

# **iMessenger**

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## Join Us This Easter Sunday!

We join together on Sunday to celebrate Christ's rising from the grave and the good news that God brings life out of death. Whoever you are, and wherever you find yourself on your spiritual journey, this promise is for all of us. My prayer is that each of us and all of us will receive this power and the grace of this good news today.





### 2023 Easter Message - Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

#### **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



## **Holy Week Schedule**

**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 is at 8 & 10 a.m. in the Nave. The annual Easter Egg Hunt will follow the 10 a.m. service. In lieu of the 10 a.m. coffee hour: We suggest to go outside and watch the children collect Easter eggs, join in the celebration!

### **Help Beautify our Grounds!**

We need your help with the following projects in April. If you see one that you can work on 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.



#### **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.

### **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.

#### **United Thank Offering**

Your Blessings Become Blessings For Others



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.

## The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Sunday April 9, 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 (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** Eric Eickmever 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 Kate 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 12 Riley Amen Andy Biesiadecki

# Anniversaries

April 14 Susan & Bob Rolf

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.

#### **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.

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