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Sounds from children, young and old, are a valuable part of our prayer life – not a distraction from it! Families are encouraged to sit in the front of the sanctuary, allowing children as many opportunities to follow along and participate as possible. We do offer nursery care and children's chapel for those who would prefer an offering specifically catered to children.

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Outreach Basket: We are collecting non-perishable food for the Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC).

Parish Picnic: Join us today following the 10 AM service, for a potluck parish picnic on the lawn of the church. Fried chicken and drinks will be provided. Everyone is invited to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Also bring your picnic blankets and lawn chairs. There will be games for kids and a good time for all! Casual picnic dress is appropriate for church.

A-SPAN Shelter: We need three volunteers for Friday, 6 July, to serve meals to 40 – 50 people at the Shelter between 5:30 and 7:30 PM. Questions? Contact Linda Kelleher (lindaykelleher@gmail.com).

Music Camp: St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Arlington is hosting a Junior Choristers Day Camp from 9 AM to 4 PM between 23 and 27 July. The course concludes with a talent show and choral evensong at the Washington National Cathedral. For questions contact Benjamin Keseley [bkeseley@saintgeorgeschurch.org] Registration at www.rscmWashingtonDC.org/junior-chorister-registration.html

Artists and Crafters: All artist and crafters: are you interested in an opportunity to showcase and sell some of your creations at a coffee hour in mid-November? The sale proceeds can be used to benefit the church (e.g. new computer for the office or repair to stained glass) or one of our outreach organizations (e.g. AFAC Backpack Buddies). If you would like to participate in such an event, please contact Helen Hines at hlhines_51@yahoo.com. If we have a sufficient show of interest we can schedule a planning meeting and make it happen.

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