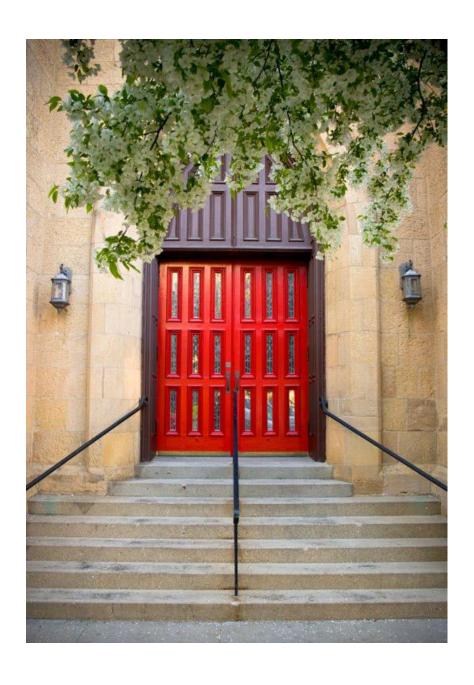
GRACE GUIDE

THE GUIDE TO ALL THINGS GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH





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Welcome to Grace

We welcome you to Grace Episcopal Church and hope you will feel at home as soon as you enter our doors. Our mission:

- To share the love of Jesus Christ in worship and service
- To provide a welcoming place where Anglican tradition can engage the contemporary world
- To extend ourselves through outreach to our neighbors and the global community

We invite you to become involved in our worship and ministry opportunities. Please don't hesitate to contact a member of our clergy or staff with any questions about life or worship at Grace. We hope this guide will be a useful resource for you as you seek opportunities to deepen your faith and serve others in the name of Christ.

 The Rev. Dr. D. Jonathan Grieser, Rector Grace Episcopal Church

The Church on the Capitol Square

On Saturday, July 28, 1838, the Rt. Rev. Jackson Kemper, Missionary Bishop of the Northwest, with two traveling companions arrived in Madison, Wisconsin. With more mosquitoes than houses, this "city of four lakes" was on the verge of becoming the capital of the Territory and was ripe for the "immediate labors of a missionary."

What began with services in a roughly built storefront quickly resulted in the construction of a small chapel and in September 1855, one year before the city of Madison was granted a charter, the ground was broken on the West Washington corner of the Capitol Square for a gothic sandstone structure to be named Grace Episcopal Church.

On Sunday, February 14, 1858, worshipers gathered for the first time in the newly built place of worship. Over the years, many of the most prominent families in Madison and Wisconsin have called Grace home and Presidents Grover Cleveland and Harry Truman worshiped here. The deep faith of those early generations has left a legacy of commitment to Jesus Christ and to the community that is symbolized in works of art like the Baptistery Window designed by Louis Comfort Tiffany and our long tradition of outreach in the community and the world.





By the time American artist Georgia O'Keeffe was baptized here on August 31, 1888, Grace was a well-established parish. Today Grace is home to congregants from all religious backgrounds who have found a spiritual home in The Episcopal Church and this historic place of worship.

Want to explore Grace Church?

Tours of the church and Cornelia Vilas Guild Hall are available by appointment. Please call (608) 255-5147 to schedule.

New to the Episcopal Church?

Depending upon your religious upbringing, your first visit to an Episcopal church may feel similar to your past experiences (Lutheran, Catholic) or quite different. Whatever your spiritual journey that brought you to Grace, please do not worry about getting everything "right" or understanding the rituals of the Episcopal Church immediately. We simply hope you will feel God's presence here at Grace and, with time, come to find meaning in the rituals of the Anglican Church.

What to expect

At Grace, like many Episcopal churches, we worship with all of our senses. You'll experience the sacred architecture, the music of choir and organ, the sun streaming through stained glass windows, and the richness of the liturgy of the Book of Common Prayer, our guide to worship.

Upon entering the Church

The time before the beginning of worship is reserved for quiet contemplation, a time to prepare our hearts. As you sit in contemplation, you may find yourself listening to the organ prelude and settling into prayer. As we make our way to our seats, our custom is to bow to the High Altar when crossing the main aisle. Many Episcopalians reverence the Sacrament reserved near the altar by genuflecting (bending the right knee) on entering a pew. Some of us may also genuflect when leaving a pew to receive Communion.

