



iMessenger

Weekly News from Grace Episcopal Church
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Celebrating Earth Sunday

On the day after Earth Day we gather to give thanks and praise for the beautiful gifts of creation. In music and prayer we'll call to turn our hearts to the wonder and beauty all around us, and we'll remember our call to be good stewards of all that we've been given.



As part of our prayer we'll begin using a form of the Great Thanksgiving from Enriching our Worship. These prayers highlight call to mind the wonders of creation as we journey through spring.

Following the 10am liturgy we'll process out and plant a tree as part of the Anglican Communion Forest. (see below)

Earth Day Tree Planting

Last November, at Diocesan convention, Bishop Deon gave each parish a young oak tree to care for over the winter and then plant when it is safe to do so. **Come out and join in the prayer, blessing, and planting of our young oak tree on Sunday, April 23rd following the 10 am service.**



We do this in solidarity with the Communion Forest Project, a global initiative of the Anglican Communion. The aim of the Communion Forest is to significantly increase Anglican tree growing and landscape protection around the world and deepen care for creation within the life of the Church.

At the heart of our faith is the call to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and to sustain and renew the face of the earth. God's earth; God's creation; God's gift. As we plant our tree, we are not only living out this aspect of our discipleship, but we are

also expressing hope for the future.

Let this be an act of hope for us as a community and a pledge to tread more gently on planet earth for the good all creation and those who will come after us.

April Projects

We need to accomplish the following projects in April. If you can help please let Rebecca Harrison know at 314-791-7149 or [email Rebecca](#). 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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Handbell Concert in April

You are cordially invited to
The Grace Episcopal Church Handbell Concert

Sunday, April 30 at 4:00 p.m.

Featuring:
The All Saints Handbell Choir
The Gloria Deo Handbell Choir
The Saint Dunstan Handbell Choir

A reception follows at: Grace Episcopal Church
514 East Argonne Drive
Kirkwood, Missouri
Director - Ella Heigham



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 is a gray basket in the Parish Hall on the cart labeled: Knitted Items, where you can leave knitted things.

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.

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, please write a check and place in a United Thank Offering envelope, envelopes are available in the Narthex and outside of the office.



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. The collection date for this offering will be on **May 14, 2023** at the 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. services.

The Second Sunday of Easter April 16, 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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Nursery Sunday hours are 8:45 a.m until 11:15 a.m. each Sunday.

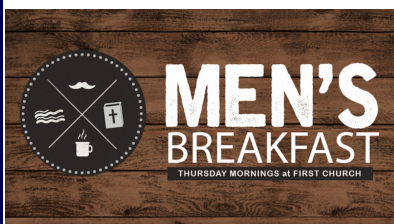
Beyond Our Walls

Fill the Hunger Barrel

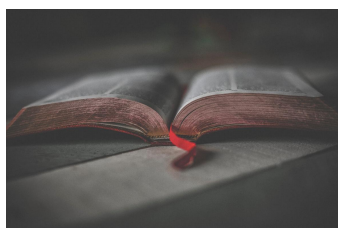
Please remember our neighbors in need. Drop your non-perishable food items in Grace's red hunger barrel in Albright Parish Hall each Sunday. Your donations will be distributed through KirkCare and Trinity Episcopal Church food pantries.



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



Tuesday Book Group
meets at 10:00 a.m.
at the church and on
Zoom. The Book Group

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
Eric Woodruff

Friends & Family

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

Birthdays



April 16

Henry Ludbrook

April 18

Kent Wilkins

April 20

Brendan Hart

April 22

Barbara Reid

Claire Taussig

Anniversaries

April 21

Laura & Theo Esser

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.

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.

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