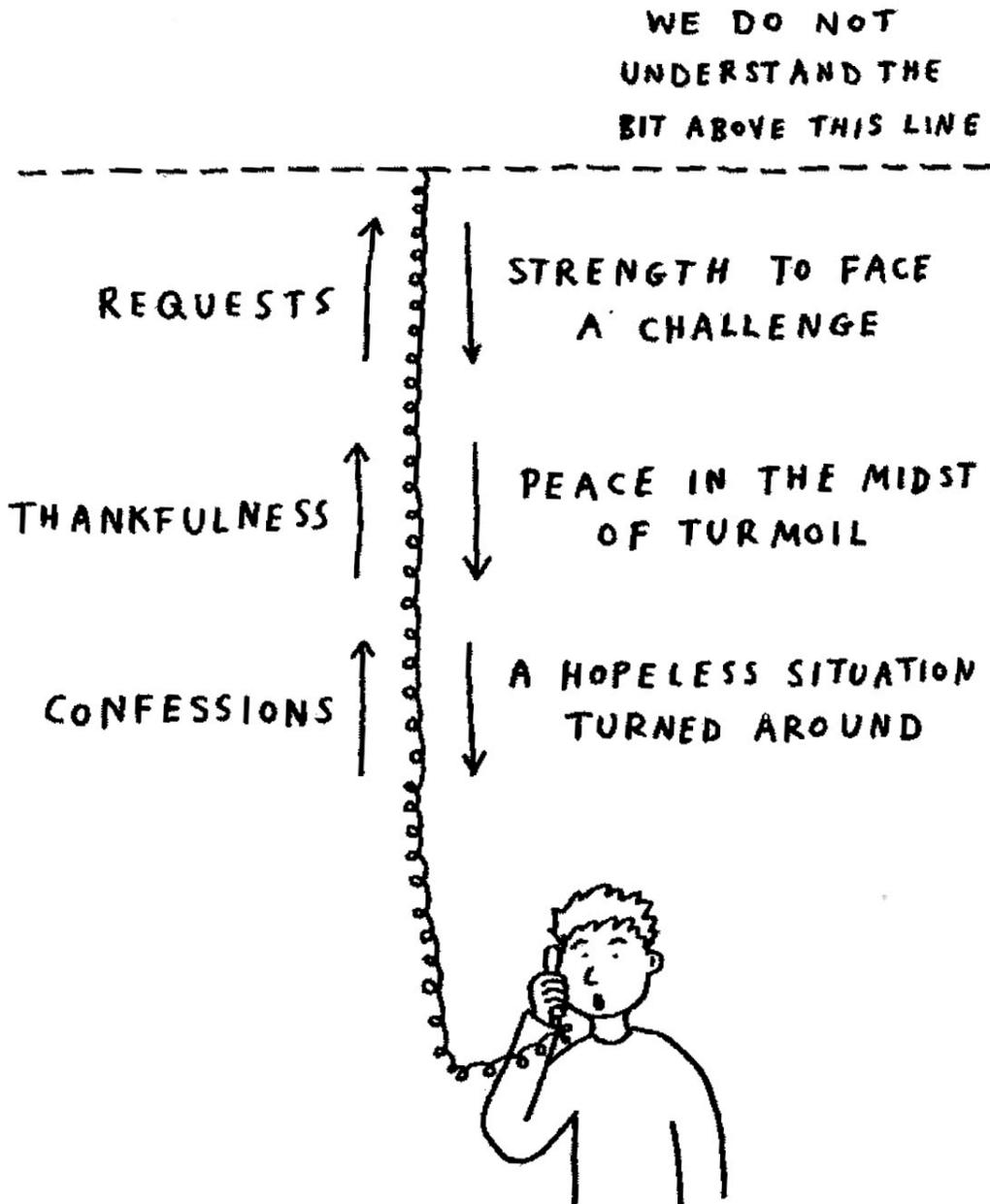


# PRAYER

HOW IT MIGHT WORK



## PRAYER LIST

Let us pray...

...in thanksgiving for the members of our congregation: John Welch, Patsy Welch, Bill White, and Ruth White.

