

## Grace Episcopal Schedule (All campus) Week of July 7

Monday	7:30 am	AA (Conference Room)
	6:00 pm	Finance Committee (Conference Rm/3rd Fl)
Tuesday	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Parish Hall)
	4:00 pm	Rockbridge Symphony Steering (Welles/Library)
	4:30 pm	Call Committee (3rd Floor)
	5:00 pm	Christian Outreach Committee (Parish Hall)
	7:00 pm	AA (Conference Rm/3rd Floor)
Wednesday	8:00 am	Blue Grass Jam (Brooke Family Ctr)
	12:00 pm	AA (Conference Rm/3rd Floor)
	4:00 pm	Outside Event (1 hour in Parish Hall)
	5:30 pm	Threshold Singers Rehearsal (Brooke Family Ctr)
	8:00 pm	NA (Conference Rm/3rd Floor)
Thursday	6:00 pm	Bridge (Parish Hall)
Friday	8:00 pm	AA (Conference Rm/3rd floor)
Saturday	8:00 am	Yard Sale
	10:00 am	AA (Conference Rm/3rd floor)
	11:15 am	Al Anon (Conference Rm/3rd floor)

### Parish Profile

Grace's Parish Profile has been posted on our website and can be read and printed from there by going to: [www.graceepiscopallexington.org](http://www.graceepiscopallexington.org). On the home page, click on the **CALL COMMITTEE: Rector Search tab**; then on the **Grace Episcopal Call Committee page**, click on either the **Grace Episcopal Church sketch** or on **Grace Episcopal Church Parish Profile 2019**. Several printed copies of the profile are located here at Grace for your reading pleasure. These copies are located in the church office, parish office hallway seating area, library, narthex, parish hall, undercroft, and on the bridge. A limited number of print copies are available through a member of the Call Committee. The search for Grace's next rector is also prominently advertised on the Episcopal News Service website.

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## Parish News for the week of July 7

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

### General Yard Sale

Saturday, July 13, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

CHURCH PATIO weather permitting or PARISH HALL  
PROCEEDS TO COVER MEAL AND TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES FOR  
THE SOUTH SUDANESE CONFERENCE HERE IN LEXINGTON  
**Bring donations to Lisa in the church office by Monday, July 8.**  
**Contact MJ Mayerchak (460-3138) if you can help. with sorting,**  
**pricing or the day of the sale.**

### Blood Drive

Grace Episcopal Church, Friday, July 19, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Jonathan Daniels Community Room.

Please visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS to schedule an appointment. Come to give and you will automatically be entered for a chance to win a trip for four to Cedar Point or Knott's Berry Farm. Includes travel, hotel, park admission and more!

### Phoebe Needles Camp for Children in 5th to 12th grades

Phoebe Needles is currently running a promotion for their summer camps. If you and a friend sign up you both receive half off the original \$225 price. Residential camps run through July 27, they are on a Sunday afternoon to Saturday morning schedule. The camps run from rising 5th grade up to rising 12th depending on the week of camp. The remaining offerings are: Art Camp 7/14-20 (rising 7th-12th), Nature Camp 7/14-20 (rising 7th-12th), and Outreach Camp 7/21-27 (rising 7th-12th). If you are interested, contact Matthew Perry at [perrymj12@gmail.com](mailto:perrymj12@gmail.com)

### Education for Ministry (EfM)

EfM is focused on enhancing the student's understanding of the important role lay ministry has in church life. This four year program has proven to be a life changing experience for most participants. The fall term will begin on Tuesday, September 17th. If you are interested in joining the class please contact either James Keane ([chaplain@graceepiscopallexington.org](mailto:chaplain@graceepiscopallexington.org)) or Don Ellis ([don318@comcast.net](mailto:don318@comcast.net)).

**Be joyful in God, all you lands;**  
**sing the glory of his Name;**  
**sing the glory of his praise.**

Psalm 66:1

### **Message to the Congregation from the Property Committee:**

During August we propose to do some low-budget renovation of the office floor conference room. To do this mostly in-house we are seeking some assistance from within the congregation. The first phase will include removing the drop ceiling and fluorescent light fixtures, removing the paneling and the book cabinets, and removing the carpeting. The Mitsubishi AC unit will likely require temporary removal by Boyers. Then we will add some electrical outlets and adjust the wiring for overhead lighting (may involve Donald's electric) followed by sheet rocking the walls. The intent is to leave the concrete joists exposed in the ceiling. After finishing the walls with primer paint the project may be on hold pending the hiring of Grace's next rector. Once the rector is in place, the use of the room (either for meeting space or office space) will be determined and carpeting and furnishing decisions will follow. If you are willing and able to assist with any phase of this work, please contact John Dickerson (817-3466 or jad221r@gmail.com) by July 12. We will then develop a work schedule dependent upon availability of help. Thank you for considering our request.

