

Please Pray For...

Parishioners... Michael, Richard, Tina, Lisa, Charles, Dottie, Bette, Howard, Dorothy, Barbara, Christine, Mike, Jay, Dick, Karla

Family and friends... Pepper, Cathy, Morgan, Charlotte R., Michael, Brett, Chris, Louise, Beth, Midge, Kimberly, Alec, Scott, Martha, Dorian, Scott, Christine, Jack, Michael

Requiescat in Pace ... Mary Jones 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: Christopher Corlett, Blair Sokol and 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, Virginia Robinson, the Pattarini family, Evan and Kim Cannell, Karen and Eric Coulson.

Those in assisted living: Jorge, Joan, Clare, Tom, Fr. Jack, Rose, Kathleen, Audrey, Jim, Dabney, Dorothy, Margaret, Lew, Vi, Muriel, Mary, Alice

The Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle: Emmanuel, Harrisonburg; Emmanuel, Alexandria; Grace, Port Republic

The Anglican Prayer Cycle: The Church in Wales and **The Most Revd John Davies**, Archbishop of Wales & Bishop of Swansea & Brecon

Grace Episcopal Church Prayer Cycle: The Board and staff of Grace Episcopal School, Patricia Culbreth, Head of School, and John Berry, School Board Chair.

Those with birthdays this week:

- 14 Ford Chinworth, Katherine Winstead
- 15 Laura Laemmle-Weidenfeld, Lisa Medley,
Charles Nelson, Jr.,
- 16 Michael Laemmle
- 17 Hannah Osborne, Nick Winkel
- 18 Mimi Barnes, Crispin Enger, Merrin Winkel
- 19 William Corley, Beth Yancey
- 20 Tricia Bamford, Amber Lopez

*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 by Rushad Thomas in memory of Virginia Thomas and by Chuck and Sherryl Dodd in thanksgiving for Tomomi Dodd's birthday.

The Boys and Girls Choir

The music this morning is sung by the Boys and Girls Choir with the Adult Choir. There are three choristers from Grace School who sing in our choir: Turner Faires, Payton Branch, and Nuan Nuan Tang. Auditions for this choir resume in January. For more information, contact Dr. Richard Newman (richard.newman@gracealex.org).

The Boys and Girls Choir is for children and youth from reading age (around first grade) through voice change for boys, and through high school for girls. This choir follows the Voice for Life curriculum affiliated with the Royal School of Church Music in America — a tiered training program that provides instruction in healthy vocal production and technique, music theory, and the discipline required of singing in a musical group. No prior musical education is required. In addition to being a

source of Christian formation through music, this group offers a free musical education to all who participate.

Rehearsals are held twice a week: Tuesdays from 4:30-5:30 for advanced choristers, 5:30-6:30 for beginning choristers (Novices), and Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. for all choristers. The choir sings throughout the school year at the 9:00 a.m. Sunday service twice a month, for Choral Evensong, and on Christmas Eve.

Adult Forum

No Adult Forum or Christian Education this week. Please come to Merrow Hall Auditorium for a special coffee hour as we welcome our Grace School families. Raffle tickets supporting the J2A Bingo night will be available for purchase today during Coffee Hour. Come by your ticket for a chance to win a big cauldron full of Halloween candy to supply your neighborhood trick or treaters or a \$100 Amazon gift card.

Art on the Avenue

A special thank you to all our volunteers who greeted the Del Ray community at Art on the Avenue last weekend. We distributed over a thousand balloons and painted faces for hours! Grace Church was “floating” around the avenue all day long and it wouldn’t have been possible without our volunteers.

Please help lift Grace Church's income

Our giving income has fallen short in the past two months and put our budget into deficit. We will have to hold off on some of our outreach gifts and other payments if pledges and other giving doesn't pick up. If you had set up automatic giving on the Give+ app and have not yet shifted to Tithe.ly, please do so. Also, please check and see if you are keeping pace with your pledge. If you haven't pledged but donate occasionally, please consider an additional gift. Thanks to all generous Grace Church parishioners! Any questions, contact Chris Rugaber, Treasurer, at chrisrugaber@gmail.com.

