

Grace Episcopal Schedule (All campus) Week of July 21

Day	Time	Event
Monday	7:30 am	AA (Conference Room)
Tuesday	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Parish Hall)
	4:30 pm	Call Committee (3rd Fl)
	7:00 pm	AA (Conference Room)
Wednesday	8:00 am	Blue Grass Jam (Brooke Family Ctr)
	12:00 pm	AA (Conference Room)
	5:30 pm	Threshold Singers Rehearsal (Brooke Family Ctr)
	8:00 pm	NA (Conference Room)
Thursday	6:00 pm	Bridge (Parish Hall)
Friday	8:00 pm	AA (Conference Room)
Saturday	10:00 am	AA (Conference Room)
	11:15 am	Al Anon (Conference Room)

Summer Celebrant Schedule

July 28	Fr. James
August 4	The Reverend Bradley Laycock
August 11	The Reverend Bradley Laycock
August 18	The Reverend David Lassalle

SUGGESTION/COMMENT BOX

Cards are available in the Narthex if you wish to make a suggestion or comment for the suggestion/comment box. The staff and Vestry look forward to regular communication in person, by phone or email, or with a card in the box.

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Parish News for the week of July 21

Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church.

We are glad you are worshipping with us today!

Blood Drive

On Friday, July 19 we were able to use our new Jonathan Daniels Community room to host a Blood Drive for the American Red Cross. As of the printing of this insert we had over 20 participants sign up to donate, which was the goal set for us. Thank you to all who donated!

Yard Sale

The yard sale to benefit the South Sudanese Diaspora Conference made over \$1300! We were awarded a \$1000 grant in May for the conference from the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia Global Grants Committee. Grace Church had to match the grant amount by fundraising. We are thrilled to have exceeded that amount!
Thank you for generous contributions!

Education for Ministry (EfM)

EfM is focused on enhancing the student's understanding of the important role lay ministry has in church life. This four year program has proven to be a life changing experience for most participants. The fall term will begin on Tuesday, September 17th. If you are interested in joining the class please contact either James Keane (chaplain@graceepiscopallexington.org) or Don Ellis (don318@comcast.net).

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
Office (office@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.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for,
the conviction of things not seen.

-Hebrews 11:1

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.

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

Product of the Month - RARA/July: Peanut Butter

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

Become an Acolyte, Greeter, Lay Reader, Altar Guild Member or Usher

We are looking for parishioners who would like to serve during weekly services, especially as an Acolyte. We would welcome adults who are willing to serve at the altar. You can call Lisa in the Parish Office or email lisa@graceepiscopallexington.org for information on how you can become part of the group of dedicated people we have serving our Parish Family.

Mail Box

If you or your committee has a mail box in the Resource Room, please check it on Sundays or during the week.

WEBSITE!

www.graceepiscopallexington.org

Sermons can be found under the Worship tab.

Pastoral Needs

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

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. Archbishop of the Episcopal Province of South Sudan, The Rt. Rev. Justin Badi Arama will be in

attendance, as well. The weekend will culminate with a joyous celebration of The Feast Day of Marc Nikkel on Sunday at Grace Church. Marc Nikkel was an Episcopal Priest from Southwest Virginia and a missionary to Sudan. Nikkel died of cancer in the late 1990's. Many members of the diaspora knew Marc and were touched by his ministry in Sudan. Grace Episcopal, Lexington Presbyterian, Manly Memorial and First Baptist have pledged to help with this conference by providing venues, housing for the diaspora and meals.

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 Reconciliation and Peace** 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.

Grace Episcopal Church 2nd Fall Pilgrimage

October 11-13, 2019

Join us for a weekend of Fall Foliage, Rest and Fellowship in the Hudson Valley at Holy Cross Monastery

For more information about the monastery go to holycrossmonastery.org

Cost: \$200 per person includes meals and lodging (two nights lodging plus meals Friday supper through Sunday noontime dinner).

Reservations: The Monastery is holding 8 rooms for Grace Episcopal for the weekend of Oct 12-13. Most rooms are single rooms, there are a few double rooms. To reserve your place, contact Liz Moss (540-223-1048) or email emoss267@gmail.com. A deposit of \$100 must be paid by August 25 to reserve your room. The \$100 balance will be due when you check into the monastery. Make checks payable to Holy Cross

Monastery. After August 25, reservations will be accepted based on availability. Those participating will meet together prior to the pilgrimage to discuss further plans.

Travel: Participants will arrange their own transportation. Carpooling may be available. Train travel is possible from Charlottesville to NYC to

Poughkeepsie, NY. Uber or taxis are available for the short drive to West Park from Poughkeepsie.