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Weekly News from Grace Episcopal Church
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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 are 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](#)

Calling All Knitters!

Once again we are pooling our talents and restless fingers to knit warm items for those who can't afford to buy hats, mittens, scarves, etc. Susie Reis is gathering hand knitted (or crocheted) items to donate to those in need through one of our great ministries. Trinity CWE, Person-to-Person, Grace Hill House or The Hands and Feet of Jesus are just some of the deserving



groups we could donate to.

We will begin collecting in April and make a final donation at the end of the summer. Feel free to use whatever yarn you have on hand or want to buy, but keep in mind that it should be washable. Sizes are flexible as all size people need warm outerwear. There will be a basket in a “to be determined” location, where you can leave finished items.

Please email [Susan](#) if you are interested in helping. If anyone needs patterns let me know what you are looking for and I'll see if I can help.

Celebrating Baptism at Easter

The most transformative and wonderful time of the Church year is also a time for baptism.



We'll be celebrating baptism at the Great Vigil of Easter on Saturday, April 8 at 7:30 p.m. If you are interested in baptism, or in having a child baptized at Easter please contact [Rev. Thomas](#).

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.

This week is the Country Fried Chicken. 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 19 – Grandma's Fried Chicken Dinner

March 26 – Breakfast for Dinner

Adult Education and Formation 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!



Fourth Sunday: Seeing the Miracles Before Us

When Jesus healed the blind man, no one could dare believe it. They weren't able to see the work of God right before them. How can we learn to see God's presence in the events of our life and world?



Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion

Sunday April 2, 8 & 10 a.m.

Maundy Thursday

Thursday April 6, 7 p.m.

Good Friday Liturgy

Friday April 7, 12 noon & 7 p.m.

Stations of the Cross

Friday April 7, 11:15 a.m., 4:00 p.m. (children and intergenerational)

The Great Vigil of Easter

Saturday, April 8 at 7:30 p.m.

The Sunday of the Resurrection

Easter Sunday, April 9

The Festival Celebration of Easter at 8 & 10 a.m. in the nave. The annual Easter Egg Hunt will follow the 10 a.m. service.

United Thank Offering

Through daily prayer and tangible offerings, lives are changed in very real ways.



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 Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 19, 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

Click Here to
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Service on
Facebook

Click Here to
Download a
Service
Leaflet

Click Here to
Join the
Service on
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.

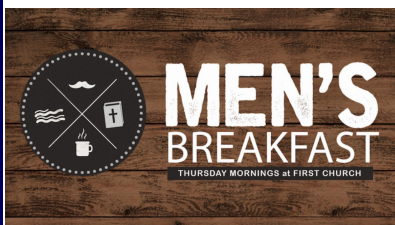
Click Here to Make an Urgent Tax-Deductible Donation to Episcopal Relief & Development Today

Fill the Hunger Barrel

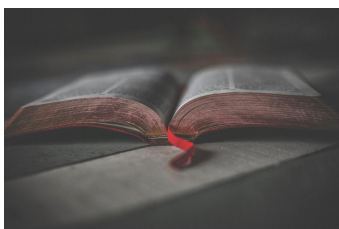
Please remember our neighbors in need. Drop your non-perishable food items in Grace's red hunger barrel in Albright Parish Hall each Sunday. Your donations will be distributed through KirkCare and Trinity Episcopal Church food pantries.



Mark Your Calendar!



Men's Breakfast
Wednesdays 8 a.m.



The Holy Eucharist



Tuesday Book Group

Denny's in Sunset Hills

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)

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
Langden Neubacher
Marty O'Leary
Chloe Poe
Beverly Shands
Brooks Ward
Jane Webster
Eric Woodruff

Friends & Family

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

Birthdays



March 19

AJ Wallach

March 20

Henry Beers

Justin Mars

March 21

Alex Glover

Ellen Nolte

Anne Perkins

Ben Voller

March 22

Dylan Hart

March 23

Lou Prewitt

Ian Reno

March 24

A.J. Burklow

Grace Eschenroeder

Michael Gibbons

March 25

Chris Dalton Jr.

Mary Smith

Anniversaries

March 21

Lisa & Brent Dudley

Our Prayer list requests and updates should be e-mailed to the parish 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 (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.

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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