

# MINISTRIES OF GRACE

*“For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve,  
and to give his life a ransom for many.” (Mark 10:45)*

*“You call me Teacher and Lord--and you are right, for that is  
what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet,  
you also ought to wash one another's feet.” (John 13:13-14)*



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***Grounded in faith. Growing in grace.***

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# MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

*“Extol the Lord our God and worship at his footstool. Holy is his name.”  
(Psalm 99:5)*

## SERVICES

Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite I No Music
	9:45 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite II (Rite I during Lent) Choir and Organ
	5:00 p.m.	Contemplative Holy Eucharist
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer
Wednesday	Noon	Holy Eucharist Rite II (Noonday Prayer occasionally)
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer

Consult website and newsletter for schedule of special services such as St. Nicholas Day, Festival of Lessons and Carols, Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, Easter Sunday, Rogation Sunday, Pentecost Celebration, St. Francis Day Blessing of the Animals, and Thanksgiving.

## CONTEMPLATIVE HOLY EUCHARIST

Set in the church or Fletcher Hall with candles as a focal point, this **Sunday evening** service begins at **5:00 p.m.** and lasts half an hour. The psalm and gospel readings of the day are followed by five minutes of silence for contemplation and reflection. After exchanging the peace,

worshippers gather around the altar to share holy communion. The Eucharistic prayer is taken from a Celtic liturgy or from our Book of Common Prayer or one of its supplemental liturgical resources. Simple chants from the Taizé community in France are taught before the service begins each week and reinforce its quiet contemplative nature. Worshipers are encouraged to “come as they are.”

**Contact: The Rev. Libby Wade (270-443-1363), Dr. David Meyer (270-443-2152)**

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## CENTERING PRAYER SERVICE

Centering prayer is about being receptive to God. On **Tuesday mornings at 8:00 a.m.**, a small group gathers at Grace around the “Children’s Altar” near the organ. Candles are lit and flowers often grace the small altar. Some are dressed for work; others in walking or gardening clothes. A simple guide is provided for those who are new to the process of centering prayer. At 8:05 we enter a time of silent prayer with the intent of emptying ourselves of distractions in order to be quietly attentive to God. For the next 15-20 minutes, each person may focus on an object in our side chapel, silently repeat a mantra with eyes closed, or simply sit still and wait in holy expectancy. We move out of the silence gently with a verse from scripture, and then voice our thanksgivings and petitions either silently or aloud. We end at 8:30 a.m. with the Lord’s Prayer before we go out the door to our daily activities with renewed energy and purpose. If this sounds like a good beginning for your day, please join us. Enter through the front door of the church. *Due to organ construction, this service will take place in the choir pews during the summer and fall of 2011.*

**Contact: The Rev. Libby Wade (270-443-1363)**

## WEDNESDAY NOON EUCHARIST

On **Wednesdays at noon** we gather in the choir pews for this communion service which lasts about half an hour. Scripture lessons and homily typically focus on a Saints’ Day from the Episcopal Church’s cycle of *Holy Women, Holy Men*.

**Contact: The Rev. Libby Wade (270-443-1363)**

### THURSDAY MORNING PRAYER

"...Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them" is an apt description of this worship service newly offered in the fall of 2011. The rubrics of our prayer book instruct that the principal Sunday service should be the Holy Eucharist. As a result, we rarely gather as a community anymore for Morning Prayer. Now you have an opportunity to gather in the chancel pews at **7:30 a.m. on Thursday** mornings to pray together under the leadership of our Deacon. The service will end before 8:00 a.m. so that no one is late for work.

**Contact: The Rev. Richard Paxton (270-442-3857)**

### EUCHARISTIC VISITORS (EVs)

(See page 21 for a description of this ministry of taking Holy Communion from the altar to shut-ins on Sunday.)

### ALTAR GUILD

Five teams of 5-7 people work on a weekly rotating schedule to prepare the church for worship services. They also clean and maintain the chancel and sacristy and are responsible for the care of the silver, brass, candles, and linens. Members assist with weddings and funerals, organize the hanging of the greens at Christmas, make palm crosses for Palm Sunday, and deliver flowers to hospitalized or homebound parishioners.

**Contact: Directress Lisa Bailey (270-559-1517), Assistant Directress Elayne Zellmer (270-442-2166)**

### USHERS & GREETERS

Ushers and greeters welcome all people to our worship services, provide information to assist guests, and help anyone in need during the service. Ushers also present our offerings of bread, wine, and money at the altar and help people go to communion in an orderly fashion. Greeters assist guests in becoming familiar with our building and worship practices and follow up after the service to show our interest in their presence. Men, women, youth, and families are all welcome to be ushers or greeters.

**Contact: 9:45 a.m. Usher Dr. Ron Slatick (270-519-1519), 7:30 a.m. Usher Ken Schuppert (270-554-8458)**

### ACOLYTES

Acolytes assist during the worship service by processing with the cross or torches or flags, lighting candles, and helping the celebrant prepare the altar. Acolytes learn the liturgy and church terminology as they experience the joy of being involved in worship as part of a diligent and faithful team. Outreach activities in Advent and Lent engage the whole parish in funding projects chosen by the acolytes. Regular Acolytes are young people in 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades. Junior Acolytes in Kindergarten-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade occasionally participate in the procession. Adult Acolytes serve on special occasions and as substitutes. **New acolytes are recruited each summer.** Training is provided on an ongoing basis. Adult leaders help with vestments, ribbons, monitoring, and training. Monetary gifts are used to purchase crosses, ribbons, and vestments.

**Contact: Acolyte Director Julie Jaeger (270-443-8264)**

### ADULT CHOIR

Musical leadership by the choir enhances our worship at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings September through May and on special occasions. Several times a year the choir offers the quintessentially Anglican service of Evensong to the Paducah community. Rehearsals are at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays during the academic year. **New singers (high school and adult) are always welcome.**

**Contact: Organist/Choir Director Judy Bray (270-442-3113)**

### LECTORS/CHALICE BEARERS

A group of 15 confirmed adults assist in worship leadership by reading the scripture and administering the chalice of wine during worship services. Lay Readers also occasionally officiate Morning Prayer in the absence of clergy. Several times a year children and teens serve as lectors. Training is offered on an as-needed basis.

**Contact: Coordinator Ginny Coltharp (270-444-6117)**

### INTERCESSORS

Each Sunday the Prayers of the People include intercessions particular to our congregation, community, diocese, and world. These timely and

specific prayers are offered symbolically from a prayer desk in the midst of the congregation at the 9:45 Holy Eucharist. Currently five people rotate as intercessors. **Others are encouraged to volunteer.**

**Contact: The Rev. Richard Paxton (270-442-3857)**

### GOOD NEWS TIME

One of the ways we welcome young children is to provide a Bible story and activity time during the sermon most **Sundays** at the **9:45 a.m. service. After the Gospel**, children 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade and younger follow their adult leader to the Treehouse Library for this 20 minute session. April Cochran leads Good News Time during the school year. Teens, parents, grandparents, and any others who would enjoy spending time on a Sunday morning with young children are encouraged to volunteer during the summer months. **April is retiring at the end of 2011 and new leadership is needed.**

**Contact: April Cochran (270-442-8347), Parish Administrator Kimberly Stevens (270-443-1363)**

### QUIET BAGS

Activity kits for young children are kept in baskets at both entrances of the church. Their contents are designed to help children be more actively engaged in worship.

**Contact: Julie Hideg (270-554-8992) or Stacy Grimes (270-462-4127)**

### FIVE O’CLOCK MUSICIANS

Accompaniment for the simple Taizé chants sung at the **5:00 p.m. Sunday** Contemplative Eucharist is presently provided by a cantor with guitar, or piano. **Other instruments are welcome.**

**Contact: Cantor Dr. David Meyer (270-443-2152), The Rev. Libby Wade (270-443-1363)**

### DRAMA GROUP

Are you interested in helping the scripture come alive through dramatic reading or chancel drama? Have you performed in plays at school or in community theater productions? Are you a director or prop person?

Would you be willing to put together a skit for a parish gathering? You can be part of shaping this ministry opportunity at Grace. Be part of the fun. **Claim your role!**

**Contact: The Rev. Meghan Holland (270-443-1363)**

### ORGAN FUND

In 2008 a \$10,000 gift provided seed money for the purchase of a new organ. By August 2011, the Fund had grown to over \$40,000. After months of careful research, an Organ Committee chaired by Rick Coltharp recommended and the Vestry voted to purchase an Allen Organ. The new organ should be installed before the end of the year. **Donations may be made to the Organ Fund at any time.** Several fundraising activities are being planned for the season of Epiphany 2012 to complete the purchase of the new organ.

