



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.

Summer 2011

A Message from the Rector

Mysterious Spirit

"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." 1 Corinthians 12:7

On June 12 we will celebrate Pentecost, when God sent his Holy Spirit as a sustaining gift for the Church. For me the Holy Spirit has always been the most mysterious person of the Holy Trinity, and frankly, the hardest to relate to. The images are difficult to get a grip on: the dove, wind, breath, tongues of fire. The spirit moves and we don't see it. We see the effect of it, but it comes and goes without our direct perception. There have been times in my spiritual journey when I have basically ignored the Holy Spirit, at least just pretended it wasn't there, because I didn't understand it and I couldn't control it. That's usually when God's Spirit would slap me upside the head.

The above quote from Paul's first letter to the church in Corinth says so much about how the Spirit works in, with, and through the Church of God. The Spirit is given to each for the common good. That short verse tells us that God does give a measure of the Spirit to everyone. No one is left out. Every one of us has something to offer, a gift to give to help build up the Kingdom of God. But that short verse also gives us a standard to measure people's spiritual gifts by –the common good. If it doesn't work for the common good, then we have to question whether it is a gift from God. We may have wonderful talents, gifts galore, but if they only serve to build up our selves, or if they in some way belittle or disparage others, they are not gifts of the Holy Spirit. Now, the "common good" may seem easy enough to define, but in our politically polarized country, even that can be debated. But that is our Christian duty, to define what is the common good, and to work and pray to achieve it.

The good news of all of this is that what God calls us to do, God equips us to do. That is the function of the Holy Spirit. We have the resources in our humble little parish to do all the amazing things that God wants us to do. Remember that the disciples were locked in a room, hiding out for fear that they might suffer the same fate as their Lord, when they were suddenly transformed by this mysterious and powerful force of God. They had no way of knowing what amazing things they would accomplish. Peter, who had denied Jesus three times, became a great preacher, and thousands of people became followers of Christ in a day. Paul, who had persecuted the followers, became the faith's greatest ambassador and first theologian. And it was all for the common good.

So, we may not be able to see the Holy Spirit, we may not be able to control it, we may not be able to understand it some of the time, but we can trust it, we can depend on it, and we must at all times seek it.

JUNE 2011 LAY MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Lector	Chalice Bearer	Acolytes	Ushers	Altar Guild	Nursery
<u>June 5</u>					
8:00 Dana Houck	Edd Houck		Henry Howe	Magin Team	
10:30 Beverly McNeill	Kristi Gross Mark Walker	Gavin Smith Andrew Smith Jenna Phillips	Bill Palmer Tim Zafrano		Kristi DiFilippo
<u>June 12</u>					
8:00 Thom Smelter	Tricia Smelter		Bob Gere	Williams Team	
10:30 Sian Packard	Joe Junod Jeff Massey	Christopher Cronin Aaron Packard David Packard	Frank Carosella Hank Mausolf		April Ketchem
<u>June 19</u>					
8:00 Henry Howe	Harry Frank		Bob Truslow	Wieland Team	
10:30 Roy Smith	Stephanie Smith Tim Watts	Megan LeBlanc Matthew LeBlanc Alex Watts	Denise Crigger Frank Carosella		Suzi Zafrano
<u>June 26</u>					
8:00 Calib Garland	Ray Crafton		Joe Ilk	DiRusso Team	
10:30 David Cain	Linda Rooney Penny Knepp	Allison Eagle Ruth Packard Shelby Kuhl	Bob Massey Frank Stewart		Erin Senters

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

JULY 2011 LAY MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Lector	Chalice Bearer	Acolytes	Ushers	Altar Guild	Nursery
<u>July 3</u>					
8:00 Dana Houck	Edd Houck		TBA	Magin Team	
10:30 Lydia Pozzato	Werner Wieland Kristi Gross	Dominic Cronin Christopher Cronin Megan LeBlanc	TBA TBA		Erin Senters
<u>July 10</u>					
8:00 Thom Smelter	Tricia Smelter		TBA	Wieland Team	
10:30 Steve Clifford	Tim Watts Joe Junod	Ruth Packard Aaron Packard David Packard	TBA TBA		Kristi DiFilippo
<u>July 17</u>					
8:00 Henry Howe	Harry Frank		TBA	Williams Team	
10:30 Roy Smith	Mark Walker Stephanie Smith	Hannah Lovell Clifford Hunter Clifford Colby Clifford	TBA TBA		April Ketchem
<u>July 24</u>					
8:00 Calib Garland	Ray Crafton		TBA	DiRusso Team	
10:30 Anne Williams	Penny Knepp Judi O'Neill	Gavin Smith Andrew Smith Alex Watts	TBA TBA		Suzi Zafrano
<u>July 31</u>					
8:00 Shirley Pozzato	Harry Frank		TBA	Magin Team	
10:30 Tim Zafrano	Jeff Massey Joe Junod	Megan LeBlanc Matthew LeBlanc Shelby Kuhl	TBA TBA		Erin Senters

