

PRAYER LIST

Let us pray...

...in thanksgiving for the members of our congregation: Ann Bluey, Mabel Bowie, Linda Buffalo, Chris 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*), Wes Dyson (*grandson of George and Ruby Dyson*), and Thomas J. Huntt (*nephew of Sue Huntt*); 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*), Rick Posey, 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; All Souls Memorial Church, All Souls Parish, DC; All Saints' Day; All Souls Day; Diocesan Cathedral Confirmation Service (November 2) – Pray for those who are to be confirmed. **The Anglican Communion cycle of prayer:** Pray for the Church of Ceylon (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury) The Rt Revd Dhiloraj Ranjit Canagasabey - Bishop of Colombo; The Rt Revd Keerthisiri Fernando - Bishop of Kurunegala.

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.

Annual Meeting, Vestry election, and Bake Sale: Today after church. 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 today!

Names of Deceased for All Saints' Sunday. All Saints' Sunday is next week. If you have loved ones who have died during the last year and would like their names commemorated in the bulletin and in the prayers next week, please either write them down on the clipboard in the back of the church or email the information to Rev. Catharine by noon this Wednesday.

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>

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. 2nd 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.

Mt Hope/Nanjemoy Thanksgiving Lunch for Seniors. This popular free event is scheduled for Nov. 15th from 12pm to 2pm. Aged 65 and above are welcome. RSVPs are due by Nov. 8th to Dyanna Finamore (dfinamore@ccboe.com) or Ellen Dobry (edobry@ccboe.com) or 301-753-1761.

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.

Ladies Mite Society. November 12 at 1:30 pm in the Parish Hall.

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 Nov. 14th and 21st. Volunteers are always welcome to sort and distribute food to our neighbors.

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.

UPDATE FROM DEACON SUSAN ON MT HOPE / NANJEMOY

SCHOOL. Deacon Susan attended the Pastors' Breakfast at Mt Hope/Nanjemoy last week and learned about a number of service opportunities, some of which she will be spear-heading.

Volunteers. The school is happy to have volunteers come in to sit at lunch, read with the children, etc. There is a Book Fair going on now (Oct 24 – Nov 1) for which volunteers are needed. Deacon Susan is also meeting with General Smallwood Middle School to see if there are service opportunities there that we could share with St. James'. To volunteer in the schools you must first go to the CCBOE website for training and registration, which includes a background check.

Holiday baskets for local children and families. Once again this year NETS (Neighbors Eager to Serve) will be coordinating the Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinner baskets for school families. We will be providing baskets for six families; NETS will provide boxes and a list of food items for each one. They will be due no later than Nov. 25 and Dec. 19. Deacon Sue will have details soon.

Holiday Stockings. We also have five children for whom we will provide stocking gifts. Deacon Susan has details of gender and age and the items requested. We can either collect the items or money with which to purchase them. The deadline for the stockings is Dec. 6. Speak to Deacon Susan if you are interested in helping to organize this effort.

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:** Mary Mosher and Gary Leyland. **Intercessor:** George Chisholm; **Chalicians:** Barbara Macri and Melinda Torreyson; **Altar Guild:** Mary Lou Clem. **Flower contact for November:** Cindy 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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