**Contact: Financial Secretary Trish Hines (270-443-1363), The Rev. Libby Wade (270-443-1363), Organ Fundraising Chair Kathleen Overlin (270-442-4008)**

### WORSHIP COUNCIL

From time to time the Rector convenes a council of advice for worship evaluation, planning, and coordination. In addition to those with direct leadership responsibility in this area, we would like to include a couple of “at-large” members.

**Contact: The Rev. Libby Wade (270-443-1363)**

### ECUMENICAL WORSHIP

Your presence is welcome at the following ecumenical and interfaith services, as is your help with planning the services or serving the Holy Week meal and your ideas for further ecumenical and interfaith worship collaboration.

#### • St. Nicholas Chapel – Seamen’s Church Institute

This lovely small chapel at the Seamen’s Church Institute office at 111 Kentucky Avenue is officially a chapel of Grace Church. We occasionally hold a midweek Eucharist service there. The chapel is open during working hours for inland mariners taking classes at the training facility,

which is a ministry of the Episcopal Church. **Morning prayers** are led by Fountain Avenue United Methodist Church in the St. Nicholas Chapel **Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m.**, weather permitting. **Contact: The Rev. Kempton Baldrige, Chaplain (270-575-1005), Fountain Avenue United Methodist Church (270-443-1724)**

• **Advent Walk**

On the afternoon of the First Sunday of Advent each year, members of four downtown churches (Broadway United Methodist, Washington Street Missionary Baptist, First Presbyterian, and Grace Episcopal) invite the Paducah community to walk from church to church for a brief liturgy of music, prayers, and scripture reading. This progressive service began over 30 years ago and is a great way to start the season.

• **Holy Week NoonBreak Services**

During Holy Week each year these same churches, plus St. Frances de Sales Roman Catholic, take turns leading a noon service each day with lunch served by the host church. The richness of these worship experiences offered to the Paducah community cannot be overestimated. Offerings from the Advent and Holy Week services support the work of Paducah Cooperative Ministry. Grace Church is host for 2011 and 2012.

• **Paducah Cooperative Ministry Interfaith Worship**

As a sponsoring member of PCM, Grace Church participates in the Thanksgiving Community Service hosted by a different Paducah church each year.

• **Joint Worship with St. Matthew ELCA**

Our Lutheran neighbor, St. Matthew Church, joined Grace for a celebration of Holy Eucharist in September 2011. We hope to continue to build this ecumenical relationship.

**ECUMENICAL WORSHIP CONTACTS:** The Rev. Libby Wade (270-443-1363); Parish Administrator Kimberly Stevens (270-443-1363) to assist with planning the Advent Walk or NoonBreak services; Vergers' Guild Chair Dr. Ron Slatick (270-519-1519) to assist with the NoonBreak meal

*Is there a worship ministry you would like to see on this list?  
If so, please let us know.*

*Contact: Vestry Worship Liaisons Genie Drossos (270-443-1297),  
Dabney Haugh (270-442-2163)  
The Rev. Libby Wade (270-443-1363)  
The Rev. Meghan Holland (270-443-1363)*



## MINISTRY OF REACHING OUTWARD

*“And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’”*

*Matthew 25:40*

*Jesus teaches us to live with outstretched arms. If our faith is alive then we are continuously reaching out to those who are suffering or in need.*

*Our parish family is dedicated to serving Christ by serving others.*

### MORROW FUND

In 1938, Ethel Morrow established a charitable trust in her will. The income is to be used to relieve the “suffering of the old and destitute of any color or faith.” We are currently investigating the best ways to use this financial resource to help meet the needs of the elderly in our parish and community. **Your ideas and participation are welcomed, as well as contributions to the fund.**

**Contact: Michael Cochran (270-442-8347)**

### COMPASSION FUND

Inspired by the Morrow Fund, the Compassion Fund was created in 1998 to offer assistance to persons of any age. **Contributions are welcome at any time.**

**Contact: Financial Secretary Trish Hines (270-443-1363)**

### TO GO BAGS

People in need of assistance are referred to Paducah Cooperative Ministry or other community organizations equipped to help with major needs. However, as part of our mission of hospitality to strangers, we maintain a stock of “To Go Bags” to give to those who stop by in search of help. **Your donations of toiletries, snacks such as granola bars or crackers**

**and cheese, new socks, and lunch bags are needed to create these gifts.**

What a great way to put to good use the miniature containers of soap and shampoo you bring home from trips!

**Contact: Carol Ann Narozniak (270-443-9979), Sherry Threlkeld (270-443-1363)**

### PADUCAH COOPERATIVE MINISTRY

PCM is an ecumenical community ministry of “Doing God’s Work With Human Hands.” Established in 1973 and supported by 47 area congregations from nearly every denomination, PCM programs and services include a homeless shelter for single adults and families, an emergency food pantry, financial assistance for urgent needs, and much more. Grace Church is a significant partner in this ministry, providing year-round financial assistance and food pantry donations. Each year, Grace Church parishioners provide gifts for homeless shelter and transitional housing residents whose wishes are on the Giving Tree.

**Volunteers are needed as office assistants and drivers and for special events and Eagle Scout projects.**

**Contact: Board Member Dr. Greg Baur (270-443-8330), Parish Representatives Vickie Pittard (270-554-7259) and Elayne Zellmer (270-442-2166), PCM Executive Director Heidi Suhrheinreich (270-442-6795)**

### PROJECT FRESH START

The Fresh Start Transition House is a 3,000 square foot single story building that is the former home of the Army Reserve Medical Detachment Unit. Women, especially those just released from prison, need a place where they are valued so they can learn to value themselves. The Fresh Start Program will give them a fair chance to return to the community without their past haunting them at every step. They will, in every sense of the phrase, be given their own fresh start in life. Their futures will include strengthened relationships and reunification with their children, families and friends. Grace Church is supporting the Fresh Start program by adopting a room to furnish. We have chosen the “Common Room” and are currently seeking donations of furniture and decorations. As the Fresh Start program continues to grow and develop,

Grace Church will be seeking new ways to support this important new ministry. With God's help, renewal and rebirth are possible. By serving those involved in the Fresh Start program, we are serving God's promise of "New Life to All."

**Contact: The Rev. Meghan Holland (270-443-1363)**

#### UNITED THANK OFFERING

UTO was created by the women of the Episcopal Church in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century as a fund to assist in developing the Church and its ministry at home and throughout the world. Paducah Cooperative Ministry was jump-started more than 25 years ago with a hefty UTO Grant. While Grace has not participated in UTO offerings in several years, **if there is interest, we could begin again.**

**Contact: Mary Louise Katterjohn (270-442-8560)**

#### GIVING TREE

At the beginning of Advent, we decorate a Christmas tree with names and needs of people in the community. Our challenge is to undecorate the tree to the glory of God to fulfill these holiday wishes.

**Contact: Coordinator Needed! Please call Membership Secretary Sherry Threlkeld (270-443-1363) if interested.**

#### COMMUNITY KITCHEN

A free meal for those in need is served every day in downtown Paducah. Community Kitchen on Broadway serves lunch Monday-Friday, St. Luke-Aldersgate United Methodist serves on Saturday and Broadway United Methodist serves on Sunday. We are involved with the Sunday Community Kitchen at Broadway United Methodist (701 Broadway) with different groups in the church providing and serving the meal. We hope to include even more groups in this holy work over the next year. Grace is responsible for 10-12 Sundays each year. Please feel free to volunteer yourself or your group.

**Contact: Julia Schaberg (270-442-3184), The Rev. Richard Paxton (270-442-3857)**

#### KNITTING MINISTRY

Knitting caps and scarves for the Seamen's Church Institute or residents of PCM's Homeless Shelter has long been a fulfilling project for several individuals in our congregation. A "Prayer Shawl" Ministry has now been developed where knitted shawls are blessed at the altar before being given to those in need of warmth and comfort. Are you interested in getting together occasionally with other knitters to work on any of these projects? Yarn and patterns are stored in the Langstaff Room.

**Contact: Coordinator Needed!**

#### SEAMEN'S CHURCH INSTITUTE

With the establishment of a center here in Paducah, we became involved in the ministry of caring for those whose work lives are spent on the river. We assist with the creation of **gift boxes at Christmas and Easter** and with other special projects. The Chapel at Seamen's Church Institute is affiliated with Grace Church.

