

Note cards

South Sudanese Lifestyles note cards are for sale in the Parish Office. A packet of 6 assorted pictures is only \$10! The donation benefits children's education in South Sudan.

Altar Flowers

If you wish to make a donation (\$65 for flower donations/\$35 for greens during Easter and Lent) in honor/memoriam of a loved one, please use the 2018 Flower Chart on the wall of the bridge to sign up.

June and July Memorials

June 3: OPEN	July 01: Peters
June 10: Glidden	July 08: Robblee
June 17: OPEN	July 15: OPEN
June 24: OPEN	July 22: Gibson
	July 29: OPEN

Become an Acolyte, Chalicist, Greeter, Lay Reader, Altar Guild Member or Usher

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, there is a sign up sheet on the bridge. You can also call Lisa in the Parish Office or email lisa@graceepiscopallexington.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.

Pastoral Needs

Please contact the church office (office@graceepiscopallexington.org), Sharon Massie (sharon@graceepiscopallexington.org) or James Keane (chaplain@graceepiscopallexington.org) if you have a pastoral need.

Mail Box

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

Sermons

If you don't have access to a computer and would like a copy of the bulletin or a sermon, contact Lisa in the parish office and she would be happy to send you one.

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Parish News for the week of May 13

Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church.

We are glad you are worshipping with us today!

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday School for Children, 9:15, 3rd floor

Join us as we continue our journey through the Bible/with *The Path*.
Ages 3 to 5th grade

Youth @ Sweet Treats, 9:30

Called through Faith with Holly Pickett and Susan Cross.

Christianity and Culture, Parish Hall, 9:15

What is the Church? One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic in the Beginning, in the Middle, Now. Alexandra Brown, as a New Testament scholar, will lecture on the early Church, Ed Craun, as a medievalist, will lecture on the Church in the late Middle Ages, and the group will discuss the Church here and how. What does it mean for us as members of Grace Church, of the Episcopal Church, and of the Anglican Communion in 2018 to be one, holy, catholic, and apostolic?
All parishioners are invited to participate. Class ends on 5/20.

United Thank Offering 2018 Spring Ingathering – Today

Please make your checks payable to Grace Episcopal Church with UTO on the memo line (or place cash in the UTO envelope) for the collection plate.

Grace and Reconciliation Weekend

Please join us for brunch in the Parish Hall following the service.

Taizé Eucharist

The second-Sunday Taizé contemplative Eucharist will be tonight at 5 p.m. Join us for this service of scripture, prayer, music, and communion.

Rhythms of Grace, Sunday, June 3, 2 PM, Parish Hall

Rhythms of Grace is an imaginative and engaging worship service for children and families with **or without** special needs. A *Rhythms of Grace* service combines storytelling, arts and crafts, therapeutic play and a celebration of Holy Communion. Sharon Massie, will lead this service on Sunday, June 3, 2:00 PM, at the Grace Episcopal Church Parish Hall. The Rev. Anne Grizzle will celebrate Holy Eucharist. For more information about *Rhythms of Grace*, please contact Sharon Massie.

Rockbridge Area Hospice Summer Series - Grief Workshops

For youth and families who have experienced the death of a relative, loved one or close friend. **10 to 11:30 am, May 19th - Butterfly Coloring Page** • Butterflies are deep and powerful representations of life. Around the world, people view the butterfly as representing endurance, change, hope and life. Come color and express how life has changed for you.

There is no cost to attend, space is limited.

