



## 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*

#### Why Did Jesus Have to Die?

Jesus died for your sins. You've heard that many times, but what does it mean? Did he die so that we would have a perfect example of sacrificial love, to inspire us to be just as loving and self-giving? Did he die in order to satisfy some sort of bloodlust of God? Did he die in order to restore some sense of cosmic justice that was out of whack due to Adam, or me, or you, or our ancestors? Did he die in order to demonstrate the power and the glory of God in the resurrection? Was his suffering—arrest, beating, humiliation, whipping, crucifixion—something he endured so that we don't have to suffer for our own sins? Or is it some combination of all these reasons, and maybe others too?

The truth is that the Bible seems to have many different interpretations of why Jesus died on the cross, and how it relates to our redemption and salvation. Over the centuries, theologians have put forth many different, as they are called, *theories of atonement*. The Church, in her wisdom, has never established one theory over the others. In other words, it remains open for debate. I find that in my own preaching the way I interpret Jesus' suffering and death depends on the particular reading I am preaching on, and the liturgical context, like what day or season it is.

So, if there are so many different ways to interpret Jesus' death and the way it relates to our sins, and our salvation, how are we supposed to understand all of this? And what does it matter for our faith? Well, I'm glad you asked that question. Because this is the subject of our Lenten Family Friday Pizza Night series this year. Beginning on March 14, we will meet for pizza first in the Great Hall, then divide between adults and children/youth. The adults will be exploring all the questions I have just laid out. We will first learn the different atonement theories, then we will continue to explore them by looking at artistic interpretations of the crucifixion and resurrection—art, music, and drama. Together we will discuss different works in light of the artist's take on atonement.

My goal is not to make you an expert on atonement theory, nor to make you an expert on atonement themes in art, but rather to help you develop skills for interpreting Scripture and preaching by giving you some tools to apply in the process. Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection are central to the Christian faith. Themes of atonement, redemption, salvation, and reconciliation are all part of the story. How we make sense of all this will influence not just how we believe, but how we respond to God's loving acts. Join us this Lent to try and understand: Why did Jesus have to die?

### MARCH 2014 LAY MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Lector	Chalice Bearer	Acolytes	Ushers	Altar Guild	Nursery
<b><u>March 2</u></b>					
8:00 Calib Garland	Ray Crafton		Robert Truslow	Williams Team	
10:30 Martha Clark	Kristi Gross Werner Wieland	Aaron DiFilippo Jack DiFilippo Chris Cronin	Missie Jarman Cecil Jarman		Erin Senters
<b><u>March 5 (Ash Wed.)</u></b>					
Noon: Thom Smelter 7:30 PM Martha Clark	Tricia Smelter Jeff Massey Steve Clifford	Megan LeBlanc Matthew LeBlanc Jenna Phillips	Frank Carosella		
<b><u>March 9</u></b>					
8:00 Dana Houck	Edd Houck		Jack Cheeseman	DiRusso/Magin Teams	
10:30 Sian Packard	Tim Watts Jeff Massey	Justin Phillips Rachel Stockli Alex Watts	Bill Palmer Tim Zafrano		Molly Watts
<b><u>March 16</u></b>					
8:00 Shirley Pozzato	Lydia Pozzato		Buck Sutton	Wieland Team	
10:30 Anne Williams	Werner Wieland Kristi Gross	David Packard Aaron Packard Hannah Lovell Clifford	Hank Mausolf Tim Watts		McKenzie Goldberg
<b><u>March 23</u></b>					
8:00 Calib Garland	Ray Crafton		Robert Truslow	Williams Team	
10:30 Beverly McNeill	Linda Rooney Mark Walker	Hunter Clifford Colby Clifford Olivia Erwin	Frank Carosella Bill Estes		Amanda Watts
<b><u>March 30</u></b>					
8:00 Thom Smelter	Tricia Smelter		Lester Kidd	DiRusso/Magin Team	
3:00 Alex Watts	Steve Clifford Penny Knepp	Aaron DiFilippo Jack DiFilippo Ethan Goldberg	Frank Stewart Werner Wieland		TBA

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



# The Chronicler

## March 2014 Edition

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## Welcome and Transfers

We are delighted to officially welcome the Rev. Margaret Haight. She has been licensed to practice her ministry as a deacon in the Diocese of Virginia, though she remains a member of the Diocese of Albany. This is similar to the arrangement that Rev. Sheila had. She was a member of the Diocese of Michigan, but licensed in Virginia.

