

# Grace Notes

Newsletter of Grace Episcopal Church, Alexandria, Virginia

Rector's Reflections

February 2014

## Stewardship of our Property

By the time you read this our budget for 2014 will have been presented and discussed at a Sunday forum and, a week later, at the Annual Meeting. Even though that's weeks away, I write with some certainty that two major expense line items will not make the final draft: Capital Improvements and a Facilities Manager (proposed to be shared with Grace Episcopal School). These two line items were initially considered, but removed after we received the initial results of the pledge campaign.

We don't anticipate any significant increased income for 2014. These two proposed line items would have cost us about \$50,000. With everything else we want to do in 2014, these expenses were not the Vestry's priority.

But they do point us all toward considering the stewardship of our physical plant. We just have to find the resources needed, short term and long term, to take care of our property. We have hard-working volunteers and sextons. We have Junior Wardens and Property Committee members who spend countless hours working on projects here. We have a Capital Improvement Fund. But all this is not enough.

I hope we can finally build the Grace Trust to beyond the \$500,000 minimum in order to put interest income toward capital improvements and physical plant needs. I hope we can interest even more volunteers to help with projects from gardening and landscaping to compiling records and manuals defining basic property needs. In short, I hope 2014 is a year for active stewardship of this beautiful facility we care about so deeply.

*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
Children’s Chapel.....	8:50 am–9:30 am
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

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## From the Assistant to the Rector

February is a strange time in Virginia—I think you have to be prepared for any kind of weather! There can be a snowstorm or warm sunshine on any given day. We have a late start to Lent, so this year February will be all about Epiphany. The Sundays are set—there is no foul weather or early hint of spring that will change what we read and celebrate as we move through these weeks. Nothing can deter the message that the incarnate Lord brings to us as the Messiah: he fulfills the Law and the Prophets, not with political force but with love.

Love is a key celebration in the month of February—looking forward to Valentine’s Day gives us a boost with chocolates and romantic comedies to warm the cold days. But that is just one day in the middle of the month. Our lectionary calls us all month to attend to the deeper love that seems a little more subdued in its mood but outlasts the fleeting cards and cupcakes of Valentine’s Day (yes, I always hope for cupcakes!) When the shops put up hearts and cupids in their windows, what if Grace Church put hearts and hands in our windows, to represent Christly love that reaches out in love to comfort and support? Ah, but look! We already do have our decorations of love in our windows—the stained glass windows tell the story of love shared in our Christian faith. Gospel images of Jesus, the establishment of the Church in Virginia, the many forebears of our faith, all shine out in bright colors to the world outside. If passersby pause and take a look, they will see the story.

But for those who do not stop and look, you may be the one they encounter out in the world, to tell the story of love we find in Epiphany. Your heart and hands do that work in many ways. Listen for that message this Epiphany in the readings on Sunday. Jesus calls us to respond to his incarnate self we celebrated at Christmas with praise, by spreading his light into the world, by letting our hearts be softened, and by deeply loving one another. Jesus said, “Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.” (Matt 5:16) It may be a strange way to think of it, but you are the valentine Christ sends out into the world. You are the one who delivers the message of his transforming love into our community. No matter what weather you are dealing with this fickle February, you will be carrying a message of light and love all month.

*The Rev. Leslie Steffensen*

## A Word from Mother Elizabeth

As we entered into the green season between Christmas and Epiphany and the beginning of Lent, we were welcomed in by one of my favorite Sunday prayers in the Church Year—the collect for the second Sunday after the Epiphany:

“Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that thy people, illumined by thy Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ’s glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth.”

I love how this prayer continues to follow the theme of light that goes all through the seasons from Advent on. But this prayer has a special focus, not just on Jesus as the light of the world, but on each one of us as points of light as well. We learn here that we, too, can “shine with the radiance of Christ’s glory.” As Christians, we are the witness to the whole world that Christ is the light, and we show that in our own lives.

But how does that light get to us? How does it “transfer” into us from Jesus? This prayer speaks of that, too. We are “illumined”—filled with light—by God’s Word and Sacraments.

The Light of the world enters into us through His Word and Sacraments. We are filled with light whenever we are brought into contact with Jesus, the Word made flesh. And we can find Him, in worship or on our own, when we encounter God’s Word in Holy Scripture.



