

# Grace Notes

Newsletter of Grace Episcopal Church, Alexandria, Virginia

Rector's Reflections

## Summer Growth

This summer we will once again participate in an important job search as we seek to find Julie Simonton's successor. The Personnel Committee is already working closely with me and other parish leaders to help identify candidates to interview. My hope would be to name a new Assistant for Parish Life and Family Ministries by early September.

Last summer Leslie Steffensen and Kyle Babin joined our staff. They have quickly made wonderful contributions to our parish life and mission. Our professional staff, clergy and lay, is a strong team. Julie has been a most valuable colleague for almost four years. We look forward to celebrating her ministry with us on her last Sunday at Grace, July 14. I have sent a letter to all on our mailing list asking for contributions to a "purse" we can present to Julie on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

Summer is a time of transition, of growth. Summer leads to the harvest. I'm reminded of St. Paul's encouragement to the Corinthians, "*One plants...one waters...only God gives the growth...*" (1 Cor. 3:5-11) And Jesus used these words to encourage his disciples, "*The harvest is plentiful...the workers are few...pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest...*" (Luke 10:2)

The Lord will send us someone to continue Julie's good work. The Lord always provides—Grace abounds. Kyle and Leslie are helping us to grow our ministries and mission.

I hope and pray this summer is a time of much growth for all of us at Grace Church.

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

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### Grace Church is:

*A center for worship and fellowship*

*A school for discipleship and stewardship*

*A community for healing and outreach*



## Worship Schedule

### Sunday Schedule

Holy Eucharist Rite I..... 7:30 am  
Child Care..... 9:45 am–11:45 am  
La Santa Eucaristía ..... 9:00 am  
Choral Eucharist\* ..... 10:00 am  
Holy Eucharist Rite II..... 5:00 pm

### Weekday Schedule

Tuesday, Rite II w/healing... 6:30 pm  
Wednesday, Rite I ..... 7:00 am  
Thursday\* ..... 12:15 pm

\*alternating Rite I and Rite II weekly

### About Grace Notes

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HAPPY 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNIVERSARY MOTHER LESLIE!

### From the Assistant to the Rector

Dear Grace Family,

This is an open letter of gratitude for the many ways you have all welcomed me to Grace Church and mentored me in this first year of my ordained ministry. I can remember those first few weeks of trying to catch all of the instructions Fr. Malm passed on to me about worship and administration—and then the terror of being on my own as the lone clergy while he took his customary August vacation. I will never forget the sheer relief of seeing him upon his return and feeling the weight of a large parish lift off my shoulders!

Shrine Mont was when I began to feel like one of the parish as I began to remember names and make connections as I greeted people and danced to the DJ at the Friday welcome party. Kyle and I survived our first follies roast with delight in the great send ups of life at Grace. (Now that we are no longer new, I'm a little nervous about this year's spoofs. Be gentle, y'all!)

Once we got into the program year, I settled into the routines of worship, meetings, and more worship with many people who helped along the way. I was astounded by the beauty of Christmas and humbled by the devotion of this parish during Lent. The Easter Vigil took my breath away and Bishop Goff modeled confidence in being an ordained woman for me. That evening will forever be a cherished memory for me.

I appreciate all of the effort that the Anglo and La Gracia congregations have put into the bilingual services. I learned about half-way through this first year that we are the only parish in the Diocese which considers both worshipping congregations to be one church and which makes such an effort. Although it is a challenge, the parish identity is stronger for our efforts to continue to join for three bilingual services each year. No easy feat for either congregation—we each step out of our comfort zones out of love, in commitment to, and in hospitality toward one another.

Over this past year, Grace has demonstrated incredible Christ-like love and what it means to be a community of active faith. I look forward to deepening my ministry and growing alongside each of you in our common faith journey. Thank you all for this amazing first year with you in ministry.

*Peace,  
Mother Leslie*

## Graceful Worship: Prayer Shawls



People from many faith traditions have found it helpful in their praying to have ways of recognizing a space as sacred. A prayer shawl is that kind of aid. The shawl is usually large enough to wrap around your shoulders, or even drape over your head, and thus create a “sacred space” in which to meditate and pray.