During Worship

Worship in an Episcopal Church is aided by two main books: The Book of Common Prayer and The Hymnal 1982. The Book of Common Prayer is a treasure chest full of devotional and teaching resources for individuals and congregations, but it is also the primary symbol of our unity. We, who are many and diverse, come together in Christ through our worship, our common prayer. It guides our prayers, our responses, and our liturgy. The Hymnal 1982 is our source for hymnody during our Rite II worship service. Here you will find the songs we will sing together for the Processional Hymn, Gospel Hymn, Offertory Hymn, Communion

Common Episcopal terms you may hear while at Grace:

WITHIN THE BUILDING

Nave The body of the church where the congregation assembles.

Chancel The raised area at the front of the nave which contains the sanctuary and the choir.

Altar A table of stone or wood where the Holy Communion is consecrated.

Sanctuary The area around an altar or portion behind the altar rail.

Sacristy The room in the church where the vestments, sacred vessels, and altar pieces are kept.

Chapel A sanctuary or altar separate from the main house of worship.

Undercroft The area under the church.

PEOPLE OF THE CHURCH

Ministers The people of the parish called to live out their baptismal vows.

Rector The priest in charge of a parish.

Lector A public reader of Scripture.

Sexton One who takes care of the church building and property.

Vestry The governing body of the parish.

ACTIVITIES

Formation –The process of continually learning and exploring our faith (Christian Education).

Hymn, and Processional Hymn (Some churches may call this last hymn a "recessional" hymn, as the congregation is recessing, or leaving, out of the church. We prefer to call it a second processional hymn as we hope it reminds us of our call to process out into the world carrying the love of Christ and desire to serve with us.)

The liturgy, as found in the service bulletin for the day, is celebrated by all, not just the priest. We stand for hymns, many prayers, and as the offering is brought forward. We kneel for confession, for private prayer, and during the prayer of consecration. We sit for the reading of Scripture and the sermon, but stand for the reading of the Gospel, turning during the singing of the Gospel Hymn to face the center of the nave as the Gospel procession carries the Gospel into the midst of the congregation.

During worship, you may also notice congregants making the sign of the cross. This is a reminder that we are marked as Christ's own and share God's life. The sign is made by touching the forehead, chest, left shoulder, then right shoulder. It can be made at any point, usually at the beginning and end of worship, at the absolution of our sings, and when we are blessed.

Receiving Communion

All baptized Christians are invited to make their Communion at Grace. During Communion, you will make your way to the front of the nave, kneeling on the padded kneelers, and place your hands (right hand over left) upon the rail to receive the Bread. The Bread will be placed in your hand. Carry the Bread to your lips with both hands. In receiving the Chalice, it is helpful to guide it by holding the base. If you prefer not to receive, you may come forward to the altar rail, crossing your arms on your chest to indicate your desire for a blessing.

During Communion at the 10 a.m. service, members of the Healing Prayer Team are available in the chapel for personal prayers for healing, guidance, and/or thanksgiving. The Chapel can be found through the side doors at the upper right of the nave.

If you are unable to come forward during Communion, please ask an usher to assist in bringing Communion to you in the pew.

What to call the Clergy

Clergy in the Episcopal Church are Priests. In many Dioceses or parishes, they are called "Father" or "Mother"; however, some Episcopalians find they are not comfortable with this language, so titles may vary from church to church, person to person. At Grace, our current Rector, Jonathan Grieser, prefers to be called "Jonathan" in casual conversation and "The Rev. Dr. D. Jonathan Grieser" in formal writing.

Comfortable Participation

You will notice during worship there are many different ways people choose to participate. All at once you may see people standing, while others are kneeling, and some may be sitting. In the end, we want you to feel comfortable and welcomed at Grace. If you have any questions about the Episcopal Church, life or worship at Grace, the clergy and friendly congregants you will meet after worship or during fellowship time are always glad to try and answer them. Please don't hesitate to ask.

