

Please Pray For...

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

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

Requiescat in Pace ... Carl Seward, Aiko Hosada, James "Bud" Hulsey, 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: All Saints – Sharon Chapel, Alexandria; Resurrection, Alexandria; St. James' Montross

The Anglican Prayer Cycle: The Church in the Province of the West Indies

Grace Episcopal Church Prayer Cycle: The Sexton and the school's Facilities Management team who take care of our building: Pedro Hernandez, John Hendrickson, Alberto and Rosa Contreras, Orlando Lemus and Amorita Quintanilla.

Those with birthdays this week:

29 Christine Harris, Willem Schultz
31 Pedro Hernandez
1 Kathie Burgess, Michael Plunkett
3 Alex Willson

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 loving memory of Emilia Grace Nider by her parents, Kate and Steven Nider, and sisters Isabella and Alessandra.

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.

Inquirers' Class

Today's discussion will focus on "Our Unique Identity" as Episcopalians at Grace Church. Father Malm will lead the discussion.

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.

Third-Quarter Statements

Please be sure to pick up your third quarter statement from the box on the credenza in The Commons. They are in alphabetical order. They will be there this Sunday through the 4th and then we will mail them out. You are also welcome to stop by the office during the week to pick them up. If you would prefer, contact the office and we can scan and email your statement to you. If you have questions regarding items in your statement, please contact Beth Calaman, our Parish Financial Administrator. For other inquiries, contact Amy Medrick, Parish Administrator.

Pledge Sunday

On All Saints Sunday, November 4, we will begin to receive our financial pledges for 2019. Pledge cards were mailed out. If you did not receive a card, they are available in the pews and on the credenza in The Commons.

This Week

Contemplative Service, Tuesday, October 30

The monthly contemplative service at 7 p.m. is in the Narthex on Tuesday. The service is about 25 minutes long and includes psalms and prayers. For those who'd like to stay after the service we will share a reflection and have brief discussion. Some folks like to come early for the Healing Eucharist at 6:30 p.m. as well and then transition to the Narthex.

Grace Gala and Silent Auction on November 3 from 6-10 p.m. We're going back in time for a night of dancing, great food and drink and of course, dozens of wonderful items to bid on. Please consider entering our raffle for a chance to win a luxurious weekend away at The Salamander Resort & Spa in Middleburg, VA. All proceeds will go towards the playground refurbishment project. Gala tickets \$125, Raffle tickets \$50

Next Sunday, November 4

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.

Youth News

Sunday Youth Night is next week from 5:30-8:00. Dinner is provided!

Upcoming Events

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!

Giving in Gratitude

Giving in gratitude shines a light on what we are grateful for. Research reports showing gratitude makes us healthier, and happier. Take a step toward better health—let's be grateful and give coins and thanks to our UTO Boxes available from the credenza in the Commons. The UTO Ingathering will be held on November 18.

From the Food Ministries

Fill the Bonus Shelf

We give each of our clients a bag of staple items. In addition, we let them choose three items from the "Bonus Shelves." These items are meant to supplement what we put in their bag. Lately, our shelves have been pretty bare. If you can, please consider donating something from this list to the pantry: Canned Fruit or Vegetables, 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!

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.

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 in just under two weeks on November 10. We need volunteers to help set up at on Friday evening November 9 and to help distribute clothing on Saturday morning. We are 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.

Calendar for October 28-Nov 3

Sunday	Twenty-Third 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	James Hannington, 1885
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.	Contemplative Service (Narthex)
7:00 p.m.	Outreach Committee Meeting
Wednesday	St. Simon and St. Jude (tr)
7:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
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	All Saints Day
	223 rd Annual Convention
12:15 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
6:45 p.m.	Handbell Rehearsal
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Friday	
	223 rd Annual Convention
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	
	223 rd Annual Convention
9:00 a.m.	Altar Guild
6:00 p.m.	GES Gala