

Sermons

Check out our website www.graceepiscopalexington.org to see what is new in Christian Education, Parish Ministries, our Undercroft project or to read past sermons or our parish news! 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.

Become an Acolyte, Chalicist, Greeter, Lay Reader, 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 lis@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.

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.

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!

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Parish News for the week of May 6

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. The Christianity and Culture adult class is exploring the nature of Christian life in the Church, taking as its cue four adjectives for the Church in the Nicene Creed. What has it meant for Christians through the ages to be one, to be holy, to be catholic, to be apostolic? 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 now. 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.

Lectio Divina, 9:15, Canterbury Room

Today is the last session until Fall.

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. **June 16th - Forget-Me-Not Keepsake** • 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. **July 21st - Remembrance Box** • A memory box to decorate and a place to keep special memories or moments of your relationship with the person who passed away. **August 18th - Memorial Rock Painting** • Plan to paint two rocks this day. One to take home and keep in a special place and one to help us start a rock garden and a place to remember those we love and miss. *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

Taizé Eucharist

The second-Sunday Taizé contemplative Eucharist will be May 13 at 5 p.m. Join us for this service of scripture, prayer, music, and communion.

ECW Coffee Morning at Kendal

Please mark your calendar for Tuesday, May 8 at 10 a.m. for a coffee morning in the restaurant at Kendal to honor all Grace Episcopal Church women living there. All women of the church are invited for goodies, conversation, and a pleasant morning. Please bring finger food if you wish, savory or sweet, and join us for this annual tradition.

Rockbridge Interfaith Community Celebration

Welcoming our neighbors! Community potluck, music, dance, games, crafts and more! Tuesday, May 8, 5-7:00 p.m. Hopkins Green in Lexington. (Rain location: Lexington Presbyterian Church, Dunlap Auditorium) Bring a picnic blanket, a non-alcoholic beverage and a dish to share.

Grace and Reconciliation Weekend

May 12 and 13, 2018

A weekend of healing and reconciliation for our Parish Family will be held Saturday, May 12, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, May 13. With a combined service at 9:30 a.m. Saturday's session will be led by Father James, our interim rector, Brother Scott Borden and Brother John Forbis. The Brothers are members of the Anglican Benedictine Community of Holy Cross Monastery, located in West Park, New York. The monks will lead us in morning and afternoon prayers and they will conduct quiet and reflective meditations on healing and reconciliation. Lunch will be served. There is no charge to attend. Our Bishop, Mark Bourlakas, has urged us to take time to seek healing and peace in order to move forward. The events planned for this weekend are designed to assist us with that purpose. Brother John will preach at the combined Sunday Service. The service will be a Service of the Holy Eucharist, Healing, and Reconciliation. A reception will follow the Service in the Parish Hall. Please let us know you are coming so we can plan lunch. Sign up at the sign up table or contact the church office.

United Thank Offering 2018 Spring Ingathering – May 13

Be prepared for the UTO Spring Ingathering by depositing the contents of your Blue Box and writing a check payable to Grace Episcopal Church with UTO on the memo line (or place cash in the UTO envelope) for the collection plate.

Godly Play, Tuesday, 3:45 - 4:30 p.m.

Godly Play provides a time and a space for children to engage with God and with the story of God's people in the Bible. A Godly Play session includes a time to gather in a circle with music and singing, a time to listen to a story, a time of wondering, and a time for children to respond to the story through art or creative play.

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

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 Online Registration Form

<https://smassie.wufoo.com/forms/community-vbs-2018/>

Meals for Shut-ins Urgently Needs Drivers

Meals for Shut-ins, a registered, non-governmental charity which was founded in this parish, delivers a hot noon meal to people in Lexington who can no longer cook for themselves. Each weekday five drivers carry 35-40 meals from the hospital to homes or apartments on separate routes, each concentrated in one area of town and involving 5-12 meals. Several volunteer drivers have recently become unable to continue driving each week for reasons of health or age. Please consider taking up a route on one weekday (11:15-12:00 or so), either by yourself or with another person; this is a good way to meet people from various social and economic backgrounds. If you have questions, ask one of the drivers from our church: Susan Cross, Ed and Marlys Craun, the Hotchkiss family, Julia Grossman, Frank Settle--a much smaller number than in the past. Please contact Tom Jones at jonest@wlu.edu if you are willing to serve.

This Week		
Mon	5:00 PM	Property Committee
	7:00 PM	Christian Outreach Committee
Tues	7:00 AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast
	3:45 PM	Godly Play
	4:30 PM	Finance Committee
	6:30 PM	EFM
Wed	4:00 PM	Jr. Choir (no Jr. Choir May 9)
Sat	9:30 AM	Morning Prayer
	10 AM-Noon	Topic/Breakout/Reflection
	Noon	Lunch
	1-3:00 PM	Topic/Breakout/Reflection
	3:00 PM	Evening Prayer
Sun	9:30 AM	Combined Service
	Brunch in the Parish Hall will follow the service	

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