

# NEVERTHELESS

Newsletter of the Church of St. James the Less, a parish of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia  
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I know some of you do not have all your Christmas decorations packed away yet. Perhaps the realization that Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent are upon us might give one the added incentive to finish the packing. But don't panic, you still have a few weeks to get it done.

As is the tradition at SJTL, as well as many other parishes, a **Pancake Supper** will be held on the Tuesday evening Feb. 24 at 6:00 pm to prepare for the beginning of Lent. After the supper you are invited to move to the church as we hold a short service with the imposition of ashes. On **Ash Wednesday**, February 25, we will have two services, one at 7:30 am. and the other at 7:00 pm. Both services will include Holy Eucharist and the imposition of ashes.

Beginning on the first Sunday of Lent, both services will open with the "Great Litany," that ancient litany of penitence of the Church. Through Lent we will also use "Rite I" from the Book of Common Prayer at both services.

As we did last year, on the second through the fifth Sundays of Lent we will forgo the usual opening hymn with procession. Instead we will continue to hold sacred a time of silence before the service to prepare our hearts and still our minds for a place for God's Spirit to rest within us. Before the prelude begins you will notice that the choir, acolytes and clergy, weather permitting, will come into the church from the side door in the chancel and be seated. We will all then have an opportunity to listen to Bob Hooley as he plays the prelude offering. Then after a brief moment of quiet we will stand and begin the service. Also during the Lenten season will say rather than chant the psalm.

On **Palm Sunday**, between the 8:00 am and 10:00 am services, we will join with other Ashland churches at the Henry Clay Elementary School at 9:00 am for a brief liturgy and procession of palms back to our respective churches. At the 10:00 am service, weather permitting, we will begin the Liturgy of the Palms outside at the front of the church steps. Also, as we did last year, we will have the stripping of the altar at the end of the Palm Sunday Service. We will of course also have the traditional stripping of the altar on Holy Thursday as well.

**Good Friday** will continue to see our SJTL tradition of Stations of the Cross led by the laity at 7:00 pm, following the last hours of Jesus life and journey toward his death and burial.

On **Easter Sunday** we will have a glorious celebration of the risen Lord with all processions and music returning. On Easter Sunday you are asked to bring "**bells,**" **all kinds of bells**, so that we may welcome in the risen Lord and proclaim to all the world his glorious resurrection from the dead and the gift of new life offered for all.

May you continue to be blessed on your Lenten journey to experience the love, joy and blessing God holds for each one of us.



### **LIONSHOP & SHARE**

This program, sponsored by Food Lion, allows you to contribute money to your favorite charity (hopefully, St. James the Less or the Free Clinic). Donating is simplicity itself. Come to Brydon Hall on February 8, after either service, with your Food Lion MVP card. Fill out a slip with your name and twelve-digit MVP number – that's it!

Food Lion now offers this program as a way to help not-for-profit organizations. With a minimum requirement of twenty-five registered participants, an organization can receive contributions of up to \$350.00 per calendar quarter.

You may only contribute to one organization at a time. If you wish to change your support, you may do so at any time before the start of a new quarter. If one (St. James or the Free Clinic) reaches the \$350.00 maximum and the other doesn't, you may wish to re-register. If both reach the maximum, the E.C.W. recommends that you consider re-registering to benefit St. Andrew's School, Richmond. This is a tuition-free school supported by The Diocese.

If you have any questions, please contact Lula Hopkins at 798-5401. There is also information posted on the hallway bulletin board.

PS: If you don't have an MVP card, GET ONE! Please try to use it at least once a month.

-Lula Hopkins

### **Thank You from Kristina Raney**

Dear SJTL friends,

I want to thank you for all the support you have given my Girl Scout troop over the past few years. Unfortunately, my troop is dissolving, so I will no longer be a Girl Scout. I really appreciate all the items you donated at Christmas for the Hand To Hand homeless project. My troop collected several big bags of items. I know those warm gloves and hats will be much appreciated. One of the things I really loved about selling cookies and nuts was getting letters from deployed people who received our donations. The letters always made me cry. I received one letter from a woman who had gotten some of the cookies. She said she was so homesick, but when those cookies arrived it helped her feel like she was home.

Thank you again for all your love and support.

Love,  
Kristina Raney

### **In Our Parish Family...**

Transfers in: Robert and Janice Jones, Barbara Dix, and the Reagan family.



## **MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP UPDATE**

After a great Christmas party at PK's "party house", we had a couple of weeks off during the school Christmas break. We are back now and getting into full swing for a great second half of the year. Some things to look forward to: the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 24th and our Shrine Mont weekend at the end of March.

### **A couple of reminders:**

We will continue going to Aylett on a monthly basis to pack food. It will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month unless we hear otherwise from our contact. I will continue to send out reminders. With that in mind, if you have extra paper or plastic grocery bags, please bring them with you. They are in need of them in the pantry. If you haven't gone, please try to do so, it is a great outreach program. We leave the church at 9:00 a.m. and if we don't stop for lunch, we are normally back at the church by 12:30. If there are any youth middle school age and older that would like to go, please feel free to contact Vicki at [v\\_morison@hotmail.com](mailto:v_morison@hotmail.com) or 550-2425.

