



THE CHRIST CHURCH CHRONICLER
Christ Episcopal Church
Spotsylvania, Virginia

THE MISSION OF CHRIST CHURCH is to bring all persons to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ through Word, Sacraments, and instruction, as taught through the Episcopal tradition, that all may know the joy and grace of faith.

April 2011



A Message from the Rector

The Right Hand

Since the donors of the monumental, one million dollar gift that was recently given to Christ Church have decided to remain anonymous, and since I have had several conversations with them, I will presume to speak for them.

That they were inspired by God to give this money can hardly be argued. The two of them had been having the same thoughts over the same period of time without sharing with each other. Then they came to the same conclusion, on the same day. I can only imagine their surprise to find that God had led them each to the same point independently. They told me that their intention was to “remove the cloud” that has been over this congregation for some time now. Certainly the debt on All Saints Hall has been a burden. It has caused much anxiety. I have felt it, and I think anyone could sense it in the congregation. This gift will certainly change things around here, yet in a way it won’t change things that much.

What I mean is that our mission remains the same. We continue to struggle with God’s call for us to love and to serve God and God’s people. We continue to be called to be good stewards of the gifts that God has given us. We continue to be dedicated to the same ministries, such as the Food Pantry and the Thrift Shop. In order for us to honor this gift and the donors, we should re-dedicate ourselves to follow the path that God has called us to follow. This gift does indeed remove the anxiety that was all but crippling us. The question is: will we capitalize on the opportunities this gift presents to us? Will we be up to the challenges that this gift lays before us?

On Ash Wednesday the Gospel reading from Matthew included, “But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing...” These donors have done much for Christ Church, but perhaps most significantly they have given us an example. We would not be where we are as a parish today without all of the gifts, large and small, that have been offered by everyone. These gifts have been monetary, and volunteer hours, and donations to the Thrift Shop, and countless thoughts, prayers, and little actions to further the mission of the parish. Every one of them has been, and is, important. We continue to depend on every one of our members to contribute in all the ways you have in the past. That is the only way we can function. The anonymity of this donation encourages us to place the glory where it belongs, with God, and it helps us to appreciate one another as fellow parishioners because every one of us contributes to our common life in invaluable ways.

APRIL LAY MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Lector	Chalice Bearer	Acolytes	Ushers	Altar Guild	Nursery
<u>April 3</u>					
8:00 Dana Houck	Edd Houck		Thom Smelter	DiRusso Team	
10:30 David Cain	David Lynch Tim Watts	Dominic & Chris Cronin Alex Watts	Frank Carosella Hank Mausolf		Suzi Zafrano
<u>April 10</u>					
8:00 David Lynch	Harry Frank		Henry Howe	Magin Team	
10:30 Steve Clifford	Penny Knepp Werner Wieland	Jenna Phillips, Allison Eagle, Shelby Kuhl	Denise Crigger Frank Carosella		Erin Senters
<u>April 17</u> Palm Sunday					
8:00 Calib Garland	David Lynch		Lester Kidd	Wieland Team	
10:30 David Lynch	Linda Rooney Joe Junod	Ruth Packard, Aaron and David Packard	Bob Massey Ron Magin		April Ketchem
<u>April 21</u> Maundy Thursday					
7:30 Roy Smith	Stephanie Smith David Lynch	Andrew and Gavin Smith, Matthew LeBlanc		All teams available	
<u>April 22</u> Good Friday					
7:30 David Lynch		Ruth Packard		All teams available	
<u>April 23</u> Easter Eve					
7:30 Penny Knepp Ruth Packard	David Lynch Mark Walker			All teams available	
	Dominic Cronin Lydia Pozzato	Lindsey Bates, Shelby Kuhl, Megan LeBlanc			
<u>April 24</u> Easter Day					
8:00 Henry Howe	Ray Crafton			All teams available	
10:30 Sian Packard	Jeff Massey Judi O'Neill	Hannah Lovell Clifford, Hunter and Colby Clifford			Kristi DiFilippo

You are responsible for finding your own replacement in the event that you cannot serve when scheduled. Notify parish office of replacements.

