



# iMessenger

Weekly News from Grace Episcopal Church  
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## Holy Week and Easter

*It was a week that changed the world. Perhaps, more importantly, it was a week that has changed hearts and lives for two millennia. Jesus last days in Jerusalem lie at the center of our faith. These are days of wondrous love, and purposeful sacrifice when God's power overcomes the worst that death can do.*



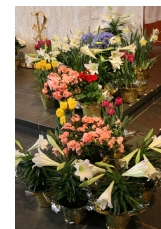
**Sunday of the Passion, April 2:** Services at 8 & 10 a.m.

On this day Christians enter the holiest days of the year. As Christians gathered 2000 years later we enter into this week prepared to be touched and changed by Jesus' saving work.

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## Easter Flowers & Music

The deadline to have the names included in the Easter service leaflets is **Palm Sunday**. Envelopes with spaces to submit dedication names are available in the narthex. 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."

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## Your Easter Offering

Your Easter Offering is devoted to transforming the lives of the vulnerable and displaced in the Middle East through the Diocese of Jerusalem and its schools, hospitals, and centers for children with disabilities. You may donate to the Easter offering online.

Easter Offering

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## Help Beautify our Grounds!

We need to accomplish the following projects in April. If you see one you would like to help with please let Rebecca Harrison know at 314-791-7149 or Rharri7176@aol.com. We appreciate your help!



- 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.

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## 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 Reis](#) 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.

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## Tour Jefferson City with Grace on the Go

**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.

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## 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.

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## **United Thank Offering**

*You are never too young or too old to start a daily spiritual practice.*



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.

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## **The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday**

**April 2, 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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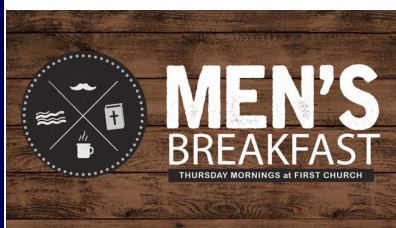
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### Fill the Hunger Barrel

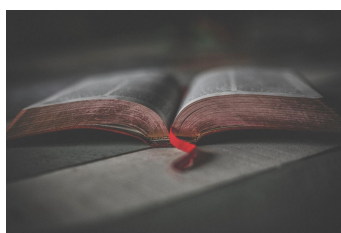
Please remember our neighbors in need. Drop your non-perishable food items in Grace's red hunger barrel in Albright Parish Hall each Sunday. Your donations will be distributed through KirkCare and Trinity Episcopal Church food pantries.



## 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. The  
group is on Easter break  
and will resume on  
4/4/23.  
[Click here to learn more!](#)

## Prayer List

### Parish List

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

## Birthdays



**April 2**  
Wendy Ludbrook  
**April 3**  
Susie Reis  
**April 4**  
Dianne Casey  
Richard Eschenroeder  
**April 5**  
Luella Foster  
Allie Friar  
Jay Friar  
**April 7**  
Betty Bowersox  
**April 8**  
Pam Fitzgerald  
Lesley Hoffarth

Eric Woodruff

### **Friends & Family**

Rebecca Bonham  
Kate Bonham  
The Emmons family  
Bruce Frailey  
Carrie Gurley  
Martha Ramsay Huff  
Michael & Mary Leiweke  
Ken Mac  
Fred McConnell  
Jon McDaniel  
Logan Nelson  
Ben Ryan  
Allison Shortlane  
Megan & the Taylor family  
AnnaMaria Winter & family

## **Anniversaries**

**April 2**

Pam & Mike Fitzgerald

**April 7**

Jane & Bill Pohlman

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.

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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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.*

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

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