

NeverTheLess – April 24, 2016

TODAY

WELCOME TO ALL, especially if you are visiting.

CONTEMPORARY MUSIC AND ST. CECILIA CHILDREN'S CHOIR Today the 10:00 am Holy Eucharist will be accompanied by guitars, piano, and the children's choir.

COMMUNITY SUPPER This evening at 5:30 pm, we will host the bi-monthly community Supper. The High School Youth Group will prepare the food and serve our guests.

WELLNESS COMMITTEE – AGING PRESENTATION: "We can't respect your choices for future medical care...unless we know what they are." Advance Care Planning is the process of preparing for a time when you cannot make your own decisions, when you are either near death or unlikely to recover from an illness or injury. Everyone over the age of 18 should have an Advance Care Plan in place to help their loved ones make important decisions for them at the end of life. Today, immediately following 10 am church, the Wellness Committee will present "Advance Care Planning – Planning for Future Healthcare Choices". Bobbie Street is a certified Advance Care Planner with HCA and has facilitated many important conversations about end-of-life planning. She will speak on the topic of Advance Directives, answer questions, and distribute printed information on this very important topic. If there are topics on aging you would like to have addressed, please speak to a member of the Wellness Committee: Bobbie Street, Betsy Snipes, Tammie May, Ricki Carson, Pat Jordan, Aleta Meyer, Lula Hopkins.

FROM THE SEARCH COMMITTEE: The Search Committee is thankful for everyone's prayers and support. The process has been deliberate and your encouragement has made all the difference. Our discernment has entered the interviewing stage; we are talking with potential candidates and must maintain strict confidentiality. Please understand that we can't say anything yet, but as soon as we can, we will. We are excited with the candidates we have before us. We know the Spirit is very present in our work. Thank you for understanding, and please continue all the prayers.

COMING UP

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP CAR WASH Is your ride looking winter-dingy and yellowed-over with spring pollen? On Saturday morning, May 7, from 8:00 am – 12:30 pm, bring it by SJTL for a proper wash by our high schoolers and support their mission trip efforts! A clean car and a good cause – what's not to love?!

PENTECOST The feast of Pentecost is May 15. As in the past we would like to celebrate by reading part of the lessons in a foreign language. If you are able to read a language other than English, please speak to George Spagna (752.6513 or thespagnas@comcast.net) or Claudia Merritt (798.6336 or cmerritt@stjamestheless.com). Pentecost is also the next time we celebrate the **Sacrament of Baptism**. If you or a family member would like to be baptized, please speak to Claudia by May 5th.

SESQUICENTENNIAL

Join St. James the Less on Sunday, May 22, as we celebrate our Sesquicentennial Birthday! We'll start the celebration at our 10 am Eucharist and continue with a catered luncheon immediately following the service. We'll include a bit of history and a lot of fun...for all ages! Don't miss the chance to celebrate this monumental anniversary and to hear guest preacher, the Rev. Canon Pat Wingo, Canon to the Ordinary for the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia. We will have only **one service** on that Sunday, at 10 am, so that we can all worship and celebrate together.

HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE SESQUICENTENNIAL

Attend the festivities! Please remember to RSVP to Margaret Rush (mrush@stjamestheless.com) by May 1st.

Tell our youth how much you love SJTL! (See below.)

If you'd like to financially support our celebration, we are offering a variety of fundraising opportunities:

- sponsorships are available at multiple levels;
- you can pre-order sesquicentennial commemorative merchandise:
 - notecards or a print of the Vicky Bickel sketch of St. James the Less (\$10 for a packet of ten cards or one frame-worthy print);
 - commemorative insulated tumbler with straw (\$6/each); and/or
 - Snow White Inn BBQ (\$12/lb.).

Complete information on events, sponsorships, and merchandise is on our Sesquicentennial page:

<http://www.stjamestheless.com/content/st-james-less-sesquicentennial> You can also place orders for merchandise and BBQ at Information Central.

REQUEST FOR AN INTERVIEW. The high school youth group has been asked to create a video montage of what parishioners say they like about St. James the Less and of special memories parishioners want to share. Over the next few Sundays, you may be asked by a high school student for an interview that will contribute to this footage. Everyone will be able to view the complete montage at our Sesquicentennial Celebration. We hope you say Yes!

