

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!

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.

WEBSITE!

www.graceepiscopalexington.org

Worship schedules, Who's Serving, Parish News,
Sermons can be found under the Worship tab.

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Parish News for the week of November 18

Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church.

We are glad you are worshipping with us today!

Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

James 5:16.

Grace Episcopal Call Committee

The Call Committee met on Saturday, November 10, with Karen Salter, our Transition Coach, for our retreat. To begin our discernment process, each of us shared a time when we felt God was at work in our lives. We reviewed the Diocesan Discernment Process and began planning for our next tasks. We are charged with preparing a parish prayer for the call of our next priest. Plans are being developed for a parish meeting after the holidays; the meeting will focus on our call of a new rector.

It is challenging to begin a call process at this time of the year with seasonal holidays and their inherent interruptions. However, we are committed to moving forward with diligence on this lengthy process.

Please keep the Call Committee and all of Grace Church in your thoughts and prayers.

Jane Brooke, Alexandra Brown, Gail Dickerson, Keith Gibson, Anne Hansen, Ryan Holston, Mo Littlefield

Finance Committee Membership

If you feel called to serve the church as a member of the Finance Committee, please call Margaret Haberman at 540-463-0950 or email her at mhaberman74@comcast.net. The new member would begin serving on the committee in January 2019. The term for serving on the Finance Committee as a voting member is three years; with an option to renew for a second term. No one can serve more than two consecutive terms.

Thanksgiving Service

Our Community Thanksgiving Worship service this year will be at Trinity United Methodist Church on Sunday, November 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Rhythms of Grace

November 25, 2 PM, Grace Episcopal Church Parish Hall

Rhythms of Grace is a worship service for children with differing abilities and their families. We sing, hear a story from the bible, create, play and share Holy Communion. For more information about *Rhythms of Grace*, please contact Sharon Massie

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
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, 4:00 – 4:40, Atrium, 3rd floor Parish House
 Parents are invited to join us from 4:30-4:40.

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.

Save the Dates!
Community Hymn Sing - December 30, 5 p.m.
12th Night Revels, January 5, 6 p.m.

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.

Our One Word
Tuesday, November 27, 5:30-6:30
3rd Floor, Parish House

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

St. Nicholas Fair

Saturday, December 8, 11 am – 3 pm
Grace Episcopal Church Parish Hall

Please join us for a family friendly day celebrating St. Nicholas, 4th century Bishop of Myra with crafts for kids, handmade items, frozen foods, goodies and lunch for sale and visits from St. Nicholas! Proceeds to benefit our Christian Outreach fund.

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

Holiday Concert

Rockbridge Choral Society & Rockbridge Youth Chorale will hold a Holiday Concert on Saturday, December 1, 2018 - 7:30 p.m. at Lexington Presbyterian Church. Audience caroling at 7:15 p.m. Tickets are \$10/adults & \$5/students. Advance tickets at Books & Co., Ladies and Linens. Tickets available at the door.

This Week

Mon	5:00 PM	Vestry
Tue	7:00 AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast Parish Hall
	3:30 PM	Godly Play/Cherub Choir
	5:00 PM	Call Committee
	6:30 PM	EFM
Wed	3:30 PM	St. Francis Choir
Thurs	7:00 PM	Adult Choir
	7:00 PM	EFM Grads