

Double Trouble: Songs of Magic and Mystery

Soprano Anne Wick and pianist William McCorkle will present a concert of songs entitled *Double Trouble: Songs of Magic and Mystery*, on Tuesday, October 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the Lexington Presbyterian Church sanctuary. The program, just in time for Halloween, will offer songs ranging from opera to art song to music theatre to movies. You are cordially invited to attend.

ACTS

Grace ACTS is an important ministry 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.

Pastoral Needs

Please contact the church office (office@graceepiscopallexington.org), Fr. James (frjames@graceepiscopallexington.org) or Sharon Massie (sharon@graceepiscopallexington.org) if you have a pastoral need. Please let us know if you are having upcoming surgeries, etc. Your church family cares about you!

Pocket Change 4 Change

Recognizing the ongoing need to support community outreach, the ECW's fund raising initiative called **Pocket Change 4 Change** was born. Parishioners are asked to contribute "pocket change" each Sunday with proceeds going to both existing and new community outreach efforts. A collection box is located on the bridge. Questions about **Pocket Change 4 Change** can be directed to Darlene Keane.

Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

- Hebrews 4:16

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Parish News for the week of October 28

Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church.

We are glad you are worshipping with us today!

Lunch after Combined Worship Service Today

We will have lunch in the Parish Hall after the service. Please join us for tasty food and fellowship!

From the Financial Secretary

If you would like collection envelopes for 2019, please have your pledge cards back to the church by November 18 so our Financial Secretary, Angie, knows who needs them and can place her order. This is to ensure there is enough time for the envelopes to be printed so we have them back before January.

If you have any questions, please email her at bookeeper@graceepiscopallexington.org. Thank you!

UTO Ingathering

The spiritual practice of offering coins with prayers of thanksgiving for daily blessings is an extension of the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, an outward sign of an inward grace. This week please count the contents of your Blue Box, deposit them, and use a UTO envelope (or a plain one marked for UTO) for your offering in cash or by check in the amount payable to Grace Episcopal Church with "UTO" on the memo line. Our UTO Fall Ingathering is next Sunday November 6. Please reuse the box for the next ingathering.

Blessings to all who support UTO!

Vestry Nominations

The vestry nominating committee, made up of the out-going members of the vestry as mandated by our by-laws, is hard at work seeking qualified members of our parish to serve on the vestry. We need your help in identifying members who you believe would be good vestry members and serve our church and further God's mission for us on earth. Vestry elections will be held on December 2. The nominations will be closed on November 16th allowing the church office time to distribute the names and the bios to the members of the Parish. We need to fill 4 three-year vacancies for the vestry persons leaving this year, and a 1 one year vacancy left by a resignation. If you believe someone would make a good vestry member, please ask them if they would consider the challenge. If parishioners are asked enough times by different members, maybe they will get the message that God is asking them through the congregation. If someone says "yes" please contact the nominating committee, so we can compile a list of worthy candidates. Woody Sadler, Susan Lawrence, and Catherine Harcus make up the nominating committee this year. You never know when someone is waiting to be asked.



Carol Woodcock, Anne Hershbell, and Martha Burford will be leading a **Hymn Sing at Kendal's Borden Center today at 2pm**. All are welcome! Please contact Carol or Martha if you are interested in future visits to area retirement homes and long term care centers.
martha@graceepiscopallexington.org

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, 3:30 – 4:30, Atrium, 3rd floor Parish House
Parents are invited to join us from 4:20-4:30.

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.

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@graceepiscopallexington.org.

Remembrances

If you would like to have the name of a departed loved one remembered in the bulletin for the feast days of All Saints and All Souls, please email lisa@graceepiscopallexington.org with your request. There is also a sign-up sheet on the bridge. Names of those loved ones remembered, will be read aloud at our All Souls service, Friday, November 2 at 12:20 P.M. Names of parishioners who have died in the past year will be read at the All Saints Day service, Thursday, November 1 at 7 P.M. and at our Sunday services November 4.

Taizé Eucharist - The Rev. Dr. Bob Crewdson

Our next Sunday Taizé service is November 11. This will be the last service for The Rev. Dr. Bob Crewdson. He is moving to Harrisonburg, VA. We will have a reception for Bob following the service. Please join us to thank Bob for all his years of service at Grace Episcopal Church.

Betty Stewart

Our parish is saddened by the death of Betty Stewart on Saturday, October 20, 2018. Her service will be held at Grace Episcopal Church on December 1, 2018 at 11 AM. More details will follow. If you would like to send condolences to her family the address are:

Billy Stewart, 412 Enfield Road, Lexington, VA 24450,
Meg Mason, 40 Redbird Lane, Raphine, VA 24472
Jeb Stewart, 1122 16th Avenue S., Birmingham, AL 35205.

Faith Build 2018

The Habitat for Humanity house is about halfway finished. We are excited to report that our parish has completed our portion of the fundraising for the Faith Build project. Thanks to the contributions made by many parishioners, including the Men's Prayer Breakfast group, the Christian Outreach Committee raised \$4000 toward our \$5000 commitment for building materials! The remaining \$1000 will come from the Gadsden Fund. The completed puzzle created during the fundraising, as well as photos from the construction site, will be displayed at church on the bridge. If you would like to contribute to the ongoing construction efforts, please contact Pat McGuire at 401-662-6290 or magsvmi85@gmail.com. Thanks, everyone, for your generosity!

Intercessions

Starting November 1st we will be starting a new intercession list. We will be doing this monthly. If you have someone to put on the list or have someone on the list and want to add them again, please call the office or email Lisa at lisa@graceepiscopallexington.org. This is a way to keep the list accurate and up to date. Thank you!

House Book Group, Wednesdays, 7:30 PM

at the home of Peggy and Steve Riethmiller, 808 Possum Hollow, Lexington. We are reading and discussing *Life Together in Christ, Experiencing Transformation in Community*, by Ruth Haley Barton. Books are available at Amazon or on e-readers.

This Week

Tue	7:00 AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast Parish Hall
	8:30 AM	Faith Build
	3:30 PM	Godly Play/Cherub Choir
	6:30 PM	EFM
Wed	3:30 PM	St. Francis Choir
	7:30 PM	Adult Church House Book Group
Thurs	7:00 PM	Adult Choir