



**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.**

**May 2011**



***A Message from the Rector***

**Living in the New Creation**

*“So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!” (2 Corinthians 5:17)*

What are the consequences of Christ’s resurrection? What about this glorious miracle is supposed to make a difference in our lives? Paul says it well. There is a new creation. It changes everything. We may get up Easter morning and discover that the creation is the same old creation. There are still earthquakes and tsunamis. There are still bloody revolutions and insurgencies. There are still terrorism and random street crime. What has changed? Well, two things have changed. First, we who are in Christ have changed, and that changes our outlook on everything. Second, God is at work in the world, in and with and through us.

We have changed because of our acceptance of God’s great love and sacrifice in Christ. We have been set free from sin and death. We have been released from the fear and anxiety that have plagued humankind for ever. We know that ultimately God is in charge, and death does not have the last word. We know that human suffering is not without meaning, since Christ’s suffering has hallowed ours. We have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit to guide us and inspire our ministry in Christ’s name.

God is at work in the world in many and mysterious ways. We see the people of Japan working together to face and overcome their adversity. We see people willing to risk life and limb to bring democratic reform to their homelands. We see dramatic sacrifice and service in the name of freedom to protect us from harm. Wherever good is working against evil, we see God’s hand.

For us there is a new creation as long as we are willing to see it and to live in it. Living in this new creation, the Kingdom of God, we begin to recognize the inherent dignity of every human created in God’s image. It becomes intolerable to us to see injustice and not to work and pray to correct it. It becomes intolerable to us to see people suffer for any reason and not to work and pray to relieve it. It becomes intolerable for us to see a world where God’s grace is not recognized or acknowledged and not to proclaim the Good News in all aspects of our lives.

As we are reminded this Eastertide about the great gift and grace of God’s love for the world in Christ’s passion, death, and resurrection, we rediscover the new creation that is real because of the same, and renew our efforts to live in this new creation.

## MAY 2011 LAY MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Lector	Chalice Bearer	Acolytes	Ushers	Altar Guild
<b><u>May 1</u></b>				
8:00 Dana Houck	Edd Houck		Joe Ilk	DiRusso Team
10:30 Anne Williams	Tim Watts David Lynch	Dominic and Chris Cronin Alex Watts	Bill Palmer Tim Zafrano	
<b><u>May 8</u></b>				
8:00 David Lynch	Harry Frank		Calib Garland	Magin Team
10:30 Beverly McNeill	David Lynch Linda Rooney	Jenna Phillips, Allison Eagle, Lindsey Bates	Denise Crigger Frank Carosella	
<b><u>May 15</u></b>				
8:00 Shirley Pozzato	David Lynch		Buck Sutton	Wieland Team
10:30 Roy Smith	Stephanie Smith David Lynch	Megan & Matthew LeBlanc, Shelby Kuhl	Ron Magin Bob Massey	
<b><u>May 22</u></b>				
8:00 Henry Howe	Ray Crafton		Bob Truslow	Williams Team
10:30 Lydia Pozzato	Penny Knepp Jeff Massey	Andrew & Gavin Smith, Jenna Phillips	Frank Carosella Denise Crigger	
<b><u>May 29</u></b>				
8:00 Thom Smelter	Tricia Smelter		Thom Smelter	DiRusso Team
10:30 David Cain	Judi O'Neill Werner Wieland	Hannah Lovell Clifford, Hunter and Colby Clifford	Werner Wieland Frank Stewart	

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



# The Chronicler

## May 2011

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## WELCOME

The Christ Episcopal Church family extends a warm welcome to Gary Smith, who transferred from St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Lewistown, PA. Gary and his wife, Doreen, have been attending our worship services.

Christ Episcopal Church would also like to welcome our visitors, Shirley Koonce, Nancy Adams, and Jay Fuller. We hope you'll come back.

## FAREWELL

A fond farewell to Norm and Linda Stott, who have transferred to Fredericksburg Baptist Church.

## New Directory

This summer Olan Mills will again be working with us to produce a new directory! Several dates will be available for sittings, June 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> and August 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. For your convenience all sittings will be here at Christ Church. More information and sign-ups for sittings will be available soon.



