



ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Valley Lee, Maryland



Sundays
8am & 10:30am

INTERESTED IN TEACHING SUNDAY SCHOOL?

Planning for 2016-17 begins!

St. George's is blessed with a great group of children, youth and families -- and last year's Sunday School registration was 36 kids, in fact. Divided between three classes (youngest, middle, and junior high/high school), the planning for the 2016-17 Sunday School year has already begun. 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, 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! A first meeting of the Sunday School teachers will be Sunday, Aug. 7, starting at Noon. Feel free to come if you're interested in teaching this year! Thank you.



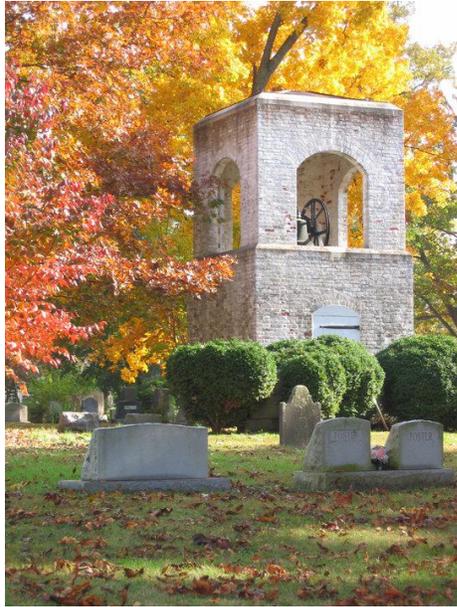
THANKS FOR GIVING TO THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN!

Fundraising to Improve Campus, Match duPont Grant

- ***Thank you to those who've given \$6,560 so far!***

Thank you to those who've given and/or pledged, to date, to St. George's 2016 Capital Campaign! \$6,560 have been given so far, and we are very grateful for your generosity. A letter from wardens Bob Ertter and Jen Thomas hit your mailboxes in early June, asking for

your generosity for a mid-year capital campaign -- an opportunity to invest directly in the physical campus of this congregation as well as keep us ahead of long-term maintenance



issues. Targeting an improvement in the parish hall's HVAC system -- a more energy- and, we hope, financially-efficient improvement -- this year's campaign also puts us on schedule to raise matching funds for the every-five-year Jessie Ball duPont Fund's Repair & Restoration Grant, a 2:1 matching program up to \$50,000 on their part! In other words, every dollar you give or pledge to give is matched by \$2 from the duPont Fund (up to \$50,000 on their part)! If you would like more insight or information, please talk with wardens Bob and/or Jen. If you would like a new letter or wish to give a more significant contribution, please talk with Gail Dobson, our parish administrator, or Greg Syler, our rector. And thank you, in advance, for your generosity!

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 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. 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.

FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Sunday, Aug. 21 from 8:45 till 10:15am

Come to church and stay for breakfast, or come for breakfast and stay for church! On Sunday, Aug. 21 -- the third Sunday of the month -- St. George's serves a fellowship breakfast between the 8am and 10:30am worship services, and all are welcome. It's not only a delicious complement to your worship life, but also a great opportunity to get to know those folks who worship at 'the other service'! A donation of \$8 for adults, \$5/kids is welcome to help offset expenses. We look forward to seeing you there.



ST. GEORGE'S CEMETERY POLICIES

New Policies & Prices effective July 15, 2016

Now effective (as of July 15, 2016), [click here](#) for St. George's revised cemetery and churchyard policies. Now, a single cemetery plot costs \$600 for members in good standing; \$1,200 for non-members. 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 are \$900 for a single niche, or \$1,500 for a double. For non-members, the fee is \$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 whatchemacallit'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
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 August & September, supporting Snack Sak Program

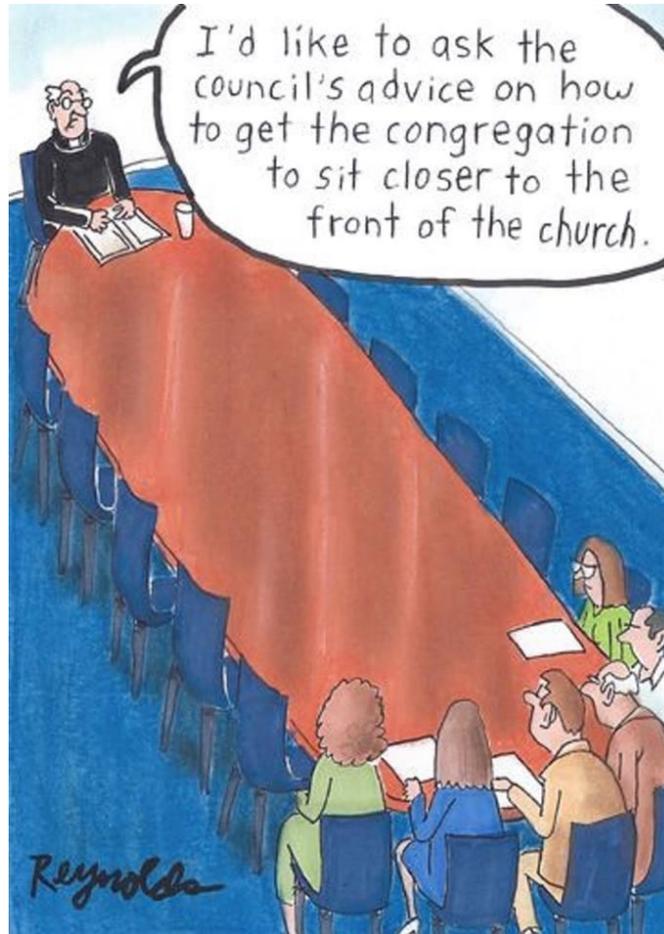
- *\$435.47 to St. Mark's, UAME Valley Lee in June*

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. Thank you for your donations of loose change and non-perishable foods in July, which have gone to the food pantry at Ascension, Lexington Park. In August and September -- these back-to-school months -- we'll raise funds for St. Mary's County's Snack Sak program. Sponsored by the United Way and several local organizations, St. George's among them, Snack



Saks provide food relief for hungry local school children for over

the weekends during the school year when meals are otherwise scarce. In one nearby elementary school, more than 300 students are considered hungry. Snack Saks not only plug gaps, but save lives -- and we at St. George's feel especially called to support it as Christians and as this wider community prepares to go back to school. It only costs \$9.25 to provide this service per child per week; just \$300 per child per school year. Anonymous testimonials from children who participate in the program tug at your heart and suggest it really helps them, and their families, too. If you would like to talk further or invest more of your resources and/or time, please reach out to vestry member Mike Mead, who is the Honorary Chairman for St. Mary's County United Way for 2016. And thank you, in advance, for all your generosity.



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