

NeverTheLess - December 23 - 25, 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.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS the church office will be closed on Wednesday, December 26th; we'll close at 1 pm on Monday, December 31st and remain closed through January 1st.

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.

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 bulletin board in the hallway, where there are brief descriptions of our courses and activities. 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: 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

- 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!)
- December 30, the 1st Sunday after Christmas, at 10 am, come for a service of Lessons and Carols, Holy Eucharist,
- 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 Thank you for your kind hearts, providing gifts of toys, and books, and games, and clothing, and love, most especially love, to 14 local, disadvantaged children this Christmas season.

PRAYER LIST – December 23, 2018 *(people added this week are in italics)*

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Pray for All the baptized in their daily life and work

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: Wil Lawrence

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); **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)*; **VIRGINIA** Thomas *(friend of the parish)*; **CONSTANCE** Geisenderfer *(mother of Kathy Marshall)*

Altar flowers today are given by Beth and Bill Harrison, in celebration and thanksgiving for their 48th wedding anniversary.