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June 19, 2016

Please Pray for

Parishioners..... Mary, Michael, Jimmy, Joyce, Lisa, Michael, Dick, Martha, Easter, Renata, Lisa, Cleve , Lisa, Sherryl

Family and friends....., Tina, Carol, Matthew, Sherrel, Pepper, Jack, Cecilia, Tom, Jeanne, Spencer, Ella, Lori, Jennifer, Margaret, Joan, Rob, Richard, Denise, the Pasowitz family, John, Gayle, Bruce, Steve, Patty, Bobby, Caitlin, Bibsy, Wally and his family, Tina, Jack, Sue, Alicia, Terry, Carl, Megan, Dottie

Requiescat in PaceFrank Carroll, those killed in Orlando 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, Donald Hepburn, Jr., and Claire Eudy. 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, Virginia Robinson.

Those in assisted living: Shirley, Dick, Jorge, Joan, Cheryl, Clare, Fr. Jack, Tom, Ralph, Kathleen

Those travelling: Cheryl, Chuck, Nick and Kelsey

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of North India (United) and **The Most Revd Pradeep Samantaroy** Moderator of CNI and Bishop of Amritsar

In the Diocese of Virginia: St. Francis', Great Falls; Pohick, Lorton; Christ Church, Lucketts; St. Gabriel's, Ashburn; La Gracia, Alexandria

In the parish: Lina Dobbs and Kristine Hesse, chairs of the **Communications Program**, and those who write, edit and produce *Grace Notes*; and maintain our website.

Those with June birthdays

- 19 Mark Sweet, Ricardo Sosa, Ellery Johnson, Maya Hendricks
- 20 Otto Wolff, Lillian Curley, Cindy Diehl
- 21 Jody Stuard, Tim Dodd, John Green, Lucy Arbogast
- 22 John Boris, Rachel Rushing
- 23 Emerson Boyd
- 24 Lew Michael, Karen Wires, Jonathan Doelp, Anne Lukens
- 25 Judy Willard, Jackson Spencer, Benjamin Martin, Fabian Alvarenga

Welcome to Grace Church!

Today, we celebrate the Holy Eucharist at 7:30 am and 5:00 pm; a Choral Eucharist at 10:00 am in the church; and a 9:00 am Santa Eucharistia in the auditorium.

Sunday, June 19

8:30 am Library open (8:30 to 12:30 pm) and during the week when the church is open

9:45 am Childcare for children 6 weeks through 2 years (until 12:30 pm) — Nursery

9:50 am Children's Chapel for children 3 years through kindergarten — St. Nicholas Room

11:30 am Rosary Group — Library

Monday, June 20

6:00 am Yoga — St. John Room

8:30 am Steve & Kate's Camp — Classrooms, Playground and Auditorium

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

Tuesday, June 21.....James Weldon, Johnson, Poet, 1938

8:30 am Steve & Kate's Camp — Classrooms, Playground and Auditorium

10:00 am Church Staff Meeting — St. Mark Room

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

4:00 pm Bulletin Insert deadline

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

Wednesday, June 22.....Alban, First Martyr of Britain, c. 304

7:00 am Holy Eucharist — Lady Altar

8:30 am Steve & Kate's Camp — Classrooms, Playground and Auditorium

5:00 pm Yoga — St. John Room

8:00 pm AA and AI-Anon — Auditorium and St. Luke Room

Thursday, June 23.....The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

8:30 am Steve & Kate's Camp — Classrooms, Playground and Auditorium

12:15 pm Holy Eucharist — Lady Altar

4:00 pm Vacation Bible School Training — St. Mark Room

Friday, June 24

8:30 am Steve & Kate's Camp — Classrooms, Playground and Auditorium

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

8:30 pm AA — Auditorium

Saturday, June 25

9:00 am Altar Guild — Sacristy and Nave

10:00 am Latino Congregations Confirmation

2:00 pm Requiem for Todd Lewis

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Worship Notes

Flowers on the Altar

The flowers on the Altar today are given to the glory of God in celebration of Rachel Rushing's birthday by Colin and Ashby Rushing; and in thanksgiving for the 50th wedding anniversary of Chuck and Leith Mullaly.

Christian Formation Survey

We would love your feedback about Christian Formation/Christian Education for children, youth, and adults at Grace Church! Paper surveys will be available on Sundays for the next few weeks, or fill out the survey online at: <http://www.gracealex.org/Programs/Education/Christian-Formation-Survey/>

Rosary Group Meeting

The Rosary group will meet in the library a few minutes after the 10 am service and coffee hour (about 11:30 am) (and on every third Sunday of the month). As always, first-time rosary prayers are most welcome, and free rosary beads will be provided. No experience necessary to learn this beautiful meditative prayer!

