

CLARKE PARISH

Grace Episcopal Church / St. Mary's Memorial Church

THE EVANGELINE

August 4, 2021



FROM THE OFFICE

A Message from our Rector

Dear Friends:

Last Saturday night at the eleventh hour, I thought I would just check the COVID transmission rate in Clarke County after I knew from Caroline that we were in an area of "substantial" (orange) transmission last week and I communicated some tightening of our protocols in the Evangeline last week. When I checked, we had moved to "high" (red). As a result, I emailed the staff and got out a Facebook message stating that we would wear masks for all services on Sunday. Some of our nearby parishes closed down last Sunday because of positive COVID cases from the Sunday before. I do not want to have to close again so I want to take every precaution to avoid that if at all possible.

Therefore, we will continue to wear masks at all services - 8, 9 & 10:15 am until we start to see a downward trend again.

This may not be welcome news for everyone but we are trying to keep the church open and everyone safe. Please respect these protocols and please respect your brothers and sisters in Christ, because you love them.

Blessings,
Justin+



UPCOMING SERVICE SCHEDULE

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.

Because the historic Wickliffe Church property is without electricity, our Homecoming Service THIS SUNDAY (August 8th) WILL NOT be live-streamed...please plan to attend in person instead.

Our YouTube page:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTT0nfgs77DzKrl2qx38Cg>

Our Facebook page:

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

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost August 8, 2021

Wickliffe Homecoming Sunday & Parish Picnic!

11 am at Wickliffe Church

Morning Prayer

(from the 1789 Book of Common Prayer)

Celebrant: Rev. Justin A. Ivatts

Assistant: Caroline Mitchell

Lay Readers: John Lincoln & Gwendolyn Malone

Organist: Wendy Oesterling

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!

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[Click HERE - Lectionary Insert for August 8, 2021](#)

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Psalm 130; Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-45

The altar flowers at Wickliffe Church are given to the glory of God by the Smith family in memory of their descendants - Agnes, Elizabeth, Wellford, Louisa, Anne, Robert, and Mary Smith; Randy Hetzel; and Edward Prichard.

To volunteer a dish for the luncheon, please visit the online sign-up sheet posted on www.perfectpotluck.com
(user name = mcfillen / password 1610 / event name = 'Worship at Wickliffe' 2021)

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

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 15, 2021

8 am at Grace Episcopal Church

Holy Eucharist (Rite I)

Celebrant: Rev. Justin A. Ivatts

Assistant/Lay Reader: Caroline Mitchell

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

Assistant: Caroline Mitchell

Lay Reader: Kim Davis

Organist: Wendy Oesterling

Acolyte: Lily Bosworth

[Click HERE - Lectionary Insert for August 15, 2021](#)

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14 / Psalm 111 / Ephesians 5:15-20 / John 51-58

The altar flowers at Grace Church are given to the glory of God by Susie Bailey and Barbara Clagett in loving memory of their mother, Micheline Hardy Clagett.

CHURCH NEWS

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

[Church Calendar - Quick View!](#)



August 4 - **NO** Wednesday Morning Bible Study this week!
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 15 - St. Mary's ECW Meeting / 10 am in the Parish House
August 16 - GEC Vestry Meeting / 7 pm in the Conference Room
August 18 - **NO** Wednesday Morning Bible Study this week!
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 12 - St. Mary's ECW Meeting / 11 am in the Parish House
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 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.



Thoughtful Thursday!

Evening Prayer at Wickliffe Church
 Every Thursday in August!

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

Lay Reader / Acolyte Schedule

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

[CLICK HERE - 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 TO ALL: 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.

A NOTE TO OUR LAY READERS & ACOLYTES: **As we get ready to set the lay reader and acolyte schedule for September/October, please remember to reach out to Robin in the office and alert her of any upcoming vacations, plans, or unavailability that will prevent you from serving on a given Sunday. It helps to know your schedule when setting ours.**

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 - The Sacraments

Vestry News



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.

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](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

