

# CLARKE PARISH

Grace Episcopal Church / St. Mary's Memorial Church

## THE EVANGELINE

July 21, 2021



### FROM THE OFFICE

#### *A Message from our Rector*

Dear Friends:

We have noticed over the past few weeks that people have become more laid back about mask-wearing during worship, particularly at 10:15. We have not required masks at 8:00 because there is no singing and at 9:00 because attendance is light enough that there is lots of space between congregants. However, 10:15 is our best-attended service and as such we really do need people to wear masks at 10:15. I am aware that recent CDC guidance has gone back and forth on the subject of mask-wearing for vaccinated people. However, the news this week concerning the Delta Variant is not good with it accounting for 83% of new cases nationwide, up from 50% two weeks ago. Also, we do have adult members who are not vaccinated and we have children under 12 years old who cannot get vaccinated. We must take precautions seriously as it would be awful if we had an outbreak and were not taking necessary precautions. Therefore, I must ask that all attendees at 10:15 wear masks. I will be asking ushers to enforce this for everyone's safety.



People in worship leading capacities may remove masks for speaking roles and all people may remove masks when receiving communion.

On another but related note some parishioners who are hard of hearing have been complaining that they cannot hear me when I am not by a fixed microphone. So in order to rectify that I do wear an over-the-ear microphone that doesn't really work with a mask, but I am generally distant enough that it is probably ok. That is the only reason otherwise I would absolutely follow suit. The same will be true for Caroline as she reads the Gospel most Sundays now. The congregation, however,

is much closer to one another in the pews.

We are all children of God and must show our love for one another by keeping everyone safe. I love you all and want you all to be safe.

Blessings,  
Justin+

### *A Message from our Seminarian*



It is almost the end of July and what an incredible summer it has been to be your Seminarian. I have greatly enjoyed the opportunity to get to know so many in the Parish over the last few months through formal worship and informal interactions. I have also been truly honored to learn so much from such an amazing parish staff and worship leadership team. I am looking forward to a busy fall season with all of you.

We continue at Wickliffe on Thursday nights at 7:30 with "Thoughtful Thursday" for a casual evening prayer service, an opportunity to explore new ideas and to enjoy each other's company along with the mountain views after our worship. If you have not had the opportunity to come out yet this summer, it is not too late to try. This is the first time a regular weekly scheduled service has been held at Wickliffe for almost one hundred years. Don't wait until the next time...

Blessings,  
Caroline

### *A Message from our Music Director*



Canadian hymn writer and minister in the United Church of Canada Sylvia Dunstan first introduced the text of "All who hunger gather gladly" (*Wonder, Love and Praise* #761) at the 1990 conference of the Hymn Society of the US and Canada held in Charleston, SC. An attendee at that conference wrote of the hymn it "is an exquisite text of invitation which entwines first and second testament references of manna in the wilderness and strong eucharistic imagery." The tune *Holy Manna* is a "shape note" melody first published in Ohio in 1829. The shape note system of music notation was developed about 1800 to help people read music in hymnals more easily. Would reading music notes of squares, circles, triangles, and rectangles be easier for you to read? Traveling music teachers visited churches all over the east coast introducing new hymns in "shape notes" for worship. Singing hymns connects us to worshippers throughout the centuries and across the world, especially when we sing modern words to old tunes, and old words to new tunes. Thanks be to God!

Keep a song of praise to God in your hearts,  
Wendy O.

# UPCOMING SERVICE SCHEDULE

Clarke Parish

## SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8 am @ Grace Episcopal Church

9 am @ St. Mary's Memorial Church

10:15 am @ Grace Episcopal Church

*We will remain on this schedule through Labor Day unless otherwise specified.  
(see below)*

## The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 25, 2021

### 8 am at Grace Episcopal Church

Holy Eucharist (Rite I)

Celebrant: Rev. Justin A. Ivatts

Assistant/Sermon: Caroline Mitchell

Lay Reader: Sue Nolan

### 9 am at St. Mary's Memorial Church

Morning Prayer

Officiant: Rev. Justin A. Ivatts

Assistant/Sermon: Caroline Mitchell

Lay Reader: Gwendolyn Malone

Pianist: Helena Goldberg

### 10:15 am at Grace Episcopal Church

Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

Celebrant: Rev. Justin A. Ivatts

Assistant/Sermon: Caroline Mitchell

Lay Reader: Tara Flaten

Organist: Wendy Oesterling

[Click HERE - Lectionary Insert for July 25, 2021](#)

