



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.

November 2014



A Message from the Rector

A Time to Give Thanks

November is the month of Thanksgiving. We Christians are thanksgiving people. That is what we do... give thanks to God for all of our blessings. That is the heart of our Sunday worship as we celebrate the Holy Eucharist, also known as the Great Thanksgiving. We thank God for all that God has done for us, starting with creation, continuing through the Old Covenant, and culminating with the gift of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who gives us the gift of eternal life. We also have the opportunity in our prayers to give thanks for our individual blessings, even as we offer our troubles to God for help.

The Christian life may best be summarized as a life of thanksgiving. We are called to live with an attitude of thanksgiving. It is this attitude that colors our ministries at Christ Church. Through the Thrift Shop we give thanks for the things we have, and have gotten use out of, as we donate them for resale to those who may need/appreciate them. Through the Food Pantry we reach out to our neighbors who have trouble feeding their families as we give thanks that God has provided for our needs. We give to others out of the abundance that God has given us, with thanksgiving for what we have received and the privilege of helping others.

November is a big month for thanksgiving also because on the first Sunday of the month we are asking you to return your annual pledge to the operating budget of the parish. Again, we show our thanks by returning a portion of what we have received. On the last Sunday of the month we are asking you to make a pledge to the Sharing in Ministry capital campaign. By eliminating the debt on All Saints Hall we hope to preserve an attitude of thanksgiving at Christ Church for generations.

This time of year seems to draw thanks from us. The time of the harvest is traditionally the time to offer God your appreciation. From our annual Harvest Festival at the end of October, to the Holiday Baskets we give out to Food Pantry clients in November and December, to the national holiday of Thanksgiving, we are constantly being reminded of God's provision through nature, agriculture, and community.

Thanks be to God for blessing us with all that we need, beginning with God's unfathomable love.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen. BCP 836

NOVEMBER 2014 LAY MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Lector	Chalice Bearer	Acolytes	Ushers	Altar Guild	Nursery
<u>November 2</u>					
8:00 Shirley Pozzato	Lydia Pozzato		Robert Truslow	Wieland Team	
10:30 Roy Smith	Stephanie Smith Penny Knepp	Aaron DiFilippo Jack DiFilippo Ethan Goldberg	Frank Carosella Bill Estes		Amy Biscoe
<u>November 9</u>					
8:00 Dana Houck	Edd Houck		Buck Sutton	Williams Team	
10:30 Marilyn Greene	Donna Nuzum Joe Junod	Megan LeBlanc Matthew LeBlanc Ian Gibson	Werner Wieland Frank Stewart		Molly Watts
<u>November 16</u>					
8:00 Thom Smelter	Tricia Smelter		Barbara Deal	DiRusso/Magin Teams	
10:30 Judi O'Neill	Virginia Insley Linda Rooney	Justin Phillips David Packard Aaron Packard	Judi O'Neill Bob McGann		McKenzie Goldberg
<u>November 23</u>					
8:00 Calib Garland	Ray Crafton		Lester Kidd	Wieland Team	
10:30 Mary Williams	Jeff Massey Steve Clifford	Chris Cronin Hannah Clifford Colby Clifford	Bob Massey Ron Magin		Amanda Watts
<u>November 30</u>					
<u>ADVENT I</u>					
8:00 Shirley Pozzato	Lydia Pozzato		Joe Ilk	Williams Team	
10:30 Martha Clark	Kristi Gross Werner Wieland	Aaron DiFilippo Jack DiFilippo Hunter Clifford	Cecil Jarman Missie Jarman	(Advent Begins)	

You are responsible for finding your own replacement in the event that you cannot serve when scheduled. If you are unable to find one, please contact Penny Knepp at pnypitstop@aol.com or 891-6299 and she will assist you. Notify parish office of replacement(s).

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Jeri Phillips

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CONGRATULATIONS

Howard and Barbara Canaday in celebration of their 52nd wedding anniversary on October 19th.

“Those whom God has joined let no one put asunder.”

To Erin and Dan Senters on the birth of their daughter Lylah, born on October 8, 20 inches long and weighing 6 pounds, 12 ounces.





NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS 2014

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| 01) Frank Stewart
McKenzie Goldberg | 12) Kristi DiFilippo
Andrew Howell | 19) Allison Eagle |
| 02) Olivia Erwin | 13) Jeri Phillips | 22) Barbara Canaday
Sarah Thommen |
| 04) Rena Grace Parker | Calib Garland | 23) Christine Howell |
| 05) David Cain | 14) Robert Baker | 27) Jennifer Perry |
| 07) Cliff Knepp
Abigail Roberson | 16) William Smith, Jr. | 29) Sian Packard |
| 08) Jan Massey | 17) Roger Bomgardner | 30) Jennifer Stockli |
| Joseph Wieland | Cheryl Moynahan | |
| 11) Anna Thommen | Steve Clifford | |



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Poinsettias of red and white will adorn the church again this Christmas season. If you wish to purchase one (or more) in memory of a loved one, in thanksgiving for life's many blessings, or for any reason, there are three ways to purchase.

