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THIS SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.

ALL AGES CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BEGINS

Preschool through High School classes start this Sunday * Registration and Rector's Meeting with Parents in Fellowship Hall * **At 10:30 a.m.: Confirmation Class and Parents:** please sit in reserved pews in front of lectern. *

ADULT EDUCATION SUNDAYS 9:30 A.M.

Men's Discussion Group *Join other men to discuss the issues that matter to you, all from a Christian perspective: the state of our church, culture, politics, family life.* Led by Rick Wright, Walter Strong, and Charles Ezelle

Women's Discussion Group *Join other women for down to earth reflection on faith, Scripture, and prayer, and how they relate to your everyday life.* Led by Carol Hewson, Susan Donahue, Linda Sheahan, and Laura Wimbish

Men & Women's Group Study *A more structured study for both men and women of Tim Keller's Gospel in Life - how the Gospel can change your heart and your community.* Led by Jon and Mary Sprague, Mark and Chambliss Stevens.

Harlotry, Compassion, Shepherding, and Jesus - *Hosea, Jonah, and Zechariah as they relate to the New Testament.* led by Jack Wray.

Sin and Judgment in Shakespeare's History Plays led by David Noble.

St. John's Gospel led by Fr Dunbar
(No Class this Sunday, resumes Sept. 14)

MEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Tuesday 6:45 a.m. Breakfast and Discussion on *the Holy Spirit*, with Fr O'Brien, Parish House.

Thursday 7 a.m., *Samuel*, Fr. Dunbar, Reading Rm

WOMEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Thursday 9:15 a.m., led by Fr O'Brien
on *How We Know: A Study of Plato's Meno*

PARENTING IN THE PEW

Parents - with the support of grandparents, godparents, and friends - are the church's first evangelists. Parents - especially fathers, but also mothers (2 Timothy 1:5) - are uniquely placed to share the faith and worship of Christ with their children (Psalm 78:1-8; Deut. 4:9,10; 11:18-21; Ephes. 6:4). We want many good things for our children. Let not the lesser goods crowd out the greatest good of all!

Key to the evangelism of children is family observance of Sunday as the Lord's Day - a day of rest from labour, set apart so that the people of God may assemble before the Lord "to set forth his most worthy praise". Deists think they are worshipping God on the golf course or at the beach, but the Creator of heaven and earth has no fellowship with men apart from his Son, and there is no communion with his Son except in the Church which is his Body. So while the world has other uses for Sunday, Christian parents will push back against worldly pressure, and "lean into" Sunday observance as a spiritual discipline. Works of necessity and charity, sports and amusements, relaxation and feasting have their

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STANDING NOTICES

The occasional Sacraments of Baptism, Matrimony, Penance, Communion and Unction of the Sick, and the Office of Burial of the Dead are always available by appointment, at announced times, or as necessary.

HOSPITAL VISITATIONS

Please call the Church Office to inform the clergy if you or a loved one is in the hospital.

ST. JOHN'S WEB SITE

Parish Paper essays may be read on our web site: www.stjohnssav.org

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN

8:00 a.m. Mr. Arthur D. Weed
10:30 a.m. Jonathan D. Sprague, Esq.

USHER CHAIRMAN

Mr. Randolph H. Kulp II

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Donna Lynn Patterson by her sister, Karen Elaine Patterson and by her parents Edwin and Maxine Patterson;
and in loving memory of Frank Perdue Lee by his family;
and in loving memory of Captain Harry E. Jennings by Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. E. Jennings, Nolan and Alex;
and in loving memory of my parents, Summer and Virginia Farwell, by Rence Schmidt;
and in loving memory of Mr. Andrew Gay Labrot by Mrs. Andrew Gay Labrot and his children,
and in loving memory of Judge John Sognier, on the anniversary of his death, by Marie McGaughey and friends.
The flowers in the chapel on Wednesday are given to the glory of God and in honor of Fr. Gavin Dunbar's birthday.

CHANCEL SOCIETY

Mrs. Carter C. Hubbard, Sr., Mrs. Jayne G. Holland
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Mrs. T. Herbert Guerry III, Mrs. David A. Young
Mrs. John R. Reiter, Mrs. Adolphus J. Carter III
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ACOLYTES

8:00 John Osborne
10:30 Mikel Kelly
Jamie McClellan
Patrick Perrie
Finn Repella
Jackson McClellan

COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Christopher L. Osteen.

PARISH KALENDAR THIS WEEK

Monday to Friday

Morning and Evening Prayer
8:15 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

In addition, on Wednesday

9:45 a.m. *Litany* 10 a.m. *Eucharist*

HOLLY DAYS BAZAAR (11/12 & 13).

The *Silent Auction* needs fabulous donations! Call Holly Montford, 897-6202
Waitresses! Please call Grace Merritt 658-3010 or Richie Reed 703 409-2266.

