



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.



A Message from the Rector

Current Events in the Church

If you missed the Annual Parish Meeting, I spoke about the issues in the Episcopal Church and in the Diocese of Virginia surrounding human sexuality and the life of faith. I talked about how things are proceeding in our diocese, how Bishop Johnston has left it up to each parish to decide whether they are ready to proceed in some way with the recognition of same-sex relationships. I reported to the annual meeting, as I had already to our vestry, that I believe Christ Church is not ready to proceed with any kind of recognition of same-sex relationships. The full text of my address can be seen at: <http://www.christchurchspotsy.com/2012%20An%20Meet%20Address.pdf>.

In making the observation that Christ Church is not ready to proceed in these matters, I do not assert that everyone in the parish is of the same mind. I know that we have parishioners that are on all sides of this question. I have said all along that I don't believe it is important for us all to agree about this. It is, however, important for us to be able to talk about it. We have had very little opportunity, within any formal setting in the parish, to talk about this. I take responsibility for that fact, as I have not created any forums or classes in which we could deal with the different questions that arise. I plan to change that this year. I will be presenting a plan within the next month or so for a structured conversation among ourselves.

I do not plan to push a certain agenda, nor am I concerned with changing anyone's mind. I simply feel remiss in not having done this before now. Things are beginning to happen in our diocese. The General Convention meets this summer, and will certainly be discussing this issue. I wouldn't be surprised if they approved the blessing of same-sex unions. All this tells me that we cannot ignore the issue.

As I mentioned, the plan for this conversation is not complete, but it will include a variety of times with a variety of formats when we can begin to discuss the many different aspects of this issue. There are biblical issues, theological issues, moral issues, and social justice issues, as well as issues around how we as a community of faith make decisions. I don't mind admitting that I am nervous about this process. The possibility of Christ Church becoming divided over this issue is a frightening one. It is an emotional and deeply personal thing to discuss. Passions tend to run high on this subject. I will be calling on everyone involved to be generous in spirit toward others who may disagree, and to be willing to listen to each other. There is so much more that binds us together than could divide us. I am counting on the love we share in Christ to help us as we begin to talk about this difficult and divisive issue.

FEBRUARY 2012 LAY MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Lector	Chalice Bearer	Acolytes	Ushers	Altar Guild	Nursery
<u>February 5</u> 8:00 David Lynch	Tricia Smelter		Thom Smelter	Wieland Team	
10:30 Anne Williams	Penny Knepp David Lynch	Jenna Phillips Allison Eagle Christopher Cronin	Bill Palmer Tim Zafrano		Suzi Zafrano
<u>February 12</u> 8:00 Shirley Pozzato	David Lynch		Bob Gere	Williams Team	
10:30 David Lynch	Tim Watts Joe Junod	Gavin Smith Andrew Smith Alex Watts	Frank Carosella Denise Crigger		Barbara Deal
<u>February 19</u> 8:00 Henry Howe	David Lynch		Henry Howe	DiRusso Team	
10:30 David Gain	David Lynch Kristi Gross	Shelby Kuhl Megan LeBlanc Matthew LeBlanc	Ron Magin Bob Massey		Mykaila McWhirt
<u>February 26</u> 8:00 David Lynch	Ray Crafton		Joe Ilk	Magin Team	
10:30 Roy Smith	Stephanie Smith David Lynch	Ruth Packard David Packard Aaron Packard	George Wyant Hank Mausolf		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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**Thank You**

The family of Sally Stewart would like to thank the Christ Church congregation for the love and support given during Sally's illness and after her recent death. Your many prayers, visits, calls, cards, and offers of assistance were much appreciated. Sally dearly loved Christ Church and her church family, and we feel very blessed by the love, care and concern extended to us by the congregation.

Frank, Jeanette & Charlie Stewart

It's a Girl!

Congratulations to Ron and Tracy Magin who welcomed, on December 9th, their latest grandchild, Chelsea Grace. Chelsea Grace is the daughter of Todd and Megan Magin. The entire family is thrilled with this beautiful addition to their family.

Wedding Announcement

David Lora and Elyce Wieland, daughter of Werner and Linda Wieland, announce their intention to be married at Christ Church on November 24th this year. We pray God's blessing upon their union.



Happy Birthday!

