

## *NeverTheLess – February 3, 2019*

**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.

**LUNCH FOR FAMILIES WITH YOUNGER CHILDREN!** We invite you and your family to lunch with Father Rock and our Welcome Committee, Sunday, February 17 at 11:30 in Brydon Hall. Your children are also welcome. Please RSVP to the office, 798.6336. We are glad you are here!

**PASTORAL CARE “MEAL TRAIN” VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Can you provide a meal for a family or individual in time of emergency? We are restarting this in-reach to parishioners when Father Rock determines the need. We hope that this won't arise very frequently, but when it does, we do need volunteers that can be called upon. Please sign up on posting in the hallway with your name, email address, and phone number if you are able to help out. Please call Ginny Meyer with any questions at 804-261-2080, or e-mail her @ [alohaginny@me.com](mailto:alohaginny@me.com).

**ANNUAL MEETING** Please mark your calendars for next Sunday February 10, at 9 AM in Brydon Hall. Father Rock will offer a State of the Church presentation; and new Vestry members will be elected. Vestry Candidates are Nancy Chamlee, Tom Hubbard, and Janet Rosser. If you haven't yet submitted your **Committee and Special Group report** for the Annual Meeting, please get it to Margaret ASAP.

**LENTEN EVENING PROGRAMMING – LEARNING LAB** This year for Lent we will have fun evenings of learning and activity. We will spend the first half of our time looking at the meaning of our seasons in the liturgical year, one a night, and some of their peculiarities. Why does the priest bang on the door at the start of the Easter Vigil? Or, why is Advent considered a penitential period of time? These, and so many other questions, will be revealed. And after digging into these, we will pray. Every week we will look at a different form of prayer, and do it. We are all fearfully and wonderfully made, and because of our uniqueness, we all connect with God in different ways. Mark your calendars for family-friendly evening programming on Tuesdays starting March 12, and continuing through Lent. We'll start with a simple supper at 6:30 pm, and programming to start at 7 pm.

And then, on Wednesday evenings, at least through Lent, we start a **Latino ministry** program, also at 7 pm. *iInvita a tus amigos! ¡Todos son bienvenidos!*

**4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER: THE CENTER FOR MATURING SPIRITUALITY** 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter is resuming their activities; if you are interested in exploring any of these programs, please call Beth Harrison at (540) 903.7000. Gather at the Rectory, unless otherwise noted. There is no charge, but often food is involved and we want to make sure to have enough.

- Adult Bible Study – Sundays at 8:45 am
- Grief and Gratitude – Mondays at 10:30 am
- Sanctuary – Mondays at 1 pm
- At Home Ashland – Wednesdays at 3 pm (Trackside)
- Soup and Soul – Thursdays at Noon
- Art and Creativity as Spiritual Practice – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays, 1 pm
- Memory Workshop – day and time TBD at mutually convenient
- Book Group – day and time TBD at mutually convenient
- Dream Group – day and time TBD at mutually convenient

If you would like to receive a monthly email newsletter with a schedule of 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter activities, please let Margaret know to add your email address to the growing list.

**STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:** On the table outside the office, stop by to pick up your pledge envelope or pledge number, if you opted out of the envelopes. As of Monday, January 7, we have received 91 pledges totaling \$314,425.00. Thank you to everyone who has pledged so far.

**COMMUNITY PRAYER** February 11th, at 6 pm at the Patrick Henry YMCA; open to all.

**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.

**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.

**STAYING CONNECTED** would you like to receive our weekly news email (Wednesdays) and/or our Weekly Meditation (Fridays)? If so, please contact Margaret in the office, 798.6336 or [margaret@stjamestheless.church](mailto:margaret@stjamestheless.church) to have your email added to our list.

**PRAYER LIST – February 3, 2019** *(people added this week are in italics)*

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for the clergy and congregations of St. David's, Aylett; and St. Mary's, Arlington

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for the Anglican Church of Burundi The Most Rev. Martin Blaise Nyaboho - Archbishop of Burundi & Bishop of Makamba

**Metro Richmond Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for the coming of God's Kingdom in Metropolitan Richmond: For a spirit of unity and cooperation among all people in all jurisdictions. Fill us with your compassion for our natural environment. We pray that all would earnestly seek the common welfare of this metropolitan city.

**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, **MICHELE** Murphy, **SANDI** Shirey

**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); **CONSTANCE** Geisenderfer (mother of Kathy Marshall); **SUSAN** Johnston (friend of the SJTL parish); **BILL** Napper (family of Tony Martin); **CHRIS** Duvall (friend of Doris Hassell); **DEBBIE** Hill (friend of Pat Jordan); Rev. **MARK** Holland, St. Stephen's Baptist (friend of Father Rock);