And most of all, Jesus, the Light of the world, enters into us through the sacraments He has left for the Church—each of them a source of the illumining grace of God. Our light is first kindled at baptism, as we are reminded by the candle each person receives here at Grace when they are baptized. And then every time we receive Christ in Holy Communion, we receive the Light of the world into ourselves once more.

And so we are like a lantern, and Jesus is the flame glowing within us—casting light all around us. Or for a more contemporary metaphor, we are like the glass of a light bulb, and Jesus is the glowing filament at our core. He is the source of light, but it is through us that the light is cast to the world all around us. Thanks be to God that we can help share the Light of the world!

*In Christ,  
The Rev. Elizabeth Locher*

*Registration for Shrine Mont Summer Camps is now open.*

Sign up by March 18 to receive a \$20 Early Bird discount. More information is available online at [www.shrinemontcamps.net](http://www.shrinemontcamps.net).

## Music at Grace

On Sunday, February 2, at the 11:15 am Festival Eucharist, the choir will offer Franz Schubert's *Mass in G* as the choral setting of the Mass Ordinary, as we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple (or Candlemas). The choir will be joined by a small string orchestra for this service. I hope you will be present to participate in this beautiful feast of the Church and hear some lovely music. Also, please mark your calendars for March 2, The Last Sunday after the Epiphany, when the Adult Choir will offer Choral Evensong at 5 pm (followed by Holy Communion). If you would like to join the choir in singing for Evensong, you are welcome to do so, even if you are not a regular member of the choir. Our two Saturday rehearsals for Choral Evensong are on February 22 and March 1, from 10 am to noon. If you are interested in participating, please let me know.

Finally, many of you will probably already have received word that I will be leaving Grace Church in the summer to pursue formation for the priesthood as a postulant for Holy Orders in the Diocese of Washington. It has been a real honor to serve as your Director of Music, albeit for such a short period of time. I am looking forward to continuing our growth in the music ministry for the coming five or six months, and I will do all in my power to assist in a smooth transition to the next period of leadership under a new Director of Music. I thank you for your support during my time at Grace Church, and I ask your continued prayers as I enter this next phase in my life.

*Kyle Babin*



## Grace Episcopal School

Mark your calendars for the Grace Episcopal School Gala and Auction, An Evening at the Oscars, on February 22. There will be a silent auction, live auction, fantastic dinner and great fun, all in support of the School. Become involved by buying a ticket to the event, sponsoring, or donating to the auction—sign-on parties, sports tickets, vacations—the Grace community always has the best items! This year's raffle is a luxury stay at the Greenbrier Resort and a \$750 Visa Gift Card! Invitations and tickets are available in the School office and will be for sale during an upcoming coffee hour. For more information, please contact Mercer Fannon, [mercerc.fannon@gmail.com](mailto:mercerc.fannon@gmail.com) or Sara Gillespie, [swags718@yahoo.com](mailto:swags718@yahoo.com). Be sure to "Like" us on Facebook, [www.facebook.com/GraceEpiscopalGala](http://www.facebook.com/GraceEpiscopalGala), for additional details and updates.

*Chris Stegmaier Byrnes*  
*Head of School*



# Graceful Worship: Apostolic Succession



When we say the Nicene Creed during Rite I or Rite II, we say, “I (We) believe in one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.” In accordance with the Outline of the Faith (found in the Book of Common Prayer on pages 852-862), this is “the creed of the universal Church [and] the Church is apostolic because it continues in the teaching and fellowship of the apostles and is sent to carry out Christ’s mission to all peoples.”

In Acts 1:7-8, after Jesus was resurrected but before he ascended to heaven, he said to the apostles, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will

receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” And in Acts 4:33, it is written that, “With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.”

The Episcopal Church, as part of the Anglican Communion (and with the Catholic Church, the Eastern Orthodox and Oriental Orthodox Churches, the Church of the East, the Liberal Catholic Church and some Lutheran Churches), recognizes the concept of “apostolic succession.” This means we believe that the ministry of the Church is derived directly from the apostles by a continuous succession through a series of bishops, each consecrated by other bishops, themselves consecrated in a succession going back to the apostles themselves. It also represents the continuity in doctrinal teaching from the time of the apostles to the present day.

