



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 2010



A Message from the Rector

Nature seems to cooperate with our liturgical calendar. Every year as we prepare to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus, my yard fills with daffodils. The bulbs that lay dormant all winter come back to life, a welcome surprise and early sign of spring. However, not all of the world around us follows this pattern of renewal and new life. Some things never seem to change. There are intractable problems like violent crime and destructive earthquakes. These issues continue with us. They might give us momentary respite, or give way to incremental improvements, but they never really go away. What does the good news about Jesus' resurrection have to say to this world that we experience as so sad and frustrating?

I believe it has a great deal to say. First of all, the message of the cross and resurrection of Christ is not about a seasonal or generational change. It is a cosmic drama played out specifically on a hill in Palestine during Roman occupation, but universally effecting the ultimate triumph of good over evil, life over death. It is about that time and that place, while at the same time it is about this time and this place. Still, it is about all time and every place. Human history, with all its suffering and destruction, comes to a nexus point where it intersects with the awesome love of the creator. The cross becomes more than an instrument of that suffering and destruction. It becomes its end point, its culmination, the field of battle for these great forces that act in the universe and in our lives. The cross as a symbol works on the most basic level, as intersecting lines, vertical and horizontal. God's love and power raining down from heaven to encounter the brutal reality of fallen human nature, to encounter it and to redeem it.

When we proclaim that Jesus Christ is risen, we affirm a belief in something that happened two thousand years ago, but we do much more. We proclaim a reality that has come into our own lives, and transformed us. We also proclaim a hope for this difficult and painful world, that what we see and feel here and now is not the ultimate reality, but a temporary state of affairs. We choose to live in that hope, hoping for our own eternal life with Christ, and hoping for the ultimate restoration of all things. We do not deny the ugliness that we experience every day, but we do choose to see ourselves and our future as different from it, not because of any inherent difference in us, but because of the cross of Christ our Lord. Suffering and destruction have not been removed from the world or from our lives, but we have been given the means to triumph over them.

What does the resurrection of Jesus have to say to the world? It has much to say, and it is said through us as we work to be salt and leaven in the world, witnessing to that triumph, that power to transform, and that hope we have in the cross of Christ.

APRIL 2010 LAY MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Lector	Chalice Bearer	Acolytes	Ushers	Greeters	Altar Guild	Nursery
<u>April 4 ~ Easter</u>						
8:00 Calib Garland	Ray Crafton		Lester Kidd		Weiland Team	
9:15	Mark Walker	Ruth Packard	Marv Pixton Missy Pixton			
11:00 Bev McNeill	Werner Wieland Anne Parker	Ann Flues Megan Flues David Flues	Hank Mausolf George Wyant	Hank & Marjorie Mausolf		Mary McWhirt
<u>April 11</u>						
8:00 Bob Gere	Harry Frank		Bob Gere		Williams Team	
9:15	Joe Junod	Shelby Kuhl	Buck Sutton Cheryl Sutton			
11:00 Roy Smith	Linda Rooney Judi O'Neill	Dominic Cronin Christopher Cronin Jacob Stockli	Bob Massey Ron Magin	George & Elaine Wyant		Kristi DiFilippo
<u>April 18</u>						
8:00 Henry Howe	Anne Parker		Henry Howe		DiRusso Team	
9:15	Jeff Massey	Mykaila McWhirt	John Fristoe Roger Williams			
11:00 Anne Williams	Kristi Gross Stephanie Smith	Jenna Phillips Alex Watts Will Gibson	Werner Wieland Frank Stewart	Tim & Suzi Zafrano		Jenny LeBlanc
<u>April 25</u>						
8:00 Thom Smelter	Tricia Smelter		Calib Garland		Magin Team	
9:15	Tim Watts	Lindsey Bates	Frank Carosella Denise Crigger			
11:00 Sian Packard	Joe Junod Linda Rooney	Reza Fourie Andrew Smith Gavin Smith	Bill Palmer Tim Zafrano	Hank & Marjorie Mausolf		Jennifer Gibson

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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WELCOME!

Christ Church greeted visitors, Bill & Ingrid Sides and their three children on March 7. Ben & Debbie Cockfield visited on March 14, and Zina & David Worden and their daughter visited March 21.

The Christ Church extends a warm Welcome to all!

