

## Announcements for Sunday, August 4

### Please Pray For...

**Parishioners...** Michael, Richard, Tina, Charles, Bette, Charles, Susan, Frank, Katherine, Will, Kemp, Easter, Lynn, Douglas, Christine, Mimi, Stephanie, Rosemary Claire, Leslie

**Family and friends...** Pepper, Cathy, Martha, Lucia, Ella, Canda, Susan, Ben, James, Morgan, Mary, Jackie, Cindy, Rodney, Kimberly, Alec, Sheila, Nina, Tom, Sharkey, Sue, the Thomas family, James, Joe

**Requiescat in Pace ...** Gary Krause, Kimberly Macey, Dana Keyes, Cindy Johnson 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:** 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:** Sam and Victoria Waskowicz.

**The Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle:** Members of Outreach/Mission committees and all those for whom they labor.

**The Anglican Prayer Cycle:** The Church of the Province of South East Asia and **The Most Revd Ng Moon Hing**, Archbishop of South East Asia & Bishop of West Malaysia

**Grace Episcopal Church Prayer Cycle:** Erin Kelly and those who organize and participate in TNT, the Twenties and Thirties group.

### Those with birthdays this week:

8 John Barker, Kimberly Reyes, Bob Schrott,

9 Erica McFarquhar

*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 and in celebration of Joanne Davis' birthday by Rick and Valerie Eudy.

#### **Coffee Hour**

The location for the 9:00 am Coffee Hour will be announced at the Peace.

#### **Shrine Mont Follies Meeting**

Have ideas for this year's Follies? Come join the Follies Brain Trust for a meetup in the new Narthex after the 10:30 service. All are welcome. Talent is optional. Direct questions or ideas if you can make it to [eleanor.reed@gracealex.org](mailto:eleanor.reed@gracealex.org).

#### **Church Management Software and Directory**

We are adding the online directory feature of Breeze at the end of August and also printing a hard copy for those who would prefer to have something in hand. You can also update your profile photo. If you need help doing that, have not received your invitation to Breeze or if you just want to update your contact information, please contact Amy Medrick at [parish.office@gracealex.org](mailto:parish.office@gracealex.org).

### Parish News

#### **Shrine Mont is coming sooner than you think! September 6-8**

It is hard to believe that it is August! Shrine Mont registrations have been coming in so don't forget to submit yours. Shrine Mont is an opportunity to get to know fellow parishioners in a different setting. There is a dance, porch activities, our Follies, and more. Come and relax with your Grace family.

You can register from the comfort of your own home via the Grace Church website, or fill out a paper form and pay by check after the 10:30 service, when 2019 Shrine Mont coordinators Anne and John Boris, and 2020 Shrine Mont coordinators Jennifer and Bill Eckel, would be happy to answer questions. Next stop, Orkney Springs!

### **Sunday School Teachers and Youth Sponsors Needed**

Each new program year brings the opportunity to work with our children and youth in Sunday school. If you love kids, enjoy the creative chaos that comes with teaching children and youth and can commit to spending an hour (or so) each week with our amazing young people, then joining the Christian Education team at Grace is for you! Contact Jenni Faires at [jenni.faires@gracealex.org](mailto:jenni.faires@gracealex.org) to begin the journey of the greatest volunteer job you could ever hope to have. You don't have to be the perfect teacher; you just have to have a willing heart!

### **Backpack/Supply Drive for Alexandria Public Schools**

After one week our bins are EMPTY! Take advantage of the tax-free weekend August 2-4 and the back to school specials at stores like Staples.

School supplies are on sale at all the major retailers and we need your help to fill two collection bins for lower income students in our community. Donations can be dropped off during business hours or on Sunday mornings. Designated bins will be located inside the glass doors and at the children's table as you enter the main Nave doors. Please select items from the list below:

<b>PreK-2nd Grade</b>	<b>3rd - 5th Grade</b>	<b>6th-12th Grade</b>
Backpack	Backpack	Backpack
Composition Books	1" Binder	2" Binder
Plastic Folders	Composition Book	Subject Dividers
Pencils + Crayons	Plastic Folders	5 Subject Spiral
Markers	Large Pink Erasers	Plastic Folders
Large Pink Erasers	Markers + Highlighters	Large Pink Eraser
Dry Erase Markers	Dry Erase Markers	Pencils + Pens
Supply Box	3 Ring Pencil Pouch	Markers + Highlighter
Ziploc Bags	Post-It Notes	Index Cards
Glue Sticks	Pencils + Crayons	Pencils + Pens

### **Next Week**

#### **Stroller Parking**

Families with new babies and toddlers are invited to get together prior to the Choral Eucharist at 9:30 am on Sunday, August 11. Light breakfast fare will be available during this time of fellowship and meet and greet for families with our newest additions! Email Jenni at [jenni.faires@gracealex.org](mailto:jenni.faires@gracealex.org) to join us!

#### **Monthly Requiem**

Our monthly requiem will be on August 13. If you would like to make sure that someone is included in the reading of the names, please contact the office at [parish.office@gracealex.org](mailto:parish.office@gracealex.org).

