

Grace Notes

Newsletter of Grace Episcopal Church, Alexandria, Virginia

Rector's Reflections

A New Season

When I played football for 10 years, beginning in elementary school and ending as a freshman at North Carolina, September marked the start of the season. We always had grueling two-a-day practices in August, but the games didn't start until September. The start of the football season always coincided with the start of a new school year, new classes.

At Grace, September is the time when we start our "program season." This is marked by the Shrine Mont Weekend, the return to a full Sunday schedule with Choral Eucharist at 9:00 am and 11:15 am and Christian Ed classes at 10:15 am beginning on September 18. The program season's start concludes at the end of the month with our Founders' Day Dinner and Festival Eucharists on September 24 and 25.

I'm always excited about the start of our season at Grace. I'm excited to see our classes and choirs start up again. I'm excited to see new people and visitors looking for a church home. I'm excited to anticipate the fellowship, fun and events at Shrine Mont. I'm excited to see new leaders take on new responsibilities and parishioners try new ministries. And I'm excited as I think about our growth in discipleship and stewardship.

Forty years ago, I started my last year of seminary at Berkeley-Yale. We were very excited the General Convention had voted during the summer to ordain women to the Priesthood and to approve the new Book of Common Prayer. There was so much excitement among the students and the wider Episcopal Church.

I hope and pray that you are excited about this stage of your Christian journey. I hope and pray that you are excited about your life at Grace Church. Let's share this excitement as Jesus presents us with so many possibilities as the new season begins.

Grace, Peace, Love
The Rev. Robert H. Malm

September 2016

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Sunday Schedule

Holy Eucharist Rite I 7:30 am
Child Care 8:45 am–12:45 pm
Children’s Chapel 8:50 am–9:30 am
La Santa Eucaristía 9:00 am
Choral Eucharist Rite II..... 9:00 am
Christian Ed classes..... 10:15 am
Choral Eucharist Rite I..... 11:15 am
Holy Eucharist Rite II..... 5:00 pm

Weekday Schedule

Tuesdays, Rite II with healing... 6:30 pm
Wednesday, Rite I..... 7:00 am
Thursday, Rite I..... 12:15 pm

About Grace Notes

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Grace Church’s newsletter team includes Amy Barron, Kristine Hesse, June Huber, Teresa Preston, and Amy Medrick.

From the Assistant to the Rector

It has been an exciting summer for me in 2016. I am thankful that I did not get eaten by gators or lions or bears. I canoed 61 miles through the *Atchafalaya* Swamp in southern Louisiana with my BSA Venture Crew. I headed into the wilds of Tuckerton, NJ with a team of teen missionaries. I landed on a dirt runway on the shores of Lake Victoria in Tanzania to attend my friend’s installation as Bishop of the Diocese of Mara. I spent the better part of a week in the Smokey Mountains of North Carolina with 500 people involved in Latino ministry in the Episcopal Church. I’m telling you: it has been a busy summer!

The best part of being involved with all of these adventures is feeling God’s blessing on the many people and the many ministries which I encountered. There are so many people out there working in the world, spreading God’s love. I met young adults in Louisiana working to spread their deep love for the natural wonders of their state. The Grace teens spread their light and life to all they met. During my time in Africa, I was staying at a hotel in Musoma. There were two other Europeans with me, the Rt. Rev. Anthony Robinson, Bishop of Wakefield (Leeds) aka “Bishop Tony;” and the Diocese of Leeds Tanzania mission links coordinator, the Rev. Dr. Stephen Spencer. I learned a great deal about their 27-year partnership with the people of Mara. There have been schools and clinics built, parishes have made trips, both from Tanzania to the UK as well as the English visiting African parishes. It was inspiring to hear about what is possible when people from vastly different contexts form friendships in the name of Christ.

The final week of August, I attended the Nuevo Amanecer National Conference of Latino Ministries. Four years ago, when I first attended the conference at Kanuga, I was the only representative from Virginia. Two years ago, we had a delegation of six, all from Grace Church. This year we are twenty strong, representing five parishes in Northern Virginia. We will be riding together in a bus with a large contingent from the Diocese of Washington. The trip down and back is in itself a day-long fiesta on wheels, making friendship and celebrating our various ministries.