Welcome Deacon Margaret!

## Transfer

Terry Norton's membership transferred to St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Nantucket, MA. "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord."

## Change of Address

Sarah Estes has moved into the Greenfield Assisted Living facility located at 1001 Northside Drive Fredericksburg, VA 22405. She really appreciates visitors, cards or notes to let her know we are thinking about her.



**Condolences** ~ The Christ Church family offers its sympathy to the family of Harry and Susan Frank for the death of Susan's father, James Giles Kyser, III, on Feb 9; to Jim and Janice Kenkel for the death of Virginia McFillen, the mother of Janice's brother-in-law on Feb 18; and to Michelle Schiesser on the recent death of her Aunt, Ann Matteson. "May their souls and the souls of all the departed, by the mercy of God, rest in peace."



## MARCH 2014 BIRTHDAYS



03/01 Westcott, Chris  
03/06 Palmer, Joan  
03/06 Brancolini, Raymond  
03/07 Palmer, William  
03/09 Massey, Robert  
03/09 Gupton, Lee  
03/09 DiFilippo, Aaron  
03/10 Pixton, Missy  
03/10 Westcott, Trisha  
03/11 Roberson, Christine  
03/11 Warne, Elizabeth

03/14 Kuhl, Shelby  
03/15 Dit, Akur  
03/16 Jackson, Melissa  
03/16 Fristoe, John  
03/17 Garland, Deborah  
03/18 Pixton, Marv  
03/19 Svare, Mary  
03/21 Magin, Ron  
03/21 Mills, Doris  
03/22 Smith, Roy

03/25 Everhart, Jeff  
03/28 Stockli, Matthew  
03/28 Roberson, Greta  
03/29 Moynahan, Richard  
03/30 Christensen, Paul  
03/30 Canaday, Howard  
03/31 Phillips, Jenna  
03/31 LeBlanc, Megan

### Parishioners Corner

**F R O G we all need one.**

Isn't the little green guy sort of cute?



I was told a story about a lady in the hospital who was near death when an area Chaplain came to visit her. This Chaplain was a very young female with long blond hair. She listened to the lady who was ill and left her a small gift for comfort. It was a tiny ceramic frog.

The lady told her friend about the beautiful young Chaplain who had come to visit her. The friend was so impressed with the way the lady had improved and felt the need to talk to the young Chaplain. In her search to find the young gal, she was repeatedly reassured that the chaplains are never very young and that there was never a gal that fit the description given.

Upon returning to the lady in the hospital, a visiting nurse entered the room and noticed the ceramic frog. The nurse made the comment 'I see you have a guardian angel with you.'

As she held the little frog we asked why she made the comment and we were informed that the frog stood for:

**ForeverRelyOnGod**

To The World You Might Be One Person;

But To One Person You Might Be the World.

Friends are quiet Angels who lift us to our feet when our wings have trouble remembering how to fly.

Submitted by Ruth Feltner



## **ANNUAL SHROVE TUESDAY**

### **PANCAKE/MARDI GRAS CHILI SUPPER**

**Come Join us Tuesday, March 4**

**6:00 - 7:30 PM - All Saints Hall**

**All-You-Can-Eat Pancakes**

**or Mardi Gras Chili**

**“A Better Deal You’ll Never Find”**

**\$6.00/person - \$25 for a family of 5 or more**

**Sponsored by the Episcopal Men’s Group**



### **Lenten Family Friday Pizza Night**



Starting Friday evening, March 14, and running through April 11, our Lenten program will be held in All Saints Hall from 6:00 to 7:30. The adult program this year is entitled “Why Did Jesus Have to Die?: Atonement, Redemption, and Salvation.” We will begin by looking at various theories of atonement—what Jesus accomplished on the cross—and then look at various artistic representations of the crucifixion and other ways people have expressed atonement in art. As the adults do this program, the children and youth will be downstairs doing their own program at the same time. The title for their program is “Walk His Ways” and will focus on the parables of Jesus.



