

Grace Notes

Newsletter of Grace Episcopal Church, Alexandria, Virginia

Rector's Reflections

Summer

The longest day of the year, when we will experience almost 15 hours of sunlight (assuming it's a clear day) is Wednesday, June 20. This is the traditional start to summer.

At Grace Church summer begins on Sunday, June 10, when we change from the two Sunday morning choral Eucharists (9:00 and 11:15 am) to one at 10:00 am; and, also when we "recess" from our Christian Education classes until September. We mark this change with Youth Sunday at 10:00 am, followed by our annual parish picnic.

I'm sure many of us have made plans for vacations, travel, time away from school and work, summer camps and other ways to enjoy the warm days and easier pace of life.

Our parish will celebrate the work of our retiring Music Director, Thom Robertson, on June 3 at both 9:00 and 11:15 am. We will miss Thom and his gifts. Hopefully in June, we will call his successor.

On June 3, we will also celebrate the ministry of three new Deacons in the Church: Jo Belser and David Crosby from Grace Church, and Elizabeth Locher, our former Seminarian.

I hope the summer season gives us all a chance for relaxation, recreation and renewal. Cantic 1 in *The Book of Common Prayer* reminds us that all creation is a blessing from the Lord. Certainly the summer opens God's creation to us at home and away; at the beach and in the mountains; in moments of solitude and within communities of friends and family. So let us "*bless ye the Lord.*"

*Grace, peace and love,
The Rev. Robert H. Malm*

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Worship Schedule

Sundays

Holy Eucharist Rite I7:30 am
Child Care 8:45 am – 12:45 pm
La Santa Eucaristia9:00 am
Choral Eucharist Rite II 9:00 am
Christian Ed classes..... 10:15 am
Choral Eucharist Rite I..... 11:15 am
Holy Eucharist Rite II 5:00 pm

Sundays beginning June 10

Holy Eucharist Rite I7:30 am
Child Care9:45 am – 11:45 am
La Santa Eucaristia9:00 am
Choral Eucharist* 10:00 am
Holy Eucharist Rite II 5:00 pm

Weekdays

Tuesdays, Rite II with healing ... 6:30 pm
Wednesdays, Rite I7:00 am
Thursdays* 12:15 pm

*alternates between Rite I and Rite II

Grace Church is:

A center for worship and fellowship

A school for discipleship and stewardship

A community for healing and outreach

About Grace Notes

Grace Notes is published 10 times a year by Grace Episcopal Church, Alexandria, Virginia – monthly except for combined July/August and December/January issues. The deadline for submitting copy is midnight on the 15th of the preceding month.

The next *Grace Notes* deadline is June 15 for the July/August issue. Articles should be submitted by e-mail to grace.notes@gracealex.org. All articles are subject to editing.

Grace Church's newsletter team includes Amy Barron, Gary Carter, Kristine Hesse, June Huber, Heather Hurley, Lee Meeks, Sarah Schultz and Beth Wiggers.

Missionary Service in Tanzania for Ben and Elizabeth Locher



For the next year, we are going to serve abroad as missionaries to central Tanzania, in East Africa. We will be serving together at Msalato Theological College in Dodoma, Tanzania. Ben will administer the computer system for the school and instruct students in computer use. Elizabeth will be teaching classes in Church History, Theology and Scripture to students preparing for ordination. We are thrilled to be able to help train both lay and ordained leaders for the Church in Tanzania, and to strengthen bonds of friendship across the Anglican Communion. In addition to our work at the seminary we expect to serve the surrounding community in various ways. The Diocese of Central Tanganyika, where we will be serving, is short of clergy, so we expect to be sent out to assist local parishes on Sundays and join in the formation of new clergy during the week.

We would love for you to follow us on our travels! Throughout our journey we will be keeping an online blog of our experiences at www.oneholyname.com. Please visit our site to learn more about our mission and the community we will be serving. And please keep us in your prayers!