I look forward to sitting with folk to chat about what adventures God blessed you with this summer. Let’s see what adventures the fall will bring!

*Peace,
The Rev. Leslie Steffensen*

Blessings



It has been a pleasure to serve this parish for the last three years as a deacon and priest, and even before that as a seminarian since 2010. I've known you all a long time! I have been so blessed to share in worship with you, take part in ministries from Sunday School to EFM, and to get to know so many of you so well in these last several years.

As I move on to new ministries with Mary and with others, I will keep this parish in my prayers and in my thoughts. And Ben, Mary, and I plan to come visit from time to time—you may even see me at the altar now and again!

I would like to thank all of you for your ministries in this parish. Thank you especially to my Sunday school teachers and youth sponsors, and all those who have helped plan and run family events from the Christmas Pageant and Vacation Bible School to the PYM Shrine Mont trips and the Advent Craft Day. Thank you to Adult Forum leaders and participants, to the library committee, participants in our parish retreats, the St. Andrew's Guild, and all who have worked with newcomers or welcomed visitors to our parish.

Thank you most of all for joining with me in worship. For serving at the altar, singing in the choir, reading Scripture, and uniting with God and each other in Holy Communion. It is a privilege to worship God amongst my brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ. I hope to see many of you again. I know that we are all united in Christ for this life and the next. God bless you all, and may you continue to love God and go forth from this place in the Name of Christ.

*In Christ,
The Rev. Elizabeth Locher*



The Evangelism Program hosted two movie nights this summer. (It rained both nights.) But we persevered with our drinks and popcorn. We might be persuaded to show one in the fall as well. So stay tuned.



The Heart of the Eucharist

One day, when I was talking with our summer seminarian, Will Packard, he used the word *epiclesis* when describing the moment when the bread and wine are consecrated. I had never heard the word before, and it encouraged me to learn more about the consecration itself, what I will call “the heart of the Eucharist.”

The most solemn part of the Divine Liturgy is the part when the offerings of bread and wine are consecrated as the body and blood of Christ. A classical name for this part of the liturgy is the *anaphora*, although we more often call it the Eucharistic Prayer. *Anaphora* is a Greek word meaning a "carrying back" or "offering," which explains its use in reference to the offering of sacrifice to God. The *anaphora* is addressed by us to the Father, although in antiquity there were times and places where it was addressed directly to Christ. Most parts of the *anaphora* are spoken or chanted by the celebrant.

The structure of the *anaphora*, as we find it in our Book of Common Prayer (BCP), became standardized in the 4th century in the Antiochene (West Syrian) family of liturgies (there are several other families of liturgies). Between that time and the mid-1800s there were a variety of changes, especially among Protestant denominations. Beginning with the Oxford Movement of the 1840s, the Anglican churches began an examination of historic *anaphoras*. This caused the revision of many Eucharistic Prayers, including ours, back to the structure of the standardized 4th century Antiochene *anaphora*, which is placed after the offertory and comes before the Lord's Prayer. It is summarized in the following paragraphs.

The *Sursum Corda* (Latin for "hearts lifted") is the opening dialogue to the preface of the *anaphora*, dating back to at least the third century. The structure of the dialogue is in three parts: an exchange of formal greeting between priest and people ("The Lord be with you." "And with thy spirit."); an invitation ("Lift up your hearts."); the people responding in agreement ("We lift them up unto the Lord."); and another invitation ("Let us give thanks unto our Lord God."); with the people answering ("It is meet and right so to do."). The third exchange indicates the people's assent to the priest continuing to offer the remainder of the Eucharistic Prayer on their behalf.

The preface is the great prayer of thanksgiving for the work of salvation. It begins with the words, "It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty," (or a variation thereof) and ends with the *Sanctus*. Proper prefaces are appointed for particular occasions. The preface concludes with words describing the praise of the worshippers, joining with the angels and archangels, who are pictured as praising God with the words of the *Sanctus*.