This Week

Death by Chocolate and Bingo, October 20

Chocolate, Chocolate, Chocolate... and an evening of BINGO! Oct. 20, from 7-9 pm, BINGO night will combine dessert and BINGO into one evening of fellowship and fun. Calling all cooks and bakers! Who can make the best chocolate dessert? Bring one dessert item that will be judged and shared with all in attendance. A chocolate fountain, hot chocolate bar for the kids and dessert drinks for the adults will top of an evening of FUNdraising for our J2A youth. \$10 p/person; \$30 for family of 4 or more.

Next Sunday, October 21

Youth Sunday, October 21

We will be celebrating Youth Sunday on the 21st of October and it will include the Rite 13 ceremony. If your youth has turned 13 and would like to participate, please contact Jenni at jenni.faires@gracealex.org.

Adult Forum: Local Refugees in Our Town. Can we help?

Many churches have come together to assist refugees in our city who are struggling to find a new life in America. Most are Afghans who have helped our troops during our long deployment but became dangerously exposed as we drew down our presence. In response, the U.S. created a Special Immigration Visa program to grant them refuge in our country. Once their government support ends, life for these refugees becomes a big challenge. Our Outreach Committee has joined other churches in offering some financial support. Please come to our Adult Forum during the coffee hour to hear their story from two volunteers – Pierre Shostal of Immanuel on the Hill and Matthew Dumont-Machowski, our new seminarian.

Choral Evensong, October 21 at 5:00 p.m.

Please mark your calendars for Choral Evensong sung by the Boys and Girls Choir and the Adult Choir. The music is George Dyson’s *Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in D* and Stanford’s *Beati quorum via*. Please invite a friend to this beautiful 45-minute evening service. The Holy Eucharist immediately follows the closing organ voluntary.

Newcomers Reception, October 21

Are you new to Grace and ready to learn more about the church you have been visiting? Join clergy, staff, members of the Vestry and the Evangelism team on October 21, following the 5:00 Evensong. Refreshments and drinks will be provided. Please RSVP to Jenni Faires at jenni.faires@gracealex.org and indicate if childcare is needed.

VOICE Event, October 21

VOICE is holding a mass meeting with Governor Northam, at Fairfax High School. Does your faith lead you to take Action? Join us for this meeting. Email jennifer.eckel@gracealex.org for information.

Upcoming Events

Trunk or Treat

Come celebrate the season with a Trunk or Treat celebration in our parking lot on Saturday, October 27 from 4:00-5:30 pm. Children from our Grace School and Church family, as well as the community are invited to dress in their Halloween costumes and enjoy a late morning of candy, games and face painting. Adults, we need you to make this happen for our children! Decorate your trunks (prizes for the top three decorations!) and be prepared with lots of candy. Last year was BIG; this year will be even BETTER!

Farewell Reception Honoring The Rt. Rev. Shannon S. Johnston

October 28, 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. in Scott Lounge

You are invited to a Farewell Reception honoring Bishop Shannon Johnston as he retires from service with the Diocese of Virginia. This event will be a time to gather, thank Bishop Johnston for his service, and pray for him as he transitions to a new phase of his life in retirement. RSVP on Eventbrite.

Adult Forum: The Situation in the Middle East, October 28

Evan Robinson and Conway Zeigler, retired Navy Captains who spent many years in Naval Intelligence and studying the Middle East will be addressing two specific Mid-East Terrorist groups: Al-Qaeda (which planned and executed the 9/11 attacks on the US and is still active) and the Islamic State (ISIS) which still has branches in Iraq, Syria, Yemen, Egypt and elsewhere around the world. Evan served at the National Counter-Terrorism Center and Conway studied at the American Universities in Cairo and Beirut and holds two degrees in Near Eastern studies from Princeton University.

Adult Forum: Living with Difference, November 4

Come listen to David Montgomery, PhD discuss the most recent CEDAR program that took place in Texas on the theme of Hospitality and the Stranger. Since 2003 CEDAR (Communities Engaging with Difference and Religion) has organized experientially based educational programs in which participants from diverse backgrounds learn how to live with difference in their respective communities. The programs combine lectures, experiential learning, and group work for an intensive period of challenging taken-for-granted assumptions. CEDAR seeks to create a space of interaction that moves participants to new understandings of how to live with difference. Dr. Montgomery is co-author of "Living with Difference: How to Build Community in a Divided World." Copies are on sale in the church office.

