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A symbol of hope...

Dear Friends,



Recently at church, we have been listening to the story of one of my favorite figures from Hebrew Scripture: David, the young shepherd boy chosen king over Saul, and a man who was close to God's heart.

For most Christians, David is seen as an heroic figure who is both a forerunner and model for Jesus. In the New Testament, Jesus is sometimes called the Son of David, indicating the esteem with which many people held Jesus during his earthly life and the continuity between the ancient Kingdom of Israel and the new kingdom Jesus

proclaimed to the world.

However, there is a darker side to David. The Old Testament describes a man who committed adultery and then conspired in the murder of the women's husband. But David was also a man who had the courage to confess his sins and to seek God's forgiveness. David was a man who heard God's voice, heard God's promise, and knew there was still hope even in the depths of his own personal despair.

It is easy for us to fall into the trap of thinking that our annual parish guide is a description of a spiritually perfect community. However, we know the truth. Any Christian community that hopes to serve others must acknowledge that we are no more perfect than David. And for St. James's to grow and flourish, we must be a hospital for sinners and not a hotel for stained glass saints.

This parish guide is a symbol of our hope in God's promises, a reminder that, despite our imperfections, God loves us and expects us to be a blessing to others through the ministry of St. James's Episcopal Church.

It is my prayer that our parish guide this year will be a symbol of hope to those that have lost their way and to all those seeking a place where they may grow and learn how to be a people who are close to God's heart.

In Christ,

Worship Schedule

Sundays at St. James's

Labor Day – Memorial Day

7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:00 a.m.* Holy Eucharist, Rite II

and Children's Chapel

11:15 a.m.* Holy Eucharist, Rite II

(1st & 3rd Sundays) or Morning Prayer, Rite I

 $(2^{nd}\ \&\ 4^{th}\ Sundays)$

Memorial Day – Labor Day

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10:00 a.m.* Holy Eucharist, Rite II

* Services are streamed live on our website: www.doers.org

Serving at

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Worship Ministries

Altar Guild

Altar Guild is the ministry that prepares the church (with specific attention to the altar) and chapel for worship services, including weddings, funerals and baptisms. The Guild takes care to ensure that each feast day, most especially in Advent, Christmas, Holy Week and Easter, is celebrated visually and sacramentally appropriately to reflect the church season. The Altar Guild has six teams who serve every sixth week.

Contact: Lucy Meade, 200-1372

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Flower Guild

This ministry is for those who love to create beautiful flower arrangements. Members arrange flowers at the altar for worship services, as well as for special events.

Contacts: Loretta Miller, 740-8137

or lhm307@verizon.net

Jeanette McKittrick, 370-1610 or jeanettemckittrick@gmail.com

Acolyte Guild

The Acolyte Guild is comprised of young people, sixth grade and up, who serve as crucifers (the lead crucifer assists the priest with the elements at the altar), banner bearers and torch bearers during the worship services.

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or robinjager5@gmail.com

Sarah Hubard, 334-1946 or knoxandsarah@comcast.net

Lay Eucharistic Ministry

Lay Eucharistic Ministers serve as chalice bearers during Eucharist services. They also serve as lectors and acolytes to the priest at the 7:45 a.m. worship service. LEMs also provide inhome communion to those parishioners who are unable to attend church.

Contact: Michael Lantz, 938-5223

or mwwlantz@gmail.com

Lectors

Lectors read the scripture passages at both the 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. services, once or twice each four to five months.

Contact: Lisa Niemeier, 937-3777

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Ushers

Ushers welcome worshippers with bulletins, introduce newcomers, answer questions and guide people during our worship services, take up the offering, and deliver altar flowers to shut-ins and parish members.

Contacts: Harry Turton, 282-3484

or harry.turton@bankatunion.com

for the 9:00 a.m. service;

Brink Brinkley, 840-9618

or asb3rd@aol.com for the 11:15 a.m.

service

Video Ministry

Volunteers operate the video equipment for each service that we webcast – two on Sundays (September through May) and one on Sundays in the summer – as well as special services and other events during the year. This ministry allows those who cannot attend services because of poor health or other reasons to watch our services.

Contact: Jonathan Sumrell, (703) 946-5159

or jmsumrell@gmail.com

Wheels Ministry

Volunteers provide transportation each Sunday morning to Westminster Canterbury residents who attend the 11:15 a.m. worship service. Training for driving the WCR van is provided.

Contact: John Willett, 514-5389 or jawillett2@yahoo.com

St. Fames's

Music Ministries

Contact: Mark Whitmire, 355.1779, ext. 323 or mwhitmire@doers.org

Cherub Choir (Kindergarten to Grade 2)

Rehearses Wednesdays from 4:00 to 4:50 p.m. Sings monthly at the 9:00 a.m. service

Children's Choir (Grades 3 to 5)

Rehearses Wednesdays from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Sings monthly at the 9:00 a.m. service

Youth Choir (Grades 6 to 12)

Rehearses Sundays from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Sings monthly at the 11:15 a.m. service

West Gallery Choir

Choir for adults who want to sing music in a variety of musical styles and want to gain a foundation in music and choral technique

Rehearses Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Sings at the 9:00 a.m. service

Parish Choir

Choir for more experienced singers who want to sing a wide range of choral repertoire in the Anglican tradition Rehearses Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Sings at the 11:15 a.m. service

Guitar Ensemble

Rehearses Wednesdays at 8:30 p.m. Plays at the 9:00 a.m. service

Singing Lessons

Six-week singing class beginning in September and January. Meets Wednesdays from 6:15 to 7:00 p.m.

Virginia Home Sing

At 7:00 p.m., on the fourth Monday of each month (September through May) Members of the Guitar Ensemble, the choirs, and interested parishioners meet at the Virginia Home and lead the residents in singing.

Children's Ministries

Contact: Becky Page, 355-1779, ext. 314 or bpage@doers.org

Sunday Storytime

Volunteers for this ministry serve our two year olds in the nursery during the Christian Formation hour. Each volunteer will have an opportunity to read a story and talk about values and character with the children. Simple age appropriate crafts may be incorporated into this time. Volunteers can serve in this new program once or on an ongoing basis.

