

# *NeverTheLess – November 26, 2017*

## **TODAY AND COMING SOON**

**WELCOME TO ALL**, especially if you are visiting us today. We are delighted to have you here. Nametags are an outward symbol of radical hospitality. If you don't have one, please see an usher or a greeter for assistance. If you are visiting, we also invite you to fill out a pew card and put it in the plate.

**CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE, TODAY AT 5 PM** Come wind down your weekend with a quiet, contemplative service of music and prayers. All are welcome.

**ADVENT FAIR** Sunday, December 3, immediately after 10:00 church, we will gather in Brydon Hall to get ready. We will once again have a station where the kids can "shop" for a gift for their parents. There is a box in the hallway to collect your donations of gifts. On the day of the Fair, younger children will be matched with a middle schooler to help them through the process. Wrapping is included! Come spend a joy-full time preparing for this season of beauty and light!

**ADVENT CLASS – "CHRISTMAS STORIES"** Come join with Father Rock as we gather to read and discuss fictional stories to help get our minds and hearts prepared for Christmas. We will have some coffee and cocoa, gather in the library, and read seasonal tales both known and new. Hope you can join us! Wednesdays, Dec. 6, 13, and 20, at 11 am.

**INQUIRERS' CLASS WEDNESDAYS** Have you ever thought of becoming a member of St. James the Less, or have you wanted to be confirmed? Father Rock is leading an Inquirers' Class for those who wish to officially be a part of St. James the Less and the Episcopal Church, Wednesdays at 7 pm, and will resume the week after Thanksgiving. The class is in 4 parts, and will be in preparation for the Bishop's visit on the morning of December 24. Teens in High School through adults of any age can participate. Please contact Father Rock if you have any questions.

**BIBLE STUDY/ADULT FORMATION** Come join us in Adult Bible Study — 8:45 in the rectory. Learn something about Abraham, Sarah, Hagar, and perhaps even yourself. We are part of an old, old story. Whether or not you have heard it before, you know it. All are welcome!

## **STEWARDSHIP and FUNDRAISING**

### **STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:**

- Thanks to all who have pledged so generously already. We have received 101 pledges out of 200 pledge cards sent for a current total of \$314,500. These generous pledges include 16 new and 34 increased pledges. This is a most encouraging result, thank you so much. Also, heartfelt thanks to those who routinely give generously without pledging.
- For those of you who have not yet pledged, we encourage you to pray and consider offering your Pledge during this Season of Thanks just ahead. We have both the Thanksgiving Holiday; and the Holy Season of Christmas for God's gift to us, the gift of His Son and our Savior Jesus Christ.

## **WORSHIP**

**SEAMSTRESSES!** The vestments that the St. Cecilia Choir children wear are the same cassocks many of you and/or your children wore. They are rather tight through the neck and shoulders and the robes can't be let out. We are exploring the possibility of having 12 new robes made, along with extras for potential new children joining the choir. If any of you are proficient at sewing new robes, please contact Joanne Robb at [Joanne.robb4@gmail.com](mailto:Joanne.robb4@gmail.com).

## **OUTREACH**

**PETER PAUL DEVELOPMENT CENTER** we are "adopting" a family to help them with Christmas. You'll find boxes at Information Central, and bios of the children with ages, sizes, and wish lists for your donations. Please bring your unwrapped gifts by December 10.

**VESTRY MEMBERS:** Yancey Jones (Senior Warden); Rebecca Cline (Junior Warden); Dawn Davis; Richard Grosse; Beth Markwood; Ricki Carson; John Hoar; George Spagna; Janet Taylor

## **PRAYER LIST – November 26, 2017**

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for all the baptized in their daily life and work

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Wad Medani - (Sudan) The Rt Revd Saman Farajalla Mahdi

**Metro Richmond Cycle of Prayer:** This month, we pray for persons in financial need in Metropolitan Richmond: For healthy marriages; for constructive, safe, and caring households for the bringing up and nurturing of children and caring for the elderly.