The *Sanctus* (Latin for "holy") is a hymn of praise adapted from Isaiah 6:3, "And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory." It is followed by the *Benedictus*, taken from Matthew 21:9, "And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest." This hymn expresses the desire of the community to unite itself with praise continually offered by the whole company of heaven.

The Words of Institution echo those of Jesus himself at his last supper. Eucharistic scholars refer to them simply as the *verba* (Latin for "words"). The following Rite I version is found in the BCP (pp. 334-335): "For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,

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‘Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.’ Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, ‘Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.’”

The *anamnesis* (from the Greek word meaning "reminiscence" or "memorial sacrifice") refers to the memorial character of the Eucharist: “Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make;” It also has its origin in Jesus' words at the Last Supper, "Do this in remembrance of me." (Luke 22:19). Through *anamnesis* we, the faithful, recall God's saving deeds. *Anamnesis* includes the *oblation*, from the Latin meaning “offering,” which is the offering to the Lord of the sacrifice of the eucharistic bread and wine.

Finally, we get to Will Packard’s magic word: *epiclesis*. This is the "invocation" or "calling down from on high" (from the Greek) by which the celebrant invokes the Holy Spirit upon the Eucharistic bread and wine so that they may become the body and blood of Christ: “And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these gifts and creatures of bread and wine...” The celebrant will usually extend his or her hands over the gifts at the *epiclesis*. If you care about the history of all this, I discovered that Thomas Cranmer placed the *epiclesis* prior to the institution narrative in the 1549 BCP, but he replaced it with a prayer for worthy reception of communion. Scottish reformers restored the *epiclesis* in the Scottish BCP of 1637. The Episcopal Church followed the Scottish rather than the English model. I imagine that this might have had something to do with our first bishop, Samuel Seabury, and his ordination by the Scottish Episcopal Church.

I hope you enjoyed this journey into the “heart of the Eucharist” as much as I have enjoyed it. Think of me at our desktop computer with the Bible, the BCP, and two other huge reference books from our church library, all open at the same time on the top of the computer desk in our basement. What fun it was!

June Huber

Think About Stewardship: Raise Your Pledge

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." — Matthew 21

What programs would you like to see expanded at Grace Church - Mission? Outreach? Music? Or Youth? Or maybe all of the above? This year, the Stewardship Committee would like to encourage everyone to think big: What could Grace Church do if our budget was 10 percent larger? Let's find out! During this year's Stewardship campaign, which will formally launch September 24 with the Founders' Day dinner, please prayerfully consider increasing your annual pledge by 10 percent, if possible. The church's pledge income has not kept up with inflation in the past decade. This year's Shrine Mont theme is "Count Your Blessings." If you are feeling blessed financially, please think about what proportion of your income you currently donate to the church, and whether that could increase. If you have any questions, please contact me at Chris.Rugaber@gracealex.org. Thank you.

Chris Rugaber
2017 Stewardship Chair

Music



There are a whole host of special services this program year, including three Choral Evensongs (the end of the year Evensong will be sung by the Boys' and Girls' Choir only) and a Service of Advent Lessons and Carols. You can find more information on all special choral services by visiting the Music page on our church website. Also, please do invite friends to these events; it's good evangelism!

If you are interested in joining any of our choirs, please contact me. Here is the schedule:

The Boys' and Girls' Choir sing twice a month at the 9 am service. We begin on September 13. Check the church website for the most current rehearsal schedule. On many occasions the Boys' and Girls' Choir will be supplementing the sopranos of the Adult Choir, but you will also hear them sing by themselves from time to time. If you know of children and youth who love to sing and are of reading age, this is a wonderful opportunity for FREE musical education. Piano lessons are also available to *anyone* at the rate of \$30 for a half hour lesson. Boy and Girl choristers get a reduced rate for these lessons. I accept a limited number of students, so act now!

The Adult Choir meets on Thursday nights, starting on September 8, from 7:30-9:30 pm in the St. Cecelia room. All are welcome, though we are in critical need of men's voices.

Finally, the Handbell Choir will be offering preludes to the 9 am service on the second Sunday of each month. We begin on September 15 and rehearse on Thursdays from 6:45-7:20 pm. And remember that we are always welcoming new members to any of our choirs. As we segue out of summer, I'm very much looking forward to the 2016-2017 program year!