**Contact: The Rev. Kempton Baldrige, Chaplain (270-575-1005)**

#### QUILT LUNCHEON

The Quilt Luncheon is held each year on the Friday of the Paducah quilt show, usually the last week of April. Proceeds from the event benefit both inreach and outreach projects of Grace Church. The co-chairs are the overall planners for the event with assistance from others in planning the menu, collecting and hanging the quilts, setting up the dining area, publicizing the luncheon, and taking advance reservations. Church volunteers prepare and donate the food.

**Contact: 2011 Co-Chairs Genie Drossos (270-443-1297), Peggy Henney (270-415-5539)**

#### READING CAMP

The goal is to help second through fourth-grade children improve their literacy skills and become more confident students in a fun summer day camp setting. Following a successful model developed by the Diocese of Lexington, we offered our first Reading Camp in 2009. Reading Camp

2012 has been scheduled for **July 16-20**. We also offer several follow-up activities for campers during the school year. Many volunteers are needed each year to ensure the camp's success. Contributions may be made to the Reading Camp Fund at any time.

**Contact: Coordinator Dabney Haugh (270-442-2163), The Rev. Libby Wade (270-443-1363)**

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### DIABETES WALK

This outreach opportunity is for anyone interested in participating in the annual Four Rivers Walk to Cure Diabetes. The 1<sup>st</sup> Four Rivers Walk to Cure Diabetes was in 2009 at Noble Park with over 1,000 walkers raising over \$97,000 for JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation). Ways to get involved are to volunteer on walk day or before, organize your own team to walk and raise money, join an existing team, and make/collect donations. The **2012 Walk** is scheduled for **June 9**.

**Contact: Parish Liaisons Ashley and Tom Shadoan (270-534-0667, ashleyshadoan@comcast.net, tomshadoan@bellsouth.net)**

### REPAIR AFFAIR

Paducah's Repair Affair brings together churches, businesses, contractors, and individuals to help low-income homeowners with critical repairs. It is organized by the local non-profit Midtown Alliance of Neighbors with main work days in the spring and fall. Donations and volunteers are always needed.

**Contact: The Rev. Richard Paxton (270-442-3857)**

### HEARTLAND CARES

Heartland Cares is a local agency providing a comprehensive continuum of care for HIV clients and providing prevention education and outreach to the community at large. In 2010, Grace hosted a vigil service in honor of World AIDS Day. From time to time, there are other ways to help.

**Contact: Heartland Cares Executive Director Sue Fenske (270-444-8183 or 877-444-8183 toll-free), [www.hcares.org](http://www.hcares.org)**

### PROJECT HOPE

The motto of this no-kill animal shelter in Metropolis is "saving the world – one dog and cat at a time." Grace supports this organization through various hands-on youth group work projects, providing space for an annual fundraiser, and hosting an adoption fair. Other volunteer opportunities are available.

**Contact: Parish Liaison Donna Groves (270-217-7781)**

### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Over a decade ago, Grace built a Habitat house. In 2006, we helped construct a house as part of an ecumenical Habitat Apostles' Build project and in 2009 we assisted with a build in Mayfield. **Are you interested in exploring possibilities for a new Grace Habitat project?**

**Contact: The Rev. Richard Paxton (270-442-3857)**

### GIRL SCOUTS

Grace became home to its first Girl Scout troop in December 2010. Girl Scouts is an organization dedicated to building girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place. 2.3 million girls worldwide are discovering fun and friendship, as well as developing their full potential with such things as leadership, team-building, and decision-making skills. Girls also learn about philanthropy and perform community service. Badges are earned while participating in many different activities. The troop's community service project in the spring of 2011 was cleaning the grounds of Grace Church in preparation for Easter.

**Contact: Peggy Henney (270-415-5539)**

### BOY SCOUTS, TROOP #1

Troop #1 was founded in 1911 by the rector of the parish, the Rev. Clinton S. Quin. It is the seventh oldest troop in the United States and the second oldest continuous troop in Kentucky. During the years, the troop has been an important outreach to young people throughout the

community. The scouts meet at Grace on **Mondays at 6:30 p.m.**

**Contact: Grace Church Troop #1 Committee Liaison Dr. Paul Grumley (270-442-7488), Scoutmaster Dr. Carl Baker (270-442-1760), [www.troop1paducah.com](http://www.troop1paducah.com)**

### **CHILDREN'S OUTREACH PROJECTS**

During Sunday School and Good News Time or at Grace Kids events, elementary and preschool children participate in helping others. They have made hats and scarves for PCM, pet pillows for Project Hope, Easter cards for the Seamen's Church Institute, and birthday cards for parishioners. Occasionally their creations are presented for blessing at the altar during a Sunday service. **In 2011, 2<sup>nd</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> graders hope to gather 515 cans of soup for PCM!** Ideas for outreach projects for children or families are always welcome.

**Contact: Youth Minister Stefan Jagoe (270-443-1363 or 270-519-6019), Charlene Baker (270-443-1047)**

### **ACOLYTE OUTREACH PROJECTS**

Each year during Advent and Lent our young acolytes choose an outreach project and challenge the congregation to help them raise money. Past projects have included the Heifer Project, Paducah's Skate Park, Habitat for Humanity, Noble Park's accessible playground, our diocesan Alleluia Fund project to build a medical clinic in Rwanda, and Food for the Poor.

**Contact: Acolyte Outreach Coordinator Trish Hines (270-443-1363)**

### **EYC OUTREACH PROJECTS**

Teens regularly reach out to help others through youth group projects such as Adopt-a-Highway, Make a Difference Day, Bikes on Broadway, and the Soup-er Bowl of Caring.

**Contact: Youth Minister Stefan Jagoe (270-443-1363 or 270-519-6019)**

### **GREATER PADUCAH SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT (GPS)**

We are called by God to be good stewards of the earth. In 2007 Grace was one of the first churches to join GPS, a local nonprofit organization focused on developing and implementing long-term environmentally

focused sustainable programs for the greater Paducah/McCracken County area through partnerships between communities, organizations, business, and government. Through our newsletter, Grace encourages members to **join GPS, recycle** paper, plastic, glass, and aluminum, and become advocates for the development of a sustainable full-service recycling program by the City of Paducah and McCracken County. Information about recycling days and hours, as well as volunteer opportunities, can be found at [www.recyclenowpaducah.com](http://www.recyclenowpaducah.com).

**Contact: Coordinator Needed!**

### **YOUNG ADULT SERVICE CORPS (YASC)**

In 2008 Grace Church provided financial support for Cortney Dale, the first member of this diocese to serve as a missionary with the Episcopal Church's Young Adult Service Corps. Cortney served in South Africa. In 2010, parishioners supported Steven Hart in a year of YASC in Japan. YASC is for Episcopalians who are 20-30 years old. Applicants must have a high degree of maturity and faith commitment, as well as a willingness to be a humble guest, gracious ambassador, and authentic companion. During their year of service, young adults experience cultural engagement, spiritual commitment, and vocational discernment. YASC missionaries work in fields such as teaching, administration, health care, youth ministry, technology/ communications, agriculture, refugee ministry, or orphan care.

**Contact: Information and applications for service with the YASC may be found at [www.episcopalchurch.org](http://www.episcopalchurch.org).**

### **MISSION TRIPS**

After Hurricane Katrina in 2005, Grace parishioners participated in several mission trips to the Mississippi Gulf Coast to help clean up and rebuild. These trips were organized by Grace Church and St. John's (Murray). Numerous opportunities exist for mission trips that reach out to neighbors around the world, from a poverty immersion experience in Louisville to interactions with our companion dioceses of Scotland and Rwanda. **Your ideas and participation are welcomed.**

**Contact: The Rev. Meghan Holland (270-443-1363)**

### PROJECT AIDS ORPHAN

This Paducah-based organization works with AIDS orphans in Kenya. Our Young Adult Ministry group helped with a multi-faith prayer service during the violence in Kenya in 2008 and a Hunger Banquet in 2009. For other ways to help...

**Contact: Board Member Matt Jaeger (270-217-8690), Director Paul Bilak (270-443-7255)**

### EPISCOPAL RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT (ERD)

For more than 60 years, Episcopal Relief and Development has been the compassionate response of the Church to human suffering in the United States and around the world. ERD works with Anglican and ecumenical partners to save lives and build hope by responding to emergencies such as hurricanes or tornadoes and partnering with local communities to enhance their capacity for finding lasting solutions to poverty and disease. After the 2009 ice storm and the 2011 flood, ERD provided financial relief to this region. You can help others through **direct donations at [www.er-d.org](http://www.er-d.org)**, responding to **special offerings** for ERD in our parish, or giving **Christmas** gifts through the *Gifts for Life* catalog published each year.

