

Pastoral Needs

Please contact the church office (office@graceepiscopalexington.org), Fr. James (frjames@graceepiscopalexington.org) or Sharon Massie (sharon@graceepiscopalexington.org) if you have a pastoral need. Please let us know if you are having upcoming surgeries, etc. Your church family cares about you!

Grace Episcopal Schedule (All campus) Week of June 2

Monday	7:30 am	AA (Conference Room)
	6:00 pm	Property (Conference Room)
Tuesday	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Parish Hall)
	11:00 am	Worship Committee (Conference Room)
	4:30 pm	Call Committee (3rd Floor)
	6:30 pm	Boy Scouts (Parish Hall)
	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)
	5:30 pm	Threshold Singers Rehearsal (Brooke Family Ctr)
	6:00 pm	Bike & Build Dinner
	8:00 pm	NA (Conference Rm/3rd Floor)
Thursday	6:00 am	Sunrise Rotary/Bike & Build breakfast
	6:00 pm	Bridge (Parish Hall)
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal (Brooke Family Ctr)
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)

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 June 2

Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church.
We are glad you are worshipping with us today!

Pentecost Sunday Picnic

Sunday, June 9 after the 10:30 service

Please join us Pentecost Sunday, June 9 for a picnic following the 10:30 service on the patio. Hot Dogs, hamburgers, and drinks will be provided. **Please bring a side dish to share!**

Wear **RED** to celebrate the birthday of the church!

Bike & Build

Thirty-one riders from Bike & Build will be coming through Lexington and staying at our church overnight on Wednesday, June 5. Grace Church is providing them dinner and a place to sleep. We will be serving the bikers fried chicken for dinner. The bikers will eat breakfast with the Lexington Sunrise Rotary on Thursday morning.

If you would be interested in providing a side, pasta, potatoes, vegetable, salad or dessert and/or

If you are able to help with welcoming the bikers, dinner set up/clean up please contact Sharon Massie.

Bike & Build raises money for affordable housing projects across the country. The riders from Bike & Build are pedaling across the U.S. for affordable housing and will end their 3,863 mile trek on August 12 in Seaside, OR.

Taizé Eucharist

The second-Sunday Taizé contemplative Eucharist will be June 9 at 5 p.m. Join us for this service of scripture, prayer, music, and communion.

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. Teachers and teen volunteers are needed! Please contact Sharon Massie if interested in volunteering! See graceepiscopalexington.org to register.

While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.

- Luke 24:51

Music Notes

Community Hymn Sing at Grace Episcopal, Sunday, June 30, Sing at 4:30, Potluck Supper at 5:45.

And through Eternity I'll Sing on! So goes the line in "Wondrous Love," Hymn 439. Come sing on, and bring a little food to share! We'll gather at 4:30 in the parish hall, and we'll sing for an hour or hour and 15 minutes. We can play it by ear. Then we'll share food and stories, maybe even talk about how these hymns have fed us, astonished us, drawn us together! Blessed be the tie that Binds! It is Well with my Soul! Earth and All Stars? Be Thou my Vision! In Christ there is No East or West! If you email Martha with particular hymns you want to sing, I'll try to make sure we have copies if it's not in the 1982 Hymnal.

If you play an instrument, feel free to bring it along!

If you have friends, bring them along, too!

Free will donations will benefit a local cause.

Parish Profile

Grace's Parish Profile has been posted on our website and can be read and printed from there by going to: www.graceepiscopallexington.org. On the home page, click on the **CALL COMMITTEE: Rector Search tab**; then on the **Grace Episcopal Call Committee page**, click on either the **Grace Episcopal Church sketch** or on **Grace Episcopal Church Parish Profile 2019**. Several printed copies of the profile are located here at

Grace for your reading pleasure. These copies are located in the church office, parish office hallway seating area, library, narthex, parish hall, undercroft, and on the bridge. A limited number of print copies are available through a member of the Call Committee.

The search for Grace's next rector is also prominently advertised on the Episcopal News Service website.

Jane Brooke, Alexandra Brown, Gail Dickerson, Keith Gibson,
Anne Hansen, Ryan Holston, Mo Littlefield

Altar Flowers

The 2019 calendar is located next to the Parish Office.

If you wish to make a donation (\$65 for flower donations/\$35 for greens during Advent and Lent) in honor/memorial of a loved one, please use the Chart sign up.

**If you have difficulty getting to the office to sign up,
call the parish office and Lisa can sign you up!**

June and July Dedications

June 2 - Nay

June 9 - Price/Gosse

June 16 - OPEN

June 23 - OPEN

June 30 - OPEN

July 7 - Branner

July 14 - Peters

July 21 - OPEN

July 28 - Robblee



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:

Project Horizon Hotline/ Shelter Volunteers- Project Horizon is dedicated to reducing dating, domestic, and sexual violence in Buena Vista, Lexington, and Rockbridge County. If you would like to help Project Horizon in the shelter and with hotline calls, the next volunteer training begins June 15th and continues the 17th-20th. If you are interested, please call Kaitlyn Kaufman at 540-463-7861 or email kkaufman@rockbridge.net.

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. Grace Episcopal, Lexington Presbyterian, Manly Memorial, First Baptist and Trinity United Methodist Church have pledged to help with this conference. We are anticipating other churches joining 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.