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AUGUST 2011 LAY MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Lector	Chalice Bearer	Acolytes	Ushers	Altar Guild	Nursery
<u>August 7</u>					
8:00 Dana Houck	Edd Houck		TBA	Wieland Team	
10:30 Beverly McNeill	Mark Walker Kristi Gross	Allison Eagle Jenna Phillips Aaron Packard	TBA TBA		Suzi Zafrano
<u>August 14</u>					
8:00 Thom Smelter	Tricia Smelter		TBA	Williams Team	
10:30 Sian Packard	Werner Wieland Tim Watts	Dominic Cronin Christopher Cronin Alex Watts	TBA TBA		Suzi Zafrano
<u>August 21</u>					
8:00 Henry Howe	Harry Frank		TBA	DiRusso Team	
10:30 David Cain	Linda Rooney Penny Knepp	Ruth Packard Aaron Packard David Packard	TBA TBA		Suzi Zafrano
<u>August 28</u>					
8:00 Calib Garland	Ray Crafton		TBA	Magin Team	
10:30 Roy Smith	Stephanie smith Judi O'Neill	Hannah Lovell Clifford Hunter Clifford Colby Clifford	TBA TBA		Suzi Zafrano

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WELCOME

The Christ Episcopal Church family extends a warm welcome to David, Louise and Schuyler Corderman and also to Wes, Michelle, Marshall and Winnie Bell. Welcome back!

Good Samaritans ~ Huge thanks to Tom Lake and Bill Butler, our Good Samaritans. Sometime during the night on May 16th, a huge part of the tree closest to our Thrift Shop split and was blown over. Thank God, no structural damage was done, but it left a great big cleanup job. Tom and Bill did an outstanding job of sawing, and loading with Tom hauling the tree to the landfill. A monumental task, indeed! Thank you both for your service and stewardship.

Special Anniversaries

If you are celebrating a landmark anniversary this year and would like to renew your wedding vows, speak to Father Packard. We can do this on a Sunday to share the happy occasion with the whole parish or if you prefer it could be a private affair.

What's your favorite hymn?

Summer time is request time. Let us know what hymns you want to hear in the 10:30 service. We will do our best to include all requested hymns.

CONDOLENCES

The Christ Church family offers its deepest sympathy to: Debbie Garland and her family on the recent death of her mother, Frieda Haney; and to Barbara Deal and her husband, Jack Lord, II on the death of Jack's father, Jack Lord, I.

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



Our Summer Birthdays



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

For the Month of
JUNE

1 st	Kenneth Fortune	16 th	Sean Doud	23 rd	Fisher Kee
2 nd	Marilyn Green	18 th	Tom Kempster		John Barnes
3 rd	Jacob Stockli	19 th	Sarah Estes		David Jones
4 th	Penny Knepp		Johnathan Doud		Casey Pfitzner
6 th	Lauren Everhart	20 th	Jane Schultz		Jaime Stewart
	Joseph Ilk		Jennifer Gibson	25 th	Denise Crigger
	Avery Brown	21 st	Stephanie Cronin	27 th	Gene O'Neill
8 th	Paul Williams	22 nd	Tracy Magin	29 th	Courtney Doby
11 th	Dianne McKee			30 th	Jane Davis
15 th	Heather Doud				Bob Eagle
					Ian Robertson

Father's Day – June 19th

As we grow from child to adult our dad is our hero, our advisor, and our friend. He loves us every day and is there for us not only for all the happy moments but for the mistakes as well. He is one of the most important people in our lives. Please join the ECW during coffee hour as we celebrate all the wonderful fathers we have here at Christ Church.

