

NeverTheLess - October 7, 2018

TODAY AND COMING SOON

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.

ST. CECILIA CHOIR RESUMES If your children love to sing, the St. Cecilia Choir is starting back up, Thursdays at 4:45 pm. Open to 1st graders through 5th grade, no audition necessary.

SINGING CHOIR AND HANDBELLS, TOO. If you like to sing, or ring a bell, the grown up choirs are accepting new folks, too. Contact Pam James for more information.

FUR AND FIN AND FEATHER AND ...today at 5:30 pm, bring your beloved pet(s) (or a picture, if they are skittish) for a blessing.

GOOD WORK: THE CENTER FOR ELDER SPIRITUALITY Begin thinking about where your growing edge might be. Among our offerings for October will be a book discussion group on issues of aging as a spiritual process (convened by Beth Harrison), a workshop on non-violent communication (led by Julie Ericksen), a workshop on journaling (led by Phyllis Theroux), a weekly exploration of dreamwork (led by Bill Harrison), a course on the life and teachings of Jesus, which might work for those whose Sundays are crowded with other responsibilities (led by Beth Harrison), creative explorations in art, a movie night (*Quartet* is the first in this series), and many other offerings. Cathy Cawley, an experienced retreat leader, will facilitate workshops on centering prayer and Lectio Divina. We will begin a meditation group. We will have sessions on telling our stories, and following that process, Sandy Shirey will lead a workshop on planning our funerals. The invitation to this spiritual feast will be sent out next week. What speaks to your soul right now? What food do you need for the journey? Please contact Beth Harrison with your questions and ideas.

WELCOME NEWCOMERS! YOU'RE INVITED TO LUNCH! If you've been coming to St. James the Less for only a short time (and you get to define that!), please join us next Sunday, **October 14** at 11:30 in the Rectory for lunch and fellowship with other newcomers, Father Rock, and our Welcome Committee. Children are welcome.

OUTREACH

EMPTY BOWLS - A SJTL FOOD & BACKPACK MINISTRY EVENT **NEW DATE: NOVEMBER 10!** Choose a hand made bowl to fill with soup. Keep the bowl as a reminder that there are always empty bowls around the world. Tickets for this event are \$30 each and are available at re-funk-it, at The Supply Room Company, or here in the office at SJTL. Contact Margaret to reserve your ticket.

CARITAS OCTOBER 20-27, 2018 This year we are excited to serve CARITAS by hosting families who are temporarily homeless. We will have 15-30 folks, mothers or fathers, and children, to care for every night. It will take our whole village to show them care and give them a great week. You will find sign-up sheets at Information Central for opportunities to Volunteer your time, Donate, and/or Loan items to make our guests feel welcome. Sign up on the sheets, or contact Dani Stockwell, 798.6548

- **CARITAS Volunteer Opportunities include:** Evening hosts; Overnight chaperones; Set-up/Clean-up; Family activity leaders; Van drivers and co-pilots; and Laundry helpers.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

USHERS Ushering is an easy, yet vitally important, role to the smooth running of Sunday worship. If you are interested, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board at Information Central, or contact Margaret in the office. Sign up for a week, or 2, or a whole month.

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS We are seeking to expand our roster of folks who are able to help out in the office during staff meetings and/or when Margaret is out of the office. If you have an hour or so on a Wednesday morning or a free morning when Margaret is out (there will be lots of notice for such an event), please contact Margaret, 798.6336.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

WEDNESDAY MORNING READ Wednesdays at 11 am, join us in the library to read together and discuss *Watership Down* by Richard Adams. This is an older book that can most likely be found at the local library or your favorite used book store.

A WOMEN'S RETREAT

THE ASH GROVE AT RICHMOND HILL INVITES YOU ... to a Women's Retreat, October 26-27, Friday at 4pm - Saturday at 4pm. The theme is "Digging Deep: excavating generational trauma and resilience through the healing lenses of faith and hope." The keynote speaker is the Rev. Dr. Paula Owens Parker, author of *Roots Matter: Healing History Honoring Heritage and Renewing*

Hope. She is a Presbyterian minister, senior program developer for Roots Matter LLC, adjunct assistant professor and senior program associate for the Center for Womanist Leadership at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond. Sponsored by Ashland Presbyterian Church, you may contact Pastor Kerra English, (865) 765.2944 for more information. Registration is \$120 for overnight, \$90 for day attendance. There is a pamphlet hanging at Information Central with registration instructions. Some scholarship assistance is available; please contact Pastor English.

