

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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Class of 2016	Class of 2017	Class of 2018
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Please Pray for

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

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 PaceJean Stuhl 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 travelling: Michelle Mackie, Karla Merritt, Lynn Rohr

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

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Church of South India (United) and the **Most Revd Dr. Govada Dyvasirvadam** Moderator of CSI and Bishop of Krishna-Godavari.

In the Diocese of Virginia: Abingdon, White Marsh; All Soules—Atlee, Mechanicsville

In the parish: Kelly Gable, Vestry chair of the Education Program, and the volunteers who serve as Christian Formation teachers, co-ordinators and substitutes; in the nursery and parish library; and lead adult forums and classes

Those with August birthdays

- 7 Mary-Jo Cooney, Jenna Payne
- 8 Diana Jarrett, Kimberly Reyes, Robert Schrott
- 9 Alexander Grimes, Erica McFarquhar
- 10 Jeff Solsby, Victor Vassallo
- 12 Beverley Borgia, Piers Spencer
- 13 Paul Winkel III

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, August 7

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

Monday, August 8

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

8:30 am Steve & Kate's Camp

9:30 am Brown Bag Lunch Program through Friday

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

Tuesday, August 9

Dominic, Priest and Friar, 1221

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, August 10 Laurence, Deacon and Martyr at Rome, 258

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, August 11

Clare, Abbess at Assisi, 1253

8:30 am Steve & Kate's Camp

12:15 pm Holy Eucharist — Lady Altar

Friday, August 12

8:30 am Steve & Kate's Camp

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

8:30 pm AA — Auditorium

Saturday, August 13

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 Nora Lee Henderson in loving memory of her brother Robert Henderson; by Erica McFarquhar in thanksgiving for Barbara & Lloyd McFarquhar and David Holiday; and by Richard and Valerie Eudy in thanksgiving for the birthday of Joanne Davis.

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 percent, and our income somewhat below 50 percent. 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.** 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 if you have any questions.

Thank you from the Food Pantry

The Food Pantry thanks all the Grace Garden Green Thumbs for the wonderful fresh vegetables from the church garden. The additional bonus of fresh veggies add to the bags of non-perishable food we give to our clients and are greatly appreciated. Keep growing in Grace!

Sunday School Teachers Needed!

As we prepare for the new Sunday School year in the fall, we are in need of 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 and curriculum, and experienced teachers to work with you. We are especially looking for teachers to work with children in preschool through 3rd grade. 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 email family.ministries@gracealex.org to contact Mother Elizabeth or speak to one of our members.

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 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.

NEW PHOTOS have been posted showing the many facets of life in Grace Church: a concert at the National Cathedral, the New Jersey Mission Trip, Parish Counselors at St Georges, World Travelers, a Foyer Group, two Bishops at La Gracia Baptism and Confirmation, Brown Bag Lunch, Vacation Bible School, Military honors at Bob Steele's funeral, and a lacrosse team honoring their coach at her Grace Church wedding.

Attention Lectors

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

This Week at Grace

TNT "First Sundays" Brunch, August 7th 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 the Rev. Leslie Steffensen (assistant.lector@gracealex.com) or Lucy Tschetter (lucy.tschetter@gmail.com) for more information about this fellowship/ministry group.

From the Library

The parish library special topics for August are The Family (Marriage, Parenting & Relationships), Religion and Science and All the John's (St. John, Wesley, Donne, John Paul II, Cardinal Newman, Cassian, Etc.). Books on these subjects are on display in the library and the branches. Books may be checked out for longer than 4 weeks during the summer. Please note on the book card when you will return the book.

Please visit the library to see the beautiful antique engravings that John and Khacki Berry have donated. One is a French antique map of Palestine during the first century and the other is an 1856 print of Southern Italy/Rome. Many, many thanks to the Berrys.

Upcoming Events

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.

Annual Rector's Golf Tournament at Shrine Mont

Friday, September 9th!

Please join us for the 26th Annual Rector's Golf Tournament at Shrine Mont! We will again be playing at Bryce Resort – Friday, September 9th, at 11:00am. Why not sign-up a friend or coworker as a partner or maybe fill up an entire foursome with friends! Lots of participants come just for the day – you don't have to be signed up for the Shrine Mont weekend. Interested in playing? Contact Jay Legere at jay.legere@gracealex.org or 703-548-2176.

8-week Spousal Grief Support Group at Grace Church

This group will offer discussions in a small-group setting, focusing on symptoms of grief, ways to cope, ways to adjust to the loss, and hope for the future. It is facilitated by Anne Van Heyste Malouf, Msw. Meet at Grace each Saturday, October 1 - November 19, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm. There is no charge, but registration is required. For information, please call Anne at [\(703\) 333-6963](tel:7033336963). Brought to you by the Grace Pastoral Care Committee and Capital Caring.

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

Alexandria City Public Schools 2016 Back to School Supply Drive

This summer, the Alexandria City Public Schools Family and Community Engagement Center is collecting 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.

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 either pastoral.care@gracealex.org or to nancy.robinson@gracealex.org.

Haiti Micah Thank you!

Thank you Grace sponsors! At the end of the 2016 sponsorship event, we are thrilled to report that Grace parishioners are supporting 67 Haiti Micah children! These sponsorships will help Fr. Constant provide stability, regular meals and education to the children in his care. Opportunities sadly not available to many Haitian children. Our sponsorships we are literally saving the children and giving them hope for the future. Mary Ann Ryan