Concerts at Grace

Due to budget constraints, we will have brass at Christmas only this year and not on Easter. However, we will have special music for Candlemas and a Lenten recital featuring Marcel Dupré's *The Stations of the Cross* for organ. This recital will feature four organists and our own Wendy Wilmer narrating Paul Claudel's poetry for each station. More information on these offerings will be forthcoming.

--Richard Newman

Grace Episcopal ...



Soon we will celebrate another school year of *Amazing Grace!* We look forward to welcoming our students back to school after Labor Day. The 2016-2017 year will allow us to share our strengths with a visiting team from our accrediting body, Virginia Association of Independent Schools.

We plan to launch *Math in Focus* at Grace in the 2016-17 school year for grades K through 5. *Math in Focus* is an authentic Singapore Math curriculum—with problem solving as the center of math learning and concepts taught with a concrete–pictorial–abstract learning progression through real-world, hands-on experiences. This program allows for group work, individualization, remediation and enrichment—all of which are important to meet the needs of our students.

We love welcoming amazing families to Grace, and we continually find that word of mouth is our best marketing tool. Please spread the word that *Grace is the Place!* If you would like to know more about the admissions process, please contact Mrs. Benita Cathey at admissions@graceschoolalex.org.

*Patti Culbreth
Head of School*



Fall Events for Children, Youth and Families

Sunday, September 18

Back to 9 am and 11:15 am Services
9 am – Teacher and Youth Sponsor Commissioning
10:15 am - Sunday School Begins!

Sunday, October 2

4 pm – Blessing of the Animals Service
5:30-8 pm - Youth Dinner

Sunday, October 23

9 am - Youth Sunday

Sunday, October 30

3-5 pm - Halloween Party – Grace Church
6-8 pm – Region Youth Party – Immanuel on the Hill

Friday, November 4 – Sunday, November 6

Senior High PYM Shrine Mont Weekend

Sunday, November 6

5:30 pm - Youth Dinner

Sunday, November 27

10:15 am - Intergenerational Advent Day - No Sunday School



**“The Story of the Church”
Fall 2016 Adult Forums**

- September 18 **“Counting our Blessings through the Story of the Church”**
- **Fr. Malm**
- St. John Room
- September 25 **Community of Hope**
- **The Pastoral Care Team**
- St. John Room
- October 2 **EYC Mission Trip Presentation**
- **The EYC Mission Team**
- The Merrow Hall Auditorium
- October 9 **Stewardship Event**
- The Merrow Hall Auditorium
- October 16 **Grace School Sunday – no Adult Forum**



The St Andrew's Guild has had a successful restart over the summer and is up and running for the fall. We are looking for a few more folks who can take a couple of minutes either before or after the 9 am service to formally greet our newcomers. Please contact Lorna Worley or Cindy MacIntyre if you are interested in participating in this wonderful ministry.

From the Library



Many thanks to John and Khacki Berry for donating to the library three lecture sets on CD. *Jerusalem: City of God, City of Fire* is a university level course of 7 CDs with 14 lectures on them by F.E. Peters and *The World of Byzantium, Parts 1 and 2*, are two sets of 6 CDs with 12 lectures of 30 minutes each, taught by Kenneth Harl of Tulane. If you would like to listen to these lectures, you

may keep them out for longer than the normal 4-week period. Just make a note on the book card when you plan to return them.

All media items are located on the left side of the main library under the first section of reference books.

Below is the list of the parish library's DVDs, CDs and VHS tapes:

Title	Genre	Theme
DVDs		
Affectionately Yours, Screwtape -- The Devil and C. S. Lewis -2007, 52 minutes	DOCUMENTARY	Christian Ethics
Another Way -- Anglican Religious Orders in North America – 2006	DOCUMENTARY	Religious Orders
Appointment, The, 1991, 39 minutes	DRAMA	Christian Values
Ashes to Glory: An Easter Devotional on DVD -- 47 Short Meditations - One for Each Day of Lent – 2008, 130 minutes	DEVOTIONAL	Inspirational
Bella – 2006, 91 minutes	DRAMA	Inspirational Faith & Spirituality
Beyond Our Differences – 2009, 72 minutes	DOCUMENTARY	
Billy – The Early Years of Billy Graham, 2010, 98 minutes	BIOGRAPHY	Billy Graham
Birth of Christ, The -- A Christmas Cantata – 2006, 85 minutes	SPIRITUAL MUSIC	Jesus - Nativity
Bonhoeffer -- Pastor, Pacifist, Nazi Resister – 2003, 90 minutes	BIOGRAPHY	Dietrich Bonhoeffer
C. S. Lewis Through the Shadowlands – 1985, 90 minutes	DRAMA	Spiritual Values
Celtic Hymns -- Visions of Worship – 2007, 68 minutes	SPIRITUAL MUSIC	Inspirational
Chariots of Fire – 2005, 124 minutes	DRAMA	1924 Olympics
Christianity -- The First Two Thousand Years – 2009, 400 minutes	DOCUMENTARY	Church History
Facing the Giants – 2006, 112 minutes	DRAMA	Inspirational Christian Values
Faith Like Potatoes – 2008, 111 minutes	DRAMA	
Faith of Our Fathers – 2009, 57 minutes	DOCUMENTARY	Church & State Relations

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Flywheel – 2007, 114 minutes	DRAMA	Christian Values
Fourth Wiseman, The – 1985, 72 minutes	DRAMA	Faith
Gifted Hands -- The Ben Carson Story – 2009, 90 minutes	BIOGRAPHY	Ben Carson
In This House of Brede – 1997, 100 minutes	DRAMA	Christian Values
Into the Great Silence: Inside the Famed Carthusian Monastery – 2007, 162 minutes	DOCUMENTARY	Religious Communities
Jesus, Fact or Fiction -- An Interactive Journey – 2003, 94 minutes	DOCUMENTARY	Biblical History
Keys of the Kingdom, The – 1944, 137 minutes	DRAMA	Missionary Life
Life and Faith of C. S. Lewis, The -- The Magic Never Ends – 2009, 85 minutes	BIOGRAPHY	C. S. Lewis
Lilies of the Field – 1963, 95 minutes	DRAMA	Christian Values
Luther – 2003, 124 minutes	BIOGRAPHY	Martin Luther
Man for All Seasons, A -- Special Edition – 1966, 120 minutes	BIOGRAPHY	Sir Thomas More
Mark's Gospel – 1996, 101 minutes	STAGE PLAY	Inspirational
Passion of Christ, The – 2004, 126 minutes	DRAMA	Jesus - Crucifixion
Pilgrim's Progress -- Journey to Heaven – 2008, 103 minutes	ALLEGORY	Christian Values
Question of God, The -- Sigmund Freud and C. S. Lewis with Dr. Armand Nicholi – 2004, 108 minutes	DOCUMENTARY	Faith & Spirituality
Robe, The – 2001, 135 minutes	DRAMA	Biblical History
What the Bleep Do We Know? – 2004, 108 minutes	FANTASY	Spirituality

VHS TAPES

Greatest Story Ever Told, The – 1965, 199 minutes	DRAMA	Biblical History
Hanged on a Twisted Cross: The Life, Convictions and Martyrdom of Dietrich Bonhoeffer – 1996, 120 minutes	BIOGRAPHY	Dietrich Bonhoeffer
Jesus in His Times -- Among the People – 1991, 57 minutes	DRAMA	Biblical History
Jesus in His Times -- The Final Days – 1991, 55 minutes	DRAMA	Biblical History

Lecture Sets

CD 947 BYZ/1	The World of Byzantium -- Part 1	Prof. Kenneth W. Harl
CD 947 BYZ/2	The World of Byzantium -- Part 2	Prof. Kenneth W. Harl
CD 956 JER	Jerusalem -- City of God, City of Fire	Prof. F. E. Peters

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Other CDs

CD 782 ONE	One Thing Have I Desired -- Anthems, Spirituals and Psalms of Hope	The Choir of St. Thomas' Parish, Washington, D.C.
CD ALM	Mending the Broken Heart -- Spiritual Retreat -- February 26, 2011	Brother Curtis Almquist
CD SMI	Heart to Heart: Intimacy with the Mystical Core of the Gospel -- Spiritual Retreat -- March 3, 2012	Rev. Martin L. Smith

Grace, start your engines!

