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**Class of 2016**

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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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**October 9, 2016**

**Please Pray for**

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

**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, Richard, Sheila

**Requiescat in Pace** ....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:** Charlie, Suzi, Linda, Frank

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

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The church in the Province of the West Indies and **The Most Revd. and The Hon. Dr. John Holder** Archbishop of West Indies and Bishop of Barbados.

**In the Diocese of Virginia:** .Leeds, Markham; Calvary, Front Royal; Kingston, Mathews; St. John's, West Point; St. Peter's, New Kent; Creator, Mechanicsville; Holy Cross Korean, Fairfax

**In the parish: Easter Thompson,** Vestry chair of the Worship Program, and the volunteers who serve in the Altar Guild and choirs and as acolytes, ushers, lectors and Lay Eucharistic Ministers.

**Those with October birthdays**

9 Alexandra Smith

10. Dena Battle

11. Everett Ruff

12. Puddy Blunden

13. Travis Thompson

14. Katherine Winstead, Sebastian Peterson

15. Laura Laemmle-Weidenfeld, Charles Nelson Jr, Lisa Medley, Christina Gabbert

**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. 9**

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

8:45 am Childcare for children 6 weeks through 2 years (until 12:30 am) — Nursery

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

6:00 pm COHI — St. Mark Room

**Monday, Oct. 10**

Office and School Closed for Columbus Day

6:30 am Strength & Flexibility

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

**Tuesday, Oct. 11**

**Philip, Deacon and Evangelist**

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 Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing — Lady Altar

7:30 pm Vestry Executive Meeting — Library

**Wednesday, Oct. 12**

**Samuel Isaac Joseph Schereschewsky,  
Bishop of Shanghai, 1906**

**GES Grades 1-5 National Episcopal Schools Day — National Cathedral**

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 — VTS Café 1832

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

**Thursday, Oct. 13**

**Teresa of Avila, Nun, 1582**

12:15 pm Holy Eucharist — Lady Altar

4:15 pm Boys and Girls Choir Rehearsal

6:45 pm Handbell Rehearsal

7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, Oct. 14**

9:00 am GES Chapel with Eucharist

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

8:30 pm AA — Auditorium

**Saturday, Oct. 15**

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 by June Huber and Brad Bergmann in thanksgiving for June's birthday and in celebration of their anniversary and by Kristine Hesse and Greg Whitlow in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

### Stewardship Adult Forum

Come learn about this year's 10 percent pledge campaign, in which we are asking everyone to lift their pledges by 10 percent from last year. What are the church's needs? What does your pledge support? Plus: Options for electronic giving: Should we allow giving by text message? Fewer parishioners are carrying cash, raising the need for alternatives.

### PYM Weekend Registration

PYM weekend, or Parish Youth Ministry, is quickly approaching. The dates this year are Nov. 4-6. This annual fall event at Shrine Mont is an opportunity for high school students to come together. You may pick up registration information from your youth sponsors or download a registration through the link on our website. <http://www.thediocese.net/Events/eventView.asp?EventID=4734>

### 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.

### Mission and Outreach Forum

Thank you to all who attended the Mission and Outreach Adult Forum on Oct. 2. If you weren't there and are interested in what your mysterious gift might have been, contact Judy Willard at [judy.willard@gracealex.com](mailto:judy.willard@gracealex.com). There are some left!

## This Week at Grace

### From the Library

These books about Christian Life are on display: [The Pursuit of Holiness](#), [Spiritual Warfare in a Believer's Life](#), [My Monastery is a Minivan](#), [Not I, But Christ](#), [The Power of Prayer in a Believer's Life](#), and [How to Become a Christian](#). Jay O'Malley will be the new Parish Library Manager. Please support him as he assumes this new responsibility.

## Upcoming Events

### GES Sunday Service, Oct. 16 at 9:00 am 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.

### 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 pm 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 Visitor Section of our website, [gracealex.org](http://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 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.

## Help at Grace and Beyond

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

There is a new sign-up sheet on the Outreach Bulletin Board across from the church office asking for two servers per day at Meade Memorial Church and for a total of 225 sandwiches for the week (10 - 20 per volunteer). There are instructions for serving and for sandwich making. To volunteer for one or the other, you can e-mail [linda.waskowicz@gracealex.org](mailto:linda.waskowicz@gracealex.org). This is a worthwhile service to the homeless and the working poor of Alexandria.

### VOICE needs YOU!

VOICE (Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement) is a non-partisan group of almost 50 faith-based and civic institutions working to organize and empower middle- and low-income NoVa communities. We are looking for a big Grace Church turnout for this Listening Session to give those in need a voice with public officials. The event will be held Oct. 16 at Oakton HS, 2900 Sutton Rd., Vienna, VA 22181. Sign-up sheet is outside the Church Office or contact Jennifer Eckel @ [jennifer.eckel@gracealex.org](mailto:jennifer.eckel@gracealex.org) for more details.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:kemp.williams@gracealex.org).