

NeverTheLess - December 16, 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.

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.

POINSETTIAS If you would like to honor a loved one with a poinsettia on the altar for Christmas, please let Margaret know (798.6336 or margaret@stjamestheless.church) by Thursday, December 20. The list of memorials and thanksgivings will be printed in the Christmas Eve/Christmas Day bulletins.

MONTHLY BIRTHDAY PARTIES starting in January, once a month on the second Sunday of the month, the folks who have a birthday in that month get to decide together how to acknowledge it! Trying again (thanks to the snow last week!), **TODAY** at 11:30 in Brydon Hall, find your birthday month on a table and talk with your other birth month celebrators to plan **your** party!

FOURTH QUARTER: THE CENTER FOR ELDER SPIRITUALITY The Fourth Quarter of our lives asks much of us - how will we use this time? Please check out our new bulletin board in the hallway, where there are brief descriptions of our courses and activities.

RED HATS & ROMEOs COMBINED CHRISTMAS PARTY - Tuesday, December 18, 11:30 in Brydon Hall. Details to follow soon!

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE: As of Monday, November 26, we have received 83 pledges totaling \$296,000.00 Thank you to everyone who has pledged so far.

CHRISTMAS AND EPIPHANY AT SJTL

- On Thursday, December 20, at 11 AM, kids of all ages are invited to join Father Rock in the library for hot cocoa and seasonal story-telling. Invite a friend, all are welcome!
- December 23, Advent IV - 10 AM Holy Eucharist will include a baptism
- December 24, Christmas Eve - 4:30 PM, a festive family communion service; 10:30 PM, the Christ-Mass and Holy Eucharist. Come early, at 10:15, for seasonal music.
- December 25, Christmas Day - 10 AM Holy Eucharist, come-as-you-are (up to and including your jammies!)
- January 6, Epiphany - 10 AM, Epiphany Play, in the church; 4 PM at Duncan Memorial United Methodist Church, a Community Epiphany Fair, with arts, crafts, and goodies for the whole family; 5 PM, also at Duncan Memorial UMC, a Community Epiphany Service. Invite a friend, all are welcome.

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.

PETER PAUL DEVELOPMENT CENTER AND HANOVER ARC we are "adopting" 14 children this Christmas; there are boxes for donations, and near them, charts about the children's clothing sizes and Christmas wishes. PPDC prefers unwrapped gifts, and they should be delivered by Dec. 16 (that's today!); Hanover ARC asks for the gifts to be wrapped, and dropped off by Dec. 19. Thank you for your kind hearts.

PRAYER LIST – December 16, 2018 *(people added this week are in italics)*

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the clergy and congregations of Immanuel, Old Church; St. Anne's, Scottsville

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for Kivu - (Rwanda) The Rt Rev. Augustin Ahimana

Metro Richmond Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the families of Metropolitan Richmond: For the care and protection of infants, children, and youth; and for the intimate knowledge that each one is a beloved child of God.

For the repose of souls: Janet Cobb

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, **ELLEN** Pleasants, **MARTIN** Leggott, **JANE** Newchok

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); **WIL** Lawrence (son of Ann & Wilbur Lawrence); **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)