

CLARKE PARISH

Grace Episcopal Church / St. Mary's Memorial Church



NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

COVID TRACKER Clarke County, VA

Jan. 5, 2022
RED ALERT

Community
Transmission
High

New Cases
117

Case Rate per
100K
800.33

Positivity
34.4%

Fully
Vaccinated
63.6%

January 7, 2022

Dear Friends:

In light of current events regarding COVID and the staggering number of positive cases within our country, community, and our church, we made the following difficult decisions at a virtual staff meeting held earlier this week:

- **Worship will move to Zoom from the rectory for the next TWO Sundays (1/9 & 1/16).** We will use the Morning Prayer service that we used at the beginning of the pandemic.
- The service will begin at 10:15 am
- **We will offer a weekly Taize Service via Zoom every Tuesday at 7 pm starting next Tuesday for the remainder of January (1/11, 1/18 & 1/25).**
- **We will also offer a weekly Thoughtful Thursday service via Zoom each week at 7 pm starting next week for the remainder of January (1/13, 1/20 & 1/27).** Caroline Mitchell will lead this weekly offering.
- **Christian Education (Youth & Adult) - Sunday School will not take place in person for the remainder of the month.**
- **Confirmation Students will move back to the Zoom platform for virtual classes.**
- **The office will reopen next week.** However, parishioners should exercise discretion on visiting the office - please consider whether your needs can be met over the phone.
- **All weekday activities will remain canceled thru January** (i.e. Wednesday Morning Bible Study, Coffee with Clergy, ECW, etc).

As you can see, we are taking all necessary precautions to keep our church community safe and healthy, and we've come up with some creative ways, whatever form that may take, to continue the worship of our Lord and Savior. We apologize for the disruption and inconvenience but bear with us as we navigate through this period. Better days are ahead!

Blessings,
Justin+, Caroline, Robin, Wendy, and Bette

UPCOMING SERVICE SCHEDULE

January 2022

Sunday, January 9

Virtual Worship - Live from the Rectory

Service of Morning Prayer

10:15 am via Zoom

Officiant - Rev. Justin Ivatts

Lay Reader - Dr. Caroline Mitchell

PDF Worship Bulletin - Full Text = [CLICK HERE!](#)

Lectionary Insert for 1/9/22 = [CLICK HERE!](#)

Zoom Link for Morning Prayer:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87625621631?
pwd=aVVwRCS3YngzTU56RnIxUm12NVROdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87625621631?pwd=aVVwRCS3YngzTU56RnIxUm12NVROdz09)

Tuesday, January 11

Virtual Worship

Taize

7 pm via Zoom

Officiant - Rev. Justin Ivatts

Zoom Link for Taize:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88483106553?pwd=OXNqVVJaRXFBWnNxTkhnZFUxMkICZz09>

Thursday, January 13

Virtual Worship

Thoughtful Thursday

Officiant - Dr. Caroline Mitchell

PDF Worship Bulletin - Full Text = [CLICK HERE!](#)

Zoom Link for Thoughtful Thursday:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85058190921?
pwd=aGtJWExZeFFBL2d5cEhRQXBncXd0UT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85058190921?pwd=aGtJWExZeFFBL2d5cEhRQXBncXd0UT09)

Sunday, January 16

Virtual Worship - Live from the Rectory

Service of Morning Prayer

10:15 am via Zoom

Officiant - Rev. Justin Ivatts

Lay Reader - Wendy Oesterling

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Zoom Link for Morning Prayer:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87625621631?
pwd=aVVwRCS3YngzTU56RnIxUm12NVROdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87625621631?pwd=aVVwRCS3YngzTU56RnIxUm12NVROdz09)

CHURCH NEWS

Christian Education

Confirmation Class (youth):

Classes will resume this Sunday as planned, although in a virtual format instead of in-person. For the remainder of the month, we will meet together via Zoom each Sunday beginning at 11:30 am.

Zoom Link for Confirmation Class:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85435481516?pwd=Q1dXRzA3NFQ4L0FKSHYwUXIEc0VOdz09>
Meeting ID = 8543548 1516 / Passcode = 880116

Sunday School (little ones):

Sunday school Classes WILL NOT meet for the remainder of the month. Please look for fun stories, activities and coloring pages that will be sent to the parents inbox.

Sunday School (adult):

Sunday School classes WILL NOT meet for the remainder of the month. The adult unit focusing on Mary Magdalene will be postponed until we can safely regather.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study:

Classes WILL NOT meet for the remainder of the month.



Volunteers Needed

Clarke Parish is scheduled to host WATTS (Winchester Area Temporary Thermal Shelter) on Wednesday, January 26 at the First United Methodist Church on Braddock Street in Winchester. We are responsible for providing dinner, snacks, and a breakfast for the clients.

Nadine P. is again coordinating the event for us and she needs about 10 volunteers to help. If interested, please reach out to Nadine directly at (617) 966-3437

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