, please contact Shari Bonham in the church office (314-821-1806, ext. 10 or shari.bonham@gracekirkwood.org).

If you have questions about the campaign, you can read more in our spring newsletter (available in the Narthex), on our website (www.GraceKirkwood.org) or contact Fr. Todd McDowell (todd.mcdowell@gracekirkwood.org).

We will be announcing the results of our campaign Sunday, May 19. Please plan to join us as we celebrate the first fruits of **Our Journey Continues...**

Lord, what do you want to do through me?



The Messenger

Sunday, May 12, 2019

Weekly news of the people and ministries of Grace Episcopal Church

TODAY AT GRACE:

Mother's Day Drive for Kirk Care

Thanks to everyone who has donated bags of food, grocery cards, or contributed cash to our Women of Grace annual food drive. All donations will be given to Kirk Care, a local non-profit dedicated to feeding the hungry and reducing poverty within our community. Kirk Care was formed in 1982 by the Kirkwood Ministerial Alliance to reduce hunger and poverty by feeding the hungry, providing emergency utility assistance and other services to those families and individuals in need living within the Kirkwood R-7 School District. Learn more at www.kirkcare.org.

Sunday Adult Forum:

Understanding Our Journey: Our Development of Faith in God
9 a.m. / LaVielle Conference Room

Mother Ginny helps us look a little more deeply at our personal faith experiences. This week's program is about our awakening to faith in God: from childhood to early adulthood. Next week we'll focus on the challenges of faith as an adult and how we move through that—from mid-adult to late-life. Grab a cup of coffee and join us in LaVielle Conference Room between services.

Sunday School

9:30 a.m. / Lower level classrooms

All students in pre-K through high school are invited to follow the way of Jesus 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. *Don't forget to sign up for a role in next week's Youth Sunday!*

Congratulations to the Newly Confirmed

We honor **Jacob Ludbrook** and **Hannah Pierce** at our 10 a.m. worship service today. Jacob and Hannah received the Sacrament of Confirmation yesterday at Christ Church Cathedral. Jacob and Hannah will be serving during today's worship service alongside their mentors, **Ken and Gretchen Logue**. All are invited to Albright Parish Hall after the 10 a.m. service to enjoy a piece of celebration cake with our newly confirmed Episcopalians.

Graduating with Grace

Do you have a student graduating from high school, college or a special program this spring?

Please let us know so we can celebrate as a parish family! Send your graduate's name and graduating info to Janis in the church office (janis.greenbaum@gracekirkwood.org).

We'll honor all our graduates at our 10 a.m. service on **May 19**.



Christian Formation and Worship

Youth Sunday & Ice Cream Social

Sunday, May 19 / 10 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.

We're celebrating the end of another great church school year by putting the kids in charge! All elementary, middle school and high school students are encouraged to take an active role in one of our worship ministries for the day. You can choose to serve as an usher, a greeter, a reader, or help with the altar guild. Talk to your Sunday school teachers to find the perfect spot for you to serve. After the worship service, the Church School Committee will be serving an ice cream treat for all ages in Albright Parish Hall.

Creation Care: Dig in to our Gardens of Grace

Join a group of volunteer gardeners to help us clean, plant and care for our Gardens of Grace this spring and summer. All ages and abilities are welcome! Sign up on the bulletin board in Albright Parish Hall or contact Janis in the church office: janis.greenbaum@gracekirkwood.org

Summer Sunday School: God's Gardens

Sundays / 10 a.m. / begins June 2

Elementary students are invited to our special Creation Care program each Sunday while parents are in worship. We'll plant and care for gardens, do science experiments, make crafts and have fun throughout the summer.

No registration or fees required — just come when you are able!

*Adults, middle school and high school students are encouraged to be assistants each week. Please contact Janis in the church office if you would like to help.

Registration Now Open for Camp Phoenix

July 28 - August 3

Camp Phoenix is a traditional, overnight camp for students ages 8 to 15.

The camp is located in DuBois, Illinois and hosted by the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri. Along with traditional activities like swimming, horseback riding and making S'mores, campers will participate in daily spiritual activities designed around the week's theme. And each night concludes with cabin prayer.

Registration is first-come, first-serve — so reserve your spot NOW!

Get more camp info at www.camp-phoenix.org.

Thy Kingdom Come

Join the global wave of prayer between Ascension (May 30) and Pentecost (June 9). Thy Kingdom Come is an invitation to Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus Christ.