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Congratulations

Congratulations to our vestry officers: Joe Junod continues as Senior Warden; Bill Butler is our new Junior Warden; Treasurer, Sarah Estes; Assistant Treasurer, Mary Williams continue in their positions. Ann Woolford-Singh was recently elected Register of the Vestry. She attends meetings and keeps the minutes.

Fellowship Committee ~ We need you to share yourself and your time hosting Fellowship on Sundays. Fellowship hour is a very important ministry as it gives us time to socialize once a week as a church family. Talk to Bill Butler about hosting and then sign up at the Communication. Center. Even once a month will help.

Food Pantry Update ~ Stephanie Smith, is doing a fine job of heading up our food pantry. She asks that if you wish to donate to the pantry, cash is preferable to food, as the pantry can get food cheaper at the food bank than you can in grocery stores.

Christ Church Golf Tournament

Save the date!

Friday, May 13 (yes, that's right, Friday the 13th)

Registration: 8:00 AM

TeeTime/Shotgun Start: 9:00 AM

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew ~ will meet again on Saturday, April 9th, and April 23rd, at 8-9 AM in the Great Hall. Meetings include fellowship over breakfast, a brief bible study and prayers. All members of the parish are invited. Contact Ray Crafton at (540) 785-7840 for more information.

CONDOLENCES ~

The Christ Church family offers its deepest sympathy to: Al and Alice Daniels on the death of Al's step-mother, Virginia Daniels on March 1st; and to Howard and Barbara Canaday on the death of Howard's 1st cousin, Joseph, on March 20th.

"May all the departed, by the mercy of God, rest in peace."



Happy Birthday!



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| 01) Anne Smith | 12) Frank Tompkins | 20) Aryn Hoge |
| 02) Trish Howe | Martha Clark | 21) Alan Frank |
| 04) Bill Butler | 14) Mary Kovach | Tim Pohanka |
| 08) Harley Erwin | Jim Williams | Margaret McNeill |
| 09) Lydia Pozzato | 15) Cyndy Owens | 23) Gerry Shilling |
| 10) Jackie Yarnell | 16) Todd Houck | 27) Kyle Shilling |
| Caroline Doby | Sarah Walker | 28) Doug Reeve |
| | 17) Jenny LeBlanc | 30) Joe Maddox |
| | 19 Sarah Carter | |

EASTER FLOWERS

A variety of spring flowers will again adorn our church this Easter season. If you wish to purchase one (or more) in memory of a loved one, in thanksgiving for life’s many blessings, or for any reason, please follow these instructions:

- 1) Detach the order form and mail it, along with a check for \$10.00 to the church office,
Attn: Ruth Feltner
- 2) Place the order form in the collection plate during any church service with a check for \$10.00 attached, or
- 3) Get a 3 x 5 card from Linda Wieland or from the ushers’ table at the back of the church. Return the card, along your check to Linda.



Easter Flowers (PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION)

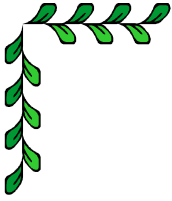
Your name (as you wish it to appear)_____

Your message_____



Examples: Tom and Mary Smith
 In memory of his father, John Smith and her parents,
 William and Martha Brown.
 -or-
 Mary Smith for all of her many blessings.

Please make checks payable to Christ Church and note “Altar Guild” on the memo line



The Parishioners Corner

Do all the good you can
By all the means you can
In all the ways you can
In all the places you can
To all the people you can
As long as ever you can.