For adherents of this belief, grace is transmitted during episcopal consecrations (i.e., the ordination of bishops) by the laying on of hands of bishops previously consecrated within the apostolic succession. This lineage of ordination is traceable to the original twelve apostles. It legitimizes the ministry of its clergy, as only a bishop within the succession can perform ordinations. In addition, only bishops and presbyters (priests) ordained by bishops in the apostolic succession can validly celebrate the other sacraments, including the Eucharist, reconciliation of penitents, confirmation and anointing of the sick.

The claim of the Episcopal Church to apostolic succession is rooted in the Church of England’s evolution as part of the Western Church. When King Henry VIII broke away from the jurisdiction of Rome in 1533, the English Church retained the apostolic succession inherent in its Catholic past. During and after the Protestant reformation, under the guiding hand of Thomas Cranmer (the Archbishop of Canterbury who helped build the case for the annulment of Henry’s marriage to Catherine of Aragon and supported the principle of Royal Supremacy, in which the king was considered sovereign over the Church within his realm), care was taken to maintain the unbroken sequence of episcopal consecration. But apostolic succession was not seen as a major concern by everyone at that time, and many English Reformers rejected the Catholic position that apostolic succession is divinely commanded, or even necessary, for true Christian ministry. (In fact, this has been argued back-and-forth for many years, right up until the present day.)

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In the wake of the American Revolution, Episcopalians addressed the task of preserving the hierarchical church structure. When the clergy of Connecticut elected Samuel Seabury as their bishop in 1783, he sought consecration in England. The requirement for taking the Oath of Supremacy (to the King) prevented Seabury's consecration in England, so he went to Scotland, where Scottish bishops consecrated him in Aberdeen in 1784, making him, in the words of scholar Arthur Carl Piepkorn, “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 previous legal obstacles had been removed by Parliament’s passage of the Consecration of Bishops Abroad Act in 1786. So there are two branches of apostolic succession for our Episcopalian bishops: through the bishops of Scotland that consecrated Samuel Seabury, and through the English bishops who consecrated William White and Samuel Provoost.

Many Christian churches don’t see this direct lineage as important, and instead focus on preserving and sharing the teachings of Jesus Christ as his apostles. I have no argument with this. But, somehow, I find it comforting that in our Episcopal Church we have a long line of individual clergy—archbishops, bishops, priests and deacons—who have learned from, and been ordained by, their forebears, back to the twelve original apostles.

*June Huber*

## February Adult Forum Schedule

- **Forums run from 10:15 am-11 am, Sunday morning and meet in the St. John room on the third floor of Merrow Hall unless otherwise noted.**

### February 2<sup>nd</sup>

*Report on the 219th Council of the Diocese of Virginia.*

Join Grace's delegates to Annual Council for a discussion about what is going on in our Diocese.

### February 9<sup>th</sup>

*Canon Pat Wingo: "The Church of the (Near) Future"*

Join Canon Pat Wingo, Canon to the Ordinary for the Diocese of Virginia, as he reflects on the mission and vocation of the Church in our time and into the future.

### February 16<sup>th</sup>

*Fellowship Sunday — no Adult Forum*

### February 23<sup>rd</sup>

*Opportunities for Ministry with the Mission and Outreach Committee*

Learn about some of the service and outreach ministries of Grace Church and how you can get involved! Ministries discussed will include Brown Bag Lunch, the Grace Food Pantry, the Alexandria Tutoring Consortium, the Carpenter’s Shelter, and Meals on Wheels.

## February Inquirers’ Classes

- **Classes run from 10:15 am-11 am, Sunday morning and meet in the St. Mark Room on the second floor of Merrow Hall unless otherwise noted.**

### February 2<sup>nd</sup>

*Prayer*

### February 9<sup>th</sup>

*The Holy Eucharist*

### February 16<sup>th</sup>

*Fellowship Sunday —  
no classes*

### February 23<sup>rd</sup>

*Tour of the Church  
(meet in the Nave)*

## Mission and Parish Life

Grace Church Monday Night Lenten Series: March 10<sup>th</sup> – April 7<sup>th</sup>

### Nightly Schedule:

6:30 PM: Holy Eucharist

7:15 PM: Simple Supper

7:45 PM: Speaker – 30 minutes speaking, 15 minutes of Q&A

### “Mission in Matthew” – March 10<sup>th</sup>

The Rev. Dr. John Yieh  
Professor of New Testament  
Virginia Theological Seminary



