

CLARKE PARISH

Grace Episcopal Church / St. Mary's Memorial Church

THE EVANGELINE

September 1, 2021



FROM THE OFFICE

COVID TRACKER
Clarke County, VA

Aug. 29, 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:

I am extremely fortunate to lead an amazing staff team here at Clarke Parish. I try to lead collaboratively, soliciting input in all decisions. However, one thing I don't normally do is take orders from my staff. However, this week was an exception. Last Tuesday I was sitting in a staff meeting going through the upcoming program year calendar with the staff when they pointed out that we have a couple of quiet weeks in September before everything really kicks up to high speed again. So, they said I needed to go see my mother. I was a little hesitant at first as I don't normally do things like that so last minute but I took 24 hours to think it over and decided to go.

I will be in England, leaving after services on Sunday, September 5th, and returning to Berryville on Friday, September 17th. During this time there is one Sunday, September 12th. Caroline Mitchell will be the preacher. The celebrant will be The Reverend Julie Harris, the retired rector of Trinity, Martinsburg, who is now worshipping with us at Grace. There will be no 8 am service that day, just 9:15 & 11:15 (no those times are not mistakes, read the notice on service time changes below). Julie will also serve as a deacon this week at all three services (our last week of the summer schedule) while Caroline is away.

the CDC website, and select Virginia and Clarke County.

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

Community Transmission
High
Cases - 25%
Positivity - 8.42%
Deaths - 0%
Eligible Population Fully
Vaccinated - 50.9%

Please direct any pastoral emergencies in my absence to Caroline Mitchell at 970-417-8417

During my two weeks away, Caroline Mitchell will also be writing this rector's reflection. It will be good practice for her and a fresh perspective for all of you.

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

The Rt. Rev Ted Gulick will be with us for Confirmation, Reception, and Re-affirmation 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 20th 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

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 5, 2021

8 am at Grace Episcopal Church

[Holy Eucharist \(Rite I\)](#)

Celebrant: Rev. Justin A. Ivatts

Assistant/Lay Reader: Rev. Julie Harris, ret.

9 am at St. Mary's Memorial Church

[Holy Eucharist \(Rite II\)](#)

Celebrant: Rev. Justin A. Ivatts

Assistant: Rev. Julie Harris, ret.

Lay Reader: Gwendolyn Malone

Pianist: Hailey Outland

10:15 am at Grace Episcopal Church

[Holy Eucharist \(Rite II\)](#)

Celebrant: Rev. Justin A. Ivatts

Assistant: Rev. Julie Harris, ret.

Lay Reader: John Lincoln

Organist: Marilyn Shenenberger

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

The altar flowers at Grace Church are given to the glory of God by Tim Shepherd in loving memory of his mother, Lena F. Shepherd, and his brother, Robert H. Shepherd.

The chancel flowers at Grace Church are given to the glory of God by Caroline Mitchell in memory of her friend, Jamie Turrentine, the Town Clerk in Lake City, Colorado to commemorate the anniversary of her death.

IMPORTANT NOTE

Schedule Changes for the New Program Year

As we kick off our new program year, we are initiating changes to the service schedule. The start of our 9 and 11 am services will be bumped back by 15 minutes to better allow our ministry team more time to travel between the two churches.

Beginning on Sunday, September 12, 2021

Clarke Parish will offer services at:

8 am - Grace Episcopal Church

9:15 am - St. Mary's Memorial Church

10:15 am - Adult Sunday School @ St. Mary's Parish House

11:15 am - Grace Episcopal Church

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 12, 2021

8 am - NO early service this day!

9:15 am at St. Mary's Memorial Church

Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

Celebrant: Rev Julie Harris, ret.

Seminarian: Caroline Mitchell

Lay Reader: Gwendolyn Malone

Pianist: Hailey Outland

11:15 am at Grace Episcopal Church

Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

Celebrant: Rev Julie Harris, ret.

Seminarian: Caroline Mitchell

Lay Readers: Kim Davis & Catherine Dougherty

Organist: Wendy Oesterling

Acolyte: Gray Jones

Usher: Ben Newlon (September)

[Click HERE - Lectionary Insert for September 12, 2021](#)

Proverbs 1:20-33; Psalm 19; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38

The altar flowers at Grace Church are given to the glory of God by Mary Margaret & David Herndon in honor of their daughter, Stella, who celebrates her 13th birthday this month (September 16th). Happy Birthday, Stella!