**For the repose of souls:** Alex Pickett; Patricia Meade; Marie Byrnes

**For our parishioners requesting our prayers:** **GUS** Miller, **MAUD** Brumback, **PAT** Funk, **DICK** Harman, **HENRY** Mayer, **ERIN** Yagla, **STEWART** Dishman, **DON** Jones, **CHARLIE** Thompson, **NED** Stiles, **JOANIE** Burgoyne, **GAYELLEN** Wagner, **SALLY** Ellithorpe, **JOHN** Hoar

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

**Relatives & Friends:** (*people added this week are in italics*) **MAC** Pace (father of Steve Pace); **ANNE MARIE** Fisher (friend of the Jones family); **PATRICIA** Reppert (aunt of PK Kinser; friend of the Meyer family); **WILL** Holman (friend of the SJTL Parish); **JOHN** Murphy (father of Erin Murphy); **MARY & JIMMY** (family of Tammie & Bob May); **ORIANA** Hargrove (friend of Bobbie & Tom Street); **LYNN** Forehand (cousin of Joyce Blunt); **VICKI** Snelgrave (cousin of Joyce Blunt); **HAMILTON** family (friends of the Roberts family); **BETTY FAY** Thomas (sister of Mary Lou Brown); **CAROL** Brown (sister of Bob Brown); **BETH** Vannais (cousin of Bob Brown); **EARL** May (brother of Bob May); **GINNY** Walker (niece of Karl and Ginny Meyer); **JANET** Cobb (sister of Jim Cobb); **KATHERINE** Anderson (friend of Katherine Tinker); **KATHY** Balducci (friend of Jenny Bruce); **BILL** May (brother of Bob May); **WIL** Lawrence (son of Ann & Wilbur Lawrence); **DONNA** Hoffman (friend of Karl and Ginny Meyer); **CONNIE** Barney (friend of the Pace family); **LELIA** Moran (friend of the SJTL parish family); **PAM** Whittaker (friend of Beth Markwood); **AUDREY JO** Weaver (mother of Tammie May); **SUSAN** Adams (sister of Steve Pace); **MARK** Longaker; **SHARON** Hooper (friend of Dawn Davis); **BILL** Russell (friend of Margaret and Chris Belyea); **RUTH** Syman-May (friend of the SJTL parish); **SAM** Hulseley and Family (friends of Lula Hopkins); **DAVID & TRACEY** (family of Ricki & Jim Carson); **ERIN** Carroll Cullather (friend of Aleta Meyer); **SAVANNAH** Wood (friend of Beth Markwood); **SHELBY**; **BETSY** (sister of Jim Carson); **JODY** May (aunt of Bob May); **ANDY** Roberts (friend of Mary Lou & Bob Brown); **TERRY** Shaw (friend of Sandi Shirey); **JOANIE** Watkins (sister-in-law of Bobbie & Tom Street); **STEVE** (family member of Fran McConnell); **JP** Temple (nephew of Alice & Jim Cobb); **MELANIE V.** (friend of Ruth Savino); **DUFF** Green (brother of Melissa Hoar); **AUBREY** Fletcher (friend of Ann and Wilbur Lawrence); **TOM** Slaughter (brother of Ann Lawrence); **SCOTT** (friend of Doris Hassell); **DAN** Brummitt (uncle of Margaret Rush); **SUZANNE** Huff (friend of the SJTL parish); **JUDY** Sledd (friend of the Jones family); **LEROY** and **JOSEPHINE** (friends of Pat Jordan); **KAREN** Fetty (friend of Doris and Harry Hassell); **BILL** Turpin (friend of Teva Rittenhouse); **ANNE** Taylor (friend of the SJTL parish); **DAVID** Willis (friend of the parish and the Ashland community); **CAMILLE** Loya (friend of Aleta Meyer); **DARLENE** Swinson (friend of Ginny Tweel), **DENISE** Buxton (sister of Sylvia Spagna), **LOISANNE** Rockwell (sister of Ginny Meyer), **MOLLY** Harrison (daughter of Beth and Bill Harrison); **KATHY** Luten (family of Keith Redington); **JACKIE** Redington (family of Keith Redington); **KIM** Redington (family of Keith Redington); **JAKLYN** Redington (family of Keith Redington), *the Rev. JEANNE Puppe (friend of Margaret Rush)*

The altar flowers today are given in loving memory of Bernard & Lillian Lawrence, and Thomas & Mildred Slaughter, by Wilbur and Ann Lawrence; and in loving memory of Jose Juan Morales, and Patricia Meade, by Alex and Matt Meade.