



## ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Valley Lee, Maryland

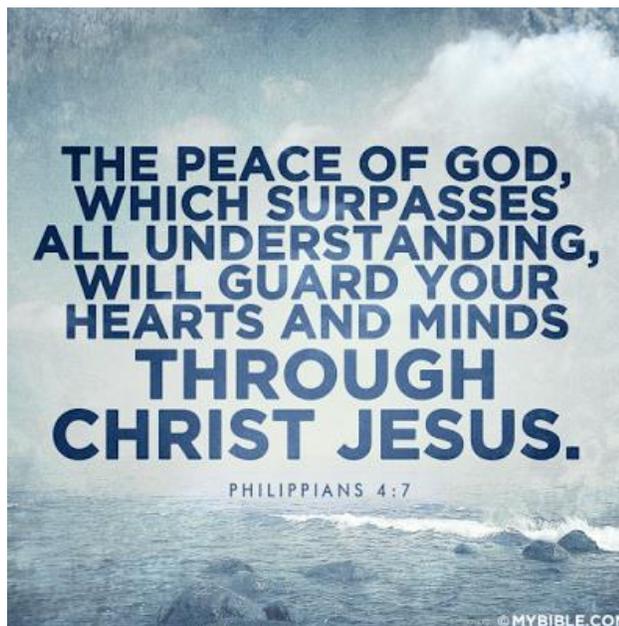


### **'...CRY PEACE, PEACE, BUT THERE IS NO PEACE'** ***Jer. 6:14 - Praying Peace, Praying Justice***

The same week in which we've celebrated the 240th birthday of this nation, a body of people seeking not a *perfect* country but "a *more* perfect union" is also the same week in which we've witnessed violence upon violence, "a descending spiral ending in destruction for all," in the words of the Rev'd Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The St. George's community prays for peace, and we also understand that those prayers are pleas to God for justice, too. And so we pray for those who have been killed -- whether we fully know, or don't know what has happened -- for Alton Sterling, for Philando Castile, for Officer Brent Thompson, Officer Patrick Zamarripa, and (at this time of writing) the three other, as yet unnamed Dallas police officers who were killed while doing their duty. We do this as a community of Christians because our world needs every individual Christian to offer, and live a life of prayer. We commend to you these particular prayers, and, even more, a lifestyle of prayer:

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*



## **CAMP EDOW** *A Summer of Fun & Faith Formation!*

St. George's is a proud and enthusiastic supporter of our diocesan summer camp -- ***Camp EDOW*** (the acronym stands for *Episcopal Diocese of Washington*). Camp EDOW is an overnight camp for children going into grade 4 all the way through those entering 9th grade. Held at Lions Camp Merrick in Nanjemoy, MD, Camp EDOW aims to promote the spiritual and emotional development of children, youth, and young adults through the fostering of a safe and positive environment for all. Days at camp feature faith formation, archery, arts and crafts, swimming, boating, worship, fun all-camp activities and so much more!



It's the goal of Camp EDOW, above all, to encourage the growth of relationships with self, others, and God. St. George's is happy to provide scholarships for any of our kids who might like to attend, so talk with [Fr. Greg Syler](#) at your earliest convenience.

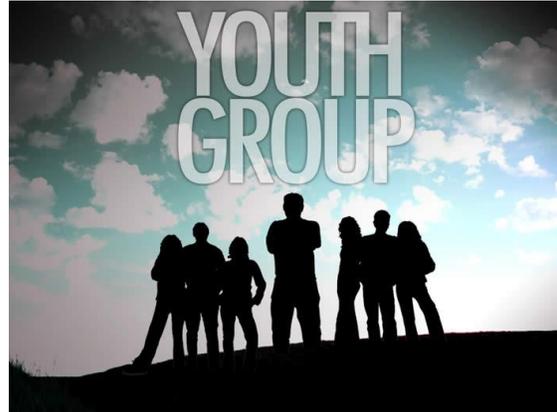
**2016 Camp EDOW**  
*Junior Camp* (rising 4th-6th graders)  
July 24 - 29, 2016

- *Middle Camp* (rising 7th-9th graders) July 31 - August 5, 2016

## YOUTH GROUP

***Go-karting Sat, July 16 - 12:30 to 5:30pm***

St. George's youth group has some great outings in the works this summer, and all middle- and high-schoolers are welcome! They'll continue firming up plans for Aug and Sep and nailing down a date for the Kings Dominion Trip!! We ask that you please come with ideas for the summer and early fall. Some upcoming events this summer, so far, include: Saturday, July 16 (go karts, 12:30pm to 5:30pm), and a regular meeting on Friday, July 22. Please let coordinators Jen Thomas or Brien Croteau know if you're planning to attend the Water Park event in July, to make sure we have adequate transportation.



