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**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

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**September 25, 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, Zach, Rachel and her son, Jack, Sarah, Dominic, Maureen, Jody, Josie, Eileen

**Requiescat in Pace** ....Elizabeth Atkinson 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:** Cynthia, June, Brad

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

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Church in Wales and **The Most Revd Dr. Barry Morgan** Archbishop of Wales and Bishop of Llandaff.

**In the Diocese of Virginia:** St. Matthew's, Sterling; St. John's, West Point, St. Paul's, West Point; and Our Saviour, Montpelier.

**In the parish:** The Vestry and Executive Committee of Grace Church: Bill Eckel, Senior Warden; Jeff Chiow, Junior Warden; John Boris, Treasurer, Bill Malone, Register, and Lorna Worley, Member at Large.

**Those with September and October birthdays**

25.... Michael Bandarra

26.... Cooper Johnson, Evan Metz

27.... Rick Eudy, Matthew Madigan, Leslie Malm

28.... Avah Arbogast, McKinley Cronin, Tracy Enger, ..... Bridget Spencer

29.... Arun Khanna, Scott Rosman

1 ..... Maggie McQueen, Kate Lorentz, Josie Battle

**Welcome to Grace Church!**

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

**Sunday, Sept. 25**

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

**Monday, Sept. 26**

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

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

**Tuesday, Sept. 27.....Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester, 1626**

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. 28 .....Jerome Priest, and Monk of Bethlehem, 420**

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, Sept. 29.....Saint Michael and all Angels**

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, Sept. 30**

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

8:30 pm AA — Auditorium

**Saturday, Oct. 1**

9:00 am Altar Guild — Sacristy and Nave

9:00 am Altar Guild Training (until 2:00 pm) — Auditorium

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 Tom Glasson in loving memory of Betty Alexander.

### Founders' Day

Grace Church was founded on September 27, 1855 by parishioners from Christ Church and St. Paul's to respond to the growing population of Alexandria. For the first two years the congregation worshipped at the Lyceum on South Washington Street. By 1857, the undercroft (basement) of the new Church on South Patrick Street could be used for services. The nave and High Altar were consecrated in 1860. In 1947, the parish decided to sell the Patrick Street property and build a new church on Russell Road. The "new" church was dedicated on December 5, 1948. The parish school building, now named Merrow Hall, opened in 1959. Extensive renovations and additions were completed in 1995. On the last Sunday in September we observe this anniversary with either the proper for St. Michael and All Angels or those for the dedication of a church.

### 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.

### Door Code

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

### Sunday School began on September 18

Sunday School classes began last week and classroom locations are posted throughout the building. Sunday School Registration is open online at: [http://www.gracealex.org/Growing\\_Grace/Sunday-School-Registration/](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:** Pastoral Care: Community of Hope with Mother Leslie and the Pastoral Care Committee in the St. John Room.

## This Week at Grace

### Photos

Be sure to visit the photo wall where a new set of photographs is posted reminding us of a glorious weekend at Shrine Mont. Hot, but great!!

### From the Library

Books new to the library are: *The Mind of God-The Scientific Basis for a Rational World*, *The Young Church in Action-A Translation of The Acts of the Apostles, If You Know Who You Are, You'll Know What to Do-Living With Integrity*, and *Studying Congregations*. They are on the "New Books" shelf in the library.

### 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. 2

**Adult Forum:** Mission & Outreach has good news to share with Grace! All are welcome and encouraged to attend the Adult Forum on October 2. 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:** Meet the New Assistant for Family Ministries in the St. Mark Room

## Upcoming Events

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:june.huber@gracealex.org) to get perspective from a parishioner. Contact William Tweedley at 703-504-3809 or [William.tweedley@inova.org](mailto: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](mailto:kemp.williams@gracealex.org).