



## ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Valley Lee, Maryland



### **CELEBRATING ST. GEORGE'S DAY!**

#### ***St. George Catholic & St. George's Episcopal Shared Worship + Fellowship***

- ***Sat, April 23 - 6:30pm Evening Prayer at St. George's Episcopal***

The Catholic & Episcopal Communities of St. George, Valley Lee, invite everyone to celebrate our shared life and witness in Christ! St. George's Day, our patronal feast, is April 23, and every year we look forward to celebrating all the things we hold in common. On Saturday, April 23, come to St. George's Episcopal Church for Evening Prayer (6:30pm), where both Catholic and Episcopalian Christians, under the same roof, will of course be praising the same God. And stick around to continue Christian fellowship with a Potluck Supper at St. George's (Episcopal) parish hall. Fr. Paul Nguyen, pastor of St. George Catholic Church, will be our preacher, and Fr. Greg Syler, rector of St. George's Episcopal, will officiate at the service. All are welcome!

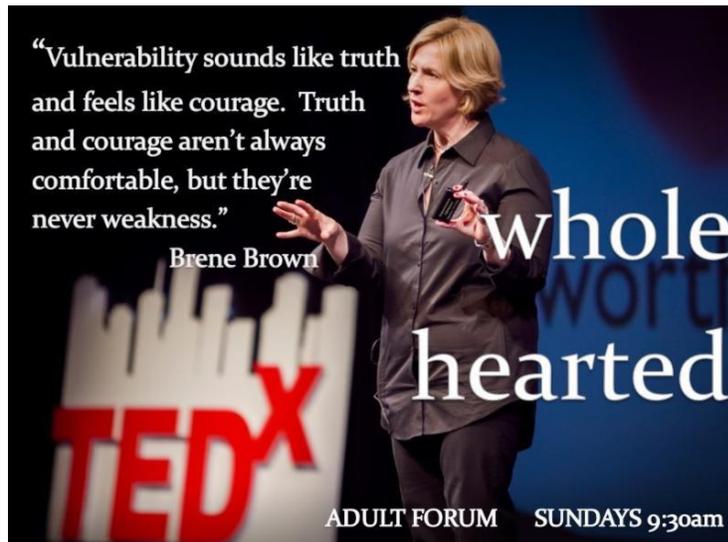


## WHOLE-HEARTED

*New Adult Forum begins this Sunday, 9:30am*

- ***Our Easter-selves: vulnerability, and growing a whole-heart***

The Sunday morning adult forum will feature conversation, bible study, and the reflections of social scientist -- and faithful Episcopalian -- Brene (pronounced *bre-NAY*) Brown. Brown has written extensively about vulnerability, the power of shame, and just how people grow into what she calls "whole hearted" persons. She gave a TED Talk about her research, back in 2010, and it's become one of the top five all-time viewed talks! [Click here](#) to see it. "Vulnerability," Brown says, "sounds like truth and feels like courage. Truth and courage aren't always comfortable, but they're never weaknesses."



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too, and a running theme throughout the Easter season! Come this Sunday, and Sundays at 9:30am for a lively and, we hope, engaging conversation. All are welcome.

## THIRSTY THEOLOGY

*Tuesday, April 12 at Nicolletti's pizza - 5:30pm*

- ***Next: Tuesday, May 10 at Nicolletti's***

Thirsty Theology is a chance to talk about God, faith, and life in a public setting. A safe space to engage holy conversations, Thirsty Theology is this Tuesday, April 12 at our new location -- Nicolletti's pizza, at the Hickory Hills shopping center at the corner of Rt. 235 & Chancellor's Run Rd. We hope this move might make it easier for folks who work in or near Lexington Park, and Nicolletti's will give us a guaranteed back room. David Showers (Middleham & St. Peter's) will lead a discussion about the theological, pastoral, and ethical implications of assisted suicide. We gather at 5:30pm and the conversation itself starts at 6. We promise to wrap up no later than 7pm. We look forward to being together!



## JOY LUNCHEON

### *Episcopal Senior Ministries at Trinity, St. Mary's City*

- **11:30am Thursday, April 14**

We celebrate our seniors each month with the Joy Luncheon, a nice afternoon of worship, fellowship, and lunch. All those who consider yourself a 'senior member' of the Episcopal Church -- and your friends -- are welcome to Trinity's parish hall in St. Mary's City on Thursday, April 14 starting at 11:30am. If you would be so kind as to RSVP to Cynthia

Parker by writing [cpparkercj@gmail.com](mailto:cpparkercj@gmail.com), or calling (301) 872-5462 that would be most appreciated. All are welcome, and we look forward to seeing you there!



## SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY!

### *Saturday, April 30 at St. George's*

Can you give some hours, and lend a hand to help spruce up our grounds and tidy our buildings? On Saturday, April 30, come when you can and help St. George's at the Spring Clean-Up Day. We'll start around 9am in the morning, but come when you can, and stay as long as you can. Breakfast nibbles and lunch will be provided, and there's plenty of work for all kinds of hands -- big and small. See you then!



