

CLARKE PARISH

Grace Episcopal Church / St. Mary's Memorial Church

THE EVANGELINE

August 25, 2021



FROM THE OFFICE

COVID TRACKER
Clarke County, VA

Aug. 24, 2021
RED ALERT (High)

While we remain in either **RED** (high) or **ORANGE** (substantial), we will continue to require masks at all Clarke Parish services.

If we drop to **YELLOW** (moderate) or **BLUE** (low) for 14 consecutive days, we will lift the mask mandate.

It **MUST** be 14 consecutive days though in accordance with CDC guidelines.

If you wish to monitor this information, you may use the following link using

A Message from our Rector

Dear Friends:

As the situation becomes more and more critical in Afghanistan we are called as Christians to respond in ways that will help to alleviate some of the pressures off of the refugees who are being resettled in the US and are currently housed at the Dulles Expo Center, right in our own backyard. In fact, our own Caroline Mitchell in our other job with the Red Cross is heavily involved in these efforts.

There are several ways in which you can help depending on your own comfort level. Some are practical and some are financial.

1. You can donate to the International Rescue Committee in Charlottesville at this link:

<https://help.rescue.org/donate/us-charlottesville-va>

2. You may welcome a refugee temporarily into your home and help them get settled in the community, registered for schools etc. through the AirBNB Open Homes Program:

<https://www.airbnb.org/>

3. You may also donate items that are needed for families to the church and we will make sure they get to the IRC. We will have a place at church on Sunday for you to drop off items. Here is a link to the items that are most needed:

the CDC website,
and select Virginia
and Clarke County.

<https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>.

<https://www.rescue.org/announcement/items-needed-refugees-charlottesville?edme=true>

Here is a page on the IRC's website that specifically lists all the ways you can help in Virginia:

<https://www.rescue.org/announcement/how-help-afghan-evacuees-virginia>

Please prayerfully consider how you may help.

[Adult Confirmation/Reception/Reaffirmation:](#)

The Rt. Rev Ted Gulick will be with us for Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation on Sunday, November 7th. If you are interested in being confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion, please let the rector know before September 12th as you will need to attend the Episcopal Church 101 class starting that day.

[Coffee with the Clergy RETURNS:](#)

Please join me Monday afternoons beginning on September 13th at Cordial Coffee in Berryville from 2-4 pm. This time is meant for parishioners and community members alike so help spread the word and come on down for a cup of coffee/tea and some conversation!

Blessings,
Justin+

UPCOMING SERVICE SCHEDULE

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 29, 2021

8 am at Grace Episcopal Church

Holy Eucharist (Rite I)

Celebrant: Rev. Justin A. Ivatts

Assistant/Lay Reader: Caroline Mitchell

Lay Reader: Wendy Oesterling

9 am at St. Mary's Memorial Church

Morning Prayer

Officiant: Caroline Mitchell

Lay Reader: Gwendolyn Malone

Pianist: Hailey Outland

10:15 am at Grace Episcopal Church

Morning Prayer

Officiant: Caroline Mitchell

Lay Reader: Tara Flaten
Organist: Wendy Oesterling
Acolyte: Gray Jones

[Click HERE - Lectionary Insert for August 29, 2021](#)
Song of Solomon 2:8-13 / Psalm 45 / James 1:17-27 / Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 5, 2021

8 am at Grace Episcopal Church

Holy Eucharist (Rite I)

Celebrant: Rev. Justin A. Ivatts

Lay Reader:

9 am at St. Mary's Memorial Church

Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

Celebrant: Rev. Justin A. Ivatts

Assistant: Caroline Mitchell

Lay Reader: Gwendolyn Malone

Pianist: Hailey Outland

10:15 am at Grace Episcopal Church

Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

Celebrant: Rev. Justin A. Ivatts

Lay Reader: John Lincoln

Organist: Wendy Oesterling

Acolyte: Lily Bosworth

[Click HERE - Lectionary Insert for September 5, 2021](#)
Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 / Psalm 125 / James 2:1-17 / Mark 7:24-37

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
September & October 2021



Please click the link below to access the most recent schedule of lay readers and acolyte assignments at both Grace and St. Mary's.

