

## Announcements for February 2, 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, Leslie, Sally, Morgan, Matthew, William, Bianca, Tyler, Cathie, Margie, George, Jean, Scott, Don

**Requiescat in Pace:** Howell Medley, and 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:** Jane Weaver, Virginia Robinson, Sam Jimenez

**The Anglican Prayer Cycle:** The Anglican Church of Burundi and The Most Revd Martin Blaise Nyaboho, Archbishop of Burundi & Bishop of Makamba

**The Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle:** Resurrection, Alexandria; St. Anne's Parish, Scottsville

**Grace Episcopal Church Prayer Cycle:** The Music Staff of Grace Episcopal Church - Dr. Richard Newman, Director of Music and Francisco Robles, La Gracia Musician.

### Those with birthdays this week:

2 Karla Merritt

3 Perrin Chiow, Kyle Laemmle

4 Lottie Henry

5 Lesley Gable

Mario Chamorro, Vivienne Egaas, Kelly Gable, Joseph Giacomo,  
Dan Wakefield

*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**

### **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 and 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 the Altar Guild in thanksgiving for the presidency of Eleanor Reed, the upcoming presidency of Julia McClung and in memory of Howell Medley.

### **Adult Forum: A History of Candlemas (St. John Room)**

Father Jason will present a brief history of the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple, also known as Candlemas. The presentation will cover scriptural references, liturgical customs, and different traditions around the world.

### **Hoagie Pick Up**

Be sure to pick up your pre-ordered hoagies during the 9:00 or 11:15 a.m. coffee hours. First come, first served on the extras! Meat and veggie options available for \$5 a piece!

### **This Week, February 3 – 8**

#### **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 8<sup>th</sup>. There will be a reception to follow.

### **Next Week February 9 – 15**

#### **February 9: Adult Forum – EYC Mission**

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.

#### **February 9 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – Chili Bowl**

The Chili Bowl is 2 weeks away! Merrow Hall Auditorium will be filled with the delicious smells of home cooked chili. 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](mailto:jenni.faires@gracealex.org) for all the details.

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **March 1: Save the Date Food Packing Event**

Sunday, March 1 our youth will participate in a large-scale food packing event in Merrow Hall Auditorium from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. with other youth from Christ Church and Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill. Our goal for a one-hour block of time is 10,000 meals! Look for a SignUp Genius coming soon!

## **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 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.)

### **Brown Bag Lunch Program**

Thank you to all who have volunteered to serve or make sandwiches for the Brown Bag Lunch program, February 3 - 7. Our next commitment is March 9 - 13.

### **From the Food Pantry: Light Up The Pantry!**

It's Candlemas and we think of Christ, the Light of the World. Brighten up the tables of Alexandria families in need. Shop this week for Cereal, Tortillas, Corn Meal and Dried Black & Small Red Beans (1 lb. packages) and White Rice (1 lb. packages). 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 3-8

### Monday

Brown Bag Lunch Program (all week)  
1:00 p.m. Food Pantry Open (until 3:00)  
6:30 p.m. Education for Ministry (St. Mark)

### Tuesday

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. Monthly Requiem

### Wednesday

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist – *Martyrs of Japan*  
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 Chapel  
6:30 p.m. Food Pantry Open (until 7:30)  
8:30 p.m. AA (St. Mark)

### Saturday

9:00 a.m. GES Kindergarten Playdate  
9:00 a.m. Altar Guild  
1:00 p.m. Neal Goodson Requiem  
(Goodwin House Bailey's Crossroads)