



# iMessenger

*Weekly News from Grace Episcopal Church*  
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## **For Risen Life in Christ**

“God of mercy,  
we no longer look for Jesus among the dead,  
for he is alive and has become the Lord of life.  
From the waters of death you raise us with him  
and renew your gift of life within us.  
Increase in our minds and hearts  
the risen life we share with Christ,  
and help us to grow as your people  
toward the fullness of eternal life with you,  
through Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.”

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### **Intergenerational Dinner and Exploration!** **Sundays in Lent, 5 p.m. in the Parish Hall**

Each week all ages are invited to join for dinner and exploration. We start with a catered dinner and conversation as we get to know one another better. (Free will offerings will be accepted for dinner.)



Each week we will consider the good news from the readings of the day using art, drama, and conversation in ways that guide us to grow more deeply in the trust and life that Christ promises. We'll end the evening with simple prayer for all ages. Each week will offer a practice to take home into your daily life.

The menu for Sunday February 26 includes French Beef Bourguignon (with Pearl Onions and Mushrooms), Boursin Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans with Toasted Almonds, Homemade Chocolate Cake with Ice Cream

Future dinners feature Breakfast for Dinner; A Taste of Mexico, Trinity Hot Lunch Sampler, and Country Fried Chicken.

Please sign up for the dinners at church for the sessions you can attend.

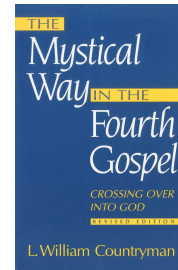
[Lent Dinner Sign-up](#)

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## **Adult Education and Formation**

### **Beginning Sunday, February 26 at 9 a.m. in the Library**

Join us to discuss *The Way of Life in John's Gospel* at 9 a.m. in the Library each Sunday in Lent. Following the lead of Professor Bill Countryman we'll explore the wisdom found in the gospel of John. Each week Revs Thomas and Mary will invite you to consider the readings for the day and how they serve as a guide to receiving the promise of life that Jesus gives to all humankind, even to the cosmos as a whole!



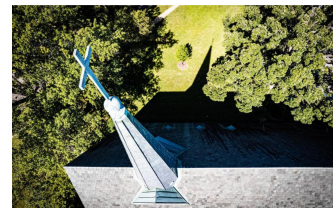
### **First Sunday in Lent: Worried to death**

Our Lenten themes start at the beginning, with stories of Adam and Eve and the temptation of Jesus. We'll explore how the anxieties of life can draw us from the love of God. Acknowledging our fears is the first step in walking toward a deeper, more trusting life.

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## **The Parish Profile Page is Live**

The Discernment Team is excited to announce that the Parish Profile has been added to our website. With this step we are announcing to the world that we are seeking to call a new rector for our church.



Please go to the website and read what we have to say. There are some great photos, too. Use social media to share this information and the final page's invitation for interested clergy to "get in touch" with us by sending their application to the Diocese of Missouri. Tell the world! Share with your friends!

A big pat on the back goes to Dianne Casey, whose team put the Profile together and designed it. Another round of praise goes to Shari Bonham, who put it on the website. We are moving ahead! Pray for our search and for the Discernment Team.

Lyn Ballard, Chair

[\*\*View the Profile Page\*\*](#)

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## **Türkiye Earthquake Relief**

During the coffee fellowship following both services Sunday there will be the opportunity to donate to *All Hands and Hearts* - an international disaster response nonprofit with a team on the ground supporting communities affected by the devastating earthquakes earlier this month. Grace member Jess Thompson works for the organization and will be on hand to answer any questions about this critical program, or visit their website [All Hands and Hearts](#)

Thank you!

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## **Gun Sense Legislative Advocacy Day**

### **Tuesday, March 7**

Join the Rev. Mary Haggerty, our Diocesan Missioner for Gun Violence Prevention, and others from throughout the state of Missouri as we encourage our lawmakers to pass common sense legislation to protect our children and families. This event will include a prayer service, led by Episcopal clergy, on the steps of the State Capitol.

10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Missouri State Capitol in Jefferson City, MO.

[Learn more and register to attend advocacy day](#)

## Online Resources for Lent 2023 Devotions

*Daily Lenten Meditations* by the Rt. Rev. Deon K. Johnson

*Daily Meditations* from Episcopal Relief Development

*Daily Scripture Reflections* Via Email from Loyola Press

*Way of Love* Calendar

*A Daily Word* from the Brothers at Society of St. John the Evangelist



## The First Sunday in Lent February 26, 2023 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.

You may also join us at 10 a.m. through Facebook @GraceChurchKirkwood  
or on our webpage at [www.GraceKirkwood.org](http://www.GraceKirkwood.org)

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Nursery Sunday hours are 8:45 a.m until 11:15 a.m. each Sunday.

