

**GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
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#### **Executive Committee**

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*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

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**October 23, 2016**

### **Please Pray for**

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

**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, Jody, Josie, Eileen, Meredith, Atelia, Yvonne, Kimberly, Sheila, Maria, Kathy, Jim, Jack, Bud

**Requiescat in Pace ....**Richard Wagoner, Sue Parsons and all those killed in acts of terror and the wars around the world.

**In thanksgiving for the birth of** Amber Sofia Lopez.

**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, Pattarini Family, Evan and Kim Cannell

**Those travelling:** Charlie, Suzi

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

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba and **The Rt Revd Griselda Delgado Del Carpio**, Suffragen Bishop of Cuba and **The Rt Revd Ulises Prendes**.

**In the Diocese of Virginia:** St. John's, Warsaw; Farnham, Farnham; St. John's, Richmond; St. Martin's, Richmond; St. Luke's, Remington; Little Fork, Rixeyville.

**In the parish: Judy Willard**, Vestry chair of the Outreach Program, and the volunteers who care for the hungry, the homeless and the needy, both locally and in the wider world.

#### **Those with October birthdays**

23. Nathan Gannon, Jacqueline Klein, Wendy Cummings, Ava Lee, Wesley Akins

24. Remsen Baird

25. Kim Frankena, Walker Pheil, Michael Coe, Paul Rugaber

26. Colin Rushing

27. Paul Hanley, William Malone

28. Sue Donelson

29. Christine Young, Willem Schultz

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

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

#### **Sunday, Oct. 23**

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 a.m.) — Nursery

9:00 a.m. Youth Sunday Service with Rite 13 Ceremony

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

Adult Forum — St. John Room

5:00 p.m. Choral Evensong — Nave  
Newcomers Reception (following Evensong) — St. Mark Room

6:00 p.m. COHI — St. John Room

#### **Monday, Oct. 24**

Brown Bag Lunch Program (through Friday)

6:30 a.m. Strength & Flexibility — Auditorium

1:00 p.m. Food Pantry (until 3:00 p.m.)

3:30 p.m. GES Team Meeting

6:30 p.m. Education for Ministry — St. John Room

#### **Tuesday, Oct. 25**

**St. James of Jerusalem**

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. Worship Committee Meeting — St. Mark Room

#### **Wednesday, Oct. 26**

**Alfred the Great**

7:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist — Lady Altar

4:45 p.m. Yoga

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, Oct. 27**

**St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles**

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, Oct. 28**

9:00 a.m. GES Chapel

6:30 p.m. Food Pantry open (until 7:30 p.m.)

8:30 p.m. AA — Auditorium

#### **Saturday, Oct. 29**

Women's Retreat

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 by Nancy & Evan Robinson in Thanksgiving for Nick and Kelsey Robinson's first anniversary and in celebration of Claire Noyes's 89th birthday.

### Adult Forum Hymn Series – St. John's Room on third floor

Our hymnal tells the story of two thousand years of Christian history. Today we begin a three-part adult forum series (October 23, October 30, and November 13) on how some of our oldest hymns reflect the Christian communities of their day. We will explore the wording and then sing. Each day is independent, so you don't need to come be able to come to all of them. The theme for this Sunday, October 23, is Hymns of the Early Church: Salvation is for Everyone. Historical reflection by Dr. Anne Clift Boris, piano accompaniment by Susan Merritt.

### Newcomers Reception, October 23

Are you a newcomer, frequent visitor or looking to get more involved at Grace Church? Join your clergy, staff, Vestry and other newcomers in the St. Mark Room, Sunday, October 23, following the 5:00 p.m. Evensong for our Newcomers Reception. Light refreshments and drinks provided. RSVP by calling the church office or by emailing [jenni.faires@gracealex.org](mailto:jenni.faires@gracealex.org). Please let Jenni know if childcare is needed.

### Inquirer's Class

This year's Inquirer's Class begins October 23 at 10:15. This class, taught during the Sunday School hour and held in the St. Mark Room, is led by Father Malm and is an introduction to the major principles of the Christian faith as well as a look into our traditions as Episcopalians. Additional information, including a full listing of class topics and dates, can be found on the Visitor Section of our website, [gracealex.org](http://gracealex.org). We encourage all newcomers to our congregation to take part.

### Choral Evensong, October 23

The beloved traditional service of Choral Evensong will be sung by the Boys and Girls Choir and the Adult Choir on Sunday, October 23 at 5:00 p.m. The service will feature George Dyson's *Evening Service in D*, as well as *Preces and Responses* by Brian Lincoln. The anthem will be *Holy is the true light* by William Harris. Following the closing organ voluntary, the Holy Eucharist will be celebrated. All are encouraged to attend this marvelous service, which is one of the best treasures of our Anglican heritage.

### 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.

### Stewardship Reflection

The theme of this year's pledge drive (borrowed from our Shrine Mont retreat) is: "Count Your Blessings." As parishioners of Grace Episcopal Church, we enjoy so many blessings. Look around you at the beautiful Nave that we worship in, enjoy the fellowship of our fellow parishioners at coffee hour, and consider the many programs for our children and ourselves to learn and explore our faith. Your generous pledge enables the church to provide these things for us.

## This Week at Grace

### Women's Retreat

**Saturday, October 29, 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

Join us for a day of reflection, spiritual awakening, and fellowship with the women of Grace Church. Chrissie Crosby will lead us as we consider our faith journeys and those of three women in the Bible who challenged God. If you'd like to volunteer to be on the retreat team, check the block on the sign up! We need help (30 minutes on the day) with setting up the hospitality and food. Please make \$25 registration checks payable to Grace Episcopal Church, with "Women's Retreat" on the memo line. Contact the Rev. Steffensen for more information. Visit <http://bit.ly/2cTFwDK> to register.

### From the Library

*The Lost History of Christianity, The Other Side of Silence-A Guide to Christian Meditation, Preaching What We Practice— Proclamation and Discernment and The Sewing Room— Uncommon Reflections on Life, Love, and Work* by Rev. B. Crafton are some of the new books on display this month. Jay O'Malley will be the new Parish Library Manager. Please support him as he assumes this new responsibility.

### Brown Bag Lunch Reminder – October 24 – 28

Thank you to all who have volunteered to serve and those who will make sandwiches. If you are unable to deliver them next Sunday, please e-mail [linda.waskowicz@gracealex.org](mailto:linda.waskowicz@gracealex.org) with the date you are able to do so.

## Next Week

### Halloween Carnival

Join us Sunday, October 30 for our annual Halloween carnival from 3-5 p.m. Crafts, games and a not so scary haunted house will take place in the Auditorium. Children of all ages are invited to attend this afternoon of spooktacular fun!

## Upcoming Events

### Grace at the Movies , Tuesday, January 10, 2017

A group of parishioners will meet in the St Mark Room on Tuesday January 10, 2017 to watch and then discuss the film Love and Mercy. Doors will open at 6:00 pm for a film showing at 6:30 pm 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, 2017, as the room will need to be set up in advance: [elisabeth.graham@gracealex.org](mailto:elisabeth.graham@gracealex.org).

## Help at Grace and Beyond

### 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 the Outreach Committee will be in the lobby near the parking lot between the 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. 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).