Godly Play

A team of four storytellers and doorkeepers serve in each of the three *Godly Play* classes for three year olds through 1st graders. Volunteers alternate between telling the story and welcoming the children into the sacred space of the *Godly Play* classroom. Volunteers are encouraged to be present twice each month during the Sunday school program year.

Growing in Faith Rotation Model

There are a variety of opportunities to share your time and talents while serving in this ministry to our elementary school children. Workshop leaders, shepherds, service coordinators, and materials volunteers engage with the second through fifth graders in Sunday school. Shepherds are encouraged to be present in the classroom twice per month during the program year in a ministry of presence. Workshop leaders teach one lesson to several classes over the course of several Sundays either once or several times throughout the year. Materials volunteers work behind the scenes approximately once each month during the year. Service project coordinators will assist with new projects in October and January.

Nursery

Parent volunteers engage with infants, toddlers, and pre-school children in the nursery each Sunday during the 9:00 a.m. service (10:00 service in the summer). All parents whose children use the nursery are encouraged to be a part of this ministry.







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Children's Chapel

The Children's Chapel program is offered during the 9:00 a.m. Eucharist service throughout the program year. Adult volunteers welcome the children into the chapel and support the clergy as they lead the children in worship.

Baptismal Banners

Parishioners create personalized banners for each child baptized at St. James's. No artistic talent required only simple tracing, cutting, and gluing. Service in this ministry can be performed at home or at church.

Advent Fair

Volunteers can serve in this ministry by preparing materials in advance or they can volunteer to assist families during the Advent Fair which will be held December 2, 2018.

Christmas Pageant

Volunteers assist with costuming and chaperoning pageant participants during both the dress rehearsal and the pageant. Volunteers also assist with costumes, props, and lighting. The pageant will be December 16, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. with a dress rehearsal Saturday, December 15 from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Vacation Bible School

VBS volunteers serve in a variety of roles both leading up to and during the program. Volunteers serve in planning, decorating, and materials procurement prior to VBS. The week of VBS, volunteers serve as shepherds and activities leaders. Youth volunteers are welcome and encouraged to serve at VBS. Vacation Bible School will be June 17-21, 2019.

International and Domestic Missions

St. James's has a rich history of domestic and international mission trips. Each year, we send a number of mission teams out to share God's love through service. A mission trip is an opportunity to immerse oneself in community, prayer, laughter, and hard work. These trips are both challenging and rewarding. Most mission trips do not require special skills – just willing hands and a compassionate heart! Many of the trips are open to youth and adults – check with the trip leader to find out more. The trips and dates listed here are subject to change, so please watch the eChimes and Sunday Chimes for updates throughout the year.

Contact: Andy Smith, Missions Committee Chair, 310-1026 or smitha@stcva.org

World Pediatric Project

2019 dates to be announced

In recent years, World Pediatric Project patients Anelle, Angelo, Sofia, Fidel, Bless, Isis, and Future have brought great joy to our parish. This year, we look forward to being matched with another WPP family. Through this locally-based organization, our church will sponsor a child to travel to Richmond from a developing country for live-saving surgery. St. James's will support them by providing meals, planning fun activities, and more. This is a wonderful mission opportunity for families with young kids to do together, and for parishioners who would like to build international relationships but are unable to travel far from home.

Cuba

Dates to be announced

We have a very special partnership with the Episcopal Diocese of Cuba that began in 2013. Past teams from St. James's have assisted in the rebuilding of a church in Santiago de Cuba, and have also worked on projects in Havana as well. We hope to offer another mission trip to Cuba in 2019.







Haiti

November 4-11, 2018

This will be our eighth year partnering with The St. Joseph Family, an organization that serves the most disadvantaged populations in Haiti. Our team will visit Port-au-Prince and Jacmel, where we will work with Wings of Hope, a home for children and adults with disabilities.

Honduras

2019 dates to be announced

The church's longest running mission continues to flourish in this country with one of the poorest economies in Central America. Over the past quarter of a century, our mission teams have built many meaningful relationships with our friends at Our Little Roses Home for Girls in the city of San Pedro Sula. This mission involves some work and lots of play.

New Orleans

November 11-17, 2018

We plan to return this fall for another visit to the Crescent City, which continues the work of revitalization following Hurricane Katrina. We look forward to partnering again with Rebuilding Hope in New Orleans, an outreach ministry of St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church. The mission may include construction, community gardening, or other important local projects.

Nashville

Dates to be announced

In 2018, we began a brand-new mission for women. Thistle Farms in Nashville, TN is a powerful community of women who are healing from prostitution, trafficking, and addiction. Our time at Thistle Farms involves listening, touring, serving, and learning from the amazing women working to rebuild their lives through this transformative program. We hope to offer another mission trip to Thistle Farms in 2019.

Navajoland

Dates to be announced

We hope to offer a new mission trip to St. Christopher's Mission in Bluff, Utah in the coming year. Bluff is located in a very remote part of Utah, surrounded by Navajoland and a stunning array of national parks. St. Christopher's Mission was built in 1942. The grounds include a museum, community farm, and a free well used by many Navajo as their main water source. Our team will partner with the Episcopal Church to assist in repairs to the Mission buildings.

Richmond

Summer 2019

Our city has many needs, and this mission trip allows participants to spend a week making a difference right here in our own community. In recent years, we have partnered with project:HOMES, Inc. an excellent nonprofit enabling low-income neighbors in Richmond to stay in their homes. Work will likely include home repair projects and yard work.

Youth Missions for Middle and High Schoolers *Summer 2019*

Going on a mission trip is always a highlight of the summer for our teenagers and a wonderful opportunity to grow in faith and service to others. We offer two mission trips specifically for youth each summer: the 3-day "Mini-Mission" is for students finishing 5th-8th grades, and the week-long "Youth Mission" is for students finishing 9th-12th grades. Youth are welcome to participate in any of the other St. James's mission trips with an accompanying parent. Please join us on January 13, 2019 for our Summer 2019 Preview Event to learn more about these mission opportunities.







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Servant Ministries

Area Congregations Together In Service (ACTS) Advocacy Team

Area Congregations Together In Service (ACTS) is a network of congregations representing a broad spectrum of faith traditions and many community partners working together in Greater Richmond to prevent homelessness. ACTS provides case assessment, referrals, and emergency financial support to individuals and families who are in financial crisis and who are at risk of losing their housing. ACTS and St. James's, through the office of Nancy Warman, have a strong working partnership in crisis ministry. The ACTS Advocacy Team serves to raise awareness and interest in the work of ACTS among members of St. James's. It has created and sustains a template of ideas and activities that can be used by other ACTS partner congregations to educate their members about the important mission of ACTS and to suggest possible funding strategies within the congregations. Volunteers also help to host awareness-building events.

