

Grace Notes

Newsletter of Grace Episcopal Church, Alexandria, Virginia

November 2012

Rector's Reflections

Pay Attention

Every November we use one of my favorite collects (prayers) on the Sunday before Christ the King Sunday (the end of the Liturgical Year). So this year we will use the Collect (BCP pages 184 and 236) on November 18. We pray,

"Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them..."

This prayer is based upon Romans, chapter 15, verse 4. It was written, probably by Archbishop Thomas Cranmer, for the first *Book of Common Prayer* in 1549. The Reformation in the 16th Century emphasized the use of the Bible by every Christian. Every BCP since 1549 has included a full schedule for reading the Scriptures every day.

In November we will also conclude a 7-week reading at the Sunday liturgies of the Letter to the Hebrews. This letter deserves our serious attention because it sets forth a "Christology" proclaiming Jesus, "*our Great High Priest.*" We learn about a life of sacrifice and love, because of our High Priest's sacrifice and love. The Letter to the Hebrews encourages us to "*pay greater attention to what we have heard, so we do not drift away from it...*" (2:1). And to "*hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering...to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together...encouraging one another...*" (10:23-35).

The Presidential Election takes place two days after All Saints' Sunday. We can give thanks for this democratic process we celebrate every four years. Yet it is easy to "*drift away*" from being attentive to God and God's rule. It is easy to let go of a discipline of regular prayer and corporate worship. And it is all too easy to keep the Bible at some distance, rather than to regularly "*inwardly digest*" the learnings Holy Scripture offers.

Our prayers, readings and liturgies in November will keep us focused on God's unchanging and unending call to live in thanksgiving for all our many blessings.

*Grace, Peace, Love,
The Rev. Robert H. Malm*

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Worship Schedule

Sunday Schedule

Holy Eucharist Rite I.....	7:30 am
Child Care.....	8:45 am–12:45 pm
La Santa Eucaristía.....	9:00 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

Weekday Schedule

Tuesdays, Rite II with healing...	6:30 pm
Wednesdays, Rite I.....	7:00 am
Thursdays*.....	12:15 pm

*Alternating Rite I and Rite II weekly

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.

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

From the Assistant to the Rector

The Twenties and Thirties (TNT) fellowship group wants to connect with “like-minded” people in the parish. I have been learning about this particular group as a newcomer and as part of my ministry responsibilities. I knew it would be a fun aspect of my job—but I had no idea that it would also be a deeply rewarding ministry. What have I learned about “like-mindedness” when it comes to the TNTs?

First and foremost, this is a group that has a strong commitment to their faith. They dig deeply into the question of what it means to be a faithful person in the midst of starting careers and living in a busy metropolitan area. They have no fear in asking hard questions and talking about difficult topics: love, loss, career issues, family dilemmas, politics and who God is calling them to be.

This is a theologically-minded group of people. Bible Study is a key activity the TNTs identify as anchoring their commitment to be friends who share a common faith in the midst of their diversity of backgrounds and experiences. They have resumed the Wednesday Bible study, when we discuss the readings for the following Sunday. They encourage one another to challenge our understanding of a passage, listening closely to the Gospel message and applying it to our faith journeys today.

The TNTs are active at Grace. Their service energizes our worship and common life. They sign up together to serve as ushers, support outreach and get involved in formation activities.

Fellowship fun is also a big part of joining the TNTs. There are monthly activities, from end of work-week TGIFs to apple picking to kayaking. There is also serious fellowship that comes from their connection in Christ, as friends who support one another in difficult times. Many have moved to the DC area and are far away from family. TNT has become a network that becomes a new expression of what it means to be “family.”

TNT is hoping to bring more people into their group. They especially hope to find ways to attract some of the married couples, young families, college students and even those who maybe are not TNT by the calendar but are TNTs at heart! Join the TNT Facebook page or keep your eye on the Grace calendar for up-coming events. Even better—get in touch with Joy St John, this year's TNT coordinator or me. We'd be happy to help you with plugging into the TNT fellowship.