**Contact: Parish Liaison Sherry Threlkeld (270-443-1363)**

### MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS (MDGs)

The Episcopal Church has committed itself to the Millennium Development Goal of eliminating extreme poverty ([www.er-d.org/mdg](http://www.er-d.org/mdg)). Fulfilling the eight MDGs would mean lifting more than 500 million people out of extreme poverty and more than 300 million out of extreme hunger. Child health would improve, HIV/AIDS and malaria would pose less threat to health, major progress would be made toward environmental stability and gender equality, and global partnerships for development would be established. In 2007, Grace met the Episcopal Church's MDG challenge through the Young Adult Ministry's Global Aid Day and an Adult Education series. We also became a ONE congregation ([www.one.org](http://www.one.org)). In 2008, the vestry included a line item in our budget for MDG work and

will continue our local recycling efforts. Our emphasis on literacy through Reading Camp is also in keeping with MDGs.

**Contact: The Rev. Libby Wade (270-443-1363), The Rev. Meghan Holland (270-443-1363)**

*Is there an outreach ministry you would like to see on this list?  
If so, please let us know.*

*Contact: Vestry Outreach Liaisons Dr. Greg Baur (270-443-8330),  
Fowler Black (270-559-1290), Michael Cochran (270-442-  
8347), Dabney Haugh (270-442-2163), Jhonette Mends-Cole  
(270-442-0597)  
The Rev. Richard Paxton (270-442-3857)  
The Rev. Meghan Holland (270-443-1363)*



## MINISTRY OF REACHING INWARD

*The Caring Ministry to people within our parish family includes visiting and taking communion to the hospitalized and shut-in, welcoming new people, taking meals to people, meeting special needs through the Vergers' Guild, offering assistance when there is a death in the family, and praying for those going through difficult times.*

### AGAPE

The Agape Ministry provides meals to parish families at times of illness, new baby arrival, death or other need throughout the year. Please help us do this by making the church office aware of these situations so that we may respond in a timely manner. Presently we have four teams of four individuals who have offered to serve in this way, and we would welcome additional volunteers. Our goal is to form at least two more teams.

**Contact: Coordinator Sherry Shadle (270-442-6552)**

### COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

Once a year we gather all sorts of treats to send our college students. Even though they are far away, we want them to know they are still very much a part of their home congregation.

**Contact: Youth Minister Stefan Jagoe (270-443-1363 or 270-519-6019)**

### WELCOMING NEWCOMERS

While it is the responsibility of everyone to make newcomers and visitors feel welcome at Grace, some people are particularly gifted at the ministry of hospitality. If you are one of those people, please consider offering your time to **be a shepherd to a newcomer, help with a newcomers' gathering** at the Rector's home, **serve as a greeter** at worship services and

parish events, or **prepare welcome packets.**

**Contact: Vestry Member Dr. Greg Baur (270-443-8330), Membership Secretary Sherry Threlkeld (270-443-1363)**

### PREPARATION FOR LIFE CYCLE EVENTS

Our clergy, assisted by lay staff and volunteers, provide preparation as needed for baptism, confirmation, and marriage. Short-term counseling around life crises and issues is also available with referral to professional counselors as needed.

**Contact: The Rev. Libby Wade (270-443-1363), The Rev. Meghan Holland (270-443-1363)**

### VINTAGE GRACE

*(This group will not meet in November or December 2011.)*

Vintage Grace, a group for those 60 and older, was organized in August of 2009 to increase opportunities for socialization, education, and service for the senior adults of Grace. The group meets regularly for luncheons with speakers and has assisted with packing boxes for the Christmas on the River project. Another aim is to provide assistance for older adults who need help with transportation to church, doctor appointments, the grocery, etc. or help with small chores at home. Luncheons are generally on the last Thursday of the month at 11:30 a.m.

**Contact: Marian Bates (270-443-1375), Ruby Armstrong (270-442-6443)**

### VERGERS' GUILD

The members of this men's service guild use their collective talents to help church members and care for the church grounds. Past activities have included assisting parishioners with moving, driving people to the airport or appointments, doing yard work for the ill or homebound, and performing minor maintenance and repair around the church. Through cooking and serving periodic Sunday breakfasts, the Vergers regularly bring the parish together in fellowship. Proceeds from the breakfasts help fund youth activities, camp scholarships, and kitchen equipment. The Vergers' Guild also takes responsibility for the Lenten NoonBreak Lunch,

Pentecost Picnic, and other special meals at Grace. **New members are welcome at any time.**

**Contact: Coordinator Dr. Ron Slatick (270-519-1519)**

**PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY** (currently inactive)

The Parish Health Ministry focuses on spiritual health and physical well-being. In 2007, we held a Grief Workshop led by a Lourdes Hospice Chaplain, initiated a recurring short series (“Refresh and Renew”) that focused on spiritual, physical, and emotional health, and brought in a guest speaker on prayer and health. **Is someone interested in restarting this ministry?**

**Contact: The Rev. Libby Wade (270-443-1363)**

**PRAYER MINISTRY**

God is present with us during our most difficult times. Persons placed on our Parish Prayer List are prayed for regularly by the Daughters of the King (DOK), clergy, and/or others. Prayer Request Cards are provided in the pews and DOK maintains a Prayer Request Box in the church. A prayer list is also maintained on the “Parish Family” bulletin board.

**Contact: The Rev. Libby Wade (270-443-1363), DOK Prayer List Manager Jane Rutter (270-443-2932), Parish Prayer List Manager Sherry Threlkeld (270-443-1363)**

**PARISH VISITATION & EUCHARISTIC VISITORS**

Eucharistic Visitors are licensed by the Bishop to take the Eucharist to homebound and hospitalized parishioners after our Sunday services. They perform an important pastoral and sacramental function. Equally important are those people who have a gift for comforting shut-ins through a phone call, card, or visit. Training for both informal pastoral care visitors and the more formally licensed EVs is offered as needed.

**Contact: (for training) The Rev. Richard Paxton (270-442-3857), (to schedule an EV visit) Parish Administrator Kimberly Stevens (270-443-1363)**

**MINISTRY AT TIME OF DEATH**

More and more people choose to have funeral, burial, and visitation at the church. When requested, the parish family provides a ministry of hospitality in the form of a reception or light meal. **On-call hosts and cooks are needed.**

**Contact: Parish Liaison Fran Kraus (270-442-0872)**

**PARISH DIRECTORY, PHOTO CD, PHOTO ALBUM**

The regularly updated Parish Directory is always available in Fletcher Hall and on the website. Call the church office for the website directory password. Please notify Membership Secretary Sherry Threlkeld if your address or other contact info changes so that our database will always be up-to-date. Also, remember that a Photo Directory on CD is available upon request. To submit a new photo, simply e-mail one of your choosing to [grachurch@hotmail.com](mailto:grachurch@hotmail.com) or contact Church Photographer Dan Songer to have one taken. Dan also maintains a photo album in Fletcher Hall.

**Contact: Church Photographer Dan Songer (270-534-1575), Membership Secretary Sherry Threlkeld (270-443-1363)**

*Is there an inreach ministry you would like to see on this list?  
If so, please let us know.*

*Contact: Vestry Inreach Liaisons Dr. Ron Slatick (270-519-1519), Amy Thompson (270-534-1575)  
The Rev. Libby Wade (270-443-1363)*



## MINISTRY OF SPIRITUAL LIFE & FELLOWSHIP

*“Will you continue in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?...I will, with God’s help.”  
(The Book of Common Prayer, p. 304)*

### BEIDERWELL FUND

The Fund was created in honor of George Beiderwell who had an open mind as well as an open heart. The Fund makes it possible to offer spiritual and educational opportunities above and beyond our budget. The Fund has made it possible to invite special speakers, sponsor Faith in Film, bring in a drama group, offer retreats and seminars, give the Renaissance Faire to the community, and have weekends away for men, women, and families.

