

Announcements for the week of Dec. 30, 2018 – Jan. 5, 2019

Please Pray For...

Parishioners... Michael, Richard, Tina, Lisa, Charles, Dottie, Bette, Howard, Dorothy, Barbara, Mike, Dick, Karla, Charles, Susan, Claudine, Barbara S., Lisa B., Amy, Alex, Tracy

Family and friends... Pepper, Cathy, Christine, Joe, Joey, Jared, Julie, Julius, Yeeleng, Jennie, Kemper, Sharon, Adam, Alec, Jack, Troy, Kathy

Requiescat in Pace ... Ken Chamberlain, Doretta Reif, Tod Reese, Douglas Clunie 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, Zach Heinrich 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, Melissa and Edi Jurkovic, with daughters Elena, Ana, Mia and Olivia.

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

Those travelling: Ruth and Cleve Corlett, Phil and Sharon Hickok

The Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle: All the baptized in their daily life and work.

The Anglican Prayer Cycle: Kyushu - (Japan) and **The Rt Revd Luke Ken-ichi Muto**

Grace Episcopal Church Prayer Cycle: Jean Reed, chair of the Evangelism Program, and the volunteers who help with newcomer ministries.

Those with birthdays this week:

31 Barbara Ramm
2 Mira Chiow, Jane Clare Joyner
5 Dorothy Bakke

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

The Flowers on the Altar

The flowers on the Altar today are given to the glory of God by Karen and Dave Hoppe in thanksgiving for their marriage in Grace Church 42 years ago this day, and for the choir that sang at their wedding.

Adult Forum

Adult Forums will **resume January 13** with a forum presented by Mary Stewart on the detectives of PBS. This should be a fun time for all our PBS detective fans out there! Coffee Hour will continue in Merrow Hall Auditorium following the 9:00 am service and downstairs in the common area following the 11:15 am service during the holiday break.

Schedule Notes

The next weekday services will be January 1 at 12:00 p.m., January 2 at 7:30 a.m. and January 3 at 12:15 p.m.

Thank You to Stewardship and all who Pledged

We'd like to thank all of the families and individuals who have pledged so far for 2019 as well as Stephen Lovell and the Stewardship committee who have been contacting everyone and sending out reminders. We will be taking a respite and will return to following up in the new year.

Interim Assistant to the Rector

The Rev. David Crosby will join the staff effective January 1, 2019 to serve as a part-time Assistant to the Rector. He will work at Grace 10-12 hours each week and primarily participate in liturgical leadership and pastoral care as time allows. David was a very active lay leader at Grace for many years while employed in the corporate world. In 2009, Grace sponsored David as a postulant for Holy Orders in the Diocese and he started at V.T.S. that Fall. He is a member of the VTS class of 2012 and was ordained a transitional Deacon and then, in December of 2012, a Priest. David served as an Assistant at Immanuel Church, Alexandria from 2012-2017. Most recently he has done interim and supply work in the Dioceses of Virginia and Washington. Currently he is a Colloquy leader at VTS and a Volunteer Chaplain at the Washington National Cathedral. The search for a full time Assistant is expected to begin in February.

Financial Year Closes on December 31st

All pledges and contributions credited for 2018 must be received by Monday, December 31st. This also holds true for requests for reimbursements. Please contact our Financial Administrator, Beth Calaman, if you have any questions.

Next Week January 6-12

Feast of Epiphany

On January 6th, we will be celebrating the Feast of Epiphany. Join us at the 9:00 a.m. service for a bilingual celebration followed by a fellowship coffee hour with a visitation from the three kings.

Youth News

Youth Night is on January 6th from 5:30 to 8:00. All Youth are welcome.

Upcoming Events

Candlemas and Annual Meeting

On January 27th, we will be holding hold a 10:00 service instead of a 9:00 and 11:15 service. It will be a celebration of Candlemas and we will follow it with our Annual Meeting.

From the Food Ministries

Thank You for participating in "Advent in Reverse!"

Your contributions help those in need in our Alexandria Community.

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!

Calendar for December 30 – January 5

Sunday	The First Sunday of Christmas
7:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
10:00 a.m.	Christmas Lessons and Carols
5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
Monday	
1:00 p.m.	Food Pantry (Open until 3:00)
Tuesday	Feast of the Holy Name
	Parish Office, Food Pantry and School Closed
12:00 p.m.	Choral Eucharist
Wednesday	
7:00 p.m.	AA District 1 (St. Luke)
8:00 p.m.	AA/Al Anon (Auditorium)
Thursday	
12:15 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
6:45 p.m.	Handbell Choir
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir
Friday	
6:30 p.m.	Food Pantry Open
8:30 p.m.	AA (Auditorium)
Saturday	
9:00 a.m.	Altar Guild