We also ask you to prayerfully consider partnering with us by contributing toward this mission. In order to support ourselves without burdening the local community, we need to raise \$20,000 for our year-long stay. If you feel called to assist us as we raise funds to support our mission, please feel free to call us (847-226-9374) or visit our donation page at www.oneholyname.com. Thank you for all your prayers and support!

Ben and Elizabeth Locher

Join the Bible Challenge!

Bishop Shannon Johnston is challenging us to enter into a thoughtful and intentional practice of reading the Bible—every day—to completion, in one year starting on Pentecost Sunday, May 27. To get started, visit www.thediocese.net/BibleChallenge. You'll find a sign-up link and an introduction to the Challenge; a link to the daily readings; the collected reflections on the readings; resources for individuals and parishes; and a link to the diocesan Facebook page, where you can interact with other participants.

Newly Called Assistant to the Rector: Leslie Nuñez Steffensen

May 11, 2012

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Grace Church,

I am very pleased and excited to tell you about our newly called Assistant to the Rector. Leslie Nuñez Steffensen has accepted my call to join our staff on Sunday, July 1. Leslie will be ordained Deacon on Saturday, June 2, at St. Andrew's Burke, with several other candidates, including Jo Belser, David Crosby and Elizabeth Locher.

Our search committee screened and interviewed several candidates, and unanimously recommended Leslie to me. Both the Personnel Committee and the Vestry affirmed this call. Leslie will be part of the Virginia Theological Seminary graduating class on Ascension Day, May 17.

She graduated from Johns Hopkins in 1988 with a BA in International Studies. Leslie went to Officer Candidate School and served four years as a Naval Intelligence Officer. She and her husband Kirk settled in Springfield, VA and live there with their three children, ages 18, 16 and 14. They have been very active at St. Andrew's in Burke, and the parish sponsored her for ordination.

Leslie spent a year with her family in Tanzania, where she served as a Dean and Instructor at Msalato Theological College. She speaks some Swahili and is proficient in Spanish. Leslie served this past school year as a Seminarian at St. Clement's in Alexandria.

At Grace her work will include being the primary pastoral leader for worship and support of our La Gracia parishioners; working closely with our outreach, mission and young adult program leadership; assisting our pastoral care ministries including Stephen Ministers. Leslie will share in our Sunday and daily worship rotations and be available as a full-time member of the staff. We expect she'll be ordained Priest later in the year.

We look forward to welcoming Leslie to Grace Church this summer. Our parish has a wonderful tradition of helping young clergy grow into the fullness of ministry. Leslie will bring many new gifts to us, and we will share our wonderful gifts as a parish church with her.



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From The Parish Library

On Sunday, June 3, the Second Annual Book Give-Away will be held. Come to Merrow Hall Auditorium beginning at 8:30 am to choose your summer reading material. These books are no longer needed in the library. The first 50 kids and adults to arrive receive a free religious-themed key chain. See you there!

Wendy Cummings

We Want You!

...to be included in our new Pictorial Directory. Make a photo appointment at www.gracealex.org (under NEWS ROOM). Future scheduled photo dates are June 21, 22 and 23 (filled) and July 10. We will add more dates if these get filled. If you "don't do computers" or have special needs, call June Huber at 571-329-0607 and she will take care of you.

Thank You!

Hello all at Grace and La Gracia,

We truly get all caught up in our busy lives at times, but when it comes to La Gracia and Grace, we really know how to come together and lend a hand or two. We have truly felt the love and support in the time that we have been coming to La Gracia/Grace and we are very grateful to be a part of all this blessing.

La Quinceañera was a great example of how closely we all work together. We can honestly say that we feel like family here. Thanks so much for all your help and availability to share this special day with us. I was so busy that day and so nervous; your support really helped me through.

