

CLARKE PARISH

Grace Episcopal Church / St. Mary's Memorial Church

THE EVANGELINE

July 7, 2021



FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends:

This Sunday we will welcome back the previous rector and his wife, Dwight+ and Cathy Brown. It will give us an opportunity to reminisce, share old stories and celebrate our history at a time when we also get to look forward to our Celebration of New Ministry on November 20th.

Being able to celebrate the past is a good thing as the past is not only what makes us who we are today but also what makes us who we will be tomorrow. I, like I'm sure you are too, am looking forward to the return of Dwight+ and Cathy. Although I have met Cathy a few times, it will be my first time getting to meet Dwight in person.

Dwight+ and Cathy were here 32 years, a time so long that I was an eight-year-old child when they came in 1984. This Sunday is indeed a time to celebrate where we have been and what we will become! I hope to see many of you on Sunday at 8 am or the combined service at 10 am.

Blessings,
Justin+

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 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost July 11, 2021

8 am at Grace Episcopal Church

Eucharist (Rite I)

Celebrant: Rev. Justin A. Ivatts

Lay Reader: Caroline Mitchell

10 am at Grace Episcopal Church

Eucharist (Rite II)

Celebrant: Rev. Justin A. Ivatts

Sermon: Rev. Dwight L. Brown

Lay Reader: Stuart Dunn

Organist: Wendy Oesterling

Acolytes: Diane & Robyn Preston

Lectionary Readings:

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19; Psalm 24; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29

[Click HERE - Lectionary Insert for July 11, 2021](#)

The altar flowers at Grace Church are given to the glory of God by Lee & Dave McGuigan in celebration of their son, Macson, who celebrates his 26th birthday on July 10th. Happy Birthday, Macson!

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost July 18, 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

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: Penny Poe

Organist: Wendy Oesterling

Acolyte: Miles Ivatts

[Click HERE - Lectionary Insert for July 18, 2021](#)

The altar flowers at Grace Church are given to the glory of God by Rives & Jess Bacon in honor of their daughter, Mary, and her husband Chip Murray who celebrate their 1st wedding anniversary on July 25th.

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/UCTT0nfgs77DzKrl2qx38Cg>

Our Facebook page:

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



THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS!

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.

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 11 - Visiting Clergy = Rev. Dwight L. Brown
- July 14 - Wednesday Morning Bible Study / 10:30 am in the Conference Room
- 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 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

VESTRY NEWS

The Vestry of Grace Church is scheduled to meet on Monday,
July 19, 2021 @ 7 pm in the Conference Room.



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



A MESSAGE FROM WENDY OESTERLING

"Sing a New Song"

In our common worship services, both Holy Eucharist and Morning Prayer liturgies, we sing songs together that praise God, pray in song, reflect on the lessons we hear, sing of God's love and our faith and lots more. I often think how lucky we are to have so many opportunities to

sing *solī Deo gloria* (to the glory of God alone) in church. Some of the songs we sing are familiar to us (this is different for each one of us!) and some are new to us. Whether familiar or new, the songs always have something to share with us about our great and loving God. In our Sunday liturgies, there are songs that we repeat every week, called "service music." In the Holy Eucharist, every Sunday we sing *Glory to God* (the Gloria) after the Collect for Purity early in the service. During Communion we sing *Holy, holy, holy Lord* and *Alleluia! Christ our Passover* (the Sanctus and the Fraction Anthem). There are a variety of musical settings for these words in our hymnals and it is nice to change them out during the seasons of the Church Year. Through the summer at Grace Church we are singing S-277 for the Gloria, S-124 for the Sanctus, and S-154 for the Fraction Anthem. These settings were composed by Dr. David Hurd when he was Professor of Church Music at General Seminary in New York. Dr. Hurd is African-American and has been very involved in incorporating music of all traditions into our hymnals. To make it easier for the congregation, there are copies of the service music available as you come into the church. Please take one with your bulletin and either leave it in your pew or return it to the table when you leave. And -- most important -- join the choir in singing with a joyful voice! It is wonderful to hear one another singing God's praises together!

