

Parish News for the week of May 26

Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church.

We are glad you are worshipping with us today!

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Sunday School will resume in September!
Many Blessings for a safe and happy Summer!

Parish Office Closed Monday, May 27
in observance of Memorial Day

Habitat for Humanity Women's Build

The Habitat for Humanity Women's Build will be in June. A planning meeting will be held Wednesday, May 29, 5 p.m. at the Habitat Office, and a Kick-off luncheon will be held on Saturday, June 1, at the pavilion at Greenhouse Village. Contact Habitat for Humanity at 540-463-3770 for more information.

Ascension Day Liturgy

There will be an Ascension day service with Eucharist this Thursday, May 30 at 6 p.m. Please join us.

Under Construction: A Habitat for Humanity VBS

July 1-3 - 9 to noon.

Ages 4 to rising 6th graders

Location: Lexington Presbyterian Church, 120 S. Main Street, Lexington

PARTNERS: Grace Episcopal, Lexington Presbyterian, Manly Memorial Baptist and Trinity United Methodist Churches

EfM Graduation

EfM graduation was held this past Tuesday. Congratulations to Liz Moss, Jeanne Eichelberger, Margaret Whittington and Margaret Haberman. All completed the four year program that includes study of the Old Testament, New Testament, church history and theological philosophy. The program is focused on enhancing the student's understanding of the important role lay ministry has in church life.

The fall term will begin on Tuesday, September 17th. If you are interested in joining the class please contact either James Keane or Don Ellis.

Pastoral Needs

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

Grace Episcopal Schedule (All campus) **Week of May 26**

Monday	All Day	Parish Office Closed - Memorial Day
	7:30 am	AA (Conference Room)
	5:00 pm	W&L Chamber Chorus Rehearsal (Brooke Family Ctr)
	5:00 pm	Vestry Meeting (Parish Hall)
Tuesday	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Parish Hall)
	3:30pm	Godly Play/Cherub Choir (Atrium/3rd Floor)
	6:30 pm	Boy Scouts (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	St. Francis Choir (Brooke Family Ctr)
	5:30 pm	Threshold Singers Rehearsal (Brooke Family Ctr)
	8:00 pm	NA (Conference Rm/3rd Floor)
Thursday	6:00 pm	Ascension Day Liturgy with Eucharist (Nave)
	6:00 pm	Bridge (Parish Hall)
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal (Brooke Family Ctr)
Friday	4:00 pm	W&L Chamber Chorus Rehearsal (Brooke Family Ctr)
	8:00 pm	AA (Conference Rm/3rd floor)
Saturday	10:00 am	AA (Conference Rm/3rd floor)
	11:15 am	Al Anon (Conference Rm/3rd floor)

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Rockbridge County High School

CONGRATS
CLASS OF
2019

Josh Henson
Kate Hentz
Emily Hellwig
Brendan Lynch
Adam Webster
Becca Russell

Music Notes

Community Hymn Sing at Grace Episcopal, Sunday, June 30, Sing at 4:30

Potluck Supper at 5:45. Exciting guest musician likely!
Stay tuned and tell your friends!

After June 9 (Pentecost), adult choir will swing into summer mode. Preparation for Sunday liturgies will take place during Sunday morning rehearsals at 9:30. This is a great time for people who can't commit to mid-week rehearsals to join the ministry of the choir.

There *will* be some midweek choir rehearsals during the summer, but we will be working ahead, preparing fall music, Evensongs, and even working on Christmas music! So, though rehearsing some this summer, it will not be music for summer Sundays.

St. Francis choir will run through Wednesday, May 29 and will resume in the fall. Stay tuned for a possible August St. Francis Choir event.

Pentecost Sunday Picnic

Sunday, June 9 after the 10:30 service

Please join us Pentecost Sunday, June 9 for a picnic following the 10:30 service on the patio. Hot Dogs, hamburgers, and drinks will be provided. **Please bring a side dish to share!**

Wear **RED** to celebrate the birthday of the church!

SARAH LANFORD MISSION EMERGENCY FUND (MEF)

Many, many thanks are extended to all who contributed so generously to the MEF over the Easter holiday. The offering funds in the amount of \$2200 will go toward meeting requests by Rockbridge area residents who are in need of 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!

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. 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.

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



Grace Episcopal Christian Outreach Committee 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:

The Bridge to Hope Food Pantry is a local food pantry in Buena Vista serving the community in conjunction with the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank. They are located at Rockbridge Community Church of the Nazarene. Primary volunteer times are Mondays at 2pm to unload the truck and 6pm Mondays to aid, converse, and generally be with their clients. Training is short and can be done in about 15 minutes. Please contact Sam at 540-460-9131 or bridgetohopefoodpantry@yahoo.com to set up a quick training!

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. Grace Episcopal, Lexington Presbyterian, Manly Memorial, First Baptist and Trinity United Methodist Church have pledged to help with this conference. We are expecting other churches to join in this effort. This weekend will culminate with a joyous celebration of The Feast Day of Marc Nikkel on Sunday at Grace Church. Many members of the diaspora knew Marc and were touched by his ministry in Sudan.

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.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
John 14:27