



## ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Valley Lee, Maryland



### **RUMMAGE SALE TOMORROW!**

***Saturday, May 14 7am to Noon in the Parish Hall***

- ***Supports Sunday School & Youth Ministries***

St. George's Spring Rummage Sale is a great chance to find priceless treasures and one-of-a-kind artifacts, plus all the proceeds go to support Christian Formation ministries! The sale is tomorrow -- Saturday, May 14, starting at 7am. Thank you to Kristi Keil and others who are

helping organize the sale, and thank you to those who've dropped off goods already. You have a few more hours to also drop off your contributions. Please drop off gently used/like new items in working order. NO box TVs, exercise equipment or clothing, please! For questions, or if you're willing to help, contact Kristin Keil at (301) 994-0775. Thank you!



### **FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST SUNDAY**

***Sun, May 15 8:45 to 10:15am***

Come for breakfast and stay for church! Or come to church and stay for breakfast! Our monthly fellowship breakfast is this Sunday, May 15, starting at 8:45am in the parish

hall. All are welcome to this once-a-month breakfast provided to us from Shana Schroeder, our kitchen manager. On May's menu is a Southwestern Egg Casserole (with guacamole and sour cream), breakfast potatoes, sausages, fresh fruit, something sweet, coffee, tea, and juices. This compliment to your worship life is also a great opportunity to meet those folks who worship at 'that other service'! A donation of \$8 or \$5/kids is welcome to help offset the expense. See you there!



## 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 Dates:**

- *Junior Camp* (rising 4th-6th graders) July 24 - 29, 2016
- *Middle Camp* (rising 7th-9th graders) July 31 - August 5, 2016

## A GREAT YEAR OF SUNDAY SCHOOL!

### *Continues through May 22, Chapel at 9:15am*

- *Sunday, May 22 - Last Day of Classes / Chapel*
- *Sunday, May 29 - NO Classes / Chapel (Memorial Day weekend)*

- ***Sunday, June 5 - Sunday School Celebration at 10:30am Worship***

Sunday School classes for kids are going strong, and the Adult Forum is, as well. Chapel's at 9:15am in the parish hall, and classes for all ages start at 9:30am. As we start to look forward to wrapping up this amazing year -- and get ready for fellowship and celebrations -- please click on the calendar and consider these special dates, above. The full St. George's Faith Formation calendar is available [via the following link.](#)



## **THIRSTY THEOLOGY**

***Tuesday, May 17 5:30pm at Stoney's Kingfishers, Solomons***

Thirsty Theology is a chance to talk about God, faith, and life ... in a fun and safe public space! Join us this Tuesday evening, May 17 upstairs at Stoney's Kingfishers on Solomons Island for a conversation about faith and grief. Gathering starts around 5:30pm, and the formal conversation will kickoff at 6pm. Pastor Tiffany Patterson will lead the conversation, and it should be a deep and rewarding experience for all! All are welcome.



## **VESTRY NOTES**

### ***Continuing the Discernment***

**As St. George's continues to discern the future of collaborative ministry with Ascension**, Lexington Park, the vestry is pleased to report that they have received and reviewed a draft Covenant, and they look forward to being in conversation about such a covenantal relationship with you, starting today. A listening session for the Ascension / St. George's Covenant will be at our parish hall on **Wednesday, June 1**, starting at 6:30pm. The draft Covenant will be explained and, together, we will engage this discernment in prayer and dialogue. Notice of this special meeting of the parish is being called pursuant to Article III, Sec. 2 of our by-laws. Please be in conversation with a member of our vestry at your convenience. Thank you.



The Vestry subcommittee looking more closely at St. George's by-laws ([click here to read them](#)) is pleased to invite you to a coffee chat on Sunday morning, May 22 at 9:30am in the parish hall. Seeking to address some of the points raised at December's Annual Meeting, as well as other matters about how we structure our common life together, the subcommittee -- which consists of our wardens, Bob Ertter and Jen Thomas -- looks forward to a fruitful conversation with you. We are grateful for Bob's and Jen's leadership, and grateful for our shared witness to Christ!

## PRAYING OUR FAMILY TREE

*Thursday, May 19 Noon in Parish Hall*

- *A Prayer Group Ministry through St. George's*

All are invited to *pray your life* at St. George's Thursday prayer group. The next gathering will be Thursday, May 19, starting at Noon in the Rector's parish hall study. We grow, we are supported, and we learn to love through our relationships and families. But relationships can also be hard, sometimes. Our Christian tradition teaches that God also experienced the joys and hardships of real human relationships, for God became one of us. In John's New Testament letter we read: "...Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love us perfected in us." All are welcome, and if you'd like to know a bit more before showing up please talk to, email or call vestry-member Rose Wieldt or Fr. Greg. We look forward to walking together as we learn to *pray our lives*.