-John Wesley

Submitted by Joe Junod

February Finance Report: Pledge Income Near Budget

In February, we received \$14,550 in pledge income, giving us a year-to-date total of \$32,268 versus a budget of \$32,500. Total income for the month was \$21,404, compared with a budget of \$30,341. Year-to-date income is \$88,717, versus a budget of \$60,682. Total expense was \$33,745, including a mortgage payment of \$8,526. In February, budgeted expenses were \$35,264. Year-to-date, expenses are \$3,000 under budget.

Wonderful news! A parish family has donated \$1 million to Christ Church. That is not a misprint! The donors, who wish to remain anonymous, gave the money to help relieve the financial pressure caused by our \$1.4 million mortgage on ASH. The finance commission will review our options at its meeting on March 24th. The commission will make a recommendation to the vestry, which will consider the recommendation and other options at its April 7 meeting. We will be in touch as soon as the vestry has made its decision on how to proceed. God has certainly showered his blessings on Christ Church. If you have any ideas on how to proceed, please send them to Father Jeff and Joe Junod.

Family Friday Pizza Nights



During Lent we will have our Friday evening program for all ages Fridays from 6:00 to 7:30. We will meet first in the Great Hall for pizza. Then adults and children will split up for the program, coming back together to finish the evening with the Holy Eucharist.

This year we are planning a Seder dinner on April 15th, the Friday before Holy Week. A Seder is the traditional Passover meal that is kept according to God's command by our Jewish brothers and sisters. Our Seder will be an educational event for all ages. The Friday evening program during Lent will be led by David Lynch, our seminarian, and will focus on the tradition of Passover, preparing us to celebrate the Seder.

Holy Week and Easter Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 17



8:00 AM
10:30 AM

Holy Eucharist, Rite I
Holy Eucharist, Rite II
procession with palms
Fellowship Hour following



Maundy Thursday, April 21

7:30 PM

Holy Eucharist with foot washing
and stripping of the altar

Good Friday, April 22

Noon to 3:00 PM

Ecumenical Service of Meditations
on the Seven Last Words of Christ

7:30 PM

Good Friday service



Easter Eve, April 23

9:30 AM
10:00 AM
7:30 PM

Flower Workshop, GH
Vigil Rehearsal in church
The Great Vigil of Easter Bring a bell!
Wine and Chocolate reception, ASH

Easter Day, April 24

8:00 AM
9:15 AM
10:30 AM

Holy Eucharist, Rite I
Church School Easter Party/Egg Hunt
Holy Eucharist, Rite II



Easter Vigil and Reception

April 23, 2011

The Great Vigil of Easter at 7:30 PM

The Great Vigil of Easter is the most ancient form of celebration of the resurrection of our Lord. The service begins in darkness, as we gather in the tomb with Christ. The new fire is kindled, then, the flame is shared throughout the congregation as we light the candles we hold. The long history of salvation is shared in the reading of several Old Testament stories. We celebrate the sacrament of Holy Baptism, our share in the crucified and resurrected life of Christ. Then, our Easter celebration begins with the Easter acclamation and a chorus of bells.

The ancient function of the vigil was literally an all night vigil for those who were being prepared for baptism, and for those who were being reconciled to the Church after notorious sin. They would keep vigil all night, fasting and praying, then before dawn the rest of the community would gather in the darkness. This is the origin of the sunrise service. Throughout the service the light grew intensifying the joy of the celebration of new life in Christ.

After the ancient celebration of our Lord's resurrection to eternal life, the choir will once again host a wine and chocolate reception in the Great Hall.

Fond Farewells

The Fourie family is moving back to South Africa. Francis, Reza and Rainier, will be gone by the time this newsletter is published. Danville will continue to work in the Fredericksburg school district until the end of the academic year and then join his family. On March 20th Francis shared with the 10:30 congregation her sense of call to ministry and her plans to work with children in her homeland.

The Hunter family is also moving away. They have been trying to sell their house for several years, but were unsuccessful until the week of March 14. The buyer's requirement was that they vacate the house as soon as possible. By the time you read this, David, Mary Ann, and Michael will have moved to New Mexico where their other son, Robby lives and works.

