

Announcements for January 19, 2020

Please Pray For...

Parishioners: Michael, Richard, Tina, Bette, Susan, Frank, Katherine, Will, Easter, Christine, Linda, Denise, Yolanda, Amanda, Audrey, John, Virginia, Sandra, Kelly

Family and friends: Pepper, Cathy, Martha, Leslie, Sally, Morgan, Matthew, William, Bianca, Tyler, Cathie, Henry, Margie, George

Requiescat in Pace: those killed in acts of terror, violence, and war around the world.

Those affected by natural disasters in: Puerto Rico, the Philippines and Australia

Those serving in Afghanistan, Iraq or Syria and all others at risk: 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, Christopher and Marjorie Corlett, Eric and Karen Coulson

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

Those travelling Karla Merritt

The Anglican Prayer Cycle: The United Church of Bangladesh and The Most Revd Samuel Sunil Mankhin, Moderator, Church of Bangladesh & Bishop of Kushtia

The Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle: Christ Ascension, Richmond; St. John's, Columbia

Grace Episcopal Church Prayer Cycle: The Clergy of Grace Episcopal Church - Interim Rector Michael B. Guy, Sr. and Associate Rector Jason Roberson

Those with birthdays this week:

19 Char Rusnak

22 Bill Eckel, Chris Kupeczyk, Alison Smith, Sandra Wishart

23 Nat Ames, Suzanne O'Malley, Liam Smith

24 Billy Faires, Charles Winstead, Brennen Ruff, Emily Lopez

Contact the Parish Office with your prayer requests or submit them on the website at: <http://bit.ly/Grace-Prayer>. Requests will be removed after 4 weeks unless renewed.

A Prayer for Our Search Process

Almighty and gracious God, be with us and guide us; open our hearts and minds, and teach us. Fill us with wisdom and an awareness of your vision as we seek a new rector for Grace Church. Grant continued grace and commitment to those who are called to serve as members of the search committee, that they may become faithful companions to each other, to the vestry, and to this parish. Grant us an adventurous spirit, willing to attempt new tasks and embrace new ways, and make us ever mindful of the need to listen to your still, small voice; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Parish News

Pledge Envelopes

Did you receive envelopes and you don't want them as you pay online? Did you not receive them for the new year? Contact the office (parish.office@gracealex.org or 703.549.1980) and let us know. We can:

- mark it in our system that you don't want to receive envelopes
- check your address to make sure they are going to the right place
- see about getting you a blank copy of the 1st quarter envelopes if there was a postal snafu or your pledge came in after we had to turn in our print list

Vestry Candidates

At the January 26 annual parish meeting, we will elect five new vestry members for three-year terms. Eight parishioners have kindly agreed to stand for election. They are: Alison Campbell, Ford Chinworth, Jenny Cline, Paul Hanley, Phil Hickok, Mike Jones, Erin Kelly, and Stephanie Reed. A booklet of background information on and statements from each candidate will be available shortly.

Inquirers Class

Are you new to Grace? Have you been thinking about being baptized or joining the church? Perhaps you have been considering renewing your baptismal vows. If any of these questions apply to you, please consider joining the Inquirer's Class. Classes will take the place of the Adult Forum during Lent: 2/23, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, and 3/29. This year, we will be using a new resource, Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs & Practices, written by Scott Gunn & Melody Wilson Shobe. Books will be available for purchase on 2/16. This class is open to anyone in our community, whether you are considering confirmation or not. We hope to have a room full of people to discuss the essential practices of our faith!

Today

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by Chuck and Sherryl Dodd in thanksgiving for their wedding anniversary and for the birth of their grandson, Henry Dodd, on January 10th.

Adult Forum – Budget for 2020 (Auditorium)

The 2020 budget will be presented during the Adult Forum today by our Treasurer, Mary Stewart. Please plan on attending this special forum as we prepare for ministry in the new year.

Rosary Group

Following the 11:15 a.m. Choral Eucharist, the Rosary Group will be meeting at the Lady Altar. Newcomers are welcome. Rosaries are provided.

This Week, January 20-25

Parish Office, Food Pantry and Grace Episcopal School Closed January 20th

In recognition of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the office, food pantry and the school will be closed. If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact the clergy using the after-hours emergency number **703-594-1265**.

Next Week January 26 - February 1

January 26: Annual Meeting – Please Note Service Time is 10:00 a.m.

On January 26th, we will be holding hold one 10:00 service in lieu of our regular 9:00 and 11:15 services. The Annual Meeting will follow in Merrow Hall Auditorium.

Fellowship and the Coffee Hour volunteers are providing an expanded coffee hour / brunch following the service and before the Annual Meeting. Please consider contributing brunch items for the table. Food items can be dropped off at the third floor kitchen at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday morning. For more information, contact Lynn.Rohrs@gracealex.org or Kemp.Williams@gracealex.org

January 26: Hoagie Sale Pre-Order

Be sure to reserve your hoagies at the Annual Meeting. EYC youth will be available to take your order before and after the meeting with hoagie delivery on February 2 during the 9:00 and 11:15 am Coffee Hours. Proceeds from the sale go toward the EYC Summer Mission Trip.