Contact: Margie Gray, 357-4442 or graymargie825@gmail.com

Anna Julia Cooper Episcopal School

Anna Julia Cooper Episcopal School is an independent, faith-based middle school for students of limited resources primarily from Richmond's East End neighborhood. All students receive a full-tuition scholarship to attend. Volunteers serve as tutors, classroom volunteers, chaperones, and mentors. We also welcome help from those who are able to do maintenance work.

Contact: Paulette Pullen, 282-0030 or pearlpullen@comcast.net

CARITAS Intake

October 13-December 14, 2018

CARITAS Intake provides a safe and warm space in the church basement for CARITAS guests to wait in the late afternoon for the CARITAS bus to pick them up and provide transportation to their overnight site. Two to

three volunteers are needed each evening (generally 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.) to provide hospitality and general oversight of the Michaux House building. CARITAS staff is responsible for intake and client needs.

Contact: Steve McCoy, 370-1041

or Steve.McCoy@PatientFirst.com

CARITAS Shelter

March 23-30, 2019

CARITAS Shelter provides hospitality and overnight shelter in Michaux House for 35-40 CARITAS guests for a week. Volunteers are needed to help with hospitality, breakfast and dinner meals, bagged lunches, laundry, activities such as board games, movies, special events, and evening worship.

Contacts: Julie Wade, 690-4928 or juliecwade12@gmail.com David Wade, 357-5730 or davidpwade@gmail.com

Circles RVA

Volunteers serve as "Allies" to a Circle "Leader," an individual who is living at 150% or less of the federal poverty guideline and who wants to move out of poverty. "Allies" offer support and encouragement and enlarge the "Leaders" community networks helping him/her gain access to community resources and to build social and economic networks that help the individual move out of poverty and reach one's life plan and goals. Volunteer "Allies" work alongside many other volunteers and are provided training and understanding of the Circles foundational curriculum and process.

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DAN (Doers Action Network)

A team of volunteers who serve on an "on-call' basis to provide occasional support and assistance to a member of the church. Services such as minor plumbing work, changing light bulbs, short-term yard work, shoveling snow, limited household chores, hanging pictures, transporta-







tion, balancing a checkbook, organizing health care documentation, or providing a friendly visit are provided. This team provides in-reach ministry to those who are members of our St. James's family and especially to those who are financially or physically unable to care for themselves.

Contact: Rob Mitchell, 366-1584 or rhm1637@gmail.com Ken Hoen, 615-1597 or ken@hoenfinearts.com

Doers Doing in the Community

These doers support community agencies that support, uplift, and strengthen the lives of those in our Richmond metro community who are in need. Team members respond to a particular agency need for "helping hands." Our team ministry currently focuses on Virginia Supportive Housing and Housing Families First (Hilliard House), but we go where we are needed! Activities can include painting and decorating a resident room or a common area in the facility, helping to clean the apartment of someone who is physically and mentally unable to do so, providing a meal and sharing dinner with residents, and more.

Contacts: Mary Slaughter, 355-1405 or maryslaughter4@msn.com Judy Philpott, 833-6464 or philpott3@yahoo.com

East End Employment Inititive Ministry

Volunteers will provide one-on-one coaching and encouragement to individuals from the Church Hill neighborhood who are participants in the East End Employment Initiative. Coaching and detailed attention will be given to job-readiness skills such as resume writing, interviewing skills, and other employment ready "soft skills." The goal is to provide moral support, professional guidance, and tangible help needed in order for participants to reach optimal employment and sufficient income for family stabilization.

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The Giving Tree

Volunteers plan and implement the annual Christmas ministry that allows our congregation to provide gifts to children and senior adults who participate in the program of the Peter Paul Development Center and to children in need who are served by our emergency outreach fund or by other selected community agencies.

Contact: Katie Morris, 615-2161 or morriskatier@gmail.com Susan Sumrell, (703) 772-7437 or susanjsumrell@gmail.com

McGuire Veterans Ministry

Volunteers host an ice cream social for patients on the polytrauma and spinal cord units of McGuire Veterans Hospital and for their families and staff. Team members gather for a visit each 3rd Tuesday of the month, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. to offer hospitality, listening ears and "ministry of presence."

Contact: Madeleine & Snead Luck, 405-2696 or snead.luck@trentcorp.net

Mentoring in City Schools

Volunteers serve as lunch buddies to first graders at Bellevue Elementary School. In addition, some "doers" provide classroom assistance and serve as mentors in other school systems and at the Peter Paul Development Center and Anna Julia Cooper Episcopal School.

Contact: Paulette Pullen, 282-0030 or pearlpullen@comcast.net

Ministry Care Teams

Volunteers serve on an "as needed basis" with the Director of Servant Ministry/Social Worker and offer a helping hand to clients who have been referred to the church for emergency financial assistance or need other types of support, such as a friendly visit, transport to doctor's appointment, occasional grocery shopping and non-financial support.

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Peter Paul Development Center

An outreach and community center serving Church Hill and neighboring communities in Richmond's East End, PPDC's mission is to build a community of learners by engaging and challenging children, families, and seniors. This is accomplished through programs that enhance academic achievement, provide cultural enrichment, and promote self-esteem and lifelong self-sufficiency. Many volunteer opportunities are available for working with both children and seniors.

Contact: Rosemary Jones, PPDC Volunteer

Coordinator, 780-1195

 $or\ RJones@peterpauldevcenter.org$

Professionals in Action

A team of volunteers with professional expertise, such as accountants, lawyers, financial planners, eldercare/nursing home specialists, and building contractors who provide consultation to the Director of Servant Ministry/Pastoral Social Worker or clergy in addressing issues and questions that relate to the needs of a church member. Volunteers work on a periodic "as needed" basis. When a need arises, a member of this group is called for consultation on how to help resolve a particular need. Information is confidential and only used by staff and the clergy.

