



ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Valley Lee, Maryland



SONGS OF PEACE & THANKSGIVING

Hymn Festival THIS Sunday, Oct. 16, 4pm

Treat yourself to an enriching afternoon of music and fellowship THIS Sunday afternoon, Oct. 16 at 4pm. The many gifted musicians of St. George's will host a Hymn Festival in the church. Our theme is "Songs of Peace & Thanksgiving," and you won't want to miss the beautiful offering of the many gifted musicians of St. George's, together with local musical artists. Please plan to come to this special afternoon of sacred texts and music, and invite your friends and family. A light reception will follow in the churchyard, weather permitting, or inside the parish hall. All are welcome!



TEA WITH THE MUSIC DIRECTOR, TONIGHT

Formation & Conversation around Worship and Music

- ***Th, Oct. 13 6pm***

Please join Music Director Eliza Garth and Father Greg Syler for conversation in the Rector's study on Thursday evening, October 13 at 6pm. How does music deepen worship and bring us closer to the Divine? We'll share a scriptural reading and some sacred music, and we'll explore ideas for music in our worship. Light refreshments -- and, of course, tea -- will be served.



FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST THIS SUNDAY

Sunday, Oct. 16 8:45 to 10:15am



Come for church and stay for breakfast, or come for breakfast and stay for church! This Sunday, Oct. 16 from 8:45 till 10:15am, St. George's serves a fellowship breakfast -- a delicious addition to your worship life, and a nice opportunity to meet those folks who worship at "that other service"! All are welcome. A donation of \$8 for adults, \$5/kids is welcome to help offset expenses. October's menu includes pancakes and syrup, scrambled eggs, bacon and sausage, hash browns, cinnamon rolls, fresh fruit, juices, coffee and tea.

COME TO SUNDAY SCHOOL!

- ***9:15am Chapel***
- ***9:30am Sunday School Classes***

We've kicked off another awesome year of intentional Christian formation, and we are so glad to see so many new and returning faces, and so many excited children, youth, parents, grandparents, and teachers! [***Click here for the registration form!***](#) Children's Chapel 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. 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.



PRAYERS & GENEROSITY TO HAITI

St. George's Sunday School continues to give to [Haiti Micah Project](http://www.haiti-micah.org)



Our prayers and St. George's *resources* have been going out to the people of Haiti for some time now! Just this year, our Sunday School has raised \$258.02 through their regular offerings to give to the [Haiti Micah Project](http://www.haiti-micah.org) (HMP), a Christian organization which is addressing the needs of over 500 impoverished and uneducated children in the town of Mirebalais, Haiti. Starting with an orphanage for children displaced from their families following 2004's devastating Hurricane Jeanne, HMP provides food, clean water, health care, education, and vocational training, literally walking the streets every day to reach out to hungry and homeless children. HMP was there before and after 2010's earthquake, and is there, now, following 2016's Hurricane Matthew. If you'd like to add your contribution, donate via the offering plate at Children's Chapel on Sunday mornings (9:15am), or a specially marked contribution the offering in church, or a donation online at www.haiti-micah.org, or payable to the Haiti Micah Project 3606 Seminary Rd. Alexandria, VA 22304. And thank you for your prayers and generosity!



The Haiti Micah Project (HMP) operates mostly out of the town of Mirebalais in the Central Plateau region, as shown here on the map.

ASCENSION'S WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE!

Have some winter and cold-weather clothing to donate?