## **GOT STUFF?**

### ***Rummage Sale supports Sunday School & Youth Ministries***

- ***Saturday, May 14, 7am to Noon!***

Want to do some spring cleaning? Drop off your priceless items for St. George's Spring Rummage Sale -- the proceeds of which will go to support Christian Formation ministries. The sale is Saturday, May 14, 7am to Noon. And you can drop off your belongings anytime, starting now, in the (new) detached storage shed behind the parish hall. Please drop off gently used/like new items in working order by Thursday, May 12. NO box TVs, exercise equipment or clothing, please! The Rummage Sale will be Saturday, May 14, from 7am to 12 noon - rain or shine. For questions, or if you're willing to help, contact Kristin Keil at (301) 994-0775. Thank you!

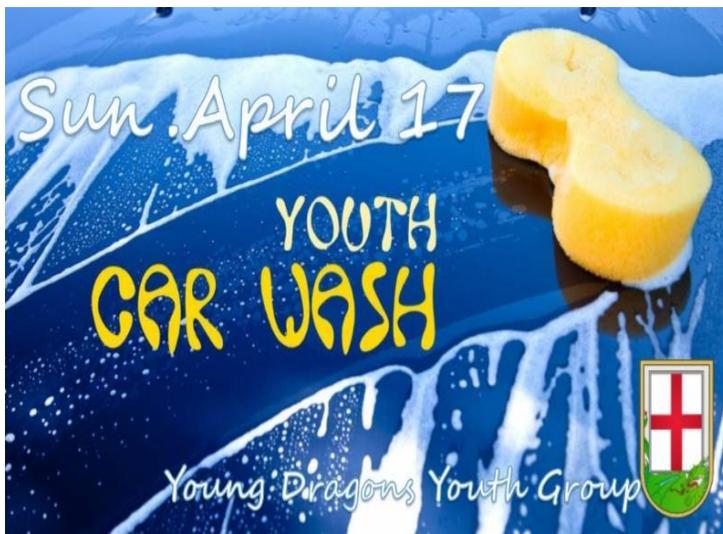


## **YOUTH GROUP CAR WASH!**

### ***Following 10:30am Worship Sun, April 17***

- ***Free-will donations accepted***
- ***Meeting Fridays, April 17 & 22 6:30pm***

The "Young Dragons" of St. George's are continuing to meet on Fridays -- April 15 and April 22, starting at 6:30pm. Plus, they're going to pull off a Car Wash FUN-raiser on Sunday,



April 17 immediately following the 10:30am worship! It's a free-will offering, but we know you'll be grateful for their help in getting all this spring pollen off your cars! On Friday, April 22, they'll celebrate their One-Year Anniversary with a pizza party beginning at 6:30pm. They'll take a look at what's worked well over the past year, and what they may be able to do better in the future. Bring a friend to any or all of these events. And if you have questions, feel free to contact leaders Jen Thomas (619.757-7460) or Brien Croteau (360.632-0838).

## FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

***Sunday, April 17 8:45 to 10:15am***

Come for church and stay for breakfast, or come for breakfast and stay for church! On Sunday, April 17 from 8:45 till 10:15am, St. George's serves a delicious fellowship breakfast - a great compliment to your worship life as well as an opportunity to get to know those folks who worship at 'the other service'! All are welcome. A donation of \$8 for adults, \$5/kids is welcome and helps offset expenses.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTINUES TO GROW

***Chapel at 9:15am, Classes at 9:30am***

- ***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. Classes for children and youth continue, as well as the Adult Forum series. 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.](#)



## PRAYING OUR FAMILY TREE

*Thursday, April 28 Noon in Parish Hall*

- ***Every-other-Thursday, a Prayer Group Ministry through St. George's***

All are invited to *pray your life* at St. George's Thursday prayer group. Usually gathering every-other-Thursday, the next gathering will actually be Thursday, April 28 (so as not to conflict with the Joy Luncheon), 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*.



## LAUNDRY LOVE

*Getting to know + serve our neighbors*

- ***1 to 3pm, Sunday, May 1***
- ***1 to 3pm, Sunday, June 5***

**Laundry Love** is a nationwide movement of people of faith who want not only to serve those who need help but, first of all, get to know those people. It's a simple idea: go to your local laundromat and talk to, introduce yourself to and, maybe, offer to help anyone who comes in. In our case, members of St. George's go once-a-month to the laundromat in the Callaway Shopping Center -- where Rt. 5 and Rt. 249 intersect. St. George's is proud to participate in Laundry Love along with our friends from Trinity Lutheran Church in Lexington Park. And we go the first Sunday of each month, from 1 to 3pm. We welcome anyone who might want to help, and if you're interested in participating -- or even just seeing what this ministry is about -- stop by, or talk with Fr. Greg if you'd like to do that beforehand.



**LAUNDRY LOVE**

## **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 April, supporting St. Mary's Caring in Lexington Park***

- ***\$455.75 to Ascension's Food Pantry in March***

Every Sunday, the St. George's community prays and strives for justice. The Second Collection is a tangible way we live out these prayers. That's a venue through which you're encouraged to donate some loose change, or some non-perishable food items. In April, we'll support the St. Mary's Caring food pantry and soup kitchen in Lexington Park. 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 March, St. Georgians donated foodstuffs and money to the food pantry at Ascension, Lexington Park. Thank you for the \$455.75 in 'loose change' you gave in March! Thank you, in advance, for your generosity.



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