



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.

November 2011



A Message from the Rector

Q & A from the Survey

In the recent survey for 10:30 attendees, there were a bunch of comments made. They have all been heard, and taken to heart, and will be considered along with the other data from the survey. But some of the comments raised questions that I would like to address...

To the person who likes being able to see the readings ahead of Sunday, just go to our parish web page, under "Resources" is another link called "Additional Links". There you will find a link called "Revised Common Lectionary". That will take you to www.LectionaryPage.net. You could even bookmark that page to make it easier to access. On that page there is a calendar. Just click on the date you are interested in seeing the readings for.

To the person who would like a "heads up" when we change the service music at the 10:30 service, it usually changes with the church season, and it is always printed in the bulletin.

To the two people who wanted to hear more from the *Wonder Love & Praise* hymnal, good point. We don't use it very often, and it has some good music. I am in the process of getting a new resource that will help to utilize that hymnal and the *Lift Every Voice and Sing II* hymnal more effectively.

To the person who would like to see a suggested dress code, I think that our society has changed to the point that people hardly dress up anymore even to work in a professional office. Many children, for instance, don't even own dress shoes. It would be difficult and unwelcoming to institute a dress code in church on Sunday. Personally, I am much more concerned that people come to church than I am with what they wear... within reason, of course.

To the person who was appalled that the 8:00 attendees were not invited to participate in this survey, it is certainly not that I don't want to hear their opinions. It is just that this survey was all about the 10:30 service. Last year I promised to do some experimenting with the new 10:30 worship style. I just wanted to hear what people's reactions were to the different things we tried out. I did actually conduct an informal survey of the 8:00ers. It consisted of one question.

To those who miss the 9:15 service, so do I. I will continue to try and revise the style of the 10:30 service. However, I fear that we will never recreate the magic of 9:15.

To the person who would offer the use of their farm for youth activities, campfires, horses, etc, please let us know who you are. We would love to take you up on it!

That doesn't respond to every comment made, but I hope answers some questions. I hope my comments not only respond to the individual, but are helpful for all. Thanks to everyone who participated in the survey. I really appreciate your feedback.

NOVEMBER 2011 LAY MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Lector	Chalice Bearer	Acolytes	Ushers	Altar Guild	Nursery
<u>November 6</u>					
8:00 Dana Houck	Edd Houck		Calib Garland	Williams Team	
10:30 Steve Clifford	Werner Wieland David Lynch	Dominic Cronin Christopher Cronin Alex Watts	Hank Mausolf George Wyant		Suzi Zafrano
<u>November 13</u>					
8:00 Henry Howe	David Lynch		Buck Sutton	DiRusso Team	
10:30 David Lynch	Kristi Gross Mark Walker	Hannah Lovell Clifford Hunter Clifford Colby Clifford	Frank Carosella Denise Crigger		Suzi Zafrano
<u>November 20</u>					
8:00 Thom Smelter	Tricia Smelter		Joe Ilk	Magin Team	
10:30 Roy Smith	Stephanie Smith Joe Junod	Ruth Packard Aaron Packard David Packard	Ron Magin Bob Massey		Suzi Zafrano
<u>November 27</u>					
8:00 Calib Garland	Linda Salisbury		Robert Truslow	Wieland Team	
10:30 Tim Zafrano	Linda Rooney Penny Knepp	Gavin Smith Andrew Smith Allison Eagle	TBD Werner Wieland		Suzi Zafrano

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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Welcome

Our Christ Church Family Welcomes Jim and Peggy Settles who recently transferred from Trinity Episcopal. We are delighted you have chosen Christ Church as your home to worship, meet new friends and participate in our many activities. Also welcome home to Dave and Louise Corderman who transferred their membership back to Christ Church from St. George's in Fredericksburg along with their children David and Schuyler. Christ Church welcomes you.

All Saints' Sunday

Every year, on the Sunday following All Saints' Day (Nov. 1), we include in the Prayers of the People the names of everyone in the parish who has died in the last year. If you wish to include the name(s) of any loved one(s) who have died since last November, please submit them to the parish office before November 3rd.

Christmas on Sunday?

Yes, this year Christmas Day falls on a Sunday. However, we will have the usual Christmas Eve services, with a hymn sing beginning at 4:30 PM, and the Family Service with pageant at 5:00 PM, then the Choral Prelude at 10:30 PM, and the "Midnight Mass" at 11:00 PM. However, on Sunday, December 25, we will have a greatly modified schedule. There will be no morning services. One service at noon will be our only worship on Christmas Day.

Annual Meeting Date Set

The vestry has set Sunday, January 22, 2012 as the date for our annual parish meeting. We will have normal service times that day. The meeting will follow the 10:30 service, and a potluck meal will follow the meeting. At our annual parish meeting we will elect new vestry members, and the budget for 2012 will be presented.

