



ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Valley Lee, Maryland



CRAB CAKE FESTIVAL! *Saturday, June 4 1 to 7pm*

- *Volunteer help needed! Prep. days Th, June 2 & Fri, June 3*

St. George's delicious and fun *Crab Cake Festival* is *Saturday, June 4, 2016 from 1 to 7pm*. Mark your calendars and tell your friends! We look forward to enjoying God's bounty, and celebrating the gift of this Christian community! Kitchen prep. days are Thursday, June 2 and Friday, June 3 -- starting anytime after 9am. Can you lend some hours? We are grateful to Robert Abell, who's heading up the kitchen work and has helped put out so many great signs all around the County! Can you lend some hours on Saturday? Spend some time prepping on Thursday and/or Friday? Call Robert today, or sign up this Sunday. Can you help bake some things for the always-bountiful bake table? See or talk with Pam Baake or Lanette Cowles, too! As always, events for the whole family -- including music and entertainment -- will round out our delicious feast, making it a true festival of God's good creation. See you at the Crab Cake Fest!

**Crab Cake
FESTIVAL**

ST. GEORGE'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
VALLEY LEE, MD

\$20
BOXED DINNER
+ DRIVE-THRU
CARRYOUTS

SAT.
Jun. 4
1 to 7 pm

DRINKS & DESSERTS

LIVE MUSIC + GAMES
&
VENDORS
FOR ADULTS & KIDS

SUNDAY SCHOOL WRAPPING UP

Last Sunday of Classes, May 22

- **Sun, May 29 - NO Classes, Memorial Day weekend**
- **Sun, June 5 - Sunday School Celebration at 10:30am Worship + Picnic, following**

Thank you, children, parents, grandparents, teachers, and all who've helped support this Sunday School year with your prayers, your time, and your gifts! We've got *one* more Sunday of classes -- THIS Sunday, May 22. Chapel is at 9:15am in the parish hall, and classes for all ages start at 9:30am. Plus, mark your calendars and plan to attend the

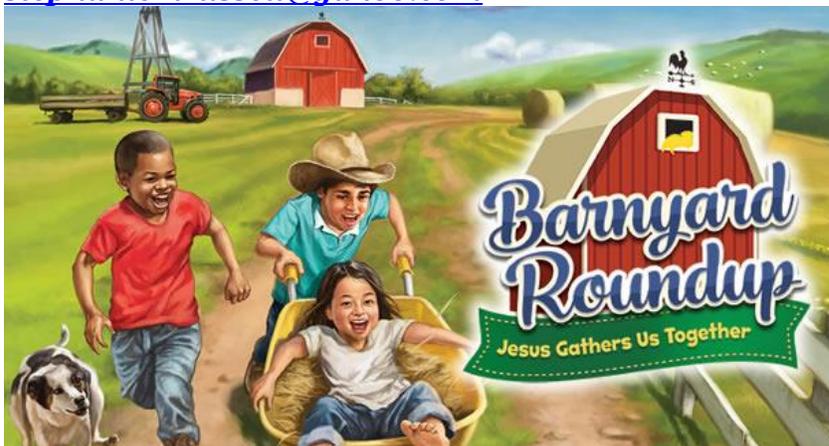
10:30am Worship on Sunday, June 5 for Sunday School Celebration Sunday ... with Picnic following! Click on the calendar and consider these special dates, above. The full St. George's Faith Formation calendar is available [via the following link.](#)



VBS, BARNYARD ROUNDUP

Monday, June 20 through Friday, June 24 9am - 3pm

This summer's VBS features Barnyard Roundup! Monday, June 20 through Friday, June 24, everyday from 9am to 3pm at St. George's. All kids are welcome, and we'd even love some adult helpers, too. Lunch and snacks will be served everyday and the kids who participate in VBS will learn that Jesus cares, provides, leads, forgives, and is our Savior. Sign-up sheets and more information can be found in the parish hall. If you'd like to sign-up, volunteer or even donate, please be in contact with Stephanie Russell at (240) 434-9419, or stephaniemrussell@yahoo.com



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

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!



THANK YOU FOR A GREAT RUMMAGE SALE ***\$760 raised for Sunday School & Youth Group!***

A great big thanks to Kristin Keil and everyone who helped her organize, set up, price, and sell all those generous donations to St. George's Spring Rummage Sale! And thank you to everyone who donated your priceless treasures and one-of-a-kind antiques! Last weekend's

rummage sale raised \$760, and those proceeds will go to support Sunday School and youth ministries. Many thanks, all around.



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. Click on the website (www.stgeorgesvalleylee.org) to read the revised policy. On and following July 15, 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
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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