

Parish News for the week of February 9
Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church.
We are glad you are worshipping with us today!

**ANNUAL MEETING TODAY FOLLOWING THE
8:00 AM SERVICE IN THE PARISH HALL.**

About Susan Sevier our Guest Preacher. Susan is a writer, educator, singer, and graduate of the Virginia Theological Seminary program in Christian Formation (M.A), continues to serve at VTS as the Sr. Writing Tutor and Consultant in the Academic Resources Center. A former American Baptist Deacon and newly-minted Episcopalian (confirmed May 12, 2018 at the Washington National Cathedral), she currently lives into her ministry as a writing coach and spiritual director in the service of the international student community at VTS and the Doctor of Ministry program. In 2019, she joined the adjunct faculty of the VTS Center for Lifelong Learning, teaching “Reclaiming the Jewishness of Jesus,” applying the principles of contextual theology to an examination of just what it means for our faith if we examine closely the idea of the historical Jesus (and the historical early Christian community) and their Jewish roots. While music and opera no longer take center stage in her journey, she continues to offer her voice to projects that are meaningful to her and, when she has time, feed her passion for spirituals and sacred music in the recording studio, some of which are available on Pandora, Spotify, Apple Music, and Amazon Music. She blogs about her life as a musician of faith at **Singing Along the Journey** (www.singingthejourney.com) and about her work as a spiritual director at **Subversive Light** (www.subversivelight.com).

Welcome

Thomas Conrad Berquist, born January 26, 6 pounds 3 ounces. Proud parents Emily and Peter Berquist. Emily and Peter have been worshipping with us for 6 months. They were confirmed by Bishop Bourlakas in December. Emily is a Special Education Teacher at Maury River Middle School and Peter is a law student at Washington & Lee.

A Meal Train has been set up for the Berquist Family. To volunteer a meal contact Sharon Massie.

Christian Education, 9:15 Parish Hall

2/9—Annual Meeting, 2/16—King James Bible with James Keane

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

Taizé service tonight at 5:00 p.m.

Exploring a Prayer Discipline

Fr. Tuck is offering a class *Exploring a Prayer Discipline* on Monday's at 10 am. in the Library.

There will be no class on February 17, 2020

Safeguarding God's Children Class, Saturday 2/15

Grace Episcopal Church is committed to welcoming and protecting all children and youth who participate in ministries, activities and events in our congregation. We are committed to providing safe places for our children and youth to grow in their life in Christ. We will have a Safeguarding God's Children training on Saturday, February 15 at 10:00 AM in the Parish Hall. Anyone interested in this training is welcome to attend.

First Baptist Church Heritage Day

Sunday, March 1 at 11:00 a.m. Guest Preacher: Reverend Dr. Paul Msiza, Pastor of Salem Baptist Church, Pretoria, South Africa and President of Baptist World Alliance. Dr. Beverly Tucker will have a book signing of her latest work, *The Return to Fuller Street*. A free Soul Food dinner will be served for everyone immediately following worship.

Reflections of Grace & Church Calendar

Reflections of Grace, reflections or announcements from the rector, staff and other members of Grace Church and the Church calendar are located on the front page of our Website. Just scroll down the page. www.graceepiscopalexington.org.

Community Table

The Community Table seeks to relieve hunger while building community in Lexington, Buena Vista, and Rockbridge County of Virginia. Everyone is served regardless of their ability to donate. This program reflects the mission priorities of our parish outreach ministry and promotes personal relationship building. Our parishioners staff The Community Table on the third Monday of each month. Volunteers are needed to set up (1-2 p.m.), serve (5:30-7:30 p.m.) and clean up (7:15-8:30 p.m.) Please call M.J. Mayerchak at 460-3138 or 463-9457 if you feel called to be part of this ministry.

Project Horizon Share and Support

Offering a safe space for discussion for members of the LGBTQ+ Community. Meetings are the third Thursday of every month. 120 Varner Lane, Lexington.

RARA Product of the Month: February/Oatmeal

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 House.

February 17—Parish Office Closed for President's Day.

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