

**Readers & Chalicists**  
Lu Dooley, Megan Hess, Lori Sadler, Sharon Massie

**Acolyte**  
Avery Hess

**Altar Guild**  
Laura Stearns, MJ Mayerchak, Peggy Riethmiller, Mary Webster,  
Erika Brooke, Elise Brooke, Emma Brooke

### 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/memorial of a loved one, please use the 2019 Flower Chart on the wall of the bridge to sign up.

**If you have difficulty getting to the bridge to sign up, call the parish office and Lisa can sign you up!**

### January & February Memorials

**Jan 6:** Mayerchak  
**Jan 13:** Shultis  
**Jan 20:** OPEN  
**Jan 27:** OPEN

**Feb 3:** OPEN  
**Feb 10:** OPEN  
**Feb 17:** Gibson  
**Feb 24:** OPEN

**Please Join Us! Advent Morning Prayer  
Monday - Friday at 8:30**

This Week		
<b>Mon</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	Vestry
<b>Tue</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b>	Men's Prayer Breakfast Parish Hall
	<b>3:30 PM</b>	Godly Play/Cherub Choir
	<b>6:30 PM</b>	EFM Christmas Party
<b>Wed</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	St. Francis Choir
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	Adult Choir
	<b>7:00 PM</b>	EFM Grads

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## Parish News for the week of December 16

Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church.

We are glad you are worshipping with us today!

### A Message from Bishop Mark A. Bourlakas:

As we enter into Advent, our diocese's annual St. Nicholas Day Appeal is one significant way that we can adjust our focus to the mission that the Son of God ushers into our world. This year, fifty percent of donations made will be given to Episcopal Migration Ministries (EMM), and the other fifty percent will be given to Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD).

Please consider faithfully how you might support this effort by mailing donations (payable to Diocese of SWVA) to St. Nicholas Day Appeal, PO Box 2279, Roanoke, VA 24009 or by donating online at [www.dioswva.org](http://www.dioswva.org). It is a charitable love for the neighbor that is honored in St. Nicholas; our annual appeal allows us to share with others in this season of giving.

### Grace Episcopal Call Committee

The Call Committee has begun its work developing Grace's profile for the search for our next priest. To assist us in this endeavor, we are asking for your help and input. On **January 20, 2019**, there will be a Call Committee Forum facilitated by Karen Salter, our Transition Coach, between the 8 and 10:30 a.m. services in the Parish Hall. Fr. James is coordinating with the Call Committee, so that the forum can start promptly at **9 a.m.** and conclude by **10:20 a.m.** Please mark your calendars now, and be with us as we move forward in the call process.

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

## Christmas Services

**December 24, 5:00 p.m.**

Holy Eucharist with Children's Homily. A family oriented service, concluding with lighting of candles on the Courtyard.

**December 24, 10:30 p.m.**

A musical prelude begins at 10:30, followed by a Choral Holy Eucharist at 11.

**December 25, 10:30 a.m.**

Holy Eucharist



8:00 a.m.

### **Rhythms of Grace**

**Today 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**

#### **Christianity and Culture**

*Today* - A Thrill of Hope:

The Christmas Story in Word and Art, led by Sharon Massie

**Confirmation, Canterbury Room, 9:15**

### **12th Night Adult Celebration, 5:30 January 5!**

Merrymaking and mirth, fruitcake and friends, revelry and repast, costumes and crafts. RSVP [martha@graceepiscopalexington.org](mailto:martha@graceepiscopalexington.org) or 540-463-4981.

#### **Fauré Requiem Community Sing at Grace**

3:00 - 6:00 p.m., February 9. Details forthcoming.

Today Martha Burford, Alice Furgerson, and Carol Woodcock will offer a **Hymn Sing at Havenwood at 2 p.m.** All are welcome! Carpool will leave the parking lot at 1:30.

Want to join in some singing with lots of wonderful young students?

Martha is working out a schedule for participating in

#### **Monday Morning Chapels at the Boys Home of Virginia.**

She'd be delighted to have others join her and the Rev. Anne Grizzle in offering music with the young men.

#### **Threshold Singers are meeting on Wednesdays,**

5:30-6:30 in the Undercroft.

For details, contact Martha Burford:

[martha@graceepiscopalexington.org](mailto:martha@graceepiscopalexington.org) or

Tasha Walsh of Rockbridge Area Hospice:

[tasha.walsh@rahospice.org](mailto:tasha.walsh@rahospice.org)

**Rejoice in the Lord always;  
again I will say, Rejoice.**

- Philippians 4:4

#### **Poinsettias for Christmas**

In celebration of the nativity of our Lord, we make our church festive with poinsettias and greenery. To participate in this effort, make your check payable to Grace Episcopal Church, mark it "Flower Fund," and drop it in the offering plate or mail it to the Parish Office. The cost of each poinsettia is \$10.00. To list a memorial in the Christmas bulletins, sign the pad in the Narthex or on the Bridge or call the Parish Office by Tuesday morning, December 18.

#### **Clothes Needed**

The Community Closet is in need of: Maternity Clothes, Jeans (especially size 4), Sweatshirts, Casual Clothing, New Athletic shoes sizes 6-10, and Children's Coats. Clothes can be dropped off Wed and Sat mornings at their location, 2246 Walnut Avenue, Buena Vista.

All are welcome at The Community Closet. They serve the greater Rockbridge County area with clothing and household items at no charge. The Closet is open every Saturday from 9 AM to Noon, and other times by calling Andy Wolfe (540) 460-4906 for an appointment. They invite you to volunteer and work in this mission and ministry by calling Susie Trimble (540) 461-1299

#### **Weekly/Monthly Envelopes**

If you ordered collection envelopes for 2019 they are available on the bridge. If you do not see your name and you want envelopes or ordered them and they are not on the table, please call the office on Monday and talk to Angie. Thank you!

#### **Taizé Eucharist rescheduled**

Taizé contemplative Eucharist has been rescheduled to **December 23, 5 p.m.** Join us for this service of scripture, prayer, music, and communion.

#### **Fender Bender in Parking Lot**

Saturday before last, someone who had attended a funeral and parked in the parking lot hit another car parked next to them (sadly they did not leave a note). We feel that part of the problem was that there was a car parked against the parish hall building which was directly behind the parking spot. Please do not park your car in that spot. Sometimes a car blocks the back door which is a fire hazard, and people exiting through those doors accidentally hit the car parked in the non-designated parking spot. We appreciate your understanding.