01) Elaine Wyant
04) Stacey Erwin
05) Mollie Thommen
06) Richard Herrin
07) Garrett Paxton
10) Jeffrey Packard
11) Carlos Valadez
Barbara Deal

12) Jack Donohoe
Michael Cronin
15) Vivian Lacy
Joe Junod
17) Amanda Barnes
20) Jeffrey Kovach

21) Elizabeth Fitzgerald
Drew Fristoe
Karen Watts
22) Linda Rooney
Kimberly Hoffman
23) Logan Massey
26) Rainier Fourie
27) Nan Haid
29) Marjorie Mausolf

Ash Wednesday, February 22

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. The 40-day season of fasting and prayer begins with this service of penitence, which includes the imposition of ashes as a sign of humility and mortality. Join us at one of the two services that day to make a good beginning to your Lenten observance, either at noon or 7:30 PM.

Lenten Family Friday Pizza Night

This year the pizza nights are all the Fridays in March, the 2nd through the 30th. We will begin with a pizza dinner in the Great Hall at 6:00; donations will be accepted. The program begins around 6:30 with children downstairs and adults upstairs. Then we gather again in the Great Hall to celebrate the Eucharist around 7:15. We will be done by 7:30. The theme this year is "Be Prepared."

Fellowship Commission

We want and 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.

Historic Church Calendars

Thanks to all who supported the parish in Haiti by purchasing the Historic Churches in Virginia calendar. Our vestry designated all proceeds from the sale of these calendars to support the Haitian parish that our friends at St. George's have partnered with. We thank our church family for supporting this project and, in particular, Judy Fristoe, for dedicating herself to ensuring that all of the calendars provided to us were sold.

SUPER BOWL 2012 ~ Patriots vs the Giants!

We are having a Super Bowl Party! Put on your favorite team jersey and join us at Pat Rooney's house to watch the biggest game of the NFL season. The party will begin at 5:30 on Sunday, February 5th. Please e-mail Jenny, fmc@christchurchspotsy.com, or sign-up at the communications center so we know how many to plan for. It's the New England Patriots versus the New York Giants, who will you root for?



Christ Church Sweetheart Dinner and Dance

Friday, February 10th, 5:30 PM til... @ ASH

Menu

Choice of Pork Tenderloin or Chicken Schnitzel
Stetson Green Beans
Chunky Apple Sauce
Salad / Garlic Bread
Vanilla Ice Cream w/ Red Topping



Social w/ appetizers starts @ 5:30 Dinner by 6:30
\$10 a person (payable at door)
Hosted by ECM

ANNUAL SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE/MARDI GRAS CHILI SUPPER

Come Join us Tuesday, February 21st

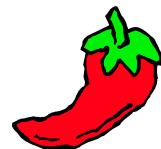
5:00 – 8:00 PM - All Saints Hall

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



New Vestry Members 2012

Congratulations to the four new members of the vestry who were elected at our annual meeting. Henry Howe will serve the remaining one year of an unexpired term. Steve Clifford, Ruth Brancolini, and Roger Williams will each serve for three years. The new vestry will be installed by Bishop Gulick when he is here on February 5. Many thanks to the members who have finished their terms: Joe Junod, Josh LeBlanc, and Tricia Smelter. They have all done well in service to Christ Church. Also, thanks to Danville Fourie who has moved back home to South Africa after serving two of his three years.

Slate of Candidates for Bishop Suffragan

This Friday, February 3, the slate of candidates will be released. Watch the diocesan web page www.thediocese.net for names and descriptions of the candidates.

Bishop Gulick Visit, February 5

Our annual visit from a bishop will be on February 5. The Rt. Rev. Edward “Ted” Gulick, assistant bishop of Virginia, will preside at the 10:30 service that day. He will celebrate confirmations, a reaffirmation, and install our new vestry members. The loose plate offering that day will be designated for the bishop’s discretionary fund.

ECW Church Women

After the 10:30 service on February 5th, the ECW Church Women will host a reception in honor of Bishop Gulick’s visit to Christ Church. They are asking parishioners to please bring in “finger food” for this reception in the Great Hall. We look forward to all of our church family attending.

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 next meeting of the ECW will be on Tuesday, February 21st at 11:30 AM in the Great Hall. We continue to discuss women saints and welcome all those interested in attending. Bring a bag lunch The next “big item” on our agenda is the Plant and Bake Sale on Saturday, April 28th.