Why not invite a friend to the Easter service?

E-Chronicler Coming Soon

As a cost containment measure, we will soon be distributing our parish monthly newsletter, the Chronicler, electronically. We will send an e-mail each month with the link to our online version. You can then print it and read it at your convenience, or just print parts of it like the calendar or Lay Minister's schedule.

For those without computer or internet access, we will provide printed copies. More details will be provided on this process of switching to a new method of distribution.

Vestry Members Commissioned

Vestry members were commissioned on March 21st, each member being commissioned at the service he or she normally attends. Vestry officers are as follows:

Senior Warden – Joe Junod, Junior Warden – Roger Williams, Register – Mary Williams, Treasurer – Sarah Estes, Assistant Treasurer – Mary Williams.

Senior Warden Joe Junod says he is honored to serve in this position. He invites your ideas, questions and concerns. You may contact him by e-mail at joejunod@gmail.com or by phone: (540) 895-9841 or (703) 841-1841.



Condolences

The Christ Church family offers it sympathy to: the family of Ed Stryko, for the passing of his sister, Irene Skowron.

“May his soul and the souls of 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 |
| Walt Ratcliff | 14) Mary Kovach | Tim Pohanka |
| 04) Bill Butler | Jim Williams | Dwight Roberson |
| 08) Harley Erwin | 15) Cyndy Owens | Margaret McNeill |
| 09) Lydia Pozzato | 16) Todd Houck | 23) Gerry Shilling |
| 10) Jackie Yarnell | Sarah Walker | 27) Kyle Shilling |
| Caroline Doby | 17) Jenny LeBlanc | 28) Doug Reeve |
| Lyndsay Brickey | 19) Karen Dodson | 30) Joe Maddox |
| | Sarah Carter | Linda Stott |

New Address Change

Lois Wilson is currently residing in a retirement facility near her son and daughter while she regains her health and strength. Her address is:

Dr. Lois Wilson
Sunrise at Countryside
Room 308
45800 Jona Drive
Sterling VA 20165
(703) 444-8133

Calls and notes will certainly cheer her up!

GRADUATION TIME!



If you know of someone that will be graduating this year and you would like them recognized in the June Chronicler, please email their name and high school or college. For high school graduates you can also indicate the college they will be attending. Email information to Mary Kovach: trmary@comcast.net

Adult Education Forum

During the month of April, three special DVD presentations will feature Professor Ehrman, Ph.D, discussing three major topics: The Rise of Christian Liturgy, The Doctrine of the Trinity, and The Apostle Paul. The DVD presentations are thirty minutes long. No Adult Education Forum on Easter, 4/04/10. Contact Mike Prowitt at prowittj6364@aol.com for more information

Young Adults in the Church (YAC)

All young adults, ages 16 to 18 at Christ Church are invited to join Young Adults in the Church (YAC) on the last Sunday of every month during the Christian Education hour, 10:15-10:55 AM. It will be an exciting time to discover your spiritual gifts and talents, and explore your purpose in life! I look forward to seeing you there. For more details, contact Teri Irvine, Family Ministry Coordinator, through the church office, 582-5033.

Easter Flower Workshop

Our Easter Flower Workshop will be held on Saturday, April 3rd at 9:30 AM in the Great Hall. Linda Rooney and Jan Massey will be leading the workshop and will provide all materials. Mark your calendar and come share in the fun – no flower arranging experience required! If you would like to share some flowers from your yard, please contact Linda or Jan. Questions? Contact Linda Rooney at 898-6033 X3001 or lrooney@spotsylvania.k12.va.us.



Holy Week and Easter Schedule



Maundy Thursday, April 1

7:30 PM

Holy Eucharist with foot washing

Good Friday, April 2

Noon to 3:00 PM

Ecumenical Service of Meditations
on the Seven Last Words of Christ
Good Friday service



7:30 PM

Easter Eve, April 3

9:30AM

Flower Workshop, GH

10:00 AM

Vigil Rehearsal in church

7:30 PM

The Great Vigil of Easter Bring a bell!
Wine and Chocolate reception, ASH

Easter Day, April 4

8:00 AM

Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:15 AM

Family Eucharist

10:15 AM

Church School Easter Party/Egg Hunt

11:00 AM

Holy Eucharist, Rite II



Easter Vigil and Reception

The Great Vigil of Easter on April 3, 2010 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.