2 Samuel 11:1-15; Psalm 14; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21

*The altar flowers at Grace Church are given to the glory of God  
by the McFillen Family in loving memory of Robin's mother,  
Sarah Radford Paxson Trumbower, to commemorate  
the 18th anniversary of her death.  
(June 16, 1938 - July 22, 2003)*

## The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 1, 2021

### 8 am at Grace Episcopal Church

Holy Eucharist (Rite I)

Celebrant: Rev. Justin A. Ivatts

Assistant: Caroline Mitchell

Lay Reader: Wendy Oesterling

### 9 am at St. Mary's Memorial Church

Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

Celebrant: Rev. Justin A. Ivatts

Assistant/Lay Reader: Caroline Mitchell

Pianist: Helena Goldberg

### 10:15 am at Grace Episcopal Church

Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

Celebrant: Rev. Justin A. Ivatts

Assistant: Caroline Mitchell

Lay Reader: Kim Davis

Organist: Wendy Oesterling

Acolyte: Lily Bosworth

[Click HERE - Lectionary Insert for August 1, 2021](#)

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a; Psalm 51; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35

*The altar flowers at Grace Church are given to the glory of God  
by Cummie York in memory of loved ones.*

## Virtual Worship

For those of you who still wish to join us virtually instead of attending in-person worship, the 10:15 am service at Grace Church will continue to be live-streamed each week. Please use the links below to view the service offerings. These links are permanent and will not change week after week.

Our YouTube page:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTT0nfgs77DzKrl2qxC38Cg>

Our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/Grace-Episcopal-Church-111667788869782>

## Lay Reader / Acolyte Schedule

Summer 2021

Please click the link below to access the most recent schedule for summer assignments at both Grace and St. Mary's.

[CLICK HERE - July & August 2021](#)

*If scheduled, please remember to contact the office in case of conflict or unavailability and always attempt to find a substitute to swap dates with if needed.*

NOTE: We are always in need of more volunteers to add to our lay reader roster at all church services. Lay reading is a wonderful opportunity to take part in the

service, let your voice be heard reading scripture and prayers, and see the church from a different perspective standing at the lectern. If you would like to join this important ministry, please contact the office for more information and/or to be scheduled.

## CHURCH NEWS

Always stay up-to-date with church events  
and activities...

*Church Calendar - Quick View!*



- July 15 - 'Thoughtful Thursday' Evening Prayer / 7:30 pm at Wickliffe
- July 17 - Memorial Service for Carle F. 'Bing' Germelan, Jr. / 11 am at GEC
- July 19 - GEC Vestry Meeting / 7 pm in the Conference Room
- July 21 - Wednesday Morning Bible Study / 10:30 am in the Conference Room
- July 22 - 'Thoughtful Thursday' Evening Prayer / 7:30 pm at Wickliffe
- July 28 - Wednesday Morning Bible Study / 10:30 am in the Conference Room
- July 29 - 'Thoughtful Thursday' Evening Prayer / 7:30 pm at Wickliffe
- August 3 - St. Mary's Vestry Meeting / 1 pm in the Parish House
- August 4 - Wednesday Morning Bible Study / 10:30 am in the Conf. Room
- August 5 - 'Thoughtful Thursday' Evening Prayer / 7:30 pm at Wickliffe
- August 8 - Annual Homecoming Service & Picnic at Wickliffe / 11 am
- August 11 - **NO** Wednesday Morning Bible Study this week!
- August 12 - 'Thoughtful Thursday' Evening Prayer / 7:30 pm at Wickliffe
- August 16 - GEC Vestry Meeting / 7 pm in the Conference Room
- August 18 - Wednesday Morning Bible Study / 10:30 am in the Conf. Room
- August 19 - 'Thoughtful Thursday' Evening Prayer / 7:30 pm at Wickliffe
- August 25 - Wednesday Morning Bible Study / 10:30 am in the Conf. Room
- August 26 - 'Thoughtful Thursday' Evening Prayer / 7:30 pm at Wickliffe
- September 6 - Parish Office CLOSED / Labor Day Holiday
- September 7 - St. Mary's Vestry Meeting / 1 pm in the Parish House
- September 12 - ADULT Sunday School Classes RESUME / 10 am in the Parish House at St. Mary's
- September 19 - 'Mass in the Grass' & Parish Picnic / 10:30 am at The Lions Shelter, Clarke County Park & Rec.. This will be the only service offered by Clarke Parish this day.
- September 20 - GEC Vestry Meeting / 7 pm in the Conference Room
- September 26 - SCHEDULE CHANGE - Service of Holy Eucharist / 9 am at St. Mary's! This will be the only morning service offered at Clarke Parish this day (No 8 or 11 am worship)
- September 26 - Choral Evensong & Reception / 4 pm at GEC
- October 3 - YOUTH Sunday School Classes RESUME / 10 am in the 'Gracement' at GEC
- October 5 - St. Mary's Vestry Meeting / 1 pm in the Parish House
- October 18 - GEC Vestry Meeting / 7 pm in the Conference Room
- October 24 - St. Mary's 110th Homecoming Service & Celebration / 11 am - this will be the only service offered at Clarke Parish this day! All are encouraged to attend this special celebration. Dr. Caroline Mitchell will be the guest speaker.



