

Parish News for the week of March 24

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

**The Parish Office will be open from
9 a.m. to Noon on Monday, March 25.**

Grace Episcopal Schedule (All campus) Week of March 24

Monday	7:30 am	AA (Conference Room)
	8:30 am	Morning Prayer (Chancel)
	5:00 pm	Vestry (Parish Hall)
Tuesday	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Parish Hall)
	8:30 am	Morning Prayer (Chancel)
	6:00 pm	Boy Scouts (Parish Hall)
	6:30 pm	EfM (Welles/Library)
	7:00 pm	AA (Conference Rm)
Wednesday	8:00 am	Blue Grass Jam (Brooke Family Ctr)
	8:30 am	Morning Prayer (Chancel)
	12:00 pm	AA (CR)
	5:30 pm	Threshold Singers Rehearsal (Brooke Family Ctr)
	6:00 pm	Wednesday Lenten Series (Parish Hall)
8:00 pm	NA (CR)	
Thursday	8:30 am	Morning Prayer (Chancel)
	11:00 am	Rockbridge Women's Club (Welles/Library)
	6:00 pm	Bridge (Parish Hall)
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir (Brooke Family Ctr)
Friday	8:30 am	Morning Prayer (Chancel)
	8:00 pm	AA (Conference Rm)
Saturday	9:am-5pm	Dismantling Racism (All Campus)
	10:00 am	AA (Conference Rm)
	11:15 am	Al Anon (Conference Rm)

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SUNDAY MORNINGS AT GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**Christian Education in the Atrium for ages 3 -12 9:30, 3rd Floor
Confirmation, Canterbury Room, 9:15**

Christianity & Culture

March 24, 31 & April 7 - Joanne Robblee

What was the Jesus Seminar?

During the 1980's-1990's there was a major initiative to review the historic validity of the Synoptic Gospels. Please come and learn what inspired this critical review of the books of the New Testament; what three books are published by the Jesus Seminar; and what the reaction was to their findings.

There will be no Sunday School on Palm Sunday or Easter

Lenten Morning Prayer

Morning Prayer is offered at 8:30 a.m., Monday through Friday during Lent in the Chancel at Grace Church. Please join us.

Wednesday Lenten Series *A Riff of Love*

Catered dinner at 6 pm, \$6 adults/\$3 children/\$15 family max

Make reservations with the Parish Office

(lisa@graceepiscopallexington.org) by noon on Tuesday.

6:45 -8:00 Lenten Programs

Adults - A Riff of Love

In this 5 week session we will discuss *A Riff of Love* by Greg Jarrell and hear from leaders in the community on issues of racism and building a Beloved Community. Jarrell will be visiting our parish the last weekend of March. Books are available on Amazon.

March 27 Marquita Dunn Stories from W&L's traveling Civil Right's class taught by Dr. Ted deLaney, **April 3** Dr. Wornie Reed - Continuing the Conversation on Race. Dr. Reed is the director of the Race and Social Policy Research Center a professor of sociology at Virginia Tech. Reed presented the *Pursuing the Beloved Community: A Continuing Conversation on Race* sessions in our diocese in the fall of 2017. **April 10** The Rev. Melissa Hays-Smith - Pursuing the Beloved Community in the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia.

**Create in me a clean heart, O God
and put a new and right spirit within me.
Psalm 51:10**

Thursday Lenten Service and Lunch at Manly

The Community Lenten Preaching Service and Lunch will be held on Thursdays at 12:10 during Lent at Manly Memorial Baptist Church. The 20 minute service is held in the sanctuary and lunch is available afterwards in the fellowship hall for \$5.

Sponsored by Rockbridge Area Ministers Association.



Volunteer Opportunities

Are you seeking ways to be a good steward of your time and talents within the community? The Grace Episcopal Christian Outreach Committee invites you to visit its webpage for a list of up-to-date volunteer opportunities. From serving meals to people in need and baking for fundraisers to building houses and advocating for children in the courts, everyone can find something that fits their ability and availability. (<http://www.graceepiscopallexington.org/outreach.html>)

This week we are highlighting the following organizations that needs your help:

Rockbridge Area Conservation Council is hosting the 25th annual Community Cleanup from March 23 to March 31. RACC will provide orange trash bags and safety vests to all who want to pick up litter and make our community more beautiful. If you register with cleanup@rockbridgeconservation.org to designate the area where you plan to pick up litter, VDOT will collect any full trash bags left along the roadside

It's time for spring cleaning! **Community Closet** is a "store without a cash register" run by Christ Church, the Episcopal Church in Buena Vista. It distributes clothes and household goods at no charge to those in need. To drop off donations or to help sort donations or man the store, contact Andy Wolfe at (540) 460-4906 or Susie Trimble at (540) 461-1299. For more information see their Facebook page, Community Closet at Christ Church.

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.

Food of the Month - RARA/March- Rice or Pasta

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

Monday Afternoon Chapels at the Boys Home of Virginia.

Join Martha and the Rev. Anne Grizzle at 2 p.m.
for chapel with the young men.

Threshold Singers, Wednesdays,

5:30-6:30 in the Brooke Family Center

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

March 24, Evensong, 5 pm

THANK YOU, GRACE PARISHIONERS!

Your contributions of \$2500 have reached and surpassed the \$2040 goal to Keep the Kids in School!

The Hope House kids, Mary and William from Tonj, South Sudan will be schooled for another year in Kenya. Thanks to many parishioners, they will be able to attend the eighth grade and take exams for getting into secondary school in 2021. Their Bishop, Peter Yuol Gur, will be so happy to be able to care for and educate these two youths from his Diocese. Thank you from the Sudan Mission Group!

Special Good Friday Liturgy being planned

Stations of the Cross

Friday, April 19, 2019

Service Begins at Noon and ends at 3 p.m.

Worshippers are welcome to attend the entire 3-hour service,
or to attend part of the liturgy as their time allows.

During the service, worshippers/participants will travel the
Stations of the Cross and a reflection will be held at each station.

We are asking for volunteers to participate in roles such as crucifer,
litanist, lector, reader, and contributor (a sharing related to your faith).
Please contact Lisa in the church office and let her know how you can
participate. You will be contacted by a member of the
Worship Committee as roles are assigned.

Thank you for your participation in this service.

For more information please contact
Liz Moss 540-223-1048 or Fr. James.