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Weekly News from Grace Episcopal Church
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Daylight Savings Time

Remember to set your clocks **forward** one hour on March 12th!



Easter Flower & Music Dedications

Each Easter Grace offers a unique opportunity to the parish for memorial gifts and gifts of thanksgiving. Your donations provide funding for the beautiful seasonal flowers and trees that adorn the church and the festival music costs during Easter services.



The names of those memorialized and honored will be included in the Easter service leaflets. They are also included in The Book of Loving Remembrance, placed on the altar during the services. Envelopes with spaces to submit dedication names will soon be available in the narthex. Checks should be made payable to "Grace Episcopal Church" with "Flowers and Music: in the memo line. The suggested donation is a minimum of \$10 per name.

You may also donate online, when the form opens, under "fund" scroll down to "Festival Flowers and Music". Add your dedication to the "memo" space. The deadline to have the names included in the Easter service leaflets is Palm Sunday.

[Donate Here - Easter Flowers](#)

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

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.

Dinners feature Breakfast for Dinner; Trinity Hot Lunch Sampler, and Country Fried Chicken. **This week is the Trinity Hot Lunch Sampler.**

Please sign up for the dinners at church or online for the sessions you can attend. Early sign-ups help us prepare in time.

[Lent Dinner Sign-up Here](#)

Intergenerational Dinner Menus

March 12 – Trinity Hot Lunch Sampler provided by the Trinity Hot Lunch Crew

March 19 – Grandma's Fried Chicken Dinner

March 26 – Breakfast for Dinner provided by Honey Bee's in Downtown Kirkwood

Adult Education and Formation Continues at 9 a.m. in the Library Sunday

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!



Third Sunday: *Life springs up in unexpected places*

Join us as we learn from the thirsty and anxious people of Israel as they wander in the wilderness, and from a thirsty Jesus and the woman he meets at the well. Where can we locate the sacred springs of joy that Jesus promises?



Gun Sense Advocacy Day

On Tuesday, March 7th several Grace parishioners attended Legislative Advocacy Day to ask Missouri lawmakers to pass reasonable gun laws to keep our communities safer. We joined hundreds of others to learn, to speak up for the common good, and to pray for peace. We showed up at the capitol as people of faith, people who believe that God calls us to right relationship with one another, people whose faith compels us to stand up for justice and peace.

Many thanks to Sara Losse, Becky Coulter, Lisa Jianakoplos, Betty Bowersox, John Adams, and Chris Kurth for attending the day in person. And thank you to all who prayed for us. If you want to hear more, stop one of us and ask. It was an honor to be there, and we would love to share our experience with you.

Grace On The Go - Weds. March 15th



Please note the date change to Wednesday, March

15. We'll visit the Economy Museum inside the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, at the corner of Broadway and Locust in downtown Saint Louis. Admission is free. Visitors must present a valid government-issued photo ID.

Learn how inflation and other economic factors affect the U.S. economy. Included are many games and exhibits to explain the workings of the Federal Reserve. Flash photography is permitted for personal use inside the museum.

We are scheduled to arrive at 10 a.m. Carpools will leave Grace at 9:15; parking is available at several nearby garages, including the Mansion House on Fourth Street and St. Louis Centre East on Broadway. Lunch will be at Zia's on the Hill at 11:45. Sign up in the Parish Hall for the tour, driving and lunch.

United Thank Offering

You are never too young or too old to count your blessings and share your thankful spirit with others.



Put some coins or dollars into a United Thank Offering Blue box, or set aside an offering reminder for later. When your box is full or you put a check in a United Thank Offering envelope, your thanksgivings unite with others' prayers and thankful quarters, dimes, and dollars from across The Episcopal Church to support God's mission around the world.

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 Third Sunday in Lent March 12, 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

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Service on
Facebook

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Service
Leaflet

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Our Website

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.



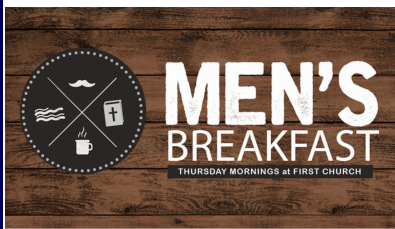
Click Here to Make an Urgent Tax-Deductible Donation to Episcopal Relief & Development Today

Fill the Hunger Barrel

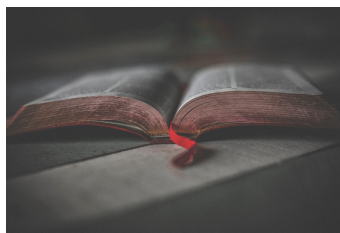
Please remember our neighbors in need. Drop your non-perishable food items in Grace's red hunger barrel in Albright Parish Hall each Sunday. Your donations will be distributed through KirkCare and Trinity Episcopal Church food pantries.



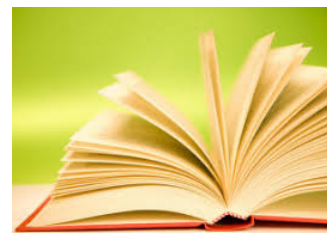
Mark Your Calendar!



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

Birthdays



March 12
Lillian Mumm
March 13
Alice Stewart

Anniversaries

There are no anniversaries this
week.

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.

Prayer For Lent

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.*

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 (clesiemo1@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.

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.

Giving is easier than ever. Just click below.

Select your desired fund from the drop down menu and follow the prompts to complete your donation.

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