

Flower Guild

Please thank the flower guild ladies for all the work they did to make our church so beautiful during the Christmas season!

Elizabeth Boetsch, Gail Dick, Claudia Ellis, René Glidden, Carol Gosse, Catherine Marcus, Elizabeth Harralson, Joy Harris, Peggy Riethmiller

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: Craun

Jan 27: OPEN

Feb 3: OPEN

Feb 10: OPEN

Feb 17: Gibson

Feb 24: OPEN

Serving as an Acolyte

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, call Lisa in the Parish Office or email lisa@graceepiscopallexington.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.

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Parish News for the week of January 6

Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church.

We are glad you are worshipping with us today!

First Sunday Lunch - Today

Immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service

Mexican Fiesta! Tacos, Tortillas, Fajitas, Bean Dip, Salad, Desserts. (Salad & Dessert donations appreciated)

Thanks to the youth for help with cooking!

Taizé Eucharist

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

The Augusta Convocation will meet at Grace Church, Sunday January 13 at 3 PM

The pre-convention Augusta Convocation meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 13 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 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!

“For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.”

-Matthew 2:2

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Christian Education in the Atrium for ages 3 -12

9:30, 3rd Floor

Christianity and Culture

9:15, Parish Hall

"Priesthood and the Church's Ministry"

At a moment when Grace Church contemplates the calling of a new rector, what is the role of the priest as it is understood in the Anglican tradition, and in relationship to the ministry of all the baptized? Such questions—many arising from his experience in our own parish--formed the basis of the Rev. David Cox's doctoral studies (and his book, *Priesthood in a New Millennium*). He will share thoughts in two Sunday sessions:

January 6: Homework: What does a priest do?

The Anglican Understanding of Ministerial Priesthood

January 13: Homework: What does a parish do?

The Priest and the Priesthood of All Believers:

The Church's Ministry of All the Baptized Grace Episcopal Call Committee

Rise and Sing and Confirmation will resume January 13



Fauré Requiem Community Sing at Grace

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

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 or

Tasha Walsh of Rockbridge Area Hospice:

tasha.walsh@rahospice.org

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

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!

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 it 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.

Our One Word

Tuesday, January 29, 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!