

Lanford Mission Emergency Fund

The Mission Emergency Fund was begun at Grace in 1984 to assist residents of Rockbridge County who seek emergency financial support to meet rent, utility, food, medical, or temporary housing expenses. In late 2014 the name of the fund was changed to the Lanford Mission Emergency Fund to recognize Sarah Lanford's long-time service to this ministry.

The emergencies that prompt requests for assistance are usually due to sudden illness, unexpected job loss, loss of health insurance, or other crisis situations. In the majority of cases, RARA (Rockbridge Area Relief Association) does the vetting to verify need and eligibility and then contacts Grace Episcopal along with Lexington Presbyterian and St. Patrick's Roman Catholic churches to share with RARA in the financial support.

Through October 2018, Grace has received 143 requests for assistance, and the MEF has expended \$11,571.40 to meet these requests. The funding for this ministry in 2018 has come from Grace's Easter offering, some pledges, individual gifts, and memorials to Sarah Lanford. As we approach Thanksgiving and reflect on all of the blessings and gifts in our lives, we ask you to consider a donation to the Lanford Mission Emergency Fund to assist those who are less fortunate. To make a gift in the form of a check, the check should be made out to Grace Episcopal Church with Lanford MEF noted on the memo line. The Christian Outreach Committee sincerely thanks you for your continued support of this long-time Grace Episcopal ministry!

Save the Dates!

Rhythms of Grace - November 25, 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, 4th 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.

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Parish News for the week of November 11

Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church.

We are glad you are worshipping with us today!

Mission trip to Jamaica

Immediately following the 10:30 service, there will be a presentation by Elizabeth Grist, Molly Hellwig, Tammi Hellwig, Kate Hentz, and Samantha Russell. Come to the Parish Hall for refreshments and join in fellowship to hear about their experience on the mission trip through the program Experience Mission to the community of Catadupa, Jamaica, on July 28, 2018. Catadupa was a once thriving community centered around the train line that ran through the center of town. In the early 1990's the railroad system shut down leaving the community economically devastated. Many families who live in the mountains of Jamaica have very limited access to jobs and cannot afford to maintain their small homes. The purpose of the mission trip was to help repair these homes as well as building relationships with families and community members. They also connected with local children through children's ministry each day.

Taizé Eucharist - The Rev. Dr. Bob Crewdson

Tonight at 5:00 p.m. is our Taizé service. This will be the last service celebrated by The Rev. Dr. Bob Crewdson. He is moving to Harrisonburg, VA. Bob joined the staff of our church in June of 2008 as Chaplain to the college communities of VMI and W&L. We held our first Taizé service in September of 2009 with Reverend Crewdson as the celebrant.

Reverend Crewdson has a B.S. degree in chemical engineering from Virginia Tech and was in the Cadet Corps there for the first two years. After a short time with the DuPont Co., he volunteered and served two years in the Navy as a hospital corpsman. During seminary studies, he worked the evening shift as a Capitol Policeman to support his family.

Reverend Crewdson co-founded the Senior High Appalachian Trail Camps for the Diocese of Virginia with another priest and took youth out for a week or more at a time on the trail. After two years, he helped do the camps ecumenically through the Virginia Council of Churches, training ministers of other denominations to lead them. He has also served as volunteer chaplain to students at Seabury-Western Theological Seminary for two semesters, one on sabbatical and one after retirement.

Reverend Crewdson worked with youth in the Jesus Movement in the 70s and 80s and was able to keep most of them in their churches with two going into mission work. He was involved in ecumenical work on the diocesan and province level. He was responsible for getting his bishop in North Carolina on board to start the Episcopal-Moravian dialogue.

Please join us tonight after the Taizé service in the Undercroft for a small reception to honor The Reverend Dr. Bob Crewdson for his many years of service at Grace Episcopal Church.

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, 3rd Floor**

Christianity and Culture

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

Confirmation, Canterbury Room, 9:15

Adult Choir

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

St. Francis Choir (2nd grade & Up)
Wednesday 3:30-4:10

Godly Play/Cherub Choir (ages 3-1st grade) Tuesdays, 3:30 – 4:30,
Atrium, 3rd 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@graceepiscopalexington.org.

Martha will be at the Maritime Conference Center in Linthicum Heights, Maryland, Sunday night through mid-day Thursday fulfilling duties in her second triennium on the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Church Music for the national church. The Commission's role is described: It shall be the duty of the Commission to: Discharge such duties as shall be assigned to it by the General Convention as to policies and strategies concerning the common worship of this Church.

To see more about the Commission's 2015-2018 work,
and for updates to come go to:

<https://standingcommissiononliturgyandmusic.org/about/>

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 during Advent and Lent) in honor/memoriam of a loved one, please use the 2019 Flower Chart on the wall of the bridge to sign up.

Angel Tree Prison Fellowship

Angel Tree Prison Fellowship is coming! Angel Tree seeks to restore those affected by crime and incarceration by introducing prisoners, victims, and their families to a new hope available through Jesus Christ. Here's what your participation means It Starts with a Gift.

The Outreach Committee invites you to share in this important ministry. This year our church received the names of 40 local children. You can participate by picking up an Angel Tree tag on either Sunday December 2 or 9. Purchase a designated category of gift costing no more than \$20.00 and return your wrapped gift to the church office *no later than Wednesday, December 12.*

Help is also needed with delivery of the gifts on Sunday, December 16.

If you are able to help with delivery, please contact
Frank Settle at fsettle@comcast.net

Mail Box

If you or your committee has a mail box in the Resource Room, please check it on Sundays or during the week.

This Week

Mon	Parish Office Closed for Veteran's Day		
Tue	7:00 AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast	Parish Hall
	3:30 PM	No Godly Play/Cherub Choir	
	5:00 PM	Finance Committee	
	6:30 PM	EFM	
Wed	3:30 PM	St. Francis Choir	
	7:30 PM	Adult Church House Book Group	
Thurs	7:00 PM	Adult Choir	
	7:00 PM	EFM Grads	