Contact Susan Harrison, 315 Myers Street, Lexington to register 540.463.1848, susan.harrison@rahospice.org

Rev. Canon Lauren Robbins Holder, Guest Celebrant & Preacher May 20, 2018

We are pleased to announce that The Rev. Canon Lauren Robbins Holder, who grew up here in Lexington and who worshiped in this parish, will be with us to serve as our guest celebrant and preacher on Pentecost

Sunday, May 20, 2018, while Fr. James is on vacation. You may have known her as Lauren Robbins, the daughter of Kristy Hamilton and Steve Robbins. Canon Holder now lives in Atlanta with her husband, Jason, and their two children, Charles and Lucy Rae. She serves as the Canon for Outreach and Congregational Life at the Cathedral of St. Philip. Canon Holder graduated from Washington and Lee University with a Bachelor's degree in Politics and a concentration in Environmental Studies in 2003, received a Masters in Liberal Arts at St. John's College in 2006, and a Masters in Divinity at The General Theological Seminary in 2014. She previously served as a priest at Trinity Wall St. Episcopal Church in New York City, and as Associate Rector for Outreach and Pastoral Care at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Atlanta. She will preside and preach at both of the Sunday services and we hope you will be here to welcome Canon Holder and family.

Our One Word,

Wednesday, May 30, 5:30- 6:30

Ladies, please join us for an hour of simple food, drink and conversation. We will focus on the word "Open" and explore if that word has or has not been at work in our lives that week. Bring a friend!

Fellowship

Coffee (Lemonade) Hour after the 10:30 a.m. service is a tradition that everyone in the congregation enjoys each week! It's a time to relax after the service, enjoy some refreshment, and catch up with friends after a busy week. It's a vital part of our fellowship here at Grace Church.

Helpers are needed to host and provide refreshments after services. The expense, time and effort are minimal, especially if you host with a friend or a group, or church committee! I hope you will consider making coffee hour part of your contribution to the life of the parish. It is a fun and greatly appreciated way to give back to the community! Contact Susan Lawrence at bighilllex@gmail.com, H 464-5797, or Cell 461-6435 or sign up on the Bridge after the service!

The Abundant Life Garden Project Community VBS, June 4-8

VBS will be held at Lexington Presbyterian Church, 120 S. Main Street, Lexington 9 a.m. to noon. Ages 4 to rising 6th graders. Good Shepherd Lutheran, Grace Episcopal, Lexington Presbyterian, Manley Memorial Baptist and Trinity Methodist Churches are partnering this year to offer a community Vacation Bible School. Our Abundant Life Garden Project will engage children with Bible stories, crafts, music and activities focused on water, seeds, soil, and harvest. During our time together we will celebrate our call to care for the earth and each other as members of God's world-wide family. Helping us with hands-on projects will be staff from Boxerwood Nature Center. Special activities include mini-action trips to a local community garden, the Farmer's Market and Woods Creek. Teachers and teen volunteers are needed! Contact Sharon Massie (sharon@graceepiscopallexington.org) for more information see online registration form www.graceepiscopallexington.org

ACTS

Caring for one another is the heart of what it means to be in koinonia, a community in Christ. In January 2014 we began a new pastoral care model, ACTS (Actively Caring Through Sharing) based on a successful program pioneered by Trinity Church, Staunton. Gail Dick and Sharon Massie head this effort. We have five teams that are on call for one week at a time. The teams call, visit, send a card or sometimes provide a meal or ride to a parishioner or friend of the parish who is homebound or in need because of a health concern or life event. These teams are not intended to take the place of clergy but to supplement and enrich our caring for each other. Grace ACTS is an important in-reach to the parishioners and the community of our church. We have over 30 people or family units that volunteer for the Grace ACTS ministry. Please continue to pray for this vital ministry to our parish. If you have a pastoral concern or know of someone who does or would like to serve on a team, please contact Sharon Massie (sharon@graceepiscopallexington.org) or Gail Dick (enya6389@yahoo.com) or the Parish Office.

Kendal Bible Study and Holy Eucharist with Fr. James on Thursdays, at 10:00 a.m.

This Week

Mon	5:00 PM	Vestry
Tues	7:00 AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast
	3:45 PM	Godly Play
	6:30 PM	EFM
Wed	4:00 PM	Jr. Choir
Thur	7:00 PM	EFM Grads