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*Weekly News from Grace Episcopal Church*

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## Grace Providing Hope In The Midst Of The COVID-19 Pandemic

*In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, Grace Church works to provide hope and basic necessities to those in need. Read below to learn more...*

*To donate to any of these programs, click [here](#)...*



### Building Hope in the Holy Land

For the past five years Grace has supported American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem through our Easter Offering. During this we have donated \$20,000. Our offering this year was the lowest ever due to the church being closed at Easter, your generosity still allowed us to send \$1,100.

Thanks to your generosity the Diocese of Jerusalem is better able to respond to the health and financial needs of people in the West Bank and Gaza affected by COVID-19. Your donations provide critical emergency support to Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza, St. Luke's Hospital in the West Bank city of Nablus, and the Archbishop's Fund to help impoverished families.

[Read More...](#)



## Grace Youth Step Up to Help Meacham Park Food Giveaway

On May 13 area volunteers joined forces for a drive-through food giveaway in Meacham Park. When asked to help, Grace Church youth said “yes”! Kirk Care donated 9,000 pounds of pre-boxed perishable food items. Our youth stepped up to the plate and (using social distancing) helped box the Kirk Care food donations for distribution in Meacham park. Thank you to everyone who participated!

During the event, volunteers handed out nearly 13,000 pounds of fresh produce from



*Photo of Missioners taken at Elegant Italian Dinner in January of 2020*

## Missioners Donate \$3,000 to Feed the Hungry in the Diocese of Missouri

Earlier this year the 2020 Youth Missioners raised money from Butter Braid Sales and the Elegant Italian dinner to pay for a portion of the annual mission trip. Each year a portion of the money raised is given to the Habitat organization that hosts the group, to the church where they stay and to the organization that allows them to use the showers. Since the trip was cancelled this year

the St. Louis Area Food Bank, 9,000 pounds of pre-boxed non-perishable food items from Kirk Care and over 200 loaves of Great Harvest bread to those in need during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Over 180 families representing 580 household members and 210 children were given food.



due to COVID-19 the missionaries and their chaperones decided to make a donation from their fundraising.

The Bishop-elect Deon Johnson encouraged our congregations, members from our parishes, and the community at large to make donations to match that amount, doubling the support to those in need.

Grace Missioners responded. A check for \$3,000 has been sent to the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri for matching funds grant to provide provide \$60,000 to hunger ministries in our diocese!

[Read more or donate...](#)

## Trinity Hot Lunch

Trinity Episcopal Church in the Central West End has been responding to those whose lives are impacted by poverty for over 40 years. Trinity Food Pantry continues to be a reliable source of food for those who too often must make choices between necessities. The

lunch program provides a hot meal three days a week and a Sunday Hot Lunch program.

When the COVID-19 closed our churches the logistics of social distancing and stay home policies forced many churches to suspend their support of the Sunday Hot Lunch program. Grace Church volunteers continue to serve lunches which are now bagged lunches. Lunches are safely delivered to Trinity where Trinity volunteers removed the bags the cars and distribution them to the needy.

Your donations to plate offerings, seasonal offerings and the Grace Church outreach program fund the costs.



## **A Thank You For Supporting Mask Campaign**

Thank you to all the women of Grace who volunteered sewing masks for St. Luke's Hospital staff. In the space of two months, you have participated in a ministry where women from several churches in the Diocese of Missouri assisted St. Francis Episcopal Church in sewing 3000 masks for the staff of St. Luke's Hospital. Your contribution of time and talent to our community in the current crisis is appreciated.

*Signed, the women of St. Francis & ECW Board, Diocese of Missouri.*

*Grace Church sewers included Betty Bowersox, Becky Entenmann, Pam Fitzgerald, Ella Heigham, Leslie Hoffarth, Barbara MacRobie, Chris Mars, Jane Pohlman, Susan Reis and Barb Woehle*

There were also monetary donations. Grace and The Church of St. Michaels & St. George were the two highest contributors to this mask campaign.

**Thank you to everyone in the Grace  
family who continues to  
make a difference in the lives of others.**

**Join us for Sunday Services!**

**Spiritual Communion  
Sundays at 10 a.m.**

***Virtual Coffee Hour  
will follow the service at 10:40 a.m.***

**Join Zoom Service and Coffee Hour Live**  
<https://zoom.us/j/3148211806>

**Dial by your location with any phone**  
**+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)**

**Join the service On Demand at**  
**[www.GraceKirkwood.org](http://www.GraceKirkwood.org)**

[Click Here to Download a Service Leaflet](#)



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## **Pastoral Care Continues at Grace**

Pastoral Care is available. Fr. Todd is the only person making face-to-face pastoral calls for those in need. As always, in cases of severe illness, hospitalization, when a person is near death, or at the death of a member of Grace, please notify Fr. Todd or the parish office as soon as possible in order to secure the ministrations of the church.

