

Altar Flowers

If you wish to make a donation (\$65 for flower donations/\$35 for greens during Easter and Lent) in honor/memorial 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: McGuire	July 01: Peters
June 10: Glidden	July 08: Robblee
June 17: Hockaday	July 15: OPEN
June 24: OPEN	July 22: Gibson
	July 29: OPEN

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!

Become an Acolyte, Chalice, 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.

Parish News for the week of June 3

Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church.

We are glad you are worshipping with us today!

Today: Rhythms of Grace, 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 today at 2:00 PM, in the Parish Hall. The Rev. Anne Grizzle will celebrate Holy Eucharist.

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

VBS will be held this coming week 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, Manly 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

Bike & Build

Riders from Bike & Build will be coming through Lexington and staying at our church overnight on Tuesday, June 5. We are providing them dinner, breakfast and a place to sleep. The Men's Prayer Breakfast Group have graciously offered to cook breakfast for them. **If you are able to help with welcoming the bikers, dinner set up/clean up please contact Sharon ASAP.** Bike & Build raises money for affordable housing projects across the country. The riders from Bike & Build are pedaling across the U.S. for affordable housing and will end their 3,863 trek on August 1 in Portland, OR.

Taizé Eucharist

The second-Sunday Taizé contemplative Eucharist will be June 10 at 5 p.m. Join us for this service of scripture, prayer, music, and communion.

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**Rockbridge Area Hospice Summer Series
Grief Workshop, June 16, 10 to 11:30 a.m .**

Forget-Me-Not Keepsake. For youth and families who have experienced the death of a relative, loved one or close friend. Planting a flower can help us feel connected to nature and the natural cycle of life. Come get a bit dirty as life can get messy at times. *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

Join **Rockbridge Area Hospice** for a Volunteer Open House the third Wednesday of every month anytime between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Learn how you can get involved and make a difference. Meet current volunteers, enjoy light refreshments and engage in learning opportunities where there is no pressure. For more information contact Christine Hopkins, Volunteer Coordinator at 540-463-1848 x109 or Christine.hopkins@rahospice.org.

June 17 Sunday at Lake Robertson

We will gather at Lake Robertson with our friends from Good Shepherd Lutheran on June 17 for our ninth annual 10:30 service of Holy Eucharist under the pavilion. The service will be followed by a picnic. The church will provide chicken and drinks. Please bring your favorite salad, vegetable or dessert to share. Bring a lawn chair too, and be ready for a fun-filled day! Hiking, swimming, fishing, and horse shoes are available. Come and enjoy the beautiful scenery in a peaceful and quiet setting. This change is only for the 10:30 service, the 8 a.m. service will still be held at Grace Church.

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.

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.

Parking

Parking in the church lot is at a premium at the moment. We have a lot of construction trucks which makes it tricky to get a spot during weekdays and the trucks have to use the "in" driveway to leave because some are too large to make the turn going to the "out" driveway. If you have church business and need to park in the lot, please park at the far end away from church so the construction people can do their jobs. And please use caution as you enter the lot.
Thank you!

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.

Landscaping Project

With the advice of and recommendation from a landscaping firm, the property committee has developed a renovation plan for the landscaping in front of the Church building. The overgrown shrubs will be replaced to provide a more open, inviting appearance. This will reveal more of the building architecture, while reducing the threat from new plant diseases. The work will commence in the next few weeks thanks to an anonymous donor who has chosen to underwrite this project. Thank you for your patience during this transition and as the new plantings become established.

Fr. James Schedule

Fr. James leaves on June 20 for the summer, he will be back at the end of August. If you have a desire to meet with him before he leaves, please contact Lisa in the Parish Office and she will set up an appointment for you.

This Week		
Mon	5:00 PM	Property
	7:00 PM	COC
Tues	7:00 AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast
	6:00 PM	Bike & Build Dinner
Wed	6:00 AM	Bike & Build Breakfast
	4:30 PM	Gadsden