

Announcements for Sunday, June 23

Please Pray For...

Parishioners... Michael, Richard, Tina, Charles, Bette, Barbara M., Charles, Susan, Shannon, Frank, Katherine, Will, Kemp, Easter, Lynn, Douglas, Christine

Family and friends... Pepper, Cathy, Martha, Jessica, Lucia, Ella, Canda, Susan, Sharkey, Ben, James, Morgan, Mary, Jackie, Cindy

Requiescat in Pace ... Orhan Andolsum 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, Chuck DeHoag 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, Melissa and Edi Jurkovic, with daughters Elena, Ana, Mia and Olivia, Chris Slattery, John Hall.

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

Those travelling: Lynn Rohrs, Dorothy Daniel, Ruth Corlett, Evan and Nancy Robinson, J2A Youth and Sponsors

The Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle: St. Paul's, Nomini Grove, Montross

The Anglican Prayer Cycle: The United Church of North India and **The Most Revd Dr Prem Chand Singh**, Moderator of CNI & Bishop of Jabalpur.

Grace Episcopal Church Prayer Cycle: Eleanor Reed, coordinator of the Lectors, and the volunteers who read the lessons for us.

Those with birthdays this week:

6/24 Jonathan Doelp, Karen Wires

6/25 Fabian Alvarenga, Judy Willard

6/26 Ed Arthur

6/27 Jean Hawes, Isaac Reyes

6/28 Paul Bellantoni, Rebecca Funes

6/29 Margaret Hillsman

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 Bob and Ruth Schrott in thanksgiving for the birth of their granddaughter, Annika.

Coffee Hour

The location for the 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour will be announced at the Peace.

Children's Chapel and Nursery

Please note the changes in locations for the remainder of the summer for Children's Chapel and the Nursery.

- The nursery will be relocated to the Children's Chapel (St. Nicholas Room - downstairs using steps in Narthex)
- Children's Chapel for both services will gather in the amphitheater for outdoor lessons and play. Please dress your child/ren accordingly! If there is inclement weather, we will still gather at the glass doors by

the amphitheater, but then move to a room in the preschool hall of the school. After this Sunday, our rain room will be the choir room.

Summer Choir

Grace Church has moved into the more relaxed summer schedule and the choirs have taken a break from their weekly schedule. Instead of having weekly evening rehearsals, interested singers are encouraged to come to the Choir Room at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays to prepare a simple anthem to be sung later that morning at the 10:30 a.m. service. This is a good chance for people not presently singing to give choir a try; you'll find that the gallery gives you a different perspective on the liturgy. The Summer Choir schedule goes through September 1.

J2A Pilgrimage

Our J2A group has just arrived in Ireland to begin their pilgrimage! Please keep these youth and their sponsors in your prayers as they experience the wonder and excitement of a spiritual journey. The team will arrive home on Saturday, June 30. Be sure to check out the insert in today's bulletin for a description of each day of their trip and follow along using the maps available on the credenza and the tract rack.

Parish News

Temporary Housing Needed

John Hendrickson, the school maintenance man, has kindly agreed to stay for the summer in order to oversee various facilities projects for us. His wife, however, will be moving back home to Oklahoma. He is looking for somewhere to stay during July and August, preferably near a bus route. Please contact Amy in the parish office if you can assist us in finding John a place to stay.

EYC Mission Trip

The EYC Mission Trip will be July 7-13, 2019. We will be traveling to Sampson County, NC and working in the town of Clinton. Please be in prayer for our group as we make final preparations for the trip.

Planned Giving – An Act of Love – An Expression of Faith

Planned giving means just what it sounds like—thinking ahead about your estate plans to ensure that you are able to make gifts to the people and organizations that are meaningful to you. Planned giving is different from immediate gifts, like cash that you give toward your annual pledge. When you decide to make a planned gift to Grace, you take a step that is a unique expression of faith: giving back to God a portion of what you've been blessed with in life, and assuring that the church you love can continue in vibrant worship, fellowship, and outreach for generations to come.

Anyone who makes a planned gift to the parish—for any amount—automatically becomes a member of the Legacy Society. The Legacy Society is a vehicle for the parish to recognize those who make planned gifts, allow those who give to encourage others, and educate the parish about planned giving options. If you would like more information on Planned Giving and the Grace Church Legacy Society, please contact a member of the Legacy Society Committee (Mary Hix, Bill Malone, Jean Reed, or Mary Stewart).