## Thoughtful Thursday!

### Evening Prayer at Wickliffe Church

Join us on Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm between Memorial Day and Labor Day weekend for a service of Evening Prayer at Wickliffe. After the service, stay for fellowship, great conversation with friends, and maybe bring your own beverage/snack to enjoy in the churchyard too.



## Wickliffe Church Clean-Up Day

### Your help is needed!

Please join us immediately following the 'Thoughtful Thursday' service on July 29th and August 5th to help clean up and ready our beautiful old country church for its annual Homecoming Celebration. After Evening Prayer, we will work both inside and out but focus particular attention on the loft and rector's room. Unlike the main sanctuary, these areas have not been used over the summer and are particularly dusty and buggy. Cleaning supplies will be on-hand, however, we really need YOU and some other volunteers willing to lend an hour to help us dust, polish, sweep, etc...

**NOTE:** If weather prevents OR we can't get it all done on the 29th, our cleaning will continue on August 5th too.

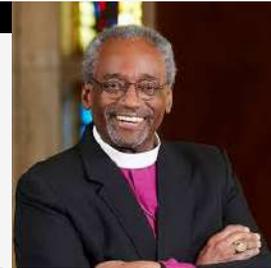
**NOTE:** If you prefer outside work, please feel free to bring your own broom, rake, gloves, clippers, etc.

## A Message from the Episcopal Church

All are welcome to attend a four-day virtual revival!

'Lift Every Voice and Sing'

July 13, 2021 | Office of Public Affairs



The Union of Black Episcopalians (UBE) invites all to join a **virtual churchwide revival July 27-30** that will feature stirring music, testimonies, learning, and messages from Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and others.

For four nights, Black Episcopalians will lead The Episcopal Church in worship and preaching, focusing on the following themes inspired by the hymn Lift Every Voice and Sing: gifts from the past, challenges in the present, and promise for the future. **All services will be live-streamed.** The UBE revival also includes daytime sessions featuring panel and group discussions, prayer, and fellowship opportunities.

Register for these enriching sessions at:

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/episcopal-revivals/ube-revival/>

"What sets this churchwide revival apart is the way it will draw upon the Black church tradition to fill our hearts and souls," said the Very Rev. Kim Coleman, president of the UBE. "Traditionally UBE holds an in-person conference each year that includes some of the same elements: compelling music, inspiring worship, powerful sermons, illuminating teaching, and stimulating conversations on where people of color have been, where we are, and where we are going."

"This virtual revival will lift up Jesus and invite us to renew our commitment to establishing God's Beloved Community," Coleman said. "We welcome all people, especially Episcopalians, regardless of race or ethnicity, to join us in engaging the continuing realities of racism and racial injustice today while experiencing the vibrant spirituality that has enabled Black people to persevere and thrive against the odds."

The presiding bishop's office and evangelism team said they are grateful to be partnering with the Union of Black Episcopalians in the revival.

"The whole church has so much to learn from Black Episcopalians about opening our hearts to revival and joining God's ongoing work of transformation and renewal," said the Rev. Stephanie Spellers, canon to the presiding bishop for evangelism, reconciliation, and creation care. "Especially in 2021, as we continue healing from the twin pandemics of COVID-19 and racism — both of which target and deeply wound people of color — we need revival."

**Worship starts at 7 pm (Eastern Time) and will feature the following:**

- **Tues., July 27** – Opening Memorial, "Revive Us Again," Curry
- **Wed., July 28** – Evensong, "Faith," the Rev. Otis Moss III, pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago
- **Thurs., July 29** – Liturgy of the Word, "Hope," the Rt. Rev. Shannon MacVean-Brown, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Vermont
- **Fri., July 30** – Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant, "Rising Sun," the Rev. Naomi Washington-Leapheart, Fellowship of Affirming Ministries in Philadelphia.