70 Years of Grace Church on Russell Road

Plan to join us on Friday evening, November 16, at our gala reception celebrating 70 Years of Grace on Russell Road. Come dressed in style to enjoy music and finger food and beverages and a champagne toast to honor our milestone event. A \$20 per person suggested donation will help us cover our costs. Child care provided. More details to follow, but please mark your calendars!

From the Altar Guild

Kneeler Project

A new project is underway to replace the kneelers at the communion rail and sponsors are being sought to cover the cost of finishing the kneelers. Sponsorships are \$300 and donors' names will be included in the Nave Memorial Book in the New Narthex. Only three opportunities are left! If you are interested, please contact Kristine Hesse at kristine.hesse@gracealex.org or call 703-836-8440. Thanks for your interest!

From the Food Ministries

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 to seniors and people with disabilities in your community. For more information, contact Mike Reed at mike.reed@gracealex.org.

It's Brown Bag Lunch Program time again!

Our next Brown Bag Week is October 22-26 and volunteers are still needed for Thursday and Friday and more sandwiches are needed for the week. Please either e-mail linda.waskowicz@gracealex.org or sign up on the outreach bulletin board if you can help this worthwhile cause.

Food Pantry Bonus Shelf Items

These items supplement what can be purchased at the Capital Area Food Bank: Canned Fruit, Corn Meal, Tortillas, Dried Beans, Rice, Spaghetti Sauce, Salsa, Mac & Cheese, Jam or Jelly. Cleaning Supplies & Toiletries are always appreciated. Stop by the Pantry or Church Office for a FREE Green Tote bag for your Food Pantry shopping!

Don't Have Time to Shop?

Financial support is always appreciated, and we'll do the shopping for you! Just note FOOD PANTRY on your check memo line. Thank You!

In Our Community

Winter Clothing Drive

The Seventh Annual Winter Clothing Drive, a joint effort between Grace Church and our fellow Christians at St. Rita Catholic Church, will be held this year on Saturday morning, November 10. We will need volunteers to help set up at St. Rita's school hall on Friday evening November 9 and to help distribute clothing on Saturday morning. We will be collecting clothing on Sunday mornings at Grace each Sunday during the month of October. Please bring your **clean and gently worn** clothing to help our Del Ray and Arlandria neighbors stay warm this winter. For more information or to volunteer, please contact kemp.williams@gracealex.org.

Bilingual Spanish Speaker Volunteers Needed

The City of Alexandria's Department of Human Services sponsors a program to provide holiday gifts to families, foster children and seniors in need. The first step is registering eligible families. Interested businesses, churches and individuals can then "adopt" a family. Bilingual Spanish speakers are needed. Registration takes place at DHS's offices on Mount Vernon Ave. If you can help or have questions, email holidaysharing@alexandriava.gov. Shifts are:

- Saturdays October 6, 13 and 20 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Sundays October 7, 14 and 21 from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Calendar for October 14-20

Sunday	Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
7:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m.	La Gracia (Auditorium)
9:00 a.m.	Choral Eucharist
11:15 a.m.	Choral Eucharist
5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
Monday	
1:00 p.m.	Food Pantry open (until 3:00 p.m.)
Tuesday	Hugh Latimer and Nicholas Ridley
8:45 a.m.	GEC/GES Meeting (Library)
10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting (St. Mark)
1:00 p.m.	Food Pantry open (until 3:00 p.m.)
4:30 p.m.	Advanced Choristers
5:30 p.m.	Beginner Choristers
6:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
7:00 p.m.	Vestry Meeting
Wednesday	Ignatius, c. 115
7:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
5:30 p.m.	Choristers
7:00 p.m.	AA (St. Luke)
7:30 p.m.	Bible Study Group (1823 Café)
8:00 p.m.	AA/Alanon (Auditorium and St. Luke)
Thursday	St. Luke the Evangelist
12:15 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
6:45 p.m.	Handbell Rehearsal
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Friday	
9:00 a.m.	GES Chapel
6:30 p.m.	Food Pantry (until 7:30)
8:30 p.m.	AA (Auditorium and St. Luke)
Saturday	
9:00 a.m.	Altar Guild
11:00 a.m.	Choral Evensong Rehearsal
6:00 p.m.	Death by Chocolate and BINGO