Thanks to Father Andrew, Lucy-Lee, Pedro, Betty, Nuria, Pilar, Sara, Zoila, Sandra, Lina and so many other wonderful people whom we consider sisters and brothers in Christ. The Quinceañera is a memory that Helen and Mariah will have for the rest of their lives. In fact, I think I'll quote Betty who said, "It joined the religious and the social sides of life into one really marvelous day." Remember—traditions are sometimes adopted. It's a matter of living with Jesus Christ in your heart and in your life. I will gladly help any of you with anything you might ever need. I'm just an email away. Thanks so much and God Bless.



Rosy Ortiz

Congratulations Matt Madigan and Crew!

Coach Matt Madigan and his crew of Sarah Trowbridge and Margot Shumway earned a spot to race at the Olympics in the women's double sculls by finishing first at the Olympic Qualification Regatta in Lucerne, Switzerland on May 22. Congrats to Matt and his crew. And congrats to Katie and their three sons, Joey, Michael and Peter, for supporting Matt's coaching!



La Gracia Festival de Salud

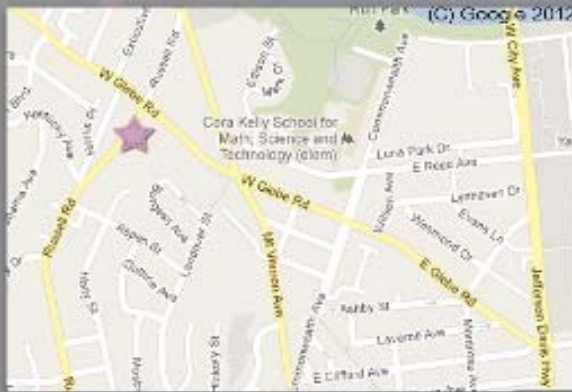
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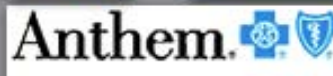
- El programa de WIC de la Ciudad de Alexandria
- Exámenes de la presión de la sangre, de vista, del SIDA
- Nutrición alimental para su familia
- Ejercicio y salud física para usted y su familia
- Servicios sociales de agencias de salud

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Graceful Worship: "We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church"

We say these words every time we recite the Nicene Creed. If you're like me, you probably don't think about it most of the time—you just say it. But a couple of Sundays ago I started wondering about why we say it, and what it really means. I thought I understood "holy." But what is the "one Church" when there are so many? How can I call myself "catholic"? And what makes us an "apostolic Church"?

I found out that the words "one holy catholic and apostolic" are called by Roman Catholics the "Four Marks of the Church." Jesus established one Church, not a collection of different churches. (We did that to ourselves.) In His letter to the Ephesians 5:23, Paul says that, "Christ is the head of the church, the body of which he is the Savior." Being "one" isn't a loose collection of parts; it's an organic whole. Jesus Christ is the head, and we are the voice, heart, hands and feet. His Church is meant to have a unity of belief described by Paul in his letter to the Philippians 1:27, "Live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that...I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel."

The most common definition of the word "holy" is "sacred." By His grace, Jesus makes the Church holy, just as He is holy. "Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, in order to make her holy by cleansing her with the washing of water by the word, so as to present the church to himself in splendor...so that she may be holy and without blemish." (Ephesians 5:25-27) Does this mean that all of the individual members of the Church are holy and without blemish? Not at all. The Church isn't a rest home for saints; rather, it's an active community for sinners who are seeking God's forgiveness and the opportunity to love, support and work for each other.

The term "catholic" (from the Greek *katholikos*) means "universal" and was first used in reference to the Church by St. Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch in 107 AD, in his Letter to the Church in Smyrna: "Wherever the bishop appears, there let the people be; as wherever Jesus Christ is, there is the Catholic Church." When Ignatius used the word, he used it as if it were already in common use to describe the ecclesiastical nature of the church. Aside from this, the Church is "catholic" because the same Gospel is preached everywhere. For over 2000 years the Church has carried out this mission, preaching the good news that Christ died for all of us and that He wants us to be members of his universal family. "There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 3:28) In the sense of indicating historical continuity of faith and practice, the term "Catholics" is sometimes used to contrast with "Protestants," who tend to look solely to the Bible as interpreted on the principles of the 16th-century Protestant Reformation as their ultimate standard. (Anglicans involved in the Oxford Movement, also known as Anglo-Catholics, used it this way.)

