# Welcome to all newcomers and visitors!

Please sign our guest book and take a gift bag from the table in the church entrance. Join us in the parish hall for fellowship and some light refreshments after the 10:30 service.

# TODAY

## Commissioning our Missioners to Haiti: Today we

commission Ann and Harley Venton for their journey to our partner parish and school in Haiti, Bon Samaritain.

### FaithTalk: Hearing God Through Scripture, 9:15 a.m.

Join us in the parish hall meeting room as we study how to hear God speak through scripture using topics in the book *Call Waiting*, by Robert Hudnut. There's no need to buy or read the book (it's out of print).

## LED Light Bulb Exchange Today

Bring three incandescent bulbs to the parish hall after services to trade them for three LEDs.

## Sunday School and Childcare

"Joining Jesus' Family." We will continue our theme of baptism through March 4. Children will be learning what it means to join Jesus' family through bible readings, discussions, and fun activities. The Seniors (grades 4-5) will also continue their discussion of *Wonder* by R. J. Palacio. Sunday School is 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. for children two-and-a-half to sixth grade, in the undercroft. Childcare is offered as well.

### Youth Group Games and Dinner, 6:30 p.m.

Bring \$3 and a friend for games, dinner and discussion.

### Sign Up for Lenten Reflections, 2018

We will share our reflections in weekly parish emails during Lent. Please share your experiences of hearing God's voice. **Sign up using the form in the church entrance**, or



online using the link in your News & Notes email and on the church website, www.stjamespotomac.org.

## The Good Book Club, with Forward Movement

Participants will begin by reading Luke and finish up the Book of Acts on the Day of Pentecost, May 20, 2018. We hope you'll join us, and the many churches, individuals and organizations who will be a part of this special project. To learn more, go to www.goodbookclub.org.

**Prayers at the Side Chapel During Communion:** Bring your concerns and thanksgivings to the side chapel for confidential prayers with a member of our prayer team.

## Thursday Morning Bible Study, 10:00 a.m.

Come together to study lectionary readings each Thursday, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., parish hall meeting room.

# **COMING EVENTS**

**Ecumenical Dinner and Study, Wednesday, February 21 At Geneva Presbyterian, 11931 Seven Locks Rd., Potomac** Come enjoy this annual event with our neighboring congregations of Seven Locks Road. Enjoy dinner at 6:30 p.m. Study and discussion at 7:30 p.m.

### High School Youth at Broadway Pizza, February 25.

**Book Club Discussion, Sunday, February 25, 6:45 p.m.** We'll discuss *The Remains of the Day*, by Kazoo Ishiguro. All are welcome; join us in the parish hall library.

### Newcomers Welcome Lunch, Sunday, March 4

Newcomers, please join us on March 4 at 12:30 in the undercroft (church lower level). Lunch will be served and childcare will be provided. Please RSVP to the office, office@stjamespotomac.org or 301-762-8040.

**Discernment Preacher and Teacher, Sunday, March 11 Preaching at services and teaching at 9:15 a.m. FaithTalk** We'll be joined by the Rev. Dr. Patricia Lyons, Missioner for Evangelism and Community Engagement for the Episcopal Diocese of Washington. Tricia will speak to us about how God uses "what we are" and "where we are" to call us to new things.

### Confirmation Classes Begin Sunday, March 11

Confirmation will be held on Saturday, May 12 at the National Cathedral. Youth who wish to be confirmed are invited to gather for seven Sundays after the 10:30 service. Pizza will be provided! See Rev. Meredith (rector@stjamespotomac.org) or James (james@stjamespotomac.org) for more details.

# State of the Parish Meeting, Sunday, March 18, 11:45 a.m.

*Christ, Communication, and Coffee – with Rev. Meredith.* Please join us in the parish hall after the 10:30 service to catch up on church celebrations, updates, concerns, and daily church life. This will constitute an official "special" parish meeting as we will present at least one issue (not impacting by-laws) for a parish vote. The spiritual and financial health of the parish will be discussed.

## **Attention Youth: Bishop Chane Scholarship**

The Diocesan Board of the Episcopal Church Women invite graduating high school seniors to apply for the Bishop John Bryson Chane Scholarship for Social Justice. The deadline for applications is April 6, 2018. For more information: www.ecw-edow.org.