### “Incarnate Splendor: The Mission of Anglo-Catholicism” – March 17<sup>th</sup>

Dr. John Orens  
Professor of European History  
George Mason University



### “VOICE and Mission in the Local Community” – March 24<sup>th</sup>

Ms. Jennifer Knox  
Associate Organizer for VOICE  
Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement



### “World Christianity and Contemporary Mission” – March 31<sup>st</sup>

The Rev. Dr. Robert Heaney  
Professor of Christian Mission  
Virginia Theological Seminary



### “Views of the End Times” – April 7<sup>th</sup>

The Very Rev. Ian Markham  
Dean and President,  
Virginia Theological Seminary



*In coordination with the Alexandria Episcopal-Lutheran Lenten Series  
This speaker will begin at 7:30 pm.*

## “FINAL THINGS”

A Lenten series for the City of Alexandria  
Sponsored by its Lutheran (ELCA) and Episcopal congregations

Each evening will include **Holy Eucharist at 6:30 p.m.** and a **“Simple Supper” at 7:00 p.m.** (provided by the host parish), followed by the **program from 7:30-8:30 p.m.** This is a cooperative venture of all eight City of Alexandria Episcopal Churches, and Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church, the only ELCA church in the City of Alexandria.

### WEEK ONE



**Is there a heaven, and (if so) how do I get there?**

led by

**the Rev. Dr.**

**Lloyd A. “Tony” Lewis, Jr.**

**Wednesday, March 12**

Meade Memorial Episcopal Church,  
322 N Alfred Street  
Alexandria VA 22314

*Tony is a New Testament scholar who recently retired from the faculty at Virginia Theological Seminary (VTS).*

**Meade Memorial Church**

[www.meadechurch.org](http://www.meadechurch.org)

### WEEK TWO



**How might someone who is not Christian end up in heaven?**

led by

**the Rev. Dr.**

**Kate Sonderegger**

**Wednesday, March 19**

St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
228 S Pitt Street  
Alexandria VA 22314

*Kate is a systematic theology professor at VTS.*

**St. Paul's Church**

[www.stpaulsalexandria.com](http://www.stpaulsalexandria.com)

### WEEK THREE



**Is there a hell, and (if so) who's going there?**

led by

**the Rev. Dr.**

**Craig Phillips**

**Wednesday, March 26**

Christ Episcopal Church,  
118 N Washington Street  
Alexandria VA 22314

*Craig is Rector of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Arlington, Virginia, and an adjunct systematic theology professor.*

**Christ Church**

[www.historicchristchurch.org](http://www.historicchristchurch.org)

### WEEK FOUR



**What if I do bad things?**

led by

**the Rev. Dr.**

**Kate Sonderegger**

**Wednesday, April 2**

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
100 W Luray Ave  
Alexandria VA 22301

*Kate is a systematic theology professor at VTS.*

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**

[www.gslutheran.net](http://www.gslutheran.net)

### WEEK FIVE



**Views of the End Times**

led by

**the Very Rev. Dr.**

**Ian Markham**

**Monday, April 7**

Grace Episcopal Church  
3601 Russell Road  
Alexandria VA 22305

*Ian is Dean and President of VTS. He also teaches systematic theology courses there.*

**Grace Church**

[www.gracealex.org](http://www.gracealex.org)

## 65 Years, 65 Stories

***If you were a child at Grace or have a child at Grace, what's one of your favorite stories about the children's programs at Grace?***

Greetings,

Our family is a bit new to Grace. While we weren't formally received until the 2012 Easter Vigil, Keller and I began "church shopping" before our marriage in 2010 and Grace was the church that kept drawing us back. Keller, a "High Methodist" who had attended Catholic high school and Notre Dame law, and I, a liberal yet devout Roman Catholic who had experienced a somewhat traumatic annulment process, were looking for a spiritual home where we could blend our faith and raise our twins from my first marriage. At every visit, someone would seek us out as new faces and would offer to introduce us to others at coffee hour, or invite us to the Inquirers' Class. In the past few years, we have gotten quite involved—with Foyers, sponsoring a Haiti Micah child, Keller running the Meals on Wheels program, and my involvement as a Sunday School teacher and Food Pantry volunteer.

