

The E-pistle

The eNewsletter for Eastern Shore Chapel

July 30, 2018

ESC Mission Statement:

To love all as Christ loves us, and to share the light of God
through worship, service, and ministry

"I am the bread of life.
He who comes to me
will never go hungry,



and he who believes in me
will never go thirsty." John 6:35

1. Dear Friends,

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

PREACHING SCHEDULE:

8:00 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.

Sunday, August 5 - Rabbi Israel Zoberman

Sunday, August 12 - Carter Sinclair

MID-WEEK SCHEDULE:

Wednesdays, 5:45 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Chapel

Thursdays, 7:30 a.m. Thursday Morning Peace & Bible Study, Narthex

Thursdays, August 2 & 9, 10:00 a.m. Summer Bible Study of Mark (Chapter 9 & 10), Parish Hall

The Stewardship Committee thanks everyone who has sent in their 2018 pledge. To date this year, we are on schedule. The summer months are slower, so if you have not yet sent yours in, please consider doing so soon. Thanks again for your support.



Give spare change to the Almoner's account:

Want to make a big difference in someone's life? Did you know that the loose collection on the 1st Sunday of every month is used to fund the Almoner's account. The Almoner's account is the fund that the office pulls from when someone comes into our office to ask for financial help (i.e. for rent or gas). This Sunday, August 5th, please be generous so that we can help our fellow brothers and sisters when they are in financial need. Thank

you!

*UPCOMING EVENTS:



Shabbat Service at Congregation Beth Chaverim, Friday, August 10, 8 PM

All interested parties from ESC are invited to attend Shabbat Service, led by Rabbi Israel Zoberman, at Congregation Beth Chaverim on Friday, August 10 at 8 PM. Those who wish to attend this observance of the Jewish Sabbath may travel on their own or join an informal carpool group departing ESC at 7:30 PM (and returning to ESC afterwards). If you need a ride or are able to offer a ride, please add your name to the list by calling the parish office at 757-428-6763.

Shabbat is a weekly Sabbath holiday celebrating creation and offering a respite from stressful weekday schedules. Shabbat begins at sundown on Friday and ends with Havdalah, a brief ceremony on Saturday evening, separating Shabbat from the rest of the week.

Head coverings are not necessary. Business casual is an appropriate dress standard. Please contact Fr. Cameron with any additional questions. Come join this interfaith venture if your schedule permits!

Congregation Beth Chaverim is located at [3820 Stoneshore Rd, Virginia Beach 23452](#).



Join 1st Friday Men's Breakfast
August 3rd at 7:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall
Good breakfast, fellowship, Bible study!

JOIN US FOR SUMMER BREAKFAST SUNDAY 9:00 AM IN THE PARISH HALL.



Chefs: August 5, Marty LaGiglia & Altar Guild
Menu - Breakfast Sausage Pizza, Homemade Muffins, Cantaloupe
August 12, Craig Fenton & Men's Breakfast Group
Menu - French Toast, Sausage, Fruit

**The Third Tuesday Supper Group will meet August 14 at 6:30 p.m.
at the home of Christina Wyman, 1504 Five Forks Road, Virginia
Beach.**

All are welcome. Please bring a dish to share. Call Christina at 589-0742 for directions.



***AROUND THE DIOCESE, COMMUNITY,
AND THE WORLD***



A Prayer for the Military

Lord, we thank You for the men and women that protect this nation.

*As they protect us, we pray that You will protect them. You know where they will be today and we pray that You will be there with them to guide them through whatever challenges and trials they face.
Amen*

A Prayer for Government Leaders

God of power and might, wisdom and justice, through you authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgment is decreed. Assist with your spirit of counsel and fortitude the President and other government leaders of these United States. May they always seek the ways of righteousness, justice and mercy. Grant that they may be enabled by your powerful protection to lead our country with honesty and integrity.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Pray for the families of military men and women who are deployed. Many are struggling with financial and emotional hardships. Our military brothers and sisters in many nations find themselves displaced moving from location to location to avoid terrorist activities. Ask the Lord to open their eyes to His presence with them so that they can then cast all their cares and burdens upon Him and receive His peace and provision.

"Pour out all your worries and stress upon him and leave them there, for he always tenderly cares for you." 1 Peter 5:7 (TPT)

<https://crumilitary.org/>



Kairos - Why do we serve?

Tom McCarty is a good friend and an unstoppable volunteer in Kairos Prison Ministry. All of us who have served on the Sussex II team know him and love him for his compassion and empathy. Since he started (I think it was in 2009) he has devoted his time and energy to the program and now serves as the International Council President. That's about the biggest job there is in all of Kairos and even with that he never misses a chance to visit the institution and share the love of Christ with the incarcerated children of God. In a recent Kairos newsletter Tom shared this poem which he heard at a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at Sussex I. It about sums it up

It's not for the money,
It's not for the fame,
It's not for any personal gain.
It's just for the love of fellow man.
It's just to lend a helping hand.
It's just to give a tithe of self,
That's something you can't buy with wealth.
It's not for medals won with pride,
It's not for that feeling deep inside.
Your reward is found down in your heart.
It's a feeling that you've been a part of
Helping others far and near that
Makes you become a volunteer.

A team is forming now for the fall weekend in Sussex II. If you have questions or an interest in serving just speak to any member of the Eastern Shore Chapel prison ministry team - they have the green name tags. -
Lee Davis



Eastern Shore Chapel will be sending off 40 people to the domestic mission trip to the Eastern Shore this week. Members of the team were blessed for their journey by Father Cameron on Sunday at the 8:00 and 10:15 service. The team will be working Friday, August 3, and Saturday, August 4. This amazing response was an unexpected blessing and has allowed us to prepare an expansive trip. We are excited about this new opportunity for ESC to reach out in the world.