The Church that Jesus founded is "apostolic" because He appointed the apostles to be the first leaders of the Church, and their successors were to be its future leaders. The apostles were the first bishops and, since the first century, there has been an unbroken line of bishops handing on what the apostles taught the first Christians. Paul writes, "What you have heard from me through many witnesses, entrust to faithful people who will be able to teach others as well." (2 Timothy 2:2) Episcopal "apostolic succession" is transmitted during "Episcopal consecrations" (the ordination of bishops) by the laying on of hands of bishops previously consecrated within the apostolic succession. This "legitimizes" the ministry of its clergy, because only a bishop within the succession can perform legitimate or valid ordinations. In addition, only bishops, and priests who are ordained by bishops in the apostolic succession, can validly celebrate several of the other sacraments, such as the Eucharist. And just how does the Episcopal Church claim apostolic succession? When Henry VIII broke away from the jurisdiction of Rome, the Anglican Church retained the apostolic succession inherent in its Catholic past. After the United States gained independence, and when the clergy of Connecticut elected Samuel Seabury as their bishop in 1783, he sought consecration in England. The Oath of Supremacy prevented Seabury's consecration in England, so he went to Scotland, where the Scottish bishops (who had not sworn the Oath) consecrated him in 1784, making him the first Anglican bishop appointed to minister outside the British Isles. In 1787, two priests—William White of Pennsylvania and Samuel Provoost of New York—were consecrated as bishops by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Archbishop of York, and the Bishop of Bath and Wells, because legal obstacles had been removed by the passage of the Consecration of Bishops Abroad Act in 1786. So there are two branches of apostolic succession for American bishops.

-June Huber

On Stewardship

Titling—The Heart of the Matter: Part II of a Tract by Bishop Francis Gray, Former Assistant Bishop of Virginia

Stewardship and Creation

*For the Lord is a great God;
And a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the corners of the earth;
And the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his for he made it,
And his hands have molded the dry land.*

—Psalm 95

Stewardship must be seen first in terms of creation. God made all things, holds all things in being at all moments in time, and God will call for the return of all things. We are the caretakers of matter, which belongs to God. The paper on which I write, the pen I use, the money I spend, the children who live with my wife and me, all come from God, belong to God, and return to God. I need to be very careful with the use of the possessive pronoun. All things, all people, and indeed, the air we breathe are on loan from God.

I am a steward of the air I breathe, and of the space I occupy on this planet. Therefore, my judicious use of the resources at my disposal is the act of a caretaker. The molecules of air I breathe will continue to be recycled and rearranged long after I am dead. I have not created a speck of air: all of it has been loaned to me. I am a steward, and God is the giver of all that I have....

Note: *Parts III-IV* of the Tract by Bishop Gray will follow in later issues of Grace Notes.

*Jean Reed
Non-Vestry Stewardship Coordinator*

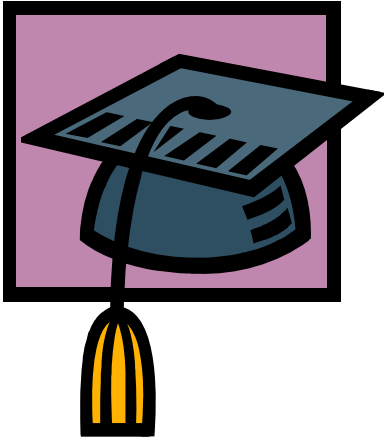
A note from the Junior Warden Concerning "Overflow" Parking

For many years, through a cooperative agreement with the owner of the Foodway supermarket on W. Glebe Road, we have been allowed to park in their lot when there are not enough spaces in our lot, on Sundays, Christmas, Easter and for other special events. You may have noticed some gates were recently installed on the two entrances closest to Russell Road. After speaking with the landlord, we learned that the gates were installed to keep out large semi tractor-trailer trucks and buses that had been parking in the lot and ruining the pavement. The landlord has assured me that we are still welcome to park in the lot, and that if the gates are closed when we arrive, we can enter the lot through the two ungated entrances at the eastern end of the lot.