Given our excitement over having found such a special place, we wanted to introduce our family to Grace. The first Christmas my family attended Mass, my Roman Catholic-raised sister was surprised at the similarities to the Roman Catholic Mass, and pronounced that "the Episcopal Church is just like the Catholic Church, except the people are happy!"

Our other funny, early memory is of our daughter Clara's appreciation for the music program. As a loyal Michigan alum with season football tickets since 1974, Keller taught Clara and Nicholas Michigan's "Hail to the Victors" fight song at an early age. Not wanting to be left out, my attempt to teach them the University of Virginia's "Good Old Song" was met with the following response: "this sounds like church music." Imagine our surprise (and embarrassment) when, a few weeks later, Clara loudly asked during Sunday services, "Are we going to sing the Virginia song soon?"

While we have only been members of Grace for a short while, we treasure our involvement. Despite moving to North Arlington a year ago, we have chosen to make the longer drive to Grace because we love it here. Besides, when Nancy Macklin sold us our house, she made us promise to stay! With any luck, we'll finally make it to Shrine Mont now that Michigan and Notre Dame are no longer playing the weekend after Labor Day.

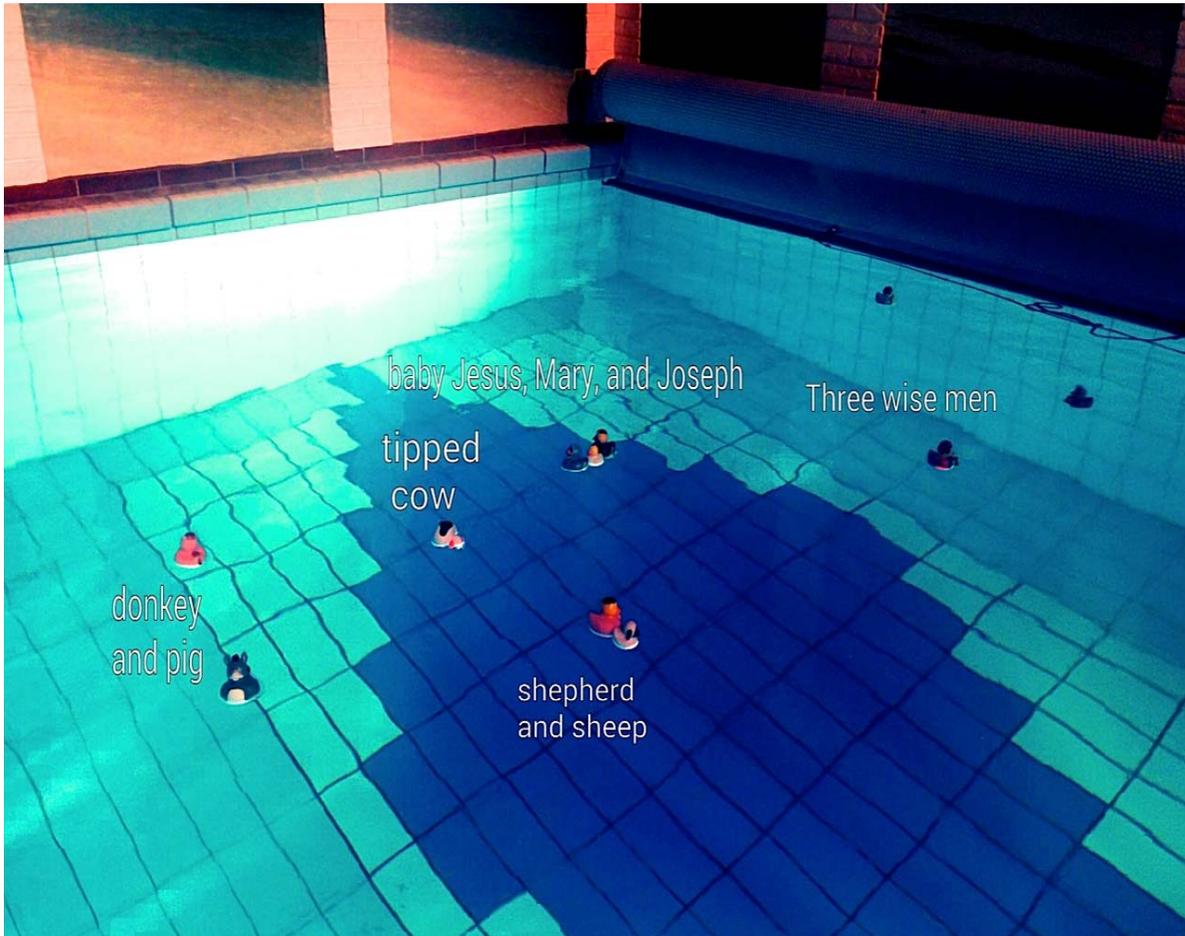
Sincerely,  
Heather Wishart-Smith & Keller Smith  
Clara & Nicholas Shriner