**Contact: Financial Secretary Trish Hines (270-443-1363)**

### FAITH IN FICTION

The “Faith in Fiction” class is a thought-provoking look at short stories dealing with the complex nature of faith and unbelief. *God: Stories* edited by C. Michael Curtis of *The Atlantic Monthly* and the sequel *Faith: Stories* were among the compilations read and discussed by the group. Any and all are welcome to attend. Typically the class reads a couple of stories each week and meets on **Sunday mornings** for a lively discussion of various interpretations. **Classes are announced in the newsletter.**

**Contact: Gerry Gutfreund (270-898-8576) or Matt Jaeger (270-217-8690)**

### FAITH IN FILM

Issues of faith abound in films: sin and betrayal, love and grace, ethics and regret, sacrifice and redemption. The “Faith in Film” series, brought to you by several area churches in conjunction with Maiden Alley Cinema, was started by Grace not only as a venue to show films that deal with matters of spirituality and faith, but also to provide a forum for discussion. Currently viewings are the **second Monday of each month (March-October) at 6:30 p.m. and admission is \$5.**

**Contact: Coordinator Matt Jaeger (270-217-8690)**

### FEED AND READ

Stretch your mind with quality conversation and good food on Thursday evenings at Grace at 6:00 p.m. with this book club as they examine the progressive side of Christianity.

**Contact: Tricia Baxter (270-415-9959)**

### DAUGHTERS OF THE KING (DOK)

The Daughters of the King is an order for women who are communicants of the Episcopal Church, churches in communion with it, or churches in the Historic Episcopate. The mission of the order is the extension of Christ’s Kingdom through prayer, service, and evangelism. Daughters take a vow to observe the rule of prayer and the rule of service in their lives and to be active in evangelism. Grace by the River Chapter of DOK was chartered in 1999 and is one of 14 chapters in our diocese. We have hosted the Diocesan DOK semi-annual assemblies three times. Within our own parish, we have sponsored book studies, as well as Lenten and Advent retreats. Prayer for our parish and the world is the focus of our **monthly meeting**. All **women of Grace Church** are invited to become Daughters, and **preparatory classes are held whenever two or more women express an interest.**

**Contact: Doris Ross (270-354-9596), Jane Rutter (270-443-2932)**

### EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY (EYC)

Grace Church not only believes that the youth are the future of the church, but that they can and should play an active, vital role in the church at the

present stage of their lives, building the foundation for continued involvement with the church through their adult years. With an emphasis on those in grades 6 through 12, the youth ministry of Grace Episcopal Church strives to mentor our young members through: 1) Creative religious education - using non-traditional sources to help us understand God's purpose for our lives; 2) Community building recreation, such as our annual lock-in and weekend getaways; 3) Showing others the face of Christ in the world and being good stewards of all of creation through activities ranging from combating hunger to caring for neglected animals to helping keep our environment clean; and 4) Relational ministry - being accessible to our youth not just on Sunday nights. One such avenue is our utilization of technology such as Facebook and Instant Messaging, providing a source by which they stay current about upcoming EYC activities or, should the need arise, a safe place to talk with a trusted adult about any issue. Youth from Trinity Episcopal Church (Fulton) and St. Matthew Lutheran Church (Paducah) participate in our EYC. **Volunteers are needed to cook or buy food for Sunday night youth meetings and occasionally as drivers for trips.** Check the website for meeting times and dates.

**Contact: Youth Minister Stefan Jagoe (270-443-1363 or 270-519-6019) or visit [www.gracepaducahyouth.net](http://www.gracepaducahyouth.net)**

### GRACE KIDS

Grace Kids is a community of faith for kids in 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grades. The group meets one Sunday night per month for a faith-developing exercise styled much like the current EYC Sunday nights: dinner, a game or two, a video lesson and discussion afterward. Grace Kids will alternate monthly between these Sunday night gatherings and a service project, which may or may not be on a Sunday evening. If you have children in this age range, we would love to have them participate! Watch the schedule on the EYC/Grace Kids bulletin boards or on the youth group website, [www.gracepaducahyouth.net](http://www.gracepaducahyouth.net).

**Contact: Youth Minister Stefan Jagoe (270-443-1363 or 270-519-6019), Donna Groves (270-534-0560)**

### GIRLS OF GRACE

Several times a year, a series of afternoon gatherings or a Saturday event for young adolescent girls is held in someone's home or at the church. The girls help choose the topic for the next series. Each meeting includes snacks, serious discussion, interactive learning, crafts, prayer, and plenty of time for enjoying each other's company. Topics so far have included friendship, self-esteem, self-care, and relationships. The girls have often suggested that the boys need a similar class!

**Contact: Girls of Grace Leader Julie Jaeger (270-443-8264). If you are interested in a Boys' Class, contact Stefan Jagoe (270-443-1363 or 270-519-6019).**

### YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (YAM)

With the addition of the Rev. Ellen Ekevag to our staff in 2006, YAM began to take shape as activities and ministry with and by people in their 20s and 30s. Encouraging spiritual growth, fellowship, and outreach were the primary goals achieved through a variety of events and the building of relationships. Pub Theology was a prime example of ministry that drew together seekers from a variety of faith backgrounds and even no faith background at a local restaurant pub. Ellen left our staff at the end of 2009. The Rev. Meghan Holland, who joined our staff in 2011, is charged with developing Young Adult Ministry with a new group of young adults.

**Contact: The Rev. Meghan Holland (270-443-1363)**

### FOYER GROUPS

(currently inactive)

Deriving their name from the foyer or place of welcome in a home, Foyer Groups are groups of 6-8 people who meet monthly to share a simple meal and get to know each other in a relaxed informal way. Members take turns hosting. Groups have met not only in each other's homes, but also in the church library, the parish hall, at a restaurant, and even at a winery. The "simple meal" can be as simple as hors d'oeuvres or desserts and coffee. Keeping hospitality alive and strengthening spiritual friendships are the only essentials. To join Foyer Groups, simply call the coordinator or the Parish Office.

**Contact: Coordinator Sherry Shadle (270-442-6552)**

### VERGERS' BREAKFAST

Through cooking and serving **periodic Sunday breakfasts** from **8:30 until 9:30 a.m.**, the Vergers regularly bring the parish together in fellowship.

The meal is beyond delicious: eggs, bacon, sausage, hashbrowns, biscuits and gravy, pastries, and fresh fruit. Proceeds from the breakfasts help fund youth activities, camp scholarships, and kitchen equipment. Dates are announced in the *Lo and Behold*. **New volunteers are always needed to help prepare the breakfasts.**

**Contact: Coordinator Dr. Ron Slatick (270-519-1519)**

### SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

“Shrove” comes from a Middle English word meaning “to make or go to confession.” Shrove Tuesday was traditionally a day for people to visit their priest, or shrivener, to repent of their sins before the season of Lent began. This day before Ash Wednesday included feasting on foods that were forbidden during the Lenten Fast. Butter, eggs, and milk were turned into stacks of pancakes. At Grace Church, the **Youth Group** carries on the tradition of **Mardi Gras or Shrove Tuesday** by preparing and serving a **Pancake Supper** on Shrove Tuesday as a **fundraiser** for EYC activities. They welcome help in the kitchen, as well as diners!

**Contact: Youth Minister Stefan Jagoe (270-443-1363 or 270-519-6019)**

### LENTEN SUPPERS & PROGRAMS

On Wednesday evenings during Lent each year, we gather in the Parish Hall for supper and a program. Suppers are sometimes potlucks built around the program theme of the evening. One year various expressions of spirituality such as Quaker silence and labyrinth walking were explored, and the evening ended with Compline in the church. Another year guests from various community organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, Project Hope, and Ministry on the River educated us about their work, and we completed hands-on projects to benefit those ministries. During another Lent, we “traveled” to various provinces of the Anglican Communion such as India, Sudan, Singapore, and New Zealand, learning about the region and experiencing worship from the prayer book of that branch of the Communion. Lent 2009 featured the

series “Guest Starring...God,” while 2010 and 2011 included several small groups on interesting topics. Nursery care and activities for children are provided upon request. **Ideas and leaders for future Lenten Programs, as well as a supper coordinator, are welcomed.**

**Contact: Parish Administrator Kimberly Stevens (270-443-1363), The Rev. Libby Wade (270-443-1363)**

### PENTECOST PICNIC

Each year on Pentecost Sunday, after releasing red balloons bearing messages of blessing, a grand picnic is held on the lawn in celebration of the birthday of the Christian church. Barbecued chicken and an enormous birthday cake are highlights of the picnic.

**Contact: Verger Dr. Ron Slatick (270-519-1519)**

### FAMILY WEEKEND

The Family Weekend is a yearly opportunity for our Parish Family to gather together in the beautiful surroundings at **All Saints Episcopal Center** in Leitchfield, KY. This **July** weekend is free of programming and obligations. What you do and what you take away is completely up to you. Relax with friends, wander down to the chapel for a prayer, take a hike, have a swim in the pool, read a book, fly a kite, learn Chinese, sing the catalogue of Stephen Foster songs, enjoy a S'more, write a poem, paddle a canoe or kayak on the river, watercolor, seek out immutable landscapes, discover a new smell, laugh, vanish temporarily, play Tiddlywinks, turn off the phone, dream big, feel eternal. The weekend includes an outdoor Eucharist.

