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**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

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**November 20, 2016**

**Please Pray for**

**Parishioners.....**Mary, Michael, Jimmy, Joyce, Lisa, Michael, Dick, Martha, Renata, 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

**Requiescat in Pace ....**Brian Head 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** Lit and Mary Carol Tazewell, 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, the Pattarini Family, Evan and Kim Cannell

**Those travelling:** Gary, Anne

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

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Falkland Islands (Extra-Provincial to Canterbury) and **The Rt Revd Nigel William Stock.**

**In the Diocese of Virginia:** Christ Church, Cunningham Parish, Millwood;. Meade Memorial, White Post; St. Timothy's, Herndon; Calvary, Hanover; St. Paul's, Hanover.

**In the parish: Rich Kelly,** Vestry chair of the **Fellowship Program,** and those who serve at coffee hours and receptions and who coordinate fellowship activities.

**Those with November birthdays**

20 Benjamin Henderson, Everett Pichler

21 Malcolm Eckel

22 Abigail Dagne, Noah Hayden, Ryan Reyes

23 Olivia Lawton, Leo Ribeiro

24 Holly Bray, Susan Saffelle, Elly Vogtmann

25 Christina Iovino, Ben Joyner, Jim Rubin, Katie Ziegler

26 Lisle Bean, Stephen Boris

**Welcome to Grace Church!**

Today, we celebrate the Holy Eucharist at 7:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.; Festival Eucharists at 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. and a Santa Eucharistia in the auditorium at 9:00 a.m.

**Sunday, Nov 20**

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 (Children return at the Peace) — St. Nicholas

10:15 a.m. Sunday School, see classroom assignment sheets  
Inquirers Class — St. Mark Room

Adult Forum — St. John Room

6:00 p.m. Community of Hope International — St. John Room

**Monday, Nov 21**

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. 22**

**Clive Staples Lewis, Writer, 1963**

9:00 a.m. GES Chapel

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

6:30 p.m. AG Special Crew — St. Mark Room

7:00 p.m. Outreach and Mission Meeting — St. John Room

**Wednesday, Nov. 23**

**Clement, Bishop of Rome, c. 100**

7:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist — Lady Altar

7:00 p.m. AA District 1 — St. Luke Room

7:30 p.m. Divinity on Tap — VTS Café 1832

8:00 p.m. AA and Al-Anon — St. Luke Room and Auditorium

**Thursday, Nov. 24**

**Thanksgiving Day**

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:00 a.m. Festival Eucharist

**Friday, Nov. 25**

8:30 p.m. AA — Auditorium

**Saturday, Nov. 26**

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild — Sacristy and Nave

2:00 p.m. Grief Support Group (until 4:00 p.m.) — Library

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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 loving memory of Richard T. Eudy and Ray Peters from Richard and Valerie Eudy and by Eugene Alford in thanksgiving for Andrew today, his 12th birthday, and for him every day, and for the wonderful years he gave me as a father. He could not have been a better friend, a greater inspiration or a dearer son. And, I could not be more proud. His love shines brightly in orange for us all.

### 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.

### Adult Forum: "Scripture in the Book of Common Prayer" with Jason Roberson in the St. John Room

Have you ever wondered exactly where much of the language in the *Book of Common Prayer* comes from? (Hint: the Bible!) Join seminarian Jason Roberson on Sundays at 10:15 as we explore the use of Scripture in several rites of the *Book of Common Prayer*: Holy Eucharist, Holy Baptism, Marriage, Morning and Evening Prayer, and the Burial of the Dead. This series will help you to see, understand, and appreciate the *BCP* in a new way!

### Inquirer's Class

The Inquirer's Class, today is led by Father Malm. This week's topic is "The Church Year: Sacred Time." The class meets today in the St. Mark Room.