This Week at Grace

Vacation Bible School Youth Volunteer Training

Thursday, June 23

VBS youth volunteers are required to attend a training session this Thursday, June 23 from 4-6 pm in the St. Mark Room on the 2nd floor. If you are not available, please contact Mother Elizabeth right away to make alternate arrangements for training. Please RSVP to Mother Elizabeth at family.ministries@gracealex.org.

Latino Congregation Confirmation, 10 am on Saturday, June 25

On Saturday, June 25, La Gracia will have a special celebration of baptisms, confirmation, receptions, and renewal of vows with the Rt. Rev. Susan Goff and the Rt. Rev. Juan David Alvarado of the Anglican-Episcopal Diocese of El Salvador. The service will begin at 10:00 am and then there will be a festive luncheon/reception afterwards. All are welcome!

Requiem for Todd Lewis, 2:00 pm on Saturday, June 25

The Requiem Service for Todd Lewis will be held at 2:00 pm on Saturday, June 25.

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.

From the Library

Some of the books signed by the authors that are on display are *A Creed For a Christian Skeptic*, *God Who Dares to be Man*, *Pastrix - The Cranky, Beautiful Faith of a Sinner and Saint* and *A Portrait of Jesus*.

Next Sunday, June 26

Vacation Bible School Starts Next Sunday!

Our Vacation Bible School pilgrimage begins next Sunday, June 26 with a family fun night from 5:00-7:00 pm at Grace Church! Please make sure to bring a picnic dinner. Camp will then run from 9 am to 12:15 pm each day June 27-30. Thank you to everyone who signed up a camper or volunteer—we can't wait to start the fun!

Upcoming Events

Sign-up for Shrine Mont begins July 3!

Our 2016 Shrine Mont weekend will be held this year on September 9, 10, and 11. This year's theme is "Count Your Blessings" and we look forward to sharing all we are thankful for as a parish during our time together. Sign-up will begin in early July, with opportunities to register online as well as at the coffee hour following the 10:00 am service. Consider joining us for this wonderful Grace tradition, always held the weekend after Labor Day at the beautiful Shrine Mont Retreat Center in the Shenandoah Mountains. There will be fun and games for all ages! If you have any questions, please talk to Ashby or Colin Rushing at the Shrine Mont table at coffee hour, or contact them at ashby.rushing@gracealex.org.

Yoga at Grace: New Strength and Flexibility Class begins July 11

On July 11, the new Strength and Flexibility class will start at 6:30 am in the St. John's Room (3rd floor of Merrow Hall.) The regular Yoga class will continue on Wednesdays at 5:00 pm. Please note: No class on July 4! Please contact the Rev. Steffensen for more information.

Help at Grace and Beyond

Haiti Micah Child Sponsorship Event

If you have been thinking about sponsoring a Haiti Micah child, now is the time! Your \$365 sponsorship will change the life of a

desperately poor child forever. Your child will no longer go hungry and will receive the education and life skills needed to lead a productive life. We know this is true because, in 2013, we met these happy and engaged children at their schools and at the Haiti Micah home. Sponsorship cards are available in the Tower lobby or contact Mary Ann Ryan.

The Food Pantry Needs Volunteers!

Volunteers who greet clients and disburse food bags are critical, and the Grace Church Food Pantry needs YOU! Generally, volunteers serve once a month. The Food Pantry also welcomes help from students on summer break. The pantry is open Mondays and Tuesdays 1-3 pm and Fridays 6:30-7:30 pm. If you are interested, Khacki Berry or Judy Willard would love to hear from you. As always, thank you for your Grace-ful donations of non-perishable food and monetary help (designate "Food Pantry" on your check memo line). Your continued support helps those in need in our community!

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.

Meals on Wheels Looking for Volunteers (2 hours per month) and a New Coordinator

Meals on Wheels allows seniors who are unable to leave their homes to shop, or who have difficulty preparing meals, to have two healthy meals per day delivered to their homes. Senior Services of Alexandria, in partnership with the City of Alexandria, loyal volunteers and donors, provides meals 365 days a year. The meals are cooked and packaged for delivery by paid professional staff. As an outreach ministry, Grace Episcopal Church provides volunteers to deliver 6 routes, or approximately 70 meals, per month. Our volunteers have been doing this since at least the mid '70s, and likely back to the 1950s when the Alexandria MOW program was founded and many local churches committed to staff one day per month. Grace volunteers meet at Jeffery's Catering, 4417 Wheeler Ave., at 10 am on the first Friday of each month to deliver meals to clients. A driver and a runner are assigned to each route. The time commitment is about 2 hours once per month. We are also looking for a new coordinator to schedule and recruit volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering or becoming our volunteer coordinator, please contact Keller Smith at 571-623-5909.