Peace,
Leslie

Fall Back

The change from Daylight Saving Time to Eastern Standard Time takes place the first weekend in November. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, November 3—you'll get an extra hour of sleep and still be on time for your favorite Eucharist!



On Stewardship—Share God's Gifts and In All Things Give Thanks

In April of this year, the Clergy and Vestry of Grace Church adopted the following statement affirming the importance of Stewardship in their lives:

A STATEMENT ON STEWARDSHIP BY THE CLERGY AND VESTRY OF GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH APRIL 2012

As your clergy and vestry, we publicly and privately bear witness to the importance of Stewardship in our lives by sharing the following statement:

We are called by God to be accountable stewards for the wise use of all creation, to acknowledge God as Creator of all, and to manage responsibly the time, talent and treasure that have been entrusted to us by God.

We acknowledge that we are responsible to God and to the church for the decisions we make about allotting the financial, material and human resources of this parish that have been entrusted to us for the work of ministry in Christ's name. We commit ourselves to wise stewardship and prudent deliberative management of these resources.

As stewards and in joyful and thankful response to God for our abundant blessings, we pledge to give sacrificially of our time, talent and treasure toward those ministries to which God calls us and to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ. Our pledge allows us to be faithful to the trust that comes from God and provides a link between what we believe and how we live.

We commit ourselves to purposeful striving through proportional giving to achieve the goal of the Biblical time by giving sacrificially of our time, talent and treasure to the church, the community and the world to feed the hungry, clothe the poor and spread the Kingdom.

We ask for your prayers as we carry out these stewards' responses to a bountiful God. We invite you to join us in making this statement your own, and to accept our collective need to give as an act of thanksgiving and worship, responding to the two great commandments:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

The Vestry and Clergy of Grace Church

As you consider the gifts that God has given you and your financial commitment and pledge to share those gifts through the mission and ministries of Grace Church in 2013, we ask that you prayerfully consider their invitation and join them, us and other members and friends of Grace Church in making the statement your own, as together we Share God's Gifts and In All Things Give Thanks.

*Peter Barnes & Jean Reed
Stewardship Committee Co-Chairs*



The Wednesday Morning Eucharist

On January 1, 1974, now called The Feast of the Holy Name, I went to my first weekday service at Grace Church. Frank was in Korea and our children were old enough to stay at home alone. The rector at the time spoke from the crossing saying, "This might be the beginning of a weekday practice for some of you," and I said to myself, "Gee, that sounds like a good idea." Thirty-eight years later you can still find me at the Wednesday morning Eucharist. The service that begins at 7 o'clock is usually over in 30 minutes. It is held at the Lady Altar with the only lights on being the side lights and the light over the crucifix, which adds to the peacefulness. Besides the celebrant, a lay eucharistic minister serves, and it is always Rite I, with a thoughtful homily. While it is true I don't have to be at a workplace in the morning, the timing of the service would allow that. Wednesdays are my favorite weekday because of the way they start with, "the peace that passeth understanding."

Maybe some Wednesday morning you'll wake up, think about the eucharist, and say, "Gee, that sounds like a good idea."

Linda Waskowicz

UTO Ingathering

The United Thank Offering (UTO) ingathering will take place on Sunday, November 25 at all services. As we give thanks for the blessings we have received during the past year, please share generously because the need continues to be great! Give with a grateful heart and with thanksgiving for all that God has given us.

Rose Hall

Music at Grace!

The fall choral season is fully in swing here at Grace! All four choirs are avidly rehearsing, and of course, we are always eager to welcome new members!

Our next Festival Eucharist is on All Saints' Sunday, November 4. At 11:15 am, the choir will sing music by one of the most significant composers of the musical Renaissance period, Tomás Luis de Victoria. The offertory motet, *O quam gloriosum* ("O how glorious. . .") celebrates the saints of the Church, and the choral Mass setting for that day will be Victoria's *Missa 'O quam gloriosum'*, which is based on the eponymous motet. At Grace Church, with our eucharistic-centered, "high-church" liturgy, we are blessed to have a legitimate opportunity to offer such timeless music of the Church in the very liturgy for which it was composed. What an amazing thing!

