

## Announcements for February 16, 2020

### Please Pray For...

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

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

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

**Those affected by:** the war in Yemen; natural disasters in Puerto Rico and Australia; and those suffering from Coronavirus around the world.

**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:** Brad Bergmann and June Huber, Nick and Kelsey Robinson

**The Anglican Prayer Cycle:** The Church of the Province of Central Africa and The Most Revd Albert Chama, the Bishop of Northern Zambia

**The Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle:** Grace, The Plains; St. George's, Arlington; St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School, Alexandria

**Grace Episcopal Church Prayer Cycle:** The Board and staff of Grace Episcopal School, Patricia Culbreth, Head of School, and Jan Wolff, School Board Chair.

### Those with birthdays this week:

- 17 Kate Reeder
- 18 Curtis Marshall, Alexandra Milnor
- 19 Rosemary Madras, Ashley Spencer, Mary Toler
- 21 Anne McFadden, Pamela Valenzuela, Seamus White
- 22 Jean Goodson, Andrew Lorentz

*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.

## **Discernment Committee News**

Parishioner Phil Smith has been selected by the Vestry to fill the position on the Discernment Committee left vacant by the recent death of Howell Medley. We welcome Phil to this important role and look forward to the skills he brings to the rector search process. Discernment Committee members currently include:

### **Co-Chairs**

Mary Hix  
Robby Schrum

### **Committee Members**

Carlos Arboleda  
Tracy Enger  
Heather Hurley  
Elizabeth Legere  
Bill Malone  
Phil Smith  
Jan Wolff

## **Today**

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

### **Adult Forum: Tanzania (St. John Room)**

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; 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.

### **Rosary Group (Library)**

On the third Sunday of each month, a group of parishioners gather after the 11:15 service to pray the rosary together. All are welcome, and no experience praying the rosary is necessary. Instructions and rosary beads will be provided.

## **Parish News**

### **Inquirers' Class**

Time to pick up your books! See Jenni or Jason for a copy or *Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs & Practices*. Cost per book is \$17. Checks can be made payable to Grace Episcopal Church. Please put Inquirers Class in memo line.

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 Inquirers' 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. 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!

**Newcomers:** Please email Jenni at [jenni.faires@gracealex.org](mailto:jenni.faires@gracealex.org) if you plan to attend the Inquirers' Class. We want to be sure you have all necessary materials and information.

### **Chili Bowl Thank You!**

Many thanks to all the ministry teams and individuals who worked to make the Chili Bowl such a great success! Over \$4,000 was raised as members of the Grace church and school and the larger Del Ray

community sampled delicious chili and sides. The winner for the blind taste test judging for both meat and vegetarian chili was the Grace School Cooking Club! The People's Choice Award went to Rite 13 and Best Presentation was EYC. The best Non-Chili Award went to Nancy and Evan Robinson for their Bread Pudding. Check out the pictures on Facebook or in the next issue of Grace Notes.

### **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](mailto:michael.guy@gracealex.org) or [jason.roberston@gracealex.org](mailto:jason.roberston@gracealex.org). You may also call the church office at 703-549-1980 to make an appointment.

### **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 [episcopalchurch.org/uto](http://episcopalchurch.org/uto).

### **Grace Notes looking for new editor and layout help**

The Communications team is seeking a replacement for our long-time editor. The time commitment is between 4 – 6 hours a month, which occurs in the third week of the month to meet the production schedule. The editor compiles the articles that are submitted and edits them to comply with the style sheet. It would be helpful if the editor could assist in the layout, trading off that duty with the other members of the team. If interested, please contact [kristine.hesse@gracealex.org](mailto:kristine.hesse@gracealex.org).

### **Please Support the Altar Fund**

Did you know the Altar Guild is not funded with your pledge? We rely on monthly donations from parishioners. Donations to the Altar Guild fund the wafers and wine at each service, our beautiful candles, fine linens, and vestments. We wash, iron, mend, polish, and refurbish items to extend their useful life, but things do need to be replaced over time. And, we sell used candles periodically to raise funds, but that covers just a small fraction of the costs.

Please consider donating \$5 a month, or \$60 per year. To do so, you can use the pink envelopes among your pre-printed offering envelopes (please write "Altar Guild" in the memo line of checks), or you can use the Tithely app to make one-time or recurring donations (select "Altar Guild" in the "Give To" field).

### **Think Outside the Kitchen!**

It might be 'Ordinary Time' in the Church. But it's 'Outside The Kitchen' time at the Food Pantry! Shop this week for items like Laundry Detergent, All-Purpose Cleaner, Toilet Paper, Dental Supplies, Infant Formula, Baby Food and Diapers. Cleaning Supplies and Personal Hygiene items are greatly appreciated by our 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 at 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!

### **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 date of service is 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](http://gracealex.org) website. For more information, contact Scott Knudsen at [sknudsen@earthlink.net](mailto:sknudsen@earthlink.net) or 571-232-0375.

## **Upcoming Calendar Events**

### **This Week, February 17-22**

#### **Monday, February 17: Office and Food Pantry Closed**

In observance of the federal holiday, the office and food pantry will be closed.

### **Next Week February 23-29**

#### **Adult Forum – Rector Discernment Committee Listening Sessions (Auditorium)**

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,” where 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. Childcare will be available if necessary. Please email Jenni at [jenni.faires@gracealex.org](mailto:jenni.faires@gracealex.org) if childcare is needed.

#### **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. The pancake supper will be followed by the second Listening Session with the Discernment Committee.

#### **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

#### **Additional Daily Services Begin on Friday, February 28**

The Stations of the Cross will be held at 12:15 followed by the Holy Eucharist on Fridays in Lent. An additional Holy Eucharist will be held on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

## Calendar for February 17-22

### Monday

6:30 p.m. Office and Food Pantry closed for President's Day  
Education for Ministry (St. Mark)

### Tuesday

6:00 a.m. Fire Inspection  
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 – *Martin Luther*  
7:00 p.m. GES Finance Committee (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  
6:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal  
7:30 p.m. 11:15 Adult Choir Rehearsal

### Friday

9:00 a.m. GES Holy Eucharist  
6:30 p.m. Food Pantry Open (until 7:30)  
8:30 p.m. AA (Auditorium)

### Saturday

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild  
5:00 p.m. GES Bingo Night (Auditorium)