#### **Volunteer Opportunity for Children and Youth**

It is time to pack those backpacks for our neighbors in need! Last year, our volunteers helped pack over 2500 backpacks for area school children from donations (see above announcement) given across the community. Children and youth have two opportunities to volunteer:

- Wednesday, August 14 from 2-5 pm
- Thursday, August 15 from 10-1 pm

A Sign-Up Genius was sent through the Wednesday RoundUP this week. Please take a minute to register your child. You may also RSVP to Jenni at [jenni.faires@gracealex.org](mailto:jenni.faires@gracealex.org). Parents are welcome to volunteer with their child (required if child is 10 & under).

#### **Blessing of the Backpacks**

On Sunday, August 25, we will have a special service of blessing for all our students and teachers called the Blessing of the Backpacks. Students (preschool - college) and teachers are encouraged to bring their backpacks to worship on this special Sunday. Each student and teacher will receive a special blessing and a backpack tag to remind them that they go with Grace each and every day. Invite your neighbors and friends for this special service of celebration.

## Upcoming Events

### **Foyer Group Registration**

The French word “foyer” means a hearth or fireside, suggesting a small group, relaxed and open to one another. In our parish, groups of approximately ten people form a “Foyer Group”. Groups usually take turns hosting a monthly gathering in each other’s homes for a simple meal. Each group will be chaired by conveners who will organize the first meeting in October or November. Each group will establish their own preferred format and schedule.

You will meet people in our parish family you might not otherwise have an opportunity to come to know. Group selection is based on diversity. Be sure to indicate if you prefer an adult only group, need a group with children, or don’t have a preference about children attending. New friends are often made between those who may have been just names or faces in the parish for years. These groups are an opportunity for newcomers to meet members of our parish family. Please email Sharon Hickok at [shickok1@cox.net](mailto:shickok1@cox.net) if you need more information or visit [bit.ly/Grace-Foyer](http://bit.ly/Grace-Foyer) to register.

### **Boys and Girls Choir**

Does your child love to sing? Are you interested in gifting your child with the lifelong benefits of a solid foundation of a musical education? You may have even heard the children sing at Evensong, the Christmas Pageant or during the 9:00 a.m. Eucharist twice a month.

August is registration month and auditions will be held the week of August 26-30, so now is the time to consider if your child is ready to join! Children must be proficient readers and commit to rehearsals twice a week. No prior music training is required. In addition, the Boys and Girls Choir sings at two morning services per month. If you are interested in learning more or setting up a time for your child to audition, please contact Dr. Newman at [richard.newman@gracealex.org](mailto:richard.newman@gracealex.org) for further information.

### **Education for Ministry Registration Open**

Classes begin Monday, September 8, 2019. This evening Christian education program runs September – May each year. It 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 dialogue and reflection on our lived experience. Seekers welcome. The annual tuition is \$375 and it covers books and administrative costs. Limited scholarships are available. For more information, contact [julia.mcclung@gracealex.org](mailto:julia.mcclung@gracealex.org).

## In Our Community

**This week’s Food Pantry Wish List includes:** Bottled water (8 or 12 oz), Tortillas, Bagged Onions, Potatoes, Apples or Oranges. For the “Kid’s Bonus Shelf”: Gently used Small Toys and Children’s Books, Kids’ Toothbrushes and Toothpaste. Your donations of non-perishable food, toiletries and cleaning supplies as well as financial support continue to help those in need in the Alexandria community. Thank You!

### **Refugee Supplies**

Christ Church Alexandria & West End Lazarus is organizing a **Toiletries & Cleaning Supply Drive** for Refugee Families from Afghanistan. Full-size (**no travel-size please**) **Toiletries** include Shampoo/conditioner; Liquid bath soap; Toothbrushes/toothpaste; Deodorant; Lotions and Razors/shaving cream. **Cleaning Supplies** include Dish soap/sponges; Laundry detergent; All-purpose cleaners; Windex; Cleaning cloths and Toilet paper. Please drop off items labeled **Refugee Supplies** at the Food Pantry. If you’d like to contribute funds for this effort, we’ll do the shopping. Just note Food Pantry/Refugee Supplies on your check. Thank you!

### **Haiti Micah Annual Campaign Thank You for Your Support!**

**Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the Haiti Micah Project fundraising campaign!!!** Your generosity will support feeding and education programs to over 500 children in Mirebalais. 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.

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

More information about the Haiti Micah Project can be found on the following website. <https://haiti-micah.org/about-us/our-story/> If you have any questions about the donation process, please don’t hesitate to reach out to me at [jennifer.pease@gracealex.org](mailto:jennifer.pease@gracealex.org).

**Calendar for August 4-August 10**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost</b>
7:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m.	La Gracia
10:30 a.m.	Choral Eucharist
11:45 a.m.	Follies Meeting (Narthex)
5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
<b>Monday</b>	
1:00 pm.	Food Pantry open (until 3:00 p.m.)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>The Transfiguration of our Lord</b>
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
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>John Mason Neale, 1866</b>
7:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
7:00 p.m.	AA (New Narthex)
7:30 p.m.	Bible Study (Off Site)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Dominic, 1221 (tr)</b>
12:15 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
<b>Friday</b>	
6:30 p.m.	Food Pantry Open
8:30 p.m.	AA (New Narthex)
<b>Saturday</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Altar Guild