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Class of 2017

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October 2, 2016

Please Pray for

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

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

Requiescat in PaceAirman Devon M. Faulkner 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 travelling: June, Brad, Jean, Lucy-Lee, Charlie, Suzi

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

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of West Africa and **The Most Revd. Dr. Daniel Sarfo**, Primate and Metropolitan, CPWA, Archbishop of the Internal province of Ghana and Bishop of Kumasi

In the Diocese of Virginia: .Our Redeemer, Aldie; Emmanuel, Middleburg; Emmanuel, Greenwood; Mcllhany Parish, Albemarle; St. Stephen's, Culpeper; Christ Church, Brandy Station

In the parish: The Clergy and staff of Grace Church: The Rev. Robert H. Malm, The Rev. Leslie N. Steffensen, Jenni Faires, Dr. Richard Newman, Amy Medrick, Beth Calaman, Pedro Hernández, Ruth Young, Francisco Robles; and the office volunteers.

Those with October birthdays

2 ... James Malm, Charissa Nelson, Jack Spitzer

3 ... Ward Morris

4 ... James Lockwood, Ruth Corlett, Anthony Berry, Margaret Carlson

5 ... Bill Burch, Harley Hughes, Sheng Davis

6 ... Suzanne Cooper, June Huber, Anne Berry

7 ... Walter Moore, Wendy Murphy, Anabelle Long

8 ... Barry Joyner, Susan Merritt Nelson, Charlie Iovino, Virginia Robinson

Welcome to Grace Church!

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

Sunday, Oct. 2

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

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

10:15 am Adult Forum, St. John Room
Parent Forum, St. Mark Room
Sunday School, see classroom assignment sheets

4:00 pm Blessing of the Animals — St. Francis Garden

5:30 pm Youth Dinner

6:00 pm COHI — St. Mark

Monday, Oct. 3

6:30 am Yoga

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

6:30 pm Education for Ministry — St. John Room

Tuesday, Oct. 4

8:45 am Coffee with the Head of School

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

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

4:15 pm Boys and Girls Choir Rehearsal

6:30 pm Monthly Requiem Eucharist — Lady Altar

Wednesday, Oct. 5

7:00 am Holy Eucharist — Lady Altar

4:45 pm Yoga — St. John Room

7:00 pm AA District 1 — St. Luke Room

7:30 pm Divinity on Tap — Off Site

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

Thursday, Oct. 6

12:15 pm Holy Eucharist — Lady Altar

4:15 pm Boys and Girls Choir Rehearsal

6:45 pm Handbell Rehearsal

7:00 pm GES Parent Meeting for Math

7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, Oct. 7

9:00 am GES Chapel

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

8:30 pm AA — Auditorium

Saturday, Oct.. 8

9:00 am Altar Guild — Sacristy and Nave

2:00 pm Grief Support Group (until 4:00 pm) — 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 thanksgiving by the Altar Guild.

Adult Forum: Mission & Outreach has good news to share with Grace! All are welcome and encouraged to attend the Adult Forum today. Come and learn more about the Mission & Outreach programs that seek to serve Christ in our community and beyond. Hear about the successes of this ministry and find out about volunteer opportunities that are open to all ages, abilities and time commitments. All who attend the Forum will receive a gift from Mission & Outreach too!

Parent Forum: Come and meet the new Assistant for Family Ministry and Evangelism today during the Sunday school hour, 10:15-11:00. Get to know Jenni and spend some time looking at the different programming options for our children, parents and families. Bring ideas of ways she can support your family through programming, Christian education and special events! Also, be thinking of parent forums that would interest you. We will meet in the St. Mark room.

Stewardship Reflection

In the Holy Eucharist, our simple gifts of bread and wine are returned to us as Christ's own eternal self-offering. What if we invited the same Spirit that consecrates such holy food and drink to transform our whole selves? The more we share of our gifts in Christian community, the more we grow into that abundant life our Lord promises.

This Week at Grace

Monthly Requiem

On Tuesday, October 4, we will celebrate the monthly requiem for October at the 6:30 pm Holy Eucharist. Any names to be remembered may be called in to the office before noon.

From the Library

The special library display topics for October are Christianity, Christian Life and Christian Ethics. The following books are available to check out: What's the Least I Can Believe and Still be a Christian?, Understanding the Trinity, A New Christianity for a New World and The Whimsical Christian: 18 Essays. Due to small circulation and in consultation with the Rector, the St. Mark Room Branch of the Parish Library will be eliminated. Please visit the main library and the branch in Merrow Hall for your books.

Interfaith Prayer Circle

An interfaith prayer circle continues to meet every Sunday at 3:00 pm at the corner of Henry and Montgomery Streets in Alexandria, the site of the murder of Pierre Clark and a block away from the site of the murder of Saquan Hall. Prayers are offered for healing of the families, the neighborhood and the community and the end to such violence. Please join in prayer at the circle or wherever you might be at 3:00 each Sunday.

Next Week at Grace Sunday, Oct. 9

Adult Forum: Stewardship with Chris Rugaber

Upcoming Events

GES Sunday Service, Oct. 16 at 9:00 worship service

Join us Sunday, Oct 16 as we welcome the parents, children and staff of Grace Episcopal School to our 9:00 worship. Following worship, we will host a reception in Merrow Hall for all in attendance. We will have Sunday school for our children and youth, but no adult forum.

Newcomer Reception, October 23

Are you a newcomer, frequent visitor or looking to get more involved in Grace Church? Join your clergy, staff, Vestry and other newcomers in the St. Mark room, Sunday, October 23, following the 5:00 pm Evensong for our Newcomer's Reception. Light refreshments and drinks provided. RSVP to by calling the church office or by emailing 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 Visitor Section of our website, gracealex.org. We encourage all newcomers to our congregation to take part in this once a year opportunity.

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.

Save the Date! Women's Retreat

Saturday, October 29, 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

Join us for a day of refecton, 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! 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. Register by clicking on this link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c49aae2ba5fb6-womens>

Help at Grace and Beyond

Library Manager

The library needs a new library manager. The manager is responsible for writing notices for the Sunday bulletins and Grace Notes and keeping the library up-to-date. No experience or library degree is needed. Contact Wendy Cummings for more information. 703.868.4757 or wendy.cummings@gracealex.org.

Movie Night Discussion Group

Some parishioners are interested in starting a monthly movie night for adults at Grace. A movie would be shown and a discussion of the film's meanings for our faith would follow. If you are interested, please speak to the clergy and / or Elisabeth Graham at Elisabeth.Graham@gracealex.org. As soon as we have a "critical mass" a date will be set for the first film.

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 am and 11:15 am 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.