The construction team will be doing extensive repair and construction work on 4 homes and will be building a large 8 x 8 storage shed to support the Dos Santos community garden. The camp team will be putting on a two day camp for children in the Dos Santos community focusing on care of the environment and will be assisting the community in many other ways. The trip will conclude with a community picnic on Saturday at 6:00 p.m. sponsored by ESC.

WANT TO HELP ?

There are two ways to support the trip:

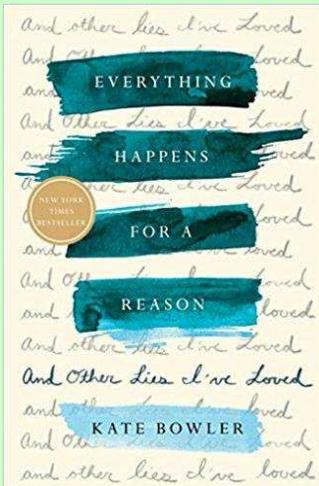
Monetary Donations to help with the construction materials and camp materials can be made at the church office. "Outreach--mission trip" can be put on the memo line of checks.

We are also collecting back packs to distribute to the Dos Santos children for the upcoming school year. This is a joint effort with Parish Day School who have been a great partner in this endeavor. The back packs can be dropped off at Emily's office. - *Scott Darnell, Outreach Ministry*

THE PARISH BOOK STORE

This summer The Parish Book Store is joining "The Great American Read Contest" that is sponsored by PBS and WHRO.

PBS has created a list of the most favorite books of all time and copies of this list are in the book store. (You will be amazed at how many of these books you have read). Each time you come in you can peruse the list and VOTE for your favorite book. At the end of the summer we will count the votes to see what the favorite book of Eastern Shore Chapel might be. NO PURCHASE IS NECESSARY! Come in and VOTE! This contest ends Labor Day.



Looking for something to inspire, comfort, enlighten? Come peruse our shelves. From Biblical texts, interpretations and explanations to books of daily devotions and spiritual discovery, the Parish Book Store has what you are looking for. Among our titles are *Everything Happens for a Reason and Other Lies I've Loved*, written by a Duke Divinity professor about her battle with cancer and the message of the "Prosperity Gospel."

Sharon Ely Pearson's Faithful Celebrations series (Making Time for God in Autumn, Making Time for God from Advent Through Epiphany, Making Time for God in Winter, Making Time for God from Mardi Gras Through Pentecost) provides Christian educators, youth ministers, and parents with experiential activities for celebrating secular and sacred seasons of the year. Each contains activities, background information, and prayer resources to use in small, intimate or large, multi-generational groups.

The next edition of the E-pistle newsletter will be published on August 15th. Articles and photos should be submitted to the office by 5:00 p.m. on August 10th to be included in the E-pistle. Thank you!

**The Parish Office and the Parish Book Store will re-open on Fridays and Saturdays beginning August 3rd.
Office - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Fridays
Book store - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Fridays & 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Saturdays**



If you enjoy working with infants and toddlers, our nursery is looking for you! The hours are Sundays from 8:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and the pay is \$10/hour. Safe Church Certification is required. Please contact the Parish Administrator at 757-428-6763.

There's a scene in the movie *A Child in Time* where the main character, a grieving father whose 4-year-old daughter has gone missing, defends the importance of children learning to read. The argument, which describes the soul-satisfying comfort and enjoyment of both parent and child when the child is in the warm



embrace of her mother or father while being read to, is so compelling, at least to this former child, that I recorded it, so that I could share it with my parents, the people who lovingly bought and read endless numbers of books to me so many years ago. The message of the argument was: reading is important. And reading to someone, who may or may not be able to read himself, is an act of love, liberation and communion.

This brings me to the purpose of this essay: Eastern Shore Chapel has embarked on a mission to help the migrant workers who labor in the hot, humid fields of our Eastern Shore. As part of this mission we are collecting bi-lingual children's books to give to the children of the workers. After food, shelter and health care, I cannot imagine a more important gift to offer. So I am asking each of you to consider buying one or more bi-lingual children's books to give to our neighbors who live just a few miles away, but thousands of miles away from the blessings and opportunities many of us were born with.

When I envisage a child reading one of the books we give, I think of a parent lovingly, perhaps haltingly, reading the Spanish words to the child, while the child's brain effortlessly learns English vocabulary and syntax. It is also possible that the parent may learn English from reading our books to their children. Whatever the byproducts of our gifts, be they the pleasure of a good story and colorful pictures, learning a second language, the opportunity to move beyond their daily bondage, or something else, by offering bi-lingual books to these children we will be giving one of the most valuable gifts we humans can offer. So won't you join me and your fellow parishioners in giving the gift of reading to our friends on the Eastern Shore? On behalf of all the children who have ever experienced new worlds between the covers of a book, I thank you.
- Kim Ness

To date 80 books have been purchased for Dos Santos mission project! Books will be delivered mid-August.

Parish Book Store



Dos Santos mission project
- purchase a bi-lingual book
this week!

Support the Parish Book Store. All profit made by the book store is used to support seminarians and deacons in our diocese.

Hours:

M - F - 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Sat - 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Sundays between worship services

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Welcome to the weekly e-mail newsletter for Eastern Shore Chapel. It is published every Friday. We hope this publication provides you with helpful information about upcoming events and topics of concern to our parish. If you would like to contribute information, please contact Rita Waldeck, rwaldeck@easternshorechapel.org . The deadline is noon on Wednesday.