It is difficult to say farewell to these two families that have been active at Christ Church. They go with our love and blessings.

Christ Church Thrift Shop

We are giving our Thrift Shop a makeover! In the next couple of months, Roger Williams and some volunteers are planning on improving the exterior of our Thrift Shop. Please help by contributing to the purchase of paint and other needed materials. This could be done with generous hearts by cash or check. For more information contact Ruth in the Parish Office at 582-5033.

We wish you all would stop by and see the wonderful job that's been done to the upstairs. We have received a lot of compliments on the changes. As always, we need materiel donations and volunteers. We are grateful for the volunteers we have but can really use more especially on Saturday. We also need furniture, *summer* clothes and jewelry. All contributions are welcome, but they are the most popular. Please volunteer by contacting Cheryl Moynahan, the Thrift Shop Manager, at 582-5508 or 972-1891. Volunteers do make a difference!

Book Club Meeting

The Book Club Meeting will be meeting Monday, May 2nd at 11:30 AM. The book we're discussing is *The Lacuna*, Barbara Kingsolver's first new novel in nine years. Bring a bag lunch if you wish to join the discussion. We finish by 1 PM. Contact Joan Gurniak for more information at (540) 898-4089.



Ballroom Dancing

Get your dancing shoes ready! The next date in All Saints Hall for Ballroom Dancing days are April 9th and 16th, 2:30-4:30 PM. Price is \$20 per couple. This is a chance to dance all the classic steps-waltz, rumba, fox trot, etc. Contact Linda Conlin at 891-4297 for more details or just show up.



Wow! April is going to be a busy month for most of us, Friday Pizza Nights, the Seder, sports practice and games, Spring Break, Holy Week, and Easter. I'm exhausted just thinking about it! This year those of us in Spotsylvania County School district are fortunate to have Spring Break the same week as Holy Week.

A popular question being asked now is "What are you doing for Spring Break?" The weather is warm and there is plenty of time to sit outside and soak up the sunshine. Spring break was invented for the rejuvenation of students and teachers to make it through to the end of the school year. However, in today's non-stop, fast-paced world Spring Break has lost its lazy nature and turned into a week filled with activities and travel. While it is definitely a fun week, many times we find ourselves just as tired, if not more so, than when the break began. As I write this we are in the season of Lent, which is a season of reflection and penitence. The goal of Lent is that hopefully by Easter we feel spiritually rejuvenated and ready to celebrate our Lord's resurrection. My challenge to you is to think of Spring Break the way you think of Lent. Take the time during Spring Break to truly rest, enjoy the sunshine, the lazy days, and your family. So when we finally make it to Easter on the 24th you can feel rejuvenated not only spiritually, but physically as well. Definitely a busy month, but a great one!

Youth Fundraiser

Our youth is now selling discount cards for \$10 each. If you would like to purchase one there will be a table set up at coffee hour or please see one of the kids. The money raised will go toward the teens' pilgrimage, the forming of a youth group, and a mission. Thank you so very much for supporting us in the past, we look forward to an exciting new chapter for our youth!

Church School Easter Party & Egg Hunt

We will celebrate the Lord's resurrection with a party for all the children in our Sunday School. Older children will play "Easter Bunny" and hide eggs for the younger children to find. If your child plans to participate, please bring one dozen plastic filled eggs, taped (so contents do not spill out), to church before Easter and place in the box in the Sunday School Office. Bring your children or grandchildren for this fun event that will take place during Christian Education time on Easter Day, 9:15 AM April 24th (between the 8:00 and 10:30 service).

The Ladies Springtime Tea

Will be held on

May 15, 2011, 3:00 – 5:00 pm in the Great Hall

For now, just save the date, a formal invitation will be sent out soon!

Please join us for an afternoon with friends and fellowship as ladies of all ages gather for a good old-fashioned "tea time", delicacies and conversation.