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project:HOMES

Working through project:HOMES, a community agency that provides services to elderly citizens, our volunteers work together several times a year to renovate or repair the homes of low-income elderly city residents. Kyle Martin is our professional building contractor who supervises and welcomes even those with no building experience!

Contact: Andy Smith, 310-1026

or smitha@stcva.org

REAL Advocacy Team

The REAL team assists individuals impacted by incarceration, or homelessness, or who are battling addiction and challenged by barriers and obstacles within the community keeping them from a thriving future. Volunteers provide financial and budget counseling, coaching for expectant mothers, Bible study, and friendly support. Team members love preparing dinner with residents of the REAL House and enjoying a meal together.

Contact: Nancy Warman, Director of Servant Ministry, 355-1779, ext. 333 or nwarman@doers.org

RVA Rapid Transit Advocacy Team

We work with ecumenical partners and others to bring effective rapid public transportation to metropolitan Richmond. The rapid transit system for greater Richmond connects job-seekers with employers and county residents with downtown attractions, with a positive impact on our region's economy. In this area, we are also working on race relations through a partnership with Mt. Gilead Full Gospel International Ministries, a predominately African-American church in Chesterfield County.

Contact: Nancy Warman, Director of Servant Ministry, 355-1779, ext. 333 or nwarman@doers.org

St. James's Children's Center

St. James's Children's Center is a special ministry for a diverse group of children, including those at-risk, to reap the benefits of three quality educational programs: Early Childhood, After School Enrichment and Summer Intervention. Talented and passionate teachers give young learners the luxury of time to be children, to discover and pursue their own ideas and passions and to acquire a life-long love of learning. Volunteers serve by sharing and teaching talents like art and dance, providing board and committee leadership, mentoring young learners, reading to children, accompanying students on field trips, and assisting administrative staff.

Contact: Winnie Perilla Canup, 358-9788 ext. 340 or wpcanup@doers.org







Servant Sunday

Every other year, we join as a community of Doers to focus on servant ministry for an entire Sunday. Bracketed by a brief worship service and the annual parish picnic, this one day initiative allows an array of our current lay ministries to involve groups of new and already engaged parishioners in concentrated work for the benefit of our local communities and the world.

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Stewards of the Earth

This committee meets as needed to pursue green initiatives, both as a parish and as individual Christians. We are deeply grateful for the beauty of God's creation, and invite all to join us in our work to preserve it. By reducing the size of our own environmental footprint, with God's help, we intend to have a positive impact on the future of our church and community. Team members serve as representatives to the Diocesan Creation Care Task Force and encourage theological study and practical applications of environmentalism and care for our Earth. We stay in contact and up to date on issues via email and take turns authoring the "Earthly Matters" column in the quarterly Chimes.

Contact: Monica Lewis, 254-8351 or modemolew@yahoo.com

Safe Harbor

This mission is to create an environment where services and support for human trafficking and abuse survivors is readily available, and healthy relationships are modeled and encouraged. Volunteers provide support and encouragement while providing services such as helping with cleaning shelter space, providing lawn care, painting an office space, or providing a meal for the residents of the shelter.

Contact: Nancy Warman, Director of Servant Ministry, 355-1779, ext. 333 or nwarman@doers.org

Episcopal Church Women

Every woman of the church belongs to the Episcopal Church Women. ECW members volunteer their time in many outreach projects associated with church. You're invited to join in!

Contact: Newnie Rogers, 282-8262 or newnster@msn.com

Fellowship

Food Force Ministry

Food Force meal ministry brings church friends together in the kitchen for lots of chatter and for outstanding outreach to community folks in need of nutritious food. Volunteers prepare home-cooked meals and deliver them to community homeless and low-income people who receive meals at the Salvation Army and other community meal sites. There are four teams that meet monthly.

Contacts: Gigi Redmond, 285-3772 or giredmond@mac.com Mary Slaughter, 353-1405 or maryslaughter4@msn.com

Helping Hands

Volunteers supporting church members is what this team is all about. Team members take turns providing meals to church members who are in need of support due to an illness or death in the family or when celebrating the birth of a child.

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Hospitality Committee

This team of volunteers serves "on call" to provide planning and preparation for special receptions and events including such things as Blessing of the Animals reception, Bishop's Confirmation reception, Easter brunch, Pentecost celebration, and Founders Day receptions.

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Very Special Eve

Shrine Mont Parish Retreat Weekend

October 19-21, 2018

Every fall, our parish goes on retreat to the beautiful diocesan retreat center, Shrine Mont, located in the mountains north of the Shenandoah Valley. Parishioners of all ages are invited to enjoy the beauty, relaxation, and fellowship that Shrine Mont has to offer. The popular Candlelit Compline, Walk/ Run 5K, and Happy Hour for All Ages will return! We'll have opportunities for fun and socializing, worship at the Shrine, and optional small groups for activities and learning. Free childcare for children 4 and under, now expanded with additional evening hours. Cost for room & meals: children and youth are free; Early Bird prices (for adults) until August 15: \$100 for one adult or \$140 for two adults (in the same room); full rice after August 15 and until October 1: \$150 for one adult or \$190 for two adults.

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Taste of St. James's

November 14, 2018

The Taste of St. James's debuted in 2011 as the Holiday Gourmet Food Sale. This fall, we will narrow the focus to everybody's favorite freezer find: SOUP! This event funds St. James's Food Force, our outreach ministry to homeless residents in Richmond. Volunteers are needed to prepare soups and baked goods, as well as to staff the event. Also, plenty of shoppers are needed to come and buy all the delicious soups and treats for sale!

Contact: TBD

Alternative Gift Market

December 9, 2018, 10:15 a.m. First Floor Parlors of the Michaux House

As we prepare for the coming of the Christ child, the gifts we prepare for others can reflect his love. The St. James's Alternative Gifts Fair offers gifts that enrich our walk with Jesus. Yours can be a donation to a signature ministry or featured partner; gift certifi-

cates towards a St. James's mission trip, pilgrimage or retreat; or stocking stuffers like Children's Center crosses, Mardi Gras ties, and fair trade goods. Each gift comes with an original St. James's gift card or certificate.

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Ministry, 355-1779 ext. 333 or nwarman@doers.org

Mardi Gras for Missions

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Many volunteers and partygoers are needed to host our annual Fat Tuesday feast and auction. All proceeds support St. James's many mission trips.