Amy Barron



College Graduations



Meghan Ames completed her Master's coursework in Health Studies and Dietetics Internship in December and passed her boards in March. Meghan received her Master of Science in Public Health from Johns Hopkins University in May and is working as a research dietitian at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore. Meghan is the daughter of **Joyce and Nat Ames**.

Laura Bellantoni graduated in May with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Christopher Newport University in Newport News, VA. She is the daughter of **Lisa and Paul Bellantoni**.

Jo Belser and David Crosby, Grace's postulants for Holy Orders, received their Master of Divinity degrees from Virginia Theological Seminary in May. They will be ordained to the Diaconate on Saturday, June 2 at 10:30 am, at St. Andrew's, Burke.

Jack Blunden graduated this spring with a degree in Marine Transportation from SUNY Merchant Marine College in New York. He is hoping to take a course in Houston on dynamic positioning so he can deploy and sail oil rigs, cable lines and other activities that require precise handling. He is the son of **Puddy and Bob Blunden**.

Gary Carter graduated with honors from Marymount University in May with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. He is hoping to specialize in either Emergency Room or Intensive Care nursing.

Gabriella Falcon graduated in May from the University of Virginia with a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science and a minor in Sustainability. She is the daughter of **Rosemary and Armando Falcon**.

Hannah Gavin graduated in May from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. She has been an avid Card Writer for the Pastoral Care Ministry. She is the daughter of **Michael and Mary Gavin**, and sister of **Carin**, who moved last year to San Francisco.

Dr. Kristopher Jon Kaufman son of **Joe and Jeanie Kaufman**, graduated from the George Washington School of Medicine in May.

John Kendrick graduated in May with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from the College of William and Mary, and is getting married at Grace later this year! He is the son of **Laura and the Rev. David Kendrick**. David, a former postulant from Grace Church, is Rector of Christ Church, Albertville, Alabama.

Elizabeth Locher, Grace's seminarian for the past two years, received her Master of Divinity from Virginia Theological Seminary in May. She will be ordained to the Diaconate on Saturday, June 2 at 10:30 am at St. Andrew's, Burke. She and her husband **Ben** have accepted a call to be missionaries to Tanzania for a year.

Daniel Sherlock graduated in May from George Mason University with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and a minor in Education. In the fall, he's off to Peabody at Vanderbilt University for a M.Ed. and license in Special Education. He is the son of **Barbara and Kevin Sherlock**.

Sam Waskowicz graduated in May with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, VA. He is the son of **Sara and Eric Waskowicz**, the grandson of **Frank and Linda Waskowicz**, and brother of **George and Lucy**.

Haiti Micah Project (HMP)

During the 2011 Haiti Micah child sponsorship event, we increased the number of children sponsored by our congregation from 17 to more than 60! It is now time to sponsor these children for another year.

Between May 13 and June 17, 2012, parishioners may continue or begin to sponsor a Haiti Micah child for a \$300 annual donation; or parishioners may make a donation in any amount to our Grace Church sponsored children. Your \$300 individual or combined Grace donation provides a child with food, clothing, education and basic medical care for a full year.

This year's sponsorship process is much the same as last year. Sponsorship directions are on the Haiti Micah poster in the tower lobby. Please use the information cards and envelopes provided to send your check and sponsorship preference to Grace Church. All checks should be made payable to Grace Episcopal Church. Please write HMP "Individual" or "Grace Sponsor" on the check note line. All donations are tax deductible and will appear on your annual statement.

At the end of the sponsorship event, Grace will send a check and individual sponsor names to the Haiti Micah Project. Those already sponsoring a child will continue that sponsorship. New sponsors will receive a letter and picture of the HMP child they are sponsoring.