The *tallit* is the garment that Jewish worshippers wrap themselves in during prayer and is often referred to as a "prayer shawl." In the book of Numbers (15:37-40), the Israelites are commanded to put *tzitzit* (fringes) on their garments in order to remind them of God's laws. In Talmudic times people wore four-cornered garments to which *tzitzit* were attached. In medieval Europe people didn't wear four-cornered garments any longer and the *tzitzit* were in danger of being forgotten. To prevent this, Jews began to wear a four-cornered garment to which they were obliged to attach the *tzitzit* and thus restore a precept that was in danger of vanishing from Jewish life. This special four-cornered garment was given the name *tallit* as an analogy to the four-cornered garment worn in ancient times. Strictly speaking, the *tallit* was supposed to be worn during the whole day, but since Jews didn't want to wear such an unusual garment all day, the wearing of the *tallit* was limited to the time of the morning prayers.

In the 1990's, some Christian churches began prayer shawl ministries. Joyce Stancil, who leads our shawl-knitters at Grace church, found out about it when visiting with Chuck and Leith Mullaly, and brought the idea back to Grace Church. As each person knits a prayer shawl, he or she is in prayer for the person who is to receive it. The rector blesses each prayer shawl and a card given with the shawl contains the comforting *Prayer for Healing* (right).

Each shawl is given to someone who needs to be reminded of God's blessing along with the narrative of prayerful creation. Shawls are most often (but not exclusively) presented to those who are ill, troubled or bereaved. The recipient then uses the shawl in the ways that are most personally helpful. Some shawls are made large enough so that an adult can wrap themselves (and even their child) inside of this space. Others are sized for children or infants. Shawls are knitted in all sorts of colors, including “manly” shades of brown and grey.

An added blessing to the prayer shawl ministry is that those who knit the shawls often pray for the unknown recipient as they are knitting them. So the creators of the shawls also are receivers, in the sense that they develop a greater sense of compassion for those who are in need of it.

If you know someone who might like to receive a prayer shawl, contact Father Bob or Mother Leslie. If you'd like to help knit prayer shawls, contact Joyce Stancil.

### *Prayer for Healing*

*May this gift made with love be a  
mantle and sign of  
God's healing presence.*

*May it strengthen you when you are  
weary.*

*May it surround you and ease your  
suffering.*

*May it encircle you with caring  
when you are in pain.*

*May it comfort you when you feel  
alone.*

*May it remind you of God's abiding  
love.—Amen*

*—Your Grace Church Family*

*June Huber*

## Celebrate Independence Day at Grace

Independence Day, July 4, has been a major Holy Day in the Episcopal Church calendar since 1928. The collect, on p. 190 of the Book of Common Prayer, and the lessons appointed will be used for the Holy Eucharist at 9:00 am. Father Malm invites all military—Active duty, Retired, Veterans and Reservists—to wear their uniforms to Grace Church for our service on Thursday, July 4 and Sunday, July 7. We give thanks for your service to our nation.



## A Cabaret Evening

A new kind of Founders' Day celebration is coming this fall! Get ready for a Cabaret evening of food, fun, and festive music in support of the Haiti mission trip. Stay tuned for details and date to come in the September Grace Notes.

## Diocesan Shrine Mont Announcement

After a year of discernment activities, the Diocese and Shrine Mont are embarking on a feasibility study to explore the possibility of holding a diocesan-wide capital campaign to support the future of the Shrine Mont Camps—and we need your help! There are two easy ways to get involved.

1. Sign up to receive our electronic newsletter—and ask your friends to do the same. Each issue includes stories, news about Shrine Mont Camps and updates on the feasibility study and campaign. We hope you'll respond to our feasibility study survey when it's distributed in July.

2. Volunteer your time by hosting a one-time hospitality event at your church or home, serving as a local area representative, or joining one of our campaign committees.

Visit [thediocese.net/SMcampdiscernment](http://thediocese.net/SMcampdiscernment) to sign up for any of these opportunities, or to receive the newsletter.

