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April 10, 2016

Please Pray for

Parishioners..... Mary, Michael, Liz, Ed, Jimmy, Lois, Petrona, Joyce, Kathleen, Lisa, Michael, Dick, Martha, Susan, Easter, Renata, Tina, Alice, Ralph, Kathy, Wanda, Don, Elizabeth

Family and friends.....Tina, Carol, Matthew, Sherrel, Pepper, Jack, Cecilia, Tom, Jeanne, Spencer, Todd, Ella, Daniel, Doris, Lori, Jennifer, Vic, Stephen, Margaret, Joanne, Joan, Mary Jane, Rob, Richard, Denise, the Pasowitz family, Lauren, John Edward, Chrissy, Gayle, Rajmattie, Bruce, Steve, Megan, Jim, Patty, the Hanson family, Joyce, Christine, Connie, Gwen, Bobby, Viola; Paola and the Hanson and Puskar families

Requiescat in Pace.....Jim Hanson; and victims of wars in the Middle East, Africa, and Ukraine

Those serving in Afghanistan or Iraq and all others at risk, including Alex Ford, Andy Lopez, Eric and Karen Coulson, and Donald Hepburn, Jr. 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, Lit and Mary Carol Tazewell, Andrew Boyd and Audra Kreger, the Scudi family, Mike and Kim Bomberger, Chris, Maggie and Eddy Corlett, and Virginia Robinson

Those in assisted living.....Shirley, Dick, Jorge, Frank, Joan, Cheryl, Clare, Fr. Jack, Tom

In thanksgiving for.....The birth of Everly Elizabeth Blunden, daughter of Jack and Katie Blunden and granddaughter of Bob and Puddy Blunden

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of Ireland

In the Diocese of Virginia: The Falls Church, Falls Church; and St. Anne's, Reston

In the parish: The work of the Virginia theological Seminary (VTS) and Seminarians, Jason Roberson and Ian Lasch

Those with birthdays

- 10 ..Jenny Cline, Mary Stewart
- 11 ..William Gillette, Ana Sosa
- 14 ..Whitney Bruch, Alex Cline, April Everett
- 15 ..Yasmin Hernandez, Gary Warner
- 16 ..Lisa Bellantoni, Khacki Berry

April 10, 2016

Welcome to Grace Church!

Today, we celebrate the Holy Eucharist at 7:30 am and 5:00 pm; Holy Baptism, Confirmation, Reception, and Festival Eucharist at 9:00 am; and Festival Eucharist at 11:15 am in the church.

We celebrate la Santa Eucaristía at 9:00 am in the Auditorium on the third floor of Merrow Hall.

Sunday, April 10.....The Third Sunday of Easter

- 8:30 am Library open (8:30 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 pm) — Nursery
- 8:50 am Children's Chapel for children 3 years through kindergarten — St. Nicholas Room
- 10:15 am Festive Coffee Hour — Auditorium
- 10:15 am La Gracia Forum (Spanish language) — St. John Room
- 10:15 am Sunday School — Classrooms as posted

Monday, April 11

- 6:00 am Yoga — St. John Room
- 1:00 pm Food Pantry open (until 3:00 pm)
- 6:30 pm Education for Ministry — St. John Room

Tuesday, April 12.....George Augustus Selwyn, Bishop, 1878 (tr.)

- 10:00 am Church Staff Meeting — St. Mark Room
- 1:00 pm Food Pantry open (until 3:00 pm)
- 4:00 pm Boys and Girls Choir (until 5:00 pm) — St. Cecilia Room
- 4:00 pm Bulletin Insert deadline
- 6:30 pm Holy Eucharist (with Prayers for Healing) — Lady Altar
- 7:00 pm Vestry — Auditorium

Wednesday, April 13.....

- 7:00 am Holy Eucharist — Lady Altar
- 5:00 pm Yoga — St. John Room
- 7:30 pm Divinity on Tap: TNT Bible Study — VTS Café
- 8:00 pm AA & Al-Anon — Auditorium and St. Luke Room

Thursday, April 14.....

