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May 15, 2016

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.

Requiescat in Pace Liz Saalfeld, Sam Scott, Elizabeth Ship, and all those killed in the wars around the world.

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 Melanesia

In the Diocese of Virginia: St. James’s, Richmond; St. Stephen’s, Richmond; St. Paul’s, Richmond; and Grace, Kilmarnock.

In the parish: Colby Gustafson and Judy Willard, Vestry chairs of the **Outreach Program,** and the volunteers who care for the hungry, the homeless and the needy, both locally and in the wider world.

Those with May birthdays

15. Caroline Jamison, Erin Kelly, Debbie Schultz
16. Halina Banas-Jones, Mike Dobbs
17. Lois Hatch, Sonia Hernandez, Magnolia Lipsky
18. Gary Carter
19. Martha Bethea, Amanda Chandler, Jackson Fray, Jan Wolff
20. Mike Barron, John Berry
21. Camila Alvarenga, Frank Carroll, Anna Gabbert

Welcome to Grace Church!

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

Sunday, May 15 Pentecost Sunday

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 Fellowship Sunday —Please join us for a time of fellowship in the Merrow Hall Auditorium between the 9:00 and 11:15 services!

12:45 pm Rosary Group — Library

1:00 pm Vacation Bible School Training

Monday, May 16

Grace Notes Deadline

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 17.....Alcuin, Deacon and Abbot of Tours, 804 (tr)

GES Science Fair — Merrow Auditorium

9:00 am GES: Surviving Middle School — St. Mark Room

10:00 am Church Staff Meeting — Library

1:00 pm Food Pantry open (until 3:00 pm)

3:00 pm GES Board Executive Committee Meeting — Library

4:00 pm Boys and Girls Choir (until 5:00 pm) — St. Cecilia Room

4:00 pm Bulletin Insert deadline

5:30 pm GESPA Carpenter’s Shelter Dinner

6:30 pm Holy Eucharist (with Prayers for Healing) — Lady Altar

7:00 pm Vestry Meeting — Auditorium

Wednesday, May 18.....The First Book of Common Prayer, 1549

GES Science Fair — Auditorium

7:00 am Holy Eucharist — Lady Altar

9:30 am Brown Bag Lunch Program through Friday — Kitchen

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 19.....Dunston, Archbishop of Canterbury, 988

12:15 pm Holy Eucharist — Lady Altar

4:00 pm Boys and Girls Choir (until 5:00 pm) — St. Cecilia Room

6:30 pm GES Seminar: Looking Ahead to Middle School — Auditorium

6:45 pm Handbell Choir — St. Cecilia Room

7:00 pm Outreach / Missions Committee — St. Mark Room

7:30 pm Adult Choir — St. Cecilia Room

Friday, May 20

Grace Golf Tournament

9:00 am Grace School Chapel — Nave

6:30 pm Food Pantry open (until 7:30 pm)

8:30 pm AA — Auditorium

Saturday, May 21

9:00 am Altar Guild — Sacristy and Nave

1:30 pm Wedding

May 15, 2016

Notices

Flowers on the Altar

The flowers on the Altar today are given to the glory of God by Edgar Bates in loving memory of Sarah Ferguson Bates and by Roger and Sonia Valdez in celebration of their wedding.

Worship Notes

Formation Hour — 10:15 to 11:00 am

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

- **Fellowship Sunday** — There will be no adult forum or Sunday School classes following the 9 am Bilingual Eucharist for Pentecost. Please join us for a time of fellowship in the Merrow Hall Auditorium between the 9:00 and 11:15 services!

Memorial Needlepoint Kneeler Dedication

A new needlepoint kneeler will be dedicated this morning at the 9:00 am service. "Psalm 23" was stitched by Brad Bergmann and donated by Joe and Claudine Donovan "In Memory of Shirley and Lane Donovan, Stella and Auguste Guereux, Maxine and Preston Norton, Anna and Joseph Machnis, Edith and Daniel Donovan, and Claudine and Auguste Guereux." Patricia Lamb Bamford created all of the designs for our Nave needlepoint kneelers. Memorial gifts fund the materials, finishing, installation, and maintenance. Memorial Books about the needlepoint project are displayed in the New Narthex.

Vacation Bible School Training – This Sunday

Adults interested in helping work directly with kids during the week of Vacation Bible School should come for an adult training session this 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 23rd from 4-6 pm.

Rosary Group Meeting — This Sunday

The Rosary Group will meet in the library a few minutes after the 11:15 coffee hour (about 12:45 pm) today (and every third Sunday of the month). As always first-time rosary “pray-ers” are most welcome, and free rosary beads will be provided. No experience necessary to join in this beautiful meditative prayer!

Tour the new Immanuel Chapel at the Virginia Theological Seminary Today at 3:30 pm—5:00 pm with Reception to follow.

Virginia Seminary is thankful for your support during the consecration of the new Immanuel Chapel on October 13, 2015. Grace Church graciously lent VTS some of your parish silver for our service with the Archbishop of Canterbury. As a thank you, please come to see the new chapel. It will be a great time with friends old and new. Thank you again for being so generous to VTS in a time of need. Your silver sets helped make the day special for alumni and friends from around the world. We look forward to seeing you all very soon.

PHOTO WALL.

A new display of parish events and persons has been posted, to include: the Altar Guild Tea, Bishop Jones’ Easter visit, Beth Wigger’s farewell, wonderful theater performances by our young people, a visit to TC by Jane Goodall, and special events involving members of the parish.

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 22

Formation Hour — 10:15 to 11:00 am

- **Adult Forum** — It’s Liturgical!

Next Sunday our Christian Formation hour event will be “It’s Liturgical” – a game show all about the Church, the liturgy, and the Grace Church community. Our children and youth will be the contestants, but we invite all adults to join as participants by cheering them on! (And who knows, perhaps supplying a few lifelines.) This event will take place in Merrow Hall Auditorium.

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 – to rising 5th 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/>

Sandwiches for Bounty Community Table (Brown Bag Lunch Program)

If you forgot your sandwiches today, please bring them in by Wednesday morning. Thank you to all.

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

New in the library:

- *With Burning Hearts: A Meditation on the Eucharistic Life* by Henri Nouwen. This is the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus.
- *Every Earthly Blessing: Rediscovering the Celtic Tradition* by Esther de Waal. It discusses the Christian Celtic vision with emphasis on the poetic tradition. Thanks to June Huber for the de Waal book.

Do you have 1-2 hours free, one Monday a month? Join the Flower Delivery Ministry!

The Flower Delivery Ministry brings comfort, beauty, encouragement, and love to parishioners each week. Each Monday (except during Lent, Advent and on holidays,) volunteer drivers take bouquets made by the Altar Guild from altar flowers to three Grace parish members designated by the clergy. Those who have delivered flowers have found this an enjoyable and rewarding activity. Substitute drivers are also needed. Please contact Mike Reed at (703) 836-4550 or mike.reed@gracealex.org to volunteer or for more information.

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.

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.