- **Distribution on Saturday, Nov. 5 9am 'till Noon**
- **Sorting Friday, Nov. 4 - Noon 'till 5pm**

Ascension, Lexington Park will once again distribute coats and warm wear on Saturday, Nov. 5 -- starting at 9am, lasts till Noon. Can you donate some things? Have some closets to clear out? 'Warm wear' includes hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, socks, boots, blankets and sleeping bags. You and the members of your congregation are invited to join us. The goal is to collect new and gently used items that are clean and in good repair, and provide them at no charge to any member of the community in need. These items come from parishioners, their family, friends, neighbors and co-workers. Cash donations are also accepted, and used to supplement as needed. We'd be happy to accept any donations of items that your congregation collects. We distribute coats, hats, scarves, gloves, boots, sweaters, sweatshirts, blankets and sleeping bags. Feel free to drop them off at St. George's parish hall, or at Ascension, Lexington Park. We would also be available to pick up your donations, as well. If anyone is interested in sorting and displaying items on Friday the 4th from noon until 5pm, or assisting in the distribution during the event on Saturday they would be more than welcome. This is a great opportunity for teens to become involved in their community.

If you're interested in joining in this well received event please contact either Kae Clarke at (240) 925-0830, or email her at clarke.kae@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you soon. God bless!



9th Annual "Warm Wear" Distribution

Saturday, November 5th

Church of the Ascension from 9am-noon

21641 Great Mills Road -- Lexington Park

Quantities are limited, so plan on coming early

Available items include new and gently used coats, hats, scarves, gloves/mittens, sweaters/sweatshirts, and boots for adults and children, as well as blankets, & sleeping bags.



GROWING UP IN CHRIST

Adult Forum resumes NEXT Sunday, Oct. 23, 9:30am

Thousands of years ago, the apostle Paul wrote a letter to a group of Jesus-followers in the bustling port city of Ephesus, exhorting them to grow up "into the full stature of Christ" and giving them some steps along the way to do just that. This fall's Sunday morning adult forum is a focused bible study on Ephesians, together with some helpful insight by Eugene Peterson's book, [*Practice Resurrection*](#). (Click on the title to buy it from Amazon Smile!) We're taking a "breakfast break" this weekend with the fellowship breakfast, and

The Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the
EPHESIANS

**Growing up
in Christ**

AN ADULT
FORUM
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**Sundays
9:30am**

we'll resume next Sunday, Oct. 23. All are welcome, and we start (most) every Sunday at 9:30am in the parish hall multipurpose room.

THIRSTY THEOLOGY THIS TUESDAY

- ***Tues. Oct. 18 at Kingfisher's, Solomons Island 5:30 to 7pm***

Thirsty Theology is a fun and welcome after-work space to talk about God, faith, and life ... in public! This Tuesday evening, Oct. 18, all are welcome to Stoney's Kingfisher's on Solomons Island, anytime after 5:30pm. The Rev'd David Deaderick, a Presbyterian minister and longtime associate of several Episcopal churches in St. Mary's, will lead a conversation about guns and the Christian worldview. This non-partisan conversation will, we hope, encourage you to share your beliefs and learn from one another, too. Beverages and snacks are provided, and the conversation, itself, will start around 6pm. We'll wrap up no later than 7 o'clock, and we'd love to see you there!





- ***ONE* worship service at 9:30am**
- ***Brunch, Meeting & Sunday School for Children follows worship***

We're looking forward to worshipping, all together, at *one* combined 9:30am service on Sunday, Dec. 4, and then enjoying brunch, fellowship, and our part in "the councils of the church" at St. George's Annual Meeting! We'll take a look at the year in review, and take stock of where we are going into God's good future. Given the work that's gone into the bylaws conversation all year, we'll have that discussion. A proposed revision will be posted at least one month in advance. And we'll give thanks for our congregational leadership as well as raise up new vestry-members, leaders, and a representative to diocesan convention. If you'd like to serve in helping lead our congregation, or are interested in what's involved, talk with Fr. Greg, parish administrator Gail Dobson, or a member of the vestry. During the meeting on Dec. 4, and following brunch, Sunday School will be offered for children. The brunch, by the way, will be our fellowship breakfast for December, and donations of \$8 for adults, \$5/children are welcome to help offset expenses. Per the Bylaws of the congregation, this notice is being given in advance of the Annual Meeting.

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