

NeverTheLess – December 11, 2016

TODAY

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

SUPPER CLUB the December edition of Supper Club will be a Potluck, open to all of this year's regular AND substitute participants. Sunday, December 11, at noon in Brydon Hall. Bring a dish to share, and "holiday cheer!"

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE: As of Monday, December 5, we had received 82 Pledges for a total of \$277,214.00.

COMING UP

Bishop's Visitation and Celebration of New Ministry Next Sunday, December 18, at 2:00 pm, we welcome Bp. Shannon to the parish, and we officially and formally welcome Anna into our shared St. James the Less Ministry. It promises to be a beautiful and joy-filled celebration and all are welcome to be with us. (On a related note, there will be **no morning services** on December 18.) A reception will follow the service. Please bring a dish of your favorite finger food to share!

GREENING THE CHURCH We are going to decorate the sconces in the church on Saturday, December 17, at 10 a.m. We need pine boughs, nandina, magnolia, and ivy, and volunteers with garden shears! Please call Ricki Carson at 804.229.5349 to volunteer and let her know what greens you can contribute.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS we will again be decorating the altar with poinsettias for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. If you would like to donate a poinsettia in honor or memory of loved one(s), please contact Margaret in the office. Suggested minimum donation is \$35.

HISTORICAL ST. NICHOLAS Looking for a quick and easy Christmas gift? There's a book about the historical St. Nicholas written by Anna's former colleague, the Rev. Dr. Foster Eich, that you might consider. Foster's unique perspective as both a pediatrician and a priest lends sensitivity both to children, as well as theological accuracy in talking about the figure of St. Nicholas in the Christian tradition. A check for \$20.00 written to "Foster Eich" covers the cost of this hardcover book—signed by the author—and shipping it to you or a loved one. Please include the name of the child when you order it, so that Dr. Eich can personalize it for each child. A copy of the book is on display at Information Central for you to look over before you decide to buy. Dr. Eich's address is 207 Breckenridge Ct., Florence, AL 35630. Foster says, "I like to write the children's names in the [books]. Several moms have told me their child said, 'You mean the guy that wrote this book knows my name?'"

SOCIAL CLUBS

ROMEO's meet Tuesday, December 13, 11:30 am, at Estes Dining Hall on the Randolph Macon Campus. Parking is a premium on campus; please consider walking or car-pooling, if possible. Lunch is all-you-can-eat for less than \$9.00 (the cashiers really appreciate small bills!), and the company and conversation can't be beat! The ROMEO's Code applies ... **Red Hats** will have their holiday lunch, also on Tuesday, December 13th, 11:30 am, at Henry Clay Inn, 114 North Railroad Ave. Contact Mary Anne Harris, 804.264.6413 if interested. **Adventurers** will get together for their holiday social on Friday, December 16 at 4:00 pm, at the home of Pat Jordan. Beth Harrison will offer a program about creative ways with Advent. All are welcome.

OUTREACH

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP - CHRISTMAS OUTREACH our intrepid and ambitious high schoolers have offered to help ten families, 19 children(!), have a happy Christmas. With God's help and yours, they will make this happen! You will find wish lists at Information Central, as well as boxes marked for each child.

PETER PAUL DEVELOPMENT CENTER PPDC's families were able to enjoy happy Thanksgivings because of the generous donations by SJTL. Thank you all for your gifts!

PPDC gives their senior citizens Christmas gift bags at their holiday lunch on December 13. Suggestions for items to fill the bags are: note pads or note cards; socks (for men and for women); scarves; lotion; tissue packs; individual serving packets of coffee or hot chocolate; individually wrapped low-sugar, low-carb snacks; especially for the senior men, razors and shaving cream. There is a box for PPDC in the hallway at Information Central.

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 – December 11, 2016

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for the clergy and congregations of Trinity Charlottesville; St. Luke's Simeon; St. James' Mt Vernon; Meade Memorial Alexandria; Santa Maria Falls Church

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: PRAY for Kericho - (Kenya) Vacant

For the repose of souls: Jane Moser

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

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

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); **ARLENE** Davis (mother of Dawn Davis); **WILL** Holman (friend of the SJTL Parish), **JOHN** Murphy (father of Erin Murphy), **BETH** Mallory (friend of Beth Markwood), **JANE** Markwood (mother of Tim Markwood), **NANCY** Margie (friend of Aleta Meyer), **ANNETTE** Wisniewski (friend of Doris Hassell) **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), **MELANIE** Watkins (niece of Bobbie Street), **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), **KIM** (friend of Anna Brawley), **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)

The altar flowers this week are given by Jenny & Don Bruce, in thanksgiving for family and friends on their 15th wedding anniversary.