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October 2016

Mark Your Calendar!

Tuesday Evening Prayer at 6:30 PM at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 4th & I St., SW

Games & Gourmet Potluck Night, FRIDAY, October 14. Potluck at 6:30 PM and Games at 7:00 PM at the Tiber Island Community Room.

Congregational Work Day October 29, 10 AM to 1 PM

Blessing of the Animals October 23, 4 PM in front of our new building: 555 Water Street, SW

Consecration Service and Reception November 20, 4 PM

Thanksgiving Day Service November 24, 10 AM

St. Augustine's Christmas Party December 11, 5 PM to 8 PM

Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols Service December 24, 5 PM

Christmas Day Festive Eucharist December 25, 10 AM

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Dear St. Augustine's Family and Friends,

Well, it's finally happening!! We move into our beautiful new church home this month! We begin a new season of life, mission and ministry together on the Southwest DC Waterfront!

A clergy friend asked me recently if I felt like Moses with the people of Israel on the edge of the Promised Land. Unlike Moses, who could only look over from his mountaintop into the territory stretching before him but

who did not go with his people as they crossed over into their future, I have the great joy and privilege of

leaving behind this wandering transition time and starting our new life together. (I'm counting on making it through these next three weeks!) And hopefully, unlike the people of Israel, we will not be driving off our new neighbors but making many new friends along the way!

The promises of God for the community of St. Augustine's lie ahead of us, gifts to be fully discovered: the promise of life abundant to be shared

with others; a holy partnership in caring for the changing needs and concerns of our neighborhood; joy and new purpose in the challenges of growth and change.

Please join us this month as we start packing up our temporary office and worship space. A

Congregational Work Day is scheduled for Saturday, October 29 from 10 AM to 1 PM.

More details will be announced in church about where to meet, but in the meantime, if you have any packing boxes or a truck or trunk space you could volunteer, please let Pam Collins or Rev. Martha know.

On Sunday, October 23 at 4 PM we will be celebrating a Blessing of the Animals, as our first kick-off service in front of our new building at 555 Water Street, SW (same place, new address). All are invited to bring their pets or a favorite

stuffed animal to be blessed and to join in a simple reception afterward with treats for all animals and their humans. Even if



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WHAT'S GOING ON AT ST AUGUSTINE'S

Things are **FALLING** Into Place

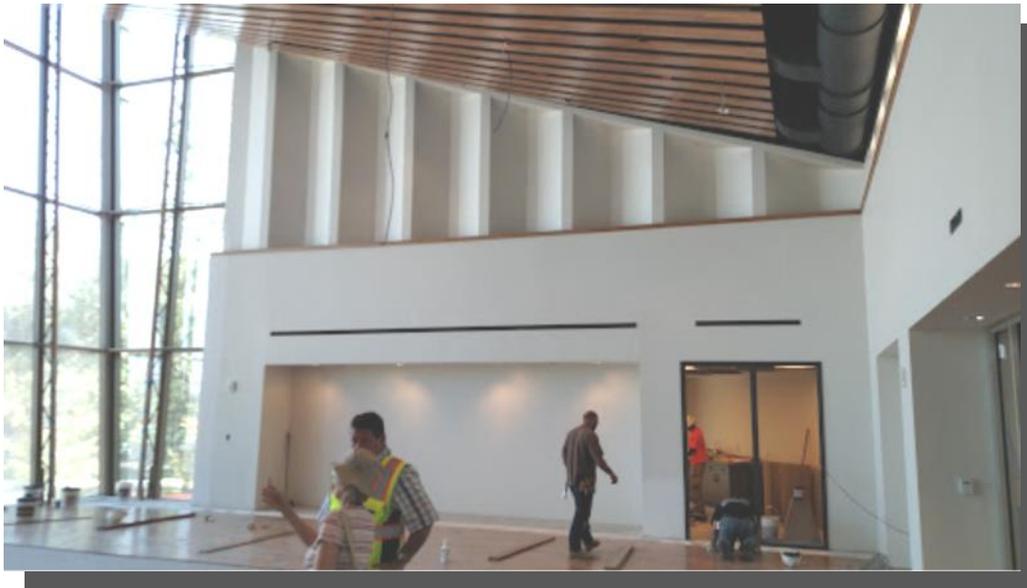


**Our New Kitchen
will be in Good
Hands!**

**Congratulations
to our new
Food Handler
Managers,
Terry Crabtree and**



Virginia Mathis



Time Capsule Placed at New Site



Martha's Message Continued



you do not have any dogs, cats or bunnies in your life, please come as representatives of the church to welcome and get to know some of our new neighbors.

