



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 2013



A Message from the Rector

Joy Comes with the Morning

Our little parish has been through a lot lately. We have lost two of our active members: Tom Kovach and George Wyant, both somewhat unexpectedly. Not only were Tom and George active members, they were both leaders in our congregation, excellent examples of faithful Christians, and their loss is felt by us all. What amazes me about this parish, in fact what has always amazed me about this parish, is the way in which we pull together, especially in difficult times. I have witnessed people surrounding Mary Kovach and Elaine Wyant with love and support. But it's really more than just that. What I have seen in these recent weeks that have been marked by the pain of sudden loss, is a congregation showing its true spirit. We have gathered for the funeral services; worshiped together; given thanks for the lives of these men; commended them to their creator's love; and mourned together as people of hope. In short, we have been a true Christian community.

When Jesus gave the command to love one another as he loved us, we knew it wouldn't be easy. The kind of sacrificial love that our Lord modeled for us will always be a challenge. This kind of love requires a true faith, a trust in the goodness and faithfulness of God. We do not love one another simply in our own strength. We must depend on the power and guidance of the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit. Only in that strength can we truly love one another. Love is never easy, under any circumstances. One thing is a guarantee, if we dare to make ourselves vulnerable enough to love, our hearts will be broken. Love, true love, always involves pain. That is part of the sacrifice. We must accept the reality of this, and love anyway.

Part of the pain of loving someone is the loss of that person. We also suffer when someone else we love experiences loss, and thereby pain. With all this pain, one might reasonably ask, why bother. Isn't it easier to avoid the pain associated with love, and protect one's heart from breaking? I'm sure it would be. However, imagine a life so isolated, so cut off from human tenderness, that you give and receive no love at all. Is that life worth living?

The Christian way is a way of pain and sorrow. Yet it is also a way of indescribable joy and hope. We hope for ourselves and for those we love. We experience joy, even in the midst of our greatest sorrow. What stays with us is the joy. That is what shines through, not the pain. The inevitable pain associated with love is always a temporary thing, as temporary as this life itself. Our faith in a life beyond what we see and experience here, our trust in God's love that is stronger than death, our hope in the promise of eternal glory is what allows us to say in the commendation, "All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia."

JUNE 2013 LAY MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Lector	Chalice Bearer	Acolytes	Ushers	Altar Guild	Nursery
<u>June 2</u>				DiRusso/Magin Team Members	
8:00 Dana Houck	Edd Houck	Hannah Lovell Clifford Hunter Clifford Colby Clifford	Robert Truslow		
10:30 Anne Williams	Tim Watts Mark Walker		Judi O'Neill Frank Carosella		Erin Senters
<u>June 9</u>				Wieland Team Members	
8:00 Calib Garland	Ray Crafton	Jenna Phillips Rachel Stockli Ethan Goldberg	Lester Kidd		
10:30 Beverly McNeill	Jeff Massey Steve Clifford		Werner Wieland Hank Mausolf		Amanda Watts
<u>June 16</u>				Williams Team Members	
8:00 Thom Smelter	Tricia Smelter	Justin Phillips Olivia Erwin Chris Cronin	Joe Ilk		
10:30 Sian Packard	Ruth Packard Werner Wieland		Bill Estes Frank Carosella		McKenzie Goldberg
<u>June 23</u>				Williams Team Members	
8:00 Megan LeBlanc	Jenny LeBlanc	Ruth Packard Aaron Packard David Packard	Calib Garland		
10:30 Roy Smith	Stephanie Smith Kristi Gross		Bob Massey Ron Magin		Suzi Zafrano
<u>June 30</u>				Wieland Team Members	
8:00 Shirley Pozzato	Lydia Pozzato	Aaron DiFilippo Jack DiFilippo Megan LeBlanc	Jack Cheeseman		
10:30 Ann Woolford	Mark Walker Penny Knepp		Frank Stewart Judi O'Neill		Amanda Watts

You are responsible for finding your own replacement in the event that you cannot serve when scheduled.

Notify parish office of replacement(s).