Contact: Co-chairs: Kit Bredrup (kitbredrup@gmail.com) and Lindsay Wortham (lbw2301 @verizon.net)

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

7anuary 2019

Join the Rev. Dr. Mark Cooper on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem and the Holy Land. Walk in Jesus' footsteps and visit sites sacred to the Christian story and faith. Exact plans will be forthcoming.

Contact: Mark Cooper, 3(703) 980-0130 or markcooper1966@gmail.com

WomanKind 2020

March 2020

This biennial spiritual symposium for women features outstanding speakers, engaging workshops, uplifting worship, and delightful hospitality. Get involved now to help plan another amazing event in 2020.

Contact: Meta Braymer, 353-4284 or mbraymer@comcast.net

Pilgrimage to Oberammergau, Germany

August 10-20, 2020

This 11-day pilgrimage to Oberammergau and the Passion Play will be led by rector John McCard. In addition to the Passion Play, we will visit historic and beautiful sites in the Czech Republic, Slovenia, Hungary, Austria and Germany.

Contact: Matt Harper, matt@mhrservices.com





Special Concerts and Services



September	23,	201
$7:00 \ b.m.$		

Corey's Gospel Hour: Readings and Old-time Gospel hymns

led by local musician Corey Axt in Valentine Hall

October 12, 2018 7:00 p.m.

Organ RecitalJeremy Thompson

October 21, 2018 11:15 a.m.

Choral Eucharist

Parish Choir

October 28, 2018 9:00 a.m.

U2 Celtic Mass

West Gallery Choir, Guitar Ensemble

November 1, 2018 7:00 p.m.

Three Choirs
All Saints Eucharist

Choirs of St. Paul, St. James's and St. Stephen's

December 2, 2018 5:00 p.m.

Advent Lessons and Carols
West Gallery and Youth Choir

December 16, 2018 5:00 p.m.

Christmas PageantCherub, Children's and Youth

Choirs

December 24, 2018 10:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve Choral Prelude

Handel: Messiah (Part I)

January 20, 2019 5:00 p.m.

February 17, 2019

11:15 a.m. 4:00 p.m.

February 22, 2019

7:00 p.m.

March 3, 2019 5:00 p.m.

March 24, 2019 9:00 a.m.

May 26, 2019 7:00 p.m.

June 9, 2019 10:00 a.m.

June 14, 2019 7:00 p.m.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Evensong

Norfolk State University Concert Choir with St. James's Choirs

Choral Eucharist

Parish Choir

Concert

The Virginia Chorale

Organ recital

Dr. Damin Spritzer

Evensong Youth Choir

Dylan Mass

West Gallery Choir, Guitar Ensemble

Memorial Concert

St. James's Festival Choir

Jazz Mass Parish and West Gallery Choirs with John Winn Jazz Band

Homegrown

St. James's talented parishioners





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Memorial Garden Team

Volunteers provide oversight for the care and maintenance of the Memorial Garden, help with physical gardening, and maintain updates of the Memorial Garden remembrance book. Currently, garden work is up to date and a small committee maintains the seasonal plantings.

Contact: Bill Gregory, 673-3853

or waghouston@aol.com

Men's Cooking Team

Men only! These men love to cook together in the St. James's kitchen on the third Saturday of each month. As part of the Food Force ministry, they prepare and deliver home-cooked meals to community agencies that provide meals for homeless and low-income children and families. In addition, this team is recognized for its best ever New Orleans cuisine served at Mardi Gras for Missions, as well as for special events!

Contact: Harry Moore, 784-3986 or ltc.harry.moore@gmail.com

Music Hospitality

This team of volunteers loves music and gathering together afterwards for fellowship and good eats! Volunteers serve "on call" to provide easy appetizers, sweets and savories for receptions following about 6 music events throughout the year.

Contact: Alice Campbell, 787-5766 or Alice.k.campbell@dominionenergy. com (Nights and weekends: Palcam6666@gmail.com)

Parish House Volunteers

Parish House Volunteers answer the phone and greet visitors and may help staff with administrative tasks such as stuffing envelopes, folding letters, and other light office work. Volunteers can serve morning or afternoon hours and/or be "on-call."

Contact: Emily Thrower, 355-1779, ext. 312

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Doers Dining



Let us break bread together! Parishioners gather for informal potluck dinners in small groups. This is a great opportunity for newcomers and long-timers to get to know one another better and share food and fellowship. Stay tuned for more information.

Contacts: Andy Bennett, 358-8908

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Brooke Taylor, 360-5569 or sbrooket@comcast.net

Wednesday Night Dinner Teams

Team members enjoy working together in the church kitchen preparing and serving creative and delicious meals to church members and friends who come for dinner and fellowship at 6:00 p.m. A team of 5-8 people plan, prepare, and serve meals on designated Wednesday nights. Each team is reimbursed for food expenses and usually serves 3 times per program year.

Contact: Nancy Warman, 355-1779, ext. 333 or nwarman@doers.org

Welcome Ambassadors

A new ministry to welcome visitors and newcomers to St. James's, Ambassadors will be trained to answer questions and give tours of the church and its campus following services on Sundays, and participate in/lead other welcome-based activities.

Contact: Annie Witthoefft, 402-0566 or anniewitthoefft@gmail.com

Welcome Summer Recital Series

Three Wednesdays in June 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

June 5

Naima Burrs (violin) and Friends

June 12

Three Sopranos

Lisa Edwards Burrs, Anne O'Byrne, Cynthia McCard

June 19

Daniel Benjamin Sañez

Organist of the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

Learning at St. James's

DOERS in STUDY

Christian Study

Sunday Morning

Adult Forum

10:15 to 11:00 a.m., Valentine Hall

On occasion, we gather for a wide variety of programs on topics of Christian concern in today's world. This is a chance for us to host speakers, and exchange questions and ideas. Each year, we talk about local ministries, celebrate seasons of the church, and hear from leadership and clergy about spiritual topics.

Short Courses

10:15 to 11:00 a.m., Valentine Hall

On most Sundays, a variety of conversations will be held covering a wide range of topics that in the past have included prayer, Christian practices, Biblical themes, eco-theology and so much more! Short courses will be one to three Sundays in length.

