

Announcements July 7

Please Pray For...

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

Family and friends... Pepper, Cathy, Martha, Lucia, Ella, Canda, Susan, Sharkey, Ben, James, Morgan, Mary, Jackie, Cindy, Rodney, Kimberly, Alec, Sheila, Nina

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: Zach Heinrich and 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: Dorothy Daniel, Evan and Nancy Robinson, Dodd and Doyle families, Jane Weaver, Brad Bergmann and June Huber, EYC Missioners and Sponsors

The Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle: Cathedral Shrine, Shrine Mont

The Anglican Prayer Cycle: The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea and **The Most Revd Allan Migi**, Archbishop of Papua New Guinea

Grace Episcopal Church Prayer Cycle: **Judy Willard** and the Food Pantry volunteers who bag and distribute food to Alexandria residents in need.

Those with birthdays this week:

- 8 Mike Gentry, Kirk McPike
- 9 Diana Kellogg, Robert Schultz
- 10 Kimberly Broome, Woody Torrence, Jr.
- 12 Burrell Driscoll, Greg Hoppe

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 the Altar Guild in thanksgiving for the addition of the Rev. Jason Roberson to Grace Church; by Evan and Nancy Robinson in celebration of their 43rd wedding anniversary on July 10; and by Kristine Hesse and Greg Whitlow in celebration of their daughter Skye's birthday today. Zoom Zoom, how is it you're 25 already?

Fellowship Coffee Hour

Join us as we welcome our new Associate Rector, the Rev. Jason Roberson, with a fellowship coffee hour in the New Narthex after the 10:30 service.

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 our way to North Carolina.

Shrine Mont Registration

“Again I say rejoice!” That exhortation from Philippians 4:6 is the theme for the 2019 Grace Church getaway at Shrine Mont on September 6-8, and as previous Shrine Mont attendees will attest, the rejoicing there can take many forms and encompasses all ages. Amy Medrick and Beth Calaman have designed an online form that, starting in July, should make signing up quick and easy. You’ll be able to register either from the comfort of your own home via the Grace Church website, or at the tablet that will be set up following the combined main summer services (filling out a paper form and paying by check will also remain an option). If you have any questions, and especially if you’re unfamiliar with Shrine Mont and would like to learn more, 2019 Shrine Mont Coordinators Anne and John Boris or 2020 Shrine Mont Coordinators Jennifer and Bill Eckel would love to hear from you. Next stop, Orkney Springs!

Parish News

New Church Management Software

If we have a current email address for you, then you should have received an invitation to “Create your Grace Episcopal Church Account” with Breeze. This is our new church management software. When you create your account, you will be able to update your own profile in our database and be able to check on the status of your giving. No one else is able to get into your giving information and you can set any of your contact information to private if you don’t want it to appear in the directory this fall. Don’t have an email address, but you still want access to login? Contact the parish office and we will get you a login and temporary password set up. The office number is 703.549.1980 and you can reach the parish administrator at parish.administrator@gracealex.org.

Next Week: July 14-21

Backpack/Supply Drive for Alexandria City Public Schools

Grace Church will be a public collection site for the school supply drive set to begin July 15. Be on the lookout for plastic bins to drop your backpacks or school supplies in the commons area by the main office. Last year, our children and youth volunteered during the packing days to help stuff over 2000 backpacks with supplies for needy K-12 students in the Alexandria City school system. This year, we will offer the same volunteer opportunities for our children and youth on

- Wednesday, August 14 from 2-5 p.m.
- Thursday, August 15 from 10-1 p.m.

Please contact Jenni Faires at jenni.faires@gracealex.org if you want to participate or have any questions.

Upcoming Events

Stroller Parking

We have had lots of new babies born in the last several months! On Sunday, August 11 at 9:30 a.m., we invite all our new parents and babies to an informal breakfast gathering prior to the 10:30 a.m. service. Light breakfast fare, coffee and juice will be available as we take this opportunity to meet each other and all the new babies that have arrived in the recent weeks. Please RSVP to Jenni at jenni.faires@gracealex.org.

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.

Holiday Bazaar, December 7, 2019

The Vestry has granted Cor Medrick permission to organize a Holiday Bazaar this December as a fundraiser with the proceeds going to the Food Pantry. Cor will be opening the vendor application process to the public in mid-July but wanted to make sure that any Grace members who sell their handmade crafts or do direct sales get the first opportunity to get a table. For more information, email holidaybazaar.grace@gmail.com.

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 July 7-13

Sunday The Fourth 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

1:00 pm. Food Pantry open (until 3:00 p.m.)

Tuesday

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. Exec. Committee (New Narthex)

Wednesday

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
7:00 p.m. AA (New Narthex)
7:30 p.m. Bible Study (Off Site)

Thursday

Benedict of Nursia

12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist
5:00 p.m. DeLucian Requiem

Friday

6:30 p.m. Food Pantry Open
8:30 p.m. AA (New Narthex)

Saturday

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild
11:00 a.m. Altar Guild Luncheon
(Goodwin House – Baileys)