



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.

January 2012



A Message from the Rector

Year in Review

It's the end of the year and every TV show and newspaper will be doing a "year in review" soon. I just wanted to jump on the band wagon to remind us of how far we have come in recent years.

In mid 2009 we kicked off the Christ Church 20/20: the vision is now! capital campaign. After falling short of our original goal of \$600,000, we had a second push for pledges to that campaign. There was a generous matching gift put up for up to \$50,000. Then the event that shocked us all, we received a gift of \$1 million. All of that was intended to pay down the principal on our mortgage, which at the time was approximately \$1,450,000. The million dollar gift was overwhelming, and truly a blessing. It changed our financial situation in that after we refinanced the remaining debt we are now paying far less monthly. Even though the gift removed a lot of the immediate financial strain, it did not make all of our financial concerns go away. We continue to have some significant challenges.

The top priority of the Christ Church 20/20 campaign was to fund the Family Ministry Coordinator position for three years. Due to the vestry's sound financial management, we are able to fund the position for more than three years with the same amount of money. So when the 20/20 pledges end this coming June, we will be able to keep that ministry alive for some time to come. The day will come, however, when we will be forced to make a decision to keep the position or not. Jenny has been in that position for more than a year now, and is doing a great job. When the time comes, the question will not be simply: is Jenny doing a good job. It will be a practical matter of whether or not we can afford to keep family ministry going. Though in a more philosophical sense one could ask, can we afford *not* to keep family ministry going?

It has been very exciting to see many new faces at Christ Church in the past two years. We certainly have vital ministries such as the Food Pantry and the Thrift Shop that are coming to define Christ Church. Exciting new opportunities like working with St. George's to support the parish in Haiti are giving us more to be thankful for. 2011 has been a fun year, a year full of challenges and blessings. We know that we have more challenges ahead of us, and some tough choices to make. But we also know that God will continue to work with us, guide us, and provide for us as we try to honor him with our worship and service.

JANUARY 2012 LAY MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Lector	Chalice Bearer	Acolytes	Ushers	Altar Guild	Nursery
<u>January 1</u> 8:00 Henry Howe	Linda Salisbury		Henry Howe	Magin Team	
10:30	Stephanie Smith Tim Watts	Christopher Cronin TBD Alex Watts	Bill Palmer Tim Zafrano		Suzi Zafrano
<u>January 8</u> 8:00 Calib Garland	Ray Crafton		Joe Ilk	Wieland Team	
10:30 Sian Packard	Joe Junod Linda Rooney	Gavin Smith Andrew Smith Jenna Phillips	Denise Crigger Frank Carosella		Barbara Deal
<u>January 15</u> 8:00 Shirley Pozzato	Harry Frank		Calib Garland	Williams Team	
10:30 David Cain	Kristi Gross Werner Wieland	Allison Eagle Megan LeBlanc Mathew LeBlanc	Ron Magin Bob Massey		Erin Senters
<u>January 22</u> 8:00 Thom Smelter	Tricia Smelter		Buck Sutton	DiRussoTeam	
10:30 Lydia Pozzato	Mark Walker David Lynch	Shelby Kuhl David Packard Aaron Packard	Hank Mausolf George Wyant		Mykaila McWhirt
<u>January 29</u> 8:00 Dana Houck	Edd Houck		Robert Truslow	Magin Team	
10:30 Steve Clifford	Judi O'Neill Jeff Massey	Hannah Clifford Hunter Clifford Colby Clifford	Werner Wieland Denise Crigger		Denise Regeimbal

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

The Chronicler

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Annual Bishop Visit

The Rt. Rev. Edwin F. “Ted” Gulick, Jr., assistant bishop of the Diocese of Virginia will make the annual Episcopal visitation on Sunday, February 5, 2012. He will preside at the 10:30 service, and will celebrate confirmations and receptions.

FAREWELL

Farewell to Gladys Hill who has transferred to Emmanuel, Richmond, VA.

“Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.”

