

Parish News for the week of March 8
Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church.
We are glad you are worshipping with us today!

Taizé service tonight at 5pm

Christian Education, 9:15 Parish Hall, 3/15

Led by Marlys Craun LCSW

Serious Mental Illness: What is it, how is it treated and possible Christian responses.

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

Lenten Series continues Wednesday, March 11, Dinner - 6 pm

Please register by calling or emailing the parish office by noon on Tuesday

Soup, salad and bread, Adults \$8 Children \$3 Family Max \$20

Sessions for Adults from 6:45 - 8:00

wHoley Conversations

Discussions about our Life in Christ and the World Around Us

March 11 Becoming Beloved Community

A conversation with Martin and Sharron Jeffrey. As we continue to work to dismantle racism and strive for reconciliation in Christ's name this conversation will consider next steps in the work.

Family Holy Eucharist, Sunday March 15, 5 p.m.

Dinner to follow in the Parish Hall

The Bishop's Dollar Fund

Donate to The Bishop's Dollar Fund This year during the season of Lent. You may send donations to the Diocesan Office made payable to The Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern VA with "Bishop's Dollar" in the memo line. Mail to: Attn: Bishop's Dollar Fund, PO Box 2279, Roanoke, VA 24009.

Or, donate online at dioswva.org/online-giving.html.

A Leaping Work Day Thank You from the Property Committee!

Thanks to the 18 hardy souls who helped with grounds cleanup on Saturday, Feb. 29. In addition to removing leaves and other debris from the grounds, the next phase of rejuvenating the shrubbery was started in front of the Parish House. The plan is to mimic the theme that was implemented in front of the Church building two years ago. New Parish House plantings will be installed during March. Please notice that the visibility is improved for drivers and pedestrians as we use the Church exit driveway.

Flower Deliveries

The Flower Guild is requesting help with delivering flowers to parishioners on Mondays. The guild separates the donated flowers, from Sunday's service (excluding Lent, Easter, and Christmas), into small vases for distribution along with a note expressing love from their parish family. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, or if a couple would like to do it together, please email Claudia Ellis cmeadellis@comcast.net.

Helping our Neighbors

We have the opportunity to help our neighbors at Christ Church in Buena Vista and those they serve. Their mission, Community Closet, serves the greater Rockbridge County area with clothing and household items at no charge. The Closet is open every Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon and needs volunteers to help clients during these hours. The goal is to have four teams of two people from Grace for each Saturday. You are invited to share in this ministry by contacting Gail Dickerson at gdickerson447@gmail.com or 540-817-3466, or Christ Church's Susie Trimble at 540-461-1299 or susietrimble@rockbridge.net.

Just Mercy will be shown in Stackhouse Theater in the Elrod Commons at W&L on Tuesday, March 10 at 7 p.m.

After graduating from Harvard, Bryan Stevenson heads to Alabama to defend those wrongly condemned or those not afforded proper representation.

"Considering Matthew Shepard"

Wilson Concert Hall, Lenfest Center

March 13-14, 8 p.m. and March 15, 3 p.m.

"This beautiful and heartbreaking composition is a piece about being kind to each other." - Lacey Lynch.

Judy and Dennis Shepard, Matthew's parents, will be holding an open forum on Thursday March 13, 5 pm as well as a talkback following Friday's performance. Tickets are required and are available on line, or call the Lenfest Box Office 540-458-8000 for ticket info. Box Office hours: Monday-Friday, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m., and open one hour prior to performance.

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