

May 8, 2016

**GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
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<i>Member at Large</i>	Lorna Worley

<b>Class of 2016</b>	<b>Class of 2017</b>	<b>Class of 2018</b>
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**Please Pray for**

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

**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, Gayle, Bruce, Steve, Patty, Bobby, Viola; Paola, Joan, William, Ruth, Caitlin, Bibsy, Cynthia, Wally and his family, Tina, and Todd.

**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 the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Anglican Church of Korea

**In the Diocese of Virginia:** Christ Church, Glen Allen, St. James’, Warrenton; and Christ Church, Charlottesville.

**In the parish:** Yesica Lopez, Vestry chair of the Education Program, and the volunteers who serve as Christian Formation teachers, coordinators and substitutes; in the nursery and parish library; and lead adult forums and classes..

**Those with birthdays**

- 8... Ruth Young, Jared Smith
- 9... Vylma Khanna, Mary Locher
- 10. Amanda Ruff
- 11. Gabriella Lipsky, Lee Meeks, Skitsi Rein
- 12. Meghan Groves, Reginald Jones
- 13. Cynthia Shen, Nina Pfeiffer, Christine Washington
- 14. Evelyn Ovando, Caleigh Warner, Ben Locher

**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, May 8..... The Seventh 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 ..... Family of Faith — Auditorium
- 10:15 am ..... La Gracia Forum (Spanish language) — St. John Room
- 10:15 am ..... Sunday School — Classrooms as posted

**Monday, May 9**

- 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 10.....Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop of Constantinople 389 (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
- 6:30 pm ..... GES New Parent Orientation — Auditorium
- 7:30 pm ..... Vestry Executive Committee — Library

**Wednesday, May 11**

- 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, May 12**

- 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 — St. Cecilia Room
- 7:00 pm ..... GES School Board New Member Orientation — St. Mark Room
- 7:30 pm ..... Adult Choir and Open House — St. Cecilia Room

**Friday, May 13**

- 8th Grade PYM Weekend at Shrine Mont
- 9:00 am ..... Grace School Chapel — Nave
- 9:30 am ..... GES Grandparents Tea — Narthex
- 10:30 am ..... GES Spring Program
- 6:00 pm ..... Wedding Rehearsal — Nave
- 6:30 pm ..... Food Pantry open (until 7:30 pm)
- 7:00 pm ..... GES Donor Recognition Reception — Amphitheater
- 8:30 pm ..... AA — Auditorium

**Saturday, May 14**

- 8th Grade PYM Weekend at Shrine Mont
- 9:00 am ..... Altar Guild — Sacristy and Nave
- 4:00 pm ..... Wedding

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## Notices

### Flowers on the Altar

The flowers on the Altar today are given to the glory of God by Judy & Tim Willard in loving memory of Tim's father, Devoe Holmes Willard, on what would have been his 100th birthday and by Kelly Gable in thanksgiving for her mother, Lesley Gable, on Mother's Day and every day of the year.

## 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:** Please join us at 10:15 in the Merrow Hall Auditorium for Family of Faith with Father Malm. This will be a discussion of how families can shape and nurture the Christian faith.

### Choir Open House — May 12

Welcome to a choir open house! Thursday, May 12 at 7:30 pm in the choir room. Come sing along with the choir on music that we are preparing for upcoming services. Get your picture taken with our instant choir robe. Refreshments and good time are a promise.

### 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 15 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 23.

### 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>.

## 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 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, May 15 — Pentecost Sunday

### Formation Hour — 10:15 to 11:00 am

- **Fellowship Sunday** — There will be no adult forum or Sunday School classes next week following the 9 am Bilingual Eucharist for Pentecost. Please join us for a time of fellowship in the Merrow Hall Auditorium between the 9 and 11:15 services!

### Bounty Community Table (Brown Bag Lunch Program)

Please don't forget the need for 180 sandwiches May 18 – 20. If you haven't made them before, there are instructions on the Outreach bulletin board or e-mail [linda.waskowicz@gracealex.org](mailto:linda.waskowicz@gracealex.org). Your sandwiches can be brought in the previous Sunday and placed in the freezer until the days needed. Many thanks for your help.

### Vacation Bible School June 26-30 – Registration is 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 in the News Room section of the Grace Church website or at the following: <https://ccalexvbs.wordpress.com/registration/>

## 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

Some of the books on display this month are:

- Take God To Work
- How To Share Your Faith Without Being Offensive
- Calvin: Commentaries
- The Faith Factor: Proof of the Healing Power of Prayer
- John Alive!-The Gospel of John Paraphrased for Prayer and Meditation
- The Book of the Acts of God

The last 3 books were written by former parishioners.

### Alexandria *gospel*FEST

#### Friday, May 20, 6 pm—9 pm and Saturday, May 21, 11 am—2 pm

Join us at the Duran Arts Center, 1605 Cameron Street, Alexandria, VA for the 2016 *gospel*FEST. This year's event features Anne D. Smith, the author of "Good News: Innovators and Originators of Gospel Music." The *gospel*FEST is partnering with ALIVE!, Hunger Free Alexandria and ACT for Alexandria to host a community food drive as well. All tickets are \$5 per person, per day. To pay online, visit: [www.alexandriava.gov/webtrac](http://www.alexandriava.gov/webtrac).

### Senior Health & Fitness Fair , Wednesday, May 25

The Senior Health & Fitness Fair is taking place from 9:30 to noon at the Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson Street in Alexandria. Hear local experts talk about the importance of being prepared: how to maximize your doctor visits, and simple ways to keep safe and healthy! PLUS fun cooking and exercise demonstrations, including tai chi and line dancing, and free health screenings! RSVP online at the following link: <http://seniorservicesalex.org> or call 703-836-4414, ext. 110.

### Groceries to Go

Senior Services of Alexandria (SSA) and Giant Foods on Duke Street are partnering to provide a grocery shopping and delivery service for seniors who live in the City of Alexandria. To participate, you must be over 60 years of age, be a City resident, have a debit or credit card, and have difficulty grocery shopping on your own. Grocery orders are placed over the phone. There is no delivery fee and no minimum order. For more information, please contact Sarah Drexler at Senior Services of Alexandria, by email at [friendlyvisitor@seniorservicesalex.org](mailto:friendlyvisitor@seniorservicesalex.org) or 703-836-4414, ext. 120.