

Announcements for Sunday, September 22

Please Pray For...

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

Family and friends... Pepper, Cathy, Martha, Bruce, Jill, Michael, Rob, Don, Laura, Clare, Yanira, Kara, Margaret, Joe, Bishop Carl

Requiescat in Pace ... James Lockwood 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: Chad Iovino, 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, Virginia Robinson, the Pattarini family, Melissa and Edi Jurkovic, with daughters Elena, Ana, Mia and Olivia, Chris Slattery, John Hall, Christopher and Marjorie Corlett.

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

The Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle: McIlhaney Parish, Albermarle; St. Paul's, Ivy

The Anglican Prayer Cycle: Pray for the Church of the Province of Uganda and **The Most Revd Stanley Ntagali**, Archbishop of Uganda & and Bishop of Kampala

Grace Episcopal Church Prayer Cycle: **Khacki Berry**, Education Coordinator, and **Kelly Gable**, Vestry Youth Chair, and the volunteers who serve as Christian Formation teachers, coordinators and substitutes; in the nursery and parish library; and lead adult forums and classes

Those with birthdays this week:

22 Donna Hall, Jennifer Long
23 Janet Baker, Sarah Faires
27 Rick Eudy, Leslie Malm

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 thanksgiving for their 41st wedding anniversary by Jonathan and Lisa Doelp.

Our Sesquicentennial Nave Needlepoint Kneeler Project Completed

The 83th – and final -- needlepoint kneeler in the nave will be dedicated by Father Malm today during the 9:00am service. The project to cover all nave kneelers with needlepoint was started in 2005 to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the founding of Grace Church. Donated by Sharon and Phil Hickok and stitched by Brad Bergmann, the design called *Jewels of Light* is given by the Hickoks *In Thanksgiving for Father Bob Malm and His Ministry to Our Family and Grace Church*. Look for more information about the Sesquicentennial Nave Needlepoint Kneelers in the October issue of Grace Notes.

Kids Coffee Hour Returns

Kids of all ages are invited to grab a snack before heading to Sunday school! Kids Coffee Hour is located under the banner in the commons area beside the second floor elevator. Computer check in stations for Sunday school will also be available for parents to use to register for Sunday school and check their child/ren into classes.

Adult Forum, Auditorium 10:15 a.m.

Join us today in the auditorium for Father Malm's final Adult Forum at Grace. He'll be presenting three "Top Ten" Lists and respond to comments and questions.

Sunday School Begins

The Christian Education Year begins today! If you haven't done so already, please take a minute to register your child for Sunday school. Links for registration for Sunday school and Kids Coffee Hour are available through the Weekly RoundUp. If you are not receiving Jenni's weekly e-newsletter, please email her at jenni.faires@gracealex.org.

Sunday School and Youth Activities also begin today following the 9:00 am Choral Eucharist. Godly Play (St. Nicholas Room) and elementary classes will meet in the classrooms on the second floor for an informal Open House. Teachers will be in their classrooms ready to meet their students!

- Rite 13 will have a parent meeting in St. Luke
- J2A will have a parent meeting in St. Mark
- EYC youth will meet in their classroom.

Youth Day of Service, Today 1:00-3:00 p.m.

All youth (Rite 13, J2A and EYC) are invited to attend a fall clean-up day on the grounds of Grace this afternoon from 1:00 - 3:00. Please wear work clothes and bring gloves and any yard tools. Parents are invited to join!

Parish News

Summer Giving Slide

Over the summer months, giving tends to go down. This year, that slide hit during the month of August. Please take a minute to go online or call the office to check on the status of your pledge. Don't wait until the holiday season to play catch up.

Notes for the Malms

Notecards and a basket are available in the Commons (or in the Parish Office) for parishioners to leave a personal message for the Malms before Father Malm and Leslie leave us. The cards will be presented to them on Sunday, September 29.

Purse for Father Malm

The vestry has authorized a purse for Father Malm's retirement. If you would like to contribute, please write a check payable to Grace Church with "Malm purse" in the memo line or go to the Give Now section on Breeze to give online. The purse will be presented to him at the Founders' Day brunch along with other parting gifts.