Place an order form in the collection plate during any church service with a check for \$12 attached.

Get a 3x5 card from the usher table at the back of the church. Print the necessary information and return the card, along with a \$12 check to Christ Church writing Altar Guild on the memo line.

Detach and mail the order form found on this page to Christ Church with a check for \$12 or place in the offering plate.

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(PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION)

Your name as you wish it to appear:

Message _____

Examples: Tom and Mary Smith n loving memory of his father, John Smith and her parents, William and Martha Smith.

**Mailing address is: Christ Church
8951 Courthouse Rd.
Spotsylvania, VA 22553
ATTN: Ruth Feltner**

We will be accepting orders up until Sunday, Dec 21, 2014.

OUTREACH

Our Acts of Kindness Help to Bring God's Love to Others



Packing of Thanksgiving Baskets: We are asking for volunteers to please sign up in the Communications Center to help pack Thanksgiving boxes for our food pantry clients. Packers are needed: Thursday, **November 20**, 7 PM; and Friday, **November 21** at noon. Distribution is on Saturday, **November 22**, and we ask, if you're able, to arrive by 9:30 AM. We plan to finish distributing by noon.

Packing of Christmas Baskets: Sign-up sheets will be posted in the Communications Center after Thanksgiving. Packers will be needed: Thursday, **December 18**, 7 PM; and Friday, **December 19** at noon. Distribution is on Saturday, **December 20**, and we ask that you arrive by 9:30 AM. We plan to finish distributing by noon.



HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY ACTIVITIES

November 1: 10 AM to 3 PM: Spotsylvania Fall Festival @ the Marshall Center

Lots of kid's activities, face painting, live music, craft show, etc.

December 6: Spotsylvania Christmas Parade: 1 – 2 PM; Parade begins at Spotsylvania Middle School and ends at Courthouse Village (the Gazebo).

December 7: Christmas Luminary, 4:45 PM, Courthouse Village



Healing Service, November 23

On Sunday, November 23, we will have a healing service at both worship services. Those in attendance will be invited to come forward to receive the laying on of hands and prayers for healing. You may come forward for yourself or for someone else. This is another of occasional healing services that we have done on Sundays. Early next year we will offer opportunities for anyone interested to become part of a healing ministry. After training, healing ministers will be available after Sunday services to offer healing prayers, and will visit the sick at home or in the hospital. More information about this will be forthcoming within the next few weeks/months.

Parish Care Commission

Parish Cycle of Prayer

You are familiar with the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, and the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer. These are regularly included in our Prayers of the People during the Sunday service. Starting on the First Sunday of Advent this year, November 30, we will add a new one: the Parish Cycle of Prayer. Like the others, it will be a regular cycle of praying for a group of people with whom we share Christian community. Unlike the others, we will be praying for each other here in our parish. Each Sunday we will pray for 3 families from among our membership. Because we are creating this *cycle of prayer* ourselves, we can make it more personalized. You will be contacted two weeks before we pray for you and asked if there is anything special you want mentioned during the Prayers of the People. Missie Jarman is coordinating this ministry. So she will email you with this request for specific prayers. You may want prayers for healing, or for some other issue in your family. Just remember that this is not the confidential Prayer Wheel. These concerns will be mentioned out loud in the Sunday service. For now, Missie is trying to make sure she has the best email to contact a member of each family. If you were not present at the Parish Care Ministry Fair on October 12 to check your household email address, you may want to check in with Missie to be sure she can contact you when the time comes. Praying for one another is such a basic component of the life we share in Christ. The Parish Cycle of Prayer will function as a tool for us to do this ministry of intercession more systematically, and to care for one another more fully.

Parishioner's Corner



My husband, Tom, and I came to Christ Episcopal Church in September 2000. In looking for a church in which to make our home, Christ Church's history and simplicity appealed to us; however, it was the members that really reeled us in with their warm welcome. At the end of the first service we attended, we were approached by John and Vicki Duperock who impressed us with the history of Christ Church. Unfortunately, at that time, Christ Church did not have a full-time Pastor. However, it wasn't long before Father Jeffrey Packard, of Pennsylvania, was offered the position as Rector. Joan and Bill Palmer had just attended a service at the church in Pennsylvania, heard his sermon and after receiving their outstanding review, we gained their enthusiasm and decided to join Christ Church. We never once regretted that decision.