For the Month of
July

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



		19 th	Gretchen Westcott		
2 nd	Miriam Hoge	21 st	Jeffrey Everhart II	28 th	Judy Fristoe
	Mary Goonan	22 nd	Kelsey Link	29 th	Harry Frank
6 th	Mary Ann Hunter	23 rd	Alex Carter		Rita Paxton
7 th	Alex Cronin		Riley Erwin		Shirley Pozzato
8 th	Jillian Smetts	24 th	Cameron Eagle		Carla Valadez
			Gerald Stockli	30 th	Beverly McNeill
10 th	Ben Massey	25 th	Reza Fourie	31 st	Sammy Herrin
14 th	Charlie Stewart	26 th	Martha Turner		Francis Fourie
15 th	Mary Williams	27 th	Hannah Clifford		Molly Watts
	Anna Caitlin Doud		Hunter Clifford		
			Amanda Watts		

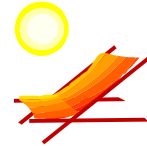
Spotsylvania Visitors Bureau Information

Saturday, July 2nd, 3 PM: "Stars and Stripes Spectacular".



For the Month of
August

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



1 st	Michael Prowitt Constance Germaine	8 th	Josh LeBlanc		
2 nd	Stephen Young	10 th	Mark Svare	23 rd	Brittany Green
3 rd	Brandon Link	15 th	Alex Watts	24 th	Michael Turner
4 th	Ann Woolford	16 th	Kristin Cain	27 th	Jeffrey McWhirt Mary McWhirt
5 th	Brian Mausolf Lindsey Bates	19 th	Carol Baker Frank Carosella Pat Linton	28 th	Jeanette Stewart William Bareford
7 th	Ruth Brancolini Alice Daniels	22 nd	Richard Ross	30 th	Grace Howell Linda Wieland

Senior Sunday

There are lots of momentous occasions in our lives and one of them is graduation.

On June 5th we will take time during the 10:30 service to recognize our graduates.

Please join us at both the service and at our special coffee hour to show our pride and to recognize their accomplishments.



Lindsey Bates is graduating from Courtland High School and will be attending Longwood University in the Fall. Lindsey is the daughter of Gary and Jill Bates.

Jennifer Eagle is graduating from Fredericksburg Christian High School and will be attending Longwood University in the fall. Jennifer is the daughter of Bob and Cameron Eagle.

Schuyler Corderman is graduating on from James Monroe High School June 17th and will be attending University of Mississippi in the fall. Schuyler is the daughter of David and Louise Corderman.



Family Ministry Corner

Jenny LeBlanc

I find myself in a very nostalgic mood lately. Everywhere I look I am reminded of the past. For instance during the Easter service I looked across the church and saw Elyce and Joseph Wieland sitting with their parents, Linda and Werner. Serving as acolytes were Hannah, Hunter, and Colby Clifford and I remember thinking, how could this happen? It seems it was only yesterday that Elyce and Joseph were acolyting and the Cliffords were in the nursery! During Sunday School I look around and realize that the kids I remember as being the “little ones” are now in middle school and the kids who were always the leaders and the “helpers” are all grown up. Just this past Saturday I spent most of the day with my daughter Shelby helping her get ready for her first prom, and as we were doing her hair and make-up I was thinking “where did my little girl go”?

I know that we all must go through these moments, but why is it that even though we know it’s coming we are never ready for it? This year we have two girls in our congregation, Lindsey Bates and Jennifer Eagle, who are graduating from high school and leaving for college, and when I look at them I find myself wondering, “Where has the time gone”? It seems as if I blinked and all the kids I know grew up overnight. Our lives have been so consumed by raising and preparing them to be adults that before we realize it they are grown and ready to take this monumental step. Again, we are left wondering where did the years go?

This is normally the part of the article where I give you a challenge or advice, but I find myself at a loss for words. I’m still living through it and I can’t come up with any advice to give. I don’t think that there is any way for us to prepare ourselves for the moment when our child is grown up and ready to take these monumental steps. The only thing I can say is to enjoy the ride, because every curve, every twist, and even the bumps are precious. Take the time to hug them, tell them how proud you are of them and how much you love them because before you know it they will be all grown up and ready to step out on their own and we will still be saying “where did the time go”?



The Ladies Springtime Tea

Our tea was an overwhelming success. The ladies of our church came out, even under the threat of rain, dressed in their beautiful spring outfits and the hats were truly fabulous!! Thank you to all 84 ladies for attending. A special thanks to Jenny LeBlanc, Ruth Brancolini, Kristi DiFilippo, Penny Knepp, and Anne Williams; we had a beautiful tea because of your diligence and hard work!

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 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.



Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be August 1-5, 9:00-Noon. Each day we will explore God's unconditional love for us through games, music, and bible stories.

