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Class of 2016	Class of 2017	Class of 2018
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Bill Eckel	Jennifer Long	Jan Wolff
Bill Malone	Judy Willard	
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November 13, 2016

Please Pray for

Parishioners.....Mary, Michael, Jimmy, Joyce, Lisa, Michael, Dick, Martha, Renata, Liz, Nate, Beth, Easter, Thomas, Frank, Bette, Yessica, Jack, Sherrie

Family and friends..... Tina, Carol, Matthew, Sherrel, Pepper, Jack, Cecilia, Tom, Jeanne, Spencer, Ella, Lori, Jennifer, Margaret, Joan, Rob, Richard, Denise, the Pasowitz family, John, Gayle, Bruce, Steve, Patty, Bobby, Caitlin, Bibsy, Wally and his family, Tina, Jack, Megan, Dottie, Lavonia, John, Ann, Scott, Larry, Sue, Nate, Cynthia, Jack, Sarah, Dominic, Maureen, Josie, Eileen, Meredith, Atelia, Yvonne, Kimberly, Sheila, Maria, Kathy, Jim, Jack, Bud, Max, Bill, Ella, Shannon, Chris, Neal, Kayla

Requiescat in PaceJoy Gifillan, Jodi Doyle, Capt. Andrew D. Byers, Sgt. 1st Class Ryan A. Gloyer, Staff Sgt. Matthew C. Lewellen, Staff Sgt. Kevin J. McEnroe, Staff Sgt. James F. Moriarty and all those killed in acts of terror and the wars around the world.

Those serving in Afghanistan or Iraq and all others at risk, including Lit and Mary Carol Tazewell, Alex Ford, Andy Lopez, Eric and Karen Coulson, and Claire Eudy. Pray for healing for US troops wounded as casualties of war and their caregivers.

Others who are overseas serving the Church or our nation, or studying, including Maggie Eckel, Andrew Boyd and Audra Kreger, the Scudi family, Mike and Kim Bomberger, Chris, Maggie and Eddy Corlett, Virginia Robinson, the Pattarini Family, Evan and Kim Cannell

Those travelling: Gary, Anne

Those in assisted living: Shirley, Jorge, Joan, Cheryl, Clare, Tom, Fr. Jack, Kathleen

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain (E-P to the Archbishop of Canterbury) and the Rt Revd Carlos López-Lozano.

In the Diocese of Virginia: Emmanuel, Alexandria; St. Clement's, Alexandria; Emmanuel, Harrisonburg; Grace (Cismont), Keswick; St. Anne's, Scottsville; Holy Cross, Batesville.

In the parish: Chris Rugaber, Vestry chair of the **Stewardship Program**; the annual pledge campaign; and the volunteers who serve as counters.

Those with November birthdays

- 13. Jim Peck
- 15. Ashley Alvarenga, Derin Baird, Jennifer Eckel, Meredith Green, Jeff McQuilkin, Anna Tilton
- 16. Christopher Hayden, Douglas Prince
- 17. Denise Bean, Joanne Lukens, Richard Thompson
- 18. Mickey Craven, Jonathan Lorentz
- 19. Joyce Gillum, Brett Mellish, Grace Pattarini

Welcome to Grace Church!

Today, we celebrate the Holy Eucharist at 7:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.; Choral Eucharists at 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. and a Santa Eucharistia in the auditorium at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, Nov 13

- 8:30 a.m. Library open (8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) and during the week when the church is open
- 8:45 a.m. Childcare for children 6 weeks through 2 years (until 12:30 p.m.) — Nursery
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, see classroom assignment sheets
Inquirers Class — St. Mark Room
Adult Forum — St. John Room
- 6:00 p.m. Community of Hope International — St. John Room

Monday, Nov 14

- 6:30 a.m. Strength and Flexibility — Auditorium
- 1:00 p.m. Food Pantry (until 3:00 p.m.)
- 6:30 p.m. Education for Ministry — St. John Room

