



## ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Valley Lee, Maryland



### **SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SEPT. 11!**

***9:15am Chapel 9:30am Classes & Adult Forum***

St. George's is blessed with a great group of children, youth and families -- and we're looking forward to kicking off another dynamic year of formation and learning! Starting Sunday, Sept. 11, we look forward to a great new year of Sunday School & Formation ministries. Chapel for the younger ones is at 9:15am in the parish hall, and classes for Pre-K to 1st Grade / 2nd Grade to 5th Grade / and 6th Grade & up start at 9:30am. Also on Sept. 11 we kick off our 9:30am Adult Forum -- which will be held in the parish hall dining room every Sunday *except the breakfast Sundays*. Mary Kay Peterson, chair of the Christian Formation committee, is interested in talking with any of you who might feel inclined to help our formation ministries, and especially those who might be able to help teach, even every so often, so please feel free to reach out to her. Also speak with Fr. Greg if you may be interested, or don't be surprised if he or Mary K. also reach out to you! Thank you.



## FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

***Sunday, Aug. 21 from 8:45 till 10:15am***



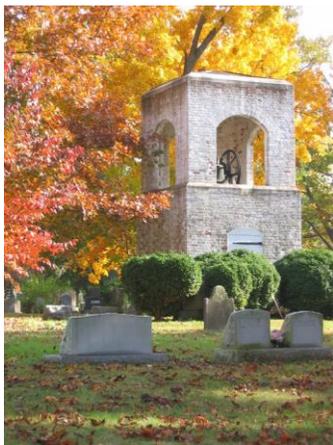
Come to church and stay for breakfast, or come for breakfast and stay for church! On Sunday, Aug. 21 -- the third Sunday of the month -- St. George's serves a fellowship breakfast between the 8am and 10:30am worship services. All are welcome. This month's menu features breakfast burritos (eggs, cheddar cheese, andouille sausage and green chilis wrapped in a burrito and served with sour cream and fresh salsa), roasted mini potatoes, something sweet, fresh fruit, juices, coffee and tea. It's not only a tasty addition to your worship life, but our monthly fellowship breakfast is also a great opportunity to get to know

those folks who worship at *'that other service'*! A donation of \$8 for adults, \$5/kids is welcome to help offset expenses. We look forward to seeing you there.

## THANKS FOR GIVING TO THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN! *Fundraising to Improve Campus, Match duPont Grant*

- ***Thank you to those who've given or pledged \$12,885 so far!***

Thank you to those who've given and/or pledged so far to St. George's 2016 Capital Campaign! \$12,885 has been pledged so far, and we are very grateful for your generosity. This mid-year capital campaign is an opportunity to invest directly in the physical campus of this congregation, as well as keep us ahead of long-term maintenance issues. Specifically this year, we're targeting an improvement in the parish hall's HVAC



system -- a more efficient improvement, all around -- and this special fundraising also puts us on schedule to raise matching funds for the every-five-year Jessie Ball duPont Fund's Repair & Restoration Grant, a 2:1 matching program up to \$50,000 on their part! In other words, every dollar you give or pledge to give is matched by \$2 from the duPont Fund (up to \$50,000 on their part)! If you would like to give, there's always time. Talk with wardens Bob and/or Jen, or make your contribution or pledge with Capital Campaign in the memo line, or note to the office. If you wish to give a more significant contribution, please talk with Gail Dobson, our parish administrator, or Greg Syler, our rector. And thank you, in advance, for your generosity!

## LOBSTER DINNER

***Saturday, Oct. 1 - 5pm & 6:30pm***

Maine comes to Maryland with St. George's Oct. 1 Lobster Dinner. We'd love to see you and your friends, and reservations are now open! The \$25 dinner includes a 1.25 lb. lobster, baked potato with toppings, cole slaw, homemade roll, drinks, and a homemade dessert. An

optional Cornish Game Hen dinner is \$20. There'll be two seatings - at 5pm and 6:30pm - and we're serving a total of 80 dinners. Reservation forms are available in church, the parish hall, [or on the website](#). Payment must accompany the reservation. We'll accept reservations



until the 80 slots are taken, or until Sept. 19. If you're volunteering to help, please make your reservations early to be sure both your volunteer time and your dinner time can be accommodated. Questions? Want to help? Contact Pam Baake at (301)994-1706 or (240)577-3679. Thank you!

## WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

*Mid-day, Mid-week worship every Wednesday*

Mid-day, mid-week worship continues every Wednesday at St. George's. Starting at 11am, come for quiet, contemplative healing prayers. At 11:30am we begin a simple celebration of Holy Communion. Both of these are rich breaks in the middle of your week, and we hope you might take advantage of this prayer resource. If you have special intentions you would like us to hold in prayer, especially in this more intimate time mid-week, please let Fr. Greg or the parish office know. We would be glad to hold you in prayer.



## ASCENSION'S FOOD PANTRY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

*A Few Hours a Week, a Lot of Good*

The Food Pantry at Church of the Ascension is looking for a few more volunteers at its Food Pantry. The commitment is roughly three hours a week, from 8:45 to 11:45 Monday through Thursday. The tasks include welcoming our clients, filling grocery bags, and doing the necessary paper work required by the Federal Government. The need is particularly urgent on Wednesday and Thursday. All volunteers work in pairs. For more information or to get on the schedule, please contact Ascension's Joan Coleman -- [jcoleman@md.metrcast.net](mailto:jcoleman@md.metrcast.net) or (240) 298-4492. Thank you!



## ST. GEORGE'S CEMETERY POLICIES

### ***New Policies & Prices effective July 15, 2016***

Now effective (as of July 15, 2016), [click here](#) for St. George's revised cemetery and churchyard policies. Now, a single cemetery plot costs \$600 for members in good standing; \$1,200 for non-members. The cornerstones are \$35 each, and each purchaser needs



to purchase four -- so \$140. The cost of cornerstones is over and above the cost of the lot(s). Columbarium niches for members are \$900 for a single niche, or \$1,500 for a double. For non-members, the fee is \$1,500 for a single columbarium niche; \$2,500 for a double. For more information, please be in direct contact with parish administrator, Gail Dobson, or cemetery manger, Dave Larson.

## AMAZON SMILE!

### ***You shop, Amazon gives!***

Thank you to those who've already registered with *Amazon Smile!* -- the same place where you buy all kinds of knick-knacks and whatchamacallit's, and which (this time) gives money back to St. George's Episcopal Church. In fact, St. George's received \$13.71 as a result of your AmazonSmile shopping activity between Jan. 1 and March 31, 2016. All that online shopping is a real gift to St. George's. It's all thanks to you -- those who've registered with *Amazon Smile!*

It's really easy:

1. First, go to [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com)
2. Click on the charity you want to support -- enter "St George's Episcopal Church Valley Lee, MD"
3. Now every time you go to amazon.com, it'll ask you "Do you want to go to Amazon Smile! Click "Yes," and Amazon will give a portion of whatever you buy directly to St. George's.
4. And **THANK YOU**



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## ST. GEORGE'S SECOND COLLECTION

### ***In August & September, supporting Snack Sak Program***

- ***\$435.47 to St. Mark's, UAME Valley Lee in June***

Every Sunday, the St. George's community prays for justice. The *Second Collection* is one

tangible way we live these prayers. Every Sunday, that is, you're encouraged to donate loose change or some non-perishable food items. Thank you for your donations of loose change and non-perishable foods in July, which have gone to the food pantry at Ascension, Lexington Park. In August and September -- these back-to-school months -- we'll raise funds for St. Mary's County's Snack Sak program. Sponsored by the United Way and several local organizations, St. George's among them, Snack Saks provide food relief for hungry local school children for over the weekends during the school year when meals are otherwise scarce. In one nearby elementary school, more than 300 students are considered hungry. Snack Saks not only plug gaps, but save lives -- and we at St. George's feel especially called to support it as Christians and as this wider community prepares to go back to school. It only costs \$9.25 to provide this service per child per week; just \$300 per child per school year.



Anonymous testimonials from children who participate in the program tug at your heart and suggest it really helps them, and their families, too. If you would like to talk further or invest more of your resources and/or time, please reach out to vestry member Mike Mead, who is the Honorary Chairman for St. Mary's County United Way for 2016. And thank you, in advance, for all your generosity.



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