### March's 65 years, 65 stories Question!

Question six is: **What is one of your favorite memories of fellowship with other Grace Church members?** Send your stories to [grace.notes@gracealex.org](mailto:grace.notes@gracealex.org) by February 15. We would really love to have 65 stories before the end of the year. Multiple stories are always welcome!

## Grace Pastoral Care: College & Parishioners Abroad

Little nativity rubber ducky missionaries from Grace Church spread out across the globe in December, to bring a smile to students cramming for exams and parishioners stationed far from home. The holy family took a flight into Egypt to reach the Pattarini family at the Embassy in Cairo, the Corletts in Peru, the Kamakuras in Kenya, the Tazewells in South Africa, the Reeds with the Army in the UK, the Slatterys with the Navy in Bahrain, and Dr. Catherine Warner in remote Afghanistan. Mother Leslie Steffensen's daughter, Rachel, who is studying in Germany for a full year, put hers to a literal test of the collective noun "a raft" of (rubber) duckies, by floating them in her host family's pool



The Grace Pastoral Care team sponsors three major card signing events each year for the College and Parishioners Abroad Ministry. Parishioners at the parish retreat weekend sign 50-60 "We miss you at Shrine Mont" cards in September, for college students beginning their academic year and parishioners serving in other countries. The Advent cards are signed as parishioners participate in wreath making and other intergenerational activities. This year, thanks to some generous contributions, we were able to resume modest care packages. Easter cards reach out not only to students and parishioners abroad, but to the candidates for Baptism, Confirmation, Reception and Reaffirmation at the Easter Vigil. Our dedicated clergy and staff are not forgotten. Why cards in an age of email, Facebook, and Skype? Why not? Who doesn't like to receive real mail? It's a very personal reminder that someone, or a whole parish, is thinking of you and cares about you. For the college students, many of whom were active in Grace as acolytes and mission

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participants, cards and the occasional care package are a reminder that they are still a part of Grace, even if they don't have time (or interest) in attending services while away at school.

With such a mobile and international parish, where so many families regularly depart for overseas assignments, the card ministry contributes to Grace Church's "global gravitational pull," drawing people back from all over the world to our community of faith and worship. Melissa Sinclair, now back at Grace, worked in such a remote part of Afghanistan that she had no mail service and so received signed cards that were scanned and sent as PDF email attachments. The Hall family, stationed in the UK for several years, are back at Grace, and Donna is helping with the College and Parishioners Abroad ministry. Keeping in touch brings people back to Grace when they return from college or distant assignments.

The cards are a concrete reminder that the recipients are in our prayers and on the Grace Church prayer list. That is a powerful, magnetic force which we have experienced first-hand. From 1981 to 1998, we spent nearly 14 years away from Grace, mostly overseas, yet we always counted ourselves members of this parish. Whenever we passed through Washington and services at Grace, people greeted us warmly and recognized our names from the prayer list. That is why we returned to Grace when we moved back, and that is why I started, and continue this ministry.



We can't do it without your help. We don't want anyone to feel left out, but students or family members stationed overseas won't receive our cards and packages if you don't keep us updated with their names, addresses, and any changes in their status. Sticking address labels on envelopes, photos on cards, laying them out on the tables for signing—volunteers are always welcome! Easter cards will be signed during the Palm Sunday intergenerational event on April 13, 2014. If you'd like to help, please contact Nancy Robinson at [nancy.robinson@gracealex.org](mailto:nancy.robinson@gracealex.org). Send any name and address changes to Cindy MacIntyre at [cindy.macintrye@gracealex.org](mailto:cindy.macintrye@gracealex.org) or Donna Hall at [donna.hall@gracealex.org](mailto:donna.hall@gracealex.org).