CONDOLENCES

The Christ Church family offers its deepest sympathy to the family of Sally Stewart who passed away on September 30th.

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

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 01) Frank Stewart | 13) Calib Garland Jr. | 23) Barbara Canaday |
| 02) Olivia Erwin | Jerry Phillips | Sarah Thommen |
| 03) Allene Burbank | 14) Robert Baker | 23) Christine Howell |
| 04) Rena Grace Parker | Mary Elizabeth Roop | 26) Rachel Westcott |
| 05) David Cain | 15) Claudia Sadlowe | 27) Jennifer Boward |
| 06) Sarah Ross | Gilbert Wright | Jennifer Perry |
| 07) Cliff Knepp | 16) Gerry Zimmermann | 28) Tom Valadez |
| Abigail Roberson | William Smith, Jr. | Nick Valadez |
| 08) Jan Massey | 17) Cheryl Moynahan | 29) Greta Houck |
| Joseph Wieland | Steve Clifford | Matthew McKneely |
| 11) Anna Thommen | Roger Bomgardner | Sian Packard |
| 12) Andrew Howell | 19) Allison Eagle | 30) Jennifer Stockli |

It's a Girl!

Congratulations to the Goldberg family on the birth of their daughter, Rachel Payton Goldberg, who was born on October 20th weighing in at 7 lbs 4oz, and with "lots of hair". Best Wishes to all!

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Poinsettias of red and white will adorn the church again this Christmas 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, there are three ways to purchase:

Place an order form in the collection plate during any church service with a check for \$10.00 attached.

Get a 3x5 card from the usher table at the back of the church. Print the necessary information and return the card, along with a \$10.00 check to Christ Church

Detach and mail the order form found on this page to Christ Church with a check for \$10.00

(PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION)

Your name (as you wish it to appear)

Message _____

Examples: Tom and Mary Smith in loving memory of his father, John Smith and her parents, William and Martha Smith

Mailing address is : **Christ Church**
8951 Courthouse Rd
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Attn: Ruth Feltner



We will be accepting orders up until Sunday, December 11th 2011

Family Ministry Corner

Jenny LeBlanc, Family Ministry Coordinator



Have you ever noticed that if you ask someone to tell you what kind of holiday Thanksgiving is most people describe it as a National holiday, which is true. However, I have also noticed that very few people describe Thanksgiving as a religious or spiritual holiday. Which I think is very interesting considering it is a whole day devoted to giving thanks to God.

Anyone who grew up in America knows the history and story of the first Thanksgiving. We can all remember making pilgrim hats and Indian headbands in school and listening to the story of how the Indians helped the pilgrims learn how to survive in this new world. Of course, for anyone who wasn't paying attention in class there was always the Peanuts Thanksgiving Special on TV! I ask you, who among us has not made a craft or written an essay about what we are thankful for?

When we are little the answers are easy: school, pets, family, rainbows, football, Nintendo. As we grow older some of our answers stay the same, some change, and as we grow wiser they evolve. We appreciate things in our lives in a different way. We look around us and see all the things in life that we have that others don't. We all know someone who is out of work, dealing with a sickness, lost a loved one, or is struggling with something. At this time our own food pantry is struggling to keep up with the overwhelming need for food to fill our shelves.

There are so many people in need right now, yet I look around on Sunday morning and realize how blessed we all are. I know we have people in our congregation that are in need in one way or another just like everywhere else, but I sit and look around and I can't help but feel blessed. We are blessed because we have each other, we have a family to turn to for support and comfort, and that is so much more than some people have. We come to church every week and learn and pray and enjoy being together. When I pray in church on Sunday with you I can feel His presence among us.

On Thanksgiving, even people who do not attend church will bow their heads and pray before dinner. I hope and pray that they will feel the Lord's presence like I do when I am with you. I pray that they find the support and comfort that we have together. I pray that we each find a way to share our blessings with someone who feels that they have none. Because Thanksgiving is a day to give Thanks to God, a day to pause and reflect on what He has given to us, and a day of sharing our blessings with others. I tell you Thanksgiving is a religious holiday. Give thanks for your many blessings and remember to pray that others realize their blessings and see God in their lives as well.

Happy Thanksgiving, Thanks be to God!

