



**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.**

**October 2011**



***A Message from the Rector***

**Old Cars and New Dreams**

To everything there is a season. The Christ Church Car Show has its tenth and final appearance on our grounds this October. Ten years is a pretty good run for any ministry. Roger and Mary Williams have done a great job leading this effort from its beginning. We thank them for their leadership, and acknowledge all the hard work that has gone into this annual event. To be honest, I am sad to see it come to an end. It has been fun. My kids have grown up attending the show every fall. And it has raised a great deal of money for the parish, helped to sustain us through our darkest days. But at the same time, there is a sense of peace about the conclusion of a job well done.

The Car Show was the right ministry for the time. All ministry is contextual. It is always a response –a response to God’s call, a response to a perceived need. We respond creatively, applying our gifts to meet a need, to fill a void. God blesses our work and our faithfulness. When it all works together, the need, the response, the resources, the results, it feels really good, even magical. But it isn’t magic. It is God’s grace. Because it feels good, we are more likely to continue responding to God’s call. Which is a good thing, but we can get caught up in the feeling and lose sight of the calling. We can become nostalgic for the way things were. We can get stuck in the past. When the context changes, it is time to change our response. The worst thing we can do is sit around and long for the old days. Life goes on, as does parish life. There is always some new challenge to face. Sentimentality and nostalgia are not to be confused with venerable tradition.

So we celebrate the ten Car Shows, even as we look forward to the next challenge. If we spend too much energy wishing for things to stay the same, we will miss what it is God is calling us to do next. The seasons change. We must change with them. What will be the next big thing at Christ Church? In order to answer that question we have to take stock of our context and our ability to respond to it. Who knows, this may make room for something even greater. To remain healthy as a parish, every year we need to question why it is we are doing the things we do. If the best answer we can come up with is, “because we have *always* done it,” it may be time to make a change. The Car Show worked for ten years because it met the needs at the time. What are the needs now? How will we meet them?

## OCTOBER 2011 LAY MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Lector	Chalice Bearer	Acolytes	Ushers	Altar Guild	Nursery
<b><u>October 2</u></b> 8:00 Calib Garland	David Lynch		Joe Ilk	Magin Team	
10:30 David Lynch	Joe Junod Judi O'Neill	Hannah Lovell Clifford Hunter Clifford Colby Clifford	Hank Mausolf George Wyant		Suzi Zafrano
<b><u>October 9</u></b> 8:00 David Lynch	Ray Crafton		Robert Truslow	Wieland Team	
10:30 Sian Packard	David Lynch Werner Wieland	Ruth Packard David Packard Aaron Packard	Denise Crigger Frank Carosella		Suzi Zafrano
<b><u>October 16</u></b> 8:00 Thom Smelter	Tricia Smelter		Thom Smelter	Williams Team	
10:30 Roy Smith	Stephanie Smith David Lynch	Gavin Smith Andrew Smith Hunter Clifford	Ron Magin Bob Massey		Suzi Zafrano
<b><u>October 23</u></b> 8:00 Shirley Pozzato	David Lynch		Henry Howe	DiRusso Team	
10:30 David Lynch	Jeff Massey Tim Watts	Shelby Kuhl Matthew LeBlanc Megan LeBlanc	Frank Stewart Werner Wieland		Suzi Zafrano
<b><u>October 30</u></b> 8:00 David Lynch	Harry Frank		Bob Gere	Magin Team	
10:30 Lydia Pozzato	David Lynch Linda Rooney	Allison Eagle Jenna Phillips Ruth Packard	Tim Zafrano Bill Palmer		Suzi Zafrano

**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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Josh LeBlanc

Tricia Smelter

Betsy Warne

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## **Welcome and Farewell**

We recently transferred Jackie Yarnell (formerly Craven) to St. Andrew's Episcopal in Mt. Jackson, VA. "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord."

We also recently received the transfer of Lynne Lee from St. Paul's Episcopal in Miller's Tavern. "We receive you into the household of God."

We are thrilled to have Lynne as part of our church family!

## **Worship Survey**

There is a survey for those who attend the 10:30 service. We are asking for your reaction to the various new things we have tried over the past year in that service. You may fill out a survey on paper or online. Paper copies are available at the back of the church. Online surveys may be accessed at this address <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/72NVXPV>

## **Calendars for Sale**

This fall we will have photo wall calendars for sale that feature Christ Church and other historic parishes in Virginia. They will make a wonderful gift for friends and family, or a keepsake for parishioners.