Chili! Football Season is around the corner: please make an extra batch of Chili for the Bazaar luncheon. Question or commitments, call Christiana Turner 898-1810.

Please **LIKE** the Holly Days Bazaar on Facebook for updates and info!

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

places on Sunday, but only within the frame of corporate worship, not as alternatives to it.

Fathers, Scripture assigns you headship in the family. On Sundays, you are responsible for presenting your families before the Lord in good order. Men sometimes are tempted to surrender leadership, to retreat from the demands of commitment into work or play. But physical and emotional absence is the abdication of fatherhood. Your leadership in the family requires *presence* both physical and emotional. It means attentive listening, ever-watchful care, two-way communication - and yes, wisdom to discern and decide what is best for all. In today's quasi-egalitarian culture, husbands will often assist their wives in the practical chore of getting children ready for church, and that is good; but don't neglect your own proper task of leadership in your family's religious practice. It is an essential trait of true fatherhood.

Mothers, a great share of the chore of getting children physically ready for church inevitably falls on you; and notoriously, the devil works hard on Sunday mornings. He will have fewer opportunities if the clothes are ready in advance, if everyone is well-rested, and plans are not left to the last minute. But if all the best-laid plans go awry, remember that it is better that your children come to church with mismatched socks than for you all to arrive spiritually dishevelled.

Children have much to learn in order to take part in worship. They will fidget, pester their siblings, and try to distract their parents; and parents inevitably will have to correct them and teach them self-control. While they are doing so,

other parishioners need to be patient, supportive, and good-humored. But the self-control they teach their children is for the sake of something more than good manners: that the children may take part in the service, according to their ability. Show them how to follow the service through the Prayer Book, train them to recite the Creed and Lord's Prayer by heart, audibly, and in step with others. Above all, see to it that they can sing. It may help to prepare them Saturday night for what they will be doing Sunday morning (the details of the service are available on the website as well as by email every week.) Children are part of the congregation: do not exclude them, and do not let them exclude themselves.

Young people: you have the privilege of serving and worshipping the Lord in your youth. Through baptism, confirmation, and admission to Communion the road to spiritual maturity is wide open. More and more, you are responsible for your own relationship with Christ. And that means taking part in the Church's worship, not just because your parents want you to, but as your own personal offering of faith. Take full advantage of the opportunity, leave childish ways behind, and strive after maturity in Christ. GGD

Father Dunbar's series on the Articles of Religion will resume at a later date.

MEN'S CLUB ANNUAL MEETING AND BANQUET

6:30 p.m. Thursday, **September 18th**
Tickets on sale this Sunday.

MEN'S FORUM

begins Thursday September 25th
Noon - 1 p.m.

Good Food for Body and Soul

8:00 A.M.—HOLY COMMUNION

COLLECT, EPISTLE, and GOSPELPrayer Book, page 206
A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.

9:30-12:00 Noon: NURSERY (*Cranmer Hall*)

9:30 —10:15 A.M.: ALL AGES CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
Cranmer Hall and Conference Room.

9:30 A.M. – NOON: PRESCHOOL-PRE-KINDERGARTEN
(Cranmer Hall –activities for children during the 9:30 education and/or 10:30 service times)

10:30 A.M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

HYMN #474 *O Day of Rest and Gladness* Woodbird
 Sentences, Confession, Absolution & Lord’s Prayer.....Prayer Book, page 3-7
 Versicles and Responses..... 7-8
 VENITE (Hymnal #610)..... 9
 Psalm # 147 522
 First Lesson: Exodus 34:29-33 insert
 TE DEUM (Hymnal #615, 619)..... 10
 Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 3:4-9 and Mark 7: 31-37 206
 BENEDICTUS (Hymnal #634) 1
 Apostles’ Creed 15
 Versicles and Responses..... 16
 Collect for the Day 206
 Other Collects and Prayers, the Grace 17-20
 Notices and Address to Confirmands The Rector
 HYMN #218 *Come Holy Ghost, Creator Blest* Mendon
Children may exit following the Cross for JOYFUL NOISE (5’s and 6’s) and PSALM PSINGERS (Gr 2-5)
 THE SERMON Fr. Dunbar

OFFERING

Sentences
 Anthem: *We Wait on Thy Loving Kindness , O God* William McKie
 Presentation of Alms: Doxology #139, and Hymn #141 (verse 4)
 Prayer and Blessing
 HYMN #776/325 *O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing*Azmon
 ORGAN VOLUNTARY: Postlude on "Old Hundreth"Fred Bock

*Everyone is invited to attend Coffee Hour in the Green Meldrim House immediately after the 10:30 service.
 If you are a guest and visiting our Parish, please make yourself known.*