[Click HERE - September & October 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!](#)



August 25 - **NO** Wednesday Morning Bible Study this week!

August 26 - 'Thoughtful Thursday' Evening Prayer / 7:30 pm at Wickliffe

August 31 - Informational Meeting for 'Sacred Ground - Conversations on Race & Faith' / 7 pm in the Parish House([see below](#))

September 1 - Wednesday Morning Bible Study / 10:30 am in the Conference Room. New Study Topic = *Heaven and Hell: A History of the Afterlife*([see below](#))

September 6 - Parish Office CLOSED / Labor Day Holiday

September 7 - St. Mary's Vestry Meeting / 1 pm in the Parish House

September 8 - Wednesday Morning Bible Study / 10:30 am in the Conference Room.

September 12 - ADULT Sunday School Classes RESUME/ 10 am in the Parish House at St. Mary's ([see below](#))

September 12 - St. Mary's ECW Meeting / 11 am in the Parish House

September 13 - Coffee with Clergy / 2-4 pm @ Cordial Coffee (every Monday)

September 15 - Wednesday Morning Bible Study / 10:30 am in the Conference Room.

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. ([see below](#))

September 20 - GEC Vestry Meeting / 7 pm in the Conference Room

September 22 - Wednesday Morning Bible Study / 10:30 am 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([see below](#))

September 29 - Wednesday Morning Bible Study / 10:30 am in the Conference Room.

October 3 - YOUTH Sunday School Classes RESUME/ 10 am in the Parish Hall (We will start the program year with a Parent/Student Informational Meeting in the

McIntosh Chapel - [see below](#))

October 3 - **Baptism of Parker Burch** (infant son of Troy Alan Burch & Holly Robinson Burch) / during the 11 am worship service @ GEC

October 5 - **St. Mary's Vestry Meeting** / 1 pm in the Parish House

October 17 - **St. Mary's ECW Meeting** / 10 am 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.

October 30 - **Choral Evensong at Wickliffe** / 4:30 pm

October 31 - **Halloween Party & Potluck** in the Fellowship Hall / immediately following the 11 am service

An Invitation to Conversations on Race and Faith for all in Clarke Parish

'Sacred Ground'
Conversations on Race & Faith
Tuesday, August 31st @ 7 pm
GEC Fellowship Hall

You are cordially invited to learn more about *Sacred Ground*, a film-based dialogue series based on race and faith, developed by the Episcopal Church in response to Bishop Michael Curry's invitation to all of us into "Becoming Beloved Community," a long-term commitment to racial healing, reconciliation, and justice.

Please join us to talk about *'Sacred Ground'* at an informal information /discussion session on **Tuesday, August 31, at 7:00 pm** in the Grace Church Fellowship Hall. Gwen Malone, Wendy Oesterling, and Justin Ivatts will introduce more about the *Sacred Ground* curriculum and share a couple of very powerful video clips.

Please feel free to invite anyone you think may be interested to join us on August 31. Also, feel free to contact Gwen or Wendy with any questions or comments you may have.

[Click HERE to read more...](#)

['Sacred Grounds' Video Clip](#)

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground/?wvideo=oz6tuf9ntg>

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

New Study Topic beginning in September!

Wednesday's at 10:30 am in the Conference Room

By popular demand, we will embark on an exploration of hell starting on **Wednesday, September 1st at 10:30 am**. Social time will precede class each week beginning at 10 am. If you are interested in participating, please purchase *Heaven and Hell: A History of the Afterlife* by Bart D. Ehrman.



The book can be purchased here by clicking the link below:

Christian Education
Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study
10 am in the Parish House @ St. Mary's
beginning on Sunday, September 12, 2021



Please join us each week and we begin a new session of Adult Sunday School with 'Episcopal Church 101'.

