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<b>Class of 2016</b>	<b>Class of 2017</b>	<b>Class of 2018</b>
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**October 30, 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

**Requiescat in Pace ....** Dee Campbell, Beth Jordan, Velma Dennis, Chief Petty Officer Jason C. Finan, Sgt. Douglas J. Riney, Michael G. Sauro 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, Cathy, Bill, Will, the Puskar family, and the Eckel family

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

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Bermuda (Extra-Provincial to Canterbury) Bermuda (Bermuda) and **The Rt Revd Nicholas Dill.**

**In the Diocese of Virginia:** St. Thomas's, Orange; Christ Church, Gordonsville; St. James', Montross; St. Peter's, Oak Grove; St. James', Louisa; Incarnation, Mineral.

**In the parish: Jan Wolff,** Vestry chair of the Pastoral Care Program, and the volunteers who make pastoral calls, deliver flowers, and write cards; and prepare and deliver food and provide transportation to those recuperating from surgery, illnesses and accidents, and to families with new babies.

**Those with October and November birthdays**

- 30. Teresa Payne
- 31. Pedro Hernandez
- 1. Kathie Burgess, Michael Plunkett, Gregory Steffensen
- 3. Andrea Sanchez, Caroline Sweet, Alex Willson
- 4. Bob Blunden, Olivia Gilliam, Sterling Gilliam III, Bette Yancey
- 5. Haile Dagne

**Welcome to Grace Church!**

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

**Sunday, Oct. 30**

- 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
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, see classroom assignment sheets  
Inquirers Class — St. Mark Room  
Adult Forum — St. John Room
- 3:00 p.m. Halloween Carnival
- 6:00 p.m. COHI — St. John Room

**Monday, Oct. 31**

- 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

**All Hallows Eve**

**Tuesday, Nov. 1**

- 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

**All Saints Day**

**Wednesday, Nov. 2**

- 7:00 a.m. All Faithful Departed Requiem — 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

**All Faithful Departed**

**Thursday, Nov. 3**

- 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

**Richard Hooker, 1600**

**Friday, Nov. 4**

- PYM Senior High Shrine Mont Weekend
- 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, Nov. 5**

- Distribution of Winter Clothing Drive at St. Rita's
- 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 thanksgiving for the Grace Church Clergy, Staff, Acolytes, Altar Guild and all who help by Skitsi Rein and Mac Eason Rein, Jr.

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

Our hymnal tells the story of two thousand years of Christian history. Today we continue our series 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 to all of them. The theme for this Sunday, October 30, is *Hymns of the Middle Ages: Building the Body of Christ*. Historical reflection by Dr. Anne Clift Boris, piano accompaniment by Susan Merritt.

### Inquirer's Class

The Inquirer's 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). This week's topic is "Our Unique Identity: Scripture, Tradition, Reason."

### Stewardship Reflection

It will cost about \$32,000 this year to keep the lights on and cool Grace Church in the summer months, and we rely on your pledges to pay those bills, as well as clergy and lay salaries, insurance, and maintenance costs. We budgeted \$32,000 for electricity in 2005, so we are holding the line pretty well in that area. This year we are asking everyone who has pledged before to increase their pledges by 10 percent. Should electricity and other fixed costs remain in check, extra funds would likely help with capital expenses, our outreach programs in the community, and deferred maintenance. You can pledge on your smartphone at [www.Gracealex.org/pledge](http://www.Gracealex.org/pledge), or use the pledge cards in the pews. We will have our pledge in-gathering, when parishioners bring forward their pledge cards and other gifts at the Offertory during every Eucharist, on Sunday, Nov. 6. Questions? Please email Stewardship chair Chris Rugaber at [chrisrugaber@gmail.com](mailto:chrisrugaber@gmail.com).

### 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 at Grace

### Halloween Carnival

Join us today 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!

### From the Library

This is the last Sunday that books about Christianity, Christian Life and Christian Ethics will be on display. Have you read [Ethics After Easter](#), [Undeceptions](#), [Bloom Where You Are](#), [The Christian's Secret of a Happy Life](#), or [Crazy Christians-A Call to Follow Jesus](#) by our presiding bishop?

## Next Week

### All Saints Day and the November Requiem

We will be celebrating All Saints Day at the 6:30 p.m. service on Tuesday. This month's Requiem will be held at 7:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 2 as we hold the service for All Faithful Departed. Please call the office if you'd like to add a name for the Requiem list.

### November 6 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.

### November 6 Youth Dinner

Our youth dinner will be Sunday, November 6 from 5:30-8:00. Groups will be shopping for Thanksgiving baskets. If you have not registered your child for Sunday School, please do so before November 6. Permission slips are part of the registration packet.

### Daylight Savings Time

Please remember to change your clocks before you go to bed on Saturday, November 5. The clocks officially change at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 6.

## Upcoming Events

### 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.

## Help at Grace and Beyond

**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/>

### 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).