JULY 2013 LAY MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Lector	Chalice Bearer	Acolytes	Ushers	Altar Guild	Nursery
<u>July 7</u>					
8:00 Dana Houck	Edd Houck		TBA	William Team Members	
10:30 Kristine Clifford	Steve Clifford Jeff Massey	Hannah Lovell Clifford Hunter Clifford Colby Clifford	TBA TBA		Erin Senters
<u>July 14</u>					
8:00 Thom Smelter	Tricia Smelter		TBA	DiRusso/Magin Team Members	
10:30 Beverly McNeill	Tim Watts Jenna Phillips	Matthew LeBlanc Olivia Erwin Alex Watts	TBA TBA		Molly Watts
<u>July 21</u>					
8:00 Jenny LeBlanc	Linda Rooney		TBA	Wieland Team Members	
10:30 Roy Smith	Stephanie Smith Ruth Packard	Jenna Phillips Rachel Stockli Ethan Goldberg	TBA TBA		McKenzie Goldberg
<u>July 28</u>					
8:00 Calib Garland	Ray Crafton		TBA	Williams Team Members	
10:30 Ann Woolford	Werner Wieland Penny Knepp	Justin Phillips Allison Eagle Chris Cronin	TBA TBA		Suzi Zafrano

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AUGUST 2013 LAY MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Lector	Chalice Bearer	Acolytes	Ushers	Altar Guild	Nursery
<u>August 4</u>					
8:00 Shirley Pozzato	Lydia Pozzato		TBA	DiRusso/Magin Team Members	
10:30 Sian Packard	Kristi Gross Jeff Massey	Ruth Packard Aaron Packard David Packard	TBA TBA		Erin Senters
<u>August 11</u>					
8:00 Thom Smelter	Tricia Smelter		TBA	Wieland Team Members	
10:30 Anne Williams	Linda Rooney Steve Clifford	Aaron DiFilippo Jack DiFilippo Justin Phillips	TBA TBA		Molly Watts
<u>August 18</u>					
8:00 Dana Houck	Edd Houck		TBA	Williams Team Members	
10:30 Roy Smith	Penny Knepp Tim Watts	Matthew LeBlanc Megan LeBlanc Alex Watts	TBA TBA		McKenzie Goldberg
<u>August 25</u>					
8:00 Calib Garland	Ray Crafton		TBA	DiRusso/Magin Team Members	
10:30 Beverly McNeill	Jeff Massey Jenna Phillips	Hannah Lovell Clifford Hunter Clifford Colby Clifford	TBA TBA		Suzi Zafrano

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Farewell

We recently transferred Walt Ratcliff to St. John's Episcopal Church in La Verne, California; and Diana Harris to St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Durham, North Carolina.

“Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.”

Condolences



The Christ Church family extends deepest sympathy to Mary Kovach and family on the death of her husband, Tom on May 9th and to Elaine Wyant and family on the death of her husband, George on May 21st. Also to Meredith Lake and family on the death of her father, Russell Cole on May 26th; Harry Frank and family on the death of his mother, Alice, and to Sarah Estes on the loss of her sister-in-law, Patricia Estes.

“May their souls and the souls of all the departed, by the mercy of God, rest in peace.”



Marriage Vow Renewal Opportunity

If you are celebrating a landmark wedding anniversary and would like to celebrate it by renewing your vows on a Sunday in church with your parish family, speak to Father Packard.

June Birthdays 2013



06/02 Marilyn Greene
06/03 Jacob Stockli
06/05 Penny Knepp
06/05 Olivia Johnson
06/06 Joseph Ilk
06/06 Lauren Everhart
06/14 Thomas Lee V

06/15 Heather Doud
06/16 Sean Doud
06/18 Ethan Goldberg
06/19 Sarah Estes
06/19 Johnathan Doud
06/20 Jane Schultz
06/21 Stephanie Cronin

06/22 Tracy Magin
06/23 David Barnes
06/23 Jaime Friberg
06/25 Jim Settles
06/25 Denise Crigger
06/27 Gene O'Neill
06/30 Robert Eagle

July Birthdays 2013

07/05 James Salisbury
07/05 Peggy Settles
07/10 Benjamin Massey
07/12 Tina Strausbaugh
07/15 Mary Williams
07/15 Anna Caitlin Doud
07/19 Gretchen Eastridge

07/21 Gerald Johnson
07/21 Bill Jackson
07/21 Jeff Everhart II
07/23 Bill Estes
07/23 Riley Erwin
07/24 Cameron Eagle
07/24 Gerald Stockli Jr.