Newspaper recycling continues. Please remember to bring your newspapers and put them in the bin in the back by the vans. This money goes straight to the youth group to assist with covering some expenses.

We will continue helping as needed with the Outreach Dinner when it is hosted at SJTL.

As always, we welcome any middle school youth to join us at our meetings. If anyone has any questions regarding the group, please feel free to contact any of the advisors.

Thank you for the continued support of this youth group. They are an amazing group of kids.

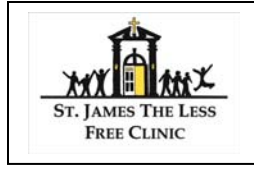
PK Kinser      Vicki Morison      Tish Sanders

### **Senior High Youth Group All students in 9<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade Sundays from 6:00-7:30pm**

February brings one of the favorite activities for senior high youth group—the Valentine's Dinner where youth 'Share the Love' with their parents, expressing their gratitude for the many big and small things their parents do for them everyday. Parents and grandparents—mark your calendars and look for an invitation in the mail. The dinner will be held February 8. Planning and fundraising for the Iowa Flood Relief mission trip will begin in earnest this month, as we coordinate with other parishes within the Diocese of Virginia to plan and prepare for our efforts in July. Attendance continues to be high, with 20-25 youth here each Sunday.

*If you are in high school and have not attended in a while, please feel free to come back anytime—we miss you!*

-Aleta Meyer (380-7832 or [meyera2@nida.nih.gov](mailto:meyera2@nida.nih.gov))



## **Saint James the Less Free Clinic**

The current economic climate has had a significant impact on the patient load at St. James the Less Free Clinic. The increased rate of unemployment with the loss of some or all benefits has resulted in greater demands for service and more patients visiting the clinic.

In an effort to reach out and provide service to more of those in need, the Board of Directors of the clinic has approved a program to establish satellite clinics in other churches throughout the county. This program keeps our faith-based mission and will provide opportunities for others to volunteer.

As you know, we have successfully operated an eye clinic at Shiloh Baptist church and this program has brought us format and experience in operating a satellite clinic. A new satellite will open at Ashland Christian Church in early February with a focus upon mental health. It will be staffed and operated by volunteers from Ashland Christian Church and others in the community.

The clinic needs a presence in the eastern portion of Hanover County to serve the needy population in that area. Thus plans are currently underway to open two additional satellites in the eastern section, one for medical and one for dental. The timetable for these new clinics is the third quarter of this year.

The clinic will continue to need both professional and non-professional volunteers and this would be a good opportunity for those interested in helping to come forward and join in this outreach faith-based mission.

-Lee Chambers

*If you are interested in volunteering, making an ongoing pledge to the clinic or have any questions about making a donation, you can call our Board president, Lee Chambers at 798-6647 or send us a note with your intention. Checks can be placed in the collection plate payable to "Saint James the Less Free Clinic" or mailed to us at "Saint James the Less Free Clinic, PO Box 117, Ashland, VA 23005". Thank you.*

*If you would like to call the clinic for an appointment, a question, or to determine eligibility for services, please call 798-8890 to leave a message and we will call you back.*

### **A Heavenly Creations Story**

This is one of those stories that just warms the heart and soul of us at St. James the Less Episcopal Church of Ashland, VA. At the Heavenly Creations Arts and Crafts Show (which is a result of many volunteer hours, especially from Marcia Hill and Alice Lewis) in November, a wonderful story emerged. Nancy Bugge was being escorted by her charming husband Norman while Ron Petitt described several of the artists' works to her. Ron told her about the silent auction carousel, made by Katherine Tinker and sold to Sara Irby over 20 years ago. (Sara then donated it for the silent auction in 2008.) Nancy said "I want to buy it". Unfortunately, the silent auction only ran on Friday night. Since it was Saturday, it had already been sold. Ron asked who had bought the carousel and learned that Don Bruce was the highest bidder. Because Nancy had shown such an interest in it, Ron then asked Jenny Bruce to find out how attached Don was to the carousel.

The next day, Sunday, Ron asked Don if Jenny had asked him about the carousel. Don replied "I gave it to Nancy". What a guy!!! When Katherine heard this, she took one of her pieces of artwork over and gave it to Don. What a gal!!! Now is that the gift that keeps on giving or what?!? We have the most wonderful people at SJTL. KEEP ON GIVING.