**Contact: Parish Administrator Kimberly Stevens (270-443-1363)**

### WOMEN'S RETREATS

Women's retreats at Grace offer sacred space for prayer, study, reflection, and fellowship in a gracious and hospitable atmosphere. Most recent topics include “Courageous Women: Lives of Women Saints” (led by Louella Lyon, Mary Sisto, and Libby Wade) and an Advent Retreat based on Sue Monk Kidd's book *When the Heart Waits* (led by Julie Jaeger and Libby Wade). These typically day-long retreats are always open to the

community. Watch for **announcements of future retreats in the *Lo and Behold* and on the parish website.** Ideas for topics and leaders are always welcome. (If there is interest in a Men's Retreat, that can be arranged also!)

**Contact: The Rev. Libby Wade (270-443-1363), The Rev. Meghan Holland (270-443-1363), The Rev. Richard Paxton (270-442-3857)**

### CHRISMONS

Each year, a kind and generous parishioner who wishes to remain anonymous makes over 100 small chrismons (symbols of Christ) to give to the children of the parish. The chrismons are designed by Christa Burr and always include an explanation of the symbol. By the time a young person leaves high school, he or she might have a collection of 18 ornaments to take to a new home. Each Christmas as the chrismons are unpacked and hung on a tree, connections with Grace and with Jesus Christ are strengthened. Before "Chrismon Sunday" in Advent, a handmade storage envelope or box is created for each ornament.

**Working on this project** takes a relatively small investment of time and offers a **chance for fellowship and service.**

**Contact: Marian Bates (270-443-1375)**

*Is there a ministry of Spiritual Life and Fellowship you would like to see on this list? If so, please let us know.*

**Contact: Vestry Spiritual Life & Fellowship Liaisons Phil Counts (321-412-3486), Anthony Hunter (270-839-1238)  
The Rev. Libby Wade (270-443-1363)**



## MINISTRY OF CHRISTIAN FORMATION

*"...continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it..." (2 Timothy 3:14)*

*Christian Formation is a lifelong process of being shaped by experiencing God through worship, fellowship, service to others, and education.*

*Worship, fellowship, and service or outreach activities are described in other sections of this booklet. Here we concentrate on activities that are primarily educational.*

### CHRISTIAN FORMATION COMMITTEE

An active committee of people interested in planning and supporting Christian Formation for every stage of the life cycle from baby to senior citizen can be an important ingredient in the success of this area of ministry. **If you would like to serve on such a committee (a "Friends of Learning" team), your rector would like to hear from you!**

**Contact: The Rev. Libby Wade (270-443-1363)**

### EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT FUND

This fund was established in 2008 by a gift from a parishioner and a portion of the accumulated Birthday Funds for the purpose of supporting parishioners pursuing degrees or certification programs to enhance their ministry in the church or community. The vestry receives requests and makes decisions about disbursements. The fund has assisted a parishioner working on a Masters of Divinity at Virginia Theological Seminary and a staff member in a youth ministry certification program at Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest.

**Contact: The Rev. Libby Wade (270-443-1363) to apply for assistance or Financial Secretary Trish Hines (270-443-1363) to make a contribution**

### ADULT LIBRARY

As a resource for both the congregation and the community, the newly renovated Adult Library seeks to offer reliable, helpful materials which will enable people to learn, reflect, and grow in their understanding of God. The Library contains over 2000 titles in many different categories, from faith and bible study to biography and fiction. The entire catalogue of titles can be browsed on our website [www.gracepaducah.net](http://www.gracepaducah.net).

**Contact: Parish Administrator Kimberly Stevens (270-443-1363)**

### CHILDREN'S TREEHOUSE LIBRARY

The Children's Treehouse Library was created in 1990 as a quiet place where children may more fully realize the presence of God within and around them through reading, quiet play, seeing, and listening. The library includes a reading loft and stained glass windows created by the children of Grace. **Books may be checked out during office hours and on Sunday mornings.**

**Contact: Elizabeth Dorsey (813-679-0487)**

### SAFEGUARDING GOD'S CHILDREN

The Diocese of Kentucky mandates that all staff and volunteers working with children receive training in the prevention of sexual misconduct at least every three years. An excellent training program, *Safeguarding God's Children*, was completed by a large group of people at Grace in 2005, 2008, and 2009. This training is also recommended for parents and anyone who cares about children. Online training is now available through the Diocese of KY.

**Contact: Staff Liaison Stefan Jagoe (270-443-1363 or 270-519-6019)**

### GODLY PLAY

Godly Play is an imaginative approach to working with young children. Rooted in the Montessori method of education, Godly Play assumes that children have some experience with the mystery of God's presence in their lives. Its goal is to provide the language that children need to express and enjoy what they intuitively know. Working in a carefully prepared environment, leaders help children enter into sacred stories,

silence, and sacred liturgy in order to discover God, themselves, one another, and the world around them. In the fall of 2010, we introduced a Godly Play group for young children (ages 3-7) on Wednesday nights and we continue to offer short series throughout the year. **Help is needed to create or purchase materials. A Training Weekend for storytellers and doorkeepers will be held at Grace January 13-14, 2012.**

**Contact: Will Black (270-443-1998), The Rev. Meghan Holland (270-443-1363)**

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

(currently inactive)

Vacation Bible School is a summer program that offers a fun and exciting way for children to explore their spirituality and relationship with God. Grace Church sometimes partners with First Presbyterian Church and Broadway United Methodist Church to widen the scope of VBS. Traditionally VBS has been designed for preschool and elementary-aged youth, but 2008 saw the inclusion of programming for middle schoolers. Past VBS themes include "My Space in God's Place," "One God - One World," and "You Are God's Work of Art." If interest warrants, VBS will return in 2012.

**Contact: The Rev. Libby Wade (270-443-1363), The Rev. Meghan Holland (270-443-1363)**

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### COMMUNION CLASS

At least every two years parents and children (ages 4-8) meet with one of our clergy to explore the significance of the Eucharist, the meal we share at Christ's altar each Sunday. This class is not a prerequisite for receiving communion, since all who are baptized are welcome to share the Eucharistic meal. It is, however, a time to more fully understand the symbolic actions, connect them with family meals and stories of biblical meals, and practice worship etiquette. Whether taught over several weeks during the Sunday School hour or as a Saturday workshop, this class is an excellent chance for parents and children to share an important experience in faith formation. **Dates of future sessions will be published in the *Lo and Behold* and on the website.**

**Contact: The Rev. Libby Wade (270-443-1363)**

## CONFIRMATION & INQUIRERS' CLASSES

Adults and teens interested in learning more about the Episcopal Church and considering making a mature reaffirmation of their faith through baptism, confirmation, or reception are expected to attend a 6-8 week series of classes led by our clergy and youth minister with the assistance of lay leaders. Others interested in a refresher course about the Church, the Book of Common Prayer, and the implications of our baptismal covenant for daily living are encouraged to attend the Adult Classes. Class dates vary each year in relation to the date of the Bishop's Annual Visitation to Grace Church.

**Contact: The Rev. Libby Wade (270-443-1363), Youth Minister Stefan Jagoe (270-443-1363 or 270-519-6019)**

## EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY (EYC)

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## NURSERY

Three stonemasons, when asked what they were doing, replied as follows: "Laying a stone," said the first. "Making a wall," said the second. "Building a cathedral," said the third. Three church nursery workers were asked what they were doing. "Babysitting these kids," said the first. "Caring for the children," said the second. "Sharing God's love," replied the third. Loving care in a safe and appealing atmosphere provides a first step in Christian formation for our youngest children. Two adult caregivers staff our baby/toddler nursery from 9:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. each Sunday morning. The nursery is open during other parish events as needed. **A volunteer Nursery Coordinator is needed to take our nursery care to the next level of excellence.**

**Contact: The Rev. Meghan Holland (270-443-1363)**

## SUNDAY CHRISTIAN FORMATION

### Children:

*Quiet Bags* (see page 5)

*Good News Time* (see page 5)

*Bible Sunday* – Periodically, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders are presented Bibles blessed during a worship service.