07/27 Amanda Watts
07/27 Hannah Clifford
07/27 Hunter Clifford
07/28 Judy Fristoe
07/29 Shirley Pozzato
07/29 Rita Paxton
07/29 Harry Frank
07/30 Beverly McNeill
07/31 Molly Watts

August Birthdays 2013

08/02 Ray Crafton
08/04 Ann Woolford
08/05 Lindsey Bates
08/07 Ruth Brancolini
08/07 Alice Daniels
08/08 Josh LeBlanc
08/15 Alex Watts

08/17 Glen Bomgardner
08/17 Chloe Bomgardner
08/19 Carol Baker
08/19 Frank Carosella
08/20 Pat Linton
08/22 Ed Strysko

08/25 Jean Sadlowe
08/27 Mary McWhirt
08/27 Jeff McWhirt
08/28 Jeanette Stewart
08/30 Linda Wieland
08/30 David Roberts
08/30 Grace Howell

Summer Has Arrived!

When you're traveling this summer, the Rector requests when you visit or attend services at another church, regardless of denomination, you would please bring him a copy of the bulletin, newsletter, etc. Fr. Jeff is fond of saying, "All my best ideas are stolen."

Congratulations Graduates!

There are lots of momentous occasions in our lives and one of them is graduation. On June 2nd, we recognized our students during the 10:30 service and after during a special coffee hour in the Great Hall. We are grateful to all our church family that were there to express their love and to celebrate our graduates accomplishments.

Alex Carter graduated from VCU with a degree in Mechanical Engineering, after serving in the Air Force for four years. Alex is the grandson of Bill and Joan Palmer.

Benjamin Massey graduated from Virginia Tech with a BS degree in Aerospace Engineering. Ben is the daughter of Bob and Jan Massey.

Dominic Cronin is graduating from Spotsylvania High School. He will be attending Germanna in the fall with an interest in nursing. Dominic is the son of Michael and Stephanie Cronin.

David Flues is graduating from Massaponax High School. David is the son of Anne Flues.

Olivia Gibson is graduating from James Monroe High School. Olivia is the daughter of Terry and Jennifer Gibson.

Ruth Packard is graduating from St. Michael the Archangel. She will be attending Sweet Briar in the fall studying dance and writing. Ruth is the daughter of Jeff and Sian Packard.



The Youth Group Update

The Youth Group is asking for your help. They are getting involved in supporting The Treasure House, a program through Spotsylvania County Schools to help homeless students, and are collecting shampoo, soap, toothpaste, deodorant, sunscreen, and body/hand lotion.

Bags can be found at the back of the church for your use in making a donation. Thank you for supporting not only our youth, but their fellow students as well.

Region 1

Day at the Lake

Region 1 Day at the Lake, sponsored by St. James Louisa, June 29, 2013 - Marc and Sharon Boivin are pleased to invite you and your family/guests to join us at our home on the shore of Lake Anna from **11 am to 5 pm**. We will have boating, swimming, a cookout, and fun! Come on Saturday morning and spend the day at the dock--relaxing, swimming, and enjoying a bountiful feast around 2 pm. Bring sunscreen, towels, folding chairs, and an appetizer, side dish, or dessert and beverage to share (no pets please). We will provide the main dishes and water in abundance (for both swimming and drinking). A donation of \$5 per adult, or a maximum of \$15 per family is suggested to help cover the cost of the main course. Checks can be made payable to "Region One".

PLEASE RSVP so we know how much food to buy! So we have a good mix of choices, please indicate below if you will bring:

An appetizer_____	Marc and Sharon Boivin 6818 Lake Pointe Drive Mineral, VA 23117
A side dish_____	703-593-3136 (Sharon's cell)
A dessert_____	703-473-4788 (Marc's cell)

Here's our contact information if you have any questions on the day of the event. Marc and I hope to see you on June 29th!

Father's Day

Over the years as we grow old, we remember our father so brave and bold.
In the garden, leaning on the plow, he would listen to me; I see him now.
He would give advice and understand; He was always there to lend a hand.
God made fathers strong and firm, for he knew our lives would have great concerns.
So he gave us fathers to teach us to pray, and guide our lives, and show us the way.
So on his day let's take the time, to say "Thanks, Dad. I'm glad you're mine."

