

PRAYER LIST

Let us pray...

...in thanksgiving for the members of our congregation: Mabel Bowie, Linda Buffalo, Chris Busey, Chuck Busey.

...for support and protection for those who serve our country at home and abroad: Alex Berger (*husband of Patrice Rohde's niece*), Mike Busey (*son of Chris and Chuck Busey*), Sam Gray (*son of Chris Busey*), Wes Dyson (*grandson of George and Ruby Dyson*), and Thomas J. Huntt (*nephew of Sue Huntt*);

...for those in need of God's healing grace: Vivian Aldridge (*mother of Barbara Macri*), Mabel Bowie, Mary Lou Clem, Carl Fletcher (*friend of Chris Dudley*), Sam Gray, and Gaynelle Hoover (*mother of Carl Lockamy*); Our continuing prayers are offered for: George Dyson, Butch Helwig (*Nanjemoy resident*), Buddy Linton, Rhonda McGraw (*daughter of John and Patsy Welch*), Jeanne Read, Jean Santora, Rose Speake (*friend of Gloria Hampton*), Joan Shoemaker (*wife of Deacon Eric Shoemaker*), Roy Squires, and Luci Wright (*aunt of Barbara Macri*).

...for those who have died: Lindy Lynch (*friend of Deacon Susan*).

The Diocese of Washington cycle of prayer: Presiding Bishop Michael Curry; St. Mary's Church, DC.

The Anglican Communion cycle of prayer: Pray for the united Church of South India; The Most Revd Thomas Kanjirappally Oommen - Moderator of CSI & Bishop of Madhya Kerala.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Don't forget that these announcements can also be found on the church website, OldDurham.org. You can view them in the calendar (look under "About Us" in the upper left) or view the service bulletin via the "Bulletin Announcements" button.

Adult Forum: Please join us at 9:15am in the Parish Hall on Sunday mornings for coffee, learning, and thought-provoking discussion.

Coffee After Church Join us for coffee and fellowship in the Parish Hall after the service.

Pastoral Care Team meets today after church in the Parish Hall.

Cleaning up the files. As part of a push to get the parish's administrative functions working smoothly, Rev. Catharine+ is trying to tidy up the church's records. She has a print-out for each person of what information the church has about them in the church database. Please take your page, check it for errors and omissions, and let her know what changes need to be made.

The Deacons' Challenge: The Deacon from St. James' Indian Head / Christ Church Durham and the Deacon from Christ Church Wayside & La Plata have challenged each other to see whose parishes can gather the most school supplies for Charles County students. *St James' & Christ Church Durham are collecting glue and crayons; Christ Church Wayside & La Plata are gathering pencils and notebooks.* We will be collecting money donations (you may put cash in the box, or put a check in collection plate and mark it "SCHOOL") and/or the items themselves from now until **Sunday, August 18** and then the deacons, Deacon Sue Fritz and Deacon Steve Seely, will go shopping for Charles County kids. The supplies will be going to our respective churches' neighborhood schools for distribution..

Joe's Place Food Pantry distributions are on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month from 4:30 to 6pm in the Parish Hall. The next distributions are August 22nd and September 12th. Volunteers are always welcome to sort and distribute food to our neighbors.

Ring the church bell: Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia Bishop James B. Magness invite Episcopal churches to take part in a national action to remember and honor the first enslaved Africans who landed in English North America in 1619 by tolling their bells for one minute on Sunday, August 25, 2019 at 3:00 pm. The event is being called "Commemorating 400 years of African American History and Culture: Healing Day National Bell Ringing." (Details on the Episcopal Church website or at <https://tinyurl.com/y3ncewar>). Durham Church's bell will be ringing. If you are interested in making something of this—an ice-cream social, maybe?—or just documenting it, please speak to Rev. Catharine and/or George Chisholm.

The Indian Head 100 (aka, 'The Bike Ride') is coming up on Labor Day (Sept. 2). This event has become one of the biggest on our annual parish calendar. We are able to meet and serve more people on this day (nearly 1000) than probably any other day of the year, and we get paid to do it! Many hands make light work: thank you to everyone who has signed up; please contact Patrice by email with any questions about volunteering.

