

## *NeverTheLess - December 9, 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](mailto: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! **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!

**BLUEGRASS MASS** TONIGHT at 5 pm, join us for a little preachin' and a whole lot of beautiful bluegrass music. Invite a friend, all are welcome!

**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 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, come-as-you-are (up to and including your jammies!) 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** 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; Hanover ARC asks for the gifts to be wrapped, and dropped off by Dec. 19. Thank you for your kind hearts.

## **PRAYER LIST – December 9, 2018** *(people added this week are in italics)*

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for the clergy and congregations of Santa Maria, Falls Church; St. Timothy's, Herndon

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for Falkland Islands (Extra-Provincial to Canterbury), Falkland Islands (Parish of) - (Canterbury, Falkland Islands) The Rt Rev. Timothy Thornton

**Metro Richmond Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for the families of Metropolitan Richmond: : For persons who are lonely or have no family; for persons who are estranged from their families; for persons who are grieving the loss of a loved one; and for all who need to feel the love of God.

**For the repose of souls:** Jim Cobb; Michael Griffis

**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); **JANET** Cobb (sister of Jim Cobb); **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)*

*Altar flowers this week are in loving memory of Chuck Bridges from Betty Tharrington and family.*