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 1 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, 10:15 AM April 4 (between the 9:15 and 11:00 service). Please let Jill Bates know if you can contribute juice boxes or simple snacks.

Christ Church Concert Series

We are pleased to announce the second annual Christ Episcopal Church Concert Series for 2010! Once again concerts will be at 4:00 PM on Sunday afternoons. Please note that the Randolph Macon Chamber Choir has been rescheduled. Here is our line up:



April 11	The VCU Commonwealth Singers
April 25	The Randolph Macon Chamber Choir
May 23	The Stafford High School Chamber Ensemble
June 20	The Fredericksburg Ayres

Attend all four concerts for just \$30 with a Christ Church Concert Series Subscription. Individual concert tickets are also available for just \$10 each. All proceeds will benefit the Christ Church Building Fund. Contact our Ticketmaster Roy Smith at 582-6162 or Rhsmith@umw.edu. Don't miss this opportunity to hear wonderful ensembles in our simple but elegant church with wonderful acoustics. Get your tickets early and come, relax, and enjoy the performances!

BENEFIT CONCERT FOR CHRIST CHURCH

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - A VERY SPECIAL CONCERT IS COMING

Two exceptional musicians will perform at 4PM Sunday, September 19, in a benefit for Christ Church. Singers/ songwriters/ guitarists/storytellers Jack Williams and Ronny Cox will bring their distinctive musical styles to our parish for a two-hour concert in the church. We'll follow that with a reception in the Great Hall. Jack and Ronny have been individually touring the world for 40+ years. Peter Yarrow of Peter, Paul and Mary says of Jack: "He's the best guitar player in the country". Marilyn and I heard Jack for the first time last year, and he set our hair on fire! Ronny is an actor whose first love is music. He played the guitar player in the movie, *Deliverance*, and the police chief in *Beverly Hills Cop*. Remember *Dueling Banjos*? Ronny went up against the young boy with a banjo. You can find out more about both artists - and listen to their music (perhaps buy some) - at www.jackwilliamsmusic.com and www.ronnycox.com. Tickets will go on sale in June - for the congregation only. In July, we'll offer the remaining tickets to the public. 200 tickets will be available. Our goal is to fill the church. Reserve your tickets now by contacting Ruth at 540-582-5033 or at secretary@christchurchspotsy.com. The concert is appropriate for children. Tickets are \$25 each. If you write a check, please make it out to Christ Church and on the memo line write: Williams-Cox concert. See you at the show. Joe Junod, Senior Warden.

PARKING LOT UPDATE!

Hi Folks - We are paving our parking lot the day after Easter and hope to paint the Harris House (Thrift Shop) this spring. We've raised more than \$9,000 for the paving from parishioners and church groups. The first leg will cost \$12,000 but we want to do the whole lot at one time (cheaper). The painting job will cost \$2,800. The vestry is hoping that you will consider a gift of \$25 or more to put us over the top on both jobs. If you are moved to contribute, please send a check to Christ Church and mark the memo line "paving/painting." That way your contribution will be funneled to the correct account. If our contributions exceed the cost of both jobs, we'll put the overage into the mortgage fund. Thanks so much for your consideration. God bless.

Joe Junod, Senior Warden
joejunod@gmail.com

SAINT OF THE MONTH
Catherine of Siena, Mystic and Humanitarian
April 29 (died 1380)



One tends to think of medieval women as silent and passive dwellers in homes and convents. This was far from the case with Catherine of Siena. She exercised great influence in matters of church and state and hers was one of the keenest minds of her day. Catherine's father was a merchant in the flourishing Italian town of Siena. In her youth she had some extraordinary religious experiences which caused concern among her family and friends. At sixteen she joined the Third Order of St. Dominic and gave herself entirely to contemplation and the service of the sick and poor. Her reputation as a counselor and mystic soon spread far and wide. In 1376 she made a journey to Avignon and boldly confronted Pope Gregory XI over impending schism in the church. Her advice was heeded, thus averting schism and bloodshed.

Catherine's famous book, the *Dialogue*, is most unusual and highly symbolic. There are over four hundred of her letters extant, written to bishops, kings, scholars, merchants and obscure peasants. They are excellent literature and reflect a wide range of interests.