Anyone unable to continue a sponsorship should let us know by sending the information card to Grace Church in the envelope provided. We will do what we can to make sure the children stay in our fold.

Thank you for your generous donation. Children supported by the Haiti Micah Project will receive the love and attention they need to build a bright future.

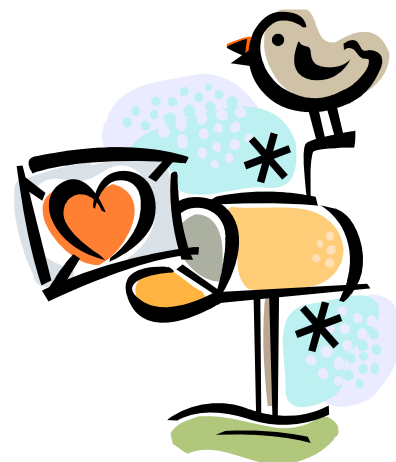
Please contact Haiti Micah Mission team members for additional information using our gracealex.org emails.

*Mary Ann Ryan, Lynn Robrs, Karen Wires,
Don Wills, Joy St. John, Barbara Read*

Pastoral Care – Card Ministry

What makes me feel as if I am the most special person in the world, maybe even the universe? Answer: Receiving a card with a thoughtful message from a Grace Card writer.

If you have ever received a card from one of our dedicated writers you know what I mean. This ministry has been the quiet ministry that lifts the spirits of our church family and those close to them. Receiving a loving message may make a difference that is incalculable. To be remembered, in itself, is such a gift. Cards are sent to those individuals who are on the Grace prayer list. If there is someone you know who would appreciate receiving a caring card, please contact the church office. If you would be interested in becoming a card writer, please contact Patt Sullivan-Perry.



Downton Abbey visits Grace Church



The 13th Annual Grace Church Altar Guild Tea featuring Downton Abbey as the theme was held on Saturday, May 12. More than 85 guests enjoyed Eleanor Reed's wonderful presentation on the PBS Downton Abbey series, including the roles both upstairs and downstairs staff would play in an Edwardian country house of the 1910's and 1920's. We learned the difference between a "High Tea" and a "Low Tea" as well as a deeper understanding of several of the key characters in the series.

After the entertaining discussion of the PBS series, we moved to Merrow Hall Auditorium, which was transformed for the day into an English tea room of the period. A tableau featuring both a ladies and gentleman's lounge greeted our tea guests before they entered the beautifully appointed tea room. Savory and sweet tea sandwiches, cookies and small cakes, as well as light as a feather scones, completed the tea. Buckingham Palace English Garden Tea was served.







The annual tea raised more than \$2,800 for the Grace Church General Fund. Special thanks to all who contributed silver, linens and china as well as their time and talent to make the tea a success. The afternoon was enhanced by door prizes, which included a magnificent basket of Downton Abbey memorabilia from Mary Stewart and WETA, as well as authentic tea music from the period collected and presented by Tim and Judy Willard. It takes more than 45 Altar Guild members and friends to make the afternoon a success and it's enjoyed as much by those who prepare it as those who attend. Denise Bean, Ashby Rushing and Anne Caputo were the Tea co-chairs.



Anne Caputo

From the Parish Register

Baptisms:

-  Geraldine Abigail Palacios Cortez, daughter of Jose Palacios and Delia Cortez
-  Carys Gray Henel, daughter of Christian and Jennifer Henel
-  Sawyer Anne and Emery Jane Morales, daughters of Alexander and Ryann Morales
-  Bennett Wilson Summers, son of Ryan and Emily Summers

Deaths:

-  Hazel Lockwood, longtime parishioner and wife of Jim Lockwood
-  Alice Stewart, sister of parishioner Mary Stewart