GOT QUESTIONS?



Starting September 11, we will be partnering with St. James', Indian Head to offer a 10-week film and discussion series called Alpha.

Originally developed in England as a way to introduce newcomers to the Christian faith, the Alpha series is a popular and well-known program that many long-time church-goers find very valuable. We will offer the

same session twice each Wednesday, once at noon and once at 7PM, sometimes at St. James' and sometimes at Durham. The Rev. Robin Taylor, Deacon Susan, and Rev. Catharine will share leadership of the sessions. Sign up at this link, or by contacting Deacon Susan or Rev. Catharine

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0949adac2aa7fe3-durham>

Stewardship of our Assets - Workshop on Business Methods. The diocese is offering an introductory workshop on requirements and best practices in church business affairs. The workshop will be held on Saturday, Sept. 28th from 8:30AM to 1PM at St. Paul's, Waldorf. It is intended for clergy, Wardens, Treasurers, and others involved in parish management. All Vestry and Finance Committee members are encouraged to attend. A series of more in-depth workshops on the topics covered in this introduction will be offered as webinars over the course of the next year. More information and registration at edow.org.

Safeguarding God's Children provides participants with the information they need to protect the children they know and care for in their personal lives and the ministries in which they serve. This training is strongly recommended for all parish leaders, and is required for those who work with children. The training is valid for three years. Once the initial training is completed, renewal can be accomplished online. The fall 2019 schedule for Safeguarding God's Children workshops is set and registration is open. All sessions run from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m on Saturdays. September 7, Ascension, Silver Spring; September 14, St. John's, Norwood Parish; September 21, St. John's, Lafayette Square; October 12, Christ Church, La Plata; November 2, St. John's, Beltsville.

Diocesan News: If you are not receiving the Diocese of Washington's newsletter, you might want to sign up for it. It typically contains a reflection from Bishop Mariann along with news about diocesan plans and events, as well as functions at other parishes. Sign up under News and Events on the diocesan webpage, www.edow.org

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

The church calendar remembers a wide variety of our faithful forbears this week. Some of my very favorites appear this week, in fact, and surely there's at least one that will resonate with each of us. The line-up includes:

Aug. 12, Florence Nightengale (Nurse, Social Reformer, 1910); *Scripture*: Psalm 73:23–29; Isaiah 58:6–11; 1 Corinthians 12:4–11; Luke 5:4–11; *Collect*: Life-giving God, you alone have power over life and death, over health and sickness: Give power, wisdom, and gentleness to those who follow the lead of Florence Nightingale, that they, bearing with them your presence, may not only heal but bless, and shine as lanterns of hope in the darkest hours of pain and fear; through Jesus Christ, the healer of body and soul, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Aug. 13, Jeremy Taylor (Irish bishop, author of *Holy Living and Holy Dying*, 1667); *Scripture*: Psalm 16:5–11; Proverbs 7:1–4; Romans 14:7–9, 10b–12; John 3:11–21; *Collect*: O God, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered: Make us, like your servant Jeremy Taylor, deeply aware of the shortness and uncertainty of human life; and let your Holy Spirit lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Aug. 14: Jonathan Myrick Daniels (Seminarian and Martyr, 1965); *Scripture*: Psalm 85:7–13; Proverbs 4:20–27 Galatians 3:22–28 Luke 1:46–55 *Collect*: O God of justice and compassion, you put down the proud and mighty from their place, and lift up the poor and the afflicted: We give you thanks for your faithful witness Jonathan Myrick Daniels, who, in the midst of injustice and violence, risked and gave his life for another; and we pray that we, following his example, may make no peace with oppression; through Jesus Christ the just one, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Aug. 15: St. Mary the Virgin (Mother of Our Lord Jesus Christ). *Scripture*: Psalm 34; Isaiah 61:10–11 Galatians 4:4–7 Luke 1:46–55; *Collect*: O God, you have taken to yourself the blessed Virgin Mary, mother of your incarnate Son: Grant that we, who have been redeemed by his blood, may share with her the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