Intentional Spirituality Group

First Sunday of the Month, Program Year: 10:15 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Summer Months: 9:00 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. Peterkin Parlor

What does it mean to be spiritual as a Christian? How can we develop spiritual disciplines that bring us closer to Christ daily? Led by Br. Leo Campos and the Rev. Hilary Streever, the Intentional Spirituality Group is a holy space for walking in the way of Christ together. We share ancient and new spiritual practices, prayerfully read relevant books together, hold each other accountable to disciplines, and support each other in the Way. The group also meets for retreats. Drop in or come regularly!

Contact: Br. Leo Campos, brleocos@gmail.com Hilary Streever, 355-1779 ext. 317 or hstreever@doers.org

Baptismal Guides

By registration

Baptismal preparation for parents, godparents, and adult baptismal candidates is held during the educational time between the 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. services on one Sunday and on the Saturday prior to the scheduled baptisms. Baptismal Guides are trained lay leaders who serve as mentors and guides to adult candidates for baptism and the parents and godparents of infants as they prepare for their child's baptism. Follow-up gatherings, calls and reunions help keep the parents in contact with one another and with life in the parish. Contact us if you would like to join the Baptismal Guides ministry team or if you are interested in baptism at St. James's.

Contacts: (to register) Anita Lisk, 355-1779, ext. 313 or alisk@doers.org Hilary Streever, 355-1779 ext. 317 or hstreever@doers.org

Baptism Orientation

October 24, 2018 and March 20, 2019 at 6:45 p.m. June 23, 2019 at 11:15 a.m.

Are you considering baptism for yourself or your child? Are you expecting a child and thinking about baptism? Our clergy, staff, and Baptism Guides warmly invite you to our one-hour baptism orientation designed to answer important questions in preparation for this joyful sacrament. We address both theological and practical questions like: "What does God do at baptism?" "Who should I ask to be a godparent for my child?" and "How do I sign up my child or myself to be baptized at St. James's?"

Contact: Hilary Streever, 355-1779 ext. 317 or hstreever@doers.org Anita Lisk, 355-1779, ext. 313 or alisk@doers.org

Sunday Bible Study with Rev. Dr. Thom Blair

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Wednesday Evening

Evening Prayer at 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel. Fellowship Dinners and Study

Seasonally, Wednesdays 6:45 to 7:30 p.m., Valentine Hall

This engaging series invites deeper inquiry into issues relevant to the ongoing faith journey of adults. No commitment needed – drop in any time for one or all the classes!

Contact: Hilary Streever, 355-1779 ext. 317 or hstreever@doers.org

Adult Catechumenate

(formerly "Pilgrims Path")

Short Courses: Sundays, March 10 to April 7, 10. to 11:00 a.m.

Small Groups: Wednesdays, March 13 to April 10, 6:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

This is the class designed to provide a grounding in three areas of Christian discipleship: worship and prayer, study, and service. This year, our confirmation class has a new model based on the early church's practice of teaching new members during Lent in preparation for Easter. Each Sunday a clergy-led short course on "Christianity 101," open to all parishioners, discusses a basic Christian or Episcopal topic. Then participants in the catechumenate also meet Wednesday evenings in small groups facilitated by lay leaders for discussion, Bible study, and prayer. Participants in the class may be baptized, confirmed, reaffirmed or received into the Episcopal Church when the bishop visits in May.

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or alisk@doers.org

Contact: Hilary Streever, 355-1779, ext. 317,

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Newcomers Class

October 10 & 14; January 9 & 13; April 3 & Interested in joining St. James's? Attend two back-to-back sessions – one Wednesday evening followed by one Sunday morning – for fellowship, worship, and basics about life and membership at St. James's.

Register: Anita Lisk, 355-1779, ext. 313

or alisk@doers.org

Contact: John McCard, 355-1779 ext. 318

or jmccard@doers.org

Small Groups

Spiritual Book Club

Mondays, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., Michaux House, Valentine Hall

The Spiritual Book Club is in its second decade. The group reads a mixture of novels, histories, works of theology, and books on spirituality. If you love to read and discuss good literature, you're invited to attend with the Rev. Dr. John McCard.

September 24 – The Immortalists,

by Chloe Benjamin

November 5 – Grateful,

by Diana Butler Bass

January 7 - Murder on the Orient Express, by Dorothy Sayers

February 4 – <u>Iov: Poet, Seeker and the Woman</u> who Captivated C. S. Lewis,

by Abigail Santamaria

March 18 - The Power, by Naomi Alderman

April 29 - Things that Matter,

by Charles Krauthammer

May 20 – A Gentleman in Moscow,

by Amor Towles

Contact: John McCard, at 355-1779, ext. 318

or jmccard@doers.org

Book Study: The Tuesday Readers New Day!

Fourth Tuesdays, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m, Michaux House, Fagan Parlor

The Tuesday Readers meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month for an evening of book discussion and fellowship. At the September meeting we will also review other titles, both fiction and non-fiction, for the coming year. The Tuesday Readers launch the 2018-2019 program year with a discussion of The Sabbath by Abraham Heschel.

Contacts: Mary Lou Rumble, 874-6374









or marylouiserva@gmail.com Diane Dodd McCue, ddoddmccue@vcu.edu

Brown Bag Book Group

First Thursdays noon – 1:30 p.m. Gibson Hall, Room B

The Brown Bag Book Club Group reads and discusses both fiction and non-fiction selections recommended and selected by members. The book list is determined in late summer for the next year and is available on the church website and calendar publications. All interested readers are invited to bring a lunch and join in the lively and thoughtful discussions.

Contact: Linda Owen, 240-5546 or lindaowen23@gmail.com

Education for Ministry

Tuesdays, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m Parkinson Room

Are you seeking to deepen and grow your faith? Education for Ministry (EfM) is designed to help us understand our lives and shape our actions in a program created and directed by the University of the South (Sewanee) that has been teaching Christians for over 40 years. Its curriculum of study, worship, theological reflection, and small group interaction is one of the most comprehensive theological education experiences available, outside of seminary. There is a tuition fee; scholarships are available. Visit the Sewanee EfM website at efm.sewanee.edu.