Virtual Worship

For those of you who still wish to join us virtually instead of attending in-person worship, the 11:15 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

RECENTLY UPDATED



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 \(w/ updates\)](#)

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!](#)



September 1 - **NO** Wednesday Morning Bible Study

September 6 - Parish Office CLOSED / Labor Day Holiday

September 8 - **NO** Wednesday Morning Bible Study

September 8 - 'Sacred Ground' - 6 pm in the McIntosh Chapel ([see below](#))

September 12 - ADULT Sunday School Classes RESUME / 10:15 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 15 - **NO** Wednesday Morning Bible Study

September 15 - 'Sacred Ground' - 6 pm in the McIntosh Chapel

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

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

September 21 - St. Mary's Vestry Meeting / 1 pm in the Parish House

September 22 - Wednesday Morning Bible Study RESUMES/ 10:30 am in the Conference Room. New Study Topic = *Heaven and Hell: A History of the Afterlife* ([see below](#))

September 22 - 'Sacred Ground' - 6 pm in the McIntosh Chapel

September 26 - SCHEDULE CHANGE - Service of Holy Eucharist/ 9:15 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.

September 8 - 'Sacred Ground' - 6 pm in the McIntosh Chapel

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 6 - 'Sacred Ground' - 6 pm in the McIntosh Chapel

October 13 - 'Sacred Ground' - 6 pm in the McIntosh Chapel

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 20 - 'Sacred Ground' - 6 pm in the McIntosh Chapel

October 24 - St. Mary's 114th 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 27 - 'Sacred Ground' - 6 pm in the McIntosh Chapel

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

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



■ *Please uphold in your prayers...*

Prayers for the Departed: We pray especially for LaWanda Harper and Nicole Kelley, beloved sisters of LaShonda Preston. LaWanda passed into paradise on Monday, August 30th, and Nicole on Saturday, August 28th. Please keep LaShonda and her family in your thoughts and prayers as they navigate through this difficult time. Notes of condolence can be sent to 525 South Church Street / Berryville, VA 22611.

O God whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of your servants, LaWanda and Nicole, and grant them an entrance onto the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

For those celebrating BIRTHDAYS in September: Anne Finley, English Koontz, Janet Lincoln, Mark Sipe, Stella Herndon, Kellie Ferguson, Frank Trumbower, Hillary Dunn, Karoline Seekford, Kim Schreckengost, and Rick Catlett.

For those celebrating ANNIVERSARIES in September: Lynette & Todd Carlisle (16

years), Emily Kinsey & Zach Vansice (12 years), Abby & Billy Sours (25 years), Walker & Bill Thomas (30 years), and Stacie & Allen Bryarly (13 years).

For those on our PRAYER LIST: David A., Robert C., Jacob F., Tim H., Elise K., Trey M., Nina O., Joyce R., Ann, Kendra, Robyn S., Rufus T., Randy W., and Ernestine Z.
*Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.
Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers.*

'Sacred Ground'

A Film-Based Dialogue on Race & Faith

You are cordially invited to join us for a series of conversations walking through important chapters of America's history of race and racism, while weaving in a thread of family stories, economic class and political and regional identity. We will focus on our long-term commitment, as the Episcopal Church, to racial healing, reconciliation, and justice in our personal lives, our ministries, and our society as part of the church initiative *Becoming Beloved Community*.

Gwen Malone and Wendy Oesterling will serve as facilitators. We will meet on **Wednesdays at 6:00 pm in the Grace Chapel, beginning September 8.**

Contact wendyandjimg@gmail.com to receive information.

Vestry News

Upcoming Meeting Schedule



The Vestry of Grace Episcopal Church is scheduled to meet in the Conference Room on **Monday, September 20th @ 7 pm.**

The Vestry of St. Mary's Memorial Church is scheduled to meet in the Parish House on **Tuesday, September 21st @ 1 pm.**

Vestry Members - please remember to contact the rector or church office if unavailable to attend the scheduled monthly meetings.