This Week: June 24-29

Evening Contemplative Monthly Series

Sometimes we need to slow down, relax, refocus, and get centered to have some quiet time with God. Did you know that on the last Tuesday of each month, at 7:00 p.m., a group gathers for brief prayer, and meditation based on the Psalter? During the summer, we will be exploring, discussing, and practicing various forms of meditative prayers and reflection. Curious to try centering prayer, gospel meditation, Anglican prayer beads, the Rosary, or prayer in motion or any other type of prayerful or meditative practices? If so, this groups is for you! These are just a few of the things we'll explore in coming sessions. So give yourself this gift of "me time" and join us in the New Narthex this summer, on the last Tuesday of each month: June 25; July 30; and/or August 27.

Next Week: June 30-July 6

Andolsum Requiem

At 1:00 on July 6th, we will be holding a requiem service for Orhan Andolsum.

Upcoming Events

Education for Ministry Registration

Registration is open for classes beginning Monday, September 8, 2019. This evening Christian education program runs September – May each year. As the name conveys, this program was originally designed to educate those preparing for lay ministry. However, regardless of your experience or intentions, this program offers a welcoming setting for exploring or refreshing your faith. We discuss the Old and New Testament, critical analysis of scripture, history of the Christian Church, and practical strategies for living your faith in complex times. We learn and grow together through honest dialogue and reflection on our lived experience. Seekers welcome. The annual tuition is \$375 and this covers books and administrative costs. Limited scholarship assistance is available. Please contact julia.mcclung@gracealex.org for more information.

Shrine Mont 2019 is coming

“Again I say rejoice!” The 2019 Grace Church getaway at Shrine Mont is less than 100 days away. Save the dates, September 6-8, for a weekend of fellowship, fun, and nonstop activity, serene leisure, or something in between as you prefer. Sign-up will begin in July. If you have any questions, 2019 Shrine Mont Coordinators Anne and John Boris or 2020 Shrine Mont Coordinators Jennifer and Bill Eckel would be glad to hear from you. See you in Orkney Springs, we hope.

In Our Community

This week’s Food Pantry Wish List includes: Vegetable Oil, Tortillas, Canned Diced Tomatoes, Canned Corn, Bagged Onions & Potatoes. Have you heard? The “Kid’s Bonus Shelf” has been a great success! Donations of gently used small toys and children’s books your family has outgrown are given to our client families with small children. Their smiles say it all! As always, your donations of non-perishable food, toiletries and cleaning supplies as well as financial support will help all those in need in the Alexandria community. Thank You!

Haiti Micah Annual Campaign - Extended to July 31

The annual Grace Church Haiti Micah Project fundraising campaign officially started on Mother’s Day, Sunday, May 12th and will continue through **the end of July**. This important mission provides feeding and education programs to over 500 children in Mirebalais, Haiti and is a great way to pay tribute to our mothers and fathers and make a difference in the life of a child in need.

A donation of \$365.00 feeds and educates one child for one year. Any amount you can give will have a significant impact.

More information about the Haiti Micah Project can be found on the following website. <https://haiti-micah.org/about-us/our-story/>

2019 Goal: Through the generosity of Grace members, we were able to contribute over \$24,000 in 2018. **Our fundraising goal this year is \$28,000**, which will support **11 additional children**. We are **extending the campaign through the end of July to help meet this goal**. If you are not able to give now, you can donate any time after the end of the campaign and Grace will forward your contribution to the Haiti Micah Project.

If you would like to donate, **please make your check out to Grace Church** referencing the ‘**Haiti Micah Project**’ in the subject line of your check or on your donation envelope.

For questions about how to donate or more information on the Haiti Micah Project, **please contact Jennifer Pease at jennifer.pease@gracealex.org**.

Calendar for June 23-29

Sunday	The Second Sunday after Pentecost
7:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m.	La Gracia
10:30 a.m.	Choral Eucharist
5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
Monday	
	Brown Bag Lunch Program All Week
1:00 pm.	Food Pantry open (until 3:00 p.m.)
Tuesday	The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting (St. Matthew)
1:00 pm.	Food Pantry open (until 3:00 p.m.)
6:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
7:00 p.m.	Contemplative Service (Narthex)
7:00 p.m.	Outreach Meeting (TBD)
Wednesday	
7:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
7:00 p.m.	AA (New Narthex)
7:30 p.m.	Bible Study (Off Site)
Thursday	Irenaeus (tr)
12:15 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
Friday	
6:30 p.m.	Food Pantry Open
8:30 p.m.	AA (New Narthex)
Saturday	
9:00 a.m.	Altar Guild