OUTREACH AND FELLOWSHIP

ASHLAND OPEN DOOR, Ashland Open Door is a collaborative effort of church leaders, community leaders, and business leaders in the Ashland area to help "the least of these" in our area. The focus is on the marginalized families who will be displaced by the new city motel ordinance regarding long term motel

residency, which goes into effect on July 1st. Of immediate concern, one of these motels is being forced to shut down within the next few weeks. Seven families with children will be affected. The need is great. This coalition is committed to helping find places for these struggling families. If you are interested in this very important ministry, there will be a meeting Thursday, April 21 at 7 am at the Chick-fil-a in Ashland, with Police Chief Goodman. Another similar meeting with Ashland Open Door is scheduled for Monday, April 25 at 8:30 am at CREATIVE, just off Lakeridge Parkway in Ashland. No prior registration is necessary. Please attend the meeting that best suits your schedule.

PETER PAUL DEVELOPMENT CENTER strives to help their participants with basic needs. Currently, the request is for backpacks for children in 2nd grade and higher; some of the families PPDC serves need non-perishable foods to feed their families; and the senior citizens they serve like note pads and greeting cards. If you'd like to contribute, there is a marked basket at Information Central.

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

SEARCH COMMITTEE: Derrick Rosser (chair); Sandi Shirey; Rebecca Cline; Bob Hughes; Bob Chamlee; Matt Meade; Ana Bajcsi

PRAYER LIST – April 24, 2016

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: PRAY for the congregations and clergy of St. Mark's Richmond; Christ Church Middlesex; St. John's McLean

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: PRAY for The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East The Most Revd Dr Mouneer Hanna Anis Archbishop, Jerusalem & the Middle East & Bishop in Egypt with North Africa and the Horn of Africa

In thanksgiving for the birth: Caroline Paige Cobb, daughter of Erin and Phillip Cobb, little sister of Ashton and Brown Cobb, and granddaughter of Alice and Jim Cobb.

For our parishioners requesting our prayers: **GUS** Miller, **CONDÉ** Hopkins, **MAUD** Brumback, **PAT** Funk, **DICK** Harman, **HENRY** Mayer, **MOYA** Parmele, **DEBORAH** Pierce, **ERIN** Yagla, **MEGAN** Rodman, **Laurie** Rodman, **STEWART** Dishman, **TRUMAN** Parmele; **DON** Jones; **CHARLIE** Thompson, **JESSE, RAVEN & NATE** Blaisdell, **NED** Stiles

For those serving in the diplomatic corps and military: **KEMPER** Jones, **HUNTER** Fines, **GREG** Ericksen, **ANDREW** Walton, **SCOTT & BARBARA** Feeley, **ROBERT** Ham, **MATTHEW** Thomas, **PHILIP** Morison

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); **GINNY** Walker (niece of Karl Meyer), **ARLENE** Davis (mother of Dawn Davis); **WILL** Holman (friend of the SJTL Parish), **SANDIE** Litsinger (friend of the Shirey's), **WILLIAM** Micou (friend of Ron & Conde Hopkins), **ANNE** Folsom (mother of Meg Helsley and Emily Folsom), The Rev. **RACHEL** Lewis (friend of the Spagna family), **JOHN** Murphy (father of Erin Murphy), **PATRICK** Morris (friend of Harry & Doris Hassell), **BETH** Mallory (friend of Beth Markwood), **JANE** Markwood (mother of Tim Markwood), **RHONDA** Lewis (friend of the Tharrington family), **NANCY** Margie (friend of Aleta Meyer), **ANNETTE** Wisniewski (friend of Doris Hassell) **MARY & JIMMY** (family of Tammie & Bob May), **ORIANA** Hargrove (friend of Bobbi & Tom Street), **ALICE** Wallace (mother of Beth Markwood), The Rev. **NANCY** Cox (friend of the Meyer family), **FRED** Trump (brother-in-law of Jane Howard), **JUANITA** Wightman (sister-in-law of Jane Howard), **LYNN** Forehand (cousin of Joyce Blunt), **VICKI** Snelgrave (cousin of Joyce Blunt), **PETE** Falbo *(friend of Karl and Ginny Meyer)*