

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

**Parishioners...** Thomas, Patti, Ruth, Joseph, Michael, Richard, Joyce, Julie, Michelle, Bette, Dennis, Reg

**Family and friends...** Pepper, Cathy, Martha, Amy, Sherril, Christie, Howard, Neal, Alice, Tammi, Dutch, Adam, Kimberly, Julie, Hans, Earling, Michael, Alec, Jeanne-Marie, Erin, Beth, Lois, Monica, Carol, Stephen, Marion

**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, Andrew Boyd and Audra Kreger, Chris and Maggie Corlett, Virginia Robinson, the Pattarini family, Evan and Kim Cannell, Karen and Eric Coulson.

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

**Those travelling:** Vylma, Barbara and Ward

**The Anglican Prayer Cycle:** All glory, laud and honor, To Thee, Redeemer, King, To Whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring. **The Most Revd Suheil Dawani**, Archbishop, Jerusalem & the Middle East & Archbishop in Jerusalem.

**The Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle:** Grace Episcopal Church of Alexandria, Ware Episcopal Church of Gloucester.

**Grace Episcopal Church Prayer Cycle:** The Vestry and Executive Committee of Grace Church: Rich Kelly, Senior Warden; Chris Kupczyk, Junior Warden; Chris Rugaber, Treasurer; Jan Wolff, Register, and Mary Stewart, Member at Large

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

26 Lisa Doelp, Georgia Gillette, Wesley Winkler, Kathy Zucca

27 Simon Kupczyk

28 Kirk Steffensen, Nicolas Zola

29 Amelia Bennett, Dev Gaidhane, Jai Gaidhane

30 Brad Bergmann, Riley Butcher, Madeline Wells

31 Kate Schneider

*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**

### **Christian Education Hour**

Join us upstairs in Merrow Hall Auditorium following the 9:00 am Palm Sunday Worship service for a Palm Sunday Intergenerational Forum. Several activities will be available, including the making of palm crosses, assembling Holy Week In a Box devotionals and the signing of Easter cards for our homebound and overseas parishioners.

There is no Christian Education or Inquirers Class today due to the Intergenerational Forum.

### **J2A Youth**

J2A youth, plan on meeting in your classroom to stuff Easter eggs in preparation for the Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Day.

## **Easter Cards**

Parishioners will sign Easter cards on Palm Sunday for college students, parishioners in the military and serving abroad, those preparing for Confirmation at the Easter Vigil, and parishioners on the prayer list. If you have any updates, please send them to [pastoral.care@gracealex.org](mailto:pastoral.care@gracealex.org) or [nancy.robinson@gracealex.org](mailto:nancy.robinson@gracealex.org).

## **Parish News**

### **Monday Night Lenten Series**

A special thank you to all members that make up the Outreach Committee, Vestry, Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Guild and Choir. Each ministry provided an abundance of food for the Simple Suppers during the Monday Night Lenten Series. From egg salad and pimento cheese to amazing pots of soup, the cooks at Grace church outdid themselves during Lent!

### **Agape**

Come join the Fellowship celebration of the year as we cast off the Lenten fast and make a joyous Easter Feast and welcome our Bishop! The reception is in Merrow Hall Auditorium immediately following the Easter Vigil on the evening of Holy Saturday, March 31. See the sign-up poster in the Foyer near the glass doors to the parking lot to sign on for set up, clean up and bringing finger savories or sweets! Beverages appreciated as well. If you have questions, please email Anne Caputo at [Anne.Caputo@gracealex.org](mailto:Anne.Caputo@gracealex.org)

### **Sign up for Maundy Thursday Prayer Watch**

Sign up posters for the Maundy Thursday Prayer Watch are posted in the Narthex and the Merrow Hall entryway. Acolytes will be on watch at the Altar of Repose from the conclusion of services on Thursday until early Good Friday morning. Join them for an hour (or half hour) of personal meditation.

### **Sign Up for your Photo Session for the Directory!**

All participants receive a free 8x10 photo as well as their photo directory. **We need to have 18 sign-ups per day** in order for the photographer to come out so please sign up early so we know where we have gaps. You can sign up online Monday afternoon – mid-day Friday. On the weekends, there is a hard copy sign-up sheet in the Commons by the Parish Office. Sessions are available April 13, 14, 15 and 16. If needed, we will have additional days later in April.

## **This Week**

### **Holy Week**

Be sure to take two cards with the Holy Week schedule with you today: one to keep and one to give away!

## **Next Week**

### **Christian Education Hour**

We will not be holding any Christian Education meetings on Easter Day.

### **Easter Day!**

Bring your family and invite your friends for the celebration of our risen Christ! See the front of this bulletin for a full schedule of Easter services.

### **Easter Egg Hunt**

The Easter Egg Hunt will follow the 9:00 Eucharist. Parents and children should gather outside the gate of the turf field.

## **Youth News**

There will not be a Sunday Youth Night on April 1 due to the Easter holiday. The next Youth Night will be May 6.

## **Save The Date for the 2018 Altar Guild Tea!**

Please note the change this year for the month and day of the Altar Guild Tea. Due to the construction in the Auditorium during the month of May for the new HVAC system, the date of the Altar Guild Tea has been moved to **April 21, 2018**. The theme this year will be Hearts and Flowers. The Language of Flowers will be the program topic. There will be a discussion of the language and symbolism of flowers and several floral arrangements will be demonstrated. **Registration begins April 3** by calling the church office at 703-549-1980. The cost is \$40 per person. Be sure to save the date!

## **Upcoming Events**

### **April Adult Forum Schedule**

April 8 - Henry and Priscilla Ziegler will be speaking about their medical mission work in Tanzania and the work that they and their Tanzania partners are doing to help the very poor. This will include a power-point and then discussion. William Corley will speak to his perceptions as a short-term mission volunteer and non-medical person to complement the presentation. Henry just came back from Tanzania and will have the latest updates on current work.

April 15, 22, 29 - William Campbell will present a three-part series on piety and practices in the Episcopal Church. This will be William's last hurrah with Grace Church before his graduation from VTS and the beginning of his ministry in Corpus Christi, TX.

### **Spring Fling Golf**

The Annual Parish Golf Tournament is scheduled for Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, at the National Golf Club at Tantallon in Fort Washington, Maryland.