Also, please mark your calendars for the **Procession of Advent Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 2, at 4 pm.** Advent will be here before we know it, and you won't want to miss this beautiful procession from darkness to light, featuring the glorious music of Advent, Scripture lessons and congregational hymns.

Finally, as we approach Christmas, I invite you to consider making a financial donation towards the cost of the brass quintet that will provide music for our three Christmas Eve services. As you know, instrumental music such as this at Grace is not funded by the budget, but instead by the Music Fund. All donations towards the Fund are greatly appreciated and are solely responsible for allowing the glorious musical adornment at Christmas and Easter, as well as other special services. To make a donation, simply write a check to "Grace Episcopal Church" with "Music Fund" in the memo line. Thank you!

Kyle Babin

From the Parish Register for September and October

Baptisms

- ✚ Olivia Rose Albright, daughter of Scott and Nicole Albright
- ✚ Emma Claire Causey, daughter of Jonathan and Sara Causey
- ✚ Willem Rowan Egaas, son of Todd and Leigh Egaas
- ✚ Brynn Coleman Miller, daughter of Grant and Morgan Miller; granddaughter of Anne McFadden and John Metz; great niece of David and Chrissie Crosby
- ✚ Noah Kai Yerkes, son of Dawn Alee Yerkes (at Shrine Mont)

Marriages

- ✚ Katherine Shepard and Bryan Patrick Schanely
- ✚ Meg Sullivan and Jeremy Whelpley

Memorial Service

- ✚ Susanna Cunningham

Grace School at the National Cathedral

On Wednesday, October 10, Mid-Atlantic Episcopal Schools (MAESA) sponsored the celebration for Episcopal Schools Week at the National Cathedral. Students in Grades 1-5 from Grace Episcopal School joined representatives of at least 15 other schools from the region at this celebration. Grace was honored this year to be asked to invite one of our students to be a reader during the service, and Sophie Vande Hei was chosen. She represented us well with her skilled reading of the selection and stage presence in front of the entire Cathedral! Grace School is the only Episcopal school from Virginia that attends this very special celebration, and has done so for the past 15 years.



Graceful Worship: The Sign of the Cross

Some Episcopalians make the sign of the cross during a church service, and others don't. Why do they do that, what does it mean and are we "supposed to do it?"

The most common reasons for making the sign of the cross are to show reverence, to invoke the blessings of Christ (when a priest does it), or to call upon Him for protection (a kind of symbolic prayer). The sign of the cross is usually accompanied by the spoken or unspoken recitation of the Trinitarian formula, "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Making the sign of the cross is universal in Roman Catholic worship, and is also normal in Episcopal Churches with an Anglo-Catholic style of worship such as ours. It is not required, and is one of those activities that probably comes under the general instruction, "all may, some should, and none must."

Members of several branches of Christianity, including Episcopalians, make the sign of the cross (Latin: *signum crucis*) with three fingers. There are two principal forms: the one from right to left is used in the Eastern Orthodox churches and the Eastern Rites of the Catholic Church; the one from left to right is used in the Roman Catholic, Anglican and Lutheran churches. Although these are the most common methods of crossing, Roman Catholics and Anglicans also make the "Small Sign of the Cross" in which a small cross is traced with the thumb over the forehead, lips, and breast while thinking the words "May Christ's words be in my mind, on my lips, and in my heart". This is always used at the Proclamation of the Gospel and commonly used when blessing oneself with holy water when leaving or entering a church.

The sign of the cross was originally made in some parts of the Christian world with the right-hand thumb across the forehead only. Around the year 200 in Carthage, Tertullian wrote, "We Christians wear out our foreheads with the sign of the cross". Vestiges of this practice remain in the Small Sign of the Cross. Also, foreheads are marked with an ash cross on Ash Wednesday, and holy oil is applied to the forehead in ministration to the sick, and in the sacraments of Holy Baptism and Confirmation.

