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July 24, 2016

Please Pray for

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

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, Alicia, Megan, Dottie, Lavonia, Ruth, Sue, John, Ann, Rolf, Chris, Scott

Requiescat in PaceDick Spencer and all 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, Claire Eudy, Evan and Kim Cannell . 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 who are travelling: Karla Merritt

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

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Scottish Episcopal Church and **The Most Revd David Chillingworth** Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church and Bishop of St Andrews Dunkeld and Dunblane

In the Diocese of Virginia: St. Mary's, Colonial Beach

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 July birthdays

- 24 Isabell Baltimore, Chris Caputo, James Haas, Mike Jones,
- 25 Jean Reed
- 26 Eliana Fair
- 27 Chad Murchison
- 28 Annie Eason, Julia McClung, Jane Weaver
- 30 Emma Imphong, Sally Schneider

Welcome to Grace Church!

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

Sunday, July 24

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

9:00 am Children's Chapel for La Gracia Service

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

10:00 am Altar Guild Corporate Communion

Monday, July 25

6:30 am Strength and Flexibility Class — St. John Room

8:30 am Steve & Kate's Camp

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

Tuesday, July 26

Saint James the Apostle

8:30 am Steve & Kate's Camp

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

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

3:00 pm Bulletin Insert deadline

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

Wednesday, July 27

William Reed Huntington, Priest 1909

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 28

Mary and Martha of Bethany

8:30 am Steve & Kate's Camp

12:15 pm Holy Eucharist — Lady Altar

Friday, July 29

8:30 am Steve & Kate's Camp

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

8:30 pm AA — Auditorium

Saturday, July 30

9:00 am Altar Guild — Sacristy and Nave

5:00 pm Ribas-Dieterle Wedding

8:00 pm Doors open for Movie Night

8:30 pm Movie Night begins

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Worship Notes

Flowers on the Altar

The flowers on the Altar today are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for Jean Reed by his family on the occasion of his birthday and by Anne and Chris Caputo in loving memory of Dick Spencer.

Mid-Year Statements

Please pick up the envelopes containing your financial contributions to Grace Church for the first half of this year. All are located on the table in the foyer by the glass doors entrance from the parking lot into Merrow Hall. Please contact our Bookkeeper, Beth Calaman, if you have any questions.

Message from the Treasurer

It's the middle of the summer, and we've reached the midpoint in the Grace Church budgetary year. The broad picture is that, with the year half over, our expenses are running somewhat above 50 per cent, and our income somewhat below 50 per cent. This is not unusual, but it does point out the careful margins on which Grace tries to operate. Our greatest assets are the commitment, energy and time that Grace Church members continuously demonstrate. The resources that you provide, especially pledging, help us do all that we do. Thank you for your faithful stewardship throughout the year.

Help the Food Pantry Food Fund!

The Food Pantry urgently needs financial support so we can continue to distribute food vouchers to families with children (note "Food Pantry" on your check). Right now, funds are so low that we have suspended giving out vouchers until further notice. The Food Pantry ministry thanks everyone for their Grace-full generosity in helping with this important Outreach program!

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. If you would like to join, please contact Mother Elizabeth at 703.549.1980 or family.ministries@gracealex.org.

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 email family.ministries@gracealex.org to contact Mother Elizabeth or speak to one of our members.

Flower Fund

Please consider donating to the flower fund. We have spent almost \$1800 more than we have taken in so far this year. Donations can be made by check or online through the Grace website.

Education for Ministry

Education for Ministry (EfM) is a unique four-year distance learning certificate program in theological education based upon small-group study and practice. EfM helps participants learn to discover and nurture their call to Christian service by exploring the Christian tradition and bringing it into conversation with their culture, their beliefs, and their personal experience. We meet on Monday nights from September through May to study, worship, and engage in theological reflection together. We are enrolling now for the 2016-17 class, and although it's a four-year program, you need only commit for one year at a time. If you've taken a break from EfM and are interested in returning to the program, or if you've never participated in EfM but think you might be interested, for more information, please contact: julia.mcclung@gracealex.org or kemp.williams@gracealex.org.

Attention Lectors

There is a sign-up sheet in the folder in the credenza for the post Shrine Mont Pentecost season. Please sign up a several reading opportunities

This Week at Grace

Raiders of the Lost Ark – This Saturday, July 30

This Saturday night at 8:30 pm we will be hosting a free outdoor screening of "Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark" in our Amphitheater. The Newcomer and Evangelism Committee will provide popcorn and drinks. Please bring blankets, chairs, and friends to enjoy a night of fun! Doors will open at 8 pm.