January 26: More Jesus, More Love Revival

As part of the Diocese of Washington's Annual Conference, there is a revival with Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry at 2:00 p.m. at the Entertainment and Sports Arena in Southeast Washington, D.C. General Admission tickets are available for those wishing to attend. For more information or to get a ticket, visit edow.org/morejesus

February 1 at 11:00 a.m.: Altar Guild Meeting and Brunch

The Altar Guild will be holding the semi-annual Altar Guild Meeting and Brunch on February 1st. The meeting will convene at 11:00 a.m.

February 1-2: EYC Lock-in and Hoagie Sale

The EYC will hold their annual lock in on February 1 at 7:00 p.m. Please let Heather Kelly know if you are planning on attending. Hoagie delivery will be on February 2 during the 9:00 and 11:15 am Coffee Hours.

Upcoming Events

February 2: Candlemas

We will celebrate the Feast of the Presentation: Candlemas at all services on February 2. At the 11:15 service, there will be a choral mass setting by Michael Haydn for strings, choir, and organ.

February 3-7: First Brown Bag Lunch Week for 2020

First Brown Bag alert for the new year, February 3 thru 7. Needed for our week (February 3-7) are two servers for each day and a total of 200 sandwiches. Please look for the signup list on the outreach bulletin board, or email Linda.Waskowicz@gracealex.org if you can help. Instructions are on the board.

February 8 at 1:00 p.m.: Neal Goodson Requiem Service

The Requiem Eucharist for Neal Goodson will be held at Goodwin House Bailey's Crossroad at 1:00 p.m. on February 8th. There will be a reception to follow.

February 9, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.: Chili Bowl Save the Date!

Sunday, February 9, is the annual Grace Church Chili Bowl! Time to start building your teams and coming up with the winning theme for your booth. Please email Jenni at Jenni.Faires@gracealex.org if your area of ministry is planning on participating.

In Our Community

Hypothermia Shelter Volunteers Needed for February and March

The Church of St. Clement of Alexandria provides this shelter to the homeless, and Grace Church supports their effort. We still need help on Monday, Feb. 10 and Monday, Mar. 2. The two shifts are 7:20 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. & 11:50 p.m. – 6:00 a.m. It is an easy way to make a difference and SAVE LIVES. Please sign up for our Winter Overflow Shelter ministry on gracealex.org. For more information, contact Scott Knudsen at sknudsen@earthlink.net or 571-232-0375.

Grace Flower Delivery Ministry Seeks Drivers

Would you like to make someone's day? Drivers deliver floral arrangements made from the altar flowers to 2-3 parishioners each week. The clergy picks someone who is having some sort of life event – a birthday, an anniversary, or it could be an illness, accident or a loss. If you are interested in donating time on Mondays to deliver flowers, please contact Mike Reed at Mike.Reed@gracealex.org.

From the Library

Last month in Grace Notes, Jay O'Malley announced a free book giveaway from the parish library to help reduce a surplus. It starts this Sunday. Each week, a number of books will be left on the library conference table free for the taking. Drop by the library and grab a book that grabs you. Or take as many as you like. There will be biographies, theological works, novels, devotional works, and many other categories. Some of them merely duplicate others that will remain on the shelves. Some are from Father Malm's personal collection. New books will be added every week. (Please take only the ones on the conference table.)

From the Food Pantry

Would you like to give on a regular schedule, but it falls off your radar? Here's a thought – set up an Amazon subscription that is delivered to the food pantry on a regular basis. The Subscribe and Save section of Amazon carries lots of household goods including groceries and the cost of the items go down if you set up a recurring delivery! The price of twelve cans of black beans goes from \$9.76 to \$9.27 when you set up a subscription AND you don't have to carry twelve cans. Your generosity in giving non-perishable foods, toiletries, cleaning supplies, reusable paper grocery bags and financial support helps the Pantry fulfill its mission to help our Alexandria neighbors in need. Thank you!

Calendar January 20-25

Monday **Parish Office, Food
Pantry & School Closed**
6:30 p.m. Education for Ministry
 (St. Mark)

Tuesday **Agnes of Rome**
1:00 p.m. Food Pantry Open
 (until 3:00)
4:30 p.m. Adv. Treble Rehearsal
5:30 p.m. Novice Treble Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Wednesday **Vincent**
7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
5:30 p.m. Combined Treble Choir
7:00 p.m. AA District One (St. Luke)
7:30 p.m. 9:00 Adult Choir
 Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Bible Study (Library)
8:00 p.m. AA/Al-Anon
 (Auditorium)

Thursday **Phillip Brooks**
12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist
6:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. 11:15 Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday
9:00 a.m. GES Chapel
6:30 p.m. Food Pantry Open
 (until 7:30)
8:30 p.m. AA (St. Mark)

Saturday
9:00 a.m. Altar Guild