

NeverTheLess – January 27, 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.

CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE TODAY at 5 pm, join us for a contemplative service of poetry, music and prayer. Bring a friend, all are welcome.

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.

LUNCH FOR FAMILIES WITH YOUNGER CHILDREN! We invite you and your family to lunch with Father Rock and our Welcome Committee, Sunday, February 17 at 11:30 in Brydon Hall. Your children are also welcome. Please RSVP to the office, 798.6336, or simply reply to this email. We are glad you are here!

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 27, 2019 *(people added this week are in italics)*

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the clergy and congregations of Vauter's, Loretto; Christ Church, Spotsylvania

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil, The Most Rev. Naudal Alves Gomes - Primate of Brazil & Bishop of Curitiba

Metro Richmond Cycle of Prayer: We pray to overcome in Christ's name the heritage of racism: To proclaim in word and deed the establishment of a beloved community in Metropolitan Richmond.

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** Kinsler, **BILL** Blakemore, **FAN** Cox Etienne, the **DAVIS-PENLAND** Family, **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)