June Birthdays

6/1	Francis Dombrowski	6/10	Jane Rosman	6/22	John Boris
6/1	Jason Spence	6/10	Linda Waskowicz	6/22	Rachel Rushing
6/1	Ron Vassallo	6/11	Grace Hughes	6/23	Charles McElwain
6/2	John Cunningham	6/11	Surinder Khanna	6/24	Jonathan Doelp
6/2	George Waskowicz	6/13	Daniel Shaver	6/24	Anne Lukens
6/2	Margaret Will	6/14	Joyce Ames	6/24	Lew Michael
6/3	Ava Fraser	6/14	Bryan Schanely	6/24	Virginia Tucker
6/3	Sarah Schultz	6/15	Richard Kelly	6/24	Karen Wires
6/3	Randy Wallace	6/16	Jacob Hazelwood	6/25	Fabian Alvarenga
6/4	Armando Falcon	6/16	Avery Murchison	6/25	Benjamin Martin
6/4	Sam Woodhead	6/16	Matt Wolff	6/25	Jackson Spencer
6/5	Sydney Barron	6/17	Katie Hayden	6/25	Judy Willard
6/5	Hilda Burcher	6/17	Sarey Hayden	6/26	Edward Arthur
6/6	Susan Moore	6/17	Shannon Kelly	6/26	Didem Baird
6/6	Cynthia Puskar	6/17	Julia Slattery	6/26	Cousteau Rountree
6/6	Wolf Ramm	6/18	Al Baker	6/27	Maria Cooper
6/6	Philip Saphos	6/18	Patti Burch	6/27	Jean Hawes
6/7	Avery Baird	6/18	Debra Busker	6/27	Isaac Reyes
6/7	Nikolai Karamyshev	6/18	Sally Stone	6/27	Jeff Winter
6/8	Piero Fichera	6/19	Maya Hendricks	6/28	Paul Bellantoni
6/8	Harper Palmby	6/19	Ricardo Sosa	6/28	Andrew Chriss
6/8	Eleanor Reed	6/19	Mark Sweet	6/28	Rebecca Funes
6/8	Polly Spahr	6/20	Lillian Curley	6/29	Margaret Hillsman
6/9	Lisa Cassady	6/20	Cindy Diehl	6/30	Sara Dubsy
6/9	Kristine Hesse	6/20	Otto Wolff	6/30	Theresa Lewallen
6/9	Whitney Jackson	6/21	Tim Dodd		
6/9	Amelia Martin	6/21	Barbara Read		

Connections...

Eva Lorentz, daughter of **Andrew and Nancy Lorentz**, will perform her Senior Recital in piano, organ and flute at Del Ray United Methodist Church (100 E. Windsor) on Saturday, June 2 at 2:00 pm. Eva will attend the Sunderman Conservatory of Gettysburg College in the fall. She plans to study both Music and Environmental Science. Eva was selected to be an Abraham Lincoln Scholar.

One of our LEMs, **Michelle Cox**, was married on Friday, May 4, to Glenn White in the Episcopal Church of the Holy Comforter in Broomfield, Colorado. Georgiana and John Greely flew to Colorado for the wedding. Georgiana was the lector. The vicar of the church is the Rev. Kimberly Seidman, who while serving at Christ Church Alexandria spent time at Grace Church a few years ago, to learn about a different way of celebrating. It must have worked because Michelle says Holy Comforter is a “higher church” than Christ Church.

On June 3, the day after ordination to the diaconate at St. Andrew’s, Burke, **David Crosby** will serve as deacon at the 9:00 am service and **Jo Belser** will serve at 11:15 am. **Elizabeth Locher** will preach at both services. It will be a happy day for all of us. Elizabeth will also preach on June 24. She and her husband, **Ben**, will leave for Tanzania in July.

Chrissie Crosby received the 2012 Armistead Boothe award for excellence in Biblical Languages. The Biblical faculty at VTS selects the honoree. The Armistead Boothe Grant for Scholarships for Study in Israel was established in honor of Armistead Boothe, lawyer, Democrat, member of the Virginia House of Delegates from 1948 to 1956, and member of the Board of VTS Board of Trustees from the 1950’s until 1970. Mr. Booth directed the Office of Development from 1970 until 1976 and was responsible for developing significant support for the Seminary and the development of the VTS endowment. The Boothe Grant is given to a student of biblical languages. The Prize is to be used to study at St. George’s College in Jerusalem or for independent travel and study of biblical languages in the Holy Land or for additional graduate study of biblical languages. Chrissie writes, “Trust me, I will be using this at St. George’s in Jerusalem. I just don’t know when.”