This fun and informative class is open to all seeking a clearer understanding of our Episcopal traditions but will be mandatory for those seeking confirmation or reception into the Episcopal Church on November 7th when Bishop Gulick visits Clarke Parish.

Have you ever wondered what makes us English? Who are the Anglican Communion anyway? Who is our head, God, The Queen, The Archbishop of Canterbury, The Presiding Bishop, all of the above? How is our local parish governed? How do the readings on Sunday get selected? What do Anglicans believe about the sacraments, especially Holy Baptism and the Eucharist? Come and find out the answers to these and many other questions in our Episcopal Church 101 class starting on September 12th and every Sunday in October at 10 am at the St. Mary's Parish House. Mandatory for those being confirmed or received, encouraged for all others.

Syllabus - Episcopal Church 101

September 12 - An introduction to the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion

October 3 - An introduction to The Revised Common Lectionary

October 10 - An introduction to the Book of Common Prayer

October 17 - Music in the Anglican Tradition

October 24 - Class will meet at 9:45 in the Parish Hall @ GEC (Homecoming at St. Mary's - one service at 11:00) / Q&A - bring your questions and have them answered

October 31 - Rogue Sunday Service offered at 11 am by the youth of Clarke Parish. Rogue Sunday will be immediately followed by our annual Spooktacular Halloween Party in the Parish Hall.



'Mass on the Grass'
Worship, Parish Picnic
& Kickball Game

Save the Date!

When: Sunday, September 19, 2021

Service: 10:30 am / Lunch: noon(ish)

Where: The Lions Shelter @ Chet Hobert Park

Help us celebrate Clarke Parish, the end of summer, and the beginning of our programming year by attending an outdoor worship service and church picnic on

Sunday, September 19th at the Chet Hobert Park. We will forgo our regular service schedule this day (8, 9 & 11 am), and instead gather together for one combined service 'Mass on the Grass' outdoor Eucharist service beginning at 10:30 am. Immediately following the service, we will light the grills and prepare hamburgers and hotdogs for the picnic. Guests are asked to bring a side dish, chips, or drinks to share, and maybe a lawn chair or picnic blanket too. A Perfect Potluck sign-up will be created and posted soon.

Save the date and please plan to join us for an afternoon of faith, fellowship, fun & food.

NOTES

Volunteers are needed to help with organization, set-up, grilling duties, clean-up, etc... Please contact Robin in the office if able (and willing) to assist.

The Lions Shelter is located in the back of the Chet Hobert Park by the T-Ball/soccer fields/back playground. Plenty of parking is available. Look for signs!

**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 dinner 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!

[Click HERE to RSVP for dinner by sending an email to the church office](#)

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)

Christian Education
Youth Sunday School
and Confirmation Classes



10 am in the 'Gracement' beginning on October 3, 2021!

Hooray...It's almost time to finally rejoin for in-person Sunday School fun in the Gracement! After enduring over a year of virtual, take-home, or no classes, we can now safely regather on Sunday mornings for classroom lessons, fun projects, and extracurricular activities. Who's ready?

We will begin our program year on Sunday, October 3 @ 10 am. All students AND parents are asked to join us in the McIntosh Chapel at this time for an informational meeting, session overview, teacher introductions, and classroom assignments.

Our Congratulations to



Margaret & Ned Burks are excited to share the happy news that they are now first-time grandparents! Their son, Ned, and his wife Emily welcomed Eleanor Mortazavi Burks into the world on Sunday, August 22, 2021 in Denver Colorado. Both mother and baby are doing well and the young Burks are excited to start the adventure of parenthood. They're going to call the baby Nora.



Online Giving

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

We have partnered with [Tithe.ly](https://www.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](https://www.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](https://www.tithe.ly) link is also available by visiting the Parish Website at www.ClarkeParish.org

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