Tuesday, Nov. 15

**Consecration of Samuel Seabury,
First American Bishop, 1784 (tr.)**

- 10:00 a.m. Church Staff Meeting — St. Mark Room
- 1:00 p.m. Food Pantry open (until 3:00 p.m.)
- 4:15 p.m. Boys and Girls Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing — Lady Altar
- 7:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting — Auditorium

Wednesday, Nov. 16

Margaret, Queen of Scotland, 1093

- 7:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist — Lady Altar
- 4:45 p.m. Yoga
- 6:00 p.m. AA Thanksgiving Dinner — Auditorium
- 7:00 p.m. AA District 1 — St. Luke Room
- 7:30 p.m. Divinity on Tap — VTS Café 1832
- 8:00 p.m. AA and Al-Anon — St. Luke Room and Auditorium

Thursday, Nov. 17

Elizabeth, Princess of Hungary, 1231 (tr.)

- 12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist — Lady Altar
- 4:15 p.m. Boys and Girls Choir Rehearsal
- 6:45 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, Nov. 18

- 9:00 a.m. GES Chapel
- 8:30 p.m. AA — Auditorium

Saturday, Nov. 19

- 9:00 a.m. Altar Guild — Sacristy and Nave
- 2:00 p.m. Grief Support Group (until 4:00 p.m.) — Library

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Worship Notes

Flowers on the Altar

The flowers on the Altar today are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for our many blessings by Paul and Lisa Bellantoni.

Adult Forum: Final Hymn Series Forum – St. John Room

Our hymnal tells the story of two thousand years of Christian history. Today we complete our series on how some of our oldest hymns reflect the Christian communities of their day. We will explore the wording and then sing. Each day is independent, so you don't need to have come before. The theme for this today is Hymns 1200-1700: Personalizing Salvation. Historical reflection by Dr. Anne Clift Boris, piano accompaniment by Susan Merritt.

Inquirer's Class

The Inquirer's Class, today is led by Father Malm. This week's topic is "The Gospels." The class meets today in the St. Mark Room.

Christmas Pageant Informational Meeting

The Christmas Pageant is quickly approaching and Jenni Faires is looking for volunteers! Anyone willing to help out in this special production, please contact Jenni at jenni.faires@gracealex.org. An informational meeting for planning purposes will be today at 11:15 in the St. Mark Room. All who would like to volunteer are encouraged to attend!

Invitation to Serve

The Vestry is seeking candidates to begin serving in January 2017. We are electing five members for three-year terms, two members for two-year terms, and two members for one-year terms. Vestry candidates must be confirmed members, in good standing, who are "known to the Treasurer." If you are interested or if you know someone to suggest as a nominee, please contact a member of the senior class (Bill Eckel, Jeff Chiow, Easter Thompson, Lina Dobbs, or Bill Malone).

Stewardship Reflection

Our mission statement calls us to be a center for worship and fellowship; a school for discipleship and stewardship; and a community for healing and outreach. A new program at Grace will help us live into that third pillar of our mission. In October, 15 parishioners started a new program at Grace to enhance our pastoral care program. The mission of this new ministry is to create a community of lay volunteer care givers united in prayer, shaped by Benedictine spirituality, and equipped for and serving in pastoral care ministries.

This Week

From the Library

Mere Morality-What God Expects from Ordinary People, Seven Spiritual Laws of Success, Spiritual Journey, The Spirituality of Imperfection and Blessing-The Art and the Practice are some of the books on display this month.

Next Week

Adult Forum: "Scripture in the Book of Common Prayer" with Jason Roberson in the St. John Room

Have you ever wondered exactly where much of the language in the *Book of Common Prayer* comes from? (Hint: the Bible!) This fall, join seminarian Jason Roberson on Sundays at 10:15 as we explore the use of Scripture in several rites of the *Book of Common Prayer*: Holy Eucharist, Holy Baptism, Marriage, Morning and Evening Prayer, and the Burial of the Dead. This series will help you to see, understand, and appreciate the *Book of Common Prayer* in a new way!

