

NeverTheLess - March 31, 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.

CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE tonight, at 5 pm, join us in the church for a service of music, poetry, prayer. Invite a friend. All are welcome.

SPRING CLEANUP DAY Can you give a couple of hours on the morning of Saturday April 6, 2019 to meet friends, have some fun, chase away winter cobwebs, and help make our church sparkle! We'll have hot coffee and donuts ready at 8:30 and then get to work from 9 am -12 Noon. On the inside, the Sanctuary is in need of a good dusting and the chandelier chimneys need cleaning. Outside, a little raking, pruning, and window washing would round out the morning. Bring your gloves, rakes, a wheelbarrow, pruning shears, planting spades, a telescopic pole with a window brush ... we'd even welcome a flat or two of annuals to plant where the maple tree used to be. Questions? Contact Randy Marshall, (804) 683.1087.

EASTER FLOWERS On Easter Sunday, our altar will be festooned with glorious flowers. If you would like to honor a memory or offer a thanksgiving with the gift of a flower for the altar, please call Margaret, (804) 798.6336, with the name(s) of your loved one(s).

LENTEN EVENING PROGRAMMING – LEARNING LAB FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN 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 will start at 7 pm. Ashley Harrison will guide the children through their own, age-appropriate Lenten journey at the same time. And then, on Wednesday evenings, at least through Lent, we start a **Latino ministry** program, also at 7 pm. *iInvita a tus amigos! iTodos son bienvenidos!*

4TH QUARTER: THE CENTER FOR MATURING SPIRITUALITY 4th 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
- Meditation Programming – Tuesdays at 1:30 pm
- Memory Workshop – Wednesdays at 11 am
- At Home Ashland – Wednesdays at 3 pm (Trackside)
- Soup and Soul – Thursdays at 11:30 am
- Art and Creativity as Spiritual Practice – 1st and 3rd Fridays, 1 pm

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.

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), and/or our 4th Quarter email? If so, please contact Margaret in the office, 798.6336 or margaret@stjamestheless.church to have your email added to our list.

PRAYER LIST – March 31, 2019 *(people added this week are in italics)*

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the clergy and congregations of Our Saviour, Charlottesville; St. David's, Ashburn

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean The Most Revd James Richard Wong Yin Song - Archbishop, Province of Indian Ocean & Bishop of the Seychelles

Metro Richmond Cycle of Prayer: We pray for health care in Metropolitan Richmond: For clinics, medical personnel, and all institutions that serve persons who are uninsured or underinsured.

For our parishioners requesting our prayers: **GUS** Miller, **PAT** Funk, **DICK** Harman, **ERIN** Yagla, **STEWART** Dishman, **DON** Jones, **JOANIE** Burgoyne, **GAYELLEN** Wagner, **STEVE** Pace, **ANNA** Stiles, **MARY ANN** Kinser, **BILL** Blakemore, the **DAVIS-PENLAND** Family, **SANDI** Shirey, **STEVE** Mandas, **JAN** FitzHugh

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); **CHRIS** Duvall (friend of Doris Hassell); **DEBBIE** Hill (friend of Pat Jordan); Rev. **MARK** Holland, St. Stephen's Baptist (friend of Father Rock); **LARRY** Gilman (friend of Alice Cobb), **MEREDITH** Moon (mother of Cami Stiles); **RUTH** Jordan (sister-in-law of Pat Jordan); **CANDICE** Worley (friend of Joanne and Lou Flanagan); **IAN** McIntyre (family of Fran McConnell); **BETSY** Vogt (niece of Karl Meyer); **AUSTIN** Jolly (friend of Dale & Marcia Hill); **DORRIE** Rawley (sister of Pat Jordan)