For a pastoral need you may call/text Fr. Todd at 314-365-1964. He will also continue to be available for individual and family face-to-face pastoral/spiritual care, both in his office or in your home. Please contact him for an appointment.

## ***Death in the Grace Church family....***

We are sad to report the death of Corinna Kurth Baker, sister to Chris Kurth, sister-in-law to Carla Kurth, and aunt to Lindsay, Avery and Riley Amen. Corinna passed on May 18, 2020 following a brief illness. She was an active youth participant at Grace Church as a chorister, softball player, and volunteer at Grace Hill House until she married in 1983 and moved to Springfield, Il. Into paradise may the angels lead her.

## Prayer List

### Parish List

Shelly, Joe & the Burklow Family  
David Fly  
Mary Etta Heggie  
Alice Jones  
Marilyn & Joel Monson  
Dick Russell  
Ben Voller & the Voller Family

### Friends & Family

Keith Baker  
Seann & Scott Ballou  
Mark Leuthauser  
Emily Major  
Karla Stutsman  
Kelly Thompson

Prayer list requests and updates should be e-mailed to the [parish office](#).

Names will be left on the prayer list for one month unless the parish office is notified.

## Birthdays

### May 25

Mike Johnson

### May 27

Joan Friedla

### May 28

Ted Hirshci

### May 29

Maddie Friar

### May 30

Peter Casey  
Kristen Weis

## Anniversaries

### May 24

Gail & Thomas Kuntz

### May 27

Lynn & Bob Park

### May 30

Mike Heyer & Joan Sale



## Online Giving



We are grateful to everyone who is keeping their pledge current. Your generosity is gratifying and inspiring. Grace will continue to be in ministry with you and our church community. We can keep the lights on now. When the time is right, we will be prepared and look forward to being fully engaged in all ministries again. To give online please click the link below and checks may be mailed to 514 East Argonne, Kirkwood, MO 63122. If you are out of work and unable to make your pledge, we understand. Please let the parish office know.

If you have not done so already, please consider a bank draft or online giving. Your money will arrive in our checking account whether you are present or not. It is an easy and secure way to provide financial support to Grace. Donations can be made from your checking account, savings account or a credit or debit card.

Our online giving form has changed and is now simpler than ever to give. To select a fund, just press the small arrow next to the "General Fund Pledge" to see all giving options.

**Giving is easier than ever. Just click below.**

*Select your desired fund from the drop down menu and follow the prompts to complete your donation.*

[Donate Now](#)

## **Virtual Services and Gatherings**

We are working to provide worship, pastoral care, devotions, small group gatherings to our faith community through online resources. Instructions for using ZOOM and an online link to the meetings (which will be updated as meetings are scheduled) is available below

**Worship:**

**Spiritual Communion (Live)**

Virtual Coffee Hour will follow the service.

Sundays 10 a.m

To Join: <https://zoom.us/j/3148211806>

Meeting ID: 314 821 1806

On Demand at [www.GraceKirkwood.org](http://www.GraceKirkwood.org) after 12 noon

### **Morning Prayer Rite II (BCP p. 75)**

Tuesdays 9:30 a.m.

To Join: <https://zoom.us/j/92103456022>

Meeting ID: 921-0345-6022

### **An Order for Compline (BCP p. 103)**

Thursdays at 8 p.m.

To Join: <https://zoom.us/j/960931062>

Meeting ID: 960-931-062

### **Parish Gatherings:**

#### **Virtual Coffee Hour**

Sundays 10:40 a.m.

To Join: <https://zoom.us/j/3148211806>

Meeting ID: 314 821 1806

#### **Parish Chat with Fr. Todd**

Thursdays 1 p.m.

To Join: <https://zoom.us/j/326172589>

Meeting ID: 326-172-589

#### **Grace Church Book Group**

Tuesdays 10 a.m.

To Join: <https://zoom.us/j/92110222017>

Meeting ID: 921-1022-2017

#### **Men's Breakfast**

Wednesdays 8 a.m.

To Join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81616646471>

Meeting ID: 816 1664 6471

One tap mobile

+13126266799,,81616646471# US (Chicago)

Another option is to call in from a phone (audio only with no video).

Dial by your location

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

\*6 Toggle mute/unmute

\*9 Toggle raise hand/lower hand

## **Sunday, May 24: Seventh Sunday of Easter**

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Acts 1:6-14

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

John 17:1-11

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

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