Family Ministry Corner

Jenny LeBlanc, Family Ministry Coordinator



So....How is your New Year's Resolution going? Have you given up or are you still going strong? My resolution was to choose one small achievable goal each month this year. Last month I committed to spending an extra 10 minutes with each of my kids (individually). I am happy to report that January was a success, mostly. I admit there were days that I failed miserably, it seemed like there wasn't a single extra minute to be found. Some days it was easy, others it was definitely a challenge and we found ourselves getting creative in the ways we found our extra time. My kids learned that you really can have a great conversation with mom on the way home, if they just put down their ipod or ignore that text for just a few minutes. Also, they remembered that there are games in those colorful boxes on the shelves, and they don't need a TV to work, just other people! We had a great time turning off our electronic devices and enjoying each other's company. We used to do these things together all the time, but as the kids have gotten older and more involved in their activities it seems we had forgotten to take advantage of the time we did have. It has been wonderful to take back our time together and I have loved every single extra minute that we found.

This month I have decided to spend a little extra time on me. A friend here at church gave me a book recently and after thinking how nice it was that she thought of me, I wondered when I was going to find time to read this? Well, I have decided that I am going to make time! The last 10 minutes of each day I am going to focus on me. I think that all of us, at some point in our lives, have been guilty of focusing all of our energy on our kids, family, friends, work, or our overly busy schedules that we forget to take time for ourselves. Make a list of the things that you enjoy but always put off because you don't have the time. Pick one and make the time to do it! As for me....I have a date with a book. ☺

Shrine Mont Summer Camps

Registration for Shrine Mont Summer Camps is now open! The summer program at Shrine Mont is a ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia, which offers nine amazing camps each summer – including one for families to attend together. Each camp offers a mixture of recreation, group building, spiritual development, and just plain old fun! The ages for camps vary by each camp; however, there are opportunities for kids as young as 8 through rising seniors. We have booklets at the Communication Center for you to look at and if you would like a first hand recommendation just ask some of our kids that have attended camp in the past, Allison Eagle, Ruth Packard, Matthew LeBlanc, and Megan LeBlanc. Shrine Mont summer camp is an amazing experience that your kids will want to repeat every summer!

The Christ Church Food Pantry

Every second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 10:00 AM to noon, several energetic volunteers welcome people in need of food to our Food Pantry.

In 2011, we provided food to 2,204 families composed of 7,576 people. Of these, 2,623 were children.

Please note that a family is counted each time it comes into the pantry.

The work involved in this mission of Christ Church is tremendous. Four volunteers haul large loads of food from the Food Bank to the pantry, unload it, and organize it. An army of volunteers packs bags of food to be distributed. On Pantry Day, at least ten people help by doing paperwork, giving out groceries and meat, and help the clients get the food to their vehicles. In between pantries, another group of volunteers does the paperwork necessary to keep in compliance with Food Bank and Federal regulations.

We are very good at what we do and we have fun doing it. Knowing that we are keeping so many people from going hungry, warms our hearts - as do the many hugs and expressions of appreciation from the clients. If you can spare the time for manual labor or paperwork (whether or not you can be available on a Tuesday morning), please contact Stephanie Smith at (540) 582-6162. May God continue to bless this ministry and our volunteers.

Haiti Ministry

Father Packard has appointed Denise Regeimbal to be the Special Liaison to St. George's (Fredericksburg) for Haiti Ministry. What that impressive title means is that Denise will be our contact person with St. George's for opportunities to get involved. When we hear of meetings scheduled for their various committees, we will let you know when and where they will be. They are planning a trip to Haiti in the spring. This may be an opportunity for one or more Christ Church members to go along. The priest from Notre Dame in Port au Prince will be visiting Fredericksburg in May, and we will announce the probability of meeting and interacting with him during his visit.

IT'S BACK!

The spring half of the 2011-2012 Christ Church Concert Series features two more exciting concerts. Mark your calendars. For information and tickets contact Roy Smith at rh-smith@umw.edu or (540) 582-6162.

On March 25th, Washington's Camerata will perform period chamber music in our sanctuary. This will be a perfect match of performers and performance space. Hear early music performed much as it would have been when it was composed. The camerata is currently associated with St Peter's Episcopal Church in Arlington.

On May 13, Dana and Sue Robinson will journey from Asheville, North Carolina to present the final concert of the season. This duo brings authentic Appalachian style and wonderful individual talent to fill our space. They are nationally known songwriters, recently featured in the sound track of Ken Burns PBS documentary, "Our National Parks, America's Best Idea."

ALTHOUGH BELATED, WE ARE GRATEFUL ~

Our church family extends their sincere thanks to Dave and Louise Corderman for inviting us into their home on December 18th for a Holiday Open House. During that busy time of season, it was a very thoughtful thing to do and those who attended had a most enjoyable time. Thanks Dave and Louise!!