*Nancy Robinson*

## From the Parish Register

### Marriages

- ✚ Michael Thomas Hopkins and Julia Dorr Hovden
- ✚ John Grafton Metz, Jr. and Carmen Jean Saphos

### Transfers In

- ✚ Lucy McNair Tschetter from St. Paul's Church, Fayetteville, Arkansas

### Transfers Out

- ✚ Peter and Sarah McElwain, with children Charles and Thomas, to St. Paul's Church, Alexandria

## Altar Guild Flower Training

In January, Anne Caputo (Altar Guild Flower Arranger) and Lisa Doelp (Altar Guild Flower Chair) invited members of the Altar Guild to learn techniques for arranging altar flowers at Grace. Anne led the class through the "life" of a flower at Grace: from delivery Saturday morning, to arranging and placing on the altar, then to breaking them down and delivering them to recipients of the clergy's choosing on Mondays. These are very busy flowers!

Flowers at Grace are never arranged by a professional. Each week a member of the Altar Guild is assigned to arrange either the High Altar flowers or the Lady Altar, La Gracia and Children's Chapel flowers. Trainees learned how to build an arrangement in the Grace style and will now take turns arranging the Lady Altar flowers under the guidance of a more experienced High Altar arranger.

The cost for flowers at Grace is covered through donations. The cost of donating flowers is \$50, regardless of the number of donors (it takes at least two donors each week to cover the actual cost of the flowers). The donation is noted in the Sunday bulletin. If you would like to donate flowers, please visit the [flower donation page](#) or email [lisa.doelp@gracealex.org](mailto:lisa.doelp@gracealex.org)

*Kristine Hesse*



## February Birthdays

2/1	Helen Viera	2/16	Jack Hamilton
2/2	Karla Merritt	2/16	Aidan Koelbl
2/2	Kathleen Roche	2/16	Jose Rodriguez
2/2	William Thissell	2/16	Matthew Wiggins
2/3	Perrin Chiow	2/17	Kate Reeder
2/3	Lawrence Kline	2/17	Kevin Sherlock
2/3	Kyle Laemmle	2/18	Jamie Grimes
2/4	Emma Grimes	2/19	Ashley Spencer
2/4	Lottie Henry	2/19	Mary Toler
2/4	Alma Deane	2/20	Sophia Vassallo
	MacConomy	2/21	Anne McFadden
2/4	Littleton Tazewel	2/21	Pamela Valenzuela
2/5	Ronan Cheron	2/21	Seamus White
2/5	Paulette Fitzgerald	2/22	Ned Goodnow
2/5	Lesley Gable	2/22	Jean Goodson
2/5	Karsten Glazier	2/22	Andrew Lorentz
2/5	Katie Schanely	2/22	Gemma Pianesi
2/6	Claire Terry	2/23	Claudine Donovan
2/7	Alexandra Feeley	2/23	Lauren Gustafson
2/7	Kelly Gable	2/24	Carole Guzzetta
2/7	Joseph Giacomo	2/23	James Holloway
2/7	Daniel Wakefield	2/23	Carole Hunt
2/8	Peter Madigan	2/24	Connor Murphy
2/8	Sofia Reyes	2/23	Evan Robinson
2/9	Charlotte Wright	2/23	Nancy Robinson
2/10	Bert David	2/24	Renée Rutkowski
2/10	Betty Lawson	2/23	Raphael Sanchez
2/11	Kelley Miller	2/25	Graham Borgia
2/11	Amy Sullivan	2/25	Mildred Lewis
2/12	Peregrine Enger	2/25	Kerrigan O'Malley
2/12	Elizabeth Legere	2/25	Amelia Page
2/13	Libby Padilla	2/26	Jay Burgess
2/13	Lucy-Lee Reed	2/26	Betty Jones
2/14	Megan Laboy	2/26	Joe Washington
2/14	Dawn Alee Yerkes	2/27	Sidonie Gillette
2/15	Catherine Giacomo	2/28	Elizabeth Dorton
		2/28	Willem Egaas



## Parish Staff

Robert Malm.....	Rector
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