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### Grace Church Vestry

#### Executive Committee

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*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

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November 6, 2016

### Please Pray for

**Parishioners.....**Mary, Michael, Jimmy, Joyce, Lisa, Michael, Dick, Martha, Renata, Liz, Nate, Beth, Easter, Thomas, Frank, Bette, Yessica, Jack

**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, Jack, Sarah, Dominic, Maureen, Josie, Eileen, Meredith, Atelia, Yvonne, Kimberly, Sheila, Maria, Kathy, Jim, Jack, Bud, Max, Bill, Ella, Shannon

**Requiescat in Pace ....**Lynn Bryce, Marty Mead 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:** Charlie, Suzi, Gary, Anne

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

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Lusitanian Church (E-P to the Archbishop of Canterbury) Lusitanian Church—(Portugal) and **The Rt Revd José Jorge De Pina Cabral.**

**In the Diocese of Virginia:** St. Andrew's, Burke; All Saints—Sharon Chapel, Alexandria; St. Aidan's, Alexandria; St. John's, Columbia; Grace, Bremo Bluff.

**In the parish: Lorna Worley and Cindy MacIntyre,** chairs of the Evangelism Program, and the volunteers who help with newcomer ministries.

#### Those with November birthdays

- 6 Walter Davis, Jr., Judy Micklish, Jennifer Pease, Carol Schroeder
- 7 Amy Barron, Mia Howard
- 8 Barbara Simmons
- 9 Gabriella Baltimore, August Gannon, Dabney Holloway
- 10 Patricia Ridgely
- 11 Philip Hall, Vera Havener, Michael Madigan
- 12 Maxine Meeks, Anne Zuidema

### 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 6

- 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. Baptism of Reagan Ann Cline
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, see classroom assignment sheets  
Inquirers Class — Library  
Parents Forum — St. Mark Room  
Adult Forum — St. John Room
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Dinner
- 6:00 p.m. COHI — St. John Room

#### Monday, Nov 7

- 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. 8

- James Theodore Holly,  
Bishop of Haiti and of the Dominican Republic, 1911**
- 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
- 7:30 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting — Library

#### Wednesday, Nov. 9

- Martin, Bishop of Tours, 397 (tr.)**
- 7:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist — Lady Altar
- 4:45 p.m. Yoga
- 6:30 p.m. GES Cub Scout Meeting— St. Mark Room
- 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. 10

- Leo the Great, Bishop of Rome, 461**
- 12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist — Lady Altar
- 4:15 p.m. Boys and Girls Choir Rehearsal
- 6:45 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

#### Friday, Nov. 11

- Church Office Closed for Veterans' Day
- 9:00 a.m. GES Chapel with Eucharist
- 6:30 p.m. Food Pantry open (until 7:30 p.m.)
- 8:30 p.m. AA — Auditorium

#### Saturday, Nov. 12

- 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 honor of the marriage of Lori Dodd to Patrick Doyle on November 5, 2016 by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dodd; in memory of Wm. Michael Hix from his family; in loving memory of Sarah Ferguson Bates by Edgar Bates; and in memory of Jeffrey Gustafson from Molly Sim, Lauren Gustafson, and Colby Gustafson - you live on always in our hearts.

### Pledges and Offerings

Today at all services the congregation will be invited to come forward at the offering to bring 2017 pledge cards, weekly envelope offerings and contributions, and any other gifts. Please leave your offering in the alms basins at the front of the Nave. Pledge cards can also be mailed to the office.

### Adult Forum

David Gortner, Director of the DMin Program at VTS will be our speaker in the Adult Forum beginning at 10:15 in the St. John Room. He will be discussing The History of Christian Social Activism.

### Parent Forum

This month's Parent Forum will be a book discussion on *Raising Grateful Kids in an Entitled World* by Kristin Welsh. Join us at 10:15 in the St. Mark Room for a lively discussion on what has become one of the most difficult areas of parenting. You may purchase the book and read ahead or just come for the discussion; but either way, come and participate in timely collaboration with other parents.

