



# iMessenger

*Weekly News from Grace Episcopal Church*  
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## **Progress Report from Grace's Discernment Committee**



We are happy to report that we have completed the first round of virtual interviews on Zoom with candidates who are interested in being the next rector of our parish.

The discernment team will meet on April 27 to select the candidates who will go forward in this process. Please pray for our team and for the candidates—we all have a lot of discerning to do. Here's a way to understand what our work means: "God is trying to do something through us, and it is our task to figure out what that is." We are in the discernment process and so are the candidates who must determine where God is calling them to serve.

Lyn Ballard, Chair  
Dick Entenmann, Vice-Chair

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## **Emery Washington Convocation Meeting**

**Saturday, April 22**  
**9-11 a.m.**

**The Church of St. Michael & St. George, Clayton**

All clergy and convention delegates from the Emery Washington Convocation are encouraged to attend this in-person convocation meeting.

**Learn more and RSVP.**  
**Learn more about our convocations.**

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## **Graduating with Grace**



Are you celebrating a high school, college, or program graduation this spring?

Share your joy with our parish family! Send your graduation information to the church office so we can share your good news with your parish family.

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## **Celebrating Earth Sunday**



On the day after Earth Day, Sunday April 23, 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.

**[Read More](#)**

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## **Earth Day Tree Planting**



**Come out and join in the prayer, blessing, and planting of our young oak tree on Sunday, April 23rd following the 10 am service.** 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.

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.

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.

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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



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## April Projects

Help is needed with the following projects in April. Please [email Rebecca](#) or call at 314-791-7149 or if you can contribute some time. 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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## Out of the Office

**Rev. Thomas** will be out of the office from April 28 through May 21. You may contact Mary with your pastoral care needs at [mary.haggerty@gracekirkwood.org](mailto:mary.haggerty@gracekirkwood.org) or 314-821-1806 ext. 12.

**Phillip Brunswick** will be taking some time away to deal with his health. While health issues are confidential, please know that this time away is not related to any impropriety, and neither is it life-threatening.

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## About the Parish Family

Congratulations to the VanConia family as we celebrate the birth of **Caroline Elizabeth VanConia** on April 13, 2023. The proud parents are **Matt and Grace VanConia**, and the grandparents are **Ann and Brent VanConia**

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## United Thank Offering

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



Please write a check and place in a United Thank Offering envelope. Your thanksgivings unite with others' prayers and thankful donations 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.**

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**The Third Sunday of Easter**  
**April 23, 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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**Nursery Sunday hours are 8:45 a.m. until 11:15 a.m. each Sunday.**

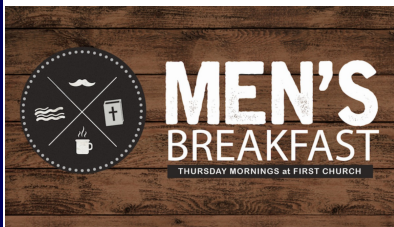
## Beyond Our Walls

### Fill the Hunger Barrel

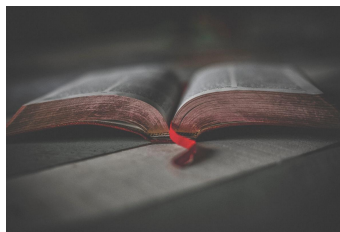
Please remember our neighbors in need. Drop your non-perishable food items in Grace's red hunger barrel in Albright Parish Hall each Sunday. Your donations will be distributed through KirkCare and Trinity Episcopal Church food pantries.



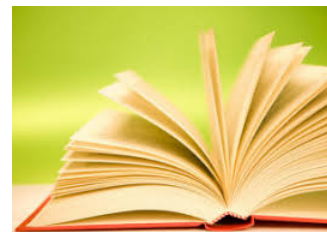
## Mark Your Calendar!



**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. See  
revised reading schedule.  
[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  
Douglas Jenkins

## Birthdays



**April 23**  
Katie Friar  
**April 24**  
Gina Miller  
**April 26**  
Lucas Casey  
**April 29**

Mike Lillmars  
Chris Manuel  
Jeane McKenna  
Jim McKown  
Steve Mika  
Langden Neubacher  
Marty O'Leary  
Chloe Poe  
Linda Russell  
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

Bill Cadwallader  
Larry Reimelt  
Dana Weis

## **Anniversaries**

There are no anniversaries this week.

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 ([clesiem01@yahoo.com](mailto: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.

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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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