*Sunday School* – Each year from September through May, classes are offered after the 9:45 a.m. worship service for preschool – 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The number and division of classes varies each year according to the number of children participating and their ages. Themes studied recently include the Lord's Prayer, the wonders of creation, what we do in church, helping others, and Bible stories from the Sunday lectionary. After studying the parable of the talents, older children engaged the whole congregation in a Market Day to raise money for helping with poverty. During Advent each year, Sunday School classes focus on the story of Jesus' birth as they prepare for the annual Christmas Eve Nativity Pageant. **Both teachers and students are always needed and welcome!**

### Teens:

*EYC* (see page 24)

*Sunday School* – Topics of interest to teens and designed to engage them around life applications of biblical themes are offered by Stefan Jagoe and Donna Groves after the 9:45 a.m. worship service on Sundays during the academic year when interest warrants. Information about teen activities and classes, as well as a youth sermon may be found on the **youth website [www.gracepaducahyouth.net](http://www.gracepaducahyouth.net)**.

### Adults:

A wide variety of topics are explored in Sunday morning classes for adults. During the academic year and often during the summer, as well, one class is offered **between the two services**, while 2-3 classes are usually offered **after the second service**. The *Lo and Behold* and parish website are the best sources for details

about upcoming classes. **Your participation, leadership, and ideas for future topics are always welcome!**

**Contact: The Rev. Libby Wade (270-443-1363), children and adults; Youth Minister Stefan Jagoe (270-443-1363 or 270-519-6019), teens**

### **WOMEN'S RETREATS**

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### **PUB THEOLOGY**

This group is a gathering for young adults to share conversation about God and faith. Relationship building and thinking are encouraged! The group welcomes ecumenical and interfaith participation and embraces people no matter where they are on the spectrum of skepticism and belief. The group does not currently meet. If you are interested in this or a new group, please let us know.

**Contact: The Rev. Meghan Holland (270-443-1363)**

### **FAITH IN FICTION**

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### **CHRISTMAS EVE NATIVITY PAGEANT**

During Advent each year, young people from preschool through middle school learn the story of Jesus' birth by rehearsing a Nativity Pageant which forms the Liturgy of the Word for one of the Christmas Eve Eucharist Services. What better way to learn the story than by becoming a sheep, star, angel, shepherd, wise man, Joseph, or Mary! **Children are**

**needed as actors, readers, and musicians. Adults and older teens are needed to help with costumes, sets, cues, and stage management.**

**Contact: The Rev. Meghan Holland (270-443-1363), Julie Hideg (270-554-8992)**

### **DIOCESAN CAMPS & CONFERENCES**

All Saints, the Camp and Conference Center of the Diocese of KY on the Rough River in Leitchfield, KY, provides a place to celebrate God's love in Christian community. A dining room and inn built in 2007 increased the opportunities for relaxation, refreshment, and learning for all ages. The setting is rustic, yet comfortable, with air-conditioned rooms, a swimming pool, canoes and kayaks, basketball pavilion, labyrinth, outdoor chapel, and walking trails. Costs are very affordable. A typical year includes several weekend youth gatherings during the school year, week-long camps for children and youth in June and July, vestry retreats, Christian Formation Workshops, Parish Leadership Workshops, and more. Grace holds its Family Weekend there each summer. All Saints is also available for school groups, family reunions, and organizations outside the Episcopal Church. Diocesan events at All Saints are publicized on the diocesan website ([www.episcopalky.org](http://www.episcopalky.org)) and in the *Lo and Behold*. Visit the All Saints website for photos and general information ([www.allsaintscenter.org](http://www.allsaintscenter.org)).

**Contact: (Camp Brochures) Stefan Jagoe (270-443-1363 or 270-519-6019), All Saints Program Developer The Rev. Meghan Holland (270-443-1363)**

### **CURSILLO**

This diocesan weekend each October at All Saints Center is for adults who want to deepen their Christian pilgrimage. It is a powerful four-day experience as part of a radically hospitable community. Teaching sessions by lay and clergy leaders amount to a short course in Christianity. Small groups provide ample time for response and reflection. Worship is carefully designed to inspire and lift one's spirits. Total cost is \$175 with limited scholarship assistance available.

**Contact: The Rev. Meghan Holland (270-443-1363)**

### **EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY (EfM)**

EfM is an extension program of the School of Theology of the University of the South (Sewanee, TN). Designed to support the ministries of lay people in the everyday world, the course includes individual study, worship, discussion of reading assignments, and guided theological reflection. Over four years participants study Old and New Testament, Church History, and Theology. There are no tests or papers to write and participants register for one year at a time. In an environment of trust, the group explores ideas and personal beliefs in relation to culture, scripture, and the traditions of our Christian faith. During the academic year, two seminar groups each meet 2½ hours weekly with trained mentors. A diploma is awarded to those completing the full course. There is an annual fee of \$350 with scholarships available as needed. Seminar groups are limited to 6-12 students. **New students are enrolled each summer.**  
**Contact: Monday Morning Mentors Nancy F. Black (270-442-9587) and The Rev. Meghan Holland (270-443-1363), Tuesday Evening Mentors The Rev. Libby Wade (270-443-1363) and Jim Wade (270-519-7078)**

### **DIOCESAN SCHOOL OF MINISTRY (SOM)**

The SOM is a two-year course of study for those seeking a better understanding of the many ways of doing ministry in the church. Meeting one weekend each month (September through June) at All Saints Center in Leitchfield, KY, the SOM offers a collaborative, adult-education approach to the formation of lay ministers and deacons for the communities served by the Episcopal Diocese of KY. Instructors include priests, deacons, and lay ministers from this diocese along with guest lecturers from seminaries. In between weekend sessions, students complete reading assignments, ministry projects, and papers. Tuition of \$750 per year covers housing, meals and all other materials, except textbooks. Some scholarship assistance is available. Grace had one of the first SOM graduates. **Applicants must be recommended by their rector and vestry. The next enrollment will be in 2013.**  
**Contact: Four Rivers Deacon The Rev. Dr. Rose Bogal-Allbritten (270-293-9490), The Rev. Libby Wade (270-443-1363), The Rev. Richard Paxton (270-442-3857)**

*Is there a Christian Formation class or activity you would like to see on this list? If so, please let us know.*

*Contact: Vestry Christian Formation Liaisons Susan Clifton (270-519-4135), Juliette Grumley (270-442-7488)  
The Rev. Libby Wade (270-443-1363)  
The Rev. Meghan Holland (270-443-1363)  
Youth Minister Stefan Jagoe (270-443-1363 or 270-519-6019)*



## MINISTRY OF OUR BUILDING SPACE

*Grace is known throughout the community as not only a beautiful place to worship and pray, but also as a place that opens its doors to community organizations. In addition to times of worship on Sunday, the front doors of the church are open to all who seek a quiet holy place from 9-5 Monday through Thursday and on Saturday morning. We gladly make our meeting rooms available to community groups, such as....*

Basket Makers Guild	Merryman House
Boy Scouts - Troop 1	Narcotics Anonymous
The Charity League	The Paducah Children's Chorus
Crossroads	Paducah Cooperative Ministry
Dickerson Counseling Services	Paducah Garden Club
Faith in Film Committee	Paducah Singles
Four Rivers Deanery	Paducah Tilghman Choirs
Girl Scouts	Philanthropic Educational Org.
Habitat for Humanity	Piano Recitals
The Health Department	Project Hope
Heartland Cares	School Groups
Heartland Lace Guild	The Symphony Chorus

**Contact: Parish Administrator Kimberly Stevens (270-443-1363)**



## MINISTRY OF OUR CHURCH YARD

*Many people enjoy the beauty of our grounds. Some use the grounds to "take time to smell the roses." Others find our gardens to be a place of peace in the midst of tumultuous living. All are invited to enter, rest, and pray.*

### CENTENNIAL GARDEN

The Centennial Garden, created in 1974 on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the church building, includes the rose garden area on the northwest side of the church near the flagpole. It is cared for through the ministry of parish volunteers, including several from the former Graceful Gardeners.