## Beyond Our Walls

### Earthquake Relief

A devastating 7.8-magnitude earthquake recently struck southeast Turkey and northern Syria. The reported death toll is in the thousands and climbing after buildings all over the region crumbled, burying civilians beneath the rubble.

The situation in Turkey and Syria right now is dire. Your gift today to Episcopal Relief & Development, provides critical relief to communities impacted by the earthquake. In supporting our local partners with life-saving supplies and resources, medicine, and emergency support, we can help communities rebuild and heal.



[Click Here to Make an Urgent Tax-Deductible Donation to Episcopal  
Relief & Development Today](#)

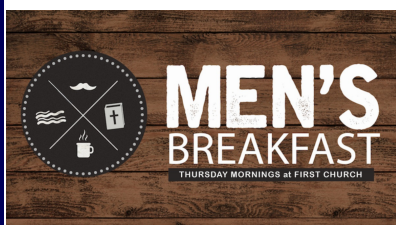


## Fill the Hunger Barrel

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 KirkCare and Trinity Episcopal Church food pantries.



## Mark Your Calendar!



**Men's Breakfast**  
Wednesdays 8 a.m.  
Denny's in Sunset Hills



**The Holy Eucharist**  
Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.  
Anointing of the Sick on the  
First Tuesday of each month.  
In the Chapel of the Apostles  
(on the lower level)



**Tuesday Book Group**  
**meets at 10:00 a.m.**  
at the church and on  
Zoom. The Book Group  
will begin reading *My*  
*Life in France* by Julia  
Child. All are welcome!  
[Click here to learn more!](#)

## Prayer List

### Parish List

John Barrett  
Jane & Henry Beers  
Shirley Browne  
Ethel Cromwell  
Katie Conrad  
Ginger Dokos  
David Fly  
Bill Harrison  
Carla Kurth  
Mike Lillmars  
Chris Manuel  
Jeane McKenna  
Jim McKown  
Steve Mika  
Johnny Nelson  
Langden Neubacher  
Marty O'Leary  
Chloe Poe  
Beverly Shands  
Brooks Ward  
Jane Webster  
Eric Woodruff

### Friends & Family

Rebecca Bonham  
Kate Bonham  
Casey Chaddon  
Ellen Frisch

## Birthdays



**February 27**  
Peggy Capriglione  
**February 28**  
Christie Boyle  
**March 1**  
Mitchell Cookson  
Thomas Henson  
Mike Lillmars  
**March 2**  
Matt Woodruff  
**March 3**  
Harey Aylsworth  
Edie Barnard  
Isaac Wefel  
**March 4**  
Chris Dalton

## Anniversaries

There are no anniversaries this week.

Carrie Gurley  
Michael & Mary Leiweke  
Kathleen Mac  
Jon McDaniel  
Logan Nelson  
Ben Ryan  
Allison Shortlane  
Megan and the Taylor Family

Our Prayer list requests and updates should be e-mailed to theparish office. Names will be left on the prayer list for one month unless the parish office is notified.

Note: the Intercession Prayer Book is now available for people to write their prayer requests.

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## Pastoral Care

Grace's clergy are available by appointment to discuss personal, pastoral, or spiritual matters; please call or email the clergy directly. The lay pastoral care team members are also available to visit and bring communion to those unable to be at church in person. Please let the clergy or Sara Losse know (saratlosse@yahoo.com) if you or someone you know in the congregation is in need of a pastoral visit.



If you have a concern that you would prefer to keep private, please let the clergy or Ruth Moore know (clesiem01@yahoo.com) so that she can put your need on the prayer chain. Throughout the week, members of the Grace Prayer Chain pray privately for the congregation's special needs.

In case of a pastoral emergency, please call the parish office at 314-821-1806. A priest is on call at all times. In case of hospitalization, when a church member is near death or has died, please notify the clergy as soon as possible so that we may minister to you and your family with prayers and anointing.

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## Transition Prayer

Almighty God, who knows our needs even before we ask, grant us a spirit of faith and courage, that we may have the strength to meet the days to come with steadfastness and patience; look graciously on this parish family and send forth your Holy Spirit to guide us to be of one heart and mind, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



## Online Giving

We are grateful to everyone who is keeping their pledge current. Your generosity is gratifying and inspiring. To give online please click the link below

and checks may be mailed to 514 East Argonne, Kirkwood, MO 63122. If you are out of work and unable to make your pledge, we understand. Please let the parish office know.

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and follow the prompts to complete your donation.*

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[Office@GraceKirkwood.org](mailto:Office@GraceKirkwood.org)

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