

NeverTheLess – September 30, 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.

TODAY! ALL THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS BEGIN AGAIN! For Adult Formation, come join our lectionary based Bible study! We meet in the rectory, next door to the church, at 8:45 (note the time!). Coffee and tea will be ready for you. And an exciting foray into the depths of the text. It's not your mama's Sunday School class... Come see if it's right for you. Also for adults, at 9 am, **THE WORK OF THE PEOPLE**, in Brydon Hall. And for children, 9 am downstairs in their classrooms, a biblically based curriculum of lessons and activities.

TODAY! CANNED GOODS SCAVENGER HUNT FOR ACES. This evening the high school youth group will be 'competing' in their annual Scavenger Hunt for ACES. After their meal together at 6pm, they will head out in small teams to parishioners' and neighbors' homes to gather canned goods and other non-perishable for items for the cupboards at Ashland Christian Emergency Services (ACES). We wanted to let you know that they may show up at your doorstep between 6:30-7:30pm requesting donation of items. The team that brings home the most goods 'wins' in this good-spirited, small gesture of support for those in need in our community. Please let a high schooler know we should stop by your house if you would like to donate. We greatly appreciate your generosity!! For more information on high school youth group, please contact Aleta Meyer aletameyer@icloud.com or Rebecca Cline rebeccajanecline@gmail.com.

GOOD WORK: THE CENTER FOR ELDER SPIRITUALITY Good work, inner work, deep work. The fourth quarter of life requires something more of us than raising our children, paying our bills, and looking outward for satisfaction. Come, see if some of offerings might fit for you right now — do you want to explore what your soul might be whispering to you in your dreams? do you want to take a course in the life and teachings of Jesus? do you want to join a book group which is exploring the spiritual issues of aging? do you want to plan your funeral? learn how to cook for one (or two)? share your stories in a quiet listening environment? or just come and be quiet together? Look for the October calendar in the hall on Sunday, and sign up. We will open the center, and begin our offerings in October. Come, be a part of making the invisible visible. Please contact Beth Harrison with your questions and ideas.

FUR AND FIN AND FEATHER AND ...Sunday, October 7, 5:30 pm, bring your beloved pet(s) (or a picture, if they are skittish) for a blessing.

WELCOME NEWCOMERS! YOU'RE INVITED TO LUNCH! If you've been coming to St. James the Less for only a short time (and you get to define that!), please save **October 14** at 11:30 for lunch and fellowship with other newcomers, Father Rock, and our Welcome Committee. Children are welcome.

WE ARE HIRING

ORGANIST & CHOIR MASTER AND FORMATION DIRECTOR We have two positions open for the right people! We are advertising through the Diocese as well as on our own website. If you know anyone with the heart and skills for either of these positions, please encourage them to apply as instructed in the postings.

OUTREACH

EMPTY BOWLS - A SJTL FOOD & BACKPACK MINISTRY EVENT **NEW DATE: NOVEMBER 10!** Choose a hand made bowl to fill with soup. Keep the bowl as a reminder that there are always empty bowls around the world. Tickets for this event are \$30 each and are available at re-funk-it, at The Supply Room Company, or here in the office at SJTL. Contact Margaret to reserve your ticket.

CARITAS OCTOBER 20-27, 2018 This year we are excited to serve CARITAS by hosting families who are temporarily homeless. We will have 15-30 folks, mothers and children, to care for every night. It will take our whole village to show them care and give them a great week. You will find sign-up sheets at Information Central for opportunities to Volunteer your time, Donate, and/or Loan items to make our guests feel welcome.

- **TOWELS AND BEDDING DONATIONS** You'll notice in the hallway a couple of large boxes. Those are for requested CARITAS donations of sheets, pillowcases, towels and washcloths. These may be new or gently used and will be used by our guests who will be with us the week of October 20-27. The linens will then be given to the CARITAS organization for people transitioning to their own homes. Pillows are also most welcome but those must be unused.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

USHERS Ushering is an easy, yet vitally important, role to the smooth running of Sunday worship. If you are interested, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board at Information Central, or contact Margaret in the office. Sign up for a week, or 2, or a whole month.