## **A Preventive Health Screening**

A Preventive Health Screening will be held on Friday, October 14, 2011 at the Wilderness Community Church. The goal is to help save lives by offering this preventive stroke/vascular screening event. By applying now, you can get a priority appointment and a \$10 discount. Go to [lifelinescreening.com/community-partners](http://lifelinescreening.com/community-partners) to register.

## **CONDOLENCES**

The Christ Church family offers its deepest sympathy to:

Danville and Francis Fourie on the recent death of Francis' mother, Jacoba Plaatjies.

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

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY! October 2011



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|--|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 02) Hannah McWhirt                               | 11) Dana Houck                     | 24) Kimberly Ketchem                |
| 03) Emily Hoge<br>Michael Carter                 | 13) Tyler Williams                 | 25) Mark Smith<br>Stephanie Smith   |
| 08) Al Daniels                                   | 14) Kristine Clifford              | 26) Jill Bates<br>Tim Zafrano       |
| 09) Sue Dinnauer<br>John Duperock                | 18) Andrew Williams                | 28) Betsy Menin                     |
| 10) Cheryl Sutton<br>Ruby Strysko<br>Ted Gurniak | 19) Jim Owens<br>Gary Smith        | 29) David Mausolf<br>Jennifer Eagle |
|  | 20) Gary Bates<br>Chloe Stockli    | 31) Chris Doby                      |
|  | 21) David Flues<br>Jeffrey Pohanka |                                     |

### **Ecumenical Variety Show October 9<sup>th</sup> 2011**

The first-ever “Good Cause Variety Show!” takes place on Sunday, October 9, at Christ Church. The time is 4:00 p.m. and the setting is the beautiful All Saints Hall. Talent for the day will come from 3 local congregations. They are: Peace United Methodist Church, Resurrection Lutheran Church, and us.

A free-will offering will be received and the funds used for purchasing food for the hungry in areas served by these 3 congregations. Also, a cookie table is being set up and folks attending are invited to bring a plate of cookies to share.

### **Episcopal Church Women**

#### **Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 in the Great Hall**

The ECW will hold their meeting on Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 in the Great Hall. Last year they voted to move their meetings from the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday. So, bring a bag lunch and join the ladies for another year of fun, fellowship and service. This year ECW programs will focus on Lady Saints with their first, *St. Catherine*, being presented by Elaine Wyant.

The car show is their first service project and, as always, they are asking the ladies of the church to help out by preparing their delicious baked goods. These can be dropped off on Friday at the church office or Saturday starting as early as 7:30 AM at our booth. Cookies, cup cakes, brownies, bars muffins, bread (mini and regular) are all big sellers. We appreciate your support and hope to see all of you at the car show. Additionally, Nell Cochran of Silpada Jewelry will once again have a booth at the car show. So, please stop by and check out her new line of beautiful jewelry. Treat yourself to something special or do some early Christmas shopping.

**Family Ministry Corner**  
Jenny LeBlanc, Family Ministry Coordinator



October is shaping up to be an exciting month here at Christ Church. We begin with the Car Show and Blessing of the Animals, then the Variety Show, and end the month with our wonderful Harvest Festival! No matter what your “cup of tea” is, it seems we have something for everyone this month. I feel we are blessed to have so many great opportunities to get together with our church family.

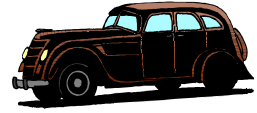
With the exception of the Variety Show, I have attended each of these events in the past, and had a wonderful experience at all of them. In fact it was because of our experience at our first service and first event that we knew we found our home here at Christ Church. The first Sunday my family attended services here we were blown away by how warm and welcoming everyone was. As soon as the service ended Sian and Ruth Packard came over to meet us, and as we walked out of the church Vicki Duperock was waiting to show us around, introduce us to members, and tell us all about the wonderful programs we have here at Christ Church. I remember when she invited us to come back later that afternoon for Blessing of the Animals, Megan frowned and said, “We can’t come, we don’t have a pet”. Vicki bent down smiled at her and said “That’s ok, I’m sure you have a stuffed animal that is just as special as a pet and Father Jeff will bless her instead”. Megan beamed and she and Matthew began jumping up and down and begging to come back. Of course we came back that afternoon and we kept coming back week after week. It was just an ordinary conversation, but to a family that was new to the area and visiting Christ Church for the first time it was extraordinary. It is amazing how simple things like taking a moment to talk to a visitor can mean so much.