Mary Frances Bogle

**Please join the ECW during coffee hour on June 16th
as we celebrate all the wonderful fathers we have here at Christ Church.**



Spotsylvania Family Movie Night!
Friday, June 7, 2013
Free Admission



Celebrate the end of school and the beginning of summer!!

Come and enjoy the "stars" at the 2013 Spotsylvania Family Movie Night

featuring Alvin and The chipmunks "Chip Wrecked"

Bring your blankets or lawn chairs, sit back and relax

while enjoying a movie under the stars.

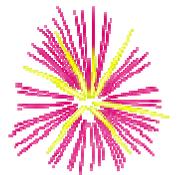
Vendors on site offering a variety of foods for your eating pleasure.

No alcohol, glass containers, tobacco products, or pets allowed.

(Rain Date: Saturday, June 8th)



Stars and Stripes Spectacular!
June 29, 2013



Spotsylvania Courthouse

Starting at 3:00 pm. Special shuttle bus service from nearby locations

is offered to make your travel around the area simpler. Join your

family, friends and neighbors for this hometown all day family event.

Come for the music, Come for the food or come for the fireworks!

Christ Church Thrift Shop

Now Open Five Days a Week, Tuesday through Saturday

We believe this change has resulted in slightly increased sales. Volunteers are still needed to make sure that we have enough people working every day. If you can spare three hours on one of the days that the shop is open, Tuesday through Saturday, your time will translate into real dollars and cents for the parish bottom line. Hats off to Cheryl Moynahan, the thrift shop manager, and to Kelli White and Donna Markol, the assistant managers, for their excellent leadership which makes this ministry thrive. Our thrift shop is not only an outreach to the community that helps people of limited income, it is also a vital part of how we fund our other ministries. Please contact Cheryl at 582-5508 or 972-1891 if you're able to help out on this "new" day or any other day.

Thank You!

Again, ECW extends their heartfelt thanks to all Christ Church members who baked, worked, purchased, and helped us in any way they could to make our annual plant and bake sale a big success. The bottom line: this was our best year ever, we made **\$857.05**.

Thanks to the ECW and many church members who brought in food items for Tom Kovach's funeral reception on Friday, May 15th. Mary is deeply grateful and was touched, more than you'll ever know, for the prayers offered during Tom's illness as well as the many individuals that attended the visitation and the funeral service to pay their final respect.

Elaine Wyant is also grateful to all members of the congregation who helped with the memorial service and reception for her husband, George. Elaine continues to feel the loving presence of everyone who touched her during the last few days of that difficult week.

The family was grateful for the generosity and thoughtfulness of all.



Family Ministry Corner

Jenny LeBlanc, Family Ministry Coordinator

As Father's Day draws near I have been thinking about what gift we should get for my dad, Josh, and his father. Mother's Day is easy, we all like flowers or going out to eat in order to give us a break from cooking and cleaning. However, father's gifts are a little harder. I know that all men will disagree with me, but y'all are definitely harder to buy for than we are. Then it occurred to me that all the fathers in my family have a common "like"...history. So, in honor of all the fathers here at Christ Church I decided to look up the history of Father's Day. Here is what I found....

Although Mother's Day became an official holiday in 1914, fathers had to wait quite a bit longer to be recognized with their own special day. In 1909 a Spokane, Washington woman named Sonora Smart Dodd, one of six children raised by a widower, tried to establish an official equivalent to Mother's Day for fathers. She went to local churches, the YMCA, shopkeepers and government officials to drum up support for her idea. She was successful and Washington State celebrated the first statewide Father's Day on July 19, 1910.

Slowly, the holiday spread. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson honored the day by using telegraph signals to unfurl a flag in Spokane when he pressed a button in Washington DC. In 1924, President Calvin Coolidge urged state governments to observe Father's Day. However, what might be surprising to us is many men did not like the idea of a Father's Day. As one historian wrote, they "scoffed at the holiday's sentimental attempts to domesticate manliness with flowers and gift-giving, or they derided the proliferation of such holidays as a commercial gimmick to sell more products – often paid for by the father himself."

During the 1920s and 1930s, a movement arose to combine Mother's Day and Father's Day into one single shared holiday called Parent's Day. The idea being that if you work together to parent your children then you should be celebrated together, not separately. However, the Depression derailed this effort as struggling retailers redoubled their efforts to make Father's Day a "second Christmas" for men. When World War II began, advertisers began to argue that celebrating Father's Day was a way to honor American troops and support the war effort. By the end of the war, Father's Day may not have been a federal holiday, but it was a national institution.