Catherine spent countless months caring for the victims of plague. Again and again she was to be found in the courts of state, interceding for justice, mercy and peace.

--from Calendar of Saints, David L. Veal

“As the hart desires the springs of living water, so my soul desires to leave the prison of this dark body and see you in truth...Clothe me, clothe me with yourself, eternal truth, so that I may run this mortal life with true obedience and with the light of your most holy faith.”

A Prayer of St. Catherine

Christ Church Brotherhood of St. Andrew

The next two breakfast meetings are scheduled for Saturday, April 11th and 25th. We look forward to more men attending and joining in our discussions of how to instill in our young the meaning of Christ through the church. We already have five men signed up to join our effort. That is, indeed, a step in the right direction. For further information, contact Mike Prowitt.

Painting the Great Hall



Roger Williams is requesting volunteers to assist in painting the entire Great Hall and the walls and parts of the hallway upstairs in ASH. The start date is Monday, April 5th beginning in the morning. All supplies will be provided, just wear your “grubbies.” Please sign up at the Communications Center. The more we have, the faster the job will be done.

Price Change on Great Hall Rental

We have slashed the price of renting the Great Hall in All Saints Hall! In fact, we have cut it in half! Non-Member Rental of the Great Hall: Was \$1,000 is now **\$500!** Member Discount: Was \$500 is now **\$250!** Rental price covers a total of 8 hours of use, including set up and tear down. Cleaning is included. Security deposit equal to half of rental fee is required in advance. Security deposit doubles if alcohol will be served. ABC license required for approval to serve alcohol. Extra cleaning fee applies if event goes beyond 10PM on a Saturday.



The Annual Episcopal Church Women Plant and Bake Sale April 24th at 8 AM



Our annual Plant and Bake Sale is Saturday, April 24th, on the church grounds. Vendors will provide crafts any many useful items. Good, used clothes, reasonably priced, will also be available for purchase. If you are creative, please start working on items you would like to sell at this event. If you have any questions, please call Debbie Garland at 898-8732.

The Third Annual Christ Church Golf Tournament

The Third Annual Christ Church Golf Tournament will be held at the Meadows Farm Golf Course on June 4. This year the tournament is dedicated as the “BJ Belmore Memorial Tournament”. Mark your calendars, further details will be announced in the church bulletin and the upcoming May Chronicler.



The Sunlight Garden Club

The next meeting of the Sunlight Garden Club will be held on Tuesday, April 13th at 7 PM in ASH. For more information, please contact Shirley Main at (540) 373-1230 or Sue Ann Thomas, 891-7458.

Thrift Shop Update

Thrift Shop Sales grossed \$1,997.23 in revenue during the first two weeks in March. This compares with \$1,290.15 the first two weeks of March last year. However, we were open only three days a week last year, compared with four days now. The average daily revenue for this time period is also up over last year. The shop needs furniture and volunteers. Please contact Donna at dmarkol01@aol.com or (540) 582-5508 if you can volunteer. One shift a month would make a big difference!

The Christ Church Food Pantry

Our Christ Church Food Pantry needs volunteers. Food Pantry is open on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 10 AM to noon. Because we’re currently short-staffed, the Food Pantry is in danger of cutting back its services due to a lack of workers. The Food Pantry is one of Christ Church’s most important ministries and outreach programs. Please contact Allen Bareford at abareford@aol.com for more details and to volunteer.

Christ Church Hosts Diocesan Conference

On April 17, Christ Church will be hosting the annual Diocesan Conference on Stewardship. We are delighted to be the site of this important meeting. Hannah Massey and Kris Clifford will provide music for the participants of the conference that morning. Workshops will go on all day. If you are interested in attending the conference, there are brochures at the Communications Center.

CONGREGATIONAL HEALTH CORNER

Easter Thoughts on Health

April 2010

How good it is to give thanks for help and healing in whatever form it may come..."

What is health? For many people it takes the form of struggles against disease and physical ailments. We have colds, headaches, aching muscles, bad backs, failing eyesight, painful teeth or even life-threatening illness such as high blood pressure, diabetes or cancer. When we think about health for children, we are likely to worry about immunizations, traffic and poisons they might unsuspectingly ingest.