How do I get to know Grace?

Attend a worship service

Sunday

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Nursery care is available for infants through age 4 at 9:45 a.m. every Sunday morning. After the 10 a.m. service, childcare is available during coffee hour in the reception area. Please see an usher for guidance.

Wednesday

12:10 p.m. Mid-day Eucharist

Rite I is a simple, contemplative service using traditional language.

Rite II incorporates contemporary language, music, and the singing of hymns.

Communion (Holy Eucharist) in the Episcopal Church is open to all baptized Christians, regardless of denominational affiliation.

Attend a fellowship hour

Coffee hour occurs every Sunday following the 10 a.m. worship service in the Guild Hall. It's a time for a cup of coffee and a bite to eat while catching up with one another.

Stay for Youth or Adult Formation

Youth Formation

11:30 a.m. on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays of the month, September 10th through May 20th

Students in grades 5 through 9 will meet the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays of the month after the 10 am service, during coffee hour. This class will meet in room 304 in the west wing while our church is under construction. Additional fun activities and volunteer opportunities are planned throughout the school year. Interested in Middle School Formation? Contact Pat Werk.

Children's Church

10:00 a.m. on Sundays, September 10th through May 20th

Ages 5 through 4th grade are invited to meet for Children's Church during the first half (the Liturgy of the Word). The Children's Church classroom is located in the west wing in room 304. At announcement time, the children come upstairs to participate in Communion (the Liturgy of the Table) with their families. Want to learn more about Children's Church? Contact Pat Werk, Christian Formation Director.

ADULT FORUM

On select Sundays after coffee hour, adult formation classes are offered. Check the online church calendar for this season's dates and programs. Topics vary from month to month and may include guest speakers, field trips, lecture or discussion-style formats. Have a topic you think might be interesting for Adult Formation? Contact Deacon Carol Smith: 608.230.6888, csmith@carthage.edu.

Join a Newcomer's Class

Newcomer's classes are offered two times a year, typically in the Fall and Spring. They last for several weeks, meeting during coffee hour fellowship time. Please speak with the Rector, Jonathan Grieser, if you are interested in taking part in exploring the Episcopal Church and Grace through this class: (608) 255-5147, togracechurchrector@gmail.com

Subscribe to our bi-weekly e-publications

For an active congregation and community, e-mail provides a wonderful way to stay in-touch with events, opportunities to serve, and each other. On every-other Friday, we send out our "GraceNotes" publication. This is a snapshot of current and upcoming events in the life of the church. You can subscribe and unsubscribe at any time by e-mailing the church office: togracechurch@gmail.com. Hard copies of the Friday e-news as well as our service bulletins are also available. Please contact the church office if you would like news mailed to your home.

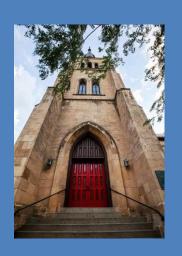
Visit our website: www.gracechurchmadison.org

Schedule an outing with the Rector

From a cup of coffee on the Capitol Square to dinner with your family, Rector Jonathan Grieser is always available to meet. Whether you have joys to share, concerns to lift up, or are simply looking to learn more about life at Grace, the Episcopal Church, or the Madison area, e-mail Jonathan at togracechurchrector@gmail.com.

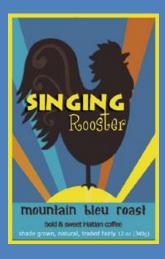
Take a tour

Grace, like many historic structures which have been added on to over the years, can be a difficult place to navigate at first. Contact the church office to set up a time to explore the building and learn the stories behind its architectural features: togracechurch@gmail.com. Weekly tours are also offered on Tuesdays. Enter through the glass doors at the back of the courtyard. Turn left into the reception office lobby. Please arrive promptly at 1:00 p.m.









Ministry Groups

(Ministry Groups Contacts List on page 13.)

OUTREACH

First Monday Meals

The first Monday of every month volunteers gather in the Guild Hall to prepare a meal for the men staying in the Porchlight Men's Shelter (and any additional hungry visitors who might find their way here). Guests are seated and served a home-style meal and dessert. Musical groupsfrom bluegrass to classical-provide live music for the evening.