- 12:15 pm Holy Eucharist — Lady Altar
- 4:00 pm Boys and Girls Choir (until 5:00 pm) — St. Cecilia Room
- 6:45 pm Handbell Choir (until 7:20 pm) — St. Cecilia Room
- 7:30 pm Adult Choir (until 9:30 pm) — St. Cecilia Room

Friday, April 15

- Deadline for May issue of *Grace Notes* 6th and 7th Grade PYM Weekend at Shrine Mont (through Sunday)
- 9:00 am Grace School Chapel — Nave
- 6:30 pm Food Pantry open (until 7:30 pm)
- 8:30 pm AA — Auditorium

Saturday, April 16

- 9:00 am Altar Guild — Sacristy and Nave

April 3, 2016

Notices

Flowers on the Altar

The flowers on the Altar today are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for my brother Terry’s birthday by Sherryl Dodd; and in thanksgiving and with great love for Beth Wiggers; the best of everything always by Skitsi and Mac Eason Rein, Jr.

Worship Notes

- **Baptism:** Wesley Barnes Winkler, son of Heath and Katie Winkler, will receive the Sacrament of Baptism at the 9:00 am Festival Eucharist this morning.
- **Also at the 9:00 am liturgy**, the Rt. Rev. David C. Jones, retired Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of Virginia will Confirm Olivia Gilliam and Sterling Gilliam III and Receive Jennifer Mary Lee
- **Asperging** of the congregation takes place after every baptism at Grace Church. Being sprinkled with the holy water reminds us of our baptism and our new life with the Risen Christ.

Sunday School for children and youth — 10:15 – 11:00 am

The classroom name or number for each age group is posted near the elevator in Merrow Hall.

Festive Coffee Hour — 10:15 am

Following the 9:00 am service, you are invited to a festive coffee hour in the Auditorium on the third floor of Merrow Hall. We will honor the newly baptized, confirmed and received, and Bishop Jones; and bid farewell to Beth Wiggers, our Office Administrator, who is retiring and moving to Western Massachusetts. Her last day at Grace is this Friday, April 15. Please join us to send her off with our blessings.

New Administrative Team

Father Malm has hired two new lay professionals for our parish: Beth Calaman is our Bookkeeper and began work last week. Amy Medrick will be our Parish Administrator starting April 13. An announcement was sent Friday via the all parish email and is posted on the bulletin board by the Parish Office.

This is National Library Week and Book giveaway Sunday

Come to the parish library after the 7:30, 9:00, 11:15 and 5:00 liturgies today to find some spring reading material. The library will be open from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm and then again after the 5:00 pm service. Get a free bookmarks. Make a donation for the library budget. No children’s books will be available.

SHOUT!

It’s not too late to support Grace Church’s contribution to the ***Shout It from the Mountain!*** campaign for Shrine Mont camps! Last fall, Bishop Johnston asked each parish to consider how it could contribute to the campaign. Since then, Grace has raised almost \$30,000 and we’d like to push that number to \$40,000 or even \$50,000 before Pentecost, May 15. If you would like to support Grace's contribution to ***Shout!***, please be in touch with Father Malm or the parish office. You can also find campaign brochures in the back of the church or on the credenza outside the parish office.

This Week at Grace

Yoga at Grace for Fellowship and Health! — Mon. and Wed.

Bring your mat to the St. John Room on the third floor of Merrow Hall on Monday at 6:00 am and Wednesday at 5:00 pm.

Divinity on Tap begins again for the spring — Wednesday

Please join us for Bible Study on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 pm through May 25th at the Virginia Seminary pub (3737 Seminary Road, the pub is located in the .brick building behind the little white post office.) Each week we discuss the Gospel lesson for the following Sunday. Contact the Rev. Leslie Steffensen for more information.

Ordination — Saturday

God willing, the Rt. Rev. Shannon S. Johnston will ordain Teresa Lewallen to the Sacred Order of Deacons this Saturday, April 16, at 10:30 am, at Christ Church, Richmond. Please keep Teresa in your prayers.

Next Sunday, April 17

Formation Hour — 10:15 to 11:00 am

Programs for all ages take place during the formation hour throughout the academic year.

- **Sunday School for children and youth:** The classroom name or number for each age group is posted near the elevator in Merrow Hall.
- **Adult Forum:** *Seeking and Serving Christ in Jerusalem.* Join Jason Roberson, one of our seminarians, after the 9:00 am service for a presentation about his recent pilgrimage to the Holy Land and to discuss the ministry of the Anglican Communion in the Diocese of Jerusalem. The forum takes place in the St. John room.