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

Meals on Wheels allows seniors who are unable to leave their homes to shop, or who have difficulty preparing meals, to have two healthy meals per day delivered to their homes. Senior Services of Alexandria, in partnership with the City of Alexandria, loyal volunteers and donors, provides meals 365 days a year.



The meals are cooked and packaged for delivery by paid professional staff. As an outreach ministry, Grace Episcopal Church provides volunteers to deliver 6 routes, or approximately 70 meals, per month. Our volunteers have been doing this since at least the mid '70s, and likely back to the 1950s when the Alexandria MOW program was founded and many local churches committed to staff one day per month.

Grace volunteers meet at Jeffery's Catering, 4417 Wheeler Ave., at 10 am on the first Friday of each month to deliver meals to clients. A driver and a runner are assigned to each route.

The time commitment is about 2 hours once per month. We are also looking for a new coordinator to schedule and recruit volunteers.

If you are interested in volunteering or becoming our volunteer coordinator, please contact **Keller Smith at 571-623-5909**. To learn more about the Alexandria MOW program, you can visit <http://seniorservicesalex.org/programs/meals-on-wheels/>.

Joining Grace Church

At Grace, we are always welcoming visitors and newcomers to enter fully into the life of our community. There are many ways to be a part of the Grace Church community, especially by joining us in worship and engaging with parishioners in study, service and fellowship. Through our worship and many ministries, countless people are part of our extended Grace Church community.

But what makes someone an official “member” of Grace Church? If you feel like you have become part of our parish, or would like to be, here are the three things that The Episcopal Church recognizes as making someone an official member of a parish:



1. Join us in worship

The primary act of a member of a Christian community is to join that community in regular public worship of God. Join us for any of our many worship services, and you are part of our community.

For those who are unable to travel regularly, or those who split their time in multiple locations, the minimum expectation to be a “member in good standing” of a parish is to come to Communion here at least three times a year, and that includes having the Sacrament brought to you in your home.

2. Work, pray, and give for the spread of the Kingdom of God

A member of Grace Church, or any parish, is expected to give of themselves for the life of the Church and the good of the world. This includes ministry and service, taking time for personal prayer, and contributing money or other resources to the Church. Working, praying, and giving are all important ways that we serve the kingdom of God.



The most common way members give financially to support Grace Church and the wider Church is through pledges. At any time during the year, a person or family can pledge to give a certain amount of money to support Grace Church in that year. Pledges allow us to plan a budget for our ministries, purchase supplies, pay our staff, and maintain our buildings and grounds.

Pledging is not the only way to give, though, and it is not required to be an active member. Some of our members choose to give up-front gifts at the beginning of the year, or contribute without pledging a set amount. A member is expected to be “known to the treasurer” through financial contributions. If you want to make sure we record your contributions, write a check, give online, or put money in an envelope with your name – we cannot trace the source of loose money in the collection plate.



3. Have your baptism on record

To be a member of the Christian church, you must be baptized. If you have not been baptized, please come speak to a member of the clergy to learn how to join the Body of Christ through this rite of initiation! Anyone baptized at Grace Church is added to our membership roles.

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Many of our members were baptized in other places. To have your baptism recorded on our membership roles, contact the parish office. We usually ask for a baptism certificate or some other confirmation that you were baptized. Many other Christian churches keep records at members' places of baptism. Your place of baptism can write a "letter of transfer" with your baptism date and other basic information, which allows us to record your membership here, and lets your previous church home know that you have moved.

If you have been baptized in the Episcopal Church or another denomination, you may desire to receive the sacrament of confirmation to affirm the promises of your baptism and receive strength from the Holy Spirit. Confirmation is not necessary to be a Christian, but is strongly encouraged as a source of grace from God, and is required to be considered a full adult member of the Episcopal Church, to serve on the vestry, and to take part in parish votes. We recognize confirmation from other Christian bodies with bishops in apostolic succession (such as the Roman Catholic Church). If you have been confirmed in a different denomination, you do not need to be confirmed again, but can be received into the Episcopal Church. Please speak to one of our priests to learn more about confirmation or reception.

