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*Member at Large* Lorna Worley

#### **Class of 2016 Class of 2017 Class of 2018**

Jeffrey Chiow John Boris Rich Kelly

Lina Dobbs Kelly Gable Chris Rugaber

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September 4, 2016

### **Please Pray for**

**Parishioners.....** Mary, Michael, Jimmy, Joyce, Lisa, Michael, Dick, Martha, Easter, Renata, Sherryl, Liz, Nate, Nora Lee, Ashby

**Family and friends.....**, Tina, Carol, Matthew, Sherrel, Pepper, Jack, Cecilia, Tom, Jeanne, Spencer, Ella, Lori, Jennifer, Margaret, Joan, Rob, Richard, Denise, the Pasowitz family, John, Gayle, Bruce, Steve, Patty, Bobby, Caitlin, Bibsy, Wally and his family, Tina, Jack, Megan, Dottie, Lavonia, John, Ann, Scott, Larry, Sue, Nate, Cynthia, Zach, Rachel and her son, Jack, Sarah, Dominic, Carl

**Requiescat in Pace** ....and all those killed in acts of terror and the wars around the world.

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

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

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

**Traveling:** Karla Merritt

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Anglican Church of Tanzania and **The Most Revd Jacob Erasto Chimeledya** Archbishop of Tanzania and Bishop of Mpwapwa.

**In the Diocese of Virginia:** For all baptized in their daily life and work.

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

#### **Those with September birthdays**

4 Fiona Dowell, Don Rae

5 Nathan Moore, Charlie Pease

6 Blythe Su Davis

7 Cathy Puskar, Philip Smith, David Tuma

9 Taso Janevski, Graham, Kalan, Mike Reed, Natalie Winkler

10 Emily LaSalle

### **Welcome to Grace Church!**

Today, we celebrate the Holy Eucharist at 7:30 am and 5:00 pm; Choral Eucharist at 10:00 am in the church; and a 9:00 am Santa Eucharistia in the auditorium.

#### **Sunday, September 4**

8:30 am Library open (8:30 to 12:30 pm) and during the week when the church is open

9:00 am Children's Chapel for La Gracia Service

9:45 am Childcare for children 6 weeks through 2 years (until 11:30 pm) — Nursery

9:50 am Children's Chapel for children 3 years through kindergarten — St. Nicholas Room

11:30 am Special Thanksgiving Coffee Hour

#### **Monday, September 5**

Church Office and School Closed for Labor Day

#### **Tuesday, September 6**

10:00 am Church Staff Meeting — St. Mark Room

1:00 pm Food Pantry open (until 3:00 pm)

3:00 pm Bulletin Insert deadline

6:00 pm Web Committee Meeting — St. Mark

6:30 pm Requiem Eucharist — Lady Altar

7:00 pm Vestry Executive Committee — Library

#### **Wednesday, September 7**

7:00 am Holy Eucharist — Lady Altar

5:00 pm Yoga

8:00 pm AA and AI-Anon — St. Luke and Auditorium

#### **Thursday, September 8**

12:15 pm Holy Eucharist — Lady Altar

#### **Friday, September 9**

Shrine Mont Weekend

12:00 pm Church Office Closes

6:30 pm Food Pantry open (until 7:30 pm)

8:30 pm AA — Auditorium

#### **Saturday, September 10**

Shrine Mont Weekend

9:00 am Altar Guild — Sacristy and Nave

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## Worship Notes

### Flowers on the Altar

The flowers on the Altar today are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving by Lucy-Lee and Jean Reed in thanksgiving for 56 years together.

### New Assistant for Family Ministries and Evangelism

The Rector has called Ms. Jennifer Faires to follow the Rev. Elizabeth Locher as Assistant for Family Ministries and Evangelism at Grace Church. "Jenni" will join the staff on September 7th and she hopes to attend the parish weekend at Shrine Mont with her 8-year-old son, husband and mother in law.

### Join the St. Andrew's Guild this fall!

The St. Andrew's Guild of Grace Church helps welcome visitors and newcomers into our community by greeting them before or after Sunday services. Every member of Grace Church is an honorary member of this guild and encouraged to greet and welcome visitors, but if you would like to join this focused ministry of identifying and welcoming visitors on Sunday mornings, please speak to one of our members or email Lorna Worley at [Lornaworley@gmail.com](mailto:Lornaworley@gmail.com) or Cindy MacIntyre at [cindymacrd@gmail.com](mailto:cindymacrd@gmail.com). You can also sign up at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e45a8a62fa3fa7-fall>

### Ushers Needed

Ever wanted to start your day earlier on a Sunday? The 7:30 am service needs Ushers!!!! If you are interested in serving at the service, please contact Cindy Diehl at [Cindy.Diehl@gracealex.org](mailto:Cindy.Diehl@gracealex.org).

## This Week at Grace

### Thanksgiving for Mother Elizabeth

Today at the Coffee Hour after the 10 am Choral Eucharist we will give thanks for Mother Elizabeth's time with us. She returned to Grace as one of our Assistants in September of 2013 after serving here as a Seminarian and spending a year in Tanzania. Now she transitions to becoming a "stay at home" Mom. We wish Elizabeth, Ben, and Mary all the best for the years to come and hope to see them often.

### Rector's Golf Tournament at Shrine Mont, Fri. Sept. 9th!

Please join us for the 26th Annual Rector's Golf Tournament! We will again be playing at Bryce Resort at 11:00 am. Why not sign-up a friend or coworker as a partner or maybe fill up an entire foursome with friends! Just come just for the day – you don't have to be signed up for the Shrine Mont weekend. Interested in playing? Contact Jay Legere at [jay.legere@gracealex.org](mailto:jay.legere@gracealex.org) or 703-548-2176.

### Shrine Mont Weekend

Starting on Friday evening, many of our parish will be enjoying our parish retreat at Shrine Mont. We will be counting our blessings as a parish and celebrating time together. The church office will be closing at 12:00, but there will be Sunday services for those who are not joining us at Shrine Mont.

### From the Library

The parish library special topics for this month are *Death and Grief*, *St. Peter and St. Paul* and *Henri Nouwen*. Books on these subjects are on display in the library and the branches. To check out a book, write your name and the current date on the book card that is in a pocket in the back of the book and place the signed book card in the designated box. Books may be kept out for 4 weeks.

## Upcoming Events

**No Children's Chapel on Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>; it resumes 9am Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>.**

### Sunday School begins September 18<sup>th</sup>!

Sunday School classes will begin on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, and classroom locations will be posted throughout the building. Sunday School Registration is open online at: [http://www.gracealex.org/Growing\\_Grace/Sunday-School-Registration/](http://www.gracealex.org/Growing_Grace/Sunday-School-Registration/). Please register to help us keep our records up to date and to sign our permission form for off-site activities

### Adult Forum: "Counting Our Blessings through the Story of the Church" – September 18<sup>th</sup>

This year we will be exploring the story of the Church throughout time and in our community today. Fr. Malm will be kicking off the forum year with an introduction to the many events to come!

### 8-week Spousal Grief Support Group at Grace Church

This group will offer discussions in a small-group setting, focusing on symptoms of grief, ways to cope, ways to adjust to the loss, and hope for the future. It is facilitated by Anne Van Heyste Malouf, MSW. Meet at Grace each Saturday, October 1 through November 19, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm. There is no charge, but registration is required. For information, please call Anne at [\(703\) 333-6963](tel:7033336963). Brought to you by the Grace Pastoral Care Committee and Capital Caring.

## Help at Grace and Beyond

### It is Brown Bag Lunch Time Again – September 12 – 16

Two servers per day and sandwiches are needed. There is a sign-up sheet on the outreach bulletin board or you can e-mail [linda.waskowicz@gracealex.org](mailto:linda.waskowicz@gracealex.org). Instructions are on the bulletin board. If you are going to Shrine Mont, you can deliver your sandwiches the previous Thursday or Friday, or bring them in early in the week of the 12th.

### Meals on Wheels is looking for Volunteers (2 hours per month) and a New Coordinator!

Meals on Wheels provides two healthy meals per day to Alexandria seniors who are unable to leave their homes to shop. Grace Church provides volunteers to deliver six routes (approximately 70 meals) on the first Friday of each month. Grace volunteers have been doing this since at least the mid '70s! Time commitment is about two hours once per month and a driver and runner are assigned to each route. If you would like to be part of this important and long-serving ministry as a Volunteer or Volunteer Coordinator, please contact Keller Smith at 571-623-5909 for more details.

### Bone Marrow Donor Drive

Eleven-year-old Alexandria resident Jack Creedon has a rare form of leukemia and is in need of a bone marrow transplant. He has not found a match within his family. On September 11th, his church, Good Shepherd Lutheran, will hold a drive to register potential donors, in hopes of helping Jack or any of the thousands of other patients in need of a donor. All it takes is a simple swab of the inside of your cheek. There is no need to make an appointment and the process should take approximately 10 minutes. You must be ages 18-44 to be eligible. Where: 100 W. Luray Avenue in Alexandria. (703) 548-8608. When: Sunday, September 11, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Contact Amy Hadley at [amyhadley@comcast.net](mailto:amyhadley@comcast.net) with questions about this event. For more information on the donation process, please go to [bethematch.org](http://bethematch.org).

### Winter Clothing Drive

Grace Church partners with St. Rita Catholic Church to sponsor a winter clothing drive for residents of Del Ray and Arlandria. We will collect **clean**, gently-worn winter clothing items the first four Sundays in October. Volunteers from Outreach Committee will be in the lobby near the parking lot between the 9am and 11:15am services, and immediately following the 11:15 service, to receive clothing. All types of clothing items for women, men, girls, and boys are welcomed. We will set up to distribute the clothing at St. Rita's on Friday evening, Nov. 4, and distribute clothing the following morning, Nov. 5. To participate please contact, [kemp.williams@gracealex.org](mailto:kemp.williams@gracealex.org).

### Groceries to Go

Senior Services of Alexandria (SSA) and Giant Foods on Duke Street are partnering to provide a grocery shopping and delivery service for seniors who live in the City of Alexandria. To participate, you must be over 60 years of age, be a City resident, have a debit or credit card, and have difficulty grocery shopping on your own. Grocery orders are placed over the phone. There is no delivery fee and no minimum order. For more information, please contact Sarah Drexler at Senior Services of Alexandria, 703-836-4414, ext. 120 or by email at [friendlyvisitor@seniorservicesalex.org](mailto:friendlyvisitor@seniorservicesalex.org).