

NeverTheLess – January 13, 2019

WELCOME TO ALL, especially if you are visiting us today. We are delighted to have you here. If you are visiting, we invite you to fill out a pew card and put it in the plate.

NAMETAGS ... we have some new staff, and we're seeing lots of new visitors. Please wear your nametag to help the newer folks know who we all are; it is the easiest way to offer radical hospitality! If you don't have one, please let Margaret know – 798.6336.

STAYING CONNECTED would you like to receive our weekly news email (Wednesdays) and/or our Weekly Meditation (Fridays)? If so, please contact Margaret in the office, 798.6336 or margaret@stjamestheless.church to have your email added to our list.

4TH QUARTER: THE CENTER FOR MATURING SPIRITUALITY 4th Quarter is resuming their activities; if you are interested in exploring any of these programs, please call Beth Harrison at (540) 903.7000. Gather at the Rectory, unless otherwise noted. There is no charge, but often food is involved and we want to make sure to have enough.

- Adult Bible Study – Sundays at 8:45 am
- Grief and Gratitude – Mondays at 10:30 am
- Sanctuary – Mondays at 1 pm
- At Home Ashland – Wednesdays at 3 pm (Trackside)
- Soup and Soul – Thursdays at Noon
- Art and Creativity as Spiritual Practice – 1st and 3rd Fridays, 1 pm
- Memory Workshop – day and time TBD at mutually convenient
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- Dream Group – day and time TBD at mutually convenient

If you would like to receive a monthly email newsletter with a schedule of 4th Quarter activities, please let Margaret know to add your email address to the growing list.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE: On the table outside the office, stop by to pick up your pledge envelope or pledge number, if you opted out of the envelopes. As of Monday, January 7, we have received 91 pledges totaling \$314,425.00. Thank you to everyone who has pledged so far.

CHENERY COMMITTEE UPDATE Special thanks to the following parishioners who recently completed their three-year term serving on the Chenery Committee: George Field, Joanne Flanagan and Doris Hassell. Parishioners beginning new three-year terms in January are Liz Chambers and Neale Smith. In addition, Doris Hassell is serving another three-year term and Stephanie Higgins is serving a two-year term filling the vacancy created by Will Reed who recently accepted an open Vestry position. Additional members of the Chenery Committee include Faith Boyle, Melissa Hoar, Beth Markwood, Sylvia Spagna and Ian Sutton. For 2019, Beth will serve as Chair and Liz will serve as Secretary. A report on the Chenery Committee will be available as part of the upcoming Annual Report.

The Christopher T. Chenery Fund was established in 1973 to honor Mr. Chenery, a former parishioner, and owner of horse racing's triple crown winner, Secretariat. The committee consists of parishioners appointed by the Vestry and Rector, each serving a three-year term, to administer requests for funding. The Fund supports charities, outreach programs and parishioners' participation in retreats, conferences, camps and classes designed to promote Christian spiritual growth. The Fund also tithes to the Building Fund, the church budget and the principle reinvestment.

Expanding on Called To Peace. And Be Thankful Late last year the St. James the Less staff participated in a prayerful discussion about where God is moving at our church, where our country and culture are going, and how we are thinking in these times. The seeds of discussion

took us to scripture where we found that Colossians 3:12-17 resonated deeply. We summed up the spirit of the message in a phrase from Colossians 3:15, *Called to peace. And be thankful.* Then at our Shrine Mont parish retreat, we discussed the theme at length with everyone who attended. During 2019, we will use *Praying Shapes Believing*, our Friday e-meditations, to explore through contemplation and action our individual and collective opportunities to realize this theme. If you are not signed up to receive *Praying Shapes Believing* and would like to be, please contact Margaret, in the office: 798.6336 or margaret@stjamestheless.church. And please, share these meditations with friends and invite them to be on our distribution list. These messages are for all.

OUTREACH and COMMUNITY

ASHLAND CHRISTIAN EMERGENCY CENTER (ACES) we have a bin in the hallway dedicated to donations to ACES; pinned up above the bin is a current list of items ACES folks need most.

PRAYER LIST – January 13, 2019 *(people added this week are in italics)*

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the clergy and congregations of Epiphany, Herndon; Grace, Casanova

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Anglican Church the Anglican Church of Australia; The Most Rev. Philip Leslie Freier - Archbishop of Melbourne & Primate of Australia

Metro Richmond Cycle of Prayer: We pray to overcome in Christ's name the heritage of racism: To experience the victory of Jesus' resurrection over all personal and institutional results of racism and racial inequity in this metropolitan city.

For the repose of souls: Virginia Thomas

For our parishioners requesting our prayers: GUS Miller, PAT Funk, DICK Harman, HENRY Mayer, ERIN Yagla, STEWART Dishman, DON Jones, JOANIE Burgoyne, GAYELLEN Wagner, STEVE Pace, ANNA Stiles, MARY ANN Kinser, BILL Blakemore, FAN Cox Etienne, the DAVIS-PENLAND Family, MARTIN Leggott, JANE Newchok, JOHN Murphy

For those serving in the diplomatic corps, the military, and as missionaries: KEMPER Jones, GREG Ericksen, MATTHEW Thomas, PHILIP Morison, JAMES Ashley, ANDREW Brunson

Relatives & Friends: ANNE MARIE Fisher (friend of the Jones family); WILL Holman (friend of the SJTL Parish); AUBREY Fletcher (friend of Ann and Wilbur Lawrence); TOM Slaughter (brother of Ann Lawrence); DAVID Willis (friend of the parish and the Ashland community); JAMIE Hopkins (brother of Ron Hopkins); DOREEN Welfel (sister of Dawn Stockbridge); DONNA Hoffman (friend of Ginny and Karl Meyer); JOYCE Burgess (friend of Ginny and Karl Meyer); DONNA Jerome Schumacher and her son, TRAVIS (friends of Margaret Rush); ERIN van Horne (friend of Marcia and Dale Hill); AMELIE (friend of Steve and Naomi Pace); CONSTANCE Geisenderfer (mother of Kathy Marshall); SUSAN Johnston (friend of the SJTL parish); BILL Napper (family of Tony Martin); CHRIS Duvall (friend of Doris Hassell); DEBBIE Hill (friend of Pat Jordan); Rev. MARK Holland, St. Stephen's Baptist (friend of Father Rock)

Altar flowers this week are given in loving memory of Mary Bridges, by her family.