## Come Read with Us!

Need some reading ideas? The Grace Book group's next meeting is July 22. That evening, we'll be gathering to tell each other about books that have meant a lot to us and to select books to read for the rest of the year. What books have helped you grow in your faith or to understand the world better? What books have you always been curious about and wanted to discuss with a group? Please join us and bring your ideas! If you have copies of the books or compelling reviews to share, bring those along. Newcomers and guests are always welcome. We'll be meeting in the Grace library at 7:00 pm.

We're also looking at our schedule for the rest of the year, including possibly changing our meeting night. If you've always wanted to join the group and can't make it on Monday nights, contact Teresa Preston at [teresa.preston@gracealex.org](mailto:teresa.preston@gracealex.org) so we can take your preferences into consideration as we plan.

## Farewell to Julie Simonton and her Family!

Since joining our staff in 2009, Julie Simonton has shared with us her joy, her enthusiasm, her organizational skills, her leadership and her spiritual vitality. The Vestry, recognizing Julie's considerable contributions to our parish life, increased her position to full-time last January.



Julie has worked hard with many of us to grow our ministries with children and youth, with families and newcomers. She has led us into a wonderful relationship with Christ Church each summer for Vacation Bible School. She was part of the adult advisor team leading our J2A teenagers to England last summer after their confirmations.

Now the Bishop has called her to join his executive leadership team in Richmond. Julie will be moving with her family later this summer. We will miss her work on the staff, and we will miss the life she, David, Evie and Mia have shared with us for almost four years.

We plan to thank Julie for her ministry on Sunday, July 14, at a festive coffee hour reception following the 10:00 am Choral Eucharist. The Vestry has voted to ask parishioners and friends of Grace Church to contribute to a "purse" for us to present to Julie at the reception in thanksgiving for her time with us. Please make out your check for this special contribution to

Grace Church with "Julie Simonton gift" on the memo line and mail it to the office or put it in the Sunday offering.

I know our gifts and thanksgivings will be signs of God's grace shared through Julie's ministry with us. Please keep her and her family in your prayers during this exciting transition. And pray that we will find the right person to help us continue this important work with our children, young people and families.

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

## Update from the Adams Family

We have arrived in Wilmington and are getting settled into life here at St. Andrews' On-the-Sound. Within the first week, I assisted in moving the church office, preached three times, and assisted at a funeral. It was quite the first weekend. My ordination to the diaconate occurred on June 1, with Bishop Peter Lee officiating. Some of you might remember him!

Karen and I are so thankful for the time we spent with you all this last year. Grace Church has left an indelible mark on our family, especially the forehead of Jude. His baptism at the Easter Vigil will always be so meaningful to us. We covet your prayers, and will be praying for you as well.



*God's peace,  
Chris, Karen and Jude Adams*

## Music at Grace

This summer, and into the early fall, several musical enrichment opportunities will be offered, which are open to all—choir members and non-choir members. They are as follows:

- ✚ Thursday, July 18, 7:30–9 pm: sight-singing/music reading class (with Kyle Babin)
- ✚ Thursday, July 25, 7:30–9 pm: sight-singing/music reading class (with Kyle Babin)
- ✚ Tuesday, September 10, 7:30–9 pm: vocal technique tips (with Barbara Hollinshead, a renowned alto from the DC metro area)
- ✚ Tuesday, September 17, 7:30–9 pm: vocal technique tips (with Barbara Hollinshead)

These classes are intended to help those who wish to increase their knowledge of music in relation to singing. Hopefully, choir members will benefit from these educational opportunities, as well as parishioners who may be interested in joining the Adult Choir. All these classes are free and will take place in the St. Cecilia Room. I hope you will consider joining us!

*Kyle Babin*

## Parish Register

### Baptisms:

- ✚ Luke Avery Carle, son of Eben and Carol Carle and brother of Jack
- ✚ Parker Jane Green, daughter of John and Meredith Green

### Marriage:

- ✚ Ryan Thomas Durkin and Eileen Deniz Balci

## From the Library

Sir Baldwin Furnsill, a former Knight Templar, is the Keeper of the King's Peace in Devonshire. Brother Caedfel was a crusader and sailor before becoming a Benedictine monk and talented herbalist. Owen Archer is a spy for John Thoresby, Archbishop of York and sometime Lord Chancellor of England. What do these people have in common? They are determined sleuths who solve mystifying murders without any forensic technology in medieval England—a period where the church was inextricably entwined in secular life and often-tempestuous national politics. Immerse yourself in the day-to-day lives of these characters and the people around them—how they live and work, what they eat—and the challenges of solving each puzzle. Then be grateful that we live with modern plumbing, central heat, and paved streets.