## GRADUATION TIME!

If you know of someone graduating this year and would like them recognized in the Chronicler, **Summer** edition, please e-mail their name and high school or college. For high school graduates you can also mention the college they plan to attend. E-mail information to Mary Kovach [trmary@comcast.net](mailto:trmary@comcast.net). For those who have already submitted the requested information, a huge THANK YOU!

## CONDOLENCES

The Christ Church family offers its deepest sympathy to: Susan and Harry Frank on the loss of Susan's great aunt, Greta Buehler; and to Mary McWhirt on the death of her father, John Dziok, who recently passed away.

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





# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

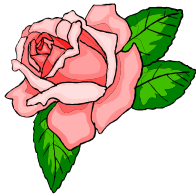


For  
MAY

- 01) Sally Stewart  
Emma Stewart
- 02) Brian Howell  
Cathy Doby
- 04) Sharon Novara  
Caitlyn Darby
- 07) Allison Bareford  
Velyn Beall
- 08) Tom Davis
- 09) Evelyn Amato  
Judi O'Neill
- 10) Missie Jarman

- 12) Michael Mills  
Amy Ross  
Julia Schiesser  
Gavin Smith  
Andrew Smith
- 14) Sheila Coopriider
- 15) Noah Ketchem
- 16) Pat Clark
- 18) Art Bareford  
Mary Francis Griffin
- 19) Chuck Coopriider
- 20) Melissa Green  
Colby Clifford

- 21) Susan Frank  
David Packard
- 24) Jo Christensen
- 25) Hannah Massey  
Ken McKneely
- 26) Joan Gurniak
- 27) Sue Ann Thomas
- 28) Anne Williams  
Greg Brown
- 29) Matthew LeBlanc  
Annie Laurie Walker  
Bambi Willis  
Werner Wieland
- 31) Bob Gere  
Jenna Phillips



## HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

*You are my mother and my friend,  
which is unusual.  
Somehow our characters must  
blend:  
your wisdom and my will.*

*I turn, and you are there for me;  
I speak, you understand.  
I feel cared for, but also free;  
You lead but don't command.*

*I'm fortunate that I was born  
to someone just like you;  
I love you, not just as my mom,  
But for what you are and do.*



*Author unknown*

## Wedding Anniversaries

If you are celebrating a landmark anniversary this year and would like to celebrate with your parish family, consider renewing your wedding vows on a Sunday. Speak to Father Packard if you are interested.

## **Blessings to all people of Christ Church!**

I must tell you how much I am enjoying my field internship as your seminarian. You have all been wonderfully supportive and are great confidence builders on this part of my journey. I could not have found a more appropriate learning environment both from Fr. Jeff and all of you. This note brings you an update of my activity as the school year nears completion. I am soon to become a senior at Virginia Theological Seminary, which means I will be with you through all of next school year. The seminarians are not required to do more than three semesters, but I plan to continue until I graduate, which will take me through May of 2012. (This is of course assuming you all will have me) May 15 will be my last Sunday with you for this school year. I will be back in August as I begin my senior year studies. I hope to intern in a couple of parishes within my Diocese of Kansas over the summer, and I sincerely look forward to being with all of you when I return. May God continue to do the great work that has been done through you. Christ Church is a gleaming example of the work of God for the Kingdom of Heaven. Peace to all and please have a safe and wonderful summer!

Best regards, David Lynch

### **Christ Church Food Pantry**

Christ Church's Food Pantry is an excellent example of selfless Christian charity. It's also a lot of fun! We serve over sixty needy families every time we open our doors. We are proud to be one of only fifteen food pantries in the area who are allowed to distribute free food from the U. S. Department of Agriculture to eligible families. In addition, we purchase food from the Food Bank for only 17 cents a pound that we can give to anyone who asks for help.

Stephanie Smith is the coordinator of the Food Pantry, but many, many members of the church give their time, talents, and money to make ours one of the best food pantries around. We can always use more volunteers in order to make it run more smoothly. Our pantry is open the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to noon. In April, the dates are May 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Contact Stephanie at (540) 582-6162 to get more information.

