

Monday	5:00 pm	This Week
Tuesday	7:00 am	Vestry (PH)
	3:45 pm	Men's Prayer Breakfast (PH)
	4:30 pm	Godly Play/Cherub Choir (Atrium, 3rd floor)
	5:30 pm	Call Committee (3rd floor)
	6:30 pm	Our One Word (Canterbury)
		EFM (Welles)

**Parish office Closed Monday, January 21
In observance of
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

Jesus Wisdom Teacher

*Excerpt from Richard Rohr's Daily Meditation,
written by Cynthia Bourgeault*

No separation between human and human is an equally powerful notion—and equally challenging. One of the most familiar of Jesus' teachings is "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Mark 12:31, Matthew 22:39). But we almost always hear that wrong: "Love your neighbor *as much as* yourself." (And of course, the next logical question then becomes, "But I have to love me first, don't I, before I can love my neighbor?") If you listen closely to Jesus however, there is no "as much as" in his admonition. It's just "Love your neighbor *as yourself*"—as a continuation of your very own being. It's a complete seeing that your neighbor is you. There are not two individuals out there, one seeking to better herself at the price of the other, or to extend charity to the other; there are simply two cells of the one great Life. Each of them is equally precious and necessary. And as these two cells flow into one another, experiencing that one Life from the inside, they discover that "laying down one's life for another" is not a loss of one's self but a vast expansion of it—because the indivisible reality of love is the only True Self.

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Parish News for the week of January 20

Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church.
We are glad you are worshipping with us today!

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*
Christianity and Culture
Resumes in February
Confirmation, Canterbury Room, 9:15

**The Augusta Convocation will meet at Grace Church,
Today at 3 PM**

The pre-convention Augusta Convocation meeting is from 3-5 here at Grace Church in the Parish Hall. Highlights of the upcoming Annual Convention will be discussed. Major agenda items will include a review of the Proposed 2019 Diocesan Budget, all 2019 Resolutions, and any proposed changes to the Constitution & Canons. A representative from the Finance Working Group of the Executive Board will be present to answer any questions about the proposed DIOSWVA 2019 budget.

**Sunday, Jan. 27, 2019
8 AM Holy Eucharist
No 10:30 service**

All are invited and encouraged to attend:
Revival Service with Presiding Bishop Michael Curry
General admission seating
9:00 AM: Doors Open @ Berglund Center Performing Arts Theatre
10:00 AM: Episcopal Revival Service Begins
Please spread the word about this exciting event
and bring friends, family and neighbors!

**Our One Word
Tuesday, January 22, 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 "epiphany" and explore if that word has or has not been at work in our lives this week.
Bring a friend!



St. Francis Choir will not meet on Wednesday, Jan. 30.

Fauré Requiem Community Sing at Grace

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

Choral Evensong, Sunday, Feb. 24, 5pm.

Live Music and Fun Food:

It's a Mardi Gras! Tuesday, March 5 in the Parish Hall. We'll celebrate Fat Tuesday, bury the Alleluia in the piano, and who knows, we might even end up dancing!!! Details to come.

Monday Morning Chapels at the Boys Home of Virginia.

Join Martha and the Rev. Anne Grizzle
in morning chapel with the young men.

Threshold Singers, Wednesdays,

5:30-6:30 in the Undercroft

For details, contact Martha Burford:
martha@graceepiscopalexington.org or
Tasha Walsh of Rockbridge Area Hospice:
tasha.walsh@rahospice.org

From the Financial Secretary

The year-end giving statements were mailed at the end of last week. You should have them in the mail this week. If you have any questions or corrections, please call Angie in the office or email her at

bookkeeper@graceepiscopalexington.org

7th Annual Souper Bowl, Sunday January 27

The Campus Kitchen at W&L will be holding their Souper Bowl from 11 A.M. to 2 P.M. in Evans Hall. Proceeds from this delicious soup tasting event support the Backpack Program, which serves over 750 area children who deal with food insecurity.

The cost of this event is \$15/adult and \$10/student.

Save the Dates

Sunday, February 3, 2019 - Undercroft Dedication

Sunday, February 3, 2019 -First Sunday Lunch

Sunday, February 10, 2019 - Annual Meeting

More info to follow

Sarah Lanford Mission Emergency Fund (MEF)

Many, many thanks are extended to all of you who contributed so generously to the MEF over the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. The funds in the amount of \$2800 will go toward meeting requests by Rockbridge area residents for assistance with rent, utilities, food, and medical expenses. The Christian Outreach Committee sincerely thanks you again for your continued support of this vital Grace Episcopal outreach ministry!

Rockbridge Area Hospice Grief to Growth Support Group

Tuesday afternoons for 8 weeks beginning January 22, 2019
Rockbridge Area Hospice, 315 Myers Street, Lexington

Grief to Growth is an educational support group for anyone who has experienced the death of a friend or family member, even if the deceased loved one was not under the care of Rockbridge Area Hospice.

For more information or to register please call:

Susan Harrison, LCSW, Director of Counseling Services,
Rockbridge Area Hospice 540-463-1848

What is Grace *Actively Caring Through Sharing* (ACTS)?

How can I be a part of it?

Grace ACTS is an important ministry to the parishioners and the community of our church. Our five teams consist of over 30 people or family units that volunteer for the Grace ACTS ministry. Each team has about 6 members and is on duty every 5 weeks. Grace ACTS members select two or three needs from the list when their team is on duty.

Team members pray for, call, visit or send a card to those on the list that are ill, have had a death in their family or are celebrating new baby or a birthday. In 2018 ACTS met over needs! Please continue to pray for this vital ministry to our parish. If you have a pastoral concern or know of someone who does please contact Sharon Massie

(sharon@graceepiscopalexington.org) or

Gail Dick (enya6389@yahoo.com) or the Parish Office.

If you would like to serve on a team, please contact Sharon or Gail.

Serving as an Acolyte

Please consider serving as an Acolyte during weekly services. We would **especially encourage adults** who are willing to serve at the altar, (speak with Patrick McGuire, he would love to share his experience serving as an adult Acolyte). If you are interested in learning more,

**call Lisa in the Parish Office or email li-
sa@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.