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Discernment Team Update



We are nearing the March 24 deadline for applicants in our search for our next rector. Sometime shortly after that date Bishop Deon and Canon Doris Westfall will be getting in touch with our discernment team leaders and our consultant regarding the number of applications that have been received by the Diocese.

At that time, we will discuss the current climate for searches for rector and whether it would benefit us to extend our deadline. We certainly want to be able to act quickly once we have applications in hand, as there are many searches and few applicants as I understand the present situation across the country.

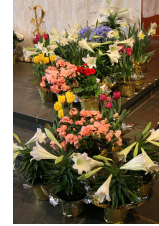
Our Discernment Team has worked and prayed diligently so far--first, in collecting information about who we are and what characteristics the priest will have who will be called to be our next rector—second, in compiling our information in a gorgeous and fact-filled parish profile, now on our website. A video, created by Dianne Casey was recently added to our profile; it is a lively description of how we feel about our church and one another. At present, three subcommittees are designing our review and evaluation process, the Zoom interview process, and the questions we will be using in early and later interviews. Please thank the team for the solid work they are doing.

We ask you to be patient and prayerful as we move into the next stages of our search—when we learn about the people who are interested in becoming our next rector and our "good shepherd."

Blessings, Lyn Ballard, Chair
Dick Entenmann, Vice-Chair

Dedications for Easter Flowers & Music

Envelopes with spaces to submit dedication names are available in the narthex. Your donations provide funding for the beautiful seasonal flowers and trees that adorn the church and the festival music costs during Easter services.



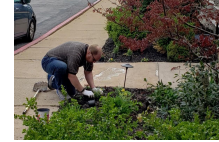
The names of those memorialized and honored will be included in the Easter service leaflets. They are also included in The Book of Loving Remembrance, placed on the altar during the services. Please make checks payable to “Grace Episcopal Church” with “Flowers and Music: in the memo line. The suggested donation is a minimum of \$10 per name.

The deadline to have the names included in the Easter service leaflets is Palm Sunday.

[Donate Here - Easter Flowers](#)

Help Beautify our Grounds!

Below are the projects we need to accomplish in April. If you see one you can handle please email [Rebecca Harrison](#) or call her at 314-791-7149. All help is appreciated!



- Mulch all the flower beds (mulch provided)
- Plant the various bushes/trees we brought in for Easter.
- Plant the annuals we brought in for Easter.
- Flag the bushes that need to be removed
- Remove those bushes as flagged.

Tour Jefferson City with Grace on the Go



On **Friday, April 21**, join Grace on the Go for a tour of the capitol followed by a tour of the Missouri Supreme Court and Justice Mary Russell’s chambers (Mary is a new member of Grace.)

Lunch will be at Arris Pizza, after which we tour the old penitentiary. Cost for this two-hour tour is \$25 per person, payable in advance. **Carpools will leave Grace promptly at 7 a.m.**

Sign-up in the Parish Hall, pay on Grace’s website or put your \$25 check payable to Grace Church (memo line: “GOG JC”) in the drop box on wall across from the office, and mark list “Paid” by your name on the sign-up sheet.

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

This will be the last Sunday in Lent at 5:00-6:45 p.m. in the Parish Hall and Library.



All ages are invited to join for dinner and exploration. Starting with a catered dinner and conversation, we'll get to know one another better. (Free will offerings will be accepted for dinner.)

We'll discuss 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 and offer a practice to take home into your daily life.

This week is Breakfast for Dinner. The menu includes: Biscuits with gravy from Honey Bee's, quiche from Teleo's and fruit.

Please sign up for the dinner at church or online. Early sign-ups help us prepare in time.

[Lent Dinner Sign-up Here](#)

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

Let's discuss *The Way of Life in John's Gospel* at 9 a.m. in the Parish Library, for the last Sunday in Lent.



Fifth Sunday: *Life wins when we least expect it.*

A vision of dry bones brought to life. A dead man called forth from the tomb and set free. These are stories where life emerges from death. How does that work in our own lives?



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

One act of prayerful, tangible thanksgiving at a time has a wider impact than you can possibly imagine.



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 Fifth Sunday in Lent **March 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

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Facebook

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

Beyond Our Walls

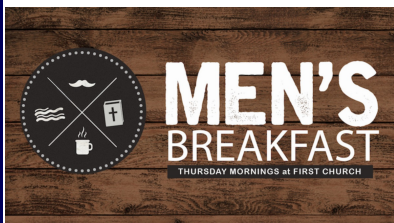
Fill the Hunger Barrel

Please remember our neighbors in need. Drop your non-perishable food

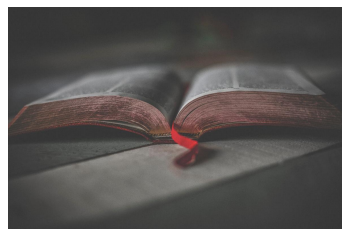
items in Grace's red hunger barrel in Albright Parish Hall each Sunday. Your donations will be distributed through KirkCare and Trinity Episcopal Church food pantries.



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
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

Birthdays



March 26
Dennis Capriglione
Tracy Hart
Jacob Ludbrook
Alex Wefel
March 28
Avery Amen
March 29
Stan Cookson
Sydney Ludbrook
March 30
James McKown Jr.
March 31
Kelly Eschenroeder
Bridget Sisul
Diana Streicher
April 1
Beverly Sparks-Shands

Anniversaries

There are no anniversaries this week.

Logan Nelson
Ben Ryan
Allison Shortlane
Megan and the Taylor Family
AnnaMaria Winter

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 (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.

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