Shortly after, Father Jeff asked the congregation for a volunteer to head up the Church Newsletter, looking to get involved, I stepped forward and the rest is history. I served as Editor of the Chronicler, the Christ Church newsletter, for 14 years. It was an exciting time and I enjoyed (almost) every minute.

With pride, I add that Father Jeff has been there for my family through every major event throughout my life with Christ Church. He was there for our son Jeffrey's confirmation, joining the Army and Jeffrey's wedding. He was there when I shared the happy news on the birth of our first grandchild, Chance, from son, Stephen, and the announcement of our oldest son, Rusty, finally, getting married and Father Jeff was there during the illness and death of my husband, Tom. Although there were many, many of my church family that were supportive, one particular church family who helped me make it throughout the six years of Tom's illness, was Cheryl and Dick Moynahan. I could not have gone through this alone. Thank you.

There are so many of my church family that I'm grateful to and thankful for but I do feel compelled to mention just a few and that is Vicki and John Duperock, along with Joan and Bill Palmer for taking Tom and I under their wings when we were new to the Episcopal Church. We had only been Episcopalians for a year. With their devotion to Christ Episcopal Church, we became very involved with church activities. The early years of our church life were involved with the Episcopal Church Women and Tom with the Episcopal Church Men, which Tom served on the Vestry for 3 years. There were car shows, plant and bake sales, Christmas dinners and who can forget the Annual Church Picnic days. It was and always meant a lot to get together in Christian fellowship with so many wonderful people. I can't possibly name all the people that were instrumental in making Christ Church a wonderful church for us throughout the years but I will always remember Christ Episcopal Church and the wonderful parishioners as my extended family in Spotsylvania, Virginia.

Sincerely,

Mary Kovach



Dearest friends of Christ Church, Spotsylvania,

I am writing to thank you for your prayers and wonderful cards of congratulations as I begin my newest journey as a first time rector at a new church in Belton, MO., located south of Kansas City. St. Mary Magdalene is a new congregation that started in a house and moved to a funeral home and later a store front, where they grew in membership and finances to build a new church building. We are very excited for the potential of this parish and the opportunities to make a difference in the south Kansas City communities. Your prayers and cards have helped to assure us of our call to this new ministry and I will forever remember your wonderful hospitality, kind words and especially the experiences at Christ Church as you helped to prepare me for this time. May God continue to richly bless all of you as you bless so many others in your ministries as the hands and hearts of Jesus Christ. You are in my daily prayers as I begin each day in God's service.

Most sincerely,

David Lynch
Rector
St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church



Altar Guild ~ Looking for New Members

Altar Guild is looking for new members!!! Being a member of this ministry is very rewarding and so easy!! It involves just an hour or so of your time once a month and you will be a part of a very special group. Also, if you just happen to have a talent for flower arranging, this would definitely be an asset to our Altar Guild. Please give it serious thought and contact Linda Wieland or any guild member if you are interested.

Celtic Evensong, Sunday, Nov 16 at 7 PM in the Church.

Please join us for our Autumnal Celtic Evensong service. This service is designed to provide a peaceful and meditative worship experience. We hope to see you there!

Episcopal Church Women

The holiday season is fast approaching, bringing with it extra joy for the ladies of ECW. At our November meeting we will bring out our old Christmas cards, glitter, and ribbons and like little Elves, we will create Christmas ornaments to be given to the residents in an area nursing home. It has become our favorite meeting as we enjoy light-hearted fun, sharing stories of Christmases past and plans for this Christmas, as we work along together for the good of others. Please join us for this special meeting on Tuesday, Nov 18th at 11:30 am in ASH. Just bring some old Christmas cards, a pair of scissors and a bag lunch. Coffee and dessert is provided.

In December we will deliver our ornaments. The time and date for that is still to be determined, so check your Sunday bulletins and the December Chronicler for that information.

Any questions please call Debbie Garland at (540) 898-8732.

Episcopal Church Men

The Episcopal Church Men, recently merged with the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, meet on the second Saturday of each month. For their first meeting on November 8th, they will have breakfast in the Great Hall at 8 AM, discuss upcoming events, and then go out to cultivate the garden outside the back entrance to All Saints Hall, getting it ready for Spring planting. You are invited to join this dedicated and hard working group.



Highland Dancing on St. Andrew's Day

St. Andrew's day is November 30. This year that also happens to be the first Sunday in Advent. As St. Andrew is the patron saint of Scotland, we will celebrate the day by being entertained with Scottish Highland dancing. Students of Sian Packard will present a brief program during fellowship time in the Great Hall. Come and enjoy the pipers piping and the dancers dancing!

