

NeverTheLess - December 24-25, 2017

TODAY AND COMING SOON

WELCOME TO ALL, especially if you are visiting us today. We are delighted to have you here. Nametags are an outward symbol of radical hospitality. If you don't have one, please see an usher or a greeter for assistance. If you are visiting, we also invite you to fill out a pew card and put it in the plate.

WELCOME TO BP. TED as we mark Advent IV this morning. Participate in the Adult Forum at 9 in Brydon Hall; at 10, we'll celebrate Confirmations and Receptions as all of our choirs offer their joyful music. A reception follows in Brydon Hall.

THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS at 4:30 pm, our traditional Family Christmas Eve worship service; at 10:30 pm, join us for a Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion. Come early, at 10:15, for a Choral Prelude. And on Christmas Day, Holy Eucharist is at 10 am.

OFFICE SCHEDULE the church office will be closed on Tuesday, December 26; Father Rock will be here Wednesday morning for Holy Eucharist at 7:30 am, and will be in the office for that morning, closing up at about noon. The office will be open for regular hours on December 28-29; and we will be closed again on Monday, January 1.

NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 Holy Eucharist, Rite I at 8 am, and a Festival of Lessons and Carols (no Eucharist) at 10 am.

FAMILY EPIPHANY SERVICE, WITH BAPTISMS Sunday, January 7, at 10 am, join us for a re-imagined staging of the Epiphany play and we'll celebrate baptisms.

GETTING IN TOUCH

We Are Now .church! We were recently able to acquire the web extension **.church** (*emphasis added*) which rather clearly says just who we are! Our website is now stjamestheless.church and our emails are also migrated to [name]@stjamestheless.church. The old .com extensions will continue to work for a while, but you may now reach us at .church as well.

STEWARDSHIP

UPDATE: we have received 106 pledges totaling \$325,365.00. Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far.

OUTREACH

THANK YOU for giving so generously to our "adopted" families at Peter Paul Development Center and at Hanover ARC. The Christmas wish list was more than amply filled. The people at the Center who received the gifts from St James the Less were more than pleased with the delivery. Thank you for caring for this family of three children this Christmas. We also sent small gifts for the Mother.

VESTRY MEMBERS: Yancey Jones (Senior Warden); Rebecca Cline (Junior Warden); Dawn Davis; Richard Grosse; Beth Markwood; Ricki Carson; John Hoar; George Spagna; Janet Taylor

PRAYER LIST - December 24-25, 2017

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the clergy and congregations of St. James the Less, Ashland

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Wyoming - (VI, The Episcopal Church) The Rt. Rev. John Smylie

Metro Richmond Cycle of Prayer: This month, we pray for the families of Metropolitan Richmond: For an end to child abuse; for healthy relationships between children and their caregivers; for families going through divorce; and for all in the midst of life transitions.

For the repose of souls: Jnani Chapman

For our parishioners requesting our prayers: GUS Miller, MAUD Brumback, PAT Funk, DICK Harman, HENRY Mayer, ERIN Yagla, STEWART Dishman, DON Jones, CHARLIE Thompson, NED Stiles, JOANIE Burgoyne, GAYELLEN Wagner, SALLY Ellithorpe, STEVE Pace

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

Relatives & Friends: *(people added this week are in italics)* MAC Pace (father of Steve Pace); ANNE MARIE Fisher (friend of the Jones family); PATRICIA Reppert (aunt of PK Kinser; friend of the Meyer family); WILL Holman (friend of the SJTL Parish); JOHN Murphy (father of Erin Murphy); ORIANA Hargrove (friend of Bobbie & Tom Street); LYNN Forehand (cousin of Joyce Blunt); VICKI Snelgrave (cousin of Joyce Blunt); HAMILTON family (friends of the Roberts family); BETTY FAY Thomas (sister of Mary Lou Brown); CAROL Brown (sister of Bob Brown); BETH Vannais (cousin of Bob Brown); GINNY Walker (niece of Karl and Ginny Meyer); JANET Cobb (sister of Jim Cobb); KATHERINE Anderson (friend of Katherine Tinker); KATHY Balducci (friend of Jenny Bruce); WIL Lawrence (son of Ann & Wilbur Lawrence); DONNA Hoffman (friend of Karl and Ginny Meyer); CONNIE Barney (friend of the Pace family); PAM Whittaker (friend of Beth Markwood); SUSAN Adams (sister of Steve Pace); MARK Longaker; SHARON Hooper (friend of Dawn Davis); BILL Russell (friend of Margaret and Chris Belyea); RUTH Syman-May (friend of the SJTL parish); SAM Hulse and Family (friends of Lula Hopkins); DAVID & TRACEY (family of Ricki & Jim Carson); ERIN Carroll Cullather (friend of Aleta Meyer); SAVANNAH Wood (friend of Beth Markwood); SHELBY; BETSY (sister of Jim Carson); ANDY Roberts (friend of Mary Lou & Bob Brown); TERRY Shaw (friend of Sandi Shirey); STEVE (family member of Fran McConnell); JP Temple (nephew of Alice & Jim Cobb); MELANIE V. (friend of Ruth Savino); DUFF Green (brother of Melissa Hoar); AUBREY Fletcher (friend of Ann and Wilbur Lawrence); TOM Slaughter (brother of Ann Lawrence); DAN Brummitt (uncle of Margaret Rush); SUZANNE Huff (friend of the SJTL parish); JUDY Sledd (friend of the Jones family); LEROY and JOSEPHINE (friends of Pat Jordan); KAREN Fetty (friend of Doris and Harry Hassell); BILL Turpin (friend of Teva Rittenhouse); ANNE Taylor (friend of the SJTL parish); DAVID Willis (friend of the parish and the Ashland community); CAMILLE Loya (friend of Aleta Meyer); DARLENE Swinson (friend of Ginny Tweel); DENISE Buxton (sister of Sylvia Spagna); LOISANNE Rockwell (sister of Ginny Meyer); MOLLY Harrison (daughter of Beth and Bill Harrison); KATHY Luten (family of Keith Redington); JACKIE Redington (family of Keith Redington); KIM Redington (family of Keith Redington); JAKLYN Redington (family of Keith Redington); KEN Perry (friend of Teva Rittenhouse); the Rev. JEANNE Pupke (friend of Margaret Rush); FLO Speidell (friend of the parish), BOB Giordano (friend of the Meyer family), LARRY Zupancic (family of Kris Holt); 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)

Altar flowers today are given in loving memory of Alice Virginia Wright Flory Wallace and Jane Fortune Markwood, by Beth and Tim Markwood.