

## Parish News for the week of November 4

Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church.

We are glad you are worshipping with us today!

### SUNDAY MORNINGS AT GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*Rise and Sing, New Music Space in the Undercroft*

**9:15 to 9:30**

*Christian Education in the Atrium for ages 3 -12*

**9:30, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**

**Christianity and Culture**

November 11 & 18 - The Protestant Episcopal Church in the U.S.A. with  
Elizabeth Harralson

**Confirmation, Canterbury Room, 9:15**

### First Sunday Lunch - Today!

Immediately following the 10:30 service. Rosemary Roasted Pork Loin,  
Rice, Gravy, Fried Apples, Side Dishes and Dessert.

### Taizé Eucharist - The Rev. Dr. Bob Crewdson

Our next Sunday Taizé service is November 11. This will be the last service  
for The Rev. Dr. Bob Crewdson. He is moving to Harrisonburg, VA. We will  
have a reception for Bob following the service. Please join us to thank Bob  
for all his years of service at Grace Episcopal Church.

### Save the Dates!

Rhythms of Grace - November 18, 2:00 p.m.

Our One Word - November 27, 5:30 p.m.

St Nicholas Fair - December 8, 11 am to 3 p.m.

*(A family friendly day celebrating St. Nicholas,  
4<sup>th</sup> century Bishop of Myra with crafts, food and more!)*

Community Hymn Sing - December 30, 5 p.m.

12th Night Revels, January 5, 6 p.m.

### Fall Clean Up!

Come join the Property Committee in our Fall Clean Up! We will spruce up the  
grounds of the church in preparation for Thanksgiving on Saturday, November  
17th, at 9:00 a.m. All are welcome and refreshments will be available. Bring  
your gardening gloves, brooms, rakes, or weeding tools, and remember that  
many hands make light work!

### Altar Flowers

**The 2019 calendar is now available on the bridge.**

If you wish to make a donation (\$65 for flower donations/\$35 for greens dur-  
ing Advent and Lent) in honor/memorial of a loved one, please use the 2019  
Flower Chart on the wall of the bridge to sign up.

### Pastoral Needs

Please contact the church office (office@graceepiscopalexington.org),  
Fr. James (frjames@graceepiscopalexington.org)  
or Sharon Massie (sharon@graceepiscopalexington.org) if you have a  
pastoral need. Please let us know if you are having  
upcoming surgeries, etc. Your church family cares about you!

### Pocket Change 4 Change

Recognizing the ongoing need to support community outreach, the  
ECW's fund raising initiative called **Pocket Change 4 Change** was born.

Parishioners are asked to contribute "pocket change" each  
Sunday with proceeds going to both existing and new community  
outreach efforts. A collection box is located on the bridge. Questions  
about **Pocket Change 4 Change** can be directed to Darlene Keane

### Become an Acolyte,

Grace Episcopal Church is looking for parishioners who would like to  
serve during weekly services as an Acolyte, especially adults who are  
willing to serve at the altar. If you are interested in learning more, call  
Lisa in the Parish Office or email lisa@graceepiscopalexington.org for  
information on how you can help! We would love for you to join the  
team of dedicated people we have serving our Parish Family.

### This Week

<b>Mon</b>	<b>4:15 PM</b>	Call Committee (Canterbury Room)
	<b>5:00 PM</b>	Christian Outreach Committee (PH)
	<b>6:00 PM</b>	Property (CR)
<b>Tue</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b>	Men's Prayer Breakfast Parish Hall
	<b>11:00 AM</b>	Worship Committee (CR)
	<b>3:30 PM</b>	Godly Play/Cherub Choir
<b>Wed</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	EFM
	<b>3:30 PM</b>	St. Francis Choir
	<b>7:30 PM</b>	Adult Church House Book Group
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	Adult Choir

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### **Adult Choir**

Thursday rehearsals 7-8:45 Sunday morning rehearsals at 9:30.

**St. Francis Choir** (2nd grade & Up)  
Wednesday 4-4:40

**Godly Play/Cherub Choir** (ages 3-1st grade) Tuesdays, 3:30 – 4:30, Atrium, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Parish House  
Parents are invited to join us from 4:20-4:30.

**St. Dunstan's Handbell Choir** (Intergenerational participation welcome: 5th grade through Centenarians+).

***After the 10:30 Eucharist in the Undercroft***

**Rockbridge Threshold Singers**  
**Wednesdays 5:30-6:30, Starts November 21**  
Contact Martha for details.

***Do you have a musical gift or ministry you want to suggest?***  
***If you have questions about any things musical ministry minded, please call Martha at 540-463-4981 or email her at martha@graceepiscopallexington.org.***

**Presiding Bishop Michael Curry has invited the whole church into a new three year initiative called The Way of Love. The Way of Love is a "rule of life" focused on practices for cultivating a Jesus-Centered Life.**

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### ***From Bishop Curry***

In the first century Jesus of Nazareth inspired a movement. A community of people whose lives were centered on Jesus Christ and committed to living the way of God's unconditional, unselfish, sacrificial, and redemptive love. Before they were called "church" or "Christian," this Jesus Movement was simply called "the way."

Today I believe our vocation is to live as the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement. But how can we together grow more deeply with Jesus Christ at the center of our lives, so we can bear witness to his way of love in and for the world?

The deep roots of our Christian tradition may offer just such a path. For centuries, monastic communities have shaped their lives around rhythms and disciplines for following Jesus together. Such a pattern is known as a "Rule of Life." The framework you now hold – **The Way of Love: Practices for Jesus-Centered Life** – outlines a Rule for the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement.

There is no specific order you need to follow. If you already keep a Rule or spiritual disciplines, you might reflect and discover how that path intersects with this one. By entering into reflection, discernment and commitment around the practices of **Tum - Learn - Pray - Worship - Bless - Go - Rest**, I pray we will grow as communities following the loving, liberating, life-giving way of Jesus. His way has the power to change each of our lives and to change this world.

### **UTO Prayer**

**Gracious God, source of all creation, all love, all true joy: accept we pray these outward signs of our profound and continuing thankfulness for all of life.**

**Keep each of us ever thankful for all the blessings of joy and challenge that come our way. Bless those who will benefit from these gifts through the outreach of the United Thank Offering. This we ask through Him who is the greatest gift and blessing of all, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### **The 100th Annual Convention of the Diocese Southwestern Virginia**

**Presiding Bishop The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry will keynote. A special Episcopal Revival service will be held at the Berglund Center Performing Arts Theatre on Sunday, January 27th at 10 AM. This revival is free and open to the community, and we encourage you to invite your neighbors, friends, and colleagues.**