

# *NeverTheLess – December 4, 2016*

## **TODAY**

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

**STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:** As of Monday, November 28, we had received 79 Pledges for a total of \$271,134.00.

**LARCUM CONFERENCE** St. James the Less, at the invitation of Bp. Ted Gulick, participated yesterday in the LARCUM (that stands for Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic, and United Methodist) Conference. Many, many thanks to all who helped to make our participation a great and welcoming success for our visitors from across Virginia.

**ADVENT FAIR** Thank you to everyone who helped with the Advent Fair. More than 60 gifts were "shopped" by the kids. Thanks to our volunteers, Advent wreaths were made, ornaments were created for Christmas trees and Advent Chains were assembled to help children count down the days of Advent towards Christmas!

## **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. Suggested minimum donation is \$35.

**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!"

## **OUTREACH**

**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** The Tri-Cities Workcamp 2017 info has arrived! There is no more waiting until Jan 2nd to register, we can register starting now! Keeping with tradition, SJTL High Schoolers attend the JULY 16 – 22 (2nd week) of camp. This is a FULL week commitment/retreat! For more information: [www.tcworkcamps.org](http://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.

Fun Facts about Pop Top Donations:

- In 2014, the Richmond Ronald McDonald House made just over \$5,000 from recycling pop tops.
- For each pound of pop tops, they receive approximately 55 cents
- There are 1,267 pop tops in a pound. That means they recycled 11,517,030 pop tops.

## **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 4, 2016**

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Please pray for the clergy and congregations of St. Mark's Alexandria; San Marcos Alexandria

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** PRAY for Karnataka North - (South India) The Rt Revd Ravikumar J. Niranjana

**For the repose of souls:** Gordon White; Anita Graves; Kim Gillis

**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, TRACY Hughes; ALETA Meyer

**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), WILLIAM Micou (friend of Ron Hopkins), 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), JANE Moser (friend of Ron Hopkins), 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 in loving memory of Charles Macgill ("Chuck") Bridges by his family.