

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
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**Please Pray for**

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

**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, Ruth, Caitlin Roche, and Bibsy.

**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 Duke Jeffry Byrnes , son of Julia and Creighton and grandson of Jim and Chris Byrnes

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Anglican Church of Kenya

**In the Diocese of Virginia:** Emmanuel (Brook Hill), Richmond; Grace & Holy Trinity, Richmond; Grace (Cismont), Keswick; St. John the Baptist, Ivy; Buck Mountain, Earlysville; and Grace, Stanardsville.

**In the parish:** Easter Thompson, Vestry chair of the Worship Program, and the volunteers who serve in the Altar Guild and choirs and as acolytes, ushers, lectors and Lay Eucharistic Ministers.

**Those with birthdays**

- 1.... Emma Meeks, Richard Wilmer
- 2.... Cooper Kalan
- 4.... Mary Blouin, Melissa Woodhead
- 5.... James Burkhalter, Virginia Chandler, Jeff Lipsky, Andrea Menendez
- 6.... Emery Morales, Christian Portillo
- 7.... Aiden Guernsey, Claire Guernsey

**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, May 1..... The Sixth 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..... Forum for Adults and Youth: *VOICE* — Auditorium
- 10:15 am..... La Gracia Forum (Spanish language) — St. John Room
- 10:15 am..... Parent Forum — St. Mark Room
- 10:15 am..... Sunday School — Classrooms as posted
- 5:30 pm ..... Youth Sunday Evening Fellowship — Auditorium

**Monday, May 2 .....**

- 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, May 3.....**

- 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 ..... Requiem Eucharist — Lady Altar

**Wednesday, May 4.....Saint Phillip & Saint James (tr)**

- 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, May 5.....Ascension Day**

- 12:15 pm..... Holy Eucharist — Lady Altar
- 4:00 pm ..... Boys and Girls Choir (until 5:00 pm) — St. Cecilia Room
- 7:30 pm ..... Festival Eucharist — Nave
- 8:45 pm ..... Ascension Day Reception — the Commons

**Friday, May 6 .....**

- 9:00 am ..... Grace School Chapel — Nave
- 3:30 pm ..... Brownie & Daisy Badges and Bridging Ceremony — Auditorium
- 6:00 pm ..... Tea Preparations — Auditorium
- 6:30 pm ..... Food Pantry open (until 7:30 pm)
- 8:30 pm ..... AA — St. Mark Room

**Saturday, May 7 .....**

- 9:00 am..... Altar Guild — Sacristy and Nave
- 2:00 pm..... Altar Guild Tea — Nave & Auditorium

May 1, 2016

## Notices

### Flowers on the Altar

The flowers on the Altar today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the 45th wedding anniversary of Carlisle and Denise Bean and by Bob and Leslie Malm in thanksgiving for the birth of Jackson Robert Malm and the one year birthday of Hiller Grant Farmer.

### 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.
- **Forum for Adults and Youth:** Please join us at 10:15 in the Merrow Hall Auditorium for a discussion about community issues and how we can make a difference. Jovanda Warren, VOICE Associate Organizer for our region, will facilitate.

### Boys and Girls Choir

This Sunday during the 9 am service, we will recognize the choristers in the Boys and Girls Choir. They have worked hard this year singing at services on the first and third Sundays of the month. Their last Sunday for this choir season will be Pentecost Sunday, May 15.

### Youth Dinner Tonight

Youth in grades 5-12 are invited to come to our monthly youth fellowship evening tonight. Our EYC and J2A groups will be going offsite, so please check with your sponsors for meeting times and locations.

**8th Grade Shrine Mont Weekend – May 13-15th – REGISTRATION DEADLINE TODAY!** The Diocese of Virginia is hosting its annual 8th grade retreat weekend at Shrine Mont this May, 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 in forms to Mother Elizabeth ([family.ministries@gracealex.org](mailto: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.

### 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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

### 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:** Family of Faith — Father Malm will lead a discussion of how families can shape and nurture the Christian faith.

### 16th Annual Altar Guild Tea — Saturday, May 7

Reservations are now being accepted for the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Altar Guild Tea, which will be held on Saturday, May 7, from 2:00 to 4:30 pm. As of Wednesday, April 27, we have only 5 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.

### Vacation Bible School Training – May 15

Adults interested in helping during the week of Vacation Bible School should come for adult training on Sunday, May 15th from 1-3 pm in the St. Mark room. If you have not yet registered as a volunteer, please sign up at <https://ccalexvbs.wordpress.com/adult-volunteers/>. Our youth training will be Thursday, June 23rd.

### 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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

### The Bounty Community Table

Formerly Brown Bag Lunch Program, our days of obligation for this important ministry are May 18, 19 and 20. Normally we serve for a week, but in May we will be sharing the week with St. Paul's. The sign-up sheet for servers and sandwich makers is posted on the Outreach bulletin board or you can contact [linda.waskowicz@gracealex.org](mailto:linda.waskowicz@gracealex.org).

### From the Library

The three library special topics for May are:

- *How to Share Your Religion*
- Books by Authors with Connections to Grace Church
- Books By and About Saints who have their Saint's Day in May: Julian of Norwich, Bede, Augustine, Dunstan, Calvin and Joan of Arc.

### Grace Episcopal School's Spring Performance to Benefit Financial Aid Friday, May 13 at 10 am

We invite you to participate in this special event by attending the performance, making a donation to the financial aid fund, or purchasing a raffle ticket to win a \$1000. Raffle tickets are \$25 each and you do not need to be present to win.

Gifts can be made online at <http://www.graceschoolalex.org/giving>.

Please look for School Board members selling raffle tickets during coffee hour on May 1. Thank you!

### Meals on Wheels

- Did you know that Senior Services of Alexandria delivers Meals on Wheels to seniors in our City **365 days a year**?
- Did you know that seniors who qualify as **homebound receive Meals on Wheels at no cost**?
- Did you know that even seniors who are **not homebound** may receive **Meals on Wheels for just \$10 a day** if they find it difficult to buy or prepare meals?
- Did you know that seniors receive two meals delivered to their home each day, and there is **no income threshold and no waiting list** for Meals on Wheels?

Contact Keller Smith at [keller.smith@gracealex.org](mailto:keller.smith@gracealex.org) to join Grace Church's Meals-on-Wheels team.