### 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).

### UTO Ingathering is Today

Please add your envelope or box to today's offering. These gifts do so much and serve as a reminder to be thankful for what we have been given. Funding from UTO has helped to create a senior community center in Louisiana, a career training program in Haiti, and wellness facilities in low-income areas. Please be generous as the need is great. Envelopes and boxes are available in the pews and the foyer.

## This Week

### From the Library

One of the classics of religious literature, *The Dark Night of the Soul*, is on display this month. To read it is to experience the "dark night" with St. John of the Cross. Also on display are *English Spirituality, Be Friends of God: Spiritual Readings from Gregory the Great, The House of the Soul and Concerning the Inner Life, Senior Spirituality: Awakening Your Spiritual Potential* and *The Unknown God: Searching for Spiritual Fulfillment*.

### Next Week

#### Thanksgiving at Grace

All are welcome. We will gather in Merrow Hall at 1 p.m., and eat at 3 p.m. The turkey will be provided, and I would like folks to bring a side dish (last names A-M) or dessert (last names N-Z). Please RSVP to [bill.eckel@gracealex.org](mailto:bill.eckel@gracealex.org).

#### Advent Fellowship Forum - Next week!

It's not too late to sign up to make an advent wreath next week during the Advent Fellowship Forum next Sunday. Email Jenni at [jenni.faires@gracealex.org](mailto:jenni.faires@gracealex.org) or sign up on one of the sheets during coffee hour. Kits cost \$15 and include fresh greens, candles, and the form for your wreath. Other crafts and advent materials will be available for those not making a wreath. Come and join in the fellowship and fun!

#### Annual Photo Sale, November 27

The Annual Photo Sale will occur on the First Sunday in Advent 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.

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

Beginning November 27, 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.

## Upcoming Events

### December 4 Parent Forum: Tech Savvy Parenting

Billy Faires, Director of Communication 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.

### 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.

### 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 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. Volunteers are still needed! Let Jenni know if you are interested in helping. Email: [jenni.faires@gracealex.org](mailto:jenni.faires@gracealex.org)

### Christmas Eve Services

We are adding a 3 pm service to our Christmas Eve schedule. There will be services at 3:00, 5:00, 7:30 and 11:00 p.m. Childcare will be available at the 3:00 and 5:00 services.

## Help at Grace and Beyond

### Hosts Needed for Two VTS Students over the Christmas Holiday

Virginia Theological Seminary (VTS) is blessed to have students from a variety of international locations on campus most every year (Australia, Dominican Republic, Lebanon, Malawi, Tanzania to name a few.) One of the many ways that our international students share with the surrounding community is through Christmas holiday homestays. During the Christmas break those students who do not have plans to visit family or friends in their home countries or in the U.S. are hosted by local parishioners. This year we are requesting assistance from local individuals or families in hosting a student for just two to three days including Christmas Eve and Christmas Day if possible. If you are interested in this opportunity or have questions, please contact Hartley Wensing at [hwensing@vts.edu](mailto:hwensing@vts.edu) or at 703-461-1735.

**The Food Pantry bonus shelves.** Thank you for all your help, but please don't forget us as we move into the winter season. Here's a list of the items that we can always use: Non-perishable Soups & Stews; Hot Cereals (oatmeal, grits, farina); Canned Tuna, Ham or Corned Beef. Non-Food items needed: Dish Soap; Laundry Soap; Bath Soap and Shampoo; Disposable Diapers. Want your very own FREE Food Pantry Tote Bag? It's yours to take to your favorite grocery store! Just fill it up and bring it back to the Food Pantry. The tote is yours to keep and it's an easy way to keep our shelves well-stocked. Contact Khacki Berry or Judy Willard. Thank You!

### St. Clement Christmas Tree and Wreath Sale

The Church of Saint Clement (1701 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria) will be selling Christmas Trees and Wreaths throughout Advent. Starting Nov 27, they will be open Fridays 5:30-7:30, Saturdays, 10-7:00 and Sundays 12:00-7:00 while supplies last.