At a recent Sunday forum, parishioners were asked to bring a favorite book and talk about it. The forum was a great success, but one of the unexpected treats was finding out that our **Polly Spahr** has her own gem of a book in the parish library, *An Episcopalian’s Library; An Annotated Bibliography*. Polly’s lists are divided into Basics, Classics, Modern and Recreational and it is even enjoyable to read her Foreword, Introduction and Reading Plan.

Claire Eudy, daughter of **Richard and Valerie**, spent several days in Aqaba, Jordan when her ship was in port in April and was excited to be able to go diving in the Red Sea. Claire says the coral and fish are beautiful and the Red Sea really is saltier than most.

A former parishioner, **Bobby Wallace**, who has a long history of writing mystery stories for children, has written a new book, *Diary of a Little Devil*. Bobby writes, “Those who know me know from all my books, I’m addicted to happy endings. The book has humor as well as some sadness.” It is now out in E-book and paperback.

Please share news of yourself or your family with dorothy.daniel@gracealex.org or linda.waskowicz@gracealex.org. You can also send information by regular mail or call either of us. And if you are leaving the Washington area, please be sure to let us publish your new address so that members of our parish family can stay in touch.

Growing @ Grace



Upcoming Opportunities for Children, Youth and Parents

Summer Camps

Shrine Mont

Registration is open for Shrine Mont summer camps! Visit www.thedioocese.net and click on “Youth and Camps” for more information.

Vacation Bible School—July 9–13, 2012

Registration is full, but please contact us for wait-listing! Children three years old through those who have completed 4th grade are welcome to half-day (9:00 am – 1:00 pm) or full-day (9:00 am – 5:00 pm) Vacation Bible School at Grace Church. Youth who have completed 5th grade through 12th grade are invited to join in the summer fun as junior and senior counselors. All adults should mark their calendars to volunteer for a morning ... or for the week! See you there!

Our June Calendar

Sunday, June 3

@ 9:00 am—*Teacher Recognition Sunday*

Plan to attend the 9:00 am service and thank our teachers for their tremendous gifts to our children and our parish.

@ 10:15 am—*Last day of Sunday School*

Plan for your children and teens to attend their last day of Sunday School for the program year for a special end-of-year celebration!

@ 5:30 pm — *Last Youth Dinner and Fellowship*

Be sure not to miss our last evening together for the program year.

Sunday, June 10 @ 10:00 am—*Youth Sunday followed by Parish Picnic – and Music by the J2A “Roadies to Canterbury”*

Celebrate the teens at Grace on this special Sunday that officially begins our parish summer.

Contact family.ministries@gracealex.org for information on all things children, youth and parents.

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Vestry

Class of 2012

Amy Barron..... Junior Warden
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Kelly Gable..... Education
Theresa Lewallen Member-at-Large
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Class of 2013

Peter Barnes Stewardship
Deborah Crabtree..... Worship
June Huber School Board
Lee Meeks..... Communications
Mary-Lacey Reuther Pastoral Care

Class of 2014

John Berry School Board
Elizabeth Legere Stewardship
Erica McFarquhar..... Treasurer
Mai-Lan Smith Evangelism
Kemp Williams Outreach

Alternates

Lisa Medley..... Youth
Lynn Rohrs..... Fellowship

Non-Vestry Coordinators

Gary Carter..... Fellowship
Chad Eckles..... Worship
Kristine Hesse..... Communications
Rich Kelly Youth
Nancy Lorentz Education
Cindy MacIntyre Evangelism
Jean Reed Stewardship
Joy St. John..... TNT
Patt Sullivan-Perry Pastoral Care
Easter Thompson..... Outreach