The library has over fifty medieval murder mysteries, plus many other light, entertaining works of fiction that are perfect for reading while on vacation. Check out the listings in the *Looking For Something to Read?* binder in the library.

*Ex Libris*

## Report from the Senior Warden

Half of 2013 is behind us and I can report that your Vestry and program and mission leaders have been on a roll. With the help and support of the clergy and parishioners, they have been coming up with and moving ahead with great ideas for our parish. These ideas can mean change—sometimes incremental, sometimes significant, often difficult and disputable regardless of size, and launched with no guarantee of success. In other words, the usual process.

We are having healthy debates as part of it. In some areas, some parishioners don't think we need to change anything; in other areas, many agree change is necessary. ("Should we start sending out church notices by email? Or keep sending them by Pony Express? Or refer it to a committee, which will report back to us on it in 12 months (by email)?" ☺)



Regardless of positions, everyone shares the same goal: to make our church stronger and help it grow and prosper as a center for worship and fellowship, a school for discipleship and stewardship, and a community for healing and outreach. Those words come from our mission statement. They are simple but powerful; they articulate nothing less than our Lord's commission to us to do His work in the world. As we change and evolve, we build on decades of the work of others at Grace who believed in that mission as passionately as we do today. Changes we consider and execute today and in the future must start with respect for their legacy; respect for the views of each and every parishioner today, and respect

for the traditions that, well, make Grace Church "Grace Church." If we do all that, we can make progress through consensus and shared support for our vision.

Our parish is blessed with smart, dedicated, talented, resourceful people who are working selflessly and ceaselessly to work all of this out. I have faith in them. And as always, your thoughts and ideas are welcomed and encouraged.

*Peter Barnes*



## Sandy Relief Mission Trip

In early July, a Grace Church mission team will be on its way to Tuckerton, NJ to be a small part of mission teams from across the country drawn to help the victims of Hurricane Sandy. Our dates are 7-13 July, and our work will likely be to help restore homes that suffered flooding—mounting dry wall, spackling, painting, flooring and the like. We will have a full report for you in the next edition of Grace Notes. Keep us in your prayers!

*John Berry*



## 65 Years, 65 Stories

This fall we celebrate Grace Church's 65th anniversary of moving to Russell Road. The first Sunday service on Russell Road was October 24, 1948 and the church was dedicated by Bishop Goodwin and the cornerstone laid on December 5, 1948. 65 years brings with it a lot of stories! Grace Notes will commemorate this exciting anniversary and our wonderful parish stories by asking a monthly question and publishing 65 answers/stories from the parish across the year. Whether you were at Grace in 1948 or just joined last week, we hope you will participate and share your unique story of what Grace means to you! Across the summer we will be collecting answers to the question: *What's your favorite (physical) part of Grace church? Is it a particular part of the building or a specific stained glass window? Why is it so meaningful to you?* Stories will be published in the September Grace Notes. Have a picture to go with your story? Even better! Check the Sunday bulletin or Facebook across the summer for more information about participating. Thanks to those that participated already this first month with their wonderful stories of finding (or being found by!) Grace Church!

Question 1: How did you find Grace Church? Or, how did Grace Church find you?

### #1

Ash Wednesday, 1969. Recently married; recently moved across the river to Virginia. Wondering if there was a church in Virginia not snake-belly low. Drove by Grace and saw statue over the door and thought there might be hope. Came to evening service and ventured up to choir loft to ask the choir master if I could come sing in his choir. He was too stunned to say no. That was it.

*Stephanie Reed*

### #2

Grace was actually the first Episcopal church I ever visited. It was back in the early 90s, and I came several times with my college roommate, Jenny Stafford. For a lifelong Baptist like me, the worship at Grace was overwhelming at first. But I visited many more Episcopal churches over the years and grew to love the liturgy and the focus on the Eucharist. When I decided to join an Episcopal church a few years ago, Jenny urged me to consider Grace, assuring me the people would be warm and welcoming. She was right!