Contacts: Jane Dowrick, 327-1602 or efmvirginia@gmail.com Viv Lees, 356-3839 or vivlees@aol.com

SelfStarters

Second Wednesday of the month at 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at Gather in Scott's Addition (2920 W. Broad Street)

Entrepreneurs, freelancers, sole-practitioners, and self-employed workers now have a monthly place to go to share ideas, offer support, provide guidance, hear meaningful presentations, and network with other SelfStarters. This is a group that both nurtures and challenges our members in a warm and open environment, never forgetting to reflect on our business issues through the prism of our Christian faith.

Contact: Jay Sandusky jaysandusky@gmail.com

Bible Studies

Sunday Bible Study

Most Sundays, 10:15 to 11:00 a.m., Parkinson Room

Being a follower of Jesus means trying to follow his teachings in the course of our lives. It means to steer our way through life by that star, and Jesus' parables can help us see that star more clearly. Thus, the Sunday Bible Study this year will focus on the parables and through which try to understand Jesus's basic teachings more clearly. Each class will be free-standing – no previous study is necessary – we all have lots to learn. Come join us when you can.

Contact: Thom Blair, thomblairjr@gmail.com

Tuesday Men's Bible Study

Tuesdays 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., Michaux House, Valentine Hall

A weekly hour of fellowship, discussion, and good food. Areas of study for this group have included the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, the Book of Acts, 1 and 2 Corinthians, Genesis, and Exodus.

Contact: Patrick Strickler, 539-1306

or jpstrickler@verizon.net Stephen Spraker, 282-6773 sspraker@bbtscottstringfellow.com

Women's Bible Wisdom

Second and Fourth Tuesdays 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Michaux House Library

This Bible study meets twice a month to read together through a biblical book or theme at a time. We explore when and under what conditions the







passages were written, and prayerfully ask how God is speaking through them now to us as Christ's followers. This year we continue with the stories of Saul & David in 1 Samuel.

Contacts: Mary Lou Rumble, 874-6374

or marylouiserva@gmail.com

Hilary Streever, 355-1779, ext. 317

or hstreever@doers.org

Living Faith Bible Study

Wednesdays 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., Michaux House, Room 205

This opportunity for spiritual refreshment and enlightenment begins with prayer and a period of silence for meditation, followed by study and discussions that help to make our Christian faith a "living faith" and apply the witness of the Scripture to our everyday lives. At our first meeting of the program year, September 19, we will discuss our format and possible topics for the year.

Contacts: Mark Cooper

markcooper1966@gmail.com

Betse Trice, 282-4726 or betset@hotmail.com

Lectionary Ladies

Wednesdays 2:00 to 3:00 p.m., Michaux House, Room 205

This is a lectionary Bible Study for women of all ages. Each week, we examine the scripture passages for the upcoming Sunday, often using the lectio divina method of praying with scripture. This Bible Study provides an opportunity to deepen one's experience of the readings and sermons on Sundays.

Contact: Kitsie Garland, 359-0024 or

kitsie.garland@verizon.net

Thursday Men's Bible Study Breakfast

Every other Thursday at 7:30 a.m., Michaux House, Valentine Hall

We are led by Christ's example of service to others, and members take turns in leading the morning worship and explaining the following Sunday's readings, or in the cooking and cleaning up of the

breakfast meal.

Contact: Tom Baker, 393-9726

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Sisters in the Word

Thursdays 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., 5324 Cary Street Road In this weekly Bible Study, women from St. James's and other local churches gather for coffee, fellowship, reflection on God's Holy Word, and prayer.

Contact: Kit Bredrup, 282-4629

or kitbredrup@gmail.com

Field Trips

Contact: Hilary Streever, 355-1779, ext. 317

or hstreeverdoers.org

Exploring God's Creation: Nature Walks

Saturdays, Dates to be Announced

One profound place for Christians to see and appreciate God's hand at work is in creation itself. Join botanist and parishioner Johnny Townsend and nature buff the Rev. Hilary Streever as we visit nearby parks with spirits filled with curiosity and eyes wide with wonder at God's creatures.

Outreach Committee Partner Agency Visits

Dates to be Announced

Join our Outreach Committee on their visits with the various ministries we partner with around the Richmond area. Visits are planned about a month in advance. Contact Nancy Warman for details.

Contact: Nancy Warman, 355-1779, ext. 333

or nwarman@doers.org









Children's Sunday Christian Study

Contact: Becky Page, 355-1779, ext. 314 or beckypage@doers.org

Sunday Storytime

Two year olds

This story-based program will introduce values and character lessons through children's literature, simple crafts, and Bible verse. Sunday Storytime will take place in the nursery during the Christian Study hour.

Godly Play

3 year-olds through First grade

The *Godly Play* curriculum is based on storytelling and wondering. Children develop the language of their faith while exploring lessons from the Bible and our faith tradition in the sacred space of the Godly Play classroom. Children creatively respond to their hearing of the story and then participate in a communal feast.

Growing in Faith Rotation Model

Second grade through Fifth grade

The *Growing in Faith* Workshop Rotation Model offers our elementary children a way to experience scriptural stories and faith lessons through a variety of learning styles. Workshops include art, cooking, games, Legos, music, science, storytelling, and video. Each lesson is presented over a period of three to four weeks in varied modalities and emphasizes active learning to help children connect the spiritual lessons to their own lives.

Worship Services

Children are welcome at all services. A clergy-led homily, designed and most meaningful for children pre-K through third grade, is offered in the Children's Chapel during 9:00 a.m. worship. All children may observe the celebration of the Eucharist on the chancel rug or at the altar rail and baptized children may receive communion. Children are also invited to sit on the chancel rug during baptisms to view of the sacrament closely.

Nursery Care

Childcare is offered for infants, toddlers, and preschool children on Sunday mornings from 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. during the program year and 9:30-11:30 a.m. during the summer. Experienced and trained caregivers work alongside parent volunteers to provide a safe environment of play and fellowship for our youngest parishioners.

Children's Special Events

Advent Fair for All Ages

Sunday, December 2, 2018

10:15 a.m. in Valentine Hall in the Michaux House

Held during the Christian Education hour, this year the Advent Fair is an opportunity for all parishioners and all ages to create a variety of Advent-themed crafts, pick up new spiritual tools, and enjoy fellowship as we prepare for the season of Advent.

Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 16, 2018 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

A highlight of the Christmas season, the children and youth of St. James's present the sacred story of the birth of Jesus in a service filled with traditional hymns and scripture readings.