Shelter Breakfast

The Tuesday following the first Monday of the month, Grace volunteers gather at 5 a.m. to prepare a pancake and sausage breakfast for the men staying in the Porchlight Shelter. An average of 100 people are served before 7 a.m.

Haiti Project

The Haiti Project is an Outreach Ministry of the Episcopal Dioceses of Milwaukee sponsoring the community of Jeannette, Haiti, with funding and supplies for its school, medical center, church, and village. One way we help raise money for this project is through the use and sale of Singing Rooster Coffee during our weekly coffee hours. Opportunities are available to sell Singing Rooster Coffee and gather school supplies, medical supplies, personal care items, or infant items, as well as help with organizing a mission trip to Jeannette.

United Thank Offering (UTO)

UTO is a personal way to give daily thanks to God. In thanksgiving participants collect monies in their UTO boxes from home to support grants awarded through the Episcopal Church for projects all over the world. Collections are compiled annually at UTO Ingatherings held during worship. Boxes and additional information can be found at the back of the Nave.

Lay Eucharistic Visitors

Lay visitors (non-clergy) take Holy Communion to members unable to attend church regularly.

Episcopal Church Women (ECW)

ECW includes all women of the Episcopal Church. This long-standing guild of Grace sponsors programs and opportunities for Episcopal women in their ministries within the parish and on a diocesan, provincial, and national level. Oversees Grace Estate Sales, church community-building, and fundraising initiatives. Each year the ECW distributes funds to a variety of programs--from domestic abuse prevention to scholarships--throughout Dane County and globally.

Welcoming Committee

Welcoming Committee members gather together to find ways to make newcomers to Grace feel engaged and comfortable. The majority of their efforts center on development of the "welcome bags" found on the table at the rear of the nave. Volunteers are currently being sought to develop and carry out a multi-step welcoming process.

Grace Food Pantry

The Grace Church Food Pantry has been a welcoming place for the hungry on the Capitol Square for over thirty years. Although housed at Grace Church, the pantry has its own budget and relies on federal and state funding and donations from community members to fill the shelves with food week after week.

Volunteers and one paid part-time staff member/registered dietitian make sure the over 300 families each month have access to the food, diapers, and toiletry items they need. New in 2013, the Grace Food Pantry will also offer classes for pantry guests designed to help them find creative ways to eat healthy and meet their nutritional needs with the foods they receive from Grace. Contact Vikki Enright, Food Pantry Coordinator, to learn more.



Pantry Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. to Noon

1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month (for Spanish-speakers)

Personal Essentials Pantry

1st and 3rd Saturday of each month: 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Volunteers and donations of funds, food, and personal care items are always needed. Please visit the Food Pantry page of the Grace Church website for the latest needs: www.gracechurchmadison.org.



PARISH LIFE

Grace Book Group

Open to all! Members may bring friends or visitors. Meets monthly in members' homes for social hour and literary discussion. Books chosen by the group reflect a wide variety of themes: religious or church issues, history, the lives of those who have shaped our world, and current events. Formats include non-fiction, biographies, best sellers, classics, plays and poetry.

Young Adults

An informal social and service group for Grace's young adults (ages 18-35, married or single, students or professionals). This group provides the opportunity to get to know more about one another and the church.

Foyers

Whether you've been at Grace a few weeks or a few decades, Foyers provides an easy and comfortable way to get to know a small group of parishioners. Each Foyer



is a group of six to eight men or women made up from a cross-section of the parish. Each member of the group takes a turn hosting a simple meal either in their home or at a local restaurant, for two hours or less, with casual conversation.

Rector's Guild

Meets for conviviality, getting to know each other better, and robust support of Grace Church and Episcopal Church Women projects. Meetings are held once a month in one another's homes and consist of a brief business meeting, and interesting program, and an informal sandwich and salad lunch. While most meetings are light-hearted and fun, it is often in these meeting that the church's most significant projects are germinated and encouraged. Men and women are encouraged to join.