...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*), Wes Dyson (*grandson of George and Ruby Dyson*), and Thomas J. Huntt (*nephew of Sue Hunt*); Steven Mattingly (*friend of the Chisholms*).

...for those in need of God's healing grace: Vivian Aldridge (*mother of Barbara Macri*), Wayne Buffalo, Mary Lou Clem, George Dyson, Carl Fletcher (*friend of Chris Dudley*), Butch Helwig (*Nanjemoy resident*), Livvy Huisman (*mother of Kathy Doyle*), Tom Saxton, Cindy Shoemaker, John Warner (*brother-in-law of Kathy Doyle*); *Our continuing prayers are offered for:* Mabel Bowie, Sam Gray, 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*).

**The Diocese of Washington cycle of prayer:** Presiding Bishop Michael Curry; Pray for all Native Americans and Native American congregations. Pray for all victims of terrorism, war, and violence and for those who foster and perpetuate such acts.

**The Anglican Communion cycle of prayer:** Pray for the Church in the Province of the West Indies.

**The flowers on the altar** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Jane Blake Linton in honor of her birthday; given by her daughter Jane.

## 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 a chat and a cup of coffee after church in the Parish Hall.

**The Alpha Class** is going strong. Two sessions with the same content are scheduled each Wednesday, one at noon and one at 7pm. Sign up at this link, or by contacting Deacon Susan or Rev. Catharine:

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

**The Southern Maryland Hunger Fund Walk** is this afternoon at Serenity Farm in Benedict, Md. Durham Church is one of the co-sponsors of this ever-popular event. More information is available at [www.hungerfund.net](http://www.hungerfund.net).

**Vestry meets on October 22<sup>nd</sup>** (note that this is a Tuesday again this month because of the Alpha Class).

**Prayer Shawl Ministry.** The first Prayer Shawl meeting for this month will be on Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:30 pm. Thursday meetings will start in November.

**Joe's Place Food Pantry** distributions are normally on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month from 4:30 to 6pm in the Parish Hall. In November and December they are held on the second and *third* Thursdays, to accommodate Thanksgiving and Christmas. The next distributions are Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> and Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are always welcome to sort and distribute food to our neighbors.

**Annual Meeting, Vestry election, and Bake Sale:** October 27<sup>th</sup> will be the parish Annual Meeting. We will elect new Vestry members, thank retiring ones, review the past year, and enjoy one another's company. The meeting will take place in the Parish Hall after church (approximately 11:45AM).

**The Ladies Mites** are planning to hold a bake sale at the meeting. Take home some fall-themed treats that day!

**Jam Session.** November 1 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

**Safeguarding God's Children.** 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. All sessions run from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. on Saturdays. The final remaining date for this season is November 2, at St. John's, Beltsville.

**Signs of Life: Why Churches Matter.** A retreat and workshop at Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria from 9am to 3pm on Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> will explore five signs and symbols at the heart of Christian worship: light, water, food, shelter, and community. This offering will encourage participants to explore the riches of our worship traditions, liturgy and sacraments, and the art and architecture of our worship spaces, revealing the full meaning of these signs, deepening our experience of Christian vocation, and guiding us toward ongoing conversion. Cost is \$50, includes lunch; scholarships are available—speak to Rev. Catharine. Registration and further information is available online through the link in the diocesan newsletter.

**Daughters of the King and Men's Group.** November 4 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall.

**Healing Service and Pastoral Care Team.** We will offer healing prayer with anointing and the laying on of hands at the 10:30 service on November 10. The Pastoral Care Team will meet in the Parish Hall after the service.

**Worship with us on Thanksgiving Day.** We will hold a service of Holy Eucharist at 10AM on Thanksgiving Day. Bring your friends and neighbors!

**Parish 'Community Choir' on Christmas Eve.** Would you be interested in singing as part of a 'Community Choir' for our service on Christmas Eve? There's a move afoot to have a special-occasion Christmas Eve Choir to sing an anthem at the Christmas Eve service. Rehearsals would be on a few Sundays after church. Speak to Kathy if you'd like to know more or be part of this.

