

NeverTheLess – July 23, 2017

VESTRY UPDATE

Dear St. James the Less family,

The Vestry invites you to attend an Informational Session, on Sunday July 30th at 9:00 a.m.

The goal of this meeting is to provide the congregation with real time information about our path forward. Because the time is short, our focus will be on sharing the vestry's work on this topic. Questions and comments for the vestry may be shared in written form, on cards provided for that purpose, and will be answered at a later time.

This is the first of many congregational meetings. Later meetings will provide additional time for the vestry to intentionally and respectfully hear from folks in dialogue and discussion.

We have been blessed to have Karen Salter sit with parishioners these last three weeks to help the vestry effectively hear people's concerns. If you have not yet had the opportunity to speak with Karen and would like to, you may contact her at kldsalter@msn.com; or 804-338-7721. We know that open communication and dedication to hearing, respecting, understanding and loving one another will help each and every one of us develop clarity about the path we are walking forward together.

TODAY AND THIS WEEK

WELCOME TO ALL, especially if you are visiting us today. We are delighted to have you here. Nametags are an outward symbol of radical hospitality. If you don't have one, please see an usher or a greeter for assistance. If you are visiting, we also invite you to fill out a pew card and put it in the plate.

SJTL SOCIAL GATHERINGS Retired Old Men Eating Out, ROMEOs for short, will meet Tuesday, July 25 at 11:30 a.m. at Trackside Grill. If you fit the description, you are welcome to join.

The women of a certain age, also known as the Red Hats, eat out, too, and don't necessarily wear a red hat. They will also meet on Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. at Hanover Sports Grill.

STEWARDSHIP

FORMING STEWARDS AT SJTL "Stewardship is using the gifts that God gives us to do the work God calls us to do." We're looking for a few good folks to help us rethink and retool the way we think and talk about stewardship and fundraising. This is not just the annual fall pledge drive! Please prayerfully consider helping with this effort, and let George Spagna know of your willingness to participate.

ALSO OF NOTE

SJTL CAMPERS – twelve—count 'em, 12!—of our younger parishioners are enjoying Shrine Mont as campers this summer, a week or 2 at a time. They love to get "regular" mail. IF you'd like to drop a note to a camper, or three, there is a list of who is going, and when, on the bulletin board at Information Central.

WARM SMILES AND FRIENDLY HANDSHAKES ...We seek the gift of your talent! Summer is an ideal time to try out a new activity. We especially need ushers and people to count the offering. Any committee would be happy to welcome you. If you would like to contribute your talent to our volunteer pool, please contact Margaret in the office.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be August 14-17. Digging for Treasure: Parables Revealed. Dig into vacation Bible school! Bible stories, games, crafts, snacks, and other activities will help us dig deeper to reveal the treasures in Jesus' parables. While the materials are geared towards children in grades K-5, younger and older siblings and friends are always welcome. Registration forms are available in the hallway at Information Central. And you may contact Ragan Dyer for questions or to register.

OUTREACH SEEKS COMMITTEE CHAIRS Our work in the community, serving the underserved, is one of our brightest ministries. Outreach is seeking at least two people to oversee our commitments to Community Suppers and to CARITAS. If either of these

ministries speak to your heart, please contact Dani Stockwell, who is our Outreach Chairperson.

PRAYER LIST – July 23, 2017

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for the clergy and congregation of Abingdon. White Marsh

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Osun North East - (Ibadan, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Humphery Olumakaiye

For our parishioners requesting our prayers: **GUS** Miller, **MAUD** Brumback, **PAT** Funk, **DICK** Harman, **HENRY** Mayer, **ERIN** Yagla, **STEWART** Dishman, **DON** Jones, **CHARLIE** Thompson, **NED** Stiles, **JOANIE** Burgoyne, **GAYELLEN** Wagner, **SALLY** Ellithorpe, **JIM** Cobb, **SYLVIA** Spagna, **BOB** Ellithorpe, **BETH** Harrison

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), **JANE** Markwood (mother of Tim Markwood), **NANCY** Margie (friend of Aleta Meyer), **MARY & JIMMY** (family of Tammie & Bob May), **ORIANA** Hargrove (friend of Bobbie & Tom Street), The Rev. **NANCY** Cox (friend of the Meyer family), **LYNN** Forehand (cousin of Joyce Blunt), **VICKI** Snelgrave (cousin of Joyce Blunt), **HAMILTON** family (friends of the Roberts family), **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), **KIM** Cave (friend of Pat Jordan), **JANET** Cobb (sister of Jim Cobb), **KATHERINE** Anderson (friend of Katherine Tinker), **KATHY** Balducci (friend of Jenny Bruce), **BILL** May (brother of Bob May), **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), **PAM** Whittaker (friend of Beth Markwood), **AUDREY JO** Weaver (mother of Tammie May), **SUSAN** Adams (sister of Steve Pace), **MOLLY; MARK** Longaker, the **SPIVEY** family (friends of Margaret Rush), **SHARON** Hooper (friend of Dawn Davis), **BILL** Russell (friend of Margaret and Chris Belyea), **RUTH** Syman-May (friend of the SJTL parish), **SAM** Hulseley and Family (friends of Charles & Faye Joy and Lula Hopkins). **DAVID & TRACEY** (family of Ricki & Jim Carson), **KEN** Perry (friend of the SJTL Parish), **ERIN** Carroll Cullather (friend of Aleta Meyer), **SAVANNAH** Wood (friend of Beth Markwood), **SHELBY, GIL** Beaudry (Sylvia Spagna's mother), **SALLY & LILY** (daughter and granddaughter of Ricki and Jim Carson), **BETSY** (sister of Jim Carson), **JODY** May (aunt of Bob May), **KATHY** Coleman (friend of Margaret Rush), **ANDY** Roberts (friend of Mary Lou & Bob Brown), **TERRY** Shaw (friend of Sandi Shirey), **JOANIE** Watkins (sister-in-law of Bobbie & Tom Street), **STEVE** (family member of Fran McConnell), **JP** Temple (nephew of Alice & Jim Cobb), **VICKI** Wynn (friend of Doris Hassell), **BRUCE** Innes (friend of Monroe and Sara Reece), **FRANK** BEAUDRY and family (Sylvia Spagna's family), **MELANIE V.** (friend of Ruth Savino), **DUFF** Green (brother of Melissa Hoar), **AUBREY** Fletcher (friend of Ann and Wilbur Lawrence), **TOM** Slaughter (brother of Ann Lawrence), **DEBBIE** Hill (friend of Pat Jordan), **SCOTT** (friend of Doris Hassell), **CRYSTAL** McLaughlin (friend of Anna Brawley), **BRENT and NORA** Hall (friends of Kris and Rich Holt), **JR** Cook (*friend of Anna Brawley*)

VESTRY MEMBERS: Yancey Jones (Senior Warden); Rebecca Cline (Junior Warden); Dawn Davis; Richard Grosse; Beth Markwood; Ricki Carson; John Hoar; George Spagna; Janet Taylor

The altar flowers today are given by Lyde Longaker in loving memory of Jon Longaker and Paty Arrott.