Grace Gardeners

One of the most lovely spaces of Grace are our outdoor gardens. The Grace Gardeners make things bloom and grow through planting, mulching, and weeding. They also gather together to get to know other gardening fans in the church and to learn about gardening through sharing tips, challenges, and exchanging plants.

Buildings and Grounds

This group of men and women assume the responsibilities involved in caring for the routine maintenance and repair concerns of the buildings and grounds of Grace Church as well as develop and implement proposals for capital improvements. Individual members often provide skill and labor between meetings.

Grace Archivists

A small group of Grace members care for the historical records and artifacts of Grace. While much work



has been done to catalog the collection, there is still work to do in discovering ways to highlight and share this fascinating record of Madison's earliest Episcopal congregation. Those with a background in archival work or museum studies are encouraged to set up a time to view the collection.

Chancel Choir

The Chancel Choir provides music for the 10 a.m. Sunday Eucharist, holidays, and other services. The choir includes singers from grade 9 through adult and rehearses on Thursdays from 7:15 to 8:45 p.m. and Sunday mornings, September through May.

Interested singers with some experience in choral music are welcome to audition.

Pastoral Care Committee

The charge of this committee is to connect those in need of prayers and spiritual counseling to the resources they need throughout life's many celebrations and sorrows. Made up of both laity and clergy, the members of the Pastoral Care Circle serve as resources for a variety of life's happenings.

Grace Presents Task Force

This music-loving group coordinates the Grace Presents Concerts Series. The free, all-ages Grace Presents concerts are held on Saturdays throughout the year and feature a wide variety of musical genres. Assisted by the part-time Grace Presents Coordinator, the task force meets monthly to plan concerts, publicity, fundraising, and logistics for the series.

Compassion Circle

The Compassion Circle is designed to assist clergy and bereaved families at the time of church funerals and memorial services. They set up and serve at any requested receptions in the Grace Guild Hall, undertaking these Christian responsibilities as a "labor of love" for those who need assistance at a time of grieving and readjustment.

WORSHIP MINISTRIES

Sunday morning services at Grace are made possible by a diverse team of volunteers: some read scriptures, some offer healing prayers, while others greet visitors or prepare the elements for the Holy Eucharist. New volunteers are always welcome to join a worship team.

Acolytes

Young people (grades 5 through high school) and adults take
part in Sunday worship through tasks such as lighting of the candles, carrying of the crucifix, and



assistance with the Holy Eucharist. Teams are set up to serve the same Sunday every month (1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th) with volunteers signing up to serve in months with a 5th Sunday.

Altar Guild

St. Margaret's Altar Guild is a service guild devoted to the care of altar vessels, utensils, vestments, flowers, and other pieces essential to worship at Grace. Guild members sign up to serve with a team of three to four people, choosing the dates they are available to serve. Teams usually meet on Saturday mornings to prepare for Sunday worship.

Healing Prayer Team

Members of the Healing Prayer Team are available every Sunday in the chapel during 10 a.m. communion to offer prayers for those who request them. Two people each Sunday sign up to serve.

Usher's Guild

Ushers play an important role in greeting incoming parishioners and visitors to the 10 a.m. Sunday services. They hand out bulletins, take up the collection, direct communicants to the altar rail during the Eucharist, and keep a general lookout for anyone who might need assistance. Ushers are scheduled on teams of four which rotate throughout the year.

Service Ministers

Service Ministers volunteer to assist with four different aspects of worship:

- Lay Readers two readers are assigned for the 10 a.m. service one for each scripture reading
- Eucharistic Ministers three people are assigned each week to assist with the Holy Eucharist
- Prayers of the People one person is assigned to lift up the morning's responsive prayers



 Tellers - two members of the vestry, or former members, are assigned to count the offering after the 10 a.m. service

Service Ministers are scheduled through the church office using an online Doodle survey. Ministers receive the survey at the end of every month, selecting the dates they would be available to serve. Office staff use the survey results to put together what is called a ROTA Schedule which outlines all the worship teams in a monthly glance. As with all

volunteers, the process is a flexible one with substitutes on deck to serve in case schedules change.