The earliest instruction on making the sign of the cross comes from Theodoret of Cyrrhus, an influential author, theologian and Christian bishop of Cyrrhus, Syria (423-457):

"This is how to bless someone with your hand and make the sign of the cross over them. Hold three fingers, as equals, together, to represent the Trinity: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. These are not three gods, but one God in Trinity. The names are separate, but the divinity one. The Father was never incarnate; the Son incarnate, but not created; the Holy Ghost neither incarnate nor created, but issued from the Godhead: three in a single divinity. Divinity is one force and has one honor. They receive an obeisance from all creation, both angels and people. Thus the decree for these three fingers. You should hold the other two fingers slightly bent, not completely straight. This is because these represent the dual nature of Christ, divine and human. God in His divinity, and human in His incarnation, yet perfect in both. The upper finger represents divinity, and the lower humanity; this way salvation goes from the higher finger to the lower. So is the bending of the fingers interpreted, for the worship of Heaven comes down for our salvation. This is how you must cross yourselves and give a blessing, as the holy fathers have commanded."

When we teach children what the gesture means, we sometimes tell them that we're asking God to be "in our heads" (when we touch our foreheads), "in our hearts" (when we touch our hearts), "and in all of me" (when we touch our shoulders). I think it's a good thing to remember, even after we've become adults.

June Huber

Treasurer's Report

A heartfelt thank-you to all who contributed toward their pledges during September! We had an atypical September pledge income total of over \$70,000, bringing total September income above \$85,000, and we ended the third quarter of 2012 with a small year-to-date surplus of \$1,716. In addition to regular monthly expenditures for our programs and outreach for the remainder of the year, however, we face a few nonstandard outlays over the next couple of months to maintain our building and operations in good order. So, please continue to keep our cash flow flowing in the final quarter of the year. Following is a numerical snapshot (in dollars) as of September 30, 2012:

Third Quarter 2012

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
July	71,203	78,596
August	52,539	80,293
September	85,124	82,538

Year-to-Date 2012

Pledge payments received:	624,123
Other Income:	82,352
Total Income:	706,475
Expenses:	704,759
Surplus:	1,716

November Adult Faith Formation Schedule

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Discerning the Word: What do you do with what you know? ...embracing wisdom in our journey with Christ ...

November 4—All Saints Day | Outreach Sunday: “Grace Among Us”

We'll hear from a number of parishioners who work directly with some of the local charities Grace Church supports through its Outreach budget. Come hear how our efforts are having a real impact in the Alexandria community, and how you might volunteer to help.

November 11—Veterans Day | Commander Chuck Clopton, USN (Ret.): “Veteran Discernment”

Commander Chuck Clopton, USN (Ret) is the only child of a Christian Science mother and an agnostic father. He will share his spiritual journey, which started with being kicked out of Christian Science Sunday School in sixth grade for asking too many questions and resumed with his learning about Grace and being baptized as a senior in high school. Chuck's career involved more than 20 years serving as an Operational Lawyer in the Navy JAG Corps, with deployments on three aircraft carriers and a tour at U.S. Special Operations Command, and is continuing today with the work he is doing through Operation VetsHaven, a charity advocating for veterans battling Post Traumatic Stress.

November 18—Meet Kyle Babin: “Music at Grace: What Do We Do with What We Have?—and More!”

Come and meet our new Director of Music! Kyle will talk about his vision for the music program at Grace Church and he would like to hear your thoughts. We will also have a conversation at 12:30 pm, following the 11:15 am service as we plan the future of our music ministry at Grace.

November 25—Thanksgiving Weekend | Fellowship Sunday: “Advent Wreath Making and Crafts”

A joyous Grace Episcopal Church tradition. Join us again—or join us anew—in making an Advent wreath for your home. Advent wreaths offer an important and beautiful way to wait, be patient, and anticipate the birth of Jesus. Seasonal devotional materials will also be available for adults and for families, allowing each of us to authentically embrace the anticipation and wonder of the new Church Year. Advent wreath materials (wreath, candles, greenery) are \$15 per wreath. Scholarships available. Sign up on the sheets around the church or contact family.ministries@gracealex.org for more information. Also, be sure not to miss our tables and tables of exciting crafts as well as other ministry activities.