### **Fellowship Committee**

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

### **The Brotherhood of St. Andrew**

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will meet again on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> and May 28<sup>th</sup>, at 8-9 AM in the Great Hall. Meetings include fellowship over breakfast, a brief bible study and prayers. All members of the parish are invited. Contact Ray Crafton at (540) 785-7840 for more information.

+Opportunity may knock once, but temptation bangs on the front door forever.



## The Parishioners Corner

Yes I don't think our readers realize how many people it takes to put out a church newsletter. Speaking as your Chronicler Editor, a lot! Articles are submitted, birthdays added on, birthdays taken off, and all the relevant information related to Christ Church and the surrounding areas can be very challenging at times. But for the most part, it is very informative for me in what Christ Church is doing from one month to another. I could not ask for a better group of people who serve on the editing staff, Father Jeff, Ruth Feltner and Jenny LeBlanc. We go over the material each month before it goes to print and sometimes even have a good time during the meetings. I would like to thank our parish secretary, Ruth for all she does for the church in assisting with getting the Chronicler out each month and the bulletins each week. I could not do the Chronicler without her. So much information to compile and we are so pleased when it all comes together! I had a friend the other day that sent me an email about church ladies with typewriters (bloopers) and thought I would share them with you.

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

I hope you enjoyed reading them as I did. Please note there are + through out the Chronicler this month with little humorous notes, submitted by Joe Junod. Certainly food for thought and a little something to brighten up your day!

## Senior Sunday

This year we will take time to recognize our graduating high school seniors during the 10:30 service on June 5<sup>th</sup>. We will also recognize all graduating high school and college seniors in the June edition of the Chronicler. If you have a graduating senior please e-mail their information to Jenny LeBlanc (fmc@christchurchspotsy.com) and Mary Kovach (trmary@comcast.net).

+When you get to your wits end, you'll find God lives there.

## Family Ministry Corner

Jenny LeBlanc



It's so nice to take time off to relax, rejuvenate and spend time with family. However, it sometimes takes a few days to get back into the swing of things after a break. This is especially true in my house after Spring Break. It's back to arguing over homework that no one wants to do, racing to twirling, color guard, and baseball practice, helping the kids study for SOL's, grocery shopping, and so on. It's hard to go from the lazy days back into the hectic schedule but, as I tell the kids, no matter how much we whine and drag our feet it must be done. Unfortunately, it is often harder to get back into the swing of things after Spring Break because the all too familiar Spring Fever sets in. All the kids want to do is spend the day outside in the sun and most of us would be happy to join them. It's time to get back to our normal schedules, yet our normal schedule seems to not exist anymore. Somehow with the end of Spring Break it seems our activities list has grown! Dad is going one direction with one kid and Mom is going in the opposite direction with another. Some nights we are so busy that it's hard to even sit down and have dinner together. In a matter of days we have gone from lazy days to being super busy. It feels like we are now sprinting to the end of the school year!

So, in my battle against our busy schedule I have decided to take back one day each week. It may always be a different day, but I am determined to have one normal day per week. It may be a full day or just an evening, but at least we will all be together. It's great to let the kids be involved in different things and it's also fun to watch them on game day, but if we are so busy that we don't take the time to stop and enjoy each other then I feel that we have missed out on the most important thing in our lives....each other. Remember to take the time out of your busy schedule to do something with the important people in your life, even if it's just dinner.



## *The Ladies Springtime Tea*

*Will be held on*

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

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

*Please RSVP to Jenny LeBlanc at*  
*[fmc@christchurchspotsy.com](mailto:fmc@christchurchspotsy.com) or*

*(540) 582-5033*



## **Youth Fundraiser**

Our youth are continuing to sell discount cards for \$10 each. If you would like to purchase one please see one of our youngsters. The money raised will go toward the teens' pilgrimage and the forming of a youth group. So far we have raised over \$500. Thank you so much for your support!

## The Episcopal Christ Church Women

The Episcopal Christ Church Women have wonderful plans for the last meeting before the summer break! They will meet at our Christ Church parking lot on May 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am to car pool. Why? It is because St. Peters Church Women of Port Royal are hosting the women of Christ Church with communion by the river, officiated by the Rev. Catherine Hicks. As you remember The Rev. Hicks did her seminary field work at Christ Church. We are looking forward to visiting with the Rev Hicks and the women of her parish. Afterwards we will have lunch at a nearby restaurant before we start back home. Please come and enjoy this special day with us.

