

Announcements for February 9, 2020

Please Pray For...

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

Family and friends: Pepper, Cathy, Martha, Margie, George, Scott, Don

Requiescat in Pace: The Rev. Dr. Jean Dalby Clift, Norman Wohlken, Cathie Wallace and all 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, Nikolai Karamyshev, Elizabeth Imphong

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

Those travelling: Virginia Robinson, Sam Jimenez, Michelle and Will Mackie, Brad Bergmann and June Huber

The Anglican Prayer Cycle: The Anglican Church of Canada and The Most Revd Linda Nicholls, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada

The Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle: Buck Mountain, Earlysville; St. Mary's, Arlington; St. Peter's in the Woods, Fairfax Station

Grace Episcopal Church Prayer Cycle: The Administrative and Pastoral Lay Staff of Grace Church – Jenni Faires, Assistant to the Rector for Family Ministries and Evangelism; Amy Medrick, Parish Administrator; and Beth Calaman, Financial Administrator

Those with birthdays this week:

- 10 Bert David, Dina Martinez
- 11 Betty Lawson, Kelley Miller
- 12 Hamilton Acabal, Peregrine Enger, Elizabeth Legere
- 13 Libby Padilla, Lucy-Lee Reed
- 15 Catherine Giacomo

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**Rector Discernment Committee Announces Listening Sessions**

The Grace Rector Discernment Committee invites you to participate in the process of reflection and self-discovery that will inform our collective effort to call a new rector. One of the ways you can do so is by attending a “Listening Session,” wherein members of the Discernment Committee will meet with small groups of parishioners to gather their feedback.

The first Listening Session will take place Sunday, February 23, during the Forum Hour following the conclusion of the 9 a.m. service. The second Listening Session will take place Tuesday, February 25, at 7:30 p.m., following the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper.

There are several other ways to share your thoughts and comments with the Discernment Committee. You can leave a written comment in the Discernment Committee’s Comment Box, located in the first-floor foyer near the parish office. You may also email the Committee at discernment.committee@gracealex.org.

As counseled by diocesan best practices, the Committee will be interviewing longtime members of Grace to broaden our understanding of the history of the parish and to gain perspective about the future.

The preliminary input we receive from parishioners will help inform a parish-wide survey to be conducted this spring.

Please feel free to contact the Committee's Co-Chairs, Mary Hix (maryhix@gmail.com) and Robby Schrum (robert.schrum@gmail.com), with questions or comments.

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: 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 are available for purchase in the front office or by seeing Jenni or Father Jason. 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!

Annual Statements

Please check in the Commons for your Annual Statement. They will be available today and next Sunday. After that, the remaining statements will be sent by U.S. Mail.

Today

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving by the Altar Guild.

Adult Forum: EYC Mission (Auditorium)

The EYC Mission Team will share their experiences from the 2019 summer mission trip to Rose Hill, NC, an area in Eastern North Carolina ravaged from Hurricane Florence's flood waters. Our youth learned valuable lessons from this experience and are excited to present this forum.

Volunteer Luncheon for Food Pantry Volunteers (St. Mark)

The luncheon for the Food Pantry volunteers is immediately following the 9:00 a.m. service. in St. Mark's Room.

Chili Bowl Tonight from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

The Chili Bowl is tonight! Come one, come all to the greatest tastes in town! Merrow Hall Auditorium will be filled with the delicious smells of home-cooked

chili provided by our different ministry teams. Bring \$5 for your tasting spoon and lots of dollar bills so you can vote for your favorite recipe! If you have been visiting Grace and are interested in coming, contact Jenni at jenni.faires@gracealex.org for all the details.

This Week, February 10-15

Friday, February 14: Valentine's Day Date Night Fundraiser

Has it been a while since you have had a night out with your special someone? Valentine's Day is just around the corner!

The Grace Church J2A youth and their adult sponsors are providing parents a great opportunity to enjoy a date night with your someone special for \$25/child from 6:00pm to 10:00pm, Friday, February 14th. Doors open and sign-up will begin at 6:00pm on the 2nd floor by the elevator. There will be movies, snacks, pizza, drinks, and games! Lots of fun for the kids while you enjoy your evening out! Reservations can be made by clicking on the links found in the following locations:

- The banner on the gracealex.org website
- Wednesday RoundUp email on 2/5
- Grace Church E-News on 2/7

All proceeds from this event are designated to help fund the J2A Pilgrimage in Summer of 2021.