Connections

Dan and Katy Pattarini write from Egypt that their son, **Nicholas**, spent four days in Switzerland several weeks ago as part of the AMIS 2012 Middle School Boys Honor Choir. These choristers are students selected from around the world who spent four days preparing for an early October concert. Dan says, "We are so proud of him."

Chip Puskar, whose stage name is **Charles Esten**, has a leading role in the new TV series, "Nashville." The show airs on Wednesdays at 10 pm on Channel 7. Chip, who grew up in Grace Church, is the son of **Cynthia Puskar** and brother of **Cathy Puskar**. The show had a great write-up in the Washington Post recently, mentioning Charles Esten by name. In the show, he is able to display both acting and musical talents.

Ray Curry was inducted into Virginia Tech's Academy of Engineering Excellence this summer. Only 112 of the more than 58,000 graduates of VT's College of Engineering have been so recognized. Among his many lifetime projects were rebuilding infrastructure in Japan after World War II as an Army Corps of Engineers officer, construction of the Watergate Complex, extensive commercial and residential developments (including the first affordable housing projects in Fairfax, VA), Market Square in the District, and multiple landmarks including The Library of Congress and Tyson's Corner Shopping Mall.

If you happen to see **Sam Waskowicz** in the building during the week, it is because he is on the staff of Grace Episcopal School. Sam, who graduated from Mary Washington in May in Economics, is the computer teacher for kindergarten through grade five, the technical coordinator and the business administrative assistant. Maybe that could be economics!

What a pleasure to welcome home **Chip and Valerie Fowler**, after seven years overseas in Singapore, Afghanistan and Sri Lanka. After 30 years of active duty, Chip retired from the Navy in 2010, and Valerie is a Deputy Assistant Secretary in the State Department. They hope to be here for the next 2-3 years before Valerie's next overseas deployment. Chip is presently in an intensive two year winemaking course at the East Institute of Technology in Napier, New Zealand, which will involve one month each year in situ in New Zealand, a favorite country of previous visits. Son **Chip** graduated from Virginia Tech and is an Air Force officer studying Pashto (one of two major Afghan languages) at the language school in Monterey, California. Son **Ben** graduated from the University of Pittsburgh and while working locally, is looking for work in the writing field.

Please feel free to either email or call us with any information you'd like to share: dorothy.daniel@gracealex.org (703-524-0990) or linda.waskowicz@gracealex.org (703-836-8435). We look forward to hearing from you.

Thanksgiving Services

Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 8:00 am and a Festival Eucharist at 10:00 am on Thanksgiving Day, November 22.



Thank You from Outreach!

The 2012 Winter Clothing drive, sponsored by Grace Episcopal Church and St. Rita Catholic Church, was a huge success. The doors of St. Rita school hall opened at 9:30 am on Saturday, October 13, and by noon almost every item of clothing had been distributed. Well more than 100 families were served, and everyone was grateful for the huge range of clothing available for children, teens, women, and men. The Outreach Committee would like to thank everyone who contributed to this joint venture between the two parishes. Grace parishioners donated enough clothing that we needed to rent a cargo van to transport the boxes of sorted clothes to St. Rita's school hall. Grace Church was also very well represented by volunteers who helped set up on Friday evening, distribute clothing on Saturday morning, and clean up after the event. Our Outreach counterparts at St. Rita expressed their sincere thanks for our participation, and they have extended an invitation to us to make this an annual cooperative event.

Kemp Williams

Growing @ Grace



Upcoming Opportunities for Children, Youth and Parents

Sunday School

The Christmas Pageant is coming!

Grace will begin Christmas Pageant preparation in November and we need your help. With our bustling and expanding number of children and youth, we need more costumes and more helping hands. If you would love to participate in a ministry but cannot make long-term commitments, here's the ministry for you. Make or repair a costume, help to shepherd during the Pageant itself or assist afterward with our pizza party and cookie exchange. For more information, contact family.ministries@gracealex.org. Join us!