Vacation Bible School

June 17-21, 2019 9:00 a.m. to noon

> Vacation Bible School is offered at St. James's for one week each summer. All children age three through rising third grade are invited to participate in a fun-filled, week-long Bible study with storytelling, arts, crafts, games, and music.







Youth Ministry

Contact: Mary Beth Abplanalp, 355-1779, ext. 334 or mbabplanalp@doers.org

Mission and Values

St. James's Youth Ministry loves and supports our youth through joyful Christian Community so that they may explore a relationship with Christ, find their identity in God's love for them, and serve God as Doers of the Word.

Ministry Values

- Community We develop and celebrate friendships.
- Love We love others as Christ loves us.
- Acceptance We welcome and celebrate all as members of the body of Christ.
- Faithfulness We are grounded in God's love and seek to grow in faith and service.
- Fun We embrace a playful environment.

Sunday Morning Youth Groups

"JYF" or Junior Youth Fellowship Middle School Youth Group for 6th-8th graders Sunday mornings from 10:15-11:00 a.m. Michaux House, Room 304

Youth in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades meet together with a team of adult youth leaders. Youth group builds a welcoming community that has fun exploring our faith through games, projects, and service to others. All youth are welcome to attend regardless of prior involvement. Adult volunteers are welcome, too!

Youth Confirmation Class 9th graders Sunday mornings from 10:15-11:00 a.m. Michaux House, Room 302

This year-long program empowers 9th graders to grow in relationship with each other and with God. We look carefully at what it means to be an Episcopalian and identify how each of us is called to live out our faith using the unique gifts God gives us. Students are empowered to make their own faith choices and as a church community we support them unconditionally. The confirmation

group will have an overnight Confirmation Camp in September to spend time getting to know each other building relationships with our confirmation leaders. Older youth who desire to be confirmed, but did not participate in the 9th grade program, are encouraged to contact Mary Beth Abplanalp or a member of our clergy about a customized confirmation process tailored to your individual situation.

"SYF" or Senior Youth Fellowship High School Youth Group for 10th-12th graders Sunday mornings from 10:15-11:00 a.m. Michaux House, Room 306

Youth in 10th, 11th, and 12th grade and adult youth leaders meet in a relaxed environment with a focus on building relationships and exploring ways to live out our faith through mission and service. Much of what we do is driven by the interest and energy of the group and we have a ton of fun new offerings this year including a Martin Luther King Weekend Lock-In January 20-21, 2019. All youth are welcome to attend regardless of prior involvement or membership. Additional adult volunteers are welcome too!

Youth Retreats for 6th - 12th grades

Retreat weekends to Shrine Mont are a great opportunity for youth to have fun with new and old friends and explore their faith outside the rhythm and routine of daily life. Advance registration is required for all youth retreats.

Senior High (9th-12th) PYM Weekend November 2-4, 2018 SNOWFEST Winter Retreat (6th-12th) February 8-10, 2019 6th & 7th Grade PYM Weekend April 12-14, 2019 8th Grade PYM Weekend May 10-12, 2019

Youth Mission Trips

Summer 2019

Going on a mission trip is always a highlight of the summer for our teenagers and a wonderful









opportunity to grow in faith and service to others. We offer two mission trips specifically for youth each summer: the 3-day "Mini-Mission" is for middle school students finishing 5th -8th grades, and the week-long "Youth Mission" is for high school students finishing 9th -12th grades. Youth are welcome to participate in any of the other St. James's mission trips with an accompanying parent. Please join us on January 13, 2019 for our Summer 2019 Preview Event to learn more about these mission opportunities.

Second Quarter Young Adult Ministry

Adults in their second quarter of life, mid-20s to mid-40s, make up the fastest-growing segment of the population at St. James's. The energy emanating from our parishioners (of all ages) continues to attract young folks seeking a church home. We strive to provide those in this age bracket with opportunities to come together as a group within the larger parish community. Come join us!

Contact: Mary Beth Abplanalp, 355-1779, ext. 334, or mbabplanalp@doers.org

Mission And Values

The St. James's Young Adult Ministry inspires young adults to play together as a faith community, grow spiritually, and serve as Christ's hands in this world.

Ministry Values

- Faithfulness We listen and respond to the Holy Spirit.
- Fun We enjoy celebrating and laughing.
 'Nuff said!
- Inclusion We strive to be a welcoming community to all.
- Relationships We seek to grow more connected to God and each other.

Retreats And Pilgrimages

As a busy urban parish, it is essential that we take a break, as a community, to rest and refresh ourselves and our spirits.

Contact and registration for all retreats:
Anita Lisk, 355-1779, ext. 313
or alisk@doers.org

Lectio Divina Workshop & Retreat: You are a Letter of Christ

September 21-22, 2018

Lectio Divina is the ancient Christian prayer practice dating from the 3rd century A.D. which uses sacred scripture as the anchor and launching off point for devotional work. Friday evening will cover the introduction to the practice and the four traditional movements of Lectio: Bible study, meditation, prayer, contemplation. Saturday will be spent exploring together more advanced practices and discussing challenges of a regular practice. Come for one part or for both.

Contact: Br. Leo Campos, brleocos@gmail.com Hilary Streever, 355-1779, ext. 317 or hstreever@doers.org

Shrine Mont Parish Retreat Weekend

October 19-21, 2018 See page 10

Advent Retreat: What Child is This?

December 1, 2018, Valentine Hall

Who is Jesus? Why did he become the incarnate God in our midst? Join the Rev. Dr. Bob Friend to explore scripture, art and hymnody about the coming of Christ and prayerfully ponder what expectations we have as we await the coming Messiah.

Contact: Bob Friend, 310-5713 or revbfriend@hotmail.com







Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

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Lenten Retreat: Mindfulness Meditation

March 9, 2019, Valentine Hall

On Ash Wednesday, the people are invited "to the observance of a holy Lent" through a number of practices, including self-examination and reflection. Join the Rev. Dr. Mark Cooper for a day of quiet mindfulness meditation. Learn what mindfulness meditation is and its benefits to the whole self: mind, body and spirit, then practice sitting in silence together and reflecting on what arises in the silence.

Contact: Mark Cooper, (703) 980-0130

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Oberammergau, Germany Passion Play

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Youth Retreats for 6th-12th grades

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