While a majority of our service ministers serve at the 10 a.m. service, the 8 a.m. service also requires one person to serve as acolyte/lector/Eucharistic minister as well as a second Eucharistic minister each week.

Ministry Groups Contact List

Group	Contact	Email	Phone (608)
Acolytes	Matthew Pollock	redcoat1645@hotmail.com	233-9334
Altar Flowers	Linda Savage	lindajeanwsavage@gmail.com	238-9870
Altar Guild	Lynn Felhofer	felhofer.lynn@gmail.com	262-707-9626
Book Group	Kathy Harker	kathyha1@aol.com	203-554-4986
Building & Grounds	Stan Richardson	stanr1935@gmail.com	829-3986
Chancel Choir	Berkley Guse	berkley.guse@gmail.com	831-7724
Christian Formation	Pat Werk	togracechurchformation@gmail.com	255-5147
Compassion Circle	Jane Henning	shennin2@wisc.edu	238-4089
Episcopal Church Women	Francine Hartman	fmhartman@icloud.com	241-3039
	Jane Ferris	ferris.jane.m@gmail.com	257-1428
Estate Sales	Susan Kies	susankies@earthlink.net	767-7670
First Monday Meal	Lisa Delany	ladelany@yahoo.com	216-6673
Foyers	Chere Gibson	ccgibson@wisc.edu	824-0303
Grace Archivists	Frank Cook	jfcook@facstaff.wisc.edu	238-6974
Grace Food Pantry	Vikki Enright	togracechurchpantry@gmail.com	255-5147
Grace Gardeners	Greg Rodgers	gregorydrodgers@gmail.com	847-826-0245
Grace Presents Task Force	Yanzel Rivera-Otero	togracepresents@gmail.com	255-5147
Haiti Project	Susan Webster	susan.webster@gmail.com	347-2163
Healing Prayer Group	Margaret Irwin	mirwin@tds.net	833-0843
	Kara Pagano	baronesspagano@gmail.com	424-9015
Lay Eucharistic Ministers	Carol Smith	csmith@carthage.edu	230-6888
Pastoral Care Circle	Carol Smith	csmith@carthage.edu	230-6888
Rector's Guild	Lynn Morgan	lbbaby61@gmail.com	833-0229
Service Ministers	Andrew Boland	togracechurchvolunteer@gmail.com	255-5147
United Thank Offering	Joyce Pollock	joyce_pollock@hotmail.com	233-9334
Ushers	Jon Augspurger	jonaugs@gmail.com	218-9297
Welcoming Committee	Linda Savage	lindajeanwsavage@gmail.com	238-9870

Clergy & Staff Contact List

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CHURCH RECEPTION HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Fridays: 9 a.m. to Noon

Appointments with clergy and staff may be individually scheduled outside of these hours.

RECEPTIONISTS	9 a.m. to Noon	Noon to 3 p.m.
Monday	Jane Henning	Gay Huenink
Tuesday	Pat Pollock	Paul Quinn
Wednesday	JoAnn Sarow	Zoe Richardson
Thursday	Judy Rose	Ruth Sanderson
Friday	Stan Henning	

CLERGY & MINISTERS

Rector	Jonathan Grieser	togracechurchrector@gmail.com	695-3887
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STAFF

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Wedding Coordinator	Pat Werk	patwerk@gmail.com	213-7558	
Grace Presents	Yanzel Rivera-Otero	togracepresents@gmail.com	255-5147	
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Kitchen Assistant	Gretel Irving	gmirving@yahoo.com		
Kitchen Assistant	Nathan Nelson-Smit	h nathansmith0@gmail.com		

Other Church Extensions for 255-5147:

Reception desk: 10 Choir Room: 14 Sacristy: 26 Pantry: 18

How to find Grace ★

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116 West Washington Ave. Website: gracechurchmadison.org
Madison, WI 53703 Email: togracechurch@gmail.com

DOWNTOWN CITY-OPERATED PARKING



Parking

Metered parking can be found in the blocks surrounding Grace. There are also several parking ramps within walking distance. We do offer vouchers for the Overture Center Garage .

If you park in this ramp on Sunday mornings, please see an usher during the worship service to pick up a parking voucher.