**Do you wonder what the purpose is of those “special” envelopes included in your box of pledge envelopes?**

**Please note the following:**

*Initial Envelope* - Operating Fund to help cover the costs of the envelopes

*Birthday Envelope* - Episcopal Relief and Development Fund

*Epiphany Envelope* - Virginia Theological Seminary

*Ash Wednesday Envelope* - Diocesan Fund for Human Need

*Good Friday Envelope* - The Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East

*Easter Envelope* - SJTL Building Fund (Retire the Debt)

*All Saints Envelope* - Richmond Hill

*Thanksgiving Envelope* - Ashland Christian Emergency Shelter (ACES)

*Christmas Envelope* - SJTL Building Fund (Retire the Debt)

Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held at 9am on Sunday February 22. Please plan to attend.



*Notes of Thanks from the Burgoyne and Reynolds families.*

*The Rev. Doug Burgoyne was the interim rector at St. James the Less before I was called as your rector. When I attended the funeral of his son David on Jan. 24, Doug asked if I would pass on in the newsletter some of the following thoughts.*

The **Rev. Doug Burgoyne, his wife Joanie** and their family wish to offer their most sincere thanks for the love, kindness, cards, notes, gifts of food and all the expressions of sympathy and affection the people at St. James the Less have expressed to them upon the death of their son David. Doug wanted everyone to know that the outpouring has been so tremendous it would be impossible to thank everyone individually. He also wanted everyone to know: “We are most grateful for your prayers and your love. We can only say, thank you, thank you, thank to you all. You are truly God’s gift and blessing to us.”

**Roger and Rachel Reynolds** wish to thank the St. James the Less family for all their love, support, cards, foods and gazillion stuffed animals and balloons they have received for their daughter **Charlotte!** As many of you already know 3 ½ year-old Charlotte was discovered to have a brain tumor and had surgery on January 22. At present the family is awaiting a pathology report to see what treatment will follow.

To find up to date information on Charlotte and the family you can go to [www.caringbridge.org/visit/charlottereynolds](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/charlottereynolds) to follow the latest postings and to send messages as well as to find various ways you can help. (You can also find the link on our SJTL website) There are many pictures including one of the giant get well card that members of SJTL have signed and sent. Thank you for keeping Charlotte, Roger, Rachel and their family in your prayers.

-Ed

## **Mark your calendars!**

The **Annual Meeting of the Congregation** will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please plan to attend.

The **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**, followed by the **imposition of ashes**, will take place on Tuesday, February 24, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. It will be hosted by the Middle School Youth Group. The donation of \$6.00 per person, \$20.00 per family will help to cover expenses for their mission work.

There will be two services on **Ash Wednesday**, February 25. Service times are 7:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

The 2009 schedule of **Outreach Dinners** is: February 22, April 26, June 28, August 30, October 25 and December 27.



## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Duff Green, Hannah Mau
- 6 Bob May
- 9 J.P. Temple, Richard Hubbard, Logan Slaughter,  
Luke Slaughter
- 10 Alice Lewis, Devon Ericksen, Emily Green
- 11 Diane Kubala, Mary Brown Leachman
- 12 Hilarie Street, Nate Miles
- 14 Betty Carol Stevenson, Steve Pickett
- 16 Court Womble
- 19 Derrick Rosser
- 20 Erin Seymour, Robert Ham, Olivia Hoar
- 22 Jenny Tarbox, Tristan Sayed
- 25 Roy Lynn, John Wade
- 28 Timothy Holt, Lula Hopkins (02-29)



## Our Prayers Are Invited...

**For those in need of healing:** CHARLOTTE Reynolds;  
**For the homebound:** JOYCE Jeffers and NANCY Bugge;  
**For those serving in the military:** PATRICK Raney, TRENT  
Chelette, BRAYDEN Pleasants, CHRIS Abaire, SCOTT Feeley and  
C. DALE Reed;

**Relatives & Friends:** CHARLES Pleasants (father of Brayden & Parke), WEB Buchanan (friend of the parish), BARBARA Krenicky (associate of Condé Hopkins), MACK Castle (son-in-law of Sally Walton), BETTY Ahern (friend of Barbie Dix), RICK Seabolt (friend of Vicki Morison), GUS Miller (friend of Cami Stiles & Betty Tharrington), CONNIE Hoar (sister of John), NANCY Ketner (friend of Lula Hopkins), ANNE Robb & JOHN Bernard (friends of Pat Jordan), BARRY Bittner (father of Julie Ericksen), ROB DuPriest (friend of Ron & Condé Hopkins), ROBIN Smith & SANDIE Litsinger (former parishioners), LOGAN Monk (grandson), SCOTT Ruff (son-in-law) & RANDY Rosinsky (friend) (of Rebecca Cauthorne), SHANNON Pride (daughter of Harry Hassell), SHEILA & JAY Whiteford (family of the Hassells), SUMPTER Priddy (cousin of Charles Thompson), the JAN Meacham family, JENNIFER & DEREK Burton (Lee Ann & Ed's family), KAY Dew (mother of Joanne), JUDY Thomas, ELWOOD Kelley, & IRA Andrews (friends of the Flanagans).

*Unless you inform us otherwise, we will keep these persons on the Prayer List for four months. To make any changes, please contact the church office. Thank you.*