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS We are seeking to expand our roster of folks who are able to help out in the office during staff meetings and/or when Margaret is out of the office. If you have an hour or so on a Wednesday morning or a free morning when Margaret is out (there will be lots of notice for such an event), please contact Kris Holt, 368.0609.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

WEDNESDAY MORNING READ Wednesdays at 11 am, join us in the library to read together and discuss *Watership Down* by Richard Adams. This is an older book that can most likely be found at the local library or your favorite used book store.

PRAYER LIST – September 30, 2018

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the clergy and congregation of Emmanuel, Greenwood

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for The Church of the Province of Uganda The Most Rev. Stanley Ntagali Archbishop of Uganda & and Bishop of Kampala

Metro Richmond Cycle of Prayer: We pray for schools and educational institutions of Metropolitan Richmond: For curriculum that is grounded in truth and meaning; for space to nourish the creative seed in both teachers and students.

For the repose of souls: Flo Speidell

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, **WILEY** Hughes, **DORIS** Hassell

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: (*people added this week are in italics*) **ANNE MARIE** Fisher (friend of the Jones family); **WILL** Holman (friend of the SJTL Parish); **JOHN** Murphy (father of Erin Murphy); **LYNN** Forehand (cousin of Joyce Blunt); **VICKI** Snelgrave (cousin of Joyce Blunt); **HAMILTON** family (friends of the Roberts family); **JANET** Cobb (sister of Jim Cobb); **KATHERINE** Anderson (friend of Katherine Tinker); **WIL** Lawrence (son of Ann & Wilbur Lawrence); **DONNA** Hoffman (friend of Karl and Ginny Meyer); **PAM** Whittaker (friend of Beth Markwood); **SUSAN** Adams (sister of Steve Pace); **MARK** Longaker; **BILL** Russell (friend of Margaret and Chris Belyea); **RUTH** Syman-May (friend of the SJTL parish); **SAM** Hulseley and Family (friends of Lula Hopkins); **SAVANNAH** Wood (friend of Beth Markwood); **SHELBY**; **STEVE** (family of Fran McConnell); **MELANIE V.** (friend of Ruth Savino); **AUBREY** Fletcher (friend of Ann and Wilbur Lawrence); **TOM** Slaughter (brother of Ann Lawrence); **DAVID** Willis (friend of the parish and the Ashland community); **CAMILLE** Loya (friend of Aleta Meyer); **DENISE** Buxton (sister of Sylvia Spagna), **MOLLY** Harrison (daughter of Beth and Bill Harrison); **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); **STEPHEN** Woods (friend of the Kinser and Meyer families); **GARY** Michael Sanders (family of Tracy and Bob Hughes); **JERRY** Lee Pruitt, Jr. (friend of Rock Higgins), **JANE** MacManus (family of Barbara Olin); **JONATHAN** Smith (brother of Matt Smith); **RUTHIE** Skinner (friend of Neale Smith); **JAXIN** "Judy" Wu (friend of Lyde Longaker), **MARYEA** McIntosh (friend of Stephanie Shareck Werner); **NITA** Taylor and **OLETA** Ledbetter (family of Richard and Janet Taylor); **SUSAN** Falbo (friend of Ginny and Karl Meyer); **MONTENNA** Thompson (friend of the HSYG); **GAY LYNN** Gagnon (cousin of Neale Smith); **CHARLES, FAYE, ALI, CHARLIE, RYLAND, AND MARY** Joy; **KATHERINE** Leonard (friend of Miriam Smith); **KAREN** Ling (sister of Kris Holt), **PHILLIP** Burroughs (friend of Neale Smith), **PETE** Buxton (brother-in-law of Sylvia Spagna); **RUTH** Jordan (sister-in-law of Pat Jordan); **MAL** Rogers (friend of Rock); **STEVE** and **RENEE** Rennick (friends of Joanne and Lou Flanagan); **EDDIE** Taylor (family of Janet and Richard Taylor); **MOE** Rodriguez (friend of Keith Redington); **GARY** Hodges (family of Keith Redington); **JOYCE** Burgess (friend of Karl and Ginny Meyer), **CINDY** Schmitt (friend of the Meyer family), **JACK** (by Michele and John Murphy); **PATTY** Atkins-Smith (*Miriam Smith's mother*)

The altar flowers today are in love and celebration of the marriage of Timothy Holt and Jennifer Demeno, by Kris and Rich Holt.