*Teresa Preston*

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## 65 Years, 65 Stories (Continued from page 8)

### #3

I was a professional church musician for 50 years, my last position being Organist/Choirmaster at St. Paul's in Old Town for 36 years. When I retired at the end of June in 2006 I didn't think it would be fair to my successor for me to remain at St. Paul's and I wanted to worship in a church with a reverent atmosphere. Immediately following retirement, my time was taken up by the annual Association of Anglican Musicians Conference and a month's vacation. My first Sunday at Grace Church was in September and the only person I knew was Thom Robertson. This situation did not last for long because Grace Church is such a welcoming family! At that time the choir at 11:15 sometimes left a lot to be desired, but the service was always done to perfection! When I lost John, my partner of 40 years, Grace Church friends were there to support me at his memorial service at St. Paul's. Since then I have been quite active in many parish organizations and committees. Grace Church is my home in every possible way and I feel so blessed to have found this community.

*Michael Heintz*

### #4

We have to credit Jimmy Stancil with leading us to Grace Church. Michael Stancil was coaching his son Matt and our son Tim at soccer. The boys were only five but Jimmy and Joyce were at every game and most practices. I probably mentioned to Jimmy how unhappy we were with the lack of youth programs at our then parish. Then he REALLY waxed eloquent about Grace. We attended and were hooked right away. Our church shopping was one stop and done. Great bargain for us!!

*Sherryl Dodd*

### #5

I'm not entirely sure. But what drew me to Grace was the wide variety of people in the parish, in many cases with differing perspectives, political views, and backgrounds, all working together to worship, grow, learn, and support one another. Our warm welcome to all persons truly is an example of The Episcopal Church at its finest.

*Eric Bonetti*

## Grace Episcopal School News

On June 30, Maxine Meeks completed her term as the President of the GESPA and rotated off the School Board. We are very grateful for her support, service and dedication to the school and the parents. We wish her well and thank her for the very important role she played in the life of our school community. Now she can look forward to her Shrine Mont responsibilities!

I look forward to working with two new School Board members in the coming year: Heather Hurley (Parish Representative) and Katherine McCarron (GESPA President). Many thanks to the following School Board members: June Huber (Chair), John Berry (Vice Chair), Mary Hix (Treasurer), Sandy Tinkham (Secretary), Bob Malm, Jona Gilliam, Jason Gray, Rick Eudy, Trisha Miller, Rob Cheron, and Jonathan Wolcott for their vision, service and dedication to the school this past year.

If you are interested in purchasing a brick for the commemorative walkway as a gift, memorial or in recognition of someone, please pick up a flyer outside the school office. Or, go online at [www.graceschoolalex.org](http://www.graceschoolalex.org), click "GIVING" at the top of the screen, right side and scroll down to the Commemorative Brick Program link. As bricks are purchased they will be inserted in a space where a plain brick is embedded now. Think about how you would like to honor or recognize a loved one or family member.

All golfers in the parish please mark your calendars for Thursday, October 24 for the Annual GES Golf Tournament! This year we are very excited to be playing at Andrew's Air Force Base, south course. This is the first time that Andrew's has been our venue for the tournament and the south course is the one played by the President and his foursome. We are really looking forward to it! For further information, please contact the Development office, [development@graceschoolalex.org](mailto:development@graceschoolalex.org) or contact [claudiakostel@yahoo.com](mailto:claudiakostel@yahoo.com) directly.

Have a safe and happy summer!

*Chris Stegmaier Byrnes  
Head of School*

## 2013 Haiti Micah Project Sponsor A Child Update

As we are concluding our 2013 Haiti Micah Project Sponsor A Child event, we can report that Grace Church's commitment to support our Haiti Micah children remains strong! We are very close to sponsoring all of our Haiti Micah children for another year. Thank you Grace community! Your contributions make it possible for the Haiti Micah Project to provide food, clothing, education and basic medical care for the poorest of the poor children in Mirebalais, Haiti. In other words, your generosity creates the possibility of a future for children where none existed. God bless you and thank you for caring for these children.

If you would still like to sponsor a child individually or through Grace Church, or would like more information about the Haiti Micah Project and our Grace ministry, please contact any of the HMP Mission team members below by email or phone.