We will celebrate Stewardship Sunday on October 30 at our 9:30 AM service. It will be our final service at Christ United Methodist Church. Please join us as we make the walk over to the SW Waterfront together after the service for coffee hour and a tour of our new home!

Our first worship service in our new building will be on All Saints Sunday, November 6 at 9:30 AM. We will have the surprise unveiling of a very special gift for the Thurgood Marshall Library, in memory and celebration of two of our favorite St. A's saints!! Then, finally, on Sunday, November 20 at 4 PM, we will welcome Bishop Mariann Budde and others from across the diocese and our neighborhood, to the official Service of Consecration of our

new church facility. This will be followed by a reception organized by our Launch Team. You are all invited, of course, to join in this marvelous moment of dedicating our new building to the holy purposes of worship, welcome and service for which it has been built.

Let us walk forward together into our future celebrating the promises of God!

Rev. Martha +



Welcome to Shirli L. Hughes

Shirli L. Hughes has come to join us from September through

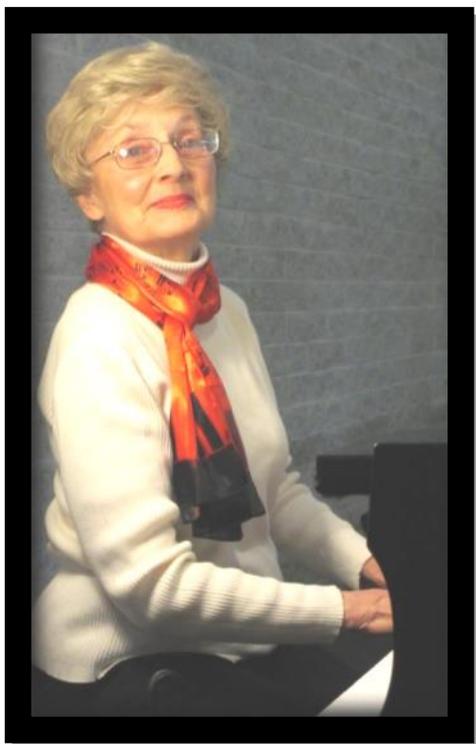
December as a music consultant. Shirli will work with us to explore and identify what it means for St. A's to grow through music as a diverse faith community. Shirli will join us for the first three Sundays of each month, working with us to offer a blended worship experience that brings together the best of traditional Episcopal music and other genres such as: Gospel/Spirituals, Contemporary Praise and Worship, Jazz, International Christian compositions and hymns.

"Shirli L. Hughes is a noted and gifted musician. Her gifts and skills as a singer, songwriter, pianist and arranger, make her a sought after concert artist. She has released three solo inspira-

tional vocal projects and has produced three choral projects as well. She is the proud creator and artistic director of Ovation, a vocal ensemble, comprised of talented soloists who use their collective musical styling to create a sound that is magic to the ears and in heart! Shirli has established herself as a credible, visionary and exciting motivational speaker and workshop facilitator. Shirli is also an anointed spiritual director and her well-crafted spiritual and personal empowerment workshops and seminars are growth opportunities, not to be missed! Shirli's vision and goal for Ovation is to make music that touches hearts, changes lives!"

WHAT'S GOING ON AT ST AUGUSTINE'S

Joyce Bouvier, Beloved Pianist, Retires



Joyce Bouvier, our worship pianist and choir director, retired this September after over a decade with St. Augustine's.

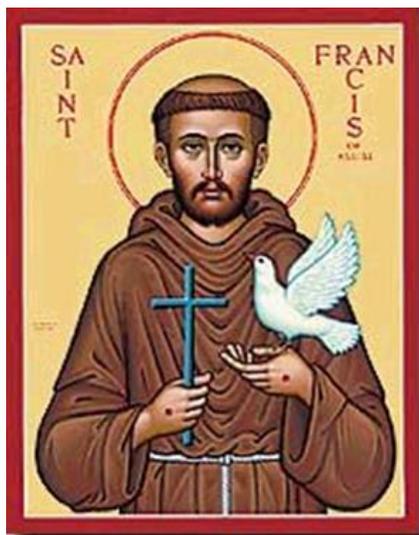
Joyce Bouvier studied piano from the age of seven in her native New Jersey. In the Washington, DC area, she has been vocal soloist in several churches and has entertained in numerous retirement and nursing homes, singing and playing popular music. A classically trained singer, she has appeared frequently at St. Augustine's in concerts of the Southwest Chamber Players.

Come One, Come All...All Creatures Great and Small

A Blessing of the Animals will be held in honor of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of all animals, on Sunday, October 23 at 4 pm.