Annual Parish Meeting

Sunday, January 22 after the 10:30 service we will convene our Annual Parish Meeting in the Great Hall. The 2012 budget will be presented. Elections for vestry members will be held. Following the meeting we will have a potluck luncheon. Please plan to attend.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



01 James Kenkel
02) Karen Lenar
03) Danville Fourie
Justin Phillips
Roger Williams
04) Marlyne Cain
Nicholas White
07) Drew DiFilippo
Todd Magin

13) Kris Vawter
Joan Gere
Samantha Bomgardner
14) Thom Smelter
16) John Phillips
17) Michelle Herrin
18) Mark Walker
20) Jack DiFilippo

22) Hans Schultz
Mark DiFilippo
25) Liz DiRusso
26) Henry Howe
Stephen Roop
Delaney Senters
28) Denise Regeimbal
Ruth Packard
29) Maggie McKneely
30) Doreen Smith

The Prayer List

In the New Year we will restart the prayer list. Please contact the office in the next month and let us know which names you want to remain on the prayer list. Any names for which we do not receive a confirmation, will be removed. This is our annual practice to maintain an up to date prayer list. During the year, please remember to notify us when we can remove a name from the list. If you have a name on the list which you would like to keep there, please notify Ruth, our parish secretary on 582-5033.

NEW MEMBER MINISTRY COMMISSION

Louise Corderman has been appointed the new chair of the New Member Ministry Commission. Congratulations to Louise. Let her know if you are interested in helping with this important ministry.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Jim and Peggy Settles on the birth of another great-grandchild, Thomas Michael Cox! The entire family is delighted with this beautiful, healthy baby boy to their family.

Ash Wednesday, February 22

The forty days of Lent begin on Ash Wednesday, which will be on February 22 this year. We will mark the beginning of this penitential season with two services, at noon and 7:30 PM. The imposition of ashes will be offered at both services. The ashes remind us of our mortality and serve as an indication of the humility with which we approach the celebration of our Lord's resurrection. "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Children's Christmas Party and Pageant Practice

We had a great time at our party on December 17th! The day was filled with pageant practice, games, tons of crafts, and we even got to practice our Christmas carols with Ms. Kris! We had 30 kids, ages ranging from 3 to college, and 3 adults in attendance. Thank you to everyone who helped with the party or pageant practice, especially Jill Bates, Kris Clifford, Brad and Kelli White, McKenzie Goldberg, and Mary McWhirt!

Christmas Card Campaign

A **HUGE THANK YOU** from our youth to everyone that participated in our Christmas Card Campaign. With your help, we were able to give 140 Christmas cards to our wounded warriors at The Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Bethesda. A special thanks to Cheryl Moynahan for sharing the idea with your newsletter editor via email. I cannot express the blessing I received from having the honor of delivering them. It seems so little for the sacrifice that these young people have made. I let them know they were in our thoughts and prayers at Christ Episcopal Church.

Thank you for helping make "our heroes" Christmas just a little bit brighter.



Yoga Classes 2012!

Yoga classes are taking a holiday break but will resume on Monday, Jan 9th, 8:30 to 9:30 in the Great Hall. Please join us for an hour of yoga twice a week to gain/regain some energy and, it will also make you feel better mentally. The group meets at 8:30 AM Monday and Wednesday in the Great Hall of ASH. For additional information, contact Missie @ missiejarman@hughes.net or (540) 582-8831.

Painting by Johnny Johnson

Mother and Child Painting by Johnny Johnson. This lovely painting was donated by Ruth Brancolini to the Frame Design shop, 2010 College Avenue, Fredericksburg, (540) 371-0567. Johnny Johnson is a well-known artist in the Fredericksburg area as well as a former art teacher at James Monroe High School. All proceeds from this sale will be donated to Christ Church. Stop by and check it out!

Holiday Food Baskets

Once again Christ Episcopal Church, often included in the "Small Church" category in the mailings from the Diocese, showed it indeed has a Big Heart as 159 Christmas food baskets were prepared for deserving families in need this Season. This special project of the Food Pantry committee of our Outreach Commission reflected the combined efforts and donations in time and monetary contributions. We were privileged to have a small part in the planning and coordination of this project. All cash donations placed in the special account for this purpose were used for the purchase of turkeys, pumpkin pies and food supplementing the usual draw from the Fredericksburg Food Bank. Additional food items were donated directly and used in filling the baskets. All we can say is "thank you" to the entire congregation and to pass on the individual words of appreciation received from the families allowing them to have a special Christmas dinner they may not have otherwise enjoyed.

