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September 18, 2016

Please Pray for

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

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, Zach, Rachel and her son, Jack, Sarah, Dominic, Maureen

Requiescat in PaceNancy Lee Devine and 1st Lt. Jeffrey D. Cooper 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 in assisted living: Shirley, Jorge, Joan, Cheryl, Clare, Tom, Fr. Jack, Kathleen

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Episcopal Church and **The Most Revd Michael Curry** Presiding Bishop of TEC.

In the Diocese of Virginia: For the work of the House of Bishops.

In the parish: **Lina Dobbs** and **Kristine Hesse**, chairs of the **Communications Program**, and those who write, edit and produce *Grace Notes*; and maintain our website.

Those with September birthdays

18.... Benjamin Chriss, Rosemary Falcon, Paula Fleming,

..... Carter O'Neil

19 ... Robert White

20.... Allyson Corlett, Hermann Gerber, Susy Howard

21 Marco Ovando, Hayley Winter

22.... Donna Hall, Brian Kincaid, Jennifer Long

23.... Janet Baker, Lesa Miller, Neille Russell, Griffin Winter

24.... James LaSalle, Rosemary Pollard, Nick 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, a Santa Eucharistia in the auditorium at 9:00 am , and a Choral Eucharist with Baptism at 11:15 am.

Sunday, Sept. 18

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 and Sunday School

12:45 pm Rosary Group — Library

3:00 pm GES Fall Family Festival

Monday, Sept. 19

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

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

Tuesday, Sept. 20....Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury, 690

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

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

6:30 pm Holy Eucharist (with Prayers for Healing)— Lady Altar

Wednesday, Sept. 21.....Saint Matthew

7:00 am Holy Eucharist — Lady Altar

4:45 pm Yoga — St. John Room

7:30 pm Divinity on Tap — Off Site

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

Thursday, Sept. 22John Coleridge Patteson, Bishop of Melanesia and his Companions, Martyrs, 1871

12:15 pm Holy Eucharist — Lady Altar

Friday, Sept. 23

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

8:30 pm AA — Auditorium

Saturday, Sept. 24

9:00 am Altar Guild — Sacristy and Nave

6:00 pm Founders' Day Fiesta

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Worship Notes

Flowers on the Altar

The flowers on the Altar today are given to the glory of God by Jonathan and Lisa Doelp in thanksgiving for their 38th anniversary.

Door Code

We are changing our door code on Monday, September 19. If you need the code, please contact the office.

New Assistant for Family Ministries and Evangelism

The Rector has called Ms. Jennifer Faires to follow the Rev. Elizabeth Locher as Assistant for Family Ministries and Evangelism at Grace Church. "Jenni" joined the staff on September 7.

Sunday School begins Today!

Sunday School classes will begin today, and classroom locations will be posted throughout the building. Sunday School Registration is open online at: http://www.gracealex.org/Growing_Grace/Sunday-School-Registration/. Please register to help us keep our records up-to-date and to sign our permission form for off-site activities

Adult Forum: "Counting Our Blessings through the Story of the Church" This year we will be exploring the story of the Church throughout time and in our community today. Fr. Malm will be kicking off the forum year with an introduction to the many events to come!

This Week at Grace

Founders' Day Fiesta!

Saturday, September 24th, 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Tex-Mex food! Margaritas! A pinata! This year's Founders' Day dinner, which kicks off our annual stewardship campaign, will be a casual, family friendly and fun event that all are encouraged to attend! Join us in Mellow Auditorium on Saturday, September 24 at 6:00 pm as we enjoy food, fellowship and brief remarks about the impact of prayerful giving. Although we will have activities planned for children, no formal drop-off childcare will be provided. Please send questions and RSVPs (useful for planning purposes but not required) to chrisrugaber@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!

Divinity on Tap Wednesday, September 21, 7:30 - 9:00 pm.

Please join us for Bible Study on Wednesday evenings through November 23 at the Virginia Seminary pub (3737 Seminary Road, Alexandria. Café 1832 is located in the brick building behind the little white post office.) Contact the Rev. Steffensen for more information.

Lots of Shrine Mont Blessings to Count!

Our annual parish retreat was a striking mixture of old traditions and new faces; lots of memories were created. Those who went were truly reminded of the many blessings we share as a community of faith. Thank you to all who did so much to plan, organize, and run such a wonderful weekend. Ashby and Colin Rushing were overwhelmed by the appreciation of the attendees and are looking forward to sharing in next year's weekend led by Erin and Bobby White and the year after led by Nancy and Evan Robinson. Thank you to the many blessings of parishioners who did so much!

Shrine Mont Shirts

They were wildly popular AND there are a few left. If you would like one of the shirts before they become collector's items, please email Ashby Rushing at ashby.rushing@gracealex.org to secure your shirt. Shirts are \$15 and will help you remember all the events that make the weekend special!

From the Library

Paul and the Corinthians: The Life and Letters of Paul, St. Peter: A Biography, What Helped Me When My Loved One Died, And Not One Bird Stopped Singing: Coping With Transition and Loss in Aging, The Mourning Handbook-A Complete Guide for the Bereaved, and Good Grief: A Constructive Approach to the Problem of Loss are some of the books on display this month.

Next Week at Grace Sunday, Sept. 25

Adult Forum: Pastoral Care: Community of Hope with Mother Leslie and the Pastoral Care Committee

Upcoming Events

8-week Spousal Grief Support Group at Grace Church

This group will offer discussions in a small-group setting, focusing on symptoms of grief, ways to cope, ways to adjust to the loss, and hope for the future. It is facilitated by Anne Van Heyste Malouf, MSW. Meet at Grace each Saturday, October 1 through November 19, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm. There is no charge, but registration is required. For information, please call Anne at (703) 333-6963. Brought to you by the Grace Pastoral Care Committee and Capital Caring.

Haitian Music Concert, September 21

St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School will present Les Petits Chanteurs (The Little Singers), the renowned boys' choir of the Holy Trinity Episcopal Cathedral Music School of Port-au-Prince in Haiti, in a concert on Wednesday, Sept. 21 at 7:00 p.m. The concert will take place in the Upper School Chapel and Performing Arts Center (CPAC). The concert is free and open to the community. Donations are welcome.

Save the Date! Women's Retreat

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

Join us for a day of reflection and peace before the holidays begin. \$25 includes program and lunch. Registration will begin October 2.

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.

Alexandria Hospital Needs More Chaplains

Inova Alexandria Hospital Volunteer Chaplain program is looking for new members to join their team to help provide spiritual and emotional support to patients and families. Training and thorough orientation is given to those who join the program. An informational question/answer session will be held on Tuesday, September 27 from 6:30-7:30 pm. Please contact June Huber at 571-329-0607 or june.huber@gracealex.org to get perspective from a parishioner. Contact William Tweedley at 703-504-3809 or William.tweedley@inova.org to register or for more details about the program.

Meals on Wheels is looking for Volunteers (2 hours per month) and a New Coordinator!

Meals on Wheels provides two healthy meals per day to Alexandria seniors who are unable to leave their homes to shop. Grace Church provides volunteers to deliver six routes (approximately 70 meals) on the first Friday of each month. Grace volunteers have been doing this since at least the mid '70s! Time commitment is about two hours once per month and a driver and runner are assigned to each route. If you would like to be part of this important and long-serving ministry as a Volunteer or Volunteer Coordinator, please contact Keller Smith at 571-623-5909 for more details.

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.