

Lanford Mission Emergency Fund

The Lanford Mission Emergency Fund (MEF) was begun in this parish over 30 years ago to assist residents of Rockbridge County who request emergency help in meeting rent, utility, medical, or temporary housing expenses. The MEF primarily receives its funding from Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas offerings as well as a small number of pledges that are designated "Mission Emergency Fund."

Requests for assistance are most often made because of sudden illness, loss of health insurance, or unexpected job loss. In the majority of cases, RARA (Rockbridge Area Relief Association) does the vetting to verify need and then contacts Grace Episcopal along with Lexington Presbyterian and St. Patrick's Roman Catholic churches to share costs with RARA.

On this Easter day, we ask you to consider a donation to the Lanford Mission Emergency Fund. If you would like to make a gift in the form of a check, the check can be made out to Grace Episcopal Church with "Lanford MEF" noted on the memo line. The Christian Outreach Committee thanks you for your faithful support of this long-time Grace Episcopal outreach ministry!

Grace Episcopal Church Schedule (All campus) Week of April 21

Monday	7:30 am	AA (Conference Room)
	5:00 pm	Vestry (Parish Hall)
Tuesday	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Parish Hall)
	6:00 pm	Boy Scouts (Parish Hall)
	6:30 pm	EfM (Welles/Library)
	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	Bridge (Parish Hall)
Friday	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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Parish News for the week of April 21

Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church.

We are glad you are worshipping with us today!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Christian Ed Resumes April 28

Rise and Sing

9:15 to 9:30, Undercroft

Christian Education in the Atrium for ages 3 -12

9:30, 3rd Floor

Christianity and Culture

April 28 Conclusion of A Thrill of Hope:

The Artwork of John August Swanson led by Sharon Massie

Confirmation, Canterbury Room, 9:15

Godly Play/Cherub Choir resumes

Tuesday, May 7, 3:30 – 4:30, Atrium, 3rd floor

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

Under Construction: A Habitat for Humanity Vacation Bible School

will engage children with Bible stories, crafts, music and stories from the community focused on Habitat for Humanity's local ministry, building and repairing safe homes for families. During our time together we will be building a special hands-on project with members of Habitat for Humanity to auction off at the end of VBS! Teachers and teen volunteers are needed! Please contact

Sharon Massie if interested in volunteering!

See graceepiscopallexington.org to register.

Parish Profile

Grace's Parish Profile can be viewed and read online at:
www.graceepiscopallexington.org. On the home page, click on the
CALL COMMITTEE: Rector Search tab; and then on the
Grace Episcopal Call Committee page, click on either the
Grace Episcopal Church sketch or on
Grace Episcopal Church Parish Profile 2019.

Musicians-Choir People:

Join us on Sat. May 4 10:30-Noon. (Lunch will be ordered for those who want to stay for lunch.) Mark Schweizer of St. James Music Press will offer a music reading session for choirs of all sizes. St. James excels at good, doable repertoire for small churches with limited resources. Contact Martha Burford, Minister of Music at Grace, martha@graceepiscopallexington.org with questions and to sign up.

There is no charge, but we need to know how many copies of music to have on hand.

Dinner Theater, Saturday, May 4, Dinner at 5:30

Come ready to eat, laugh, and solve the mystery! Dr. Mark Schweizer, editor of the Sewanee Composer's Project and St. James Music Press, and author of fifteen Liturgical Mysteries such as *The Alto Wore Tweed*, and *The Soprano Wore Falsettos*, debuts his newest Mystery Theater, *Murder at the Octave*, here at Grace Episcopal.

Regional theatrical talent is already signing on as cast for the production! **Tickets are free, but tickets are required and must be reserved by May 1.** For more information and tickets call the church office at 540-463-4981

1st Anniversary Celebration of Pastor McKinley Williams Sunday, April 28, 2019 at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.

4 p.m. guest choirs, Trinity Baptist Church Richmond,
and Grace Episcopal Church.

Third Annual National Day of Prayer Service (Interfaith)

Thursday, May 2, Noon at Randolph Street United Methodist Church,
118 S. Randolph Street, Lexington.

Anne Wilson Memorial

There will be an Arts centered memorial gathering at The Lenfest Center honoring Anne Wilson at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 28, 2019.

ECW Coffee Morning at Kendal

Please mark your calendar for Wednesday, May 8, at 10 a.m., for a coffee morning in the restaurant at Kendal, to honor all Grace Episcopal Church parishioners living there. All parishioners are invited, for goodies, conversation, and a pleasant morning. Please bring finger food, savory or sweet, if you wish, and join us for this annual tradition

UTO 2019 Spring Ingathering - May 12, 2019

Let us all count our blessings every day and mark each prayer of gratitude with an offering to our Blue Boxes at home. Then the week before UTO Sunday, count the contents of your box, deposit them, and write a check for the amount to Grace Episcopal Church with UTO on the memo line. UTO envelopes for your offerings are available in the Parish Office. Don't forget: every cent goes to mission.

With daily thanksgiving,
Julia Littlefield, Parish UTO Coordinator

Grace Episcopal Church 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 Rockbridge Area Habitat for Humanity Critical Repair committee is looking for volunteers. This committee responsible for helping area residents with critical home repairs. Roof repairs, bathroom repairs, accessibility ramps, and accessibility modifications in the home, are the types of repairs performed. The work is usually done over a weekend and provides the recipient with desperately needed quality of life improvements. If you have any interest please contact Habitat at 463-3770 and ask about the Critical Repair Committee.

South Sudanese Diaspora Network for Peace and Reconciliation Conference

Over Labor Day weekend, August 30 – September 1, 2019, Lexington, VA will be hosting the **South Sudanese Diaspora Network for Peace and Reconciliation** conference. One hundred South Sudanese diaspora members are expected to attend. Grace Episcopal, Lexington Presbyterian, Manly Memorial and First Baptist 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.

The **South Sudanese Diaspora Network for Peace and Reconciliation** is striving to create an environment for the diverse community of South Sudan to work together for peace through dialogue and to open up avenues for reconciliation. The network is engaged in cross-cultural dialogue that fosters respect for one another, promotes justice, peace and reconciliation, and works to counteract tribalism to end oppression, hate, violence and conflict.