Meanwhile, if you have any questions, feel free to contact Jenny LeBlanc at fmc@christchurchspotsy.com
(540) 582-5033



Concert Series Springs Forward

The first Spring concert of the 2010-2011 Christ Church Concert series was a rousing success. Bob Milne was entertaining and engaging at the same time. The last two concerts this year are April 10th and May 1st. Join us on April 10th for a performance by the Chamber Chorale of Fredericksburg. Musical selections from the Civil War will be combined with readings from the letters of a local Madison county soldier and his family. On May 1st the Dixie Power Trio will join us in All Saints Hall for a May Day Zydeco party complete with a dinner from Sam's. As always, tickets are available from the church office (secretary@christchurchspotsy.com). Or for tickets and more information contact Roy Smith (rsmith@umw.edu; 540-582-6162).

STRETCH, STRENGTHEN & MOVE

STRETCH, STRENGTHEN & MOVE, a 45-minute exercise program designed to put a spring in your step! All exercises are performed seated and/or standing. Open to the community beyond Christ Church. Bring a friend and let's get started. Contact Missie Jarman: email: missiejarman@starpower.net or (540) 582-8831.



Nursery Update

We sure can use some helpers in our Nursery! Come and have fun playing with our little ones! Anyone can volunteer to help. Teens: What a great way not only to gain experience but work on your community service as well. If you can assist or have questions, please contact Suzi Zafrano at (540) 399-5058.

The Sunlight Garden Club

The Sunlight Garden Club's next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 12th at 7PM in ASH. For more information, please contact Shirley Main at (540) 373-1230 or Sue Ann Thomas, (540) 891-7458.



The Annual Episcopal Christ Church Women

Plant and Bake Sale

April 30, 2011



will be held on church grounds. There will be vendors providing their crafts/items and clothes for sale. Show us your creative skills by starting to work on items you would like to sell at this event. Additional details will be provided as time moves on. For more information call Debbie Garland, 898-8732 or Elaine Wyant, 786-3267.

The ECW also extends a **hearty thank you** to all who helped with Spencer Hockaday's funeral reception on March 15th in ASH. It was the largest ever at Christ Church. Many helping hands were needed and many answered the call.



Spotsylvania Visitors Bureau Information

Tuesday, April 19th: Rappahannock Valley Garden Club Tour of Spotsylvania Homes & tour of Christ Church, 10 AM to 5 PM; Purchase tickets at the Spotsylvania Visitors Center in Spotsylvania. Tour book information and pamphlets are available in church office.

Tuesday, April 19th, 10 AM to 5 PM: Tours of the Spotsylvania 1855 Jail and the Courthouse are being offered. Meet in front of the jail to begin tour.

Saturday, 4 to 9, May 21st and Sunday, 9 to 3, May 22nd: Civil War Reenactment at Spotsylvania Village.

Sunday, May 22nd, at 10:30 AM*, Spotsylvania Courthouse Village. A 12-gun cannon salute to our Veterans.

*This may delay the start of our 10:30 worship service for approximately 7-10 minutes. However, this would be the perfect opportunity for us to reflect and pray for our veterans as well as those currently in uniform defending our freedom.

Saturday, July 2nd, 3 PM: "Stars and Stripes Spectacular".

DON'T FORGET!

Sunday morning worship schedule: Two services 8:00 and 10:30, with Christian Education for all ages from 9:15 to 10:15.

ECW's April meeting will be held on the 4th Tuesday, the 26th, 11:30 AM in All Saints Hall.

Episcopal Church Men meet every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM in All Saints Hall.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew meets the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month in All Saints Hall.

The Vestry meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM in room 8, All Saints Hall.

Sunday bulletin announcements due by: **noon on Wednesday**, call 582-5033.

The Chronicler deadline for submissions is **April 19th** for the **May Chronicler**.

Please send submissions (**preferably as a Word Document**) to **Mary Kovach, Chronicler Editor**; trmary@comcast.net or call (540) 972-5405.