

This Week at Grace Church

Sunday, September 8

- 8:00 a.m.** Holy Eucharist (Rite I)
9:15 a.m. Adult & Children Sunday School/Confirmation
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Rite II)
2:00 p.m. W&L Chamber Choir Rehearsal (Brooke Family Ctr)
5:00 p.m. Taizé

Monday, September 9

- 7:30 a.m.** AA (Conference Rm)
5:00 p.m. Finance Committee (CR)
6:00 p.m. Property (CR)

Tuesday, September 10

- 7:00 a.m.** Men's Prayer Breakfast (Parish Hall)
4:00 p.m. Rockbridge Symphony Steering Comm. (Welles Rm/Library)
4:30 p.m. Call Committee (3rd Floor)
5:30 p.m. Rockbridge Youth Chorale (Brooke Family Ctr, Canterbury Rm)
6:30 p.m. EfM (Welles Rm./Library)
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (Parish Hall)
7:00 p.m. AA (Conference Room)

Wednesday, September 11

- 8:00 a.m.** Music Jam (Brooke Fam Ctr)
12:00 p.m. AA (Conference Room)
4:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee (Canterbury Room)
4:30 p.m. Gadsden Committee (CR)
5:30 p.m. Threshold Singers (Brooke Family Ctr)
7:00 p.m. A capella Group rehearsal (Brooke Family Ctr)
9:15 p.m. Compline (Brooke Family Ctr)

Thursday, September 12

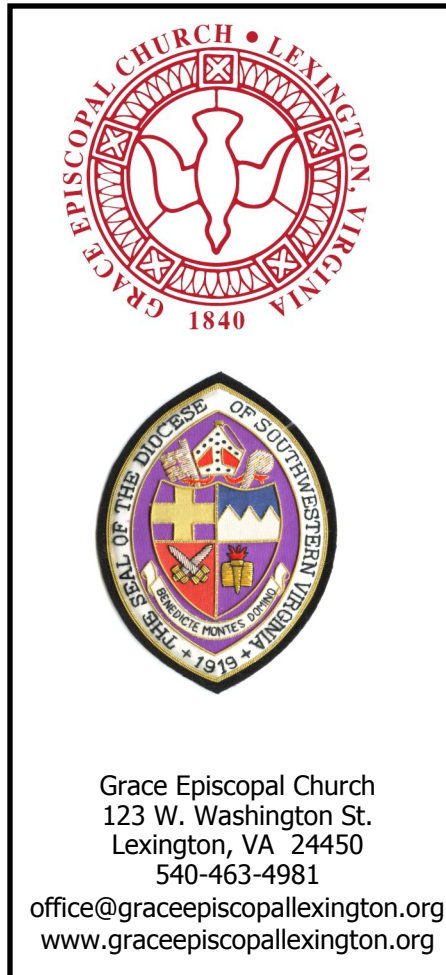
- 6:00 p.m.** Bridge (Parish Hall)
7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal (Brooke Family Ctr)

Friday, September 13

- 8:00 p.m.** AA (Conference Room)

Saturday, September 14

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



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Parish News for the week of September 8

Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church.

We are glad you are worshipping with us today!

ACOLYTE APPRECIATION DAY! Thank you: Elise Brooke, Emma Brooke, John Brooke, Jack Harrison, Joe Harrison, Molly Hellwig, Avery Hess, John Thomas Loughhead, Bill Luton, Patrick McGuire, Sharon Massie, Elaine Price and Ginny Price.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH SUNDAYS

Classes for Adults, Youth and Children will resume on September 8
Christianity and Culture, Parish Hall, 9:15

Today The Call Committee report on their work thus far. This will not be a meeting to announce the calling of a new minister.

Last winter we looked at the role of the priest within the wider context of the Church's ministry as the Body of Christ. This fall, we'll explore—within the same context—the role of the parish and the parishioner... that is, YOU! As before, this will arise from an understanding shaped by the Books of Common Prayer, catechisms, official statements, and writings of leaders of the Anglican Communion of which we are a part - with David Cox.

September 15 *The Ministry of the Parish: How a congregation embodies and enacts the work of Christ as part of the priesthood of all believers.*

September 23 *The Priesthood of Each Believer: How individual Christians share personally in the wider ministry of the Church.*

Youth (6th – 12th grade), Canterbury Room, 9:15

Building on last year's confirmation class the youth will continue to explore their faith and ask questions about the Bible, the Apostles' Creed, disciples, Jesus, and hot topics. Mary Price and Holly Pickett will lead the class, which is designed to prepare youth to understand, appreciate, and affirm the baptismal vows made on their behalf when they were younger. All youth, 6th grade -12th grade are welcome!

Christian Education in the Atrium for ages 3 -12, 9:15, 3rd Floor
The Atrium is a Montessori-based enrichment space where children can hear, ponder, and celebrate the essential messages of the Christian faith as revealed in the scriptures and the liturgy with hands-on activities ("works"). If you would like to volunteer one Sunday a month to help with the Atrium, please contact Megan Hess. hessm@wlu.edu

Cherub Choir and Godly Play (ages 3 to 1st grade)

will begin Wednesday, September 18, 3:30 to 4:30 in the Atrium.

**Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.
He stilled the storm to a whisper and quieted the waves of the sea. - Psalm 107:28, 29
Please pray for the victims of hurricane Dorian.**

Music Ministry

Taize Service Tonight, 5 p.m.

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

Wednesday night Contemplative Prayer at Grace begins Wednesday, Sept. 11, 9:15 p.m. in the Undercroft.

1st-3rd Sunday Eucharist, 5pm

4th Sunday Holden Evensong, Sept. 22, 5pm

Holden Evensong is a more contemporary contemplative evensong
that even includes some songs from Taizé.

5th Sunday Evensong (*see below*)

St. Francis (Junior), Wednesdays (Sept. 25 start), 4:00-4:40 p.m.

Godly Play/Cherub Choir Wednesday (Sept. 18 start) 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Ukulele Choir, Wednesdays, 4:45-5:25 p.m.(Sept. 25 start)

5th Sunday Community Event: Evensong on the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels followed by Blackberry Reception in the Parish Hall,

5pm Sunday, Sept. 29. We will have a Solemn Choral Evensong sung by
Grace's Choir and guest singers from SVU and Charlottesville. Beloved
Daniel Brinson will preside at the organ and I will conduct. We will have a
Blackberry Confections Reception after. Why blackberries? An old Irish
proverb tells, "On Michaelmas Day the devil put his foot on blackberries."
"Michaelmas, a wonderful celebration of harvest's end and the start
of autumn's mists and mellow fruitfulness, as Keats wrote in his
famous poem. Although Michaelmas is celebrated on the 29th Sep-
tember, when the calendar was reformed in 1752, 'Old Michaelmas
Day' was moved to the 10th October. Old Michaelmas Day is also
called 'Devil Spits Day'; it's the last day that blackberries should be
picked, according to old British folklore. This is known as the day that
the Devil came to earth; he fell from the skies, straight onto a black-
berry bush, whereupon he cursed the fruit, scorched them with his
fiery breath, stamped on them and then spat on them making them
unfit to eat."(lavenderandlovage.com)

What can you do for this community building event?

~Invite people! Welcome people to the unique
beauty and holiness of Evensong's worship

~Offer to friends the chance for delicious
sharing at the blackberry reception after.

~Make a berry delectable to share at the reception.

Please contact me at Martha@graceepiscopallexington.org or call the
church office if you can contribute to the Feast. Rumor has it that
there are already blackberries being stored
and a berry tort has been promised.

Our Music Scholars, Class of 2022 students, Levi Lebsack, Caleb Peña,
and Demmanuel Gonzalez, are back in Lexington!

When you see them, please ask them how their summers went!

Bagpiper Emily Liska, VMI Class of 2022 will be playing for us today!

Please give her a warm welcome and ask her about her summer!

Men's Prayer Breakfast resumes this Tuesday, 9/10

The men of our parish and from the community meet for breakfast and
prayer at 7 a.m. each Tuesday. All are welcome!

Stewardship Committee

The members of the Stewardship Committee are looking forward to
working with Father James, parishioners, and staff in the weeks ahead
on this year's stewardship campaign for 2019. We believe strongly in
the missions, worship, and thoughtful work of the committees of Grace
Episcopal Church. We know that we can achieve what we desire and
need to do only with a successful annual campaign. The current
members of the Stewardship Committee are Larry Boetsch,
Dennis Cross (chair), Carol Dent, Gail Dickerson, Don Ellis (Vestry
liaison), Dave Hansen, Brant Hellwig, and John Milford.

If you would like to join the Stewardship Committee and join us in its
work, please contact Dennis Cross at 540.460.1338 or dcross@wlu.edu

Vestry Nominations

The vestry nominating committee is hard at work seeking qualified
members of our parish to serve on the vestry. We need your help in
identifying members who you believe would be active vestry members
and serve our church and further God's mission for us on earth. Vestry
elections will be held on Sunday, November 10. The nominations will be
closed on Thursday, November 7, allowing the church office time to
distribute the names and the bios to the members of the Parish. We
need to fill 4 vacancies. If you believe someone would make a good
vestry member, please ask them if they would consider the challenge.
If parishioners are asked enough times by different members, maybe
they will get the message that God is asking them through the
congregation. If someone says "yes" please contact the nominating
committee, so we can compile a list of worthy candidates.
Peggy Riethmiller, Tracey Riley, Merce Brooke, and Lisa McGuire make
up the nominating committee this year. You never know when some-
one is waiting to be asked.

First Baptist Church

Celebrates the 152nd Church Anniversary

Sunday, September 8 & 15, 2019, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 9/8/19 - Guest preacher Rev. Dr. Elijah Brown, General Secre-
tary, Baptist World Alliance, Falls Church, VA and guest choir.

Sunday 9/15/19 - Guests will be Dr. Jerome Washington and the Choirs
and Congregation of the Mount Vernon Baptist Church, Durham, NC.
Dinner served at 1:00 p.m.

Fall Revival Services at First Baptist Church, September 16-18 at
7:00 p.m., Guest Preacher, Dr. Michael Owens, Pastor New Hope Bap-
tist Church, Guest Choirs serving each evening.

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!