



The Curious Adventure of the Kneejerk Circumstance

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's famous sleuth comes to mind with this title, but there all similarity ends. Mine is the knee, and I am the Jerk. September 12, an orthopedic surgeon will attempt to correct the consequences of arthritis and vanishing cartilage which will impair my function somewhat. Old age and too much time behind home plate in my wayward youth has caught up with me.

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We have some stellar guest priests coming who will certainly mitigate the situation very much for the better. They are as follows:

September 17: The Rev. Fletcher Lowe, retired president of the Virginia Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice.

September 24: The Rev. David Teschner, retired Rector of Christ and Grace, Petersburg.

October 1: The Rev. Ruth Partlow, retired co-Rector of St. Luke's, Manikin.

Gerry and I will miss being with you every minute of that time, but you will have great liturgical and preaching resources, which include our own great liturgists.

NOTA BENE! On September 17 we will be visited by a party of young men from Boys' Home, Covington, an institution for enabling boys to achieve excellence in personal development and community life co-supported by all three Virginia Dioceses. With them will be their dedicated Headmaster, Dr. Donny Wheatley. They will participate in our worship services and be part of a special Church School class for all ages in between.

Our own Robert Huffman will help us greet them. Bob is an ongoing supporter and a onetime faculty member there.

Thank you for your continued support and care,

Jim Smith+



September

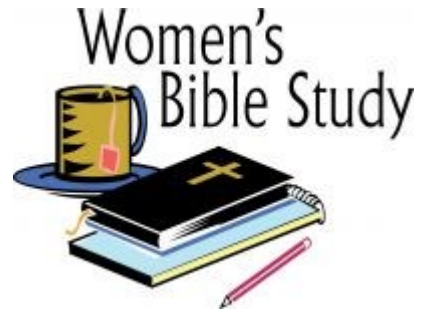
Birthdays

- 5 Jim Smith
- 6 Lisa Horne
- 9 Herb McCulloch
- 11 Michael Cole
- 12 Jane Elliott
Milly Thompson
- 13 Barbara Moore
Steve Conver
- 16 Dale Frazier
- 18 Ida Costello
Linda Chamberlain
Paul Gardner
- 26 Jane Willis
Mattie McLaughlin
- 28 Dominique Gay
- 29 Cynthia Jackson
- 30 Melanie Moran



Anniversaries

- 7 Dick and Jan Condit
- 16 Brad and Julie Wilmarth
- 25 Colen and Cindi Bright (50)



St. Michael's Women's Bible Study classes have been combined for the coming year and will be held at the church on Thursday mornings at 10:00am beginning on September 7th. All of the ladies of the church are invited to attend. A sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall. We will begin with a Max Lucado study, "You'll Get Through This." It's a 6-week study, with video and a workbook which is \$9.50 per copy.

A new larger television has been purchased for church use. Contributions toward the cost are appreciated.

Maria Gardner

Sunday Night Live Is Back!

Sunday Night Live is back for another season, beginning on September 24th at 5:30pm. SNL offers a time of informal worship in a relaxed and joyful atmosphere. The music is led by St. Michael's Gospel Band and features gospel favorites, traditional hymns, and contemporary praise tunes woven together with original songs and arrangements. In addition to singing, there is opportunity to listen to someone share something from her/his own spiritual journey. Immediately following the service, all are invited to the Parish Hall for a time of fellowship and refreshments. Come as you are and join us as we praise God together in His House.



POT LUCK LUNCH Sunday, September 3. Bring food to share and enjoy the fellowship.

FALL WORSHIP TIMES BEGIN Sunday, September 10. 8:00 and 10:30am.

VESTRY MEETS Sunday, September 10 after worship.

EYC KICK-OFF Sunday, September 10, 5:00pm.

LUNCH FEEDING PROGRAM:

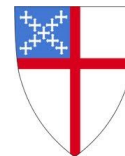
Tuesday, September 19, at the Hope Center in Petersburg.

SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE, September 24, 5:30pm.

OCTOBER ARCHANGEL DEADLINE:

Monday, September 25, 9:30AM.

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Youth Ministry News



Calling all youth, grades 6th -12th to be a part of the EYC (Episcopal Youth Community).

Join us for fellowship and fun each Sunday. We will have an opportunity to participate in the church service when we are scheduled to serve as Acolytes, Ushers/Greeters, and in the Choir. The first September meeting will be on the 10th at 5:00 and last till 7:30. We will be discussing the events for the upcoming year, playing games, having fun, and making new friends. Dinner will be served.

We are starting up **Operation Christmas Child**. We will fill the shoeboxes by November. Individuals, families and groups fill empty shoeboxes with gifts of toys, school supplies, hygiene items and notes of encouragement. Now is a great time to pick up crayons, pencils, glue sticks and other school supplies.

We pray that the Lord will bless us with another good year!!

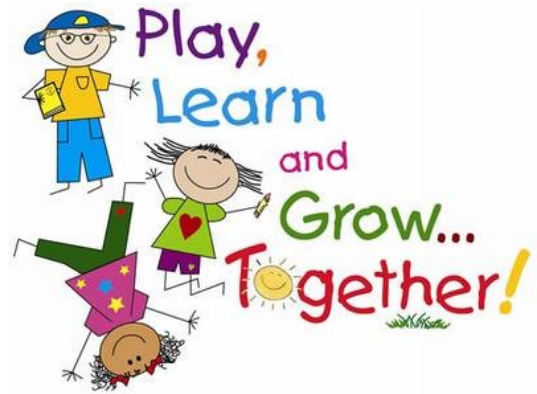
Praise be to God,
Your servant Michael

Sunday School

Children, K–5th Grade

Begins Sunday, September 10th

Come to 10:30am worship. We will go, with our teacher and friends, to our classroom, and return in time for communion.



Choir Rehearsals Resume

Thursday, September 7, 7:15pm.

All are welcome.

No experience necessary.

On that note, we'll see you there.

Debbie and Melanie

Save the Date — October 31



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