Although May 17<sup>th</sup> will be our last meeting until the fall, we will still host the Fathers Day's coffee hour in June. Have a wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing everyone in the fall.

## Concert Series

The Chamber Chorale of Fredericksburg's appearance April 10<sup>th</sup> was another success. Our last concert of this season will be held May 1<sup>st</sup> at 4 PM in the Great Hall. The Dixie Power Trio, is a 4-piece group dedicated to the music and sounds of Louisiana. Formed in 1992, the band, led by Andy Kochenour and cornet/accordionist Zack Smith, has spent the last decade performing for audiences in clubs, concerts, and schools. The group is based in Fredericksburg and has toured extensively throughout the U.S. by playing a gumbo of different styles including, Zydeco, Cajun, New Orleans jazz, funk, street parade and rock. Following the concert, Sam's is providing pizza and soft drinks. Tickets are \$25 each and can be purchased from Ruth in our parish office or Roy Smith at the door.

## Ballroom Dancing

Get your dancing shoes ready! The next date in All Saints Hall for Ballroom Dancing days are May 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</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.



## Christ Church Thrift Shop Update

Work on the Thrift Shop building (Harris House) has begun. If you would like to support this beautification project, donations are being accepted. Thanks to Roger Williams and his crew for doing the work.

Thrift Shop sales for the first part of April totaled \$1,128. Please continue to clean out those closets, attics, basements and garages. We're looking for donations, particularly gently used furniture. We are also desperate for volunteers during upcoming Saturdays as well as some weekdays in April. Please contact Cheryl at (540) 972-1891 or 582-5508 (Tues., Thurs., Fri., Sat.).

+It's easy to preach ten lessons than it is to live one.

## Christ Church Golf Tournament

Join the FORE<sup>th</sup> Christ Church Golf Tournament on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at Meadows Farms Golf Course. Registration is at 8 AM; tee time at 9 AM (with shotgun start). The theme this year is "Fairways for Food." We will be giving a free sleeve of balls to everyone that brings a non-perishable food item or makes a cash donation. Fee is \$75.00, includes a goodie bag, round of golf and lunch. Registration forms are available at the back of the church and the Communications Center.

## March Financial Report: Pledge Income Near Budget

In March, we received \$14,638 in pledge income, giving us a year-to-date total of \$46,905 versus a budget of \$48,750. Total income for the month was \$22,506, compared with a budget of \$30,341. Year-to-date income is \$110,686, versus a budget of \$91,023. Total expense was \$32,821, including a mortgage payment of \$8,526. In March, budgeted expenses were \$35,264. Year-to-date, expenses are \$5,000 under budget.

## IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN

Vacation Bible School will soon be upon us. Do not miss out on this awesome event! Watch for further updates. For more information or to volunteer contact Jenny Le Blanc, (540) 891 0791 or email her at [fmc@christchurchspotsy.com](mailto:fmc@christchurchspotsy.com)



## Yoga Class

Except for Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 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) or (540) 582-8831 or just show up.

## Nursery Update

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

## Book Club Meeting

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

## Sunlight Garden Club

The Sunlight Garden Club's next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 10<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.



## Spotsylvania Visitors Bureau Information

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

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

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

Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3 PM: "Stars and Stripes Spectacular".

### Christ Church Recycles!

Bring in your used ink jet cartridges and place them in the box at the Communications Center at ASH. Each cartridge has the potential to bring in \$4. Sorry, no Epson ink jet or laser cartridges accepted. This is a permanent feature, so please remember to recycle your cartridges at any time of the year. If you have any questions, please contact Ruth, our parish secretary.

### DON'T FORGET!

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

\*ECW's May meeting will be held on Tuesday, the 17<sup>th</sup> **11:00 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 on Wednesday**, call 582-5033.

**The Chronicler** deadline for submissions is **May 20<sup>th</sup>** for the **Summer 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.**

+Don't let your worries get the best of you; remember Moses started out as a basket case.