

Please Pray For...

Parishioners... Patti, Michael, Richard, Joyce, Bette, Dennis, Anne, Tina, Lisa, Cindy, Lorna, Stephanie, Tom, Barbara

Family and friends... Pepper, Cathy, Martha, Erin, Beth, Lois, Monica, Carol, Stephen, Marian, Betsy, Dody and Paul and their family, Sheila and her children, Alec, John, Barbara, Michael

In thanksgiving for the birth of Sophie Aleksandra Puskar, daughter of Michael and Lidia Puskar, Michael is the half-brother to Chip and Cathy.

Requiescat in Pace ... The Right Rev. A. Theodore (Ted) Eastman, David Cummings and all those killed in acts of terror and war around the world.

Those serving in Afghanistan, Iraq or Syria 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, Audrey, Jim, Dabney, Dorothy, Margaret, Lew, Rose, Vi, Muriel

Those travelling: Cynthia Puskar

The Anglican Prayer Cycle: The Anglican Church of Kenya and **The Most Revd Jackson Ole Sapit**, Primate and Archbishop of All Kenya

The Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle: Christ Church, Charlottesville; Christ Church, Glen Allen; St. John's, McLean; Buck Mountain, Earlysville.

Grace Episcopal Church Prayer Cycle: **Otto Wolf**, our retiring coordinator of the Lectors, and **Eleanor Reed**, our new coordinator of the Lectors, and the volunteers who read the lessons for us.

Those with birthdays this week:

- 6 Christian Portillo
- 7 Aiden Guernsey, Claire Guernsey
- 8 Jared Smith
- 9 Charlotte Martin, Vylma Khanna
- 10 Amanda Ruff
- 11 Lee Meeks, Skitsi Rein
- 12 Reginald Jones

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

The flowers on the Altar today are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for Eric and Sara Waskowicz's 30 years of marriage by Linda and Frank Waskowicz.

Farewell to William Campbell

We will be giving thanks for the ministry of our senior seminarian, William Campbell, at the 9:00 and 11:15 liturgies on Sunday, May 6. We will also have a cake to celebrate at the coffee hour prior to the Adult Forum.

Shrine Mont Camp Sunday

Today we celebrate the ministries of Shrine Mont Summer Camps! Look around and see all the t-shirts. If you are new to the parish and have school age children, be sure to ask anyone in a t-shirt to tell you about their camp experience. Words used to describe camp at Shrine Mont are "home away from home, my happy place, the place I feel loved and accepted, closest to God" and so many, many more. Michael Reed, son of Jean and Lucy Lee,

will be the newest director of MAD (Music and Arts and Drama) Camp. He is here today and will be happy to answer any questions about MAD Camp or any other of the camps available this summer. In addition, Jenni Faires spent two weeks as a Chaplain last summer at St. George's III and Jay Legere is a wealth of knowledge of all things camp. Feel free to contact Jenni at jenni.faires@gracealex.org or Jay Legere at jay.legere@gracealex.org if you would like more information or specifics.

Christian Education Hour

Adult Forum – Electric Bell System (Auditorium)

Please join us for an Adult Forum on the proposed gift of digital bells made by Michael Heintz to enhance our worship. Stacey Dickerson, area manager for the Verdin Bell Company will answer your questions and play examples of what the bells will sound like.

Youth Night Tonight

Youth Night is from 5:30-8:00 p.m. The Rite 13 group will head to Laser Tag, EYC will go bowling and J2A will be deciding on their Pilgrimage destination! This will be our final Youth Night of the Year! Stay tuned for information on a June youth outing.

Parish News

Altar Guild Tea Reservations end May 7!

Enjoy the best scones on earth, Buckingham Palace Garden Party Tea, delicious sandwiches and sweets to dream about. Added to those delights is a program on The Language of Flowers and creative simple flower design ideas. The Tea is on **May 12th**. **Reserve your space** by calling the church office. The cost is \$40.

Spring Fling Golf Outing, May 23, 2018

Be sure to RSVP for this year's Golf Outing. Sign up for your choice of 18 or 36 holes and enjoy a lovely spring day of fun and fellowship. The money raised will go to the Grace Church General Fund. Sign up forms are available on the credenza or visit <https://bit.ly/2w1yRpD>.