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!

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

Looking for some summertime fun? UPCOMING EVENTS AT SHRINE MONT

The Four Tops

July 23 @ 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Shrine Mont, 217 Shrine Mont Circle / Orkney Springs, VA

The Shenandoah County Music Festival presents the Four Tops! One of Motown Records' biggest and most popular success, alongside fellow Detroit outfits the Miracles and the Temptations, the band held the incredible record of holding down the same line up - Levi Stubbs, Abdul 'Duke' Fakir, Renaldo 'Obie' Benson and Lawrence Payton - from formation to 1997. Today, Fakir is the only original member, alongside Payton's son Lawrence Payton Jr., Ronnie McNeir, and Harold Bonhart. Stay at Shrine Mont and get...

[Find out more »](#)



Classic Albums Live performs Fleetwood Mac – Rumours

July 24 @ 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Shrine Mont, 217 Shrine Mont Circle / Orkney Springs, VA

The Shenandoah County Music Festival presents Classic Albums Live performing Fleetwood Mac – Rumours! Stay at Shrine Mont and get our best price plus a discounted ticket to the concert. Click [HERE](#) to request your reservation or give us a call (540) 856-2141.

[Find out more »](#)

Kansas

July 31 @ 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Shrine Mont, 217 Shrine Mont Circle / Orkney Springs, VA

The Shenandoah County Music Festival presents Kansas on the Shrine Mont stage! In 1973, six guys in a local band from America's heartland began a journey that surpassed even their own wildest expectations, by achieving worldwide superstardom. The band is currently comprised of original drummer Phil Ehart, bassist/vocalist Billy Greer, keyboardist Tom Brislin, vocalist/keyboardist Ronnie Platt, violinist/guitarist David Ragsdale, guitarist Zak Rizvi, and original guitarist Richard Williams. Stay at Shrine Mont and get our best price plus a discounted ticket...

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Phil Vassar

August 13 @ 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Shrine Mont, 217 Shrine Mont Circle / Orkney Springs, VA

The Shenandoah County Music Festival presents Phil Vassar on the Shrine Mont stage! Country music hitmaker Phil Vassar is a piano-pounding powerhouse on stage, with signature songs that include 10 No. 1 singles and 26 Top 40 hits, including "Carlene," "Just Another Day in Paradise," "Six-Pack Summer," "When I Love You," and many more. But Vassar was racking up hits on the radio long before he began recording. His songwriting career blossomed in the mid- 1990s when he landed a...

[Find out more »](#)

Black Violin

August 14 @ 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Shrine Mont, 217 Shrine Mont Circle / Orkney Springs, VA

The Shenandoah County Music Festival presents Black Violin on the Shrine Mont stage! Grammy-nominated Black Violin is led by classically trained string players Wil B. (viola) and Kev Marcus (violin). Joining them onstage are DJ SPS & drummer Nat Stokes. The band uses their unique blend of classical & hip-hop music, often described as "classical boom," to overcome stereotypes & encourage people of all ages, races, & economic backgrounds to join together to break down cultural barriers. Click [HERE](#)...

[Find out more »](#)

Pickleball Weekend!

August 13 @ 4:00 pm - August 15 @ 2:00 pm

Come to Shrine Mont and learn the fun game of Pickleball.

Mark Jones is a life-long resident of Norfolk and has been relaxing at Shrine Mont with his wife, Becky for years. They are having an extended Shrine Mont vacation this year, and Mark wants to play some pickleball while in the mountains. He leads a pickleball program at his local senior center and would like to get fellow Shrine

Mont guests to share in the fun.

What to expect:

- Novices will go over rules and scoring, work on fundamentals, and progress to playing matches.
- Those who have played before will do practice drills, play matches, and hopefully have a mini tournament.

What to bring:

- pickleball paddle (if you have one)
- sunscreen
- water bottle
- hat
- tennis shoes

Rates (include meals, lodging and instruction)

Double Occupancy: \$199 per person

Single Occupancy: \$274 per person

[Click here for a downloadable flyer on the pickleball weekend.](#)



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