

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!

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!

Pastoral Needs

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

Become an Acolyte, Chalcist,

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@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.

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Parish News for the week of June 10

Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church.

We are glad you are worshipping with us today!

Tonight—Taizé Eucharist, 5 p.m.

Join us for this service of scripture, prayer, music, and communion.

Moment for Mission

This morning parishioners who volunteer for Meals for Shut-Ins will be talking briefly at the two services. Meals, founded over three decades ago by members of this parish, is a private charity that supplies a hot meal every weekday noon to almost forty people in Lexington who can no longer cook but wish to stay in their apartments or homes. Grace Church supports Meals by an annual financial contribution, and parishioners serve on its Board as well as taking the hospital meals to people either as regular drivers or as subs. Volunteers are always needed, as Meals has no paid employees

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.

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.

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.

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.

Grace Episcopal Church Pilgrimage

October 26-28, 2018

Holy Cross Monastery, West Park, New York

Location: The Monastery is located along the Hudson River, U.S. Rt 9, West Park, New York. Holy Cross Monastery is the mother house for the Order of the Holy Cross, an Anglican religious order inspired by the Benedictine tradition. Built in 1904, it was added to the U.S. Registry of Historic Places in 1995. The Monastery sits on a 26 acre site over-looking the Hudson River and the Vanderbilt mansion National Historic Site which is just across from it in Hyde Park. There are two guesthouses, the Monastic enclosure, and the Monastic church of St Augustine on the grounds. The Monastery is open for individual and group retreats. For more information about the monastery go to holycrossmonastery.org

Cost: \$200 per person includes meals and lodging (two nights lodging plus meals Friday supper through Sunday noontime dinner)

Reservations: The Monastery is holding 12 rooms for Grace Episcopal for the weekend of Oct 26-28. Most rooms are single rooms and there are a few double rooms. To reserve your place, call the guesthouse at Holy Cross and identify yourself as from Grace Episcopal and reserve your room with a deposit. Call 845-384-6660 and connect to the guesthouse or you can Email: guesthouse@hcmnet.org.

Travel: Participants will arrange their own transportation. Carpooling may be available. Train travel is possible from Charlottesville to NYC to Poughkeepsie, NY. Uber or taxis are available for the short drive to West Park from Poughkeepsie.

Contact: Please let Liz Moss 540-223-1048 (emoss267@gmail.com) know if you are planning to attend. Those participating will meet together prior to the pilgrimage to discuss further plans.

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
June 10: Glidden
June 17: Hockaday
June 24: OPEN

July 01: Peters
July 08: Robblee
July 15: OPEN
July 22: Gibson
July 29: Gosse

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.

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.

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.

This Week

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| Tues | 7:00 AM | Men's Prayer Breakfast |
| | 4:30 PM | Finance |