



ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

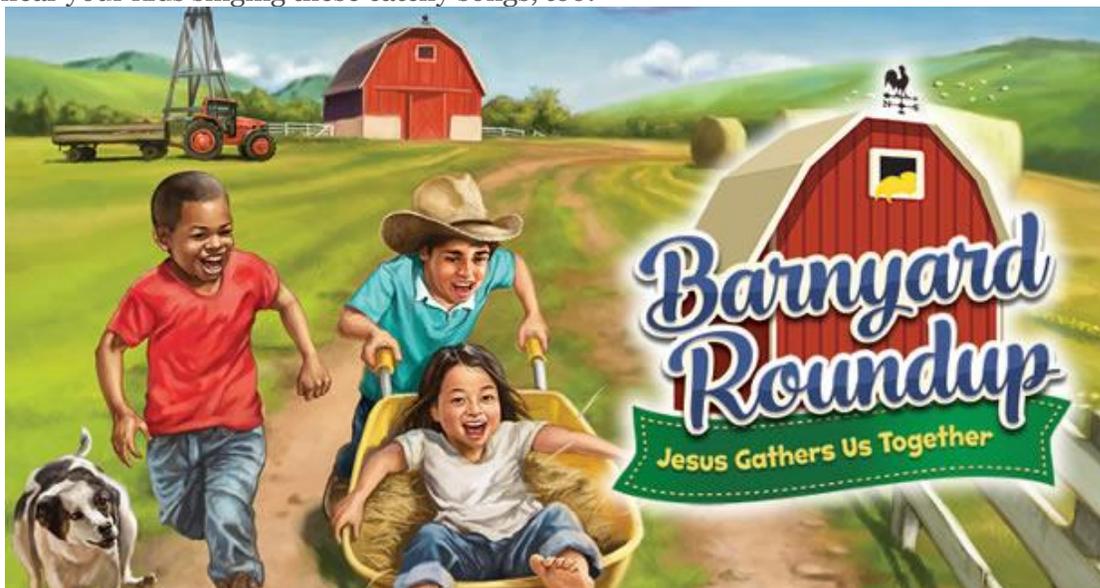
Valley Lee, Maryland



Sundays
8am & 10:30am

THANKS FOR A GREAT WEEK OF VBS! ***'Barnyard Roundup' all wrapped up!***

Valley Lee was the site of a fun and faith-filled day camp VBS this week, and we're so proud and grateful for everyone who helped, and participated, and donated, and supported this ministry with your prayers! Ascension & St. George's VBS was a smash hit! Thank you, all. Thank you, especially, to Stephanie Russell who coordinated an excellent week. Thank you to the kids who attended and learned so much, and spent your week with us. And thank you to Nancy Duryea, Tom McCarthy, JoAnn Koegel, and the children, parents, grandparents, and families who participated in this ministry. Based in part on Psalm 23 and some key teachings of Jesus, this week's 'Barnyard Roundup' taught the kids that Jesus cares, Jesus provides, Jesus leads, Jesus forgives, and Jesus is our Savior! ...And don't be shocked if you hear your kids singing these catchy songs, too!



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 (greg@stgeorgesvalleylee.org) at your earliest convenience.

2016 Camp EDOW

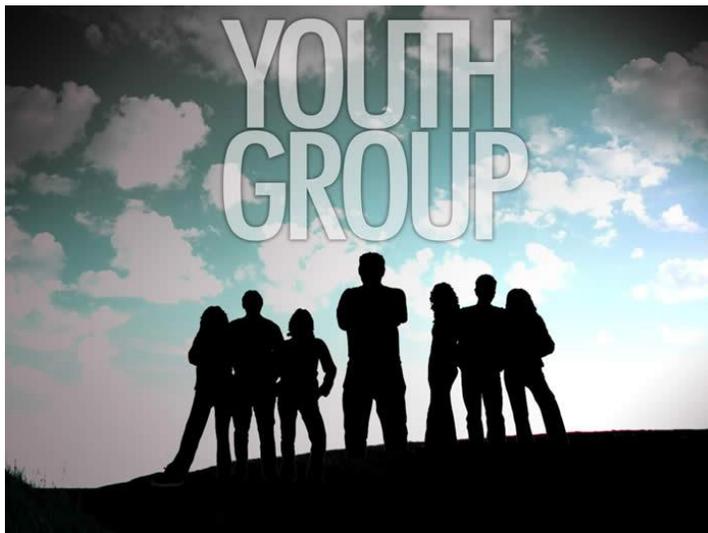
- *Junior Camp* (rising 4th-6th graders) July 24 - 29, 2016
- *Middle Camp* (rising 7th-9th graders) July 31 - August 5, 2016



YOUTH GROUP

Meeting Friday, Summer Plans Developing

St. George's youth group meets Friday evening, June 24 at 6:30pm, 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: Friday, July 8 (Chesapeake Beach Water Park, 2 to 6pm); 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.