Advent Wreath Making and Crafts: November 25 @ 10:15 am

Advent Wreath Making is a joyous Grace Episcopal Church tradition. Join us again—or join us anew—in making an Advent wreath for your home. Advent wreaths offer an important and beautiful way to wait, be patient and anticipate the birth of Jesus. Seasonal devotional materials will also be available for adults and for families, allowing each of us to authentically embrace the anticipation and wonder of the new Church Year. Advent wreath materials (wreath, candles, greenery) are \$15 per wreath. Scholarships available. Sign up on the sheets around the church or contact family.ministries@gracealex.org for more information. Also, be sure not to miss our tables and tables of exciting crafts as well as other ministry activities.

Upcoming Events for 6th–12th Grade Youth

R13 and EYC Youth Dinner: November 4, 5:30 pm–8:30 pm

Come for dinner, then take off for loads of fun as we shop for Thanksgiving Baskets in support of Grace's Outreach Ministries. We'll rally back at the parish after our shopping spree for games and fun.

6th & 7th Grade Weekend @ Shrine Mont: November 9–11

6th and 7th Grade Weekend is the second of three youth weekends hosted by the PYM committee every year. It is the largest of all our events and this year promises to be no different. The goal of the weekend is to introduce the youth of the diocese to the PYM committee and its programming. The weekend itself will consist of games, music, crafts, conversation, reflection and an extremely fun and outrageously crazy carnival night! The event starts Friday after dinner and runs until Sunday before lunch, and is for current 6th and 7th graders. \$150 per person (scholarships available) Note: All youth must be accompanied by adults at an 8:1 youth to adult ratio. For more information and to register contact Michael Wade at mwade@thediocese.net or (800) DIOCESE ex. 1027. Or contact Julie Simonton at family.ministries@gracealex.org. To learn more about PYM, get updates and reports on events, and hear about exciting opportunities around the diocese, check out the blog at diovayouth.wordpress.com

Upcoming Events for Parents

Discerning the Word: What do you do with what you know? Parent Forums on the First Sunday of the Month

Do you enjoy the fresh brew of a coffee pub on Sunday mornings? Save your cash for the offering plate and enjoy a tasty cup at the Parent Forum Coffee Bar. Meet other Grace parents, join hearty discussions led by gifted facilitators about godly parenting, and percolate your faith and the faith of your family. Always at 10:15 am. Always in the St. Mark Room. Just follow the aroma!

On November 11: Families Who Read Well ...

With Jane Gilchrist, Coordinator of the Young Reader's Center at the Library of Congress

“Open a book and you open the door to a whole new world full of adventure.” Join Jane Gilchrist, gifted librarian and local Episcopalian, to learn about making a literary adventure a godly adventure, too ... and just in time for Christmas. Grandparents, godparents, and all who love children and books are welcome to this fun and important conversation.

November Birthdays

11/1 Laura Bellantoni	11/17 Joanne Lukens
11/1 Kathie Burgess	11/17 Richard Thompson
11/1 Sarah Low	11/18 Mickey Craven
11/1 Michael Plunkett	11/18 Jonathan Lorentz
11/1 Gregory Steffensen	11/19 Andrea Baumann
11/3 Caroline Sweet	11/19 Joyce Gillum
11/3 Alex Willson	11/19 Serena Lambeth
11/4 Bob Blunden	11/19 Brett Mellish
11/4 Bette Yancey	11/19 Grace Pattarini
11/6 Walter Davis	11/19 Corinne Solsby
11/6 Judy Micklish	11/20 Andrew Alford
11/6 Jennifer Pease	11/20 Benjamin Henderson
11/6 Ray Peters	11/20 Connor Lambeth
11/6 Carol Schroeder	11/20 Logan Lambeth
11/7 Amy Barron	11/21 Malcolm Eckel
11/7 Mia Howard	11/22 Ryan Reyes
11/8 Daniel Sherlock	11/23 Olivia Lawton
11/8 Barbara Simmons	11/23 Leo Ribeiro
11/9 Lieu Hazelwood	11/24 Holly Bray
11/9 Dabney Holloway	11/24 Ola Legg
11/10 Patricia Ridgely	11/24 Elly Vogtmann
11/10 William Solsby	11/25 Christina Iovino
11/10 Alexis Wood	11/25 Ben Joyner
11/11 Amanda Fowler	11/25 Jim Rubin
11/11 Philip Hall	11/25 Katie Zeigler
11/11 Michael Madigan	11/26 Lisle Bean
11/12 Maxine Meeks	11/26 Stephen Boris
11/12 Madeline Wolcott	11/27 Sean Harris
11/12 Anne Zuidema	11/28 Geovanny Portillo
11/13 Jim Peck	11/28 Joe Reeder
11/14 Cindy Young	11/28 Anna Sherlock
11/15 Ashley Alvarenga	11/29 Joy Lamb
11/15 Derin Baird	11/29 Landon Rockhold
11/15 Jennifer Eckel	11/29 Logan Solsby
11/15 Thomas Howard	11/29 Marilyn Sosa
11/15 Jeff McQuilkin	11/30 Davey Centers
11/16 Christopher Hayden	11/30 Julie Cizek
11/16 Douglas Prince	11/30 Todd Egaas
11/17 Denise Bean	11/30 Liz Imphong
11/17 Blaise Lamson	11/30 Cindy Long
	11/30 Christa Warner



