

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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<i>Member at Large</i>	Lorna Worley

Class of 2016	Class of 2017	Class of 2018
Jeffrey Chiow	John Boris	Chad Eckles
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April 17, 2016

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Please Pray for

Parishioners..... Mary, Michael, Liz, Ed, Jimmy, Lois, Petrona, Joyce, Kathleen, Lisa, Michael, Dick, Martha, Susan, Easter, Renata, Tina, Alice, Wanda, 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, the Hanson and Puskar families, and Joan Bird

Requiescat in Pace.....Martel Boyles, 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, Ralph

In thanksgiving for.....The birth of Jackson Robert Malm, son of Chris and Sarah, and grandson of Bob and Leslie Malm

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Communion in Japan

In the Diocese of Virginia: Emmanuel, Delaplane; Trinity, Upperville; St. George's, Fredericksburg; St. Andrew's, Richmond; St. Thomas', Richmond

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 birthdays

- 17 ..Duncan Carlson-Bancroft, Molly Sim, Mary Wallace
- 18 ..Emma Causey, Brian Foucart
- 19 ..Alexandra Barr, Maggie Corlett, Lindsey Malm
- 20 ..Sasha Karamyshev
- 21 ..Nora Lee Henderson, Barbara Morris, Kathryn Smith, Davis West
- 22 ..Bibi Hatim, Miguel Ortiz, Amelia Pattarini, Adam Doelp

Welcome to Grace Church!

Today, we celebrate the Holy Eucharist at 7:30 am and 5:00 pm; Choral 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 17.....The Fourth 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 Adult Forum: *Seeking and Serving Christ in Jerusalem* — St. John Room
- 10:15 am La Gracia Forum (Spanish language) — Auditorium
- 10:15 am Sunday School — Classrooms as posted
- 12:45 pm Rosary Group — Library

Monday, April 18

- 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 19...Alphege, Archbishop of Canterbury and Martyr, 1012

- 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

Wednesday, April 20.....

- 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 21.....Anselm, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1109

- 10:00 am GES ALIVE! House Walk — Church and School Grounds
- 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
- 7:00 pm Outreach / Missions Committee — St. Mark Room
- 7:30 pm Adult Choir (until 9:30 pm) — St. Cecilia Room

Friday, April 22.....

- 9:00 am Grace School Chapel — Nave
- 6:00 pm GESPA Talent Show — Auditorium
- 6:30 pm Food Pantry open (until 7:30 pm)
- 8:30 pm AA — St. Mark Room

Saturday, April 23

- 9:00 am Altar Guild — Sacristy and Nave

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Notices

Flowers on the Altar

The flowers on the Altar today are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for our many blessings by Lisa and Paul Bellantoni .

Worship Notes

- **Prayers for Healing:** Following the morning liturgies, the clergy will be available at the Lady Altar for prayers for healing and the laying on of hands.
 - **Home Communion:** Today is the third Sunday of the month, and the Lay Eucharist Ministers will be taking Holy Communion to parishioners at home following the 9:00 am La Gracia and Choral Eucharists and 11:15 am liturgy.
- 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.

Tour of the new chapel at the Virginia Seminary

Virginia Seminary is thankful for your support during the consecration of the new Immanuel Chapel on October 13, 2015. This congregation graciously lent VTS silver for our service with the Archbishop of Canterbury. As a thank you, please come to see the new chapel on April 17, 2016, from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm with a reception to follow. We look forward to seeing you all very soon.

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:TNT Bible Study — 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.

Next Sunday, April 24

Formation Hour — 10:15 to 11:00 am

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- **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:** *Making Disciples.* How do we respond to the Postcommunion Prayer's commission to "Go out and do the work you have given us to do"? What does it mean to be a disciple and to help others become disciples? Join Lorna Worley, Khacki Berry, Cindy MacIntyre, and Mother Elizabeth as we share ideas and experiences about inviting others into discipleship. This forum will meet in the St. John Room on the 3rd floor.

Mark your Calendar

Garden Work Day — Saturday, April 23

Join fellow gardeners and garden lovers to help clean up the flower beds from winter's overgrowth on Saturday, April 23rd. We'll be gathering in the afternoon to weed, pull ivy, mulch, and prep the vegetable garden, as well as planting some of the leftover Easter plants. No green thumb is necessary! Can't make it in the afternoon? Come when your schedule allows – there's plenty to do! Questions? Contact kristine.hesse@gracealex.org

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!" 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 (5:00-7:00 pm) and Monday to Thursday, June 27-30 (9:00 am 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

Lector Sign Up for Pentecost

The lector sign-up sheet for Pentecost is now available in the lector folder in the credenza.

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.

Help at Grace and Beyond

From the Library

The Gift of Inner Healing, The Healing Power of the Bible, The Cost of Discipleship, A Man for Others, St. Peter and *Edith Stein* are on display in the library and branches.

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 grades 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!

Concerts with a Cause — April 17

On Sunday, April 17 at 3:00, Soprano Denise Gulley will lead a Concert with a Cause entitled, Hinder Not Music. With her good friend mezzo, soprano Terri Malone, and pianist Susan Ricci-Rogel, Denise Gulley and company will sing solo and duets from opera, art song, and theater. They also will sing an arrangement of Scottish folksongs in homage to the founders of the Meeting House. The beneficiary of this concert is Friends of Guest House. Since 1974, FOGH has helped Northern Virginia women make successful transitions from incarceration back into the community. There will be a free-will offering reception to follow.

Young Concert Artists — April 23

The National Symphony Orchestra Youth Fellowship Program presents the Young Concert Artists at Saint Luke's Episcopal Church. The concert will feature music for strings by Dvorak, Diamond, Shubert, Solak and others. The concert will begin at 7:30 pm Adults \$20, Seniors \$15, 18 and under free.

Carpenter's Cook-Off — April 24

Please join us on 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.