The Rev. Elizabeth Locher

From the Parish Register

BAPTISMS:

Madison Hope Dagne, daughter of Haile and Abigail Dagne
Benjamin Michael Kupczyk, son of Chris Kupczyk and Katherine Zucca
Hudson Maddox Maldenado, son of Joshua and Mary Grace Maldenado

MARRIAGES:

Maria Elisa Daroca Ribas and Carl Jarrett Dieterle
Samantha Liana Shterengart and Brian William Kincaid
Christine Ann Young and Sean Patrick Harris

DEATHS:

Joy Lamb
Read Admiral Robert J. Steele, USN (ret.)
Ralph Lewis
Petrona Hernandez Munoz

A Taste of the Evening School at Virginia Theological Seminary

How do we balance the various "lives" we bring to the issues of social justice and race relations in this country and how does scripture frame our view? As a black woman, former police officer, mother of a young black male and now as a clergyperson, Rev. Gayle Fisher-Stewart provides a window on the "conversations" that continue to take place in our churches and communities. Her lecture titled "Faithful Leadership in the Face of Social Unrest and Racial Division," will be featured at this year's Taste of the Evening School event. All community members are invited to find out more about course offerings, register for courses, and hear Rev. Fisher Stewart's important insights.



This program is co-sponsored by the Lifetime Theological Education and the Multi-Cultural Ministries offices of Virginia Theological Seminary. The Evening School of Theology provides accessible, theologically rich courses for church lay leaders and anyone seeking a deeper knowledge of the Christian faith.

For more information, contact Anne Karoly, lte@vts.edu or 703-461-1753

Program Dates: Tuesday, September 6, 2016, 6:45 pm - 8:30 pm

Conference Location: Addison Academic Center, Virginia Theological Seminary

Schedule: Reception & Welcome at 6:45 pm; lecture begins at 7:30 pm

Cost: Event is Free. **RSVP:** <http://bit.ly/Taste-Evening-9-06>



September

9/1	Teresa Preston	9/15	Kayla Dagne	9/23	Griffin Winter
9/1	Lorna Worley	9/15	Jay O'Malley	9/24	James LaSalle
9/2	Michael Heintz	9/16	Lori Dodd	9/24	Rosemary Pollard
9/2	Nancy Macklin	9/16	Nancy Graves	9/24	Nick Robinson
9/3	Neal Goodson	9/16	Elizabeth Imphong	9/25	Michael Bandarra
9/4	Fiona Dowell	9/16	Cole Ruff	9/26	Cooper Johnson
9/4	Don Rae	9/16	John Wires	9/26	Evan Metz
9/5	Nathan Moore	9/17	Mary Mallinson	9/27	Rick Eudy
9/5	Charlie Pease	9/17	Bob Malm	9/27	Matthew Madigan
9/6	Blythe Su Davis	9/18	Benjamin Chriss	9/27	Leslie Malm
9/7	Cathy Puskar	9/18	Rosemary Falcon	9/28	Avah Arbogast
9/7	Philip Smith	9/18	Paula Fleming	9/28	McKinley Cronin
9/7	David Tuma	9/18	Carter O'Neil	9/28	Tracy Enger
9/9	Taso Janevski	9/19	Robert White	9/28	Bridget Spencer
9/9	Graham Kalan	9/20	Allyson Corlett	9/29	Arun Khanna
9/9	Mike Reed	9/20	Hermann Gerber	9/29	Scott Rosman
9/9	Natalie Winkler	9/20	Susy Howard	9/22	Jennifer Long
9/10	Emily LaSalle	9/21	Marco Ovando	9/23	Janet Baker
9/11	Edward Corlett	9/21	Hayley Winter	9/23	Lesa Miller
9/12	Shae Martin	9/22	Donna Hall	9/23	Neille Russell
9/14	Peyton Kalan	9/22	Brian Kincaid		

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 A center for worship and
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 A school for discipleship
 and stewardship
 A community for healing
 and outreach



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