

## 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

**Flowers on the Altar Today** are given by Kara Smigel to the glory of God and in memory of her mother Bernice Smigel, and for all whose mothers have died; and in appreciation of the warm and welcoming people of St. James'.

**Guest Musician at 10:30 Worship Today:** We are delighted to have Leah Arsenault Barrick on flute. Ms. Barrick is the assistant principal flutist for the National Symphony, but some of you may know her as Carol and Billy Barrick's daughter-in-law.

#### Sunday School and Childcare

Today we will be showing the following videos in place of our regular Sunday School program:

- *VeggieTales Madame Blueberry - a Lesson in Thankfulness* (starting promptly at 10:35 a.m.)
- *A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving*

The children may bring something they can do quietly (e.g. reading, drawing or writing) during the videos. Sunday School is held 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the undercroft. Childcare for infants and toddlers is offered at 9:00 a.m. Contact Andy Mason, Sunday School Co-Director, at [SundaySchool@stjamespotomac.org](mailto:SundaySchool@stjamespotomac.org).

#### Pick up Your Christmas Wreath Orders Today!

Orders not picked up will be held until December 2.



#### Bishop Walker School Ornaments Coming Soon!

Watch for wish-list ornaments in the parish hall, to help bring joy to the boys at the Bishop Walker School.

#### Book Club, 6:45 p.m., parish hall library

All are welcome to discuss *The Signature of All Things*, by Elizabeth Gilbert in the parish hall at 6:45 p.m. The following month the group will meet on the THIRD Sunday, December 16, to discuss *Two Steps Forward* by Graeme Simsion and Anne Buist.

### The Christmas Pageant is Coming Soon!

Children ages three and up are invited to participate in the Christmas pageant during our Christmas Eve service at 5:00 p.m. There are plenty of costumes for the sheep, donkeys, camels, angels, and shepherds. We also need Readers and someone to play Gabriel. Please contact Lindsay Ragheb at [lindsay.ragheb@gmail.com](mailto:lindsay.ragheb@gmail.com).

### COMING EVENTS

#### St. James' Advent Prayer Services by Conference Call

St. James' will offer prayer serviced by conference call for those who are home-bound or unable to attend worship in person. Services will be held at 3:00 p.m. on the first four Sundays in December, led by seminarian Mary Margaret Winn. Instructions for dialing in will be shared as the first date approaches. Questions? Please contact Mary Margaret or the office, [office@stjamespotomac.org](mailto:office@stjamespotomac.org).



#### Advent Quiet Half-Day, December 1 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, St. James'

Step out of the bustle of the season and take time to prepare for the birth of the Christ Child. If you will need childcare, please inform the office by Monday, November 27, so arrangements can be made.

#### Advent Adult Education begins December 2, 9:15 a.m.

Join us for the four Sundays of Advent as we explore parallels between the spiritual journey and the framework of twelve-step recovery, led by Ann Venton. Our basic text will be *Breathing Underwater* by Richard Rohr, O.S.F. Copies of the book are available online.

#### Poinsettia Sale Sunday, December 2

Gorgeous healthy plants that make great gifts will be sold in the parish hall after services.

#### Dress Down and Spruce Up, Sunday, December 9

##### Landscape cleanup party after the 10:30 service

Come in your work clothes to help spruce up the church and the grounds for Christmas. Everyone's welcome— young, old, and not so old! Enjoy a hamburger or hot dog to get fueled up, and then pitch in. Teamwork and camaraderie make the tasks lighter.

#### Sunday School Bake Sale and Silent Auction December 9 For Heifer International Project, parish hall, 11:45 a.m.

The St. James' Sunday School, led by the Seniors, is once again supporting Heifer International to provide animals, food, and income to families in need. The students are hoping to raise \$500 through their various efforts including the bake sale and silent auction of gift cards to shops in Cabin John mall. Come buy some treats!

#### Live Nativity Sunday, December 16, 6:30 p.m.

Mark your calendar: St. James' Youth Group will again perform a live nativity on the front lawn of the church.