

July 3, 2016

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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Please Pray for

Parishioners..... Mary, Michael, Jimmy, Joyce, Lisa, Michael, Dick, Martha, Easter, Renata, Lisa, Cleve , Lisa, Sherryl, Tracy, Colin, Beth, Cindy

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, Charlotte, Lavonia, Ruth

Requiescat in Paceall those killed in acts of terror and 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 travelling: Libby Padilla, Barbara and Ward Morris, June Huber and Brad Bergmann

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

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea and **The Most Revd Clyde Igara** Archbishop of Papua New Guinea and Bishop of Dogura

In the Diocese of Virginia: Cristo Rey, Arlington; Resurrection, Alexandria; San Jose, Arlington; St. John's, Arlington

In the parish: The Vestry and Executive Committee of Grace Church: **Bill Eckel**, Senior Warden; **Jeff Chiow**, Junior Warden; **John Boris**, Treasurer, **Bill Malone**, Register, and **Lorna Worley**, Member at Large.

Those with July birthdays

- 3 Charlotte Steffensen
- 4 Jack Carle
- 5 Summer Jones
- 6 Alexandra Falcon, Isabella Nider
- 7 Skye Whitlow
- 8 Mike Gentry, Kirk McPike
- 9 Robert Schultz

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, July 3

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| 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 |

Monday, July 4.....Independence Day

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| | Parish Office, Steve & Kate's Camp and the Food Pantry Closed |
| 9:00 am | Independence Day Holy Eucharist |

Tuesday, July 5.....Requiem

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| 8:30 am | Steve & Kate's Camp |
| 10:00 am | Church Staff Meeting — Library |
| 1:00 pm | Food Pantry open (until 3:00 pm) |
| 4:00 pm | Bulletin Insert deadline |
| 6:30 pm | Requiem Eucharist — Lady Altar |

Wednesday, July 6

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| 7:00 am | Holy Eucharist — Lady Altar |
| 8:30 am | Steve & Kate's Camp |
| 5:00 pm | Yoga — St. John Room |
| 8:00 pm | AA and Al-Anon — St. Luke and Auditorium |

Thursday, July 7

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| 8:30 am | Steve & Kate's Camp |
| 12:15 pm | Holy Eucharist — Lady Altar |

Friday, July 8

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| 8:30 am | Steve & Kate's Camp |
| 6:30 pm | Food Pantry open (until 7:30 pm) |
| 8:30 pm | AA — Auditorium |

Saturday, July 9

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| 9:00 am | Altar Guild — Sacristy and Nave |
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Worship Notes

Flowers on the Altar

The flowers on the Altar today are given to the glory of God by Grace Episcopal School in loving memory of Robert (Bob) Steele and by Christina, Peter and Charlie Iovino in loving memory of Grandpa Bob Steele.

Prayer Before and After the Liturgy

Grace Church has a long tradition of silent prayer before and after every celebration of the Eucharist. At choral services this time is often accompanied by an organ “voluntary”. Please be aware of those using the silence and the music before and after each liturgy for prayer.

Vacation Bible School – Thank you!

Thank you to all volunteers, youth counselors, campers, and their families who made our Vacation Bible School week such a success! We had 88 campers and dozens of youth and adult volunteers go on Pilgrimage together as we explored Rome, Canterbury, Spain, Scotland, and Ireland, and learned about saints, Scripture, and the Kingdom of God along the way!

Want to join the Sunday School team?

As we prepare for the new Sunday School year in the fall, we are looking for new teachers to join the team! Are you interested in working with our children and youth? You don't need previous experience – just a passion for God and a love of children. We provide training, curriculum, and experienced teachers to work with you. We are especially looking for teachers to work with our preschool, grade school (K-3rd grade), and high school students. Please contact Mother Elizabeth at family.ministries@gracealex.org if you would like to join us!

Help us welcome visitors!

Throughout the summer, you may notice members of our parish stationed by the glass doors before the service, in the narthex after the service, and at the little white table in the auditorium during coffee hour welcoming guests and newcomers to our parish. This is the St. Andrew's Guild, and you are invited to join us! Every member of Grace Church is an honorary member of this guild and encouraged to greet and welcome visitors, but if you would like to join this focused ministry of identifying and welcoming visitors on Sunday mornings, please speak to one of our members or email Mother Elizabeth at family.ministries@gracealex.org.

Flower Donations

We have many upcoming Sundays in need of flower donors. Donations may be made on the Grace website under “How to” or contact Lisa Doelp directly at lisa.doelp@gracealex.org or 703.239.1302.

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/>

This Week at Grace

Independence Day Holy Eucharist

Join us for a special 9 am Holy Eucharist on July 4 to celebrate the founders of this country who won liberty for themselves and for us.

Shrine Mont Registration Begins Today!

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. Registration is available 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 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

This month the library highlights books on Prayer, Religious Communities and Hymns, Hymn Stories, Composers and Worship Music. Antique Hymnals and reference books about hymns are on display in the library. These books may not be checked out. Please treat these antique books with care; they are fragile. Books in the branches may be checked out. Each week this month, in honor of our hymn topic, we will have a “Hymn Story” in the bulletin. It will explain some aspect of one of the hymns we are singing that day. Our theme is “Music is a glimpse into the divine” (a quotation from Ian Markham).

HYMN STORY: National Hymn #718

In 1876, the words of this hymn were written by George William Warren, a New England pastor, in honor of the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. In 1888, the music was written by Daniel Crane Roberts, a Civil War veteran and Episcopal priest, in honor of the 100th anniversary of the

adoption of the U.S. Constitution. The original music for the hymn was the Russian national anthem.

Next Sunday, July 10

TNT “First Sundays” Brunch, July 10 at 11:30 am

Are you in your twenties or thirties? Singles, couples, and families with children are invited to join us for brunch at “Los Tios” Tex-Mex restaurant (2615 Mt Vernon Ave, Alexandria.) after the 10 am service. Please contact Lucy Tschetter (lucy.tschetter@gmail.com) or the Rev. Leslie Steffensen (assistant.lector@gracealex.com) for more information about this fellowship/ministry group.

Upcoming Events

Evangelism Movie Nights!

The Newcomer and Evangelism team is hosting two movie nights – one outdoor after-dark screening of *Raiders of the Lost Ark* on Saturday, July 30th, and one indoor earlier evening screening of *The Prince of Egypt* on Saturday, August 6th. You are invited to both! Please mark your calendars and invite friends!

Yoga at Grace: New Strength and Flexibility Class

On July 11, the new Strength and Flexibility class will start at 6:30 am in the St. John 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 Needs your help

If you've been following the news from Haiti you know that the government has collapsed, social services are unavailable and people are protesting in the streets. Unfortunately, it is always the children who suffer the most. We can help the Haiti Micah Project save the children by sponsoring a child or by making a donation. To sponsor a child or make your donation, please use the envelope and card you received or take an envelope from the poster in the Tower lobby. Please fill out the card as requested, write your check to Grace Church with HMP on the note line, and return them in your envelope to the church. Thank you. Mary Ann Ryan