This call to prayer began within the Church of England in 2016 and has become an international and ecumenical event. Join in prayers and find out how the Holy Spirit will inspire and equip us to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Visit www.thykingdomcome.global for more information, videos and prayer resources.

Diocesan Profile and Bishop Application Published

Bishop Wayne Smith will be retiring in 2020 and the search for the 11th Bishop in the Diocese of Missouri is underway. After conducting surveys, holy listening sessions and studying reports, the Bishop Search/Nominating Committee has published a profile and will now be accepting applications. You can learn all about their work and read the profile at www.bishopsearch.diocesemo.org.

Service, Spirituality and Fellowship

Holy Ground

Monday, May 13 / 6 p.m. / LaVielle Conference Room

All women are invited to this monthly ministry. Meet at 6 p.m. for a potluck dinner. Our program will be talking about our mothers and being a mother. We will end the evening with an informal Eucharist led by the Rev. Helen Ludbrook. This will be our final meeting before summer break.

Women's Book Group

Tuesday, May 14 / 10 a.m. / Kean Library

The Book Group continues discussion of *Why We Sleep: Unlocking the Power of Sleep and Dreams*, by Matthew Walker, PhD. Please read chapters 12-15 for our next gathering. Our next book selection is *The Lost Girls of Paris*, by Pam Jenoff. Place your order with Michele Nicosia by noon, May 14.

Grace on the Go to Historic Alton

Friday, May 17 / carpool leaves Grace at 8:45 a.m.

Grace on the Go is planning a trip to historic Alton, IL on Friday, May 17. Tour the National Great Rivers Museum (movie, museum, gift shop) at 10 a.m. and the Melvin Price Lock and Dam at 11, Mississippi River flooding and all. No entrance fee; please consider making a donation. Eat lunch at Bluff City Grill at 12. Sign up in Albright Parish Hall.

Women of Grace: Spring Picnic

Tuesday, May 21 / Noon / Memorial Garden

All are invited to join Women of Grace for their annual picnic in the memorial garden (or inside if it rains). After lunch we will hear the fascinating story of the Bodley family who founded Grace Church in 1854. Kirkwood resident and historian Marie Andel will share her extensive study and stories of the Bodleys and the early days of Kirkwood and our church. Sign up in Albright Parish Hall if you would like to attend. Catered lunch will be available for \$15 (by May 16 to Becky Coulter or the office drop box). You can also choose to attend only the program at 1 p.m. in LaVielle Conference Room.

Scholarships Available from ECW

Application deadline: June 1

Episcopal Church Women support women in furthering their education in an area that focuses on service to others by awarding a **\$1,000 scholarship** to one woman each year. Among other criteria listed on the application, the applicant must be a female member of an Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Missouri and be in at least the second year of post-high school study. A letter of recommendation from the applicant's parish priest is also necessary. Contact Grace member **Deborah Caby** or visit www.diocesemo.org for more info and to download an application.

Feed the Reader

Saturday, June 8 & July 13 / 12:30-1:30 p.m. / Grace Church

Grace is one of several local organizations teaming up with Kirkwood Public Library for an exciting new summer program that brings storytime, crafts and food to children in our community. Along with fun activities for the whole family, children will receive a free meal, a new book, and additional nutritional items. Library employees are providing the program, but we need volunteers each week to help set up, clean up and welcome visitors to Grace Church. If you would like to help, please contact Grace member Kelly Eschenroeder at kelly.esch@icloud.com.

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	Marge Farmer	Ellen Friedla
David Fly	Craig Franklin	Claire Galli
Carol & Ted Guarino	Lisa Hale-Waechter	Mary Etta Heggie
Cindy Hein	Ella Heigham	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
Denise Reynolds	Simoney Roatcap	Gracie Rogers
Don Rueble	Kendra Sanders	Heather Schmitt
Alinda Sledge	Fred Taussig	Kathryn Theis
John Turnbull	Linda Ustruck	Bob Waechter
Blake Walker	Diane Warhover	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:

- ◆ Pentecost (June 9, 2019)
- ◆ All Saints' Sunday (Nov. 3, 2019)
- ◆ The Baptism of our Lord (Jan. 12, 2020)
- ◆ The Great Vigil of Easter (April 11, 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).

Invite • Welcome • Connect

 For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us.

- Romans 12:4-6