

NeverTheLess – January 1, 2017

TODAY AND THIS WEEK

WELCOME TO ALL, especially if you are visiting us today. We are delighted to have you here.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE: As of Monday, December 26, we had received 87 Pledges for a total of \$281,214.00, towards a goal of \$370,000.00.

COMING UP

EPIPHANY PLAY Epiphany Play next Sunday, January 8 during 10 am service.

Children 3 through middle school are invited to participate in the exciting retelling of the Wise Men finding Jesus in the stable. No previous experience necessary--all are welcome!

All costume fittings and rehearsal will take place starting @ 8:30 on Sunday, January 8th.

Please meet downstairs in the Sunday School area for fitting. If you have any questions, please contact Gay Gibson at gibmay@comcast.net or 730-3671.

OUTREACH

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP MISSION – TRI-CITIES WORKCAMP CALLING ALL ADULT MALES – YOU ARE WANTED! Keeping with tradition, SJTL High Schoolers will attend the JULY 16 – 22 (2nd week) of camp. This is a FULL week commitment/retreat! For more information: www.tcworkcamps.org. Danah Massey will be one chaperone representing SJTL; **THERE IS AN ESPECIAL NEED FOR A MALE CHAPERONE TO PARTICIPATE.** Please contact Danah Massey if you, or someone you know, can help.

POP TOPS!!! St James the Less has a phenomenal start to this school year's saving of Pop Tops for the Richmond Ronald McDonald House! Wow. Please keep up the momentum. Any pop top will do: soup cans, soda cans, dog / cat food cans ... Keep 'em coming! The Sunday School wants to deliver the best year ever to the Ronald McDonald House in memory of Charlotte Reynolds.

VESTRY NEWS

VESTRY NOMINATIONS The SJTL Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, February 12, 2017, immediately following 10:00 church. A new Vestry will be elected at that time.

Vestry nominating requirements

Deciding who to nominate to serve on the vestry is not done lightly. It is a process of discernment. The nominating committee listened for the Spirit to guide them in their choice of candidates who have the spiritual gifts to serve the parish in this ministry at this time. The vestry nominating committee, composed of the outgoing vestry class, prayerfully engages in this discernment and invites your participation. These are the qualifications and gifts they look for:

- That the candidate be at least 16 years of age
- That the candidate is known to the treasurer
- That the candidate is a communicant in good standing
- That the candidate is a person of prayer
- That the candidate has an open mind and an open heart
- That the candidate would be coming to serve on the vestry with no personal agenda other than the good of the parish community and the building up of the Kingdom of God
- That the candidate has the time and desire to serve, and consents to be nominated
- That the candidate should have demonstrated a level of commitment to St. James the Less which is appropriate to vestry service.

Members of the nominating committee are: Julie Ericksen, Harry Hassell, Tom Fritter, Steve Pace, Bob May, Tanya Reagan, Jenny Bruce, and Rich Holt.

VESTRY MEMBERS: Steve Pace (SW); Bob May (JW); Julie Ericksen; Tom Fritter; Harry Hassell; Jenny Bruce; Rich Holt; Tanya Reagan; Dawn Davis; Richard Grosse; Beth Markwood, Matt Smith

SJTL COMMITTEES AND CHAIRS: ADULT FORMATION, Harry Hassell; CHILDREN/YOUTH FORMATION, Aleta Meyer; STEWARDSHIP, Bill Harrison; PARISH LIFE, Steve Pace & Bob May; PASTORAL CARE, Stephanie Werner; FINANCE, Yancey Jones; OUTREACH, Ginny Meyer & Julie Ericksen; FUNDRAISING, Jenny Bruce & Sylvia Spagna; PROPERTY, Tom Fritter; CHENERY, Naomi Pace; COMMUNICATIONS, Dawn Davis; WORSHIP NUTS & BOLTS, Anna Brawley

PRAYER LIST – January 1, 2017

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for all the baptized in their daily life and work.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: PRAY for Kolhapur - (North India) The Rt Revd Bathuel Tiwade

For the repose of souls: Kyle Champignie

For our parishioners requesting our prayers: GUS Miller, MAUD Brumback, PAT Funk, DICK Harman, HENRY Mayer, ERIN Yagla, STEWART Dishman, TRUMAN Parmele, DON Jones, CHARLIE Thompson, NED Stiles, DOUG & JOANIE Burgoyne, GAYELLEN Wagner, the RISON family, JOYCE Blunt, ASHLEY Harrison

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

Relatives & Friends: (*people added this week are in italics*) MAC Pace (father of Steve Pace), ANNE MARIE Fisher (friend of the Jones family), TRAVIS Williams (friend of the SJTL Parish), PATRICIA Reppert (aunt of PK Kinser; friend of the Meyer family); WILL Holman (friend of the SJTL Parish), JOHN Murphy (father of Erin Murphy), JANE Markwood (mother of Tim Markwood), NANCY Margie (friend of Aleta Meyer), MARY & JIMMY (family of Tammie & Bob May), ORIANA Hargrove (friend of Bobbie & Tom Street), ALICE Wallace (mother of Beth Markwood), The Rev. NANCY Cox (friend of the Meyer family), LYNN Forehand (cousin of Joyce Blunt), VICKI Snelgrave (cousin of Joyce Blunt), HAMILTON family (friends of the Roberts family), DAVID Smith (brother of Mary Helen Williams), DELORIS Shubert (friend of the SJTL and Fork Church parishes), MARK Smith (friend of Betty Moore), BETTY FAY Thomas (sister of Mary Lou Brown), CAROL Brown (sister of Bob Brown), BETH Vannais (cousin of Bob Brown), CARLENE Hockett (friend of Ricki Carson), EARL May (brother of Bob May), GINNY Walker (niece of Karl and Ginny Meyer), STEFANI Schatz (friend of Anna Brawley), JOE Duggan (friend of Anna Brawley), KIM Cave (friend of Pat Jordan), DEBBIE Hill (friend of Pat Jordan), JANET Cobb (sister of Jim Cobb), KATHERINE Anderson (friend of Katherine Tinker), FERNANDO Casas (father of Ana Bajcsi), KATHY Balducci (friend of Jenny Bruce), BILL May (brother of Bob May), CONNIE Hoar (sister of John Hoar), DAPHNE Haddad (friend of Anna Brawley), BETSY Owen (sister of former organist's wife, Elaine Hooley, friend of the parish), WIL Lawrence (son of Ann & Wilbur Lawrence), DONNA Hoffman (friend of Karl and Ginny Meyer), TOM Ogden (friend of Karl and Ginny Meyer), CONNIE Barney (friend of the Pace family), LELIA Moran (friend of the SJTL parish family), PHILLIP Robertson (friend of Pat Jordan), CHANDRA Flurry Nicholson (family of Doris and Harry Hassell); PAM Whittaker (*friend of Beth Markwood*), BILLY & JOYCE Heron (*friends of Margaret*), AUDREY JO Weaver (*mother of Tammie May*)