Since that October morning almost eight years ago we have attended countless events here and every time we do I think how lucky we are that we became members of the Christ Church family. It never ceases to amaze me how wonderful and welcoming our church family is and whenever I see a new face in church it reminds me of that day and I pray that they have an experience on their first day as wonderful as ours was. Do you remember your first experience at Christ Church? When you see a new face on Sunday morning or at one of our events please take a moment to welcome and talk to them and help make their first experience as wonderful and memorable as ours, and yours, was.

**Christ Church August Finance Report**  
**Expenses Way Down**

August was our first month with our new lender, the Diocesan Missionary Society. Our monthly mortgage payment is now **\$3,207**. Our old payment was **\$8,526**, a difference of **\$5,319**. That difference positively impacted expenses. Total expenses in August were **\$27,913**. Budgeted expenses were **\$35,264**. For the year, expenses are 6% under budget. Also, in August, we received \$13,679 in pledge income, 95% of what had been pledged. Total income for the month was **\$27,419**, compared with a budget of **\$30,341**. For the year, total income is 8% above budget, due to the bequest received in January and the cash received in July.

**CHRIST CHURCH  
TENTH ANNUAL CAR SHOW  
OCTOBER 1<sup>st</sup> 2011**



**LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. . . .START YOUR ENGINES!!!**

We are racing toward the Tenth Annual Car Show on **October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011!** Please don't be left in the dust! The Car Show officially starts at 8:30 in the morning. The cars, trucks, tractors and anything else people bring, from motorcycles to fire engines, will be coming in until noon. Trophies will be given out at 2:30 PM.

Our Christ Church Quilters have spent the last year working on and completing a handmade quilt to raffle off at this event. Tickets will be available at both services, Bob Truslow at the 8 AM service or Alice Daniels at the 10:30 AM service.

Various food items, including baked goods, will be provided and sold. For those who still wish to donate baked goods, contact a member of the ECW. There will also be a 50-50 raffle and a Chinese Auction.



**The Second Annual Christ Church Harvest Festival  
Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> 2011**

Come and join us for great food, fun and fellowship at the second annual, Christ Church Harvest Festival, to be held on Sunday, October 30th, 2011. The celebration will begin during regular church services that morning, with the church being beautifully decorated with fruits of the harvest. Please bring non-perishable food items to add to the bounty, and to share with our friends and neighbors who rely on our food pantry in times of need. We will also have the United Thank Offering (UTO) in-gathering during those services.

The festivities begin at 4:00 PM with children's outdoor games. Kids (and those young at heart), are invited to come in their Halloween costumes, or other fancy dress. There will be pumpkin and apple pie baking contests, a pumpkin carving contest, games, prizes, and a costume parade, all leading up to a delicious pot luck meal! After the meal, everyone is invited to tour the "haunted classrooms" set up by our church's teenagers. Music will be provided throughout the evening by our very own expert DJ, Mark Walker, and we will also have a raffle, a silent auction, and door prizes will be given away.

Anyone who would like to help decorate the church and/or the Great Hall for this delightful event, please contact Lydia Pozzato at (540) 582-2636. There will be sign-up sheets leading up to the event, for the various competitions, etc. We hope to see you all at the Harvest Festival!

## **Food Pantry Update Volunteers Requested!**

The Christ Church Food Pantry really needs a volunteer or two to help pack bags of food for our food pantry. We have almost 100 families coming into the pantry every time we open, which is the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month.

The task of packing the bags has become too much for one person. Tracy Magin has been doing this with and without assistance for a long time. We need YOU to step forward and volunteer to help. You would be packing 50 bags of food at the time and date you choose. It's very easy - the list of food to put in each bag is posted and someone would train you in the beginning. You could do this with a friend and make it a social event with a cause! Please contact Stephanie Smith at (540)582-6162 or Tracy Magin at (540) 898-3640.

Bag packing can be done at your convenience after you have been trained. The people we serve really appreciate all the food we give them. Ask anyone who volunteers; it's a lot of fun! Call Stephanie Smith at (540) 582-6162 or email [ssmith@umw.edu](mailto:ssmith@umw.edu) for more information.



### **St. Francis Day Blessing of Animals October 2, 2011**



Once again this fall we will celebrate the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi, who espoused a love for all of God's creation, and have a blessing of animals on Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 2:00 PM. However this year will be a little bit different. We have invited the Spotsylvania SPCA to join us that day. They will make this an *adopt a pet* event. They will also be inviting all those who have adopted from them recently to join us for the blessing. We expect this to be fun event for all ages of animal lovers. Refreshments will be provided for all creatures, great and small. Please bring pets under appropriate restraint, and be prepared to clean up any mess they make.