## COFFEE & DESSERT WITH MUSIC DIRECTOR

*Tuesday, June 7 6pm in Parish Hall*

Worship is as much an opportunity to feast in God as it is a series of choices -- prayers, hymns, etc. And the St. George's congregation has been generous in sharing feedback and ideas with our music director, Eliza Garth, together with Fr. Greg, and helping make Sunday worship an opportunity to be present in God's goodness. To that end, Eliza will be convening regular, perhaps quarterly conversations about worship and music. The first conversation -- *Coffee & Dessert with the Music Director* -- will be Tuesday, June 7



starting at 6pm in the parish hall. Come to share, and come to learn. We look forward to being together!

## **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. On and following that date, a single cemetery plot will cost \$600 for members in good standing; \$1,200 for non-members. An additional fee for corner markers is also included.

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 the full policy or 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 \$29.28 as a result of your AmazonSmile shopping activity between Oct. 1 and Dec. 31, 2015. All that online Christmas shopping really pays off, so thank you so much, 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!*



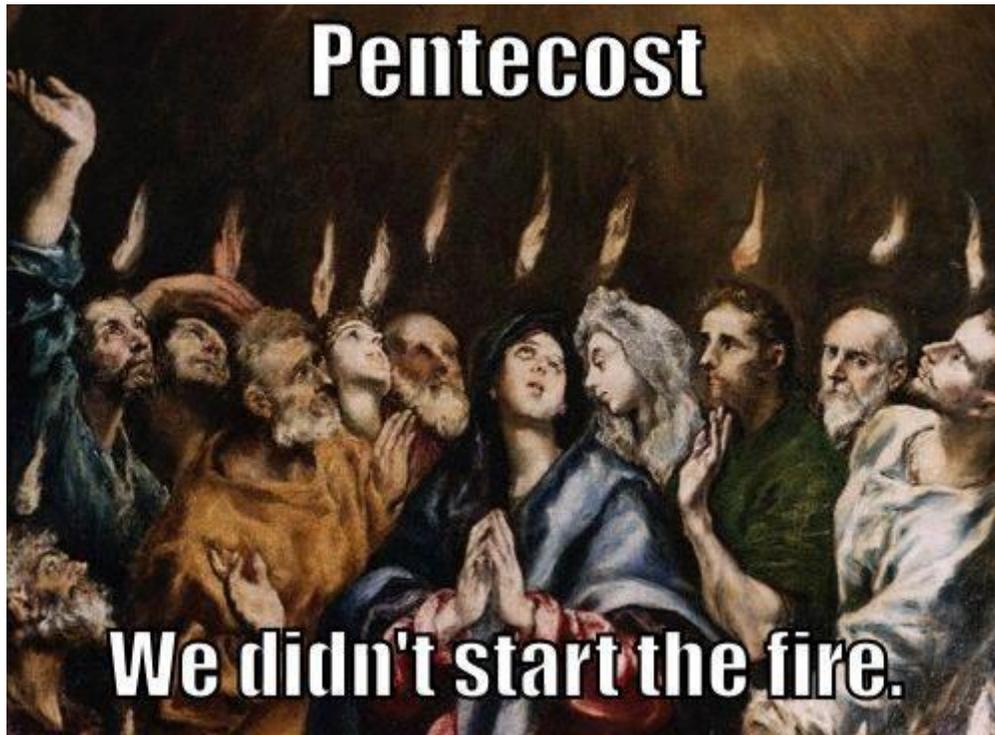
## **ST. GEORGE'S SECOND COLLECTION**

***In May, supporting St. Cecilia's, St. Mary's City***

- ***\$401.68 to St. Mary's Caring, Lex. Park in April***

Every Sunday, the St. George's community prays and strives for justice. The Second Collection is one tangible way we live out these prayers. Every Sunday, that is, you're encouraged to donate loose change or some non-perishable food items. In May, we're supporting the food pantry at St. Cecilia's Catholic Church in St. Mary's City. Non-perishable items needed are canned meats, vegetables & fruits; complete boxed dinners (including meat); peanut butter & jelly; pastas & sauces; coffee, sugar & creamer; and toiletries & cleaning supplies. In April, St. Georgians donated foodstuffs and money to the food pantry and soup kitchen at St. Mary's Caring in Lexington Park. Thank you for the \$401.68 in 'loose change' you gave during April! And thank you, in advance, for your generosity.





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