Evening revival worship services will premiere on The Episcopal Church and UBE Facebook pages and YouTube channels. These services are free and open to the public. Paid registrants can also watch the services via Zoom with other participants.

The daytime program runs July 28-30. Panelists include Curry; Byron Rushing, vice president of the House of Deputies; the Rev. Altagracia Perez-Bullard, professor at Virginia Theological Seminary; the Rev. Gayle Fisher-Stewart, scholar, author and former police captain; Archbishop Julio Murray of the Anglican Church in Central America; Georgia State Sen. Kim Jackson; and the Rev. Paul Anthony Daniels, theologian, scholar and thought-leader. See the schedule and register for the daytime events here.

Coleman said the revival offers something for everyone. "History buffs will enjoy learning about the original Lift Every Voice and Sing: A Collection of African American Spirituals and Other Songs that is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year and was the precursor to the Lift Every Voice and Sing II hymnal many Episcopal parishes have in our pews," she said. "Others will enjoy the afternoon seminars, guided breakout sessions, affinity group gatherings, and empowering evening worship with highly acclaimed preachers and robust music. There will be special programming each day for children and youth. We conclude the evening with singing and dance experiences that will make you think you have left the virtual platform."

## Vestry News



The Vestry of St. Mary's Memorial Church is next scheduled to meet on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 @ 1 pm in the Parish House.

The Vestry of Grace Church is next scheduled to meet on Monday, August 16, 2021 @ 7 pm in the Conference Room.

If unable to attend the scheduled meetings, Vestry members are reminded to please alert the office/rector of your unavailability.

### Annual Homecoming Service and Parish Picnic at Wickliffe Church

Sunday, August 8, 2021 @ 11 am



As tradition dictates, we will again gather at Wickliffe Church on the second Sunday of August to celebrate the heritage and history of Clarke Parish at our Annual Homecoming 'Worship at Wickliffe' service at our beautiful, old country church. The Morning Prayer service, taken directly from the 1789 edition of the Book of Common Prayer, will begin at 11 am and be immediately followed by a potluck picnic outside underneath the shady oak trees.

**THIS IS A COMMUNITY EVENT & EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

Invite a friend to church this summer!

Masks required for indoor worship!

To volunteer a dish for the luncheon, please visit the online sign-up sheet posted on [www.perfectpotluck.com](http://www.perfectpotluck.com)

(user name = mcfillen / password 1610 / event name = 'Worship at Wickliffe' 2021

[Click HERE to access the sign-up sheet directly!](#)

### Choral Evensong & Reception in honor of Karen Keating

Sunday, September 26th  
4 pm @ Grace Church



Mark Your Calendars . . .

for a celebration to honor Dr. Karen Keating and her 22 years of music ministry in Clarke Parish. Karen (or KK, as her students know her) was to retire on Easter Day 2020 and the parish had planned a celebratory event to say "Thanks!" for her long and faithful service. Karen did retire, but the pandemic restrictions meant that we could not have a suitable celebration for her. Fast forward to 2021 -- we will celebrate Karen and her ministry with us on Sunday, September 26, with a festive Choral Evensong at 4:00 pm followed by a reception. We will invite all Karen's students, choir singers, colleagues, and friends to participate in the Evensong and we will welcome all volunteers to help with the reception. Put this very special

event on your calendars, please!

**NOTE:** If so inclined, there is still an opportunity to contribute to 'The Purse' we are collecting for Karen. In honor of her retirement and years of dedicated service to Clarke Parish, we will present this special monetary gift to her during the Evensong Reception. Contributions should be sent to the church office ASAP (PO Box 678, Berryville, VA 22611)



### *Online Giving*

**It's as easy as 1,2,3...**

We have partnered with [Tithe.ly](#) - a trusted platform to provide a simple, convenient, and secure way to continue supporting our ministry through online giving from anywhere at any time.

Please consider this option to make a pledge or one-time payment to the church. You can also set up recurring payments, and likewise, you can utilize [Tithe.ly](#) to give to the General Fund, Grace Giving, St. Mary's Giving, the Rector's Discretionary Fund, the Backpack Program, or 'Other' by selecting from the drop-down menu options.

**[Click HERE to Give Online Now](#)**

The [Tithe.ly](#) link is also available by visiting the Parish Website at [www.ClarkeParish.org](http://www.ClarkeParish.org)

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