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 22th 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:

<https://www.amazon.com/Heaven-Hell-Afterlife-Bart-Ehrman/dp/1501136739>

Christian Education

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study

10:15 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** - Music in the Anglican Tradition - Music, that is, singing together, has been an important part of our worship since the early days of the Christian church. Have you wondered about **why** we sing, why we sing **what** we sing, **who** sings, and have other questions about music in worship? Wendy Oesterling will begin our discussions about Episcopal worship with a look at our music. Think about your favorite hymn and why it's your favorite. Join us **Sunday, Sept. 12, at 10:00 am** in the St. Mary's Parish House.
- **October 3** - An introduction to The Revised Common Lectionary
- **October 10** - An introduction to the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion
- **October 17** - An introduction to the Book of Common Prayer
- **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 11:15 am by the youth of Clarke Parish. Rogue Sunday will be immediately followed by our annual Spooktacular Halloween Party in the Parish Hall.

Volunteers Needed!

We need YOUR help moving a few heavy
filing cabinets from Winchester to
Berryville on Sunday, September 12th!

Wendy Oesterling, music director at Grace

Church, has some filing cabinets of music to move from their house in Winchester to the 'Gracement' (lower level of the GEC Parish Hall). With a couple of trucks and some strong arms, we could move them in one trip. If you are able to help on **Sunday afternoon, Sept. 12 after church**, please call/text Wendy and Jim at 540-539-7646. We will be very grateful for your help!



'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.

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.

Clarke Parish Backpack Program



The Backpack Program is gearing up for the new school year with our first delivery scheduled for Tuesday, September 14. Along with Duncan Methodist, Clarke Parish provides a bag of food each week for students whose family is food insecure to take home. This food provides a bridge from the free food provided during the week at school to the weekend. Each bag contains breakfast and lunch items, a quart of shelf-stable milk, and snacks.

The schedule of volunteer packers and purchasers is being developed so if you are interested in joining this ministry, please let us know. You can email Susan Catlett at slmcatlett@gmail.com or contact Robin in the office.

Packing responsibilities: Pack approximately 30 bags of food about every 6 weeks (the more the packers, the less the frequency) and have them ready by the Sunday before delivery (schedule will be provided).

Purchasing responsibilities: Purchase the item assigned in bulk 1 or 2 times per month, place in the pantry, and submit receipts to the church office for reimbursement.

Summer Happenings

- The Methodist Church packed and distributed bags this summer. Clarke Parish provided items from our pantry to assist. Participation (since the bags were not delivered this summer like in 2020) was not as strong. But...the effort was made. ☐☐
- Pantry items with nearing expiration dates were donated to FISH. They were VERY appreciative! ☐
- School counselors have been contacted and are assessing needs as students enroll. 😊
- Dave Borger has agreed to continue to deliver the bags each Tuesday. THANK YOU! ☐
- St. Mary's has agreed to continue to provide juice boxes for the program. YAY! 😊
- St. Luke's Baptist Church just donated a load of breakfast items and snacks as well as made a monetary donation. AWESOME! ♥
- Milk and peanut butter have been ordered. ☐
- A case of new grocery bags was donated by Martin's. ☐
- Margaret Burks continues to work on grant opportunities. ☐☐

Thank you to all of our volunteers and those that support this important program.

Susan Catlett
Coordinator



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

COMMUNITY NEWS


Music Together!

The Community Music School of the Piedmont

This fun 10-week class will be held in the 'Gracement' at Grace Episcopal Church.


Please spread the word or register your little person now.
Classes begin on Monday, September 13 @ 10 am!

**Music Classes for Children
from Birth – Kindergarten**




**Next 10 week session starts
Monday, September 13th at 10am**

**Grace Church
110 North Church Street
Berryville 22611**



Register for Class Today!



**Presented by:
The Community Music School of the Piedmont**

**To register or for more information:
(540) 592-3040
www.piedmontmusic.org
piedmontmusic@aol.com**

OUTREACH - How can you help with the ongoing refugee crisis?

As Christians, we are called to help! How can we respond to help alleviate some of the pressures off of the Afghanistan refugees who are being resettled in the US and are currently housed at the Dulles Expo Center, right in our own backyard?

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

Here are a few vetted options:

- For opportunities to volunteer, provide housing, or sponsor, visit:
<https://episcopalmigrationministries.org/volunteer-community-interest-form/>
- [International Rescue Committee - Afghanistan Emergency Donation](https://help.rescue.org/donate/us-charlottesville-va) in Charlottesville, Virginia at this link: <https://help.rescue.org/donate/us-charlottesville-va>
- You may welcome a refugee temporarily into your home and help them get settled in the community, register for schools, etc. through the AirBNB Open Homes Program @ www.airbnb.org

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