

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
Lina Dobbs	Colby Gustafson	Rich Kelly
Bill Eckel	Jennifer Long	Yesica Lopez
Bill Malone	Judy Willard	Chris Rugaber
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Please Pray for

Parishioners..... Mary, Michael, Liz, Jimmy, Joyce, Lisa, Michael, Dick, Martha, Susan, Easter, Renata, Alice, Elizabeth, Jack and Liz

Family and friends.....Krishna, Tina, Carol, Matthew, Sherrel, Pepper, Jack, Cecilia, Tom, Jeanne, Spencer, Todd, Ella, Lori, Jennifer, Vic, Margaret, Joan, Rob, Richard, Denise, the Pasowitz family, John Edward, Gayle, Bruce, Steve, Patty, Bobby, Viola; Paola, the Hanson and Puskar families, Joan Bird, William, and Ruth

Requiescat in Pace.....Neal Harmon and John Sim

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 John (Jack) Felix Byrnes , son of Brad and Ashleigh Byrnes and grandson of Jim and Chris Byrnes

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & the Middle East

In the Diocese of Virginia: St. Mark’s, Richmond; Christ Church, Middlesex; St. John’s, McLean

In the parish: The Clergy and staff of Grace Church: The Rev. Robert H. Malm, The Rev. Leslie N. Steffensen, the Rev. Elizabeth A. Locher, Dr. Richard Newman, Amy Medrick, Beth Calaman, Pedro Hernández, Ruth Young, Francisco Robles; and the volunteers who work in the office.

Those with birthdays

- 24.. Peter Iovino, Keller Smith
- 25.. Evan Dobbs
- 26.. Gabriella Falcon, Jonathan Lewallen, Ellen Rugaber, Beth Wiggers
- 27.. David Ebersole, Reagan Spitzer
- 28.. William Martin, Avery Meeks, Donna Plunkett, Richard Smith
- 29.. Mary Barnes, Suzi Pease
- 30.. Victoria Howard, Dick Rogers, Henry Steffensen

Welcome to Grace Church!

Today, we celebrate the Holy Eucharist at 7:30 am and 5:00 pm; Choral Eucharist and Holy Baptism 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 24 The Fifth 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
- 5:45 pm Newcomer Reception

Monday, April 25.....

- 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 26.....Saint Mark the Evangelist

- 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 27.....Christina Rosetti

- 7:00 am Holy Eucharist — Lady Altar
- 5:00 pm Yoga — St. John Room
- 7:00 pm AA District 1 — St. Mark 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 28.....Catherine of Siena, 1380

- 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 29.....

- Grace Golf Tournament (see insert)
- 9:00 am Grace School Chapel — Nave
- 6:30 pm Food Pantry open (until 7:30 pm)
- 8:30 pm AA — St. Mark Room

Saturday, April 30.....

- 9:00 am Altar Guild — Sacristy and Nave

April 24, 2016

Notices

Flowers on the Altar

The flowers on the Altar today are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the 25th wedding anniversary of Peter and Melissa Dunn who renew their vows today, and for Sasha Karamyshev's 14th birthday by Nikolai Karamyshev and Jennifer Long.

Worship Notes

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:** 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.

Newcomer Reception Tonight!

If you are a newcomer, feel like a newcomer, or are ready to re-engage with ministries at Grace, please join us tonight 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). Tomorrow, Monday the 25th is the deadline for signing up.

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 30

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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.
- **Forum for Adult & Youth:** Please join us next Sunday during the Education Hour (10:15am) in the Merrow Hall Auditorium for a discussion about community issues and how we make a difference. Jovanda Warren, VOICE Associate Organizer for our region, will facilitate.

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: 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.

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 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!

Sunday, April 24, 2016 6:00 pm

Concerts at Good Shepherd: Washington Performing Arts Children of the Gospel Choir

For more information, visit <http://www.good-shepherd.net/music>

35th Annual Step ALIVE! Walkathon

Mark your calendars now. The 35nd annual Step ALIVE! Walkathon will be held next Sunday, May 1, to raise funds for ALIVE!'s Child Development Center (CDC), a high quality, full-day preschool program serving children of low-income working parents. This 5k or 5 mile (walker's choice) stroll starts at 2:00 pm at First Christian Church, 2723 King Street, Alexandria, and ends at the same place with food, music and door prizes. Register in advance online at www.alive-inc.org or at the event on May 1 starting at 1:15 pm or call 703-837-9321 to obtain a registration form.