### **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](mailto:secretary@christchurchspotsy.com).  
Individual concerts are \$15. Five or more tickets to individual performances, discounted 10%.

November 6:

Massaponax High School Vocal Ensemble

March 25:

Washington's Camerata

May 13:

Dana & Sue Robinson

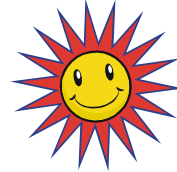
Come and spend the afternoon with wonderful music and great fellowship.

## Region One Says Goodbye to Bishop Jones

On the evening of October 8<sup>th</sup>, the Region One Council will host a dinner at St. Stephen's, Culpeper, in honor of the Rt. Rev. David Jones, who is retiring in February. Bishop Jones has been a good friend to Christ Church, acting as our supervising bishop during the search for a new rector that ended with the calling of Father Packard, and offering helpful advice and support to our vestry over the years. Participation in the dinner and celebration of ministry will be limited. Look for more details soon.

### Sunlight Garden Club

The Sunlight Garden Club's next meeting will be October 11<sup>th</sup> 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, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2:30-4:30 PM. Price is \$20 per couple. This is a chance to dance all the classic steps-waltz, rhumba, fox trot, etc. Contact Linda Conlin at 891-4297 for more details 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.

### 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](mailto:missiejarman@starpower.net), (540) 582-8831 or just show up.



## “The Samaritan Woman”

David Lynch and Anne Williams will re-start this group devoted to prayer that Anne Parker started several years ago. They plan to use the same materials, and will start from the beginning. If you have been wondering how to deepen your prayer life, this could be the path for you. Meetings will be held once a month after the 10:30 service; we hope to have our first meeting in October; the precise date will be announced. Come and see! Let David or Anne know of your interest so that we can have materials ready for you. Anne Williams: Home Phone: (540) 898-8939; email: [aewilliams52@hotmail.com](mailto:aewilliams52@hotmail.com) David Lynch's e-mail: [dlynch@vts.edu](mailto:dlynch@vts.edu)

## 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. The summer schedule is as follows:

Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>

We meet in the Great Hall at 8 AM. Contact Ray Crafton at (540) 785-7840 for more information.

## The Christ Church Quilters

The Christ Church Quilters invite you to join their group Thursday from 10:30 to 2:00 PM in Rm #8 of ASH if you would like to learn how to quilt, they'll teach you. For more details, please contact Alice Daniels, (540) 786-8038 or [alice\\_daniels@comcast.net](mailto:alice_daniels@comcast.net)

## Book Club Group

For the October 3<sup>rd</sup> book club meeting, we will discuss *Pope Joan* by Donna Woolfolk Cross. This is a historical novel about a female legendary Pope, set in the middle ages. We look forward to some lively discussions. Please join us from 11:30 to 1:00, and bring a bag lunch.

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.



**YOUR** voice is requested!

Join the Choir today!

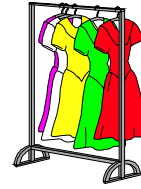
Rehearsals Sunday at 10 am

Sing and Pray at the 10:30 Service

No experience necessary



## Christ Church Thrift Shop Open 10am to 4pm

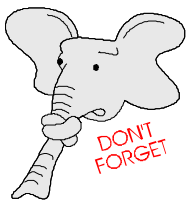


Thrift Sales are up and it has been a busy time for us. We continue to need additional volunteers and more donations, particularly gently used furniture which is one of our best sellers. Please continue to clean out those closets, attics, basements and garages. Sales were up because of the additional 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.).

## The Christ Church Columbarium and Cemetery

The Parish Office is accepting applications from church members to reserve a niche for inurnment in our Columbarium. Space is also available in our cemetery. A diagram of available niches as well as cost of each is available in our Parish Office. If you are interested in pre-planning, please contact Ruth in the office at 582-5033.



**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.

**\*Tenth Annual Car Show on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011, starts at 8:30am.**

**\*Harvest Festival** at 4 PM, Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. in All Saints Hall.

**\*Ecumenical Variety Show** on Sunday afternoon, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 in the Great Hall.

**Episcopal Church Women** meet every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 11:30 AM in All Saints Hall.

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

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

**The Vestry** meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 **October 21<sup>st</sup>** for the **November Chronicler**.

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

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