

NeverTheLess – May 1, 2016

TODAY

WELCOME TO ALL, especially if you are visiting us today.

CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE Join us this evening at **5:00 pm** for the **final** contemplative service before the summer break. The handbells will be participating.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL the first organizational meeting for Vacation Bible School is at 11:30 after church, in the Library. VBS is August 15-18

VAN UPDATE The vestry is delighted to announce the purchase of a new van for our youth and outreach ministries. It should be on site early next week and ready for use. Stop and take a look at it. Many, many thanks to everyone who contributed so generously to allow us to replace our old van.

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? More importantly, is your MOM's CAR looking less than it could? A car wash makes a GREAT Mother's Day Gift! Next Saturday morning, May 7, from 8:00 am – 12:30 pm, bring your car(s) by SJTL for a proper wash by our high schoolers and support their mission trip efforts!

PENTECOST The feast of Pentecost is May 15. As in the past we would like to celebrate by reading one 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! RSVP to Margaret Rush (mrush@stjamestheless.com) – **MAY 6 IS THE DEADLINE TO RSVP FOR THE LUNCHEON ON MAY 22**

Volunteer to help with the festivities! There are numerous volunteering opportunities to ensure everything runs smoothly and that we all have a good time. Sign-up sheets with job descriptions and available time slots are on clipboards at Information Central.

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.).

REQUEST FOR AN INTERVIEW. The high school youth group is creating 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!

Complete information on our Sesquicentennial events, sponsorships, and merchandise is on our website: <http://www.stjamestheless.com/content/st-james-less-sesquicentennial> You can also place orders for merchandise and BBQ at Information Central.

OUTREACH AND FELLOWSHIP

PATRICK HENRY HS INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE STUDENT EXAMS We are once again hosting the Patrick Henry IB students for their final exams. They will be using Brydon Hall weekdays from tomorrow, Monday May 2nd, through Wednesday, May 18th. Brydon Hall is not closed to anyone, but we do ask that distractions be kept to a minimum. And please keep the students in your prayers. If you have any questions about access, contact Margaret in the office.

PETER PAUL DEVELOPMENT CENTER strives to help their participants with basic needs. Currently, they request note pads and greeting cards for the senior citizens they serve. 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 – May 1, 2016

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: PRAY for the congregations and clergy of Emmanuel (Brook Hill) Richmond; Grace & Holy Trinity Richmond; Grace (Cismont) Keswick; St. John the Baptist Ivy; Buck Mountain Earlysville; Grace Stanardsville

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: PRAY for The Anglican Church of Kenya The Most Revd Dr Eliud Wabukala Primate and Archbishop of All Kenya

For the repose of souls: Fred Trump (brother-in-law of Jane Howard)

For our parishioners requesting our prayers: **GUS** Miller, **CONDÉ** Hopkins, **MAUD** Brumback, **PAT** Funk, **DICK** Harman, **HENRY** Mayer, **MOYA** Parmele, **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), **JUANITA** Wightman (sister-in-law of Jane Howard), **LYNN** Forehand (cousin of Joyce Blunt), **GWEN** Bennett (sister of Hilda Kelly), **VICKI** Snelgrave (cousin of Joyce Blunt), **PETE** Falbo (friend of Karl and Ginny Meyer), **MELANIE** Watkins (*niece of Bobbie Street*)

*The flowers on the altar today are a gift from the Yancey Jones family
in thanksgiving for their children and grandchildren.*