Mark your Calendar

Newcomer Reception — Sunday, April 24

If you are a newcomer, feel like a newcomer, or are ready to re-engage with ministries at Grace, please join us the evening of Sunday, April 24, for a newcomer welcome reception immediately following the 5:00 pm Holy Eucharist. We will gather in the St. Mark Room on the second floor by the elevator. Enjoy good food and good company! For more information or to let us know you plan to come, please contact Mother Elizabeth at elizabeth.locher@gracealex.org.

Golf Tournament — Friday, April 29

The annual parish golf tournament at National Golf Club will be held on Friday, April 29. Registration forms are available in the Commons, the Narthex, and online at the Grace website (www.gracealex.org).

16th Annual Altar Guild Tea — Saturday, May 7

Reservations are now being accepted for the 16th Annual Altar Guild Tea, which will be held on Saturday, May 7, from 2:00 to 4:30 pm. As of Thursday, April 7, we have only 8 seats remaining. This year’s theme “Hi, Tea!” and will feature a musical program by our own Richard Newman as well as the delicious savory and sweet tea service that is the heart of our event.

PYM 8th Grade Shrine Mont Weekend — May 13-15

The Diocese of Virginia is hosting its annual 8th grade retreat weekend at Shrine Mont May 13-15, and Grace Church will be sending a group. Registration forms can be found on the Diocese of Virginia youth website at: <https://diovayouth.wordpress.com/forms-and-brochures/>. Please turn forms in to Mother Elizabeth (family.ministries@gracealex.org) if you are interested in going as a youth or adult chaperone. Registration is \$150 per person and scholarships are available.

Vacation Bible School June 26-30 – Registration is Now Open!

Join us at Grace Church this summer for our annual Vacation Bible School program! This year’s theme is “Pilgrimage: Seeking the Kingdom of God.” It will run Sunday, June 26 (5-7pm) and Monday to Thursday, June 27-30 (9am

to noon). We will be exploring the medieval church and saints throughout the ages through stories, worship, games, crafts, and lots more fun! VBS is open to campers age 3 – rising 5th graders, and all ages are invited to join the fun as volunteers! Registration is now open at <https://ccalexvbs.wordpress.com/registration/>, or in the News Room section of the Grace Church website.

Other Notices

Photo Wall

New pictures have been posted on the wall that include simple supper, Altar Guild preparations for Palm Sunday, Palm Sunday, the Prayer Watch, Altar Guild preparations for Easter, Easter and the Easter egg hunt. Many folks contributed. Be among them in the future when you have interesting photos of parish events.

Thank you for Easter Flowers

Thanks to all who generously gave to the Easter flower fund! I’m heartened to see new and returning donors signing up for both the major events and weekly altar flowers. It still takes three donors per week to cover the cost of flowers, but the donation amount is being reduced from \$50 to \$40. We hope this will make it possible for more parishioners to donate. There is a flower donation sign-up sheet in the old narthex or go to the church web-site and click on the “how to do” tab. Information for how to donate flowers is at the bottom of the page.

Help at Grace and Beyond

Help Grace School and the Animal Welfare League

The GES fourth and fifth graders are sponsoring a donation drive for the Alexandria Animal Welfare League on Monday and Tuesday, April 18 & 19. We will accept cat/kitten wet food, kitten milk formula (KMR), any other unopened pet supplies, or used towels. A donation box will be located in the entrance lobby on those days. The 4th and 5th grade will complete this service-learning experience with a trip to the shelter on the afternoon of the 19th to learn about the importance of the services they offer, tour the facility, and make cat/kitten toys for animals there. Thank you in advance for your support!

St. Clement’s Jewelry Sale for Thrift Shop — April 17

On Sunday, April 17, the Church of St. Clement will be hosting a jewelry sale to support our Thrift Shop’s outreach programs. The sale will occur following the 8:00 and 10:00 am services. We will be selling these special items until 11:30 am. The jewelry pieces are perfect for Mother’s Day or other special events. The proceeds from this sale will help those in need throughout the Alexandria community.

Carpenter’s Cook-Off — April 24

Please join us next Sunday, April 24, at The Birchmere Music Hall (3701 Mount Vernon Ave) from 12 to 3 pm for this year’s Carpenter’s Cook-Off. Tickets are now on sale! Come enjoy tastings from over 20 of the areas restaurants while bidding on hot ticket items in our live auction. Visit www.carpentersshelter.org today to purchase tickets for the whole family. Tickets are \$50 for adults and \$15 for children 12 and under. Use the promo code Cook16 for a discount! Tickets will also be on sale at the door