God bless your continued caring and generosity!

*Mary Ann Ryan, Karen Wires, Tracy Enger, Barbara Read,  
Lynn Rohrs, Joy St. John, Tania Wilkes, Don Wills*

## Transitions

Our Senior Acolyte, **Christina Iovino**, who preached on Youth Sunday, graduated from St. Stephen's and St. Agnes and will be a freshman at The University of Virginia. She is the daughter of Charlie and Peter Iovino.

**Philip Saphos** plans to major in International Relations at Goucher College, which requires an academic year abroad. He graduated from Bishop O'Connell, and is the son of Carmen Saphos and brother of Chas.

Our Assistant Rector, Mother Leslie Steffensen and her husband Kirk will be empty nesters next year. Sons **Gregory** and **Henry Steffensen** graduated from West Springfield High School. Gregory will be attending James Madison University to major in biology. Henry will head to Virginia Tech to major in Engineering. Daughter **Charlotte Steffensen**, a rising high school junior, departs in July for a full academic year living in Germany with a family near Hamburg as part of the Rotary International Student Exchange program.

**Page Tazewell** finished high school in Pretoria, South Africa, where her parents Lit and Mary Carol are now living. She will be returning to Virginia this fall to study Stage Management at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond. Her brother Henry will be a junior at the College of William and Mary. Mary Carol will return to VTS for the Spring 2014 semester to continue her theological studies, leaving Lit to fend for himself.

**Heather Kelly** graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Hospitality Management from Johnson & Wales University, and will be working at Marriott Courtyard Hotel in Crystal City. She is the daughter of Rich Kelly and Cindy MacIntyre Kelly, and older sister of Erin, Sean, Shannon and Karlene.

Two Metzses received degrees in May: **Evan Metz** graduated from The University of Virginia with a Bachelor of Arts in Foreign Affairs with a minor in Italian. She's working at St. George's Camp for one final summer, then travels to Verona, Italy in the fall to work as an au pair for at least a couple of months. **Kendall Metz** completed a Master's in Political Science at George Mason University, and is looking at think tanks for job opportunities. Evan and Kendall are the daughters of John Metz and Anne McFadden, sisters of Morgan and Ashley, and nieces of the Rev. David and Chrissie Crosby.

**Lindsay Murphy** and **Virginia Robinson** both completed their master's degrees at Marymount University last December, but chose to walk in the graduation ceremony in May. **Lindsay** received a Master's in English Language and Literature, and has been working at the Saylor Foundation in Georgetown since April. She is the daughter of Wendy and David Murphy, and sister of Heather and Connor. **Virginia**, with a Master's in Elementary Education, has been the temporary Gifted Resource teacher at Glebe Elementary in Arlington, and in August will begin teaching fifth grade full-time at Barcroft Elementary, a year round school. She is the daughter of Evan and Nancy Robinson, and sister of Nick.

**COL Chris Reed** returns to the States from a year in Afghanistan just long enough to say hello to his parents Jean and Lucy-Lee Reed and sister Eleanor Reed and prepare for his reassignment as Senior U.S. Army Liaison to the British Army. In August he and his wife **Melissa**, and son **Michael**, will be off to the United Kingdom for three years, where Chris will be stationed at Headquarters, UK Land Command at RAF Andover. They will live in Middle Wallop, 20 miles from Salisbury. Michael, who participated in the J2A pilgrimage to England in 2012, has been commuting from Carlyle, PA, with help from his grandparents and mother, so that he could stay active in the EYC and Acolytes. Most military spouses can empathize with Melissa who has had to handle all the details of arranging their PCS move to the UK, including selling their nearly new cars, packing up household goods, obtaining passports and visas, etc. We will miss them.

If you are a college student, or a parent of a college student, or a parishioner who is serving, working or studying abroad, please send your address changes and email addresses to either [pastoral.care@gracealex.org](mailto:pastoral.care@gracealex.org) or [nancy.robinson@gracealex.org](mailto:nancy.robinson@gracealex.org) so we are certain you will be on the list to receive cards and care packages in the coming year.