Friday, February 14: J2A Lock-In

Following the J2A babysitting event, we will be holding a Lock-in for our J2A youth and sponsors. In addition to a wonderful bonding opportunity, we will begin our discernment for the 2021 Pilgrimage.

Saturday, February 15: Altar Guild Luncheon

The Altar Guild will be holding their semi-annual Altar Guild Meeting and Brunch on February 15th. The meeting will convene at 11:00 a.m.

Next Week February 16-22

Adult Forum

Our parishioners Dr. Henry Ziegler and Mr. Edward Kussy will be talking about their two-week trip to Tanzania this fall. Dr. Ziegler has been going to Tanzania multiple times a year, as part of the mission to Tanzania, but this is the first time for Mr. Kussy. They will describe the medical and community health programs in

an urban poverty community in Tanzania's largest city. Mr. Kussy, who is an environmental lawyer, will describe what it is like as a short-term missionary without a medical background.

Monday, February 17: Office and Food Pantry Closed

Due to the federal holiday, the office and food pantry will be closed.

Lenten Events

Tuesday, February 25: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Join us for a Pancake Supper in Merrow Hall Auditorium. Rite 13 and J2A will be cooking and serving a pancake supper as we usher in the Lenten Season, which begins the next day with Ash Wednesday.

Wednesday, February 26: Ash Wednesday Service Times

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m. GES Holy Eucharist
12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Family Service
7:30 p.m. Bilingual Choral Eucharist

Confession During Lent

Did you know that The Book of Common Prayer of the Episcopal Church contains the Rite of Reconciliation of a Penitent (pp. 446-452). Also known as the Rite of Confession, it is not restricted to times of sickness, and it is available for all who desire it. As we say in the Anglican tradition, "All may, some should, none must." During this season of Lent, Fr. Michael and Fr. Jason are available to hear confessions by appointment. Please email them at michael.guy@gracealex.org or jason.roberston@gracealex.org. You may also call the church office at 703-549-1980 to make an appointment.

Additional Daily Services Begin

The Stations of the Cross will be held at 12:15 on Fridays and an additional Holy Eucharist will be held on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

United Thank Offerings – Coming in Lent!

The Episcopal Church is starting a third year of providing a special UTO Lenten Devotional Calendar. This calendar will help introduce you to the recipients of the 2019 UTO Grants and 2019 Young Adult and Seminarian Grants as well as

reminding us of our blessings. To learn more about the United Thank Offering, please visit episopalchurch.org/uto

In Our Community

Volunteers Still Needed for Hypothermia Shelter!

People without a home need a warm place for the night during winter's coldest months. The Church of St. Clement of Alexandria provides this shelter to the homeless, and Grace Church supports their effort. Our remaining dates of service are Monday, Feb. 10 and Monday, Mar. 2. Volunteers are still urgently needed for the overnight shift (11:50 p.m. – 6:00 a.m.) on both nights!

Service in this ministry is an easy way to make a difference and SAVE LIVES. Please sign up on SignupGenius via the gracealex.org website. For more information, contact Scott Knudsen at sknudsen@earthlink.net or 571-232-0375.

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: What's Hot and Spicy?

Chili, of course! Sample amazing Chili Bowl offerings this evening. Shop this week for hearty meal ingredients like Onions, Potatoes, Carrots, Canned Ham and Tuna. Warm up the tables of Alexandria families in need. Can't shop? Gift Cards to local grocery stores can help. The Food Pantry will shop for you! Drop off validated Gift Cards @ the Church office. The Food Pantry cheerfully accepts non-perishable foods, toiletries, cleaning supplies and financial contributions (note "Food Pantry" on check memo line or electronic contribution). Thank you for your generosity!

Calendar for February 10-15

Monday

Grace Night at the Hypothermia Shelter
1:00 p.m. Food Pantry Open (until 3:00)
6:30 p.m. Education for Ministry (St. Mark)
7:00 p.m. GES Executive Committee (St. Luke)

Tuesday

1:00 p.m. Food Pantry Open (until 3:00)
4:30 p.m. Advanced Treble Rehearsal
5:30 p.m. Novice Treble Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist
7:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting (St. Mark Room)

Wednesday

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

12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist – *Absalom Jones*
6:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. 11:15 Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday

GES Closed
5:30 p.m. J2A Valentine's Day Babysitting
6:30 p.m. Food Pantry Open (until 7:30)
8:30 p.m. AA (St. Mark)
10:00 p.m. J2A Lock-In

Saturday

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild
11:00 a.m. Altar Guild Luncheon Meeting (Auditorium)