Finally in 1972, 58 years after President Wilson made Mother's Day an official holiday, Richard Nixon signed a proclamation making Father's Day a national holiday. Today, it is estimated that Americans spend more than \$1 billion each year on Father's Day gifts. However, after reading all of this I come to the obvious conclusion that it doesn't really matter what we give our fathers on Father's Day as long as we let them know how much we appreciate and love them. Happy Father's Day!!

Vacation Bible School

August 5 - 9, 2013

9:00 am – 12:00 for Age 3 – 5th grade 9:00am – 3:00 pm for 6th grade – 12th grade

An Epic Adventure awaits your child at Kingdom Rock -Where Kids Stand Strong for God! We will spend the week discovering five different ways that help us Stand Strong for God • God's Love • Family and Friends • Prayer • Trusting God • The Bible

Middle School and High School students will work as counselors and helpers in the morning and have a program just for them in the afternoon. Registration forms are available at the Communication Center. If you would like to volunteer please contact Jenny LeBlanc at fmc@christchurchspotsy.com or (540) 582-5033.



Registration Form

(One per Child)

Child's name: _____

Child's gender: _____ Child's age: ____ Date of birth: _____

Last school grade completed: _____

Name of parent(s) _____

Address: _____

City _____ State: ____ ZIP _____

Home telephone: (_____) _____

Parent/caregiver's cell phone: (_____) _____

Home e-mail address _____ Home church: _____

Crew number or name (for church use only) _____

Allergies or other medical Conditions: _____

In case of emergency:

Contact: _____

Phone: _____

Relationship to child: _____

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The Sunlight Garden Club

On June 11th, club members will visit Chancellor's Village where they will work with the residents to make arrangements in tea cups using the traditional patriotic colors. On July 9th, they hope to make a field trip to The Butterfly Field garden Center in Woodford. Additional details to follow. On August 13th they will meet in ASH #5, have a pot luck and sort through 30 years of memories and condense them into scrapbooks. This is an active club and they keep a busy schedule but it's always full of interest. We hope more Christ Church members will join the garden club. When a registration fee is required, club members pay only \$20. Otherwise, the fee is \$30. If you're not already a member, join today. Those interested, please contact Jan Massey at jlmhokiefan79@aol.com.



Ballroom Dancing

Get your dancing shoes ready! This is a chance to dance all the classic steps-waltz, rumba, fox trot, etc. The summer sessions will be; June 8, July 27, and August 10, in the Great Hall beginning at 2:30 and ending at 4:30 PM. Price is \$20 per couple. Linda Conlin is available to assist anyone that feels they need to learn the basics of the dance steps. Contact Linda , (540) 891-4297 for more details or just show up.

Yoga

Missie Jarman conducts classes in her home studio. She would love to hear from anyone interested in joining but preferring a different time (8:30 is the current time). She also offers Pilates and individual or small group sessions can be arranged. If interested, contact Missie at: missiejarman66@gmail.com or call (540) 582-8831.



Concert at Christ Church

Dead Men's Hollow will be performing a free concert in Christ Church at 4 p.m. on Saturday, September 21st. Featured will be gospel songs, bluegrass, and Civil War songs. Grab a friend and come out to enjoy an evening filled with wonderful music! Reception will follow in the Great Hall.

Harry Frank Retires from the United States Marine Corps

Long time parishioner and Colonel in the United States Marine Corps Reserve, Harry Frank, ended a distinguished 30-year career of honorable service and retired from the Marines in a ceremony attended by family and friends at the National Museum of the Marine Corps Museum on Friday, 17 May. He graduated with distinction from the United States Naval Academy and received his commission as a Second Lieutenant of Marines on 25 May 1983. After training at The Basic School and the Infantry Officers Course, Harry served as a platoon commander, company executive officer, and staff officer with 1st Battalion 3rd Marines in Hawaii and Okinawa. Upon winning designation as an intelligence officer, he was reassigned to Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron (Composite) 165 (HMM(C)-165) with duty again in Hawaii and Okinawa. Then he was transferred to 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marines (Camp Lejeune, North Carolina), served as Battalion S-2 for deployment to Okinawa and contingency operations in the Philippines. Harry was then crossdecked to 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marines for combat operations in OPERATIONS DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM.