## July/August Birthdays

7/1 Helen Sweeney	7/20 Lauren Feeley	8/8 Robert Schrott
7/2 William Baird	7/20 Callan Henderson	8/9 Alexander Grimes
7/2 John Berry	7/20 Reba Winstead	8/9 Erica McFarquhar
7/2 Sherryl Dodd	7/21 Pegge Crepeau	8/9 Paul Miller
7/3 Billy Barr	7/22 Carl Eckel	8/9 Don Wills
7/3 Rhea Barr	7/22 Barry Rosman	8/1 Jeff Solsby
7/3 Charlotte Steffensen	7/23 Vance Allen	8/10 Victor Vassallo
7/3 Tad Wolcott	7/23 Pat Moore	8/12 Beverley Borgia
7/4 Jack Carle	7/23 Tod Moore	8/12 William Edgar
7/5 Summer Jones	7/24 Chris Caputo	8/12 Piers Spencer
7/6 Alexandra Falcon	7/24 Mike Jones	8/13 Paul Winkel
7/6 Isabella Nider	7/25 Jean Reed	8/15 Marc Cooper
7/6 Winnie Samuda	7/26 Kyle Babin	8/15 Bill Cummings
7/7 Kepler Rountree	7/26 Eliana Fair	8/15 Cynthia Fors
7/7 Skye Whitlow	7/26 Martha Mills	8/15 Michelle Kozlak
7/8 Mike Gentry	7/27 Chad Murchison	8/15 Kelsey Reeder
7/8 Ricardo Sosa	7/28 Julia McClung	8/15 Carl Seward
7/9 Robert Schultz	7/28 Jane Weaver	8/16 Rocky Gillette
7/10 Will Barnes	7/29 William Reuther	8/16 Rosita Sosa
7/10 Haywood Torrence	7/30 Chris Battle	8/17 Ana Hernandez
7/11 Gavin Carpenter	7/30 Emma Imphong	8/17 John Kendrick
7/11 Marvin Ely	7/30 Sally Schneider	8/19 Dylan Eustace
7/12 Burrell Driscoll	7/31 Sharon Hickok	8/20 Callen Dubsy
7/12 Soma Fulwiler	7/31 Dylan Pianesi	8/21 Aidan Smith
7/12 Greg Hoppe	7/31 Stephanie Reed	8/21 Frank Waskowicz
7/13 Dawn StJohn	8/1 Spencer Foucart	8/21 Aidan White
7/14 Claire Eudy	8/1 Emily Graves	8/22 Virginia Griffin
7/14 Jeanie Kaufman	8/2 Taylor M. Beyreuther	8/22 Mia McCombs
7/15 Lina Dobbs	8/2 Colin Enger	8/22 Kate Nider
7/15 Charles Hudson	8/2 Linda Grimes	8/23 Katherine Di Crocco
7/15 Rikki Jarrett	8/2 Heather Hurley	8/23 Keith Giacomo
7/16 Lois Kelso Hunt	8/2 Wendell Thomas	8/24 Heather Murphy
7/16 Karlene Kelly	8/2 Julia Zeigler	8/25 Neal Anderson
7/16 Emily Reuther	8/3 Grayson Glazier	8/25 Hudson Chiow
7/16 Chris Rugaber	8/3 Brooke Henry	8/25 David Hoppe
7/17 Elizabeth Bagley	8/3 Brian Jacobs	8/25 Evan Pfeiffer
7/17 Howell Medley	8/3 Joanne Peters	8/25 Mary Savino
7/17 Georganna Murto	8/4 Ralph Lewis	8/26 Sam Blunden
7/18 Chrissie Crosby	8/4 Deborah Miller	8/26 Andrew Smith
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7/18 Dorothy Gerber	8/5 Thomas McElwain	8/28 David Boris
7/18 David Murphy	8/5 Michael Ramm	8/29 Maggie Eckel
7/18 Thomas Pfeiffer	8/5 Jan Spence	8/29 Caroline Huebler
7/18 Ruth Schrott	8/6 Ann-Colter Cheron	8/29 Johanna Moore
7/18 Celia Schultz	8/7 Mary-Jo Cooney	8/30 John Green
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7/19 Cleve Corlett	8/7 Jenna Payne	8/31 Elizabeth Locher
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