UTO Ingathering, November 20

The 127-year old United Thank Offering In-Gathering will take place at Grace Church on November 20, 2016. Last year, Grace Church sent \$1,585.11 for UTO Grants and the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society. Funding from UTO has helped to create a senior community center in Louisiana, a career training program in Haiti, and wellness facilities in low-income areas. Please be generous as the need is great. Envelopes and boxes are available in the Nave and the foyer.

Upcoming Events

Inter-generational Advent Forum

Be sure to save the date of November 27 at 10:15 for a morning of congregational fun! Usher in the beginning of the Advent season with kids of all ages. We will have the makings for Advent wreaths available and crafts galore. Reserve your wreath kit by signing up online at <http://bit.ly/2eLF4LF> or on one of the many posters located around the building. Kits are \$15 and payments can be paid through PayPal, check or cash.

Thanksgiving at Grace

All are welcome. We will gather in Merrow Hall at 1 p.m., and eat at 3 p.m. The turkey will be provided, and I would like folks to bring a side dish (last names A-M) or dessert (last names N-Z). Please ask folks to RSVP to me (bill.eckel@gracealex.org).

Annual Photo Sale, November 27

The Annual Photo Sale will occur on the First Sunday in Advent in the entryway to Merrow Hall. It's a great opportunity to purchase that special gift for a family member!! All proceeds go into the parish's general fund.

Help at Grace and Beyond

Hosts Needed for Two VTS Students over the Christmas Holiday

Virginia Theological Seminary (VTS) is blessed to have students from a variety of international locations on campus most every year (Australia, Dominican Republic, Lebanon, Malawi, Tanzania to name a few.) One of the many ways that our international students share with the surrounding community is through Christmas holiday homestays. During the Christmas break those students who do not have plans to visit family or friends in their home countries or in the U.S. are hosted by local parishioners. This year we are requesting assistance from local individuals or families in hosting a student for just two to three days including Christmas Eve and Christmas Day if possible. If you are interested in this opportunity or have questions, please contact Hartley Wensing at hwensing@vts.edu or at 703-461-1735.

It's time for Thanksgiving Baskets! Bring Next Sunday!

Thanksgiving is around the corner and we need your help! This year the Outreach Committee is once again teaming up with our La Gracia congregation for Thanksgiving to help those in need right here in our community. Please feel free to sponsor more than one family, if you usually buy lots of food for the Thanksgiving families. The cost per family is estimated at \$100 to \$120 which includes a \$50 grocery store gift card. Look for the sign-up board in the lobby by the parking lot. If you have any questions or would like to help deliver the baskets, please contact Rosy Ortiz at rosy.ortiz@gracealex.org.

IT'S SCARY! The Food Pantry bonus shelves are almost bare. Here's what's needed this week to re-stock: Non-perishable Soups & Stews; Hot Cereals (oatmeal, grits, farina); Canned Tuna, Ham or Corned Beef. Non-Food items needed: Dish Soap; Laundry Soap; Bath Soap & Shampoo; Disposable Diapers. Want your very own FREE Food Pantry Tote Bag? It's yours to take to your favorite grocery store! Just fill it up and bring it back to the Food Pantry. The tote is yours to keep and it's an easy way to keep our shelves well-stocked. Contact Khacki Berry or Judy Willard. Thank You!

St. Clement Christmas Tree and Wreath Sale

The Church of Saint Clement (1701 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria) will be selling Christmas Trees and Wreaths throughout Advent. The trees and wreaths are set to arrive from North Carolina on Saturday, November 26 and sales will begin as quickly as they can unload the truck. Wreaths come in two sizes and the trees are priced at \$10 a foot with the proceeds going to St. Clement and its many outreach programs. They will be open Fridays 5:30-7:30, Saturdays, 10-7:00 and Sundays 12:00-7:00 while supplies last.