Parishioner Information on the Website

Trying to figure out how to get to Breeze? Looking for the Special Events Calendar? Want to put someone on the prayer list or purchase flowers for the altar? You can always go to gracealex.org and find this information under "For Parishioners" in Parish Life.

Make new friends but keep the old! Join a Foyer Group!

Meet people in our parish family you might not otherwise have an opportunity to come to know! Foyer Groups are typically 10 adults who take turns hosting a monthly gathering in each other's homes for a simple meal. The first dinners will be held in October or November. Each group will establish their own preferred format and schedule. Please email Sharon Hickok at shickok1@cox.net if you need more information or visit bit.ly/Grace-Foyer to register. 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.

This Week September 23-28

Gala Reception, Friday, September 27

On Friday, September 27 there will be a gala reception held in Merrow Hall Auditorium from 6:30 to 8:30. The dress code is church appropriate. We will be having passed appetizers and heavy hors d'oeuvres buffet. This will be an adult only evening to celebrate milestone events from the last 30 years with the Malm family. A suggested donation of \$20 will help cover costs. No childcare provided.

Register as soon as possible via our website (bit.ly/Gala-Reg) if you wish to donate by credit. If you wish to make a reservation without a credit card, please contact the office at 703.549.1980 or parish.administrator@gracealex.org.

Next Week September 29-October 5

Final Sunday with Father Malm, September 29

On Sunday, September 29, after the combined 10 a.m. morning service, an all-parish gathering will celebrate Father Malm's ministry and offer thanksgiving gifts and special guests, including Bishop Peter Lee (Ret), to mark his time with us. Everyone is welcome and brunch will be provided.

Looking Ahead at October 5-6

The weekend of October 5 - 6 is shaping up to be full of Grace!

- Saturday, October 5, Grace will have a booth at Art on the Avenue, the Del Ray Arts & Craft Fair. Volunteers are needed to staff the tent and welcome children and their parents as they wait in line for face painting. You heard it right! We need volunteer face painters as well. If you are the creative type, we need your drawing skills. Email Jenni at jenni.faires@gracealex.org to volunteer.
- October 6 is the annual Blessing of the Pets in the St. Francis Garden at 4 p.m. Bring your friends and neighbors (and all your furry friends) for this special service of blessing.
- October 6 is also the first Sunday Youth Night of the year. This will be the only evening where parents aren't just invited but encouraged to attend with their youth. Special activities are planned for each group.

In Our Community

From the Food Pantry: Help Fill the Bonus Shelves!

While we continue to bring in food from the Capital Food Bank to provide our bags of staple items to our clients, our bonus shelves are looking a little bare. The bonus shelves are an important part of this ministry as it gives our clients the opportunity to pick a little something for themselves, a couple of things that are what they want rather than something to get by. Please consider bringing in items for the bonus shelves such as tortillas, bagged onions, potatoes, apples or oranges. Shelf stable fruit and milk are also popular items. Toiletries (toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, lotion, etc.) and cleaning supplies are also popular items.

We also accept items 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.

Calendar for September 22-28

Sunday	The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
7:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m.	Holy Baptism and Choral Eucharist
9:00 a.m.	La Gracia (Auditorium)
11:15 a.m.	Choral Eucharist
5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
Monday	September 23
1:00 pm.	Food Pantry open (until 3:00 p.m.)
6:30 p.m.	Education for Ministry (St. Mark)
Tuesday	September 24
10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting (St. Mark)
1:00 pm.	Food Pantry open (until 3:00 p.m.)
4:30 p.m.	Advanced Treble Rehearsal
5:30 p.m.	Novice Treble Rehearsal
6:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
Wednesday	Sergius 1392
7:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
5:30 p.m.	Combined Treble Rehearsal
7:00 p.m.	AA District One (St. Mark)
7:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m.	Bible Study (Library)
Thursday	Lancelot Andrewes, 1626
12:15 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
6:30 p.m.	Handbell Rehearsal
7:30 p.m.	11:15 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
Friday	September 27
9:00 a.m.	GES Chapel
6:30 p.m.	Food Pantry Open
6:30 p.m.	Gala Reception
8:30 p.m.	AA (St. Mark)
Saturday	September 28
9:00 a.m.	Altar Guild