### **Meals for Shut Ins**

A legacy of Grace Episcopal, Meals for Shut Ins was started in the 1970s by parishioners. The program remains all volunteer, delivering a hot lunch to home bound folks living in Lexington city limits, most of whom are not able to prepare their meals.

Substitute drivers are needed to pick up meals at Carilion SJH and deliver them. This takes no more than 45 minutes and is a great way to help the nutritional and social needs of our town.

Contact Susan Cross (460-7091/crossx5@embarqmail.com) or Tom Jones (jonest@wlu.edu) to sign up or with questions.

### **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 second floor stair landing. Questions about **Pocket Change 4 Change** can be directed to Darlene Keane.

### **Product of the Month - RARA/July: Peanut Butter**

While all donations of food are appreciated throughout the year, RARA has designated specific products that they would love to receive each month. Please leave your donations in the basket next to the Welles Room (library) in the Parish Hall

### **Pastoral Needs**

Please contact the church office (office@graceepiscopallexington.org), Sharon Massie (sharon@graceepiscopallexington.org) or James Keane (chaplain@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!

### **South Sudanese Diaspora Network for Reconciliation and Peace Conference**

Over Labor Day weekend, August 30 – September 1, 2019, Lexington, VA will be hosting the **South Sudanese Diaspora Network for Reconciliation and Peace** conference. One hundred South Sudanese Diaspora members are expected to attend. Archbishop of the Episcopal Province of South Sudan, The Rt. Rev. Justin Badi Arama will be in attendance, as well. The weekend will culminate with a joyous celebration of The Feast Day of Marc Nikkel on Sunday at Grace Church. Marc Nikkel was an Episcopal Priest from Southwest Virginia and a missionary to Sudan. Nikkel died of cancer in the late 1990's. Many members of the diaspora knew Marc and were touched by his ministry in Sudan. Grace Episcopal, Lexington Presbyterian, Manly Memorial and First Baptist have pledged to help with this conference by providing venues, housing for the diaspora and meals.

### **We need your help!**

We have offered to house the members of this group in private homes. If you feel the call and would be able to house one or two (or more) individuals please contact MJ Mayerchak (540.460.3138) or Sharon Massie (540.570.5408) Hosting would involve providing lodging, breakfast and transportation to and from the conference each day. If you have any question please contact Sharon Massie.

The **South Sudanese Diaspora Network for Reconciliation and Peace** is striving to create an environment for the diverse community of South Sudan to work together for peace through dialogue and to open up avenues for reconciliation. The network is engaged in cross-cultural dialogue that fosters respect for one another, promotes justice, peace and reconciliation, and works to counteract tribalism to end oppression, hate, violence and conflict.

### **Grace Episcopal Church 2nd Fall Pilgrimage October 11-13, 2019**

### **Join us for a weekend of Fall Foliage, Rest and Fellowship in the Hudson Valley at Holy Cross Monastery**

For more information about the monastery go to [holycrossmonastery.org](http://holycrossmonastery.org)

**Cost:** \$200 per person includes meals and lodging (two nights lodging plus meals Friday supper through Sunday noontime dinner).

**Reservations:** The Monastery is holding 8 rooms for Grace Episcopal for the weekend of Oct 12-13. Most rooms are single rooms, there are a few double rooms. To reserve your place, contact Liz Moss (540-223-1048) or email [emoss267@gmail.com](mailto:emoss267@gmail.com). A deposit of \$100 must be paid by August 25 to reserve your room. The \$100 balance will be due when you check into the monastery. Make checks payable to Holy Cross Monastery. After August 25, reservations will be accepted based on availability. Those participating will meet together prior to the pilgrimage to discuss further plans.

**Travel:** Participants will arrange their own transportation. Carpooling may be available. Train travel is possible from Charlottesville to NYC to Poughkeepsie, NY. Uber or taxis are available for the short drive to West Park from Poughkeepsie.