We do need protection from disease and other threats to health, but we also need to think about what we can do to promote our spiritual health. We need to think positively about gaining and maintaining a state of well-being. And if we do this we will be thinking about our families and our community as well as ourselves. We must think of health in broad terms. We have to think not only about how harmful cigarette smoking is, but also how harmful air pollution is. We should be concerned about social justice so that all can have access to healthcare and protection from destructive forces. We have to think of health as a global concern.

Faith deepens our understanding of health. Jesus promised abundant life – eternal life – to all who accept the Gospel message. Abundant life may differ from the kind of life we see on television commercials or what we imagine may be best for us. It requires obedience, a forgiving spirit and deep faith in God. Openness can lead to wholeness.

For Christians, health is connected to new birth in Jesus Christ. The life that Jesus brings is eternal, yet lived each day here on earth. Throughout the Gospel of John the material is interwoven with the spiritual, the eternal with the worldly and the present with the future. Jesus says, "I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down his life for his sheep." This refers to Jesus' death: a real death, not just a figure of speech.

So it is with the new birth and the new life. They are eternal and also temporal, occurring here and now. There are forces that have an interest in keeping religion separate from health, but to do so is to restrict religion to the spirit and health to the body. Jesus brings us life in body *and* spirit. The story of faith includes everything having to do with life.

Constance Gates, Health for All (2004)

"I came that they might have life and have it abundantly." John 10:10

Great Train Race



Great Train Race is May 2, 2010. Kids, 18 and younger, lace up your sneakers for the Great Train Race. If you're able and interested in running for Christ Church, please notify Tom or Meredith Lake at (540) 582-5856. At that time, along with your name, give them your age and shirt size. For additional information and details, go to www.runfarc.com/GreatTrainRace.php.

Yoga Classes

Yoga classes meet Mon. & Wed. 9-10 AM in Main Hall of ASH. "Drop Ins" welcomed! Let your neighbors and friends know about us. They are welcome too! Contact Missie Jarman at missiejjarman@starpower.net or 540-582-8831.



Book Group Schedule for 2009 – 2010



The Book Discussion Group meets on the first Monday of the month at 11:30 AM and the Group is open to anyone who wishes to read the book or books. Please bring a bag lunch and join us. The final meeting for this season will be on May 3rd at 11:30 AM in Room 8, All Saints Hall. The book we are reading for May 3 is The Screwtape Letters by C. S. Lewis. This book was originally offered as a series of letters in *The Guardian*. The letters are written by Screwtape (the devil?) to his nephew Wormwood. This book is not very long, but should offer a lot of ideas to be discussed. Please join us if you wish; bring a brown bag lunch; we are usually finished by 1:00 PM. For additional information please contact Joan Gurniak, (540) 898-4089, or Judi O'Neill (540) 972-3033.

Ballroom Dancing

Hold your special someone in your arms and join us on the dance floor. We are beginner dancers and some advanced dancers enjoying the practice of our steps, using all ballroom rhythms. Come have fellowship with other ballroom dancers. For more information call Linda at 540-891-4297, to confirm.



Location: All Saints Hall

Time: 2:30-4:30 PM

Date: Saturday,
April 10th

Cost \$10 per person.

Coffee Hour

The 2010 Coffee Hour Sign-Up Sheet is posted in the Communications Center. Please sign up today. Preparation and clean up is not difficult and it would not only make you feel good, but would warm the hearts of those you worship with and show them you care enough to participate. Consider hosting coffee hour to celebrate an anniversary or birthday of a family member, loved one, or friend.

Ushers Needed

We are currently seeking volunteers to serve as Ushers for the 9:15 and 11:00 services. If you are currently a regular attendee at these services, please consider becoming a part of the Usher Ministry. Take the opportunity to interact with your fellow parishioners at these services every 4th or 5th Sunday. Training will be provided. If you would like additional information and/or think you would like to volunteer, please see Father Jeff or contact Frank Carosella at (540) 371-0286.

DON'T FORGET!

Episcopal Church Women meet every 4th Tuesday of the month at 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.

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

Family Spaghetti Night will begin on Friday, May 14th.

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

Sunday bulletin announcements: **noon Wednesday**, call 582-5033. **The Chronicler** deadline for submissions is April 16th for the May newsletter. Send your submissions on Microsoft Word Document) **to Mary Kovach, Chronicler Editor** trmary@comcast.net or 540-972-5405.