In honor of St. Francis, the saint who loved all the birds and animals, the Rev. Martha Clark, Rector of St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, invites all Southwest neighbors to bring their pets to receive blessings. We will gather in front of our new building at 555 Water Street, SW on the corner of 6th and M Streets, SW (across from Arena Stage).

Even if you don't you have a pet, bring your favorite stuffed animal! This will be a fun and festive occasion and there will be treats for all pets and their human caretakers and friends!



It is said that St. Francis loved to preach to the birds, but there won't be any preaching at our service—just a chance to celebrate and bless your pets and get to know other Southwest pet owners.

All creatures great and small, leashed or crated, are welcome!!

**If you have men
who will exclude
any of God's crea-
tures from the shel-
ter of compassion
and pity, you will
have men who will
deal likewise with
their fellow men.**

- Francis of Assisi

AROUND ST AUGUSTINE'S AND BEYOND

Jones Awarded Top Volunteer for Excellence in Cancer Advocacy

Thelma D. Jones was named the State Lead Ambassador (SLA) of the Year by the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) for her tireless volunteer and advocacy efforts to help make cancer a national priority. This annual award is presented to a volunteer who has demonstrated exemplary leadership in advocating for cancer-related public policy.

"As the ACS CAN Lead Ambassador in the District, Thelma has inspired her fellow residents to advocate for the many cancer patients and survivors in Washington, DC and across the country," said Chris Hansen, president of ACS CAN. "We are grateful for Thelma's outstanding contributions to public policies that can reduce death and suffering from cancer."

ACS CAN is the nation's largest cancer advocacy organization and supports evidence-based policy and legislative solutions designed to eliminate cancer as a major health problem. As the lead volunteer ambassador for D.C., Jones works with lawmakers, staff members and other volunteers to set legislative campaign goals for the state.

As a volunteer advocate for ACS CAN, Jones participated in the National Moonshot Summit with Vice President Joe Biden at Howard University this past June. She has spoken to members of Congress alongside Kareem Abdul-Jabbar as part of the ACS CAN One Degree Campaign; served as a panelist on the topic of breast cancer with Dr. Jill Biden and Kathleen Sebelius, who was serving as Secretary of Health and Human Services at the time, and; has been nominated as a White House Champion of Change.

Jones founded a breast cancer support group in Washington, D.C. to provide people with a supportive and safe space to share information and discuss their diagnosis for the first time. The group has been named the Thelma D. Jones Breast Cancer Support Group.

The award was presented on September 11 in Washington, D.C., as part of the annual ACS CAN Leadership Summit and Lobby Day.



Annual Samaritan Ministries Gala November 5th

Join Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington by "Stepping Into a New Future" at the 2016 Gala & Auction, Saturday, November 5th from 7-10 pm. Samaritan Ministries is celebrating their 30th anniversary with the integration of STRIVE and added locations for participants to access the Next Step Program. We are celebrating the joys and opportunities ahead of us!

Recognizing the growth and success we've had as a community, we'll gather where we began at St. Stephen and the Incarnation Church in Washington, DC. This is where Samaritan Ministry staff and participants made our very first goals and next steps. We'll honor an outstanding participant and volunteer and hold silent and live auctions. Tasty hors d'oeuvres by Mindy's Catering Inc., which received rave reviews at last year's event, plus wine, beer and non-alcoholic favorites will abound!

Tickets are \$100 and can be purchased online or by mailing payment to: 1516 Hamilton St. NW, Washington, DC 20011.

Samaritan is currently collecting items for auction. Call (202) 232-0900 to donate.

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St. Augustine's Mission Statement

*Christ, He be come again when the Christ in me sees the Christ in you.
(West Indian Proverb)*

GOD IS WITH US!

Together we continually seek to build a community that shows forth God's love for all.

Embracing our diversity we are searchers for JUSTICE, TRUTH, and BEAUTY here and everywhere, aware of and responding to community need.

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Hours for St. A's Administrative Office:

Mondays: closed
Tuesdays: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Wednesdays: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Thursdays: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Fridays: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Rev. Martha is currently holding office hours on Tuesdays at the SW Safeway's Starbucks

Sundays: Worship in Fellowship Hall of Christ United Methodist Church (900 4th St., SW.)

9:30 AM - Episcopal Service of Holy Eucharist
9:30 AM - Children's Sunday School
10:45 AM - Coffee Hour and Sunday Conversations

Tuesdays: Evening Prayer, 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM - Westminster Presbyterian Church, (corner of 4th and I St., SW)

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