Jim and Janice Kenkel

Thank
You

Nov 19 2011

My husband, William + I
want to thank the
Church + all the volunteers for
all the help you've given to us.
We appreciate the food bank and all that
are associated with the Church.
Everyone has been kind to us and
understanding. God bless you all
and have a wonderful
Thanksgiving!

Vestry Candidates

At the Annual Parish Meeting on January 22 we will elect new members to the vestry, the parish's governing board. There are three regular three-year terms to be filled, and one unexpired one-year term. To run for vestry you must be an adult (16 years old), confirmed communicant in good standing –meaning that you are regular in attendance and in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God. Speak to Father Packard or a current vestry member if you have questions. Candidate forms are available at the Communications Center.

Haiti Opportunities

On December 11 we welcomed Carey Chirico from St. George's in Fredericksburg who spoke to the adult education forum about their partnership with Notre Dame d'Annonciation in Port au Prince, Haiti. In her presentation we learned that the parish has about 250 members in one of the worst slums of Port au Prince. They also operate a school with about 250 students. They have accepted all children who were orphaned by the earthquake as students in their school. Tuition for one student for a whole year of education is \$365 –that includes uniform, books, and one meal a day. Teachers often work at the school for no pay. The people at Notre Dame want to be able to reach out to their neighbors and to help feed the hungry in their midst. Any support they receive from us would help them do that. We will be distributing information about when St. George's various committees will meet to discuss aspects of this parish partnership.

United Thank Offering

At the end of October we collected 58 donations for the UTO. We are delighted to report that we received nearly \$775. Thanks to everyone who put their thanksgiving into practice to support this ministry of the women of the Episcopal Church.

Ballroom Dancing

Get your dancing shoes ready! The next dates in All Saints Hall for Ballroom Dancing are January 14th and 28th. 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.



Change in Family Sunday Dates

Normally our Family Sunday falls on the first Sunday of each month, however we will be moving Family Sunday to the second Sunday of the month for January and February. January 1st will be Lessons and Carols and January 8th we will have Family Sunday with a special guest giving our Children's sermon. February 5th we will have Bishop Gulick here to celebrate confirmations with us and we will have Family Sunday on February 12th.

ECW Church Women

On December 13th, the ECW had a wonderful visit to Wilburn Gardens.

As always, Lydia Pozzato displayed her outstanding musical talent with her instrumental accompaniment. The ladies will meet again on January 17th at 11:30AM in the Great Hall. Interest has been expressed by other ladies of the parish to have an evening meeting in All Saints Hall. If interested, please contact Judy Fristoe at jjfristoe@gmail.com or Ann Woolford at awoolford.singh@gmail.com.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew Saturday meetings include fellowship over breakfast, a brief Bible study and prayer. All members of the parish are invited. Our first meeting after the holidays, will be January 14th, in the Great Hall, 8 - 9 AM. Contact Ray Crafton at (540) 785-7840 for more information.

Calendars for Sale

Many have ordered and received the photo wall calendars that feature Christ Church and other historic parishes in Virginia. If you are interested in purchasing one or more, please let Judy Fristoe know. They will make a wonderful gift for friends and family, or as a keepsake for parishioners.

Family Ministry Corner

Jenny LeBlanc, Family Ministry Coordinator



Well Christmas is over, the New Year's Eve hats are put away, all of the relatives are gone, everything is calm and back to normal, and you are actually glad to be back at work. Then comes the question, that if you are like me, you dread "What's your New Year's resolution?"

To be honest, for years I've considered New Year's resolutions to be a bad idea. The idea of committing to do something is actually a good thing, however I have never actually known anyone to stick to a New Year's resolution. By the end of January they have totally abandoned and forgotten what they so adamantly committed to that they felt would better them in some way. I am speaking from experience of course.

Why do we do this to ourselves every year? Just because it's the first day of the new year we think we must make a resolution to lose weight, exercise, quit smoking, and so on. Plus, have you ever noticed that we always choose something that is going to be really difficult and we give ourselves a timeline that makes it almost impossible to achieve?