Registration forms are available at the communications center and can be turned in to the office or to Jenny LeBlanc. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer please contact Jenny at (540) 582-5033 or fmc@christchurchspotsy.com.

The Lions Club Recycle Program

Recycle your old eye glasses and hearing aids by placing them in the box at the communications center. Thanks to Greg Hall and Ann Woolford for being our contact with the Lions Club on this important program.

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 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.

Sunlight Garden Club

The Sunlight Garden Club's next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 14th 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.



The Parishioners Corner

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly,
"I know what the Bible means!"
His father smiled and replied,
"What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means?"
The son replied, "I do know!"
"Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?"
"That's easy, Daddy..." the young boy replied excitedly,
" It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.'

Submitted by Joe Junod

UPDATE FROM OUR SENIOR WARDEN, Joe Junod

April Finance Report: Pledge Income Beats Budget

In April, we received **\$17,047** in pledge income, 5% above what was pledged. Total income for the month was **\$31,490**, compared with a budget of **\$30,341**. For the year, total income is 17% above budget, due to the bequest received in January. Total expense in April was **\$31,503**, including a mortgage payment of **\$8,526**. Budgeted expenses were **\$35,264**. For the year, expenses are 6% under budget.

Refinancing Our Loan: The Facts

May 24, 2011

Christ Church is refinancing its \$475,000 loan with the Diocesan Missionary Society (DMS), an arm of the Diocese of Virginia, but with its own independent board of directors. The Society was established to purchase and receive real estate, to hold and manage property and to develop various programs of support for the extension of the missionary work of the Diocese of Virginia.

DMS approved our application on May 16, at a rate of 6.5% amortized over 25 years. The loan ends in five years, but DMS has never refused a church a five-year extension. The parish received wonderful support from both DMS staff and directors, not to mention senior staff at the Diocese. Their work and actions made it clear we are on the same team.

Parish leadership decided this was the best way forward. Reasons:

The parish is better off getting out from under PNC's thumb. In the past year, the bank has made it clear it doesn't care for church loans. We have jumped through many hoops on the bank's behalf. That will not happen with DMS.

We will reduce our monthly payment by more than \$5,000, to about \$3,200. The vestry has authorized paying up to \$5,000 a month so to reduce principal faster ... if circumstances permit.

Our \$5,000 savings is not really \$5,000 as we are running a deficit budget of about \$50,000.

Our rate with PNC was 4-5/8%, far lower than the DMS' 6.5%. So, why, some parishioners have asked, did we go with DMS? The answer is simple: PNC notified us that we would be required to continue paying \$8,500 monthly on the \$475,000 debt – the same as we paid when the debt was \$1,475,000

DMS is requiring the parish to do a title search and to get circuit court approval of the new loan. Hence, the congregational vote is, under Virginia statute, required before the court can act. That vote will take place at both services June 5. The parish has hired an attorney, Phil Sasser. His office is in the big building at the T intersection. Phil assures us this is procedural work. He is giving the parish "the Christ Church neighbor rate."

Anyone with questions or concerns, please see/call/e-mail Fr. Jeff or Joe Junod.

Ministry of Stewardship, Recycling

We want to start recycling at Christ Church. There are many materials that get thrown out after parish activities that could be recycled. All we need is someone to be responsible for getting the materials to the recycling center regularly. Contact the parish office if you are interested in taking on this ministry of stewardship.

A Million Reasons to Give Thanks

When: June 5, 2011

Where: All Saints Hall at 5 PM

Please bring yourself, your family, and a dish to share on June 5th at 5:00 PM in All Saints Hall to give thanks for the extraordinary gift of 1,000,000.00 that has removed much of the financial pressure we have experienced. We will also welcome new faces/members at Christ Church. This potluck will provide an opportunity to give thanks for all the blessings in our common life. We will celebrate, share some memories and have some silly fun as well.

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 and especially now that Summer vacations are upon us. We could really use paper bags, with or without handles. The bags are stapled together for our families before the pantry is opened. Our pantry is open the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to noon. For more information or to volunteer contact Stephanie at (540) 582-6162.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew Saturday meetings include fellowship over breakfast, a brief Bible study and prayers. All members of the parish are invited. The summer schedule is as follows:

June	11 th and 25 th
July	9 th and 23 rd
August	13 th and 27 th

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

Ballroom Dancing



Get your dancing shoes ready! The next date in All Saints Hall for Ballroom Dancing days are September 10th and the 24th, 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.

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.

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 on Wednesday**, call 582-5033.