Shrine Mont — Register soon!

And consider contributing to the scholarship fund!

Registrations are pouring in for this year's retreat, taking place September 9-11. Sign up soon to reserve your spot! The theme this year is "Count Your Blessings" — come to the sign up table, and tell us your favorite thing about Shrine Mont, and your memory may end up on this year's t-shirt! If you haven't been to Shrine Mont before, this is the year to check it out. The setting is gorgeous and nourishing; there are activities for everyone of all ages; and there are lots of opportunities to just sit on a porch and absorb the mountain air. There is no better way to get to know Grace. You can register online or in person at the coffee hour, and you can pay by check or with a credit card (online only). Please also consider making a contribution to the Shrine Mont scholarship fund, which you can also do by check or online (by adding a scholarship contribution to your "shopping cart"). 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.

From the Library

Books new to the library are *5 Love Languages: The Secret to Love That Lasts-Military Edition*, *Faith Rules-An Episcopal Manual* by Ian Markham, *Letters from Samaria-The Prose & Poetry of Louie Crew Clay*, *Listening Hearts-Discerning Call in Community*, *Strong in Heart: Biblical Men of Compassion*, and *A Widow's Prayer: Finding God's Grace in the Days Ahead*.

HYMN STORY: Michael #665

Herbert Howells is the composer of this hymn. He was a professor at the Royal College of Music in England for 60 years and he is best known as a musician and composer of religious music. "Michael" was his son's name; he died of polio at age 9. According to Howells' daughter, he was not a

religious man but he loved the tradition of the church and the Bible as literature. He was an agnostic who was a passionate. His ashes are buried in Westminster Abbey.

If you want to know more about the background of the hymns we sing, the library has six books that will help: 101 Hymn Stories (783.9/OSB), *Then Sings My Soul* Vol. 1 and 2 (783.9/MOR 1 & 2), *Favorite Women Hymn Writers* (BIO/BC/HYMNS), *Christian Music: A Global History* (780/DOW) and *The Macmillan Book of Earliest Christian Hymns* (780/CHU).

Upcoming Events

The Prince of Egypt – Saturday, August 6

Grace Church is hosting a second movie screening, this time of "The Prince of Egypt," on Saturday, August 6 at 5 pm in Merrow Hall Auditorium. If you are looking for an earlier time, a more family-friendly film, or simply a second chance to watch a film with Grace Church and friends, join us in the Auditorium! Once again the Newcomer and Evangelism Committee will provide popcorn and drinks. Please bring blankets, chairs, a picnic dinner if you like, and friends to enjoy a Grace Church movie night.

Sign Up for Foyers Begins in August

Foyers signup will be available each Sunday in August and the first week in September for the 2016-2017 season in Merrow Hall Auditorium after the 10 am service. Foyers is a social opportunity to meet with fellow parishioners a total of four or five times between October and June for fellowship and a meal. This is a great opportunity to get to know the Grace Church family better. Please stop by and sign up even if you participated last year. You can also phone Phil /Sharon Hickok at 703 690-6740 or e-mail at shickok1@cox.net.

Help at Grace and Beyond

Brown Bag Lunch Program – August 1- 5

Sandwiches and servers are still needed for our Brown Bag week. Please either e-mail linda.waskowicz@gracealex.org or sign up on the Outreach bulletin board if you can help with either request. Instructions can be e-mailed if you've not taken part before in this ministry to the homeless and working poor of Alexandria. Grace Church has been a part of this outreach for over 20 years.

Alexandria City Public Schools 2016 Back to School Supply Drive

This summer, the Alexandria City Public Schools Family and Community Engagement Center is rallying with dozens of local businesses to collect backpacks and essential school supplies to help our division's highest need students start the school year off right! Grace has agreed to host one of their collection points. There is a gray container in the Commons to help them meet their goal of 3,000 supply-filled backpacks. Please consider taking advantage of the many back to school sales to donate school supplies whether it is notebooks, pens and pencils or even a backpack. Even small donations help children in need.

Shrine Mont Cards

Off to college or moving to your next diplomatic assignment overseas? Help your Grace parish family stay in touch with you. Please add Grace Pastoral Care to your "To Do" List and make sure we have your destination (college, military or diplomatic assignment), as well as your mailing and email addresses. Send the information to: pastoral.care@gracealex.org or nancy.robinson@gracealex.org.