This is the point in the article that you begin asking yourself, "why am I listening to her rant about this?" Your answer is.... because I am about to do something that I have refused to do for over 10 years, I am going to make a New Year's resolution. I am committing to choosing one small achievable goal every month for one year. This month my goal is to spend an extra 10 minutes with each of my kids (individually) each day. So, when you see me each Sunday you can ask how I'm doing and see if I am sticking to my commitment or if you get to laugh at me for participating in a tradition that usually ends up forgotten. Either way it should be fun.

So....what's your New Year's resolution?



Christmas Caroling

Thanks to everyone that went caroling on December 11th! We had a great time spreading our Christmas cheer with those that we visited. A special thanks to Steve Clifford for driving a bus full of excited kids!



Parish Retreat at Shrine Mont

I am happy to announce that we have our final information on the cost per person for our Parish Retreat. Our retreat will be May 4th – 6th, check-in is at 4:00 PM on Friday and check-out is 2:00 PM on Sunday. I will be available after each service and at our annual meeting to answer questions you may have. I am currently working on ideas to raise money for a Retreat Scholarship Fund for those who will need help with the cost. All requests for a scholarship will be kept confidential. I will also be working on transportation options, such as carpooling. Please do not let transportation or cost be the reason you don't join us for this fun event.

The prices listed are per person and do include your meals and tax for the full weekend, the only "out-of-pocket" expenses you should incur will be gas and if you would like to visit Shrine Mont's store. If we have enough rooms available you may request a single occupancy room, however I will not know if that is an option until everyone is signed up. Also, please be aware that most rooms have 2 single beds. I do have a small number of rooms with 1 double bed and 1 single bed and a few connecting rooms, these rooms will be available to families with children first. I promise to do my best to accommodate everyone.

If you would like to attend the retreat, please fill out the form below including a \$10 per person deposit by Sunday, January 29th. Your final payment will be due by Sunday, April 29th. Please make all payments to Christ Church with Shrine Mont Retreat in the memo line. I hope to see you all there!!! ~ Jenny

Adults: \$145.25 (Double Occupancy)

Adults: \$166.29 (Single Occupancy)

Youth: \$94.72 (ages 8-12)

Children: \$42.10 (ages 4-7)

Children: Free (ages 0-3)

Name (contact person): _____

List Adults attending: _____

List Children (including ages) attending: _____

Dietary Concerns: _____

Would you like to be paired with a roommate? _____

Name of roommate (if you already have one): _____

Special Needs/Housing Preferences: _____

Would you like to donate to our Scholarship Fund?

___ \$145 ___ \$95 ___ \$40 ___ other

Would you like to apply for help from our Scholarship Fund? _____



Celebrate Religious Freedom

The Bill of Religious Freedom was considered by Thomas Jefferson to be one of his greatest achievements. This bill, passed in Virginia 235 years ago, and the freedom of religion that we enjoy in this country, will be celebrated on January 8th in Fredericksburg. A parade will depart from the train station at 1:30 PM and end at the Religious Freedom Monument. A ceremony, including the laying of a wreath, will follow.

The Bishop David C. Jones Evangelism Fund

Recognizing his passion for, and 17 years of hard work to support mission churches and small churches in the diocese, a fund is being established in Bishop Jones' name as he retires at the end of January. The fund will give grants to small and mission churches to help them fund creative initiatives to foster growth. You may contribute in Bishop Jones' honor by going to the diocesan web page www.thediocese.net, or by mailing your check, made payable to the Diocese of Virginia and marked "Bishop Jones Evangelism Fund" in the memo line, to the Mayo Memorial Church House at 110 West Franklin Street, Richmond, VA 23220

Bonfire for Epiphany

On the feast of the Epiphany, Friday, January 6, we will have a bonfire to burn all the Christmas greens. You are invited to come and bring your greens from home; Christmas trees, wreaths, garlands, etc. These trees need to be free of all decorations and no plastic trees or wreaths are allowed. We will gather at 6:00 PM on the flat area behind the parking lot, and get the fire started around 6:30. Hot beverages will be served. Prayers and holiday songs will be offered.