## STEPPING INTO THE COVENANT

***Collaborative Institutional Relationship with Ascension***

With the adoption of [\*the Collaborative Ministry Covenant\*](#) with Ascension, Lexington Park, each Vestry has appointed representatives to the Joint Executive Committee (JEC). From St. George's are senior warden, Bob Ertter, and vestry-member Mike Mead. From Ascension are wardens Karol Wolgemuth and Tom McCarthy. Both Greg Syler and Melinda Artman have input to the JEC. The JEC has now met twice. They have received an accounting of time and a list of duties from both Greg and Melinda. They have discussed options for how worship opportunities might be best offered, and are considering more regular 'pulpit swaps' between Melinda and Greg, Ascension and St. George's. Currently, they are working on how administrative tasks can be coordinated and shared. By the time our respective Vestries meet in July, the JEC will have met three times and a summary of their work thus far will be presented. As the JEC meets, the respective Vestries and congregations will be updated on their work via our websites, newsletters, and bulletin announcements. The Covenant, as you will recall, envisions a collaborative future yet provides structure so that the parish identities will be maintained. We ask for your insights so we can mutually shape our collaborative future. And we commend this work to your prayers, both for this community and the mission to which God in Christ calls us boldly.



## ST. GEORGE'S CEMETERY POLICIES, UPDATE

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

Effective July 15, 2016, St. George's new cemetery policies and prices go into effect. [Click here](#) to read the revised policy. On and following that date, a single cemetery plot will cost \$600 for members in good standing; \$1,200 for non-members. There is an additional cost



for cornerstones. 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 go to \$900 for a single niche, or \$1,500 for a double. For non-members, the fee will be \$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!**



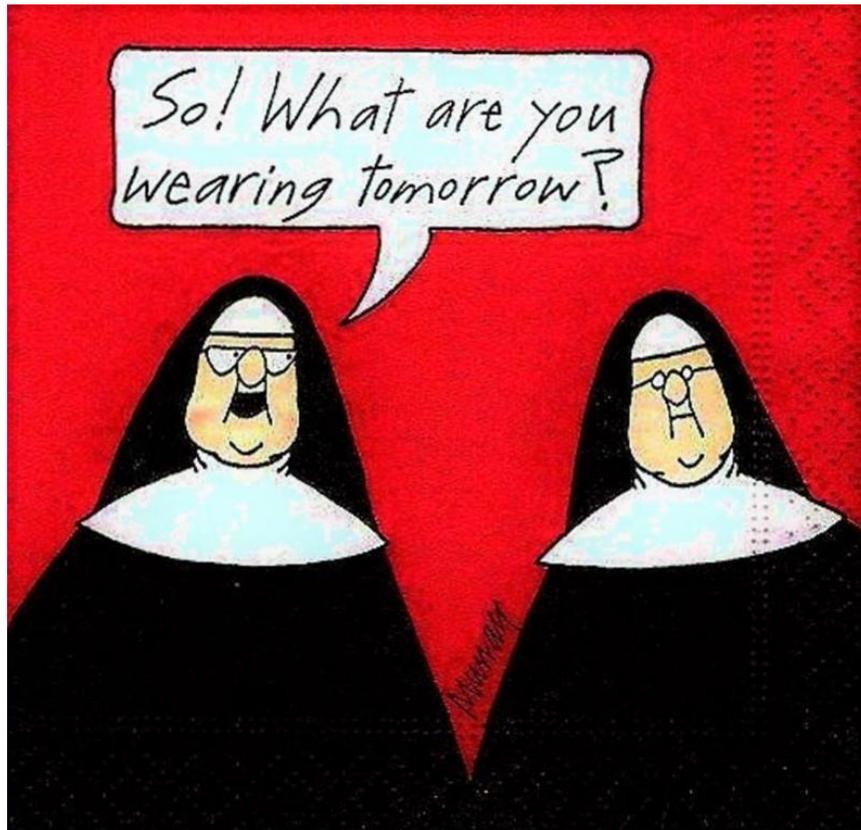
## **ST. GEORGE'S SECOND COLLECTION**

***In July, supporting Ascension, Lexington Park***

- ***\$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. In July, we're supporting the food pantry at Ascension, Lexington Park. Needed are non-perishable items such as canned meats, vegetables & fruits; complete boxed dinners (including meat); peanut butter & jelly; pastas & sauces; coffee, sugar & creamer; toiletries & cleaning supplies. In June, St. Georgians donated foodstuffs and money to the 'Bread of Life' food pantry at St. Mark's UAME in Valley Lee. Thank you for the \$435.47 in 'loose change' you gave! And thank you for your generosity.





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