Children's Christmas Party and Pageant Practice



Do you ever find yourself wishing you had more time before Christmas? What would you do with four uninterrupted hours the week before Christmas? You could finish your holiday shopping, wrap presents, have a date with your loved one, or even just take a nap! Well, your wish is granted! On Saturday, December 17th from 10 am to 2 pm, Christ Church will host our annual Children's Christmas Party and Pageant Practice. Your children will have a great day filled with pageant practice, lunch, games, crafts and more! Sign-up sheets will be available at the communications center and in the Sunday School rooms after Thanksgiving. The more the merrier so please don't forget to sign-up!! If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer, please contact Jenny LeBlanc. (540) 582-5033 or fmc@christchurchspotsy.com

Calendars for Sale

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

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew Saturday meetings include fellowship over breakfast, a brief Bible study and prayer. All members of the parish are invited. Meetings for November are the 12th and 26th and will meet in the Great Hall at 8 AM. Contact Ray Crafton at (540) 785-7840 for more information.

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.



Book Club Group

The November Book Group will discuss *I Am the Clay* by Chaim Potok. The setting is during the Korean War where the author served as a Jewish Army Chaplain in Korea for 16 months. This novel tells a story about an elderly Korean couple and a 10-yr old boy whose lives are turned upside down by the war. Please join us on Monday, November 7th from 11:30 to 1:00, and bring a bag lunch. We look forward to some interesting discussion and viewpoints from those present.

Survey Results

The recent survey for the attendees of the 10:30 service is now closed. The results of that survey will be published soon.

Confirmation/Inquirer's Class

If you are interested in being confirmed or received, please let Father Packard know. Bishop Gulick will visit on February 5 next year. Classes can start as soon as we know who is interested and schedule a time that is convenient. If you were baptized in the Episcopal Church or another church, but have never been confirmed by a bishop in Apostolic succession, you may wish to get confirmed. If you were confirmed in the Roman Catholic Church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), or one of the Orthodox traditions, you would not need to be confirmed again, but may wish to be received into the Episcopal Church. Classes are also open to anyone who is just interested in learning more about the Episcopal Church.

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 preach and celebrate at the 10:30 service, and will celebrate confirmations and receptions.

The Spotsylvania Christmas Parade is Back!

The Spotsylvania Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday, December 3rd 2011. It will begin at 1:00 PM at the Spotsylvania Middle School, pass Christ Church and end at the new Spotsylvania Courthouse Village (just off of Brock Road). The Luminary will be held the following day, December 4th, at 4:45 PM in front of the historic Spotsylvania Courthouse. Parks and Recreation is organizing this event and plans to have many musical and church groups participating. As we receive more information, it will be passed to you by way of our church Announcements. Meanwhile, please "save the date(s)" and join fellow church members and fellow Spotsylvanians for this special celebration.

HOLIDAY FOOD BASKET PROGRAM



The Holiday Food Basket Program is a special outreach by our Food Pantry to provide a turkey and trimmings to those in need in our local community. These baskets will be distributed in time for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. This year, over 150 needy families will receive a Thanksgiving basket on Saturday, November 19, and a Christmas basket on Saturday, December 17.

Your donations to purchase the turkeys are essential! Please leave your contribution in the collection plate in one of our "Holiday Basket Donation" envelopes that you will find in your weekly bulletin. There are also envelopes available in the back of the church.

We are also accepting non-perishable foods that would be part of a holiday meal such as boxed stuffing or canned cranberry sauce. These items can be brought to any Sunday Service or the Food Pantry.

There is a sign-up sheet in All Saints Hall, if you would like to volunteer to pack and distribute the baskets; packing begins Thursday, Nov 17th at 7 PM for 2 hours and continues Nov 18th at noon for 2 hours. Volunteers are also needed on Saturday, Nov 19th beginning at 9 AM for distribution of the baskets at ASH. If you have any questions, please contact Jim or Janice Kenkel at (540) 972-0995 or e-mail Kenkelje@comcast.net.

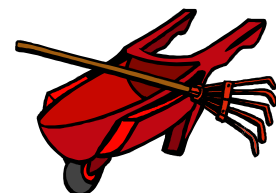
Episcopal Church Women Update

On November 15th, the ECW ladies, meeting at 11:30 in the Great Hall, will be making Christmas ornaments out of old cards to take to residents of Wilburn Gardens in December. Please bring your old Christmas cards, a pair of scissors, a bag lunch and join us for our most creative meeting of the year. This is always a fun event and brings so much cheer to the residents.

Currently, the ECW meets on the third Tuesday of each month. However, other ladies of the parish who are unable to attend the daytime meeting, have indicated a desire to have an evening meeting. Any lady interested in joining this evening meeting, please contact Judy Fristoe at jjfristoe@gmail.com or Ann Woolford at awoolford.singh@gmail.com.

Fall Clean Up of Grounds and Church

Come Saturday morning, November 12th at 8:00. We will be cleaning the grounds and doing seasonal cleaning in the church such as windows. The more help, the better. Speak to Jr. Warden Bill Butler with any questions.