### Inquirer's Class

The Inquirer's Class, today is led by our Senior Seminarian, Jason Roberson. This week's topic is "The Bible". The class meets today in the library.

### Youth Dinner

Our youth dinner is tonight from 5:30-8:00. Groups will be shopping for Thanksgiving baskets. Permission slips were part of the registration packet.

### 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 you would like to suggest as a nominee, please contact a member of the senior class (Bill Eckel, Jeff Chiow, Easter Thompson, Lina Dobbs, or Bill Malone).

## Stewardship Reflection

Our mission statement calls us to be a center for worship and fellowship; a school for discipleship and stewardship; and a community for healing and outreach. A new program at Grace will help us live into that third pillar of our mission. In October, 15 parishioners started a new program at Grace to enhance our pastoral care program. The mission of this new ministry is to create a community of lay volunteer care givers united in prayer, shaped by Benedictine spirituality and equipped for and serving in pastoral care ministries.

### Lector Sign Up

There is a lector sign-up sheet in the lector folder in the credenza for the Advent, Christmas and Epiphany seasons. Please stop by and sign up for several reading opportunities as soon as you can.

## This Week

### Election Prayer Vigil at Emmanuel Church

**November 7 at 7:00 p.m.**

As part of a 56-hour Prayer Vigil leading up and through Election Day on November 8, there will be an Election Prayer Vigil at Emmanuel at 7:00 p.m. It is open to all and we hope to be joining Episcopalians from all over the United States in praying for an end to the extraordinary divisions and rancor that have characterized this political season. No matter who wins these elections, we pray for a peaceful transition to a time when we will once again see the face of God in each other, no matter how passionate our differences. Even if you cannot attend, we commend for your use the Prayer and Litany for Sound Government on page 821 of *The Book of Common Prayer*. As people of faith, we are called to bear witness to God's love for all of us during this time of division.

### Kyle Babin's Ordination, November 12

Kyle Babin, our former Music Director, will be ordained to the transitional diaconate in the Diocese of Washington on Saturday, November 12 at 10:00 a.m. at the National Cathedral.

### From the Library

*Spiritual Life and Spirituality* are the special library topics for November. Some of the books on these subjects are *Christian Proficiency*, *The Different Drum*, *God Who Dares to be Man*, *Journey Into Christ*, *Mudhouse Sabbath*, *The Practice of the Presence of God* and *Between Heaven and Mirth*.

## Next Week

**Adult Forum: Final Hymn Series Forum – St. John Room**

## Upcoming Events

### UTO Ingathering, November 20

The 127 year old United Thank Offering In-Gathering will take place at Grace Church on November 20, 2016. Last year, Grace Church sent \$1,585.11 for UTO Grants and the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society. 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.

## Help at Grace and Beyond

### It's time for Thanksgiving Baskets! Sign Up Sunday!

Thanksgiving is around the corner and we need your help! This year the Outreach Committee is once again teaming up with our La Gracia congregation for Thanksgiving to help those in need right here in our community. Please feel free to sponsor more than one family, if you usually buy lots of food for the Thanksgiving families. The cost per family is estimated at \$100 to \$120 which includes a \$50 grocery store gift card. Look for the sign-up board in the lobby by the parking lot. If you have any questions or would like to help deliver the baskets, please contact Rosy Ortiz at [rosy.ortiz@gracealex.org](mailto:rosy.ortiz@gracealex.org).

**IT'S SCARY! The Food Pantry bonus shelves are almost bare.** Here's what's needed this week to re-stock: 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 & 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!

**Hurricane Matthew may be gone, but the need in Haiti remains.** While Mirebalais (Haiti Micah Project) is safe, the area known as the Breadbasket of Haiti was destroyed and those at HMP are expecting many desperate refugees. Everyone at Grace can help with prayers and contributions to aid Haiti during this time of great disaster. To contribute to Haiti's recovery from Hurricane Matthew, please check out these links:

<http://haiti-micah.org/how-you-can-help/donations/>

<http://www.foodforthe poor.org/>

<http://www.episcopalrelief.org/>