Accessible Entrance

An accessible entrance to the nave of Grace Church is located through the double set of glass doors in the West Washington Avenue courtyard. Once through the doors and in the inner hall,

enter the single glass door on the right. You are now in the elevator foyer. To enter the church from the elevator, choose option"4R Church Sanctuary, Sacristy."

When you are in need...

Of prayer or spiritual counseling

Please contact the Pastoral Care Circle through Deacon Carol Smith: (608) 230-6888.

Of a meal

There are many places in downtown Madison where one can find a free meal nearly every day of the week. Please visit the Grace Church reception office during office hours (Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., or Fridays, 9 a.m. to Noon) and ask the receptionist for a "Downtown Resources" guide.

Of food, diapers, or personal care items

Visit the Grace Church Food Pantry (Hours on page 9). Please bring a form of photo identification (driver's license or identification card) for each member of your household and some form of identification (birth certificates, social security cards) for any children. Volunteers will help you fill out the required paperwork and walk you through the process. The entrance to the pantry is located through the West Washington Avenue courtyard. Enter through the set of steps on your left. An accessible entrance is located through the double set of glass doors on the left at the rear of the courtyard.

Of support for alcohol addiction

Grace is host to two Alcoholics Anonymous groups:

<u>Closed/Non-smoking:</u> Mondays through Fridays, Noon. Enter through the courtyard doors, turn left into the reception area, and follow the signs to the second floor "A.A. Room".

<u>Open/Non-smoking:</u> Saturdays, 6 to 7 p.m. Enter through the courtyard doors, turn left into the reception area, and follow the signs to the third floor library.

Open Meetings are open to alcoholics and non-alcoholics. Attendance at an open A.A. meeting is the best way to learn what A.A. is, what it does, and what it does not do. Closed meetings are conducted just as open meeting are, but are for alcoholics or prospective A.A. members only.

Of an emergency place to stay

For Men

Porchlight provides temporary emergency shelter to single men at its Drop-In Shelter and two overflow shelters. Guests receive two hot meals per day, personal grooming supplies, laundry facilities, and counseling services. Intake for all three shelters is at Grace Episcopal Church.

Shelter Hours:

- April through October: 7:30 p.m. to 7:30 am. Intake is from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.
- November through March: 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 a.m.

 Anyone needing to enter the shelter after 10:30 p.m. will have to have received prior approval by calling shelter staff at (608) 255-2960.

There is a 60 night limit for Drop-In Shelter use per person, per year. A cold weather exemption will go into effect for nights that are 20 degrees or less, with wind chill.

Anyone who is clearly under the influence of alcohol or other drugs will not be allowed into the shelter.

For Women & Families with Children

The YWCA provides emergency shelter for up to 90 days to homeless families with children. One floor of their downtown housing location features private shelter rooms and a shared kitchen. A YWCA social worker supports each family to help them find housing and to prevent future episodes of homelessness. If you need shelter, please contact the Salvation Army at (608) 256-2321.

Of long-term housing:

The Porchlight Dwelling Intervention Grants & Sustenance Program (DIGS) is located at Hospitality House, 1490 Martin Street in Madison. Call (608) 252-8522 on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m. to make an appointment with the DIGS Coordinator.

The YMCA of Madison also offers programs for women and families:

YWCA Madison

Downtown Location 101 E. Mifflin Street, Suite 100 Madison, WI 53703

Empowerment Center 3101 Latham Drive Madison, WI 53713

Phone: (608) 257-1436 Fax: (608) 257-1439

Other Resources:

The Beacon

615 E Washington Ave Madison, WI 53703 (608) 826-8109 Open 7 days a week from 8am - 5pm

The Road Home

(608) 294-7998 128 E. Olin Ave., Ste 202 Madison, WI 53713 Temporary overnight lodging, meals, and other assistance to homeless families with children.

Housing Initiatives

(608) 277-8330 1110 Ruskin St., Madison Housing resources for homeless people with mental health issues.

Domestic Abuse Intervention Services (DAIS)

(608) 251-4445 or 1-800-747-4045 Emergency shelter for domestic abuse victims and their children.