

## **Please Pray For...**

**Parishioners...** Thomas, Patti, Ruth, Joseph, John and Anne, Lorna and Ken, Patt, Bette, Michael, Wendy, Jack

**Family and friends...** Pepper, Cathy, Mary, Jean, Brenda, Virginia, Paul, Martha, Carolyn and John, Victoria, Bernice, John, Stephen and Marian

**Requiescat in Pace ...** all those killed in acts of terror and war around the world.

**Those serving in Afghanistan or Iraq and all others at risk.** 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** Lit and Mary Carol Tazewell, Maggie Eckel, Andrew Boyd and Audra Kreger, Chris and Maggie Corlett, Virginia Robinson, the Pattarini family, Evan and Kim Cannell, Lt. Claire Eudy.

**Those in assisted living:** Shirley, Jorge, Joan, Clare, Tom, Fr. Jack, Kathleen, Jim, Dabney, Dorothy, Margaret

**The Anglican Prayer Cycle:** Uyo - (Niger Delta, Nigeria), **The Rt Revd Prince Asukwo Antai**

**The Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle:** Meade Memorial, White Post; Grace (Cismont), Keswick; Calvary, Hanover.

**Grace Episcopal Church Prayer Cycle:** The work of the Virginia Theological Seminary and our current Seminarians: **William Campbell and Ashley Mather.**

### **Those with birthdays this week:**

19 Brett Mellish, Grace Pattarini

21 Malcolm Eckel

22 Ryan Reyes

23 Leo Ribeiro

24 Holly Bray, Elly Vogtmann

25 Christina Iovino, Ben Joyner, Kate Zeigler

*Contact the Parish Office with your prayer requests or submit them on the website at: <https://www.gracealex.org/worship/personal-worship/>. Requests will be removed after 4 weeks unless renewed.*

## **Today**

### **Flowers on the Altar**

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Eugene Alford in thanksgiving for Andrew today and every day. He could not have been a better friend, a greater inspiration or a dearer son. I could not be more proud and grateful for the wonderful years he gave me as a father. His love shines brightly in orange for us all.

## **Christian Education Hour (10:15 a.m.)**

**Adult Forum:** Join Jennifer Eckel in the St. John Room as she updates the parish on VOICE, Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement. Come hear about their mission and how you can be involved.

**Inquirers Class:** The Bible - Library

## **United Thank Offering Ingathering Today**

In the Collect this morning we give thanks for the Holy Scriptures. One way we can say "thank you God, for the gift of your Holy word" is to donate to the United Thank Offering. UTO Blue Boxes and envelopes are available in the Narthex, the credenza and the pews. Please give in thanksgiving for God's many blessings upon you and your family and to continue the UTO mission to congregations in the United States and throughout the world.

## **Grace Church on Amazon Smile**

The holidays are approaching. When you shop at Amazon, be sure to shop with smile.amazon.com, and choose to support Grace Episcopal Church. With each purchase, you are making a donation to Grace.

## **Rosary Group**

Join the Rosary Group this Sunday (and the third Sunday of every month) to pray the Rosary. We meet in the library at 12:50. Free Rosaries and instructions are provided for those new to this spiritual practice.

## **We Need Your 2018 Pledge**

It is not too late to make a pledge for 2018. We need your help to meet our goals. We are currently working on the budget and your pledge is how we know what we can and cannot manage. You can mail in a pledge card, place one in the offertory or pledge online.

(<http://bit.ly/2A11Axk>)

## **Christmas Flowers**

It's time for Christmas Flower and Greens donations. If you wish to contribute to the Christmas decoration fund please fill out the form available on the Credenza or in the Narthex Tract Rack.

## **Next Week**

### **Thanksgiving at Grace, Thursday, November 23**

Join us for Thanksgiving services at 8:00 or 10:00 on Thursday morning. We will gather in the auditorium at 2 p.m. The turkey is provided. Attendees are encouraged to bring a side dish, dessert or beverage. RSVP to Chris Hayden at 703.615.2163 or [chayden@haydenstonepllc.com](mailto:chayden@haydenstonepllc.com).

## **Christian Education Hour (10:15 a.m.)**

### **Inter-Generational Advent Forum, November 26**

Reserve your Advent Wreath kit TODAY! Cost per kit is \$25 and includes fresh greenery, frame and candles. Kits can be made at the Forum or picked up from the main office on November 27. If paying by check or online, please note Advent Wreath Kit on the memo line. Sign-up sheets are available at coffee hours and online.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Youth Night, December 3 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

The next Sunday night Youth Night is December 3 from 6-8 pm at Hard Times Cafe in Springfield. Details will be coming from your sponsors in the next week or two.

### **Visit from St. Nicholas, December 10**

During both the 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. services, our children will receive a special visit from St. Nicholas.

### **Brown Bag Alert for December 11 - 15**

Our Brown Bag Lunch obligation is very close to Christmas and it is difficult to add “just one more thing” to your calendar. But we need 230 sandwiches and two servers each day for three hours. Look for the sign-up sheet on the Outreach bulletin board or e-mail Linda Waskowicz at [linda.waskowicz@gracealex.org](mailto:linda.waskowicz@gracealex.org).

### **Advent Lessons and Carols, December 10 at 5:00 p.m.**

Advent Lessons and Carols will be sung by the Boys and Girls Choir and the Adult Choir. Music by Elgar, Stanford, Jean, Ord, and Palestrina. Festive hymns for the season will also be sung. The service concludes with Holy Communion Rite I.

### **Christmas Pageant, December 17 at 5:00 p.m.**

The Christmas Pageant will be here before you know it! Mark your calendars for an unforgettable Advent worship experience. If you are interested in helping with the pageant (costumes, coordinating, cooking) please contact Jenni at [jenni.faires@gracealex.org](mailto:jenni.faires@gracealex.org).

## Calendar of the Week

November 19-25

### **Sunday**

7:30 a.m.

### **UTO Ingathering**

Holy Eucharist

9:00 a.m.

Choral Eucharist, La Gracia Eucharist

10:15 a.m.

Adult Forum, Inquirers Class, Sunday School

11:15 a.m.

Choral Eucharist

12:50 p.m.

Rosary Group

5:00 p.m.

Holy Eucharist

### **Monday**

1:00 p.m.

Food Pantry open (until 3:00 p.m.)

6:30 p.m.

Education for Ministry – St. Mark Room

7:00 p.m.

GES School Board Meeting

### **Tuesday**

9:00 a.m.

GES Thanksgiving Chapel

10:00 a.m.

Staff Meeting

1:00 p.m.

Food Pantry open (until 3:00 p.m.)

4:00 p.m.

Beginner Chorister Practice

5:00 p.m.

Advanced Chorister Practice

6:30 p.m.

Holy Eucharist

### **Wednesday**

### **Clive Staples Lewis, 1963**

### **Parish Office and School Closed**

7:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist

7:00 p.m.

AA – St. Luke Room

7:30 p.m.

Bible Study at the VTS Pub

8:00 p.m.

AA/Alanon – Auditorium and St. Luke Room

### **Thursday**

### **Thanksgiving**

8:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist

10:00 a.m.

Festival Eucharist

2:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving Pot Luck

### **Friday**

### **Parish Office, Food Pantry and School Closed**

8:30 p.m.

AA – St. Mark Room

### **Saturday**

9:00 a.m.

Altar Guild