

Parish News for the week of March 15
Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church.
We are glad you are worshipping with us today!

Family Holy Eucharist, Tonight, 5 p.m., Brooke Family Center

Dinner to follow in the Parish Hall

Christian Education, 9:15 Parish Hall, 3/15 & 22

Led by Marlys Craun LCSW

Serious Mental Illness: What is it, how is it treated and possible Christian responses.

Children & Youth, 9:30 a.m., 3rd Floor, Parish House

Lenten Series continues Wednesday, March 18, Dinner - 6 pm

Please register by calling or emailing the parish office by noon on Tuesday

Soup, salad and bread, Adults \$8 Children \$3 Family Max \$20

Sessions for Adults from 6:45 - 8:00

wHoly Conversations

Discussions about our Life in Christ and the World Around Us

March 18 Becoming Beloved Community: Is Grace a Welcoming,

Affirming and Safe Community to our LGBTQ Friends?

Music

Who would be interested in Bell Choir beginning in the fall of 2020? Let Martha know, and we'll do it! Meeting time will be Thursdays, 5:30-6:15 in the undercroft. One of the exciting things about chancel renovation is that we will have room for bell tables to be set up for a bell choir's participation. You do not need to be able to read music--it's a great way to learn, and fun way to experience teamwork for the glory of God.

Ages 2nd grade and up. Contact Martha at

martha@graceepiscopalexington.org or at 540-463-4981.

Reminder that ukulele choir meets every Wednesday, 4-4:40.

Chancel choir meets every Thursday, 7-8:30(ish). All are invited.

The Bishop's Dollar Fund

Donate to The Bishop's Dollar Fund This year during the season of Lent. You may send donations to the Diocesan Office made payable to The Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern VA with "Bishop's Dollar" in the memo line. Mail to: Attn: Bishop's Dollar Fund, PO Box 2279, Roanoke, VA 24009. Or, donate online at dioswva.org/online-giving.html.

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Flower Deliveries

The Flower Guild is requesting help with delivering flowers to parishioners on Mondays. The guild separates the donated flowers, from Sunday's service (excluding Lent, Easter, and Christmas), into small vases for distribution along with a note expressing love from their parish family. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, or if a couple would like to do it together, please email

Claudia Ellis cmeadellis@comcast.net.

Helping our Neighbors

We have the opportunity to help our neighbors at Christ Church in Buena Vista and those they serve. Their mission, Community Closet, serves the greater Rockbridge County area with clothing and household items at no charge. The Closet is open every Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon and needs volunteers to help clients during these hours. The goal is to have four teams of two people from Grace for each Saturday. You are invited to share in this ministry by contacting Gail Dickerson at gdickerson447@gmail.com or 540-817-3466, or Christ Church's Susie Trimble at 540-461-1299 or susietrimble@rockbridge.net.

Thursday Lenten Service and Lunch at Manly

The Community Lenten Preaching Service and Lunch is held on Thursdays at 12:10pm through Lent at Manly Memorial Baptist Church. Sponsored by

Rockbridge Area Ministers Association.

Habitat for Humanity Chili Cook-Off, Sunday March 29

For this year's Habitat for Humanity's Chili Cook-Off the local churches are in competition with one another. Merce Brooke's "I stole it from the internet" Chili won first prize at Grace's Cook-Off on February 2.

We need a group of cooks to gather Saturday, March 28 to cook 8 gallons of Merce's winning chili recipe. We also need several large capacity crock pots to keep the chili warm for the contest the next day.

Contact Pat McGuire magsvmi85@gmail.com if you are able to help cook or have a crockpot that we can borrow.

Cake Walk sponsored by the ARC of Rockbridge

Saturday, March 28, 6 to 8 pm, Grace Episcopal Church.

Baked Goods Donations Needed thearcofrockbridge@yahoo.com.