BY-LAWS & OUR COMMON LIFE

Continuing the Discernment

The Vestry subcommittee looking more closely at St. George's by-laws is pleased to invite you to another coffee chat on Sunday morning, June 26 at 9:15am 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.



VESTRY ADOPTS COVENANT

Collaborative Institutional Relationship with Ascension

On Wed, June 8, St. George's Vestry unanimously adopted the Collaborative Ministry Covenant with Ascension, Lexington Park. The Covenant envisions a collaborative future yet provides structure so that the parish identities will be maintained. The work of outlining the details begins now, focusing on clergy, vestry, administrative support, and lay ministry. Representing St. George's on the Joint Executive Committee are Bob Ertter and Mike Mead. 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 on the website 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!*

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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!**

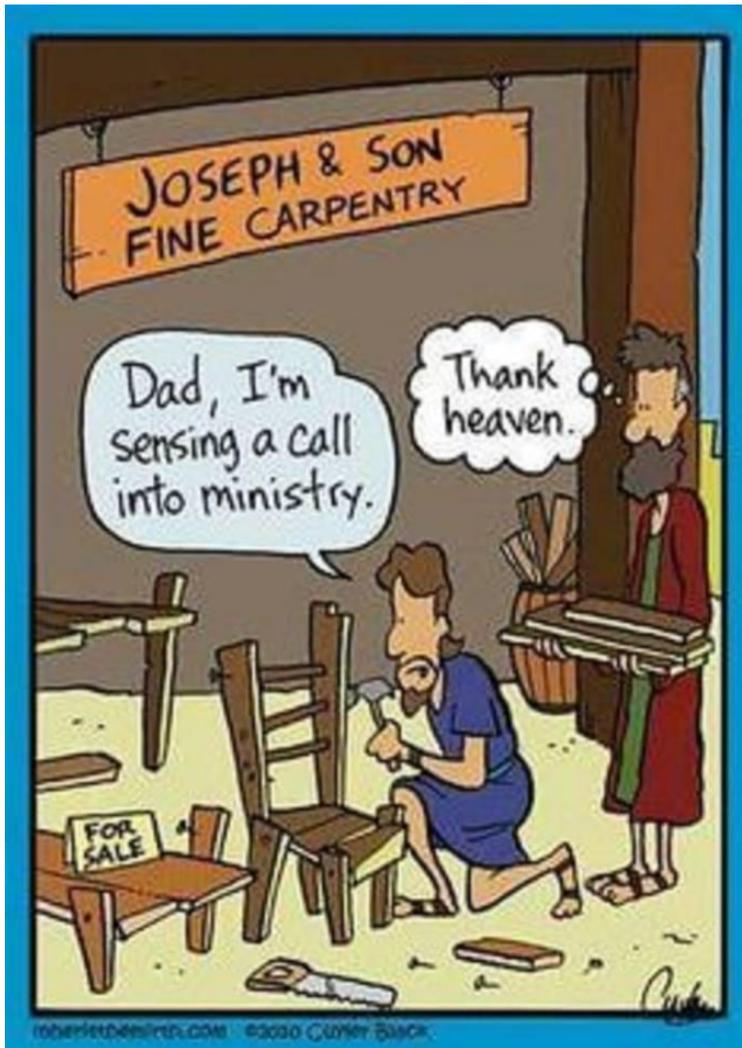
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ST. GEORGE'S SECOND COLLECTION
In June, supporting St. Mark's, UAME Valley Lee

- **\$403.49 to St. Cecilia's, St. Mary's City in May**

Every Sunday, the St. George's community prays for justice. The *Second Collection* is one tangible way we strive to live these prayers. Every Sunday, that is, you're encouraged to donate loose change or some non-perishable food items. In June, we're supporting the Bread of Life food pantry at our neighbor congregation, St. Mark's UAME in Valley Lee. 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 May, St. Georgians donated foodstuffs and money to the food pantry and soup kitchen at St. Cecilia's Catholic Church in St. Mary's City. Thank you for the \$403.49 in 'loose change' you gave! And thank you, in advance, for your generosity.





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