

This Week at Grace Church

Sunday, October 6

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Rite I)
9:15 a.m. Christianity & Culture
9:30 a.m. Sunday School &
Confirmation Class
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Rite II)
2:00 p.m. W&L Chamber Choir
Rehearsal (Brooke Family
Ctr)

Monday, October 7

7:30 a.m. AA (Conference Rm)
5:00 p.m. COC Comm.(Parish
Hall)
6:00 p.m. Property (CR)
6:30 p.m. Men's Circle Grp (Library/
Welles)

Tuesday, October 8

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
(Parish Hall)
11:00 a.m. Worship Comm. (CR)
4:00 p.m. Rockbridge Symphony
(Welles/Library)
4:30 p.m. Stewardship Comm
(CR)
5:30 p.m. Rockbridge Youth Cho-
rale
(Brooke Family Ctr,
Canterbury Rm)
6:30 p.m. EfM (Welles Rm./
Library)

(Con't)

6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (Parish Hall)
7:00 p.m. AA (Conference Room)

Wednesday, October 9

8:00 a.m. Music Jam (Brooke Fam Ctr)
12:00 p.m. AA (Conference Room)
3:30 p.m. Godly Play/Cherub Choir
4:00 p.m. St. Francis Choir
4:00 p.m. English Speaking Union
(PH)
5:30 p.m. Threshold Singers
(Brooke

Family Ctr)
7:00 p.m. A capella Group rehears-
al
(Brooke Family Ctr)
9:15 p.m. Compline
(Brooke Family Ctr)

Thursday, October 10

6:00 p.m. Bridge (Parish Hall)
7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
(Brooke Family Ctr)

Friday, October 11

8:00 p.m. AA (Conference Room)
4:00 p.m. Boy Scout Fundraiser
(PH)

Saturday, October 12

10:00 a.m. AA (Conference Room)
11:15 a.m. Al Anon (Conference
Rm)

Sunday, October 13

5:00 Taizé

RARA Product of the Month: Canned Pumpkin

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

Parish Office Hours during Lisa's Vacation

Monday, October 7 through Wednesday October 9, 9am - 1pm. Fr. James will have regular hours Monday, Tuesday, Thursday. Lisa will be back in the office on Thursday October 10. Thank you to all the volunteers helping to answer the phones and greet guests (and keep Fr. James company).

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Parish News for the week of October 6
Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church.
We are glad you are worshipping with us today!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH SUNDAYS

Classes for Adults, Youth and Children resume today!

Christianity and Culture, Parish Hall, 9:15

A series honoring Peyton Craighill, *Religion and Opera* with Tim Gaylard "Opera and Religion: the cases of four different composers."

Today: Verdi, the skeptic and critic of religion

Oct. 13 See below

Oct. 20: Puccini's Sister Angelica as a symbol

Oct. 27: Wagner and the Knights of the Holy Grail

Walking the Labyrinth as a Spiritual Practice, Sarah Elliot - Oct. 13
Labyrinths are ancient patterns that have existed in a variety of forms for 4,000 years or more. The spiritual practice of labyrinth walking has experienced a world-wide revival since the turn of the 20th century. Explore the history of labyrinths and learn how to use labyrinth walking as a personal or corporate prayer practice.

Youth & Young Adults Canterbury Room, 9:30

Christian Education in the Atrium for ages 3 -12, 9:30, 3rd Floor

**Adult Inquirer's Class, Sundays, Sept. 29 – Dec. 1,
Library, 9:15 – 10:15**

Beginning today, an Adult Inquirer's class will be offered by Fr. James and guest speakers on Sunday mornings for newcomers who would like to know more about Grace Church and for those who would like to brush up on their knowledge of the Episcopal Church. Today's session is titled "*The History of the Anglican Communion.*"

The Rt. Rev. Mark A. Bourlakas, sixth bishop of our diocese, is visiting our church on Sunday, December 22, for Confirmation. If you desire to either be confirmed or received as a member (having been confirmed in another denomination) or reaffirm your faith you may do so at that time.

SPAM ALERT

Please do not send money, gift cards or their PIN numbers, or other numbers of value to Fr. James or any other Grace Church staff.

We will never solicit direct contributions. Thank you!

First Sunday Lunch - Today after 10:30 Service
Come for fellowship and food! Bring a friend! Beef Stew, Soup,
Chili, Salad, Corn Bread, Biscuits, Dessert.

Music Ministry

Adult Choir Weekly Rehearsal,
Thursday, 7-8:30. All are welcome!

Wednesday night Contemplative Prayer at Grace 9:15 p.m. in the Brook Family Center.

St. Francis (Junior), Wednesdays, 4:00-4:40 p.m.
Godly Play/Cherub Choir Wednesday 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Ukulele Choir, Wednesdays, 4:45-5:25 p.m.

Rockbridge Area Hospice - Singers Welcome

Threshold Singers offer the gift of song at the bedsides of those who are at thresholds of living and dying, coming by invitation in groups of 2-4 singers. Our gentle songs bring ease and comfort to clients, family, and caregivers. Practices are held Wednesdays at 5:30 in the Brooke Family Undercroft at Grace Church.

Taizé Eucharist

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

Faith at Home: Ecumenical Parent Discussion Group and Dinner

Sundays, October 20, November 3 and 17,
Welles Rm/Library, 4:30 – 6 pm, Grace Episcopal Church
Childcare is available in the nursery

Please join us as we discuss Wendy Claire Barrie's *Faith at Home*. *Faith at Home* offers practical ideas and advice for families to engage children in discovering God in the everyday events and special occasions every day of the year. Books are available for purchase for \$14.00 in the office at Grace Episcopal or you may download on your e-reader from Amazon.com.

Questions? Email Sharon Massie sharon@graceepiscopallexington.org
or Katie Masey katie.masey@gmail.com

Table Fellowship Groups are Forming Now!

Table fellowship groups are forming for the 2019-2020 season. Groups meet for a meal about once a month. You can meet for brunch, lunch, dinner in homes, restaurants or anywhere you can imagine. The table fellowship groups are 8 to 10 people and are always a source of good food and fellowship. Our Table Fellowship groups are a great way to meet newcomers, old timers and those in between and build community at our church.

If you would like to join a group, please contact Sharon Massie. sharon@graceepiscopallexington.org

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.

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 500 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

Fr. James (frjames@graceepiscopallexington.org),
Sharon Massie (sharon@graceepiscopallexington.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.

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 landing. Questions about **Pocket Change 4 Change** can be directed to Darlene Keane.

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!