THE THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop thanks all our volunteers and customers for a busy and successful year. Tell your friends and neighbors about us, word-of-mouth is a good way to let folks know where we are and what we have to sell at extremely reasonable prices. Also, please seriously consider volunteering, and spread the word about donations that are always needed. We have a nice selection of valentine gifts too. Come in and shop for that special sweetheart. For assistance or info, contact Cheryl at (540) 972-1891 or Kelli at (540) 582-5508 (Tues., Thurs., Fri., Sat.).

“I’ve Learned”

By Andy Rooney

I've learned....

That the best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.

That just one person saying to me, “You've made my day!” makes my day.

That having a child fall asleep in your arms is one of the most peaceful feelings in the world.

That being kind is more important than being right.

That you should never say no to a gift from a child.

That I can always pray for someone when I don't have the strength to help him in some other way.

That no matter how serious your life requires you to be, everyone needs a friend to act goofy with.

That sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a friend to understand.

That simple walks with my father around the block on summer nights when I was a child did wonders
for me as an adult.

That life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes.

That we should be glad God doesn't give us everything we ask for.

That it's those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular.

That under everyone's hard shell is someone who wants to be appreciated and loved.

That to ignore the facts does not change the facts.

That when you plan to get even with someone, you are only letting that person continue to hurt you.

That love, not time, heals all wounds.

That the easiest way for me to grow as a person is to surround myself with people smarter than I am. That
everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile.

That no one is perfect until you fall in love with them.

That life is tough, but I'm tougher.

That opportunities are never lost; someone will take the ones you miss.

That when you harbor bitterness, happiness will dock elsewhere.

That I wish I could have told my Mom that I love her one more time before she passed away.

That one should keep his words both soft and tender, because tomorrow he may have to eat them.

That a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.

That when your newly born grandchild holds your little finger in his little fist, that you're hooked for life.

That everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs while
you're climbing it.

That the less time I have to work with, the more things I get done.

Book Group Update

The Book Group will meet in ASH #8 on Monday, February 6th at 11:30 AM. The book to 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. The next meeting will be on March 5th, same time, same location. The book to be discussed is the *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. Again, bring a bag lunch.

The next meeting will be on Monday, May 7th and the book will be *Sarum* by Edward Rutherfurd. *Sarum* is an epic novel which traces the entire course of English history.

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 next meeting will be on February 10th in the Great Hall at 8 - 9 AM. Contact Ray Crafton at (540) 785-7840 for more information.

Ballroom Dancing

Get your dancing shoes ready! The next dates in All Saints Hall for Ballroom Dancing are February 11th and 28th. Price is \$20 per couple. This is a chance to dance all the classic steps-waltz, rumba, fox trot, etc. Word has it that one of our church couples recently joined the group. That's great news! Contact Linda Conlin at (540) 891-4297 for more details or just show up.



Yoga Classes

Yoga classes are held Monday and Wednesday from 8:30 to 9:30 AM in the Great Hall. Begin the New Year with renewed energy and flexibility by attending Missie's classes. If interested, contact Missie @ missiejarman@hughes.net or (540) 582-8831.

The Bishop David C. Jones Evangelism Fund

Bishop Jones' official retirement date is January 31st. Recognizing his passion for, and 17 years of hard work to support mission churches and small churches in the diocese, a fund has been established in his name as he retires. 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

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.

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 February 10th for the **March 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.**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5 8:00am HE Rite I 10:30am HE Rite II/Bishop Gulick/Confirmations/Receptions 10:30am Children's Chapel 12:00pm Fellowship/Reception IHO Bishop Gulick 5:30pm Super Bowl 2012 Party @ Rooney's	6 8:00am RAAI 8:30am Yoga, GH 8:30am Morning Prayer 11:30am Book Group, ASH #8 6:30pm Cub Scout Meeting 7:00pm Boy Scouts	7 8:00am RAAI 8:30am Morning Prayer 7:00pm Confirmation Class	8 8:00am RAAI 8:30am Yoga, GH 8:30am Morning Prayer 6:00pm Circle of Parents	9 8:00am RAAI 8:30am Morning Prayer 10:30am Quilters, ASH #8 7:00pm Vestry Meeting	10 8:00am RAAI 5:30pm CC Sweetheart Dinner hb ECM 8:00pm AA Mtg	11 8:00am Brotherhood of St. Andrew Mtg/Breakfast, GH 2:00pm Jayne's Dancers, GH
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