Book Group Update

The Book Group will meet in the All Saints Hall on Monday February 6th beginning at 11:30 AM. The book that will be discussed is *Redemption* by Leon Uris. *Redemption* continues the story of the Larkins and the Hubbles from his earlier book, *Trinity*. It moves from Ireland to New Zealand, and back to Ireland to continue the fight for Irish independence. The Book Group read *Trinity* in the fall of 2008. Please bring a bag lunch. Here is the book group schedule for the spring:

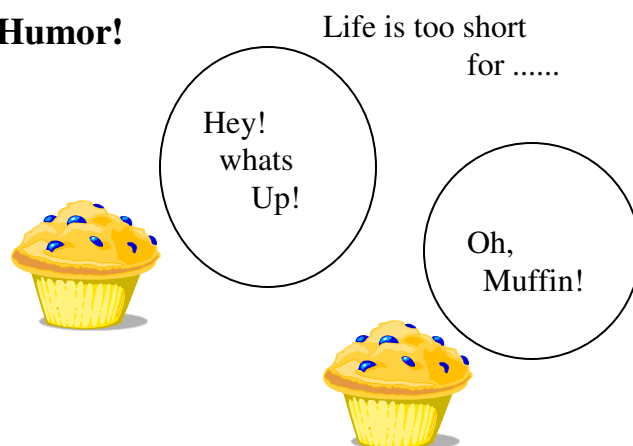
Monday, March 5 *Shadow Country* by Peter Matthiessen

Shadow Country reimagines the legend of the Everglades sugar planter and notorious outlaw E. J. Watson. It is the end result of a reworking of three previous books by the same author. In the new version the story is told by three different characters to produce a very mysterious novel.

Monday, May 7 *Sarum* by Edward Rutherfurd

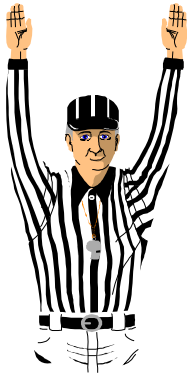
Sarum is an epic novel which traces the entire course of English history. It follows five families through the centuries. The novel is set near Stonehenge and Salisbury and includes the building of the Salisbury Cathedral.

Just a Little Humor!



“Life is too short. Stay awake for it.”

Napkin design from Caribou Coffee
Submitted by Ruth Feltner



SUPER BOWL 2012



In response to the tremendous demand for a “Men and Boys Tea Party”, like the ladies had in the spring, we are having a Super Bowl Party for the guys of Christ Church on February 5th. Thanks to Patrick Rooney who will be hosting the party in his home. Look for the sign up at the Communications Center. Refreshments will be provided – don’t worry guys; there will not be a tea cup or doily in sight! Who cares who’s playing, just come and enjoy fellowship and male bonding across generations. More information will be made available as the date

Fellowship Commission

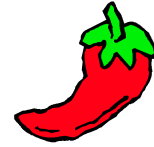
We need you to share yourself and your time hosting Fellowship on Sundays. Fellowship hour is a very important ministry as it gives us time to socialize once a week as a church family. Talk to Bill Butler about hosting and then sign up at the Communication Center. Even once a month will help.

Sunlight Garden Club

The Sunlight Garden Club’s next meeting will be in April. Additional details will be published in our Sunday Announcements. For more information, please contact Shirley Main at (540) 373-1230 or Sue Ann Thomas, (540) 891-7458.



ANNUAL SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE/MARDI GRAS CHILI SUPPER



Come Join us Tuesday, February 21st
5:00 – 8:00 PM - All Saints Hall
All-You-Can-Eat Pancakes or Mardi Gras Chili
“A Better Deal You’ll Never Find”
\$5.00/person - \$20/family
Sponsored by the Episcopal Men’s Group

Weather Alert

When there is snow on Sunday, we expect everyone to use his or her best judgment about attempting to attend worship services. When in doubt as to whether services have been cancelled, you may check out the parish web page or www.Fredericksburg.com. Also listen to the following FM radio stations: 93.3 WFLS, 95.9 WGRQ, 96.9 WWUZ, 99.3 WYSK, 104.5 WGRX.



DON'T FORGET *Sunday morning worship schedule and Children's Church and Sunday school: Two services 8:00 and 10:30, with Christian Education for all ages from 9:15 to 10:15.

Episcopal Church Women meet every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 11:30 AM in Great 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 Wednesday**, call 582-5033.

The Chronicler deadline for submissions is January 20th for the **February Chronicler**.

Please send submissions (**preferably as a Word Document**) to **Mary Kovach, Chronicler Editor;**
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***For further information see articles in the Chronicler.**