From the Legacy Society

Two questions arise as one considers planned giving: WHY do I want to determine what my legacy will be and HOW will I ensure that my wishes will be fulfilled. The WHY is the more important question and is a consideration of how our loved ones will be provided for and how what is important to us will be sustained. Once the WHY is clear, the HOW will follow.

Ascension Day Service, 7:30 p.m. (Nave)

In addition to our regular 12:15 p.m. service, we will be holding a Festival Eucharist at 7:30 p.m. service on Thursday, May 10 as we celebrate Ascension Day.

Second Brown Bag Program Alert for May 14-18

Needed for this week are 225 sandwiches and servers at Meade Memorial Church. The sign-up sheet is on the Outreach bulletin board along with instructions for sandwich making and serving. Or you can contact linda.waskwicz@gracealex.org. This is our week to help the homeless and poor of our city.

Online Donating

We are switching our online giving platform to Tithe.ly. If you currently give to the church through Vanco, or the Give+ app, you will need to make this switch. To set up a Tithe.ly account,

- Go to gracealex.org
- Click on Stewardship/Give Treasure
- Click on Make an offering
- Click on Tithe.ly
- Click on SignUp (top right) and follow the directions.

Or you can download the Tithe.ly app from your app store. Please consider automated payments through Tithe.ly. The more donations flow through Tithe.ly, the lower the fees we are charged. Regular giving also smooths out our monthly income which dips in the summer months. Contact chrisrugaber@gmail.com with questions.

Youth News

The PYM Weekend for 8th graders is May 18-20 and costs \$150. If your youth is interested, please let Jenni know.

Next Week

Christian Education Hour

Spring Ministry Fair

Join us in the auditorium as we explore the different opportunities in ministry at Grace.

Support Grace Episcopal School

Following the 9:00 a.m. service, volunteers from GES will be at the Coffee Hour to sell raffle tickets to support the school. Last year's lucky winner was Linda Waskowicz.

Upcoming

Haith Micah Presentation – Adult Forum, Sunday, May 20

Mark your calendars for May 20! We will be holding an Adult Forum to learn more about the Haiti Micah Project. Presenter Sarah Desir, the new Administrative Assistant to the Rev. Joseph Constant, will be speaking on "The Impact of Grace Church on the Children of Haiti Micah Project 2010-2018" and sharing her personal experiences from her recent mission trip to Haiti. The Haiti Micah Project is one of our largest international missions and Grace is a key supporter of this important ministry.

In Our Community

Meals on Wheels

Volunteering for Meals on Wheels is a great way to make a huge impact in a short amount of time. By delivering meals you bring nutritious food and a friendly visit with seniors and people with disabilities in your community. Please contact Mike Reed for more information at mike.reed@gracealex.org

Calendar for May 6 - May 12

Sunday

7:30 a.m.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Holy Eucharist

9:00 a.m.

Choral Eucharist

La Santa Eucharista

10:15 a.m.

Adult Forum (Auditorium)

11:15 a.m.

Choral Eucharist

5:00 p.m.

Holy Eucharist

5:30 p.m.

Youth Night

Monday

1:00 p.m.

Food Pantry

6:30 p.m.

Education for Ministry (St. Mark)

Tuesday

Julian, 1417

1:00 p.m.

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

4:00 p.m.

New Chorister Practice

5:00 p.m.

Advanced Chorister Practice

6:30 p.m.

Holy Eucharist and Healing Prayers

Wednesday

7:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist

4:00 p.m.

Chorister Practice

7:00 p.m.

AA (St. Luke)

8:00 p.m.

AA/Alanon (Auditorium and St. Luke)

Thursday

Ascension Day

12:15 p.m.

Holy Eucharist

7:30 p.m.

Festival Eucharist

Friday

9:00 a.m.

GES Chapel

6:30 p.m.

Food Pantry open (until 7:30)

8:30 p.m.

AA (Auditorium)

Saturday

9:00 a.m.

Altar Guild