**The Charles County Literacy Council's Spelling Bee** has been re-scheduled, and now we have plenty of time to organize our team! The event is a fund-raiser for the Literacy Council. It will be held on Saturday, January 11 from 6pm to 10pm at St Mary's Catholic Church in Bryantown. Tickets are \$30, which includes heavy hors d'oeuvres and soft drinks (beer and wine available for sale). Speak to Barbara Macri for details and to volunteer for a team. Scholarships are available, so don't let cost deter you.

## **MEET YOUR VESTRY CANDIDATES**

*The Nominations Committee has put forward a slate of three candidates to fill the three vacancies on the Vestry.*

**Marie Goldsmith.** Marie first began attending Durham Parish over 60 years ago. She was baptized here as an baby. Her roots go deep in the community, and she hopes to help the church face the challenges of the present so that we can pass the church on to the next generation. Before retirement, she worked as a Food Service Manager for the Charles County Board of Education and drove a school bus. Now she devotes most of her time and energy to her art. At church she is particularly involved in the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

**Sue Hunt.** In a way, I first joined the church in 2005, years before I attended my first service here. I began to pray in the parking lot in 2005 shortly after moving to Nanjemoy. I passed it going to and from work. I attended a couple services in 2011. Then in 2013 I began attending regularly. I joined the choir for a few years and became a member of DOK. I recognize this place as a place of deep spirituality and hope to help guide it into the future for others.

My background is in horticulture. From the mid 80s until 2007 I worked with some of the best garden centers and landscapers in Anne Arundel and Prince Georges

Counties. My fascination with all life and the symbiotic relationship with the earth fuels my belief in all life is precious and valuable. I volunteered at the Nanjemoy Creek environmental center for a few years. Now I'm working at Springdell Center helping adults with disabilities. Our goal is to integrate the people we support in the community in as many ways as possible. We do Meals on Wheels, Food for Friends, and deliver food to homeless shelters and halfway houses.

My parents and siblings have passed, and my kids live about 2 hours away. I wish they lived closer.

**Gary W. Leyland.** After working in Regulatory Affairs for the pharmaceutical industry and assisting with my wife June's pediatric practice I retired in 2015 and moved to Nanjemoy, where we had a weekend cottage since 1987. I've attended Old Durham Church regularly since 2010 and have been on the Cemetery and Finance Committees and worked at the Food Pantry for several years. I recently joined the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

I am committed to the continued good management and improvement of Old Durham as a welcoming place of worship. Also, I try to be knowledgeable about Charles County government and communicate with our elected officials and government employees about our needs and desires in Nanjemoy.

### **Looking WAY Ahead:**

*Bishop Mariann has circulated the following note. Check out the diocesan website for opportunities to volunteer*

Dear Friends of the Diocese of Washington, I am thrilled to call our diocese together for a weekend of spiritual rededication and renewal January 24-26, 2020, culminating in a public revival with Presiding Bishop Michael Curry on Sunday, January 26, at 2:00 p.m. at the Entertainment and Sports Arena in Washington, DC.

The theme for the weekend and for the revival itself is *More Jesus: More Love*, a reminder that only as we draw closer to Jesus can we grow in our capacity to love as Jesus loves. Plans are underway now for a series of events over the weekend to help us individually and as communities of faith to take our next steps toward Christ and follow in his way of love.

The revival is not for ourselves alone, but for those we will invite to join us for a service of uplifting music, personal testimony, the Presiding Bishop's word to us, and Holy Eucharist. The Entertainment and Sports Arena seats over 4,000 people, and we will live stream the event around the diocese and throughout the world. It will be fully bi-lingual, multicultural, and focused on reaching rising generations. The revival weekend will also mark the official launch of our strategic vision for the next five years.

## **MINISTERS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

**Presider and Preacher:** The Rev. Catharine T. Gibson; **Readers:** Roy Squires and Rick Posey. **Intercessor:** volunteer; **Chalicists:** George Chisholm and Linda Buffalo; **Altar Guild:** Melinda Torreyson. **Flower contact for October:** Gloria Hampton.

*The Sunday morning worship-serving schedule and readings can be viewed or downloaded online.*

*Follow the 'Bulletin Announcements' button at the top left of the church website.*

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*Parish Treasurer:* Carl Lockamy.