

NeverTheLess – December 18, 2016

TODAY

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

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE: As of Monday, December 12, we had received 83 Pledges for a total of \$277,614.00, towards a goal of \$370,000.00.

Special Message for the Wednesday Eucharist Crowd... If you are a regular (or semi-regular) attender of our Wednesday morning service and go to Ashland Coffee & Tea following, we'd like to suggest that we, either collectively, or individually, get a gift card or cards as a Christmas thank-you for Erin, who serves us faithfully and so very cheerfully each Wednesday morning. The sign on the tip jar says that tips go to support a charitable cause, so I'm not sure if Erin understands our level of appreciation for her service of our thundering herd on Wednesdays mornings. If you'd like to contribute to one big gift-card, please contact Margaret, and we will get one from the group. Others who'd like to do something individually will be on your own ☺

COMING UP

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, by **Wednesday, December 21st**. 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?'"

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. **Today is the deadline to drop off gifts.**

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 18, 2016

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for the clergy and congregations of Westover Charles City; Immanuel Old Church; Fork Church Doswell; St. James-the-Less Ashland

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: PRAY for Kilmore, Elphin & Ardagh - (Armagh, Ireland) The Rt Revd Ferran Glenfield

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, 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), 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)