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Vestry

Class of 2012

Amy Barron Junior Warden
Lisa Bellantoni Register
Kelly Gable Education
Theresa Lewallen	..... Member-at-Large
Robby Schrum	..... Senior Warden/TNT

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
Heather Hurley	..... Pastoral Care
Mary Ann Ryan	..... Outreach



We Need Your Flower Donations!

Please **print** your name here: _____

It's time for Christmas Flower and Greens donations. The Altar guild invites you to help make Grace Church beautiful with seasonal decoration. If you wish to contribute to the Christmas decoration fund, please fill out the form below and enclose a donation of \$35. These forms may be dropped in the Sunday offering or sent directly to the church office. Please note 'Christmas Flowers' on the check memo line. The deadline for notices to be included in the Christmas flower Bulletin is Monday, December 3. Questions? Call Lisa Doelp, Altar Guild Flower Chair, at 703-239-1302.

Please circle one of the choices below and **print** the remainder of the message exactly the way you would like it to appear in the Christmastide booklet:

“In loving memory of” or **“In thanksgiving for”**

Given by (**print** the name or names of the donors exactly as you want them to appear):

Funeral & Burial Instructions

(Please return a copy to Grace Church and keep a copy with your records.)

Date: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Full Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

The person ultimately responsible for making plans for my funeral and burial is:
(Please include name, address, telephone number and relationship.)

I own a cemetery lot at: _____

Or, will likely be buried at: _____

I wish to be cremated and my ashes placed as follows:
(Please note, cremation does not affect the nature of the service or place of burial.)

The funeral home likely to be responsible for me is:

I have already made arrangements with the funeral home, as follows:

Subject to the wishes of my family, I wish to be given the following type of service:

Funeral (body present): _____

Memorial service (body not present): _____

Burial service: Rite I (BCP, p. 469): _____

Burial service: Rite II (BCP, p. 491): _____

Holy Eucharist: _____

Church:

_____ Church service with burial immediately following - for family and friends

_____ Church service with burial afterward - the latter for family only

_____ Entire service at the gravesite

_____ Other: _____

If it is possible, I would like the following clergy to officiate and/or assist at my service:

If my service is in the church, and necessitates the use of pallbearers, I would like the following persons to be invited by my family:

I would like my funeral service to include the following hymns:

Whether in church or at the graveside, please include some of the following Psalms and Lessons:

In lieu of flowers I would be grateful if my family would consider memorial gifts in my name to:

On my casket please use:

The Church's pall: _____ (Note that flowers are never placed over the pall)

The American flag: _____ (Customarily reserved for military personnel/veterans)

I am to be an organ donor, the particulars of which are known to, or recorded at:

Special requests to my church and clergy:

From the *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP, p. 445)

“...all persons (are) to make wills, while they are in health, arranging for the disposal of their temporal goods, not neglecting, if they are able, to leave bequests for religious and charitable uses.”

_____ Please send me information for including the Church in my will.

Signed: _____