Annual Meeting, February 1, 2015

The vestry has set the date for our annual parish meeting. It will be following the 10:30 service on Sunday, February 1 next year. Now, before you panic when you realize that this is Super Bowl Sunday, let me reassure you that you will be home in time for the game, and probably most of the pre-game show as well. We are usually done with the meeting and lunch by 2:00. At the annual meeting we will present the budget for 2015, and elect three new people to serve three-year terms on the vestry. And, as is our custom, we will have a potluck luncheon following the meeting. Child care will be provided.

Vestry Nominations Sought

Is God calling you to serve on the vestry? Our governing board meets once a month, with an annual day-long retreat for planning and occasional extra meetings when needed. In order to run you must be an adult (16 years or older), confirmed, and active in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the kingdom of God. If you have questions you can speak to one of the current members. Candidate forms are available at the Communications Center. These include a detailed description of expectations for vestry members.

Bishop Visit, March 29, 2015

The Rt. Rev. Edwin F. "Ted" Gulick, Jr., Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia, will make our annual episcopal visitation the morning of March 29 at the 10:30 service. That happens to be Palm Sunday! It is always a treat to have a bishop visit on a high, holy day. Bishop Ted will celebrate confirmations, and preach and celebrate the Eucharist. We will have a reception following the service to welcome the bishop and to honor the confirmands.

Children's Christmas Party and Pageant Practice

Do you ever find yourself wishing you had more time before Christmas? Well, your wish is granted! On Saturday, **December 20** from 10 AM to 2 PM, Christ Church will host our annual Children's Christmas Party and Pageant Practice. Your children will have a great day filled with pageant practice, lunch, games, crafts and more! Sign-up sheets are available at the Communications Center and in the Sunday School classrooms, this helps us get a head count for lunch. The more the merrier so please sign-up!! If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer, please contact Jenny LeBlanc. (540) 582-5033 or fmc@christchurchspotsy.com

Youth Group Christmas Party

The Youth Group Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, **December 20**, following the Children's Christmas Party and Pageant Practice and end at 4 PM. After the younger children are picked up we will "put our party hats on", have some yummy food, and play some fun games. All members please bring a wrapped gift (homemade or \$10 limit) for one of our games.

Save the Date ~ May 1-3, 2015 at Shrine Mont, Our Annual Parish Retreat Weekend!

"Shrine Mont is a place where people are more important than things, where prayer and reflection, rest and recreation are more important than appointments and tasks. It's a place where people give thanks to God for his creation—from the beauty of the streams, flowers and wildlife which are at home here, to the people who come to this place to celebrate being part of the family of God."



Sunday morning worship schedule and Children's Chapel and Sunday school: Two services 8:00 and 10:30, (Children's Chapel is held in the Choir Room during the 10:30 service) with Christian Education for all ages from 9:15 to 10:15. Children's Chapel is not held on the first Sunday of the month.

Episcopal Church Women meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month in the Great Hall @ 11:30 AM.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew and ECM meet the 2nd Saturday of each month in ASH at 8 AM.

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.**

Deadline for the December Chronicler is November 21. Please send articles in Microsoft word document to Ruth Feltner: secretary@christchurchspotsy.com



*Gateway to Christmas
Concert*

November 23, 2014

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

The Christ Child Is Coming

Come Join Us In This Great

“Birthday” Celebration!

Guest Choirs From Area Churches

A Brass Choir, Bell Choir, and Area Instrumentalists

Will Provide A Rousing Flour of

Advent/Christmas Music

Come Sing Along!

St. Matthew Catholic Church

8200 Robert E. Lee Drive

Spotsylvania, VA 22551

Christ Church November 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 2:00pm Jayne's Dancers
2 TIME CHANGE 8:00am HE Rite 1 9:15am Christian Education, ASH 10:30am HE Rite II 11:45am Fellowship IHO Mary Kovach, GH	3 8:00am RAAI, ASH Downstairs 8:30am Morning Prayer 7:00pm Boy Scouts, ASH	4 8:00am RAAI, ASH Downstairs 8:30am Morning Prayer	5 8:00am RAAI, ASH Downstairs 8:30am Morning Prayer 6:30pm Region I 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal	6 8:00am RAAI, ASH Downstairs 8:30am Morning Prayer 10:30am Quilters, ASH #8	7 8:00am RAAI, ASH Downstairs 8:00pm AA Mtg	8 8:00am Brotherhood of St. Andrew/ECM Mtg/Breakfast, GH 12:00pm (Reserved for Private Event), GH
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