PRAYER LIST – October 7, 2018

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the clergy and congregations of Our Redeemer, Aldie; St. John's, West Point

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for The Episcopal Church The Most Rev. Michael Curry Presiding Bishop of TEC

Metro Richmond Cycle of Prayer: We pray for public, non-profit, and religious social service work and ministries in Metropolitan Richmond: For all in need of social services, all social service departments and caseworkers; for partnerships between the church and other institutions serving the needy.

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, **WILEY** Hughes, **DORIS** and **HARRY** Hassell, **TOM** Street

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: *(people added this week are in italics)* **ANNE MARIE** Fisher (friend of the Jones family); **WILL** Holman (friend of the SJTL Parish); **JOHN** Murphy (father of Erin Murphy); **LYNN** Forehand (cousin of Joyce Blunt); **VICKI** Snelgrave (cousin of Joyce Blunt); **HAMILTON** family (friends of the Roberts family); **JANET** Cobb (sister of Jim Cobb); **KATHERINE** Anderson (friend of Katherine Tinker); **WIL** Lawrence (son of Ann & Wilbur Lawrence); **DONNA** Hoffman (friend of Karl and Ginny Meyer); **PAM** Whittaker (friend of Beth Markwood); **SUSAN** Adams (sister of Steve Pace); **MARK** Longaker; **BILL** Russell (friend of Margaret and Chris Belyea); **RUTH** Syman-May (friend of the SJTL parish); **SAM** Hulseley and Family (friends of Lula Hopkins); **SAVANNAH** Wood (friend of Beth Markwood); **SHELBY**; **STEVE** (family of Fran McConnell); **MELANIE V.** (friend of Ruth Savino); **AUBREY** Fletcher (friend of Ann and Wilbur Lawrence); **TOM** Slaughter (brother of Ann Lawrence); **DAVID** Willis (friend of the parish and the Ashland community); **CAMILLE** Loya (friend of Aleta Meyer); **DENISE** Buxton (sister of Sylvia Spagna), **MOLLY** Harrison (daughter of Beth and Bill Harrison); **FRAN** Shareck (mother of Stephanie Shareck Werner); the Rev. **JEN** Kimball (friend of the Spagnas); **JAMIE** Hopkins (brother of Ron Hopkins); **KEVIN** Johnson (friend of Keith Redington); **MELANIE** Watkins (niece of Bobbie Street); **CANDICE** Worley (friend of Joanne & Lou Flanagan); **STEPHEN** Woods (friend of the Kinser and Meyer families); **GARY** Michael Sanders (family of Tracy and Bob Hughes); **JERRY** Lee Pruitt, Jr. (friend of Rock Higgins), **JANE** MacManus (family of Barbara Olin); **JONATHAN** Smith (brother of Matt Smith); **RUTHIE** Skinner (friend of Neale Smith); **JAXIN** "Judy" Wu (friend of Lyde Longaker), **MARYEA** McIntosh (friend of Stephanie Shareck Werner); **NITA** Taylor and **OLETA** Ledbetter (family of Richard and Janet Taylor); **SUSAN** Falbo (friend of Ginny and Karl Meyer); **MONTENNA** Thompson (friend of the HSYG); **GAY LYNN** Gagnon (cousin of Neale Smith); **CHARLES, FAYE, ALI, CHARLIE, RYLAND, AND MARY** Joy; **KATHERINE** Leonard (friend of Miriam Smith); **KAREN** Ling (sister of Kris Holt), **PHILLIP** Burroughs (friend of Neale Smith), **PETE** Buxton (brother-in-law of Sylvia Spagna); **RUTH** Jordan (sister-in-law of Pat Jordan); **MAL** Rogers (friend of Rock); **STEVE** and **RENEE** Rennick (friends of Joanne and Lou Flanagan); **EDDIE** Taylor (family of Janet and Richard Taylor); **MOE** Rodriguez (friend of Keith Redington); **GARY** Hodges (family of Keith Redington); **JOYCE** Burgess (friend of Karl and Ginny Meyer), **CINDY** Schmitt (friend of the Meyer family), **JACK** (by Michele and John Murphy); **PATTY** Atkins-Smith (Miriam Smith's mother); **YVONNE** Ludwig (*friend of Susan Leachman*); *Pastor & Mrs. M. RANDELL WILLIAMS (friends of the parish); JANE and LEWIS Pollard (Calvary Episcopal friends)*

The altar flowers today are in thanksgiving for the fellowship of this parish of St. James the Less, by Beth Renswick.