## Operation: You've Been Egged!!

Have you ever “egged” your neighbor’s house? Would you like our youth group to “egg” someone for you? Don’t worry it’s not that kind of egging! We promise no damage will be inflicted on your victim or their property. This is a special egging to celebrate Easter. Fill out the form below with a \$5 donation and the youth group will egg your “victim” sometime before Easter.

Name of Person/Family:\_\_\_\_\_ How many in family:\_\_\_\_\_

Name & age of any Children:\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Address:\_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to add a message to your “victim”?\_\_\_\_\_

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## ECW Diocese of Virginia ~ “Lenten Quiet Day”

Wednesday, April 2, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Lenten Quiet Day will be held at the Virginia Diocesan Center of Roslyn, 8727 River Rd., Richmond, VA. This event, open to both men and women, will be led by the Rt. Rev. Susan E. Goff, Bishop Suffragan, Diocese of Virginia. The cost is \$30.00 (includes coffee, snacks, and lunch). Please visit our Communication Center for an application. Registration is due by March 17.

## 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. Go check out their website, <http://camps.the diocese.net>, for all the details for this summer. 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!

## Parish Retreat at Shrine Mont

I am happy to announce that we have our information on the cost per person for our Parish Retreat for this year. Our retreat will be May 2 – 4, check-in is at 4:00pm on Friday and check-out is 2:00pm on Sunday. Jenny is available at any time to answer questions you may have about the retreat. We will have a scholarship fund for those of us who need a little help and many of us would love to carpool together. Please do not let transportation or cost be the reason you don't join us for this fun event.

The prices listed are per person and do include your meals and tax for the full weekend, the only "out-of-pocket" expenses you should incur will be gas and if you would like to visit Shrine Mont's store. If we have enough rooms available you may request a single occupancy room, however I will not know if that is an option until everyone is signed up. Also, please be aware that most rooms have 2 single beds. I do have a small number of rooms with 1 double bed and 1 single bed and a few connecting rooms, these rooms will be available to families with children first. I promise to do my best to accommodate everyone.

If you would like to attend the retreat please fill out the form below including a \$10 per person deposit by Sunday, March 9. Your final payment will be due by Sunday, April 27. Please make all payments to Christ Church with Shrine Mont Retreat in the memo line. I hope to see you all there!!! ~ Jenny

Adults: \$151.00 (Double Occupancy)

Adults: \$172.00 (Single Occupancy)

Youth: \$100.00 (ages 8-12)

Children: \$48.00 (ages 4-7)

Children: Free (ages 0-3)

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Name (contact person): \_\_\_\_\_

List Adults attending: \_\_\_\_\_

List Children (including ages) attending: \_\_\_\_\_

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Dietary Concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to be paired with a roommate? \_\_\_\_\_

Name of roommate (if you already have one): \_\_\_\_\_



## **The Episcopal Church Women (ECW)**

On March 18, the ladies will discuss their participation in preparing for the reception to be held for Bishop Johnston's visit on March 30; they will also talk about upcoming plans for the April Bake and Plant Sale on April 26 (their biggest fund raiser of the year) and the saint to be discussed will be St. Paul.

### **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 third Tuesday of the month at 11:30 AM in Great Hall.

**Episcopal Church Men** meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM in the Great Hall

**The Brotherhood of St. Andrew** meets the second and fourth Saturday of each month in All Saints Hall.

**The Vestry** meets on the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM in room 8, All Saints Hall.

**Sunday bulletin** announcements due by: **noon Wednesday**, call 582-5033.

**Chronicler deadline** for the April Chronicler is March 17 .

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

**Did You Hear?** Christ Church now has a Twitter account! How twenty-first century of us. Follow us on @ChristChrCh1841 (notice what's missing—"u")