Christ Church Concert Series 2011-2012

All concerts are at 4 PM in historic Christ Church, 8951 Courthouse Road, Spotsylvania, Virginia
Tickets & Information: (540) 582-5033, (540) 582-6162, or secretary@christchurchspotsy.com. Individual concerts are \$15.

November 6:
Massaponax High School Vocal Ensemble

Come and spend the afternoon with wonderful music and great fellowship. The Christ Church Concert will be taking a break for the holidays and resume on March 26th with the *Washington Camerata*.

Christmas Caroling

Mark your calendar! The youth are going caroling to some of our homebound friends and family and we want you to come with us! On December 11th after the 10:30 service we will gather together in the Great Hall to have lunch and then head out to make a joyful noise and spread some good cheer! Everyone is welcome to attend and we are hoping for a big group!! Please bring a bag lunch to eat and make sure you dress warmly and come ready to sing! If you have any questions please contact Jenny LeBlanc at 582-5033 or fmc@christchurchspotsy.com or Kris Clifford at kristine.clifford214@gmail.com

Courthouse Christmas Luminary

The Choir of Christ Church will be a part of the annual Courthouse Christmas Luminary on Sunday, Dec 4th at 4:45 PM. Local churches are invited to participate in this caroling concert on the lawn of the old courthouse. Boy Scouts light luminaria surrounding the lawn and the old courthouse bell signals the beginning of the concert. So bundle up, bring a friend or two and come be a part of this Spotsylvania tradition.

The Good Cause Variety Show

The Good Cause Variety Show was a great success! We had a blast watching all of the talented performers and enjoyed meeting new friends from Peace United Methodist Church and Resurrection Lutheran Church. We had nearly 100 people in attendance! Thank you to everyone who performed, brought cookies, and helped with set-up and clean-up.

Christ Church September Finance Report: Expenses Way Down

Total expenses in September were down \$10,000 to budget. For the year, expenses are down 8% to budget, or \$26,000. Also, in September, we received \$15,076 in pledge income, 93% of what had been pledged. For the year, we have received \$138,102 in pledge income, 94% of what was pledged. Total income for the month was **\$20,737**, compared with a budget of **\$30,341**. For the year, total income is 4% above budget.

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!

Sunlight Garden Club

The Sunlight Garden Club's next meeting will be November 8th at 7 PM in ASH 6/7. For more information, please contact Shirley Main at (540) 373-1230 or Sue Ann Thomas, (540) 891-7458.



Ballroom Dancing

Get your dancing shoes ready! The next date in All Saints Hall for Ballroom Dancing, is Saturday, November 12th. Price is \$20 per couple. This is your chance to dance all the classic steps-waltz, rhumba, fox trot, etc. Contact Linda Conlin at (540) 891-4297 for more details or just show up.

THANK YOU!

The Tenth Annual Christ Church Car Show was a huge success! We had 70 cars entered and made approximately \$3,000 for Christ Church. The winner of the gorgeous quilt made by our very own Quilters was Cindy Rooney. Our generous thanks to everyone who gave their time and talent to this event.

Yoga Class

Yoga class is held on Monday and Wednesday, 8:30-9:30 AM in the Great Hall. If interested, please contact Missie Jarman at missiejarman@starpower.net, (540) 582-8831 or just show up.



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.

Christ Church Thrift Shop

Open 10am to 4pm

Thrift Sales are up and it has been a busy time for us. People have already started to shop for the holidays. We continue to need additional volunteers and more donations, particularly gently used furniture which is one of our best sellers. Please continue to clean out those closets, attics, basements and garages. Plastic bags are needed to bag customers merchandise. Sales were up because of the additional help we received. Volunteer today. Note: We can no longer accept computers or TVs (except for flat screens). For assistance, contact Cheryl at (540) 972-1891 or Kelli or Mary at (540) 582-5508 (Tues., Thurs., Fri., Sat.).

Christ Church Annual Pledge Campaign for 2012

Christ Church kicked off the annual giving pledge Campaign Sunday October 23rd. We are asking for completed pledge cards to be returned by November 6th.

Animal Blessing a Howl

We had over 40 people in attendance at the annual St. Francis Day blessing of the animals, and we blessed over 30 animals. The SPCA of the Fredericksburg area brought 7 cats and 4 dogs which were available for adoption. Thanks to everyone who participated. It was a fun time. And the famous "cat litter" cake made a reappearance, to the delight of many and the horror of some.

Vestry Nominations Sought

Is God calling you to serve on the vestry? The vestry is the governing board of our parish, which is chaired by the rector. Adult (16 years or older) confirmed communicants in good standing (meaning you attend regularly) are eligible to run for a vestry position. Each position carries a three-year term. If you have questions, speak to a current vestry member, or Father Packard. Candidacy forms will be available soon.

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 **November 14th** for the **December Chronicler**.

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

***For further information see articles in the Chronicler.**