

Parish News for the week of February 16  
Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church.  
We are glad you are worshipping with us today!

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Please read the Lenten message and view the Reclaiming Jesus video declaration by Presiding Bishop Curry on our website [www.graceepiscopalexington.org](http://www.graceepiscopalexington.org)

**Parish Office Closed Monday, February 17**

**Welcome** Thomas Conrad Berquist, born January 26, 6 pounds 3 ounces. Proud parents Emily and Peter Berquist. A Meal Train has been set up To volunteer a meal contact Sharon Massie.

**Christian Education, 9:15 Parish Hall**  
2/23 King James Bible - With James Keane

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

**Exploring a Prayer Discipline**  
with Fr. Tuck on Monday's at 10 am. in the Library.  
*There will be no class on February 17, 2020*

**Join us on Friday, Feb. 21 "Fat Friday"!**

Potluck, 6 pm at Grace Episcopal Church in the Brooke Family Center (wanna help decorate?) Live Music, Great Company, Open Mic, Games and Glee! Bring some food to share for dinner. You are welcome to bring your preferred beverage and any family friendly games. Open mic for talent and silly "no talent" sharing!

**Save the Date—Property Clean up February 29, 9 a.m.**

**“What we lost: Honoring the community demolished by urban ‘renewal’ in Staunton’s Augusta Street corridor”**  
**Saturday March 14, 2020 –1:00-3:30pm**

Booker T Washington Community Center, 1114 West Johnson Street, Staunton. Building Bridges for the Greater Good invites everyone to the fourth annual Breaking Bread community dialogue. The event will shine a light upon the African American community whose businesses and homes were devastated by the City of Staunton’s ‘urban renewal’ project in the 1960s, centered along Augusta Street. Guests will be able to explore reconstructions of the neighborhood’s businesses and community focal points, hear stories from community elders, and enjoy conversations with neighbors over pie and coffee.

**"Supporting Our Outreach Ministries:  
Opportunities at Our Fingertips"**

The Christian Outreach Committee has allocated the full amount of its \$50,000 budget for 2020 to the agencies/programs listed below. The good news is that our budget this year was significantly higher than 2019, thanks to the generosity of pledging parishioners and the Vestry's commitment to supporting outreach. We were grateful to have sufficient funds to cover most of the amounts requested in grant applications. The Christian Outreach Committee has also continued to coordinate with the Gadsden Committee on funding for projects that meet the guidelines set by each of those groups.

The downside is that we now have no reserves to support important initiatives that we are likely to discover later in the year. Supplemental funding sources continue to be the Kroger Community Rewards and Amazon Smile programs. In addition, the “Give” page on the parish website provides an easy opportunity not only to make payments on our annual pledges, but to make donations to the Mission Emergency Fund and General Outreach. We encourage parish participation in all of these options for continued support of our outreach ministries. For more information, contact Anna Crockett ([crockett@vmi.edu](mailto:crockett@vmi.edu)) and

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**ARC of Rockbridge, Beloved Community, Blue Ridge Legal Services, Bridge to Hope Food Pantry, Hoofbeats Therapeutic Riding School, Meals for Shut-Ins, Mission Emergency Fund, Mission Next, Door Rockbridge Area Hospice, Rockbridge Area Relief Association, Rockbridge Area Transportation Services, Sudan Mission Group, The Community Closet, The Community Table, Yellow Brick Road**

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