**Contact: Coordinator Vickie Pittard (270-554-7259)**

### SESQUICENTENNIAL GARDEN

The Sesquicentennial Garden was established on the southwest side of the church in celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the parish in 1998. It is landscaped with simple shrubbery in the style of an English Gothic garden with a lych gate. Benches and sculptures add to the garden's charm. **Help with weeding is welcomed.**

**Contact: Parish Administrator Kimberly Stevens (270-443-1363)**

### SUMMER GARDEN

The most recent addition to the gardens of Grace, this small garden plot against the west wall of the church is developed each year with casual seasonal plantings to delight the senses. **Help with weeding is welcomed.**

**Contact: Sexton Blaine Hebert (270-443-1363)**

### MEMORIAL GARDEN

This simple and dignified Garden was created in 1992 on the east side of our property as a place to inter or scatter ashes. Plaques may also be placed here in remembrance of departed persons buried elsewhere. The ivy originally came from Canterbury Cathedral in England. The Jesus Statue presiding over this garden came from a World's Fair. **Help with weeding is welcomed.**

**Contact: Parish Administrator Kimberly Stevens (270-443-1363) about upkeep of the garden or Membership Secretary Sherry Threlkeld (270-443-1363) about reserving a spot for interment of ashes**

### PLAYGROUND

As they grow, children need to be able to stretch both their muscles and their minds. The Grace Church playground on the south side of the building offers a safe and inviting place to play with a basketball court, swings, climbing structure with cathedral windows, giant world map, playhouse in the style of a Jerusalem home in Jesus' time, and several picnic tables. Basketballs may be checked out in the office. Children's classes on Sunday mornings sometimes include playground activities, and families from the parish and the community are encouraged to use the playground during the week.

**Contact: Parish Administrator Kimberly Stevens (270-443-1363)**

**Contact: Vestry Buildings & Grounds Liaisons Fowler Black (270-559-1290), Todd Jones (270-564-9633), Ken Schuppert (270-554-8458)**

**Junior Warden Eddie Narozniak (270-443-9979)**

**Parish Administrator Kimberly Stevens (270-443-1363)**



## MINISTRY OF ADMINISTRATION

*"The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ." (Ephesians 4:11-12)*

### THE COMPANY OF ANGELS GIFT SHOP

The Gift Shop reopened in 2007. Items for sale include garments and accessories displaying the Episcopal shield, such as hats, shirts, flip flops, checkbook covers, totes, mouse pads, and windsocks. We have two different artists' prints depicting our church, as well as sweatshirts and magnets depicting some of the angels from our windows. We carry inspirational books and music, Prayer Books and Hymnals, and instructional materials on what it means to be Episcopalian. The gift shop is open **after the 9:45 a.m. service most Sundays and after the 7:30 a.m. service on Sundays of Vergers' Breakfasts.** To make a purchase during the week, contact the church office.

**Contact: Amy Thompson (270-575-7158 weekdays, 270-534-1575 home), Parish Office (270-443-1363)**

### ARCHIVISTS

Our history spans over 160 years. We need a group of people who would enjoy sifting through our boxes of papers and photos and other interesting artifacts with an eye to preserving the past and telling the story of Grace Church in compelling ways to future generations. A records management manual designed for Episcopal churches is ready and waiting to guide you. **Sorters, filers, archivists, librarians, scrapbookers, visual display artists, historians, and writers could all have a place on this team.** Also needed is a calligrapher to complete work begun on a Memorial Book.

**Contact: Membership Secretary Sherry Threlkeld (270-443-1363), Financial Secretary Trish Hines (270-443-1363)**

## COMMUNICATIONS

To increase our ability to communicate efficiently and effectively, we need volunteers with expertise and interest in the following areas:

- Bulletin Board Design
- Public Relations: Print Media, Broadcast Media
- Website Design and Maintenance
- Photography
- Brochure Design and Production
- Signs and Visual Presence in Our Community
- Newsletter Writers, Reporters, Proofreaders
- Internet Communications

**Contact: Parish Administrator Kimberly Stevens (270-443-1363), The Rev. Meghan Holland (270-443-1363)**

## VESTRY

Parishes are governed by their rector and the Vestry, which legally represents the parish in matters concerning corporate property, finances, and relations of the parish to its clergy and staff. Another important function of the Vestry is long-range planning and visioning. The Vestry is also charged with being spiritual leaders who help guide the congregation in fulfilling the mission of the church to “restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ” (BCP, p. 855). The Vestry meets each month, usually on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 5:30 p.m. Parishioners are always welcome to attend. Five new Vestry members are elected each year at the Annual Meeting to fill three-year terms. **In the fall, the Vestry will list qualifications and call for nominees. Please prayerfully consider whether you might be called to serve.**

**Contact: Senior Warden Phil Counts (321-412-3486), The Rev. Libby Wade (270-443-1363)**

## COMMITTEES OF THE VESTRY

Two standing committees are composed of members of the Vestry, but may include one or two at-large members from the congregation. The **Personnel Committee** includes the Rector, Senior and Junior Wardens, and Clerk of the Vestry and meets on an as-needed basis to deal with

staffing matters. The **Finance Committee**, which usually meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month, includes a Chair appointed by the Vestry, Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Stewardship Chair, and the Rector. **If you have expertise in either of these areas and would like to serve as an at-large member, please contact the Committee Chair.**

**Contact: Personnel Committee: Dr. Ron Slatick (270-519-1519); Finance Committee: Susan Clifton (270-519-4135), Terry Richards (270-705-1507)**

## AUDIT COMMITTEE

Each congregation of the Episcopal Church is required by canon law to complete an audit each year. While a professional outside audit is required periodically, most years an internal audit is accomplished in the summer by a team of 3-4 volunteers who are elected by the Vestry and approved by the Diocesan Audit Committee. An audit manual is provided by the diocese to guide the committee’s work. While an accounting degree is not a requirement, some experience or education in a related area is helpful. If you are interested in joining Grace Church’s pool of internal auditors, please let us know.

**Contact: The Rev. Richard Paxton (270-442-3857)**

## TRUST COMMITTEE

This three-person committee oversees Grace Church’s Endowment Funds and reports quarterly to the Vestry. Members serve three-year terms with **one new member nominated by the committee and elected by the Vestry in the spring of each year.** Qualifications are listed in the Trust Manual which is available in the parish office.

**Contact: Ric Ladit (270-443-2826), David Black (270-217-3119), Kathleen Overlin (270-442-4008)**

## STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

The Vestry appoints a Stewardship Committee Chair each year to educate and inspire the congregation to become better stewards of the resources with which we have been blessed by God. A year-round concept of

stewardship encompasses pledges of money, time, and talent, as well as a commitment to stewardship of the environment.

**Contact: Juliette Grumley (270-442-7488)**

#### **FOUR RIVERS DEANERY**

This grouping of congregations includes St. Paul's (Henderson), Trinity (Owensboro), St. Mary's (Madisonville), Grace (Hopkinsville), St. Peter's of the Lakes (Gilbertsville), St. John's (Murray), St. Paul's (Hickman), Trinity (Fulton), and Grace (Paducah). The clergy gather bi-monthly for support and communication. Occasionally events and activities are planned for lay leadership, as well. The Casparian Fund, a scholarship for continuing education for lay leaders, is administered by the deanery.

Our goal is to enhance and enlarge the ministry of the Episcopal Church in the Purchase Area of Western Kentucky.

**Contact: Four Rivers Dean The Very Rev. Candyce Loescher (270-821-3674)**

#### **DIOCESAN CONVENTION DEPUTIES**

Diocesan Convention meets in November each year to hear reports from various Departments and Committees, attend workshops, hear a guest preacher, receive the Bishop's annual address, and conduct the business affairs of the diocese. It is part family reunion and part business meeting. All clergy have a vote, along with lay deputies elected from each congregation in proportion to that congregation's size. The Grace Church Vestry elects three lay deputies each year along with one alternate deputy and a youth representative. Please let us know if you are interested in representing Grace Church.

**Contact: The Rev. Libby Wade (270-443-1363), Senior Warden Phil Counts (321-412-3486)**

#### **DIOCESAN OFFICES & DEPARTMENTS**

Many diocesan offices are filled by election at Diocesan Convention. Membership on various Departments and Committees may also be filled by appointment of the Bishop. A list of offices open for election is published each year by the diocese. **Nomination forms for elected**

**offices are available in the summer.** Grace Church currently has several people serving in both elected and appointed positions. **It is important that we continue to assume strong leadership in our Diocese.**

**Contact: The Rev. Libby Wade (270-443-1363)**

*Contact: Vestry Liaisons for Administration Dr. Greg Baur (270-443-8330), Juliette Grumley (270-442-7488)*

*My church is composed of people like me.  
I help make it what it is.  
It will be friendly, if I am friendly.  
Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.  
It will do great work, if I work.  
It will make generous gifts to many causes,  
if I am a generous giver.  
It will bring other people into its worship  
and fellowship, if I invite and bring them.  
It will be a church of loyalty and love,  
of fearlessness and faith,  
and a church with a noble spirit,  
if I, who make it what it is,  
am filled with these same things.  
Therefore, with the help of God,  
I shall dedicate myself to the task of  
being the things that I want my church to be.*

*“Like good stewards of the manifold  
grace of God,  
serve one another with  
whatever gift each of you has received.”  
(1 Peter 4:10)*

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