Harry was transferred to the Marine Corps Intelligence Center, Quantico, VA in 1991, serving as a Europe/Eurasia analyst and lead forecaster for force planning and acquisition support. He accepted a reserve commission, as a Captain, in 1994. While serving in the reserves he was promoted to Major and became Staff Counterintelligence Officer, then Assistant Intelligence Officer for II MACE, the senior reserve command at Camp Lejeune, NC.

After promotion to Lieutenant Colonel in 2000, Harry transferred to the Pentagon for duty with the Directorate for Intelligence (J2), the Joint Staff. He was mobilized to the Pentagon immediately after the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, and served as a senior watch officer in the 24x7 National Command Center. After major combat operations in Afghanistan concluded, Harry supported the intelligence aspects of the combatant detention programs at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and Bagram, Afghanistan. He next helped to stand up the Counterintelligence and Human Intelligence Section (J2X) of the Joint Staff. Finally, Harry was promoted to Colonel, and served as Special Assistant for Information Sharing to the Director for Intelligence, J2, where he devised methods of breaking down bureaucratic barriers to interagency cooperation under a Congressional mandate to prevent future intelligence failures.

Colonel Frank's final assignment was to lead the Joint Reserve Unit that provided all reserve Defense and Service Attaches for service in American Embassies overseas.

Colonel Frank's personal awards include two awards of the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, two awards of the Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal, the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medal, the Combat Action Ribbon, and the Joint Staff Service Badge.

We thank Colonel Harry Frank for his service to his country and celebrate with him the end of his long and successful career in the Marine Corps. He is a wonderful example of the Marine Corps' motto: "Semper Fidelis" –*always faithful*.

Parishioner's Corner

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

We signed up for the annual Shrine Mont retreat in May with no idea of what to expect. Should we take our tandem bicycle, fly rods, a book to read? No, let's just go and see. (The first weekend in May is Christ Church's regular, annual schedule at Shrine Mont.) The ride was beautiful. Dogwood and redbud trees were in bloom. We checked in at the Virginia House, were warmly welcomed by the staff and given a map, a schedule of events, and a listing of Christ Church attendees' room assignments (so we could all find each other). We settled in and took a walk marveling at the grounds, flowers, and post-Civil War architecture. Walking trails offered a variety of delights and we noticed many young families with toddlers and young children, as well as groups of teenagers, adults, and seniors like ourselves. Father Jeff explained that Virginia does not have a cathedral, as such. Rather, Shrine Mont in its natural glory, is our cathedral — an amazing example of what loving hearts and hands can create to spread the good news of Christ's love in a very real and experiential way.



Shrine Mont meals were good, basic home-style food. Meal times were fun with fellowship and laughter. Father Jeff gave an informal invitation to find symbols of Christ in everyday life and we shared personal ideas about symbols ranging from composting to baking bread. He also introduced a new (to us) concept of meditation using a labyrinth. Without setting down hard rules on how to meditate in the labyrinth he suggested a way to pray which was uniquely spiritual and symbolic in the doing and which we recommend for quiet contemplation of Christ's loving gifts to us. The weekend culminated with Eucharist celebrated at the outdoor Shrine. The air was crisp and cool as the sun shone through the trees and we prayed and received communion and blessing. We were well nourished physically and spiritually.

We all have much going on in our lives: kids, sports, college, appointments, commitments, work, etc. Setting aside a weekend once a year for family, faith and love is truly rewarding. We plan to go again next year. Wouldn't miss it for the world!

Submitted by Dave & Sue Roberts

Summer Vacation

The Last Day of Sunday School is June 2nd.

Sunday School and Children's Chapel will resume on September 8th.

Thank you to all teachers for a great year!

It is your dedication to the ministry of our children that makes Sunday School possible.

We hope you all have a wonderful summer vacation!



Fellowship Commission Coffee Hour

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 and unwind once a week with our 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 Communication 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 Feltner.

Also, you can 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 contacts with the Lions Club on this important work.

DON'T FORGET

Sunday morning worship schedule: Two services 8:00 and 10:30.

Episcopal Church Women, the Episcopal Men's Group and The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will be on summer break and will resume their meetings again in September.

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 will resume in September after summer break. Have a nice summer!