

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

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

**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** ... 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:** Our Saviour, Montpelier; St. Luke's, Remington; Westover, Charles City

**The Anglican Prayer Cycle:** The Church of the Province of West Africa and **The Most Revd Dr. Daniel Sarfo**, Primate & Metropolitan, CPWA, Archbishop of the Internal Province of Ghana and Bishop of Kumasi

**Grace Episcopal Church Prayer Cycle:** **Kelly Gable**, chair of the Youth Program, and those who lead and participate in our Rite-13, J2A, and EYC groups.

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

22 Jay Legere

25 Paul Rugaber

27 Paul Hanley, Bill Malone

*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 the wedding anniversary of Kevin and Lori Griffin.

### **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 at 5:00 p.m.**

Join us 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**

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 tonight, following the 5:00 Evensong. No need to RSVP, just show up! Refreshments and drinks will be provided. Childcare is available.

### **VOICE Event**

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](mailto:jennifer.eckel@gracealex.org) for information.

### **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](mailto:chrisrugaber@gmail.com).

### **This Week**

#### **Trunk or Treat – We need you!**

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 an afternoon of face painting and crafts. 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!

### **Next Sunday, October 28**

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

You are invited to a Farewell Reception (October 28, 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. in Scott Lounge of VTS) 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.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **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 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!

### **What are you thankful for?**

The United Thank Offering is a wonderful way to be mindful of the blessings of your daily life and to pass on blessings to others. Please consider picking up a donation box from the credenza in the Commons so that you can set aside time and money throughout the month of November in preparation for our UTO Ingathering on November 18.

### **From Haiti Micah**

You have done a wonderful job of supporting Haiti Micah Project this year. What has your experience been like? We ask that you share your thoughts on HMP and our mission on our Great NonProfits page. When you share your story with HMP, you get us closer to a Top-Rated award with Great NonProfits and that helps us get the word out even more about our critical work in Haiti's Central Plateau. All stories are due by Oct. 31. You can share your story here:

<https://greatnonprofits.org/org/haiti-micah-project-inc>

### **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](mailto:mike.reed@gracealex.org).

#### **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!

#### **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!

## 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](mailto:kemp.williams@gracealex.org).

### Calendar for October 21-27

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost</b>
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.	Choral Evensong
5:45 p.m.	Newcomers Reception
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Brown Bag Week</b>
1:00 p.m.	Food Pantry open (until 3:00 p.m.)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>St. James of Jerusalem, c. 62</b>
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
<b>Wednesday</b>	
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)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Alfred the Great, 899 (tr)</b>
12:15 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
6:45 p.m.	Handbell Rehearsal
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
<b>Friday</b>	
9:00 a.m.	GES Chapel
6:30 p.m.	Food Pantry (until 7:30)
8:30 p.m.	AA (Auditorium and St. Luke)
<b>Saturday</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Altar Guild
4:00 p.m.	Trunk or Treat