

## Bulletin Insert for November 27, 2016

### Please Pray For...

**Parishioners.....**Mary, Michael, Jimmy, Joyce, Lisa, Michael, Dick, Martha, Liz, Nate, Easter, Thomas, Bette, Jack, Sherrie

**Family and friends.....** Tina, Carol, Matthew, Sherrel, Pepper, Jack, Cecilia, Tom, Jeanne, Spencer, Ella, Lori, Jennifer, Margaret, Joan, Rob, Richard, Denise, John, Gayle, Bruce, Steve, Patty, Bobby, Caitlin, Bibsy, Wally and his family, Tina, Jack, Megan, Dottie, Lavonia, John, Ann, Scott, Larry, Sue, Nate, Cynthia, Jack, Sarah, Dominic, Maureen, Josie, Eileen, Meredith, Atelia, Yvonne, Kimberly, Sheila, Maria, Kathy, Jim, Jack, Bud, Max, Bill, Ella, Shannon, Chris, Neal, Alec, Darrie, Tammy, Alice

**Requiescat in Pace ....**Rolf Perié 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** Lit and Mary Carol Tazewell, Maggie Eckel, Andrew Boyd and Audra Kreger, the Scudi family, Mike and Kim Bomberger, Chris, Maggie and Eddy Corlett, Virginia Robinson, the Pattarini Family, Evan and Kim Cannell

**Those travelling:** Evan, Nancy, Nick and Kelsey

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

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Kansas and The Rt. Revd. Dean Wolfe.

**In the parish:** Lina Dobbs and Kristine Hesse, chairs of the **Communication Program**, and those who write, edit and produce *Grace Notes*; and maintain our website.

### Those with birthdays this week:

27 Sean Harris

28 Geovanny Portillo, Joe Reeder

30 Julie Mills Cizek, Todd Egaas, Valli Haas, Liz Imphong, Cindy Long,  
Christa Warner

### Worship Notes

#### Greenery on the Altar

The greenery arrangements on the Altar today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Eugene Stearns Burcher by Hilda Bengley Burcher.

#### We Need Your 2017 Pledge

Many thanks to the 126 families and individuals who have already pledged for 2017, including 13 new families / individuals. We hope to receive over 250 pledges by the end of the year. The Vestry depends upon our pledges to plan a budget for 2017. You can pledge online at <http://bit.ly/2fhwKkV> or you can mail in a pledge card or place one in the offertory.

#### Announcing Additions to Children's Chapel!

Beginning today, we are expanding Children's Chapel to the 11:15 service, and in both Children's Chapel services, we welcome children up to 8 years old to attend. If you are a late-rising family or simply prefer the 11:15 service, Children's Chapel will now be available for your children. Drop off begins at 11:00 and children will be returning to the service at the Peace to sit with their parents.

#### Advent Fellowship Forum - Today!

Join us in Merrow Hall for an hour full of Advent fun for all ages! Advent wreath assembly, crafting fun, creative ideas and devotional materials for the season and the opportunity to sign cards for our shut ins, clergy, staff and those serving overseas and abroad will be available, along with hot coffee and tea!

### **Annual Photo Sale Today**

Today is the Annual Photo sale. It will be in the entryway to Merrow Hall. It's a great opportunity to purchase that special gift for a family member! All proceeds go into the parish's general fund.

### **Invitation to Serve**

The Vestry is seeking candidates to begin serving in January 2017. We are electing five members for three-year terms, two members for two-year terms, and two members for one-year terms. Vestry candidates must be confirmed members, in good standing, who are "known to the Treasurer." If you are interested or if you know someone to suggest as a nominee, please contact a member of the senior class (Bill Eckel, Jeff Chiow, Easter Thompson, Lina Dobbs, or Bill Malone).

### **This Week**

#### **From the Library**

Books new to the parish are on the "New Books" shelf on the right side of the library, before the side door. One of them is *The 5 Love Languages-Military Edition/The Secret to Love That Lasts* by Gary Chapman. It was a #1 New York Times Bestseller and is especially adapted for military couples. It deals with deployments, combat trauma and how to make love last through a lifetime of assignments.

#### **College Students and Parishioners Serving Abroad Advent Cards**

Please come up to Merrow Hall during the 7:30, 9:00 and 11:15 coffee hours to sign the Advent cards for our college students, military, diplomats, and parishioners serving or working abroad, and parishioners on our prayer list, as well as clergy and staff.

### **Next Week**

#### **Advent Lessons and Carols, Sunday, December 4**

Advent Lessons and Carols will be sung by the Adult Choir at 5:00 p.m. on December 4. Music by Handel, Manz, Elgar, and from *The Southern Harmony*. Festive hymns for the season will also be sung. The service concludes with Holy Communion.

#### **December 4 Parent Forum: Tech Savvy Parenting**

Billy Faires, Director of Communications at Episcopal High School, will be our speaker, leading us through the minefield that is social media with our children. From internet safety to the common pitfalls we make as parents when crafting family policies for technology use, Billy will help guide us through the process of raising awareness and taking a cautious, yet common sense approach to parenting in the digital age.

#### **The Inquirers Class**

The Inquirers Class will be meeting in the Library and will be led by Father Malm. The topic will be: Baptism, Confirmation and the Renewal of Vows.

#### **Visit from St. Nicholas, December 4**

On Sunday, December 4 during both morning worship services, our children will receive a special visit from St. Nicholas. This is a wonderful way to introduce children to the origins of Santa Claus and receive a special treat.

#### **December 4 Youth Dinner at Hard Times Cafe**

All three youth groups (EYC, J2A, and Rite 13) will join together the food and fun! Cost for the evening is \$10. The event is at Hard Times Cafe in Springfield (6362 Springfield Plaza). We plan to leave from Grace Church at 5:30 p.m. and return at 8 p.m.

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Christmas Pageant - December 11 at 5 p.m.**

Preparations for this year's Christmas Pageant are well underway! In addition to their regular lessons, our Sunday school and youth group classes will be learning songs and memorizing lines for this annual tradition. If your child is not in Sunday school or youth but would like to participate in the pageant, please call or email Jenni next week for song and costume instructions. Email: [jenni.faires@gracealex.org](mailto:jenni.faires@gracealex.org)

### **Save the Date: Grace at the Movies, Tuesday, January 10, 2017**

A group of parishioners will meet in the St Mark Room on Tuesday January 10 to watch and then discuss the film "Love and Mercy." The film is based on the memoir by Brian Wilson, the musical genius behind the Beach Boys sound. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. for a film showing at 6:30 p.m. sharp. Please bring a brown-bag lunch and whatever you like to drink. Elisabeth and John Graham will provide some fruit, hard cheese, and crackers for the post-movie discussion. If you intend to come, please let Elisabeth know by January 2 as the room will need to be set up in advance: [elisabeth.graham@gracealex.org](mailto:elisabeth.graham@gracealex.org).

### **Save the Date**

This years Chili Bowl will be held January 29, 2017 at 6 p.m.

### **Help at Grace and Beyond**

#### **Thank You to Tom Turkey from the Food Pantry**

The volunteers and clients of the Grace Church Food Pantry send a warm "Thank You!" to all our friends at Grace Episcopal School who gathered lots of food items for the pantry. From cereal to soups to PB&J, Tom Turkey and his GES pals have made sure our Bonus Shelves will be stocked during this busy season for the Food Pantry. We appreciate every donation!

#### **Observe "Advent In Reverse!" AND help the Food Pantry**

Who doesn't like to count DOWN the days until Christmas by opening each day's flap to reveal a picture that helps us get ready for the birth of Baby Jesus. Here's a fun way to count UP the days until Christmas *and* help those in need: "Advent In Reverse!" During the Advent Intergenerational Event, Food Pantry tote bags will be handed out so you can put an item IN the bag for each day of Advent. Don't need a bag? You can still participate in "Advent In Reverse!" by filling your own bags with needed items. During the Christmas season, bring your filled tote bags to the Food Pantry to add the items to our Bonus Shelves for distribution. The Bonus Shelves provide something extra to supplement the Capital Area Food Bank/USDA food in the bags we hand out. House, home and hygiene items are especially appreciated. For more information, contact Jenni Faires ([jenni.faires@gracealex.com](mailto:jenni.faires@gracealex.com)) or Judy Willard ([judy.willard@gracealex.org](mailto:judy.willard@gracealex.org)). Thank you for participating in "Advent In Reverse!"

#### **Wreaths Across America**

The Region IV Council tells us that there will be a "Wreaths Across America" wreath laying ceremony at the Alexandria National Cemetery, 1450 Wilkes St, at 12:00 (noon) on Saturday, December 17. All are welcome to attend. Christ Church / Wilkes Street Neighborhood Group volunteers for the wreath-laying will meet at the Alexandria National Cemetery by 11:45 on December 17 to begin laying wreaths at noon. If you would like to join them, please contact Barry Stauffer at ([bcstauffer@comcast.net](mailto:bcstauffer@comcast.net)) or 703.629-5476. If you would like to contribute a wreath at \$15 each you can go directly to the WAA site at: <https://wreaths.fastport.com/donateLocation.html?page=19033>. All donations must be received by 3:00 p.m. on November 28.

#### **Holiday Bazaar, December 3 from 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.**

The Church of Saint Clement (1701 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria) will be holding its second annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday. Get a jump start on your holiday shopping while supporting St. Clement and its outreach programs. There will be a variety of craftspeople and vendors as well as raffle items and concessions.

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## ***Grace Church Vestry***

### **Executive Committee**

*Senior Warden* Bill Eckel

*Junior Warden* Jeff Chiow

*Treasurer* John Boris

*Register* Bill Malone

*Member at Large* Lorna Worley

### **Class of 2016**

Jeffrey Chiow

Lina Dobbs

Bill Eckel

Bill Malone

Easter Thompson

### **Class of 2017**

John Boris

Kelly Gable

Jennifer Long

Judy Willard

Lorna Worley

### **Class of 2018**

Rich Kelly

Chris Rugaber

Jan Wolff

## The Calendar for the Week

### Sunday, Nov 27

- 8:30 a.m. Library open (8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) and during the week when the church is open
- 8:45 a.m. Childcare for children 6 weeks through 2 years  
(until 12:30 p.m.) — Nursery
- 9:00 a.m. Children's Chapel — St. Nicholas
- 10:15 a.m. Intergenerational Event — Auditorium
- 11:15 a.m. Children's Chapel — St. Nicholas
- 6:00 p.m. Community of Hope International — St. John Room

### Monday, Nov 28

- 6:30 a.m. Strength and Flexibility — Auditorium
- 1:00 p.m. Food Pantry (until 3:00 p.m.)
- 6:30 p.m. Education for Ministry — St. John Room

### Tuesday, Nov. 29 Kamehameha and Emma (tr)

- 10:00 a.m. Church Staff Meeting — St. Mark Room
- 1:00 p.m. Food Pantry open (until 3:00 p.m.)
- 4:15 p.m. Boys and Girls Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing — Lady Altar

### Wednesday, Nov. 30 Saint Andrew the Apostle

- 7:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist — Lady Altar
- 4:30 p.m. Yoga
- 7:00 p.m. AA District 1 — St. Luke Room
- 8:00 p.m. AA and Al-Anon — St. Luke Room and Auditorium

### Thursday, Dec. 1 Nicholas Ferrar, Deacon, 1637

- 12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist — Lady Altar

### Friday, Dec. 2

- 9:00 a.m. GES Chapel
- 8:30 p.m. AA — Auditorium

### Saturday, Dec. 3

- 9:00 a.m. Altar Guild — Sacristy and Nave
- 2:00 p.m. Grief Support Group (until 4:00 p.m.) — Library