

# CLARKE PARISH

Grace Episcopal Church / St. Mary's Memorial Church

## THE EVANGELINE

September 8, 2021



## FROM THE OFFICE

COVID TRACKER  
Clarke County, VA

Sept 6, 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

### *Rector's Reflection*

This week marks the twenty-year anniversary of September 11<sup>th</sup>. Many of us will never forget where we were, what we saw, and what we heard that day. Some felt the loss firsthand of family, friends, and colleagues. That day brought out both the best and worst of our own humanity. Our own fear, horror, grief, and sadness created moments of heroism and moments of great insensitivity and discrimination.

For our youth, the only understanding of that day in this country's history is what we, as adults, share and how we frame the experience. I would ask that you take a moment to stop what you are doing this Saturday and remember. Pray for peace in our community and in the world.

September is a little different in our Sunday service schedule. This Sunday we are 9:15 am at St. Mary's and 11:15 am at Grace. The Reverend Julie Harris (Ret.) will be the celebrant for Holy Eucharist this week and I will provide the sermon while Justin is away enjoying time with his mother in England. Join us for adult education in-between services with Wendy providing us with a discussion about the hymnal and church music (10:15 in the Parish House @ St. Mary's). Justin will return next week for 'Mass in the Grass' and church family fun at the park.

Get out and enjoy this amazing "fall" weather!

the CDC website,  
and select Virginia  
and Clarke County.

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

Community Transmission  
**High**  
New Cases - 21  
Positivity - 4.57%  
Deaths - 0%  
Eligible Population Fully  
Vaccinated - 51.7%

Blessings,  
Caroline

### 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!

## UPCOMING SERVICE SCHEDULE

### 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 THIS SUNDAY, September 12, 2021**

Clarke Parish will offer services at:

**8 am - NO EARLY SERVICE FOR THE REMAINDER OF SEPTEMBER**

**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!

## 'Mass on the Grass' Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost September 19, 2021

8 am - **NO early service this day!**

9 am - **NO early service this day!**

10:30 am at Chet Hobert Park / Lion's Shelter

Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

Celebrant: Rev. Justin A. Ivatts

Seminarian: Caroline Mitchell

Lay Reader: Tara Flaten

Organist: Wendy Oesterling

Acolyte: Stella Herndon & Warren Maiberger

[Click HERE - Lectionary Insert for September 19, 2021](#)

Proverbs 31:10-31 / Psalm 1 / James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a / Mark 9:30-37

The altar flowers for today's service are given to the glory of God by Abby, Bill & Mitchell Sours in loving memory of Judy & John Sours and Tom Agner.

## Virtual Worship

For those of you still wishing 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. However, Live Stream will not be available on September 19 or 26th! These two special services (Mass on the Grass & Evensong Celebration) will be recorded and posted to our Youtube and Facebook Channel when available.

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



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 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** - Clarke Parish Trustees Meeting / 10:15 am in the Conference Room.

**September 26** - Choral Evensong & Reception / 5 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

## 'Sacred Ground'

A Film-Based Dialogue on Race & Faith

**BEGINNING TONIGHT - Sept. 8 @ 6 pm!**

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 for this 10-week program. We will meet weekly on **Wednesdays at 6:00 pm in the McIntosh Chapel at Grace Church beginning TONIGHT - September 8.**

**Everyone is welcome!**

Contact [wendyandjimg@gmail.com](mailto:wendyandjimg@gmail.com) to receive information.

## Christian Education

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study

10:15 am in the Parish House @ St. Mary's

**THIS 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 THIS SUNDAY, September 12<sup>th</sup> and every Sunday in October at 10:15 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 **THIS SUNDAY at 10:15 am** in the Parish House at St. Mary's.
- **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 THIS 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 **after church THIS SUNDAY** 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*

**When:** NEXT 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!

## **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!**

### **Wednesdays 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.

## **Choral Evensong & Reception**

### **in honor of Karen Keating**

### **Sunday, September 26th**

### **5 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 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 5:00 pm followed by a dinner reception. We have invited 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!

**Please RSVP to the office as soon as possible - your responses help us greatly in planning our dinner needs for Karen's party.**

Menu - An Italian Extravaganza (vegetarian options available too)

[Click HERE to RSVP for dinner](#)

**LAST CALL:** 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.



## Please uphold in your prayers...

**Prayers for the Departed:** We pray especially for Randy Williams, a member of St. Mary's Church and its choir, who passed into paradise earlier this week. Please keep Randy's family in your thoughts and prayers as they navigate through this difficult time.

*O God whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of your servant, Randy, and grant him 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 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., 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.*



## 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.

If you are interested in joining this ministry, please let us know. You can email Susan Catlett at [slmcatlett@gmail.com](mailto: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.*

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](http://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 help 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



Presented by:  
The Community Music School of the Piedmont



To register or for more information:

(540) 592-3040

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