

CLARKE PARISH

Grace Episcopal Church / St. Mary's Memorial Church

THE EVANGELINE

November 10, 2021



FROM THE OFFICE

COVID TRACKER
Clarke County, VA

Nov. 10, 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 the CDC website, and select

Reflections

From the Rector

Dear Friends:

This Sunday is 'Commitment Sunday' in the parish, a day known in some other churches by other names such as 'Ingathering Sunday.' This is the Sunday when we bless our pledge cards in all services and the associated commitment that they show to God's church. Pledging is a spiritual discipline, scripture tells us that we should give back to God. While it would be nice if everyone tithed, it is not required in the Episcopal Church. What we do ask is that you give what you can. As Kim Davis said in her Stewardship Minute on Sunday - "no amount is too small." Every little bit counts!

If you have already sent your pledge card in - thank you! If you have still yet to do that, please prayerfully consider a pledge to support the work of this parish. If you have never pledged but give, please consider converting to a pledge, it just means letting us know what you intend to give. If you do not give, please consider giving through a pledge - every little bit counts - even if it's \$50 a year. If you already pledge, please consider increasing your pledge.

Save yourself a stamp this Sunday and drop your pledge card in the plate at the offertory and it will be blessed when the offerings

Virginia and Clarke
County.
<https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>.

Community Transmission

High

New Cases - 17

Positivity - 5.45%

Deaths - 0

Eligible Population Fully

Vaccinated - 64.9%

come up. Please if you can get your pledge card in by this Sunday the vestries can begin to plan a budget for next year to support our programs and ministries. If you cannot get it to us by this Sunday, however, it is never too late so please still mail it back to us. Thank you in advance!

Blessings,
Justin+

Coffee with the Clergy:

Please join me on Monday afternoons at Cordial Coffee in Berryville from 2-4 pm. This time is meant for parishioners and community members alike to come down and share a cup of coffee/tea and some conversation with me. I hope to see you soon!

UPCOMING SERVICE SCHEDULE

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost November 14, 2021

8 am at Grace Episcopal Church

Holy Eucharist (Rite I)

Celebrant: The Rev. Justin A. Ivatts

Seminarian: Caroline Mitchell

Lay Reader: Melissa Casey

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

Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

Celebrant: The Rev. Justin A. Ivatts

Seminarian/Lay Reader: Caroline Mitchell

Pianist: Hailey Outland

11:15 at Grace Episcopal Church

Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

Celebrant: The Rev. Justin A. Ivatts

Seminarian: Caroline Mitchell

Lay Reader: Jon Campbell

Organist: Wendy Oesterling

Ushers: Kathy Campbell & LaShonda Preston (November)

[Click HERE - Lectionary Insert for Nov. 14, 2021](#)

1 Samuel 1:4-20 / 1 Samuel 2:1-10 / Hebrews 10:11-25 / Mark 13:1-8

*The altar flowers at Grace Church are given to the glory of God
by Caroline Mitchell in loving memory of her mother and grandmother.*

The Renewal of New Ministry & Welcoming of a New Rector

Saturday, November 20, 2021

3 pm at Grace Episcopal Church

Installation of Rev. Ivatts as Rector & Holy Eucharist

Celebrant: The Rev. Susan MacDonald

Dean of the Region & Rector of St. Paul's on the Hill

Rector: The Rev. Justin A. Ivatts

Sermon: The Rev. Edward O. Miller, Jr.

Retired Rector of St. John's, McLean

Seminarian: Caroline Mitchell

Lay Readers:

The Rev. Tyler Phillips, *Berryville Baptist Church*

The Rev. Delbert Pope, *St. Luke's Baptist Church*

The Rev. Jonathan Bunker, *Berryville Presbyterian Church*

Acolytes:

Lily Bosworth, Stella Herndon, Miles Ivatts, Gray Jones, Robyn Preston

NOTES -

- Since attendance numbers are limited (150 people), please see the article below to access the pre-registration portal.
- A reception will immediately follow the Celebration of New Ministry on the green space outside the parish hall. Committee Chairs for the reception are Sarah Dunn and Tara Flaten. They humbly ask for your assistance with food donations for the party. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Narthex at Grace Church OR you may call either of them to offer your help (*Sarah 540.327.0057 / Tara 304.995.3431*)

The Last Sunday after Pentecost

November 21, 2021

8 am at Grace Episcopal Church

<NO SERVICE>

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

Morning Prayer (Rite II)

Officiant: Caroline Mitchell

Lay Reader: Gwendolyn Malone

Pianist: Hailey Outland

11:15 at Grace Episcopal Church

<NO SERVICE>

[Click HERE - Lectionary Insert for Nov. 21, 2021](#)

2 Samuel 23:1-7 / Psalm 132 / Revelation 1:4b-8 / John 18:33-37

The altar flowers at Grace Church are given to the glory of God

by Mary Margaret & David Herndon in honor of their daughter,
Mary McKenzie Herndon, who celebrates her 19th birthday this month.

NOTE -

Christian Education Classes **WILL NOT** meet this day (youth and adult)



Community Thanksgiving Service

Tuesday, November 21, 2021

7 pm at Grace Episcopal Church

A special service based upon the Episcopal Church's
Order of Evening Prayer will be offered by members of the
Clarke County Ministerial Association.

This is a community service and OPEN to all!
The wearing of masks will be mandatory for all regardless of age, vaccination
status, and posted COVID tracking numbers for that week.

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.

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>

CHURCH NEWS

Always stay up-to-date with events and activities

Church Calendar – Quick View!



November 10 - 'Sacred Ground' - 6 pm in the McIntosh Chapel / Final Class

November 14 - Stewardship Commitment Sunday during all worship service

November 15 - GEC Vestry Meeting / 7 pm in the Conference Room

November 20 - Celebration of New Ministry for Rev. Justin A. Ivatts installation as
Rector of Clarke Parish / 3 pm at Grace Church. Pre-registration is required([see below](#))

November 21 - Service Schedule Change - only a 9:15 am service at St. Mary's will
be offered this day

November 21 - NO Christian Education Classes - Youth and Adult!

November 23 - Community Thanksgiving Service / 7 pm at Grace Church

November 24-26 - Office CLOSED! Thanksgiving Holiday

November 27 - Evening Taize Services BEGIN / 5 pm in the McIntosh Chapel

November 28 - Blessing & Dedication of new altar hangings / a beautiful new set of custom-made blue altar hangings will be dedicated for use at Grace Church during the 11:15 am service. These hangings are given to the glory of God in memory of past parishioners, Ann Robertson Heard and Carle F. Germelman, Jr.

REGISTER NOW!

The Renewal of Ministry and Welcoming of a New Rector Saturday, November 20th from 3 to 5 pm @ GEC

Please join us on Saturday, November 20th from 3-5 pm for a very special service as we finally get to come together to celebrate Rev. Justin A. Ivatts and his call to serve as the rector of Clarke Parish.

Due to COVID concerns, we are capping attendance at 150 people inside the church AND asking everyone to pre-register for this special service. We will be processing to St. Mary's at one point during the celebration, but we do not expect everyone to process if they choose not to. As space inside St. Mary's is extremely limited, guests can stand outside and listen during this short portion of the ceremony.

If we run over the 150 person cap, we will have overflow seating available with a live-stream feed viewable in the McIntosh Chapel in the Parish Hall building.

Please sign up using the link below ASAP to secure your seat.

[CLICK HERE TO RSVP!](#)

TAIZE in Advent!

Saturday Evenings beginning on November 27th



During the Season of Advent, Clarke Parish will offer special Saturday evening Taize services for our church family and the community. Everyone is welcome!

These services will begin at 5 pm in the McIntosh Chapel at GEC every Saturday in Advent - Nov. 27, Dec. 4, Dec. 11 and Dec. 18.

What is Taize? Taize is an ecumenical type of worship that originated in 1940 in the small village of Taize, which lies in the southern part of Burgundy, France, by a monk named Roger Louis Shutz-Marsauche. The practice has spread worldwide since it is non-denominational and seeks to unite all forms of Christianity. A candlelit, contemplative service highlighted by repetitive prayers and music, and periods of silence, Taize allows attendees the opportunity to be in peaceful prayer and unity with God and their own spirituality. "According to the official Taize Community, the repetitive songs allow people to continue to pray the songs in their heads even after the service is over. This keeps prayer going all day long in the followers' minds and hearts."



Lay Reader & Acolyte Schedule

November & December 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 for the remainder of the year.

[Click HERE - November & December 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.

The Backpack Program Holiday Food Drive



The Backpack Ministry is in full swing for the 21-22 school year. Clarke Parish is currently packing 36 bags each week that are distributed to two schools in Clarke County. Our volunteers are absolutely awesome as they are always reliable and extremely generous in so many ways.

We are getting geared up for our holiday packing and can use your help. When you are out shopping, consider adding any of the following items to your grocery list and dropping it off in the donation box in the Parish Hall.

- Canned Pasta (spaghettios, ravioli, etc.)
- Canned Chili/Stew
- Vienna Sausage
- Tuna
- Ramen Noodles
- Fruit Cups/Bags

As always, many thanks for your support.

Susan Catlett, Coordinator

CLARKE COUNTY HOLIDAY GIFT PROGRAM

Community Outreach

Please help us spread holiday cheer throughout our community!



Clarke Parish has again partnered with our local Dept. of Social Services agency to help community members in need this holiday season. We have 'adopted' a bunch of people from the 'Angel Tree' who are in need of some extra love and assistance right now.

We need your help - In these difficult and uncertain times, the demand for assistance is greater than usual. Let's come together as a parish to lend a hand

and help our neighbors!

If you would like to sponsor a family or individual (11 adults / 8 children) this holiday season, please contact Robin in the church office at 540.955.1610 OR amzgrace@verizon.net. We have requests from children, teens, adults, and the elderly - wherever your heart lies, we can match you with an appreciative recipient. Will you lend a hand? Still facing the challenges of COVID in our lives, the majority of our adult and elderly adoptees would prefer gift cards to local retailers instead of specific items. Walmart, Martins Grocery, the Dollar General Store, and Amazon gift cards seem to be the overwhelming favorites. That's pretty easy, right? The children too like gift cards, but they also have specific 'wish list' items like coloring books, lego sets, jigsaw puzzles, pop-its, arts & craft supplies, etc...

I'd like to encourage our readers (congregants and friends) to please consider supporting this important program. Your help can be as simple as buying gift card(s) and sending them in the office OR simply making a monetary contribution and we'll do the shopping.

With Heartfelt Blessings -

Robin McFillen, Parish Administrator & Director of Christian Education / Youth Activities

NOTE - Our gift offerings **MUST** be returned to the Dept. of Social Services no later than December 10th! We'll use the office as a collection site.

All 'Angel Tree' recipient information will be kept confidential. No names will be released.

HOLIDAY CONCERT

The Piedmont Singers Present

"Christmas in Our Hearts"

Saturday, December 4 @ 7 pm - Grace Church, The Plains

Sunday, December 5 @ 4 pm - Grace Church, Berryville

Many of our "regular" holiday activities and practices were turned upside down by the pandemic, leaving big holes in our hearts. For many of us, Christmas does not seem like Christmas at all without beautiful live Christmas music.

This was surely the case for **The Piedmont Singers**, the musical outreach ministry that came to Grace Church in early 2020. At Christmas 2020, The Piedmont Singers were silent, along with choirs around the world, celebrating Christmas in their hearts.

The Piedmont Singers began as a "musical outreach ministry" at Emmanuel Church in Middleburg with singers from churches across our region presenting Handel's *Messiah* in December 1999. Since then, the choir has gained a reputation for presenting the finest in sacred choral music from many periods and genres for Christmas and during Holy Week. Today The Piedmont Singers are at home and serve as a music ministry at both Grace Church in Berryville and Grace Church in The Plains. We are delighted to be surrounded by Grace!

Christmas 2021 brings The Piedmont Singers back to live concerts with **Christmas In Our Hearts**, presenting "musical comfort food" at Grace Church in The Plains on Saturday, Dec. 4, at 7:00 pm, and at Grace Church in Berryville on Sunday, Dec. 5,

at 4:00 pm. The concerts are open to the public and free of charge. Donations will be gratefully accepted. Masks are required.

We look forward to sharing wonderful music